

# Southeastern Signal



## What's Working Out There?

Some of our congregations are having success in key areas of church life. Perhaps God is leading you to emphasize one of these areas during the coming year and it's always helpful to have good models that minister in a similar geographical area. Take time to read this and give one of these churches a call. I'm sure you will be well received and it may be just what you need to jump start your plan.

### New Member Orientation

Three congregations are having success and each is a bit different in their approach. The congregations are Graceland, Crossroads in Floyds Knobs and Harrison Hills in Lanesville. Getting people off to a good start is critical.

### Outreach

Oak Park in Jeffersonville, Hanover Baptist and Graceland are reaching people through various methods. Each use a multiple approach in prospecting which is the key to a good outreach program. Oak Park and Graceland use **FAITH** as a prime strategy. Two churches are using **GROW** and they are Parkwood in Clarksville and First Southern, Floyds Knobs.

### Multiple Services

Harrison Hills, Graceland and Hanover have two morning worship services that give people a choice. In each situation, the worship services surround their Sunday School.

### General Growth

Bethel, Memphis, First Baptist, Crothersville, First Baptist, Henryville, Eastern Heights, Jeffersonville, Indian Creek, Georgetown Southern and New Beginning, Salem have had excellent growth during the past year or so. Find out what they do on a week-to-week basis.

### Discipleship

Graceland, Crossroads, Harrison Hills and First Baptist, Elizabeth have discipleship programs in place where the laity is empowered. Discipleship is critical to church growth. First Baptist, Charlestown is also using Sunday evening to train their people and have been in the top five in our Association in growth.

### Worship

Several churches stand out in using multiple methods in their worship service to touch people's hearts. They are Eastern Heights, Oak Park, Forest Park in Louisville, Graceland, First Baptist, Elizabeth and Crossroads. Each uses power point effectively for hymns, sermon outlines and sermon illustrations.

### Staff Coordination

How does a church staff stay on the same page? Several stand out in their communication and coordination. They are First Baptist, Charlestown, Graceland, First Baptist, Elizabeth, Oak Park, Harrison Hills, Crossroads, First Baptist, Corydon and Cross of Calvary.

### Summary

While this is not all this is happening out there, it will help a church who wishes to take a first step. Read it again and make a call. Who knows, it might just help.

### ***Get a "Choose Life" License Plate***

*Choose Life license plates are now available and the instructions to get them can be found on our website. Just click on "CHOOSE LIFE" on the home page. A portion of every tag purchased will go to a Women's Center that does abortion counseling with a pro-life message. Those living in Clark, Floyd and Harrison Counties will see their portion go to the Women's Resource Center in New Albany. The purchase of this tag will help not only in a financial way but will be a message for all to see each time you drive your car.*

#### **NEW ON THE WEBSITE**

Two new pages have been added to our website. One concerns itself with area service that many have asked about. It can be found in the Leadership section. The other is the calendar for Women's Ministry and can be found in that section.

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