

Discipleship Training Rally 2000

The Rockcastle Association of Kentucky Baptist Churches will celebrate their annual "Discipleship Training Rally" on September 23, 2000 (Monday) at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Mt. Vernon.

The celebration will include rejoicing for the 105 years of Discipleship Training and 55 years of Discipleship Training Rallies by Southern Baptist Churches.

Our theme this year will be "Transforming...Heart, Soul, Mind and Strength so that we can say with the Apostle Paul in Philippians 1:20 "It is my eager expectation and hope that I shall not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death."

Bro. Jim Cloutz, with the Kentucky Baptist Convention's Church Growth Team, will present Discipleship Training materials (suitable for any size church) available for the coming year. Bro. Alan Witham, Church Planting Missionary of the KBC, will be our guest speaker. Bro. Witham has pastored three churches in Kentucky in the past 19 years, prior to joining the KBC. He, and his wife Leamy, have two children, Kelsie, 10 and Ryan, 7.

A banner will be presented to the church with the highest attendance with the pastor of that church receiving a new Bible. The church with the largest percentage of their DT enrollments present will also receive a banner.

The public is cordially invited to celebrate with us and enjoy the fellowship of your Baptist neighbors and friends.

**Jack Bruce
Director of Missions
Rockcastle Association of
Kentucky Baptists**



Alan Witham

Church News

Rose Hill Church
Pastor Bro. Kenneth Carroll and wife Virginia welcomes everyone. We judge no one, only God can do that. Come worship with us in truth and spirit Sunday at 11 a.m. and Thurs. at 7 p.m. each week. Bring the sick and the lost, see God's hands at work. "God Loves You."

Singing
Calloway Mission Church is having a singing, Sept. 23rd at 7 p.m. with the Doan Family and the Morning Voices Gospel Singers and others. Everyone welcome.

Homecoming
First Pine Hill Missionary Baptist Church annual homecoming Sunday, October 1st. Sunday School at 10 a.m. and worship at 11 a.m. Dinner following. Pastor Bro. Wayne Henson and congregation invites everyone.

Singing
Town Hill Holiness Church Sept. 23rd at 7 p.m. with Faith Singers. Pastor Rick Sanders and Bro. Tim Singleton and church welcome everyone.

Fall Revival 2000
Continues at Mt. Vernon Church of Nazarene. Sunday School at 10:00 and Morning Worship at 10:45. Bro. Don Roberts will be bringing the message. Special singing performance by The Guiding Way. Call 758-0090 if transportation is needed. Please come and worship with us.

Revival
Revival at Maple Grove Baptist Church September 24-30th with different speakers. The Sunday night service will begin at 6 p.m. as usual. The Monday through Saturday services will begin at 7 p.m. Homecoming on October 1st with the Principals singing on Sunday afternoon, brother Keith Carr, pastor. Everyone welcome.

Homecoming
Red Hill Union Baptist Church invites everyone to our homecoming, Sept. 24th. Special preaching and singing with dinner for all. Everyone welcome to come and fellowship. Pastor Bill Hammond.

Ladies Conference
Ladies, we know you've been

asking...."When's the next Ladies Conference?" It's coming...Sept. 22nd and 23rd at Lighthouse Assembly of God. Our theme will be Acts 2:18, so start digging! On Friday, registration will be from 6:30 to 7 p.m. followed by praise and worship with Marty Lay. Special singing by Wanda Farley and Sister Opal will be ministering. On Saturday, registration will be from 10 to 10 a.m., followed by four workshops. For more info, call Janet Carter at 256-5838 or Sheila Nicely at 256-9072. Take 1-75 to Exit 50 onto Hwy. 1004 to Lighthouse Assembly of God.

Friendship, Hurt, Sorrow & Faith

Friendship is when more than one grows close.
And tells each other things no one else knows.
Then comes a time,
Things just change your mind.
Things that happen just to see,
It seems at times getting tough.
And no matter what we do it's not enough.
So then I get on my knees and begin to pray,
And the Lord helps me to get through the day.
I've written this for a very special friend,
Just remember He is with us until the end.

He gave His life for you and me,
So that we could have life for eternity.
But, when we try to live a better life,
The world just do see how hard we strive.
The devil knows it is hard for us to be strong,
So he tries to make us look like we're always wrong.

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Written by Cynthia Sue Chesnut
I would like to take this time to invite each and everyone of my friends and family to join us at McNew Church on Cove Branch Road September 18 to 22 for a Revival with Bro. Johnny Shell. All are welcome.

new law also allows the Attorney General to work closely with commonwealth attorneys and county attorneys to more rigorously prosecute identity theft cases.

Over the past decade, the guidelines for telemarketers have been tightened and restrictions have been placed on many telemark calls during the evening and morning hours. However, many organizations are exempt from these guidelines and are still able to continue their telemarketing activities. Although a majority of the calls are made by honest and reputable companies, the avenue is becoming increasingly popular with those looking to make a fast dollar at the expense of trusting individuals. Consumer experts advise using caution whenever a telemarketer is on the other end of the phone line. If you question a caller's intentions, you can contact the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Division at 888-432-9257 or 888-671-7701. You can also request a form to add your name to a no-call list that prevents professional telemarketing companies from getting your personal information. Remember that the rule of thumb is considering these calls is *off limits too good to be true, it probably is.*

This rule also applies to the postcards and letters that flood our mailboxes. They usually fall into two categories—those that promise to unlock the secrets of health, happiness and wealth and those that solicit charitable contributions. The best way to

protect yourself from mail fraud is to investigate the organization before you give any personal information or send any checks. You can verify a charity through a national registry by calling 703-276-0100 or by contacting the local Better Business Bureau office.

To stop the "junk mail" before it starts, you can write the Direct Marketing Association and ask to be put on their voluntary Mail Preference Service. The DMA is an industry association that maintains this list as a service to consumers who do not wish to have association members target them. While not all marketers are members of the DMA and the list is voluntary, this may reduce the amount of unwanted mail you receive. The DMA also has a Telephone Preference Service for consumers who do not want to receive unsolicited phone calls. The address to have your name removed from both lists is Direct Marketing Association, PO Box 9014, Farmingdale, NY 11735.

Holding onto your wallet and guarding the information you give out isn't the only way you can prevent someone from getting your personal information. There are more than happy to search through your trash, steal your mail or otherwise use deceit to gather the information they need. After all, the outcome usually involves cracking your bank account, charging credit cards to the limit and even taking out mortgages

and bank loans in your name. As always, I hope you will feel free to contact me, either here in Mt.

Vernon or call toll free 1-800-372-7181 to leave me a message at Frankfort.

Hummel Homecoming

Thanks to everyone who came. Also everyone who helped in any way. Join us next year. Those attending were: Billy Joe Abney of New Madison, Ohio; Aaron Abney of Colorado Springs, Colorado; Elwood and Betty Lear of Mt. Repose, Ohio; Mrs. Ruby Wolf of Wilder; Elmer Abney and Lisa Gregory, both of Covington; Glenna Stevens of Erlanger; William and Ruth VanWinkle of Orlando; Linda, Gary and April Rose of Cleveland, Tennessee; Virgil and Alene McGuire of Mt. Vernon; Patricia Allen of Orlando; Eddie Hayes, Melanie Gray and Andrea Reynolds, all of Renfro Valley; William Abney of Hummel; Bobby Abney, Jean Clark Bell and Chelsea Bell, all of Covington; Linda Steele of Florence; Gary Miracle and Linda Miracle, both of Mt. Vernon; Mildred Rigby of Richmond, Indiana; Fred Rigby of Nashville, Indiana; Jud and Claudia Rigby and Martha Hasen, all of Richmond, Indiana; Gerald McGuire of Mt. Vernon; James Reynolds of Wilder; Carl Gill, Jr., of Ashland; Joe Northcutt and William Adams, both of Wilder; Edgar and Gladys Adams, Rob, Tim and Bobby Rogers, and Tim Puckett, all of Hummel; Jason and Melissa

Puckett and Henry Coffey, all of Mt. Vernon; Charles Abney of Wilder; Bobby Coffey of Richmond, Indiana; Daniel and Aimee Glover of Florence; Muriel Fish Durham of Renfro Valley; Mabel Fish Abney of Berea; June Fish Lawrence and Shirley Fish, both of Renfro Valley; Harold and Irene Duncan and Bob and Darlene Baker, all of Oxford, Ohio; Bobby Baker and Linda Adelsperger, both of Hamilton, Ohio; Brian, Chris and Patrick Hack and Jody Baker, all of Ross, Ohio; David and Leslie McGuire of Bishopville, South Carolina; Ronnie McGuire of Richmond, Indiana; Bobby, Janice and Amanda McGuire of Fountain City, Indiana; Rick and Sonja McGuire of Richmond, Indiana; Jim and Cindy Bennett of Williamsburg, Indiana; Charles and Louella Bussell of Hummel; Sharon, Stacy and Jessica Thacker of Mt. Vernon; Janet and Chayne McClure of Burr; Tommy, Teresa and Devon Bussell, James Michael Bussell, Shane Kirby, Mike, Wanda, Scott, Kylene and Jacoby Carol, Chris, Minnie, R.C. and Julie Kirby, all of Mt. Vernon; Jim and Wallace Duncan of Cincinnati, Ohio; Vicki, Carrier and Jordan Johnson of Milford, Ohio; Dee Bond of Orlando.

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Legislative Update

By State Rep. Danny Ford
Protecting Ourselves From Consumer Fraud

A century ago consumer fraud meant the snake oil peddler was back in town. In today's technology-loaded world, the snake oil peddler has been replaced by identity thieves, deceptive telemarketers and fraudulent mail schemes. Even so, you need to be aware of the tactics used by these criminals.

In an average day you may write a check at the grocery store, charge tickets to a ball game, mail your tax returns, call home on your cell phone, order new checks or apply for a credit card. You may be greeted at the mailbox by advertisements promising you the secret to getting rich quick. When you finally sit down to dinner, your family meal may be interrupted by a phone call soliciting your business or support for a charity. While these contacts may seem ordinary and are usually harmless, they can cause extraordinary difficulty if you provide personal information and it falls into the wrong hands. Identity theft is one of the fastest

growing crimes in the country but receives comparatively little attention. In 1997 alone, the crime amounted to a loss of over \$745 million. According to testimony given by representatives of the Federal Trade Commission to a congressional subcommittee in July, approximately 54 percent of consumers reported that a credit card account had been opened in their name and an existing account had been used without their knowledge or permission.

The FTC report also stated that an estimated 26 percent reported that someone had opened a telephone, cellular phone or other utility service in their name. Almost 16 percent reported that a checking or savings account had been opened in their name and that fraudulent checks had been written. Another 11 percent reported that the identity theft obtained a loan in their name.

To toughen the penalty for those prosecuted for identity theft in Kentucky we passed a bill during the 2000 General Assembly that will require those found guilty to pay back all of the money they gain. The