

Lake Ivie Baptist Association

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Upcoming Events!

JULY EVENTS

July 4th Fourth of July
Celebration

July 5th 4th of July Observed



“A Great commitment
To the Great Commission
And the Great Commandment
Will lead to a Great Church
With Great Christians”

To Meet LIBA Budget,
\$8,850 is needed per month.
June, 2021 giving was
\$6,608
“Praise The Lord”

Association News



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**Please continue to pray for
our pastorless churches:**

Harmony Baptist Church
Lohn Baptist Church

Thoughts For The Day:

“The only one that can truly satisfy the
human soul, is the One that made it.”

“God can turn your setback into a
comeback! What’s holding you back?”

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Keith's Konnections...

A great commitment to the Great Commission and the Great Commandment will lead to great churches with great Christians. (Dr. David Jeremiah) I recently heard Dr. Jeremiah say this and it hit me like a ton of bricks. I do not know that I have ever heard a truer statement. We oftentimes wonder why our churches are not flourishing and growing and it may be because we have lost our commitment: our commitment to our church, our community, our families and our country. Commitment is an idea that we DECIDE to do; not something that comes as an afterthought. I have thought for several years that what we need in our culture and society today is a greater sense of commitment. People tend to change jobs often, spouses are changed periodically, church affiliation changes regularly, and because of our LACK of commitment, our society has changed. It almost seems as if no one really wants to commit to anything now days. Unfortunately, church members often lack commitment as well. They do not attend regularly, nor do they tithe regularly, and don't dare ask them to serve in some position in the church, primarily because they do not want to be committed.

I also feel sometimes that we have forgotten the Great Commission, which is found in Matthew 28:19-20 which says, "GO ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost, Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen" (KJV) These were some of the last words spoken by Jesus to His followers, and he charged them with awesome responsibility of sharing the Gospel, not just in Jerusalem, but everywhere they went. It was not a suggestion, but rather a command to GO!!! Or as someone has said, "as you are going, make disciples." We have opportunity every day to share with someone the love of Christ, His atoning sacrifice, and His resurrection, but we hold back. If the early church had held back, we might still be in the infancy of Christianity, but rather these individuals, sometimes under persecution, kept sharing WHEREVER they were. And I do not know of a better time for Christ to be shared than in our culture today. People are looking for answers, and we have THE answer and that is Jesus Christ.

Following on the heels of the Great Commission is the Great Commandment. As the young man asked Jesus what is the greatest commandment, Jesus replied, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and love thy neighbor as thyself." KJV. Do we REALLY love our neighbor and who IS our neighbor? Everyone we come into contact with is our neighbor. We should be as concerned for their welfare as we are for our own welfare. Being a Christian is a contact sport, and no one can be a Lone Ranger Christian. We ALL need God's forgiveness, His compassion and His love, and we are to give these attributes away to our neighbors. We live in a dark and fallen world and people are going to Hell while we sit idly by and do nothing to very little. I heard the question asked one time, "How much do you have to HATE someone to NOT share Jesus with them?" That is a powerful question that each of us must answer, and make no mistake, when God calls us home to Heaven, we will have to give an account of everything we have ever done, said or thought. Romans 14:12 "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God." KJV

So if you truly want a great church, we do must these three things: We must be committed. We must observe the Great Commandment, and we must follow the Great Commandment. To do anything less, is not doing what God desires. God didn't just save you, he wants to save others THROUGH YOU as well. We have a job, we have a mission, we have a commandment from God to quit playing church and really start BEING THE CHURCH! And when we finally wake up to that idea, we CAN and WILL have a great church with great Christians. God bless, and remember always, to "contend for the faith" as Jude, verse 3, says in his little book.