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One Great Commandment for  
One Great Commission



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*40 CHURCHES*  
UNITED IN  
*ONE*  
PURPOSE

## WHAT DO YOU DO?

Many folks within our churches really have no idea what exactly is an Association. Many have different questions as to its overall purpose and function. Hopefully, in this brief article, I can help address some of these.

First of all, what is an Association? Someone has written, “A Baptist association is a self-governing fellowship of autonomous churches sharing a common faith and active on mission in their setting”. The Association is created by the churches for the churches. The Association is comprised of churches who are motivated to work together for the advancement of the Gospel in their local geographical setting. Just like members of a family, the Association is a culmination of churches that have different characteristics but share the same culture of trust and cooperation in working together for the expansion of the Kingdom.

Second of all, what does an Association do? The most obvious answer to that is found in the word “association”. Association means that even though churches are autonomous (self-governing, self-sustaining, etc.), we join together for a work that a single church can't do on its own strength. A perfect example of this type of cooperation - if a single church can dig a pretty good-sized hole with one shovel, then how big of a hole could forty churches dig if they had focused determination on one single hole? Even though each church has independence, God never intended His churches to exist and function in a vacuum. Our **independence** is even greater when we realize our need of **interdependence** on each other.

Some of the things which we have planned, and are planning to do in future, involve those areas that are designed to help our churches reach towards and maintain a healthy posture. For example, on April 4th, we had an Associational-wide Sunday School Training, in which we had thirteen (13) churches represented. Also, being planned for the late summer or early fall is a Church Financial workshop for all of our churches. However, the main focus of the Association is that of the pastor and their families.

When pastors and their families are healthy, then their churches are more than likely to be healthy. The opposite is true also, when the pastor and his family are unhealthy, the church is likely to be unhealthy. This is not always the case, but this is usually the case. So, the Association (our UCBA) has total pastor wellness as its top ministerial priority. This is why we helped facilitate the Pastor's Wives Annual Fellowship. We want to pour into the wives of our pastors because they carry more things than most of us realize, and they matter greatly. Healthy pastors and healthy pastor's wives will allow us to help cultivate a church that will be healthy for the future.

Next, how does the Association function? The Association has its own Constitution and By-Laws. It has its own organizational structure with Committees, Teams, etc. The main Committee is the Executive Committee (it consists of every pastor and one at-large member from every one of our churches). The Association also sets its own budget -it is solely funded by the ministry dollars that are given by and through the churches that associate together. It has its own staff. In the end, every aspect of the Association has incorporated members from its cooperating churches from top to bottom. Again, the Association is created by the churches for the churches.

Lastly, how can you support the Association? Here is the answer.....simply be involved in the church in which you attend. If you are in a church, then you have the power to make sure that your church works with your other sister churches. When the churches unite and come together for the Gospel, there is nothing that can stop her! Nothing, however, but an unwillingness to work together! Just remember.....



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**We are always better *together!***

# UCBA MEMBER CHURCHES

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**AMAZIAH** - \_\_\_\_\_, PASTOR  
1163 CR 10 - HICKORY FLAT, MS 38633

**BEECH SPRINGS** - DR. GREGG THOMAS, PASTOR  
1263 CR 188 - BLUE SPRINGS, MS 38828

**BETHEL** - JASON PILCHER, PASTOR  
1011 CR 42 - ETTA, MS 38627

**BEULAH** - MARTY MERRITT, PASTOR  
1102 CR 72 - MYRTLE, MS 38650

**BLUE SPRINGS** - GARY YATES, PASTOR  
1739 CR 278 - BLUE SPRINGS, MS 38828

**CENTER** - JARED BUSBY, PASTOR  
1701 CR 121 - BLUE SPRINGS, MS 38828

**CORNERVILLE** - PERRY REED, PASTOR  
103 CORNERVILLE ROAD - POTTS CAMP, MS 38659

**ELLISTOWN** - MIKE POWELL, PASTOR  
1006 CR 185 - BLUESPRINGS, MS 38828

**ENTERPRISE** - ROBERT SHEPPARD, PASTOR  
1522 HIGHWAY 30 - MYRTLE, MS 38650

**FIRST BAPTIST** - DR. ANDREW CHESTEEN, PASTOR  
200 EAST BANKHEAD - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

**FREDONIA** - \_\_\_\_\_, PASTOR  
1616 CR 86 - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

**GLENFIELD** - KODY MOORE, PASTOR  
1032 WEST BANKHEAD - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

**HARMONY** - DANIEL SMITH, PASTOR  
1015-1 CR 59 - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

**HILLCREST** - CHARLIE DAVIS, PASTOR  
216 HIGHWAY 15 SOUTH - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

**IGLESIA BAUTISTA NUEVA VIDA** - SANTIGO DAMIAN, PASTOR  
216 HIGHWAY 15 SOUTH - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652  
HILLCREST BAPTIST OLD SANCTUARY

**INGOMAR** - ROB JONES, PASTOR  
1112 CR 90 - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

**JERICO** - CHRIS MCCLUSKEY, PASTOR  
2179 CR 171 - GUNTOWN, MS 38849

**KEOWNVILLE** - JERRY BISHOP, PASTOR  
1601 STATE HIGHWAY 30 EAST - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

**LIBERTY** - DOUG RAKESTRAW, PASTOR  
1298 CR 107 - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

**LIGHTHOUSE** - DON MCCUTCHEN, PASTOR  
721 COULTER DRIVE - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

**MACEDONIA** - DR. DAVID GRUMBACH, PASTOR  
1033 CR 19 - MYRTLE, MS 38650

**MARTIN** - ANDY RUSSELL, PASTOR  
1352 CR 86 - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

**MOSS HILL** - MITCHELL HALL, PASTOR  
1111 MOSS HILL DRIVE - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

**MOUNT GILEAD** - LARRY BAIN, PASTOR  
1281 CR 252 - BLUE SPRINGS, MS 38828

**MYRTLE** - EARL FARLEY, PASTOR  
1714 HIGHWAY 178 WEST - MYRTLE, MS 38650

**NEELY** - JEREMIAH MCMILLEN, PASTOR  
585 HILLCREST COVE - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

**NEW HARMONY** - NOAH WHITEHEAD, PASTOR  
1064 CR 204 - BLUE SPRINGS, MS 38828

**NEW HOPE** - KEN WHITE, PASTOR  
1501 CR 51 - MYRTLE, MS 38650

**NORTHSIDE** - MIKE BENEFIELD, PASTOR  
782 HIGHWAY 15 NORTH - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

**OAK HILL** - VIC GARRISON, PASTOR  
1241 CR 73 - MYRTLE, MS 38650

**OAKVIEW** - DALE HENDERSON, PASTOR  
1165 CR 171 - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

**OLD OAK GROVE** - BOBBY BUTLER, PASTOR  
1561 CR 14 - MYRTLE, MS 38650

**PARKS** - SCOTT DULEY, PASTOR  
1359 CR 171 - BLUE SPRINGS, MS 38828

**PLEASANT DALE** - DON SPARKS, PASTOR  
1014 CR 36 - THAXTON, MS 38871

**PLEASANT HILL** - JASON BRASSFIELD  
1398 CR 126 - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

**PLEASANT RIDGE** - JERRY KING, PASTOR  
1016 HIGHWAY 370 - DUMAS, MS 38625

**POOLVILLE** - LARRY HARRISON, PASTOR  
1015 CR 58 - MYRTLE, MS 38650

**TEMPLE** - DONNIE SCHUMAN, PASTOR  
1025 NORTH STREET - MYRTLE, MS 38650

**WALLERVILLE** - JOHNNY RAKESTRAW, PASTOR  
1441 CR 121 - NEW ALBANY, MS 38652

**ZION HILL** - LARRY DUNLAP, PASTOR  
1004 CR 172 - GUNTOWN, MS 38849

# UCBA CALENDAR

## APRIL

- 18 - STATE BIBLE DRILLS - 2PM - HILLCREST
- 21 - WORSHIP EADER & MUSICIANS APPRECIATION
- 29 - WMU MEETING - 6 PM - MACEDONIA

## MAY

- 2 - NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER - 12PM - COURTHOUSE
- 9 - MINISTERS MEETING - 8AM - UCBA
- 20 - SENIOR ADULT RALLY - 10 AM - ELLISTOWN

## BIRTHDAYS / ANNIVERSARES

### APRIL

- 2 - SUSAN RUSSELL - MARTIN
- 7 - ANN HALL - RETIRED
- 7 - GREGG THOMAS - BEECH SPRINGS
- 8 - MITCHELL HALL - MOSS HILL
- 12 - SHELLY MERRITT - BEULAH
- 18 - DALE CUTRER - RETIRED
- 23 - AUDRA CHESTEEN - FIRST BAPTIST
- 24 - VANESSA BRAZEAL - RETIRED

### MAY

- 5 - MIKE AND BRENDA POWELL - ELLISTOWN
- 8 - JERRY BISHOP - KEOWNVILLE
- 11 - PERRY & PATRICIA REED - CORNERSVILLE
- 12 - NOAH & ALYSSA WHITEHEAD - NEW HARMONY
- 14 - JEREMIAH & CHRISTI MCMILLEN - NEELY
- 15 - DEBRA MCCUTCHEN - LIGHTHOUSE
- 17 - JASON & VALERIE PILCHER - BETHEL
- 17 - DAVID & TAMMIE GRUMBACH - MACEDONIA
- 23 - ALLSION HENDERSON - OAKVIEW
- 28 - GREGG & KAREN THOMAS - BEECH SPRINGS
- 29 - DANNY & CONNIE BRYANT - RETIRED
- 30 - DON SPARKS - PLEASANT DALE
- 30 - SELA SMITH - HARMONY
- 31 - DANNY BRYANT - RETIRED

### JUNE

- 1 - DALE & ALLISON HENDERSON - OAKVIEW
- 5 - ANDY & SUSAN RUSSELL - MARTIN
- 5 - MIKE & VANESSA BRAZEAL - RETRIED
- 7 - MARTY & SHELLY MERRITT - BEULAH
- 7 - DANIEL SMITH - HARMONY
- 7 - KAREN THOMAS - BEECH SPRINGS
- 9 - DONNA RAKESTRAW - WALLERVILLE
- 15 - CONNIE BRYANT - RETIRED
- 15 - PATRICIA REED - CORNERSVILLE
- 28 - LISA BENEFIELD - NORTHSIDE
- 30 - JERRY & MARY ANN BISHOP - KEOWNVILLE
- 30 - PAULETTE SCHUMAN - TEMPLE

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### 2023-2024 ASSOCIATION OFFICERS:

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BEECH SPRINGS BAPTIST

CHRIS MCCLUSKEY - VICE MODERATOR  
JERICO BAPTIST

SHERRY JONES - TREASURER/CLERK

ANDREW CHEESTEN - CONVENTION  
BOARD MEMBER  
FIRST BAPTIST NEW ALBANY

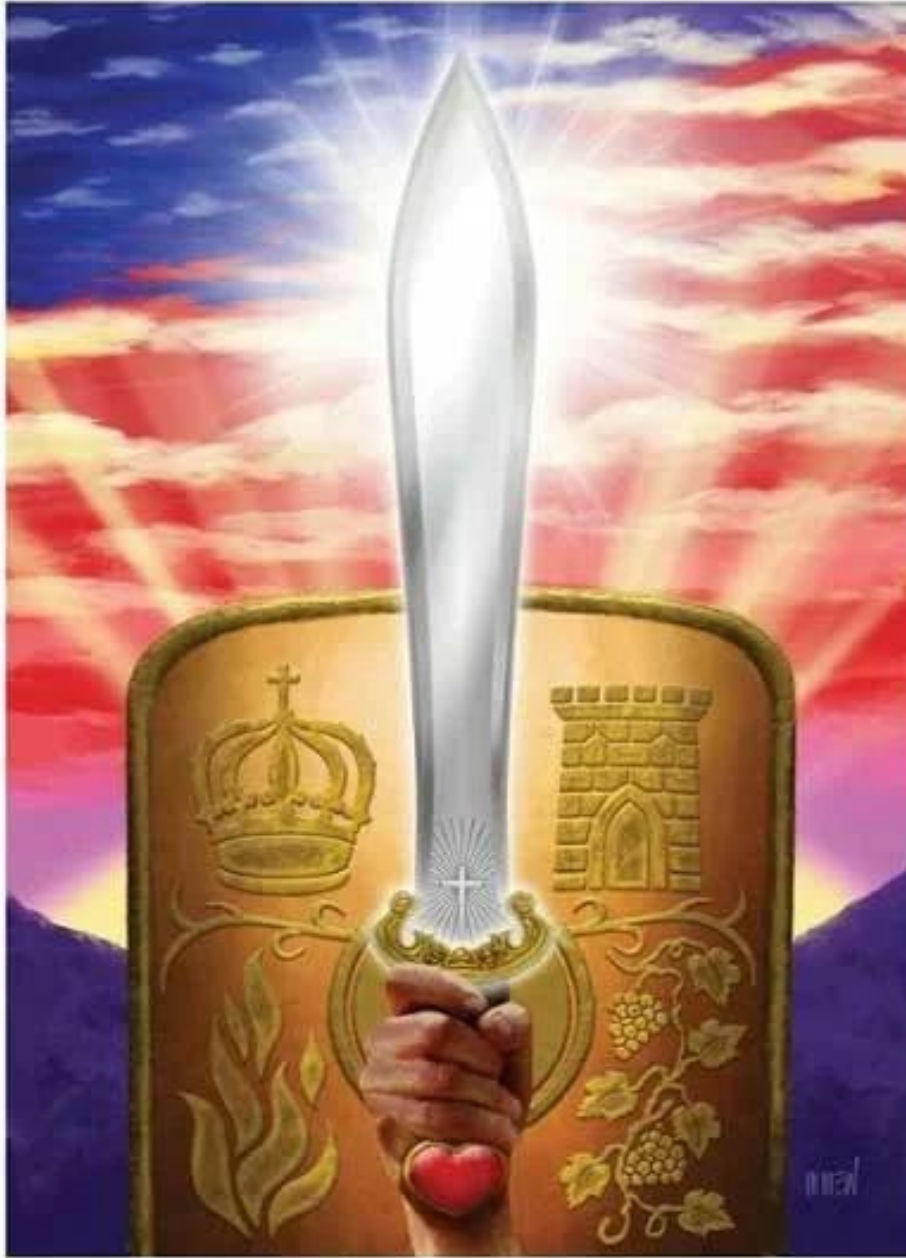
# GENERAL BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS

This is the giving to the general associational budget for missions and ministries of the UCBA in the first quarter of 2024. In this time period UCBA received \$31,432.16. The first quarter budgeted expenses were \$32,475.21. The following churches gave to the UCBA general budget. Thank you for your faithfulness!

**(January - March 2024)**

UCBA Contributing Churches		
Amaziah	Hillcrest	New Hope
Beech Springs	Ingomar	Northside
Bethel	Jericho	Oak Hill
Beulah	Keownville	Old Oak Grove
Blue Springs	Liberty	Parks
Center	Lighthouse	Pleasant Dale
Cornersville	Macedonia	Pleasant Hill
Ellistown	Martin	Pleasant Ridge
Enterprise	Moss Hill	Poolville
First Baptist	Mount Gilead	Wallerville
Fredonia	Myrtle	Zion Hill
Glenfield	New Harmony	
Harmony		

*We encourage every member church to give to the missions and ministries of the UCBA.*



# LIFT UP THE WORD LIGHT UP THE WORLD

2 SAMUEL 22:29-31

THE 73rd ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER  
THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2024



LOCATION: UNION COUNTY  
COURT HOUSE

DATE: MAY 2, 2024

TIME: 12 PM