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A Second Chance?

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I have not, up to this point, weighed in, at all, on any of the political issues most recently facing our nation. I have read precious little from the pundits, but do admit to being a long-time FOX News follower. Being without a pulpit or platform, due to my retirement, I have had no place except my prayers to express my concerns for our nation. That, not surprisingly, has turned out to be a good thing. My genuine prayer for the past year or so has simply been, "Father, please give America and the Church another chance. Let Your kingdom come and Your will be done on earth as it is in Heaven."

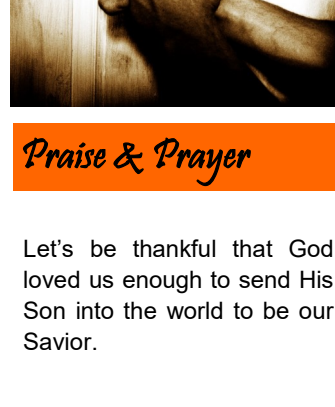
So, I have just one comment or thought that hopefully merits your time in reading this brief article. It is a theological thought more than a political thought. And musing on it could be a good activity for those of you still in pastoral leadership. Here it is: With the presidential election, God has, I believe, answered our prayers and given America and the Church another chance.

The question is, then, what shall we do? How shall we go about fulfilling our role as the salt and light of society? How shall we use this opportunity? We must not abuse or neglect this special period of grace for the time will come again when we stand at this very same crossroad.

A simple suggestion is to have your congregation prayerfully discuss this premise: If God is answering our prayer with a period of extended grace, how shall we live and how shall we carry on the true business of the Church?

God help us! Thanks be to God!

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Praise & Prayer

Let's be thankful that God loved us enough to send His Son into the world to be our Savior.

Pray for Dr. Walter Moody who has been diagnosed with cancer.

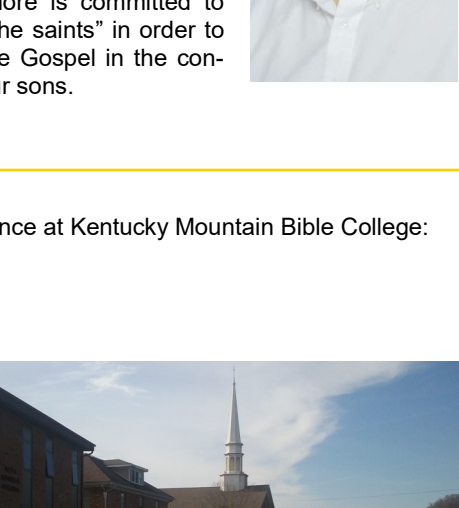
Continue to pray for our nation as we move forward after the election.

Pray for our churches as they have special opportunities to minister during the Christmas season.

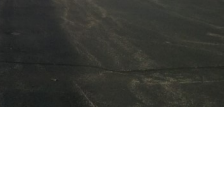
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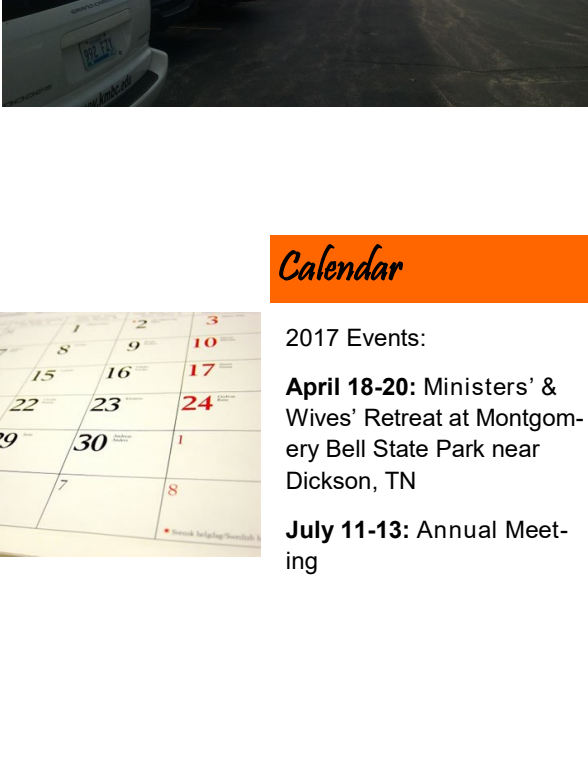
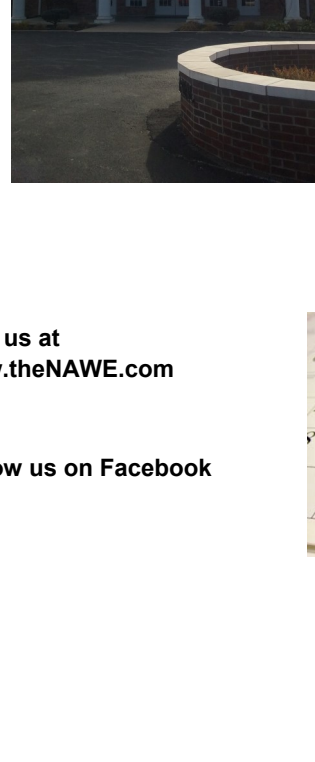
Stan Key will be sharing with us at our 2017 Ministers' & Wives' Retreat. He has been president of Francis Asbury Society (FAS) since 2014. He is married to Katy and they have three children and four grandchildren. Katy is the daughter of the founder of FAS, Dennis Kinlaw. Before coming to FAS, Stan served for ten years as a missionary in Europe and for 18 years as pastor of an independent church in Albany, New York. Stan also serves as Spiritual Dean for the Pan-African Academy of Christian Surgeons (PAACS). He speaks frequently in churches, conferences, retreats, and camps both here and abroad. Stan is the author of *The Last Word* (Warner Press, 2015), a study on the book of Revelation.



Dr. Steve Blakemore will be our speaker at our 2017 Annual Meeting. He is Professor of Christian Thought at Wesley Biblical Seminary. Dr. Blakemore contributes to the faculty with ranging versatility as a pastor and philosopher. He spent fourteen years pastoring in the local church and four years as college chaplain and adjunct professor of religion and philosophy at Hiwassee College and Northeast State Community College in Tennessee. Dr. Blakemore is a contemporary Christian musician and the co-founder of "Resurrection," a youth convention that annually challenges over 13,000 young people with Christ's call to radical discipleship. He is passionate about teaching philosophy and apologetics because he agrees with Fyodor Dostoyevsky that "ideas have consequences." Dr. Blakemore is committed to thinking deeply about "the faith once delivered to the saints" in order to strengthen Christ's church and to communicate the Gospel in the contemporary world. He and his wife, Carolyn, have four sons.



Scenes from November's Leadership Conference at Kentucky Mountain Bible College:



Calendar

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2017 Events:

April 18-20: Ministers' & Wives' Retreat at Montgomery Bell State Park near Dickson, TN

July 11-13: Annual Meeting