

CENTRAL KENTUCKY NETWORK OF BAPTISTS
SPRING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE GATHERING

APRIL 10, 2025

Welcome/Call to Order/ Scripture and Prayer

The meeting was called to order by President-Elect Steve Price. Steve also read from Proverbs 3:5-6 and led us in a time of prayer.

Introduction of New Church Staff & Guests

Bob Vest- New preacher at Russell Cave Baptist, Neil Bassett- College Pastor at BCTC from Porter, and Lennon Stoltz at the Transy BSU.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January Leadership Team were presented for approval.

Motion to Approve: Approved

Financial Report

Treasurer Bill Ellis presented the Financial Report for approval and mentioned that giving to the Network by our churches is strong.

Motion to Approve: Approved

The Network at Work Panel

Irishtown Ministry- Pam Polkey spoke of the growth of the Wednesday night group at Irishtown and the growth of the Youth Group. She mentioned two upcoming Compassion Ministry trainings. April 26 at Highlands Baptist and June 5 at the Isaiah House.

Communications- Derek Holmes spoke of the many ways the Network strives to communicate with churches and pastors. The Network is using a Newsletter, emails, social media, and podcasts. Also, churches now have the option to give online to the Network.

Josh Ancello- Pastor at Central Baptist Paris. Spoke of the opportunity he had to attend the NAMB Replant Lab with others within the Network. As well as the Revitalization Lab that he attended. Josh was encouraged by the case studies that were offered to help churches with Revitalization.

President Elect Steve Price spoke about the Grace Ministry Center. The Grace Ministry Center was established December 22, 2024. The shared vision is for their to be multiple ministries at multiple times actively engaged in ministry at the Center. They are looking for two anchor churches.

Pastor Bal Gurung- Lexington Jyoti Baptist- Spoke of a Pastor Retreat in Nepal and a Nepali Mission Trip opportunity.

New Business

2025 Church Affiliation Report

Three churches have been removed from affiliation with the CKNB including: Bluegrass Deaf Mission, Bluegrass Community Church, and Iglesia Bautista Cardinal Valley.

Porter Jessamine Station Recognition

Porter Jessamine Station Pastor, Bryan Watts, spoke of the work that had been done to Porter Jessamine to replant and revitalize.

Co-Executive Director Report

David Barron spoke about the Barnabas Cohort and how it could possibly be a reproducible model for the CKNB. He mentioned an opportunity for ministry to Law Enforcement through East Hickman Baptist called Camp Shelby and also an upcoming Marriage Retreat at Edgewood Baptist. He also spoke of the 20 schemes ministry partnership in Scotland. He also spoke of the possibility of a church replant at the First Baptist Lexington location. Finally, he spoke of ongoing conversations with the Mercer Baptist Association about a possible long-term relationship in assisting the Mercer Association. The CKNB has given the Mercer Association an assessment and we are currently negotiating with the Mercer Association.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

The meeting was adjourned, and Ambassador CJ Pearce closed the meeting with prayer.