

What Do You Know About Your Neighbor?

Come Learn about "Asset-Mapping" and how it Exposes and Promotes the Many Resources of Your Community

(A Kentucky Baptist Fellowship Mountain Hope Conference)



Friday, March 12

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5:00-6:00 p.m.

Ham, Sweet and Sour Green Beans,
Heavenly Corn, Fruit Salad, Rolls,
Strawberry Shortcake

Cost: \$3.00; free to Nada, Owsley, McCreary residents

Workshop:

6:00-9:00 p.m.

First Baptist Church,
Winchester, Kentucky

With Ben Newell

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Field Personnel, Together for Hope, Helena, Arkansas
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<http://www.thefellowship.info/newell>

For all friends of **Mountain Hope** in
Nada, Owsley County, and McCreary County

and for all who are interested in Community Development in Your Own Local Community

Call the Kentucky Baptist Fellowship office for registration or questions: (502) 426-1931.

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8:30-9:00 Worship

9:00 Fellowship

Saturday, March 13 (Nada Baptist Mission, Nada, Kentucky)

8:45 a.m. Orientation, planning, and site visits for churches involved in summer mission trips to Nada and Owsley County.



Workshop Leader: Ben Newell



Ben Newell is a career Field Personnel with the CBF serving with his family in Helena, AR. Ben along with his wife, Leonora, serve through CBF's Rural Poverty Initiative called "Together for Hope". Ben is a Virginia native. He graduated from Hampden-Sydney College in VA in 1978 with a BA in Math and Economics. Additionally, Ben graduated from the College of William and Mary in 1980 with his MBA degree. Ben has extensive experience in international business, business development, and management. Ben and Leonora joined CBF in 1996. His passion in missions revolves around "Business as Mission".

Ben has 3 children. Lucas is 12 years old. Nate is 11 years old. Gabriela is 8 years old. Ben enjoys sports, reading, and spending quality time with his family. After serving in Southeast Asia, Ben and his wife Leonora began ministry in Helena-West Helena, Ark., in 2002. Their ministry is part of Together for Hope, CBF's rural poverty initiative in 20 of the poorest counties in the United States.

The Newells' ministry includes community gardens that teach about and provide nutrition, a traveling literacy bus ministry called Stories on Wheels, several economic development projects, and a significant ministry with children and teenagers at the local community center. Their ministry provides many service opportunities for churches (Visit <http://www.thefellowship.info/newell> for more on the Newells' work in Helena, Arkansas.).

The Workshop

This workshop will help individuals, churches, civic organizations, governmental entities, non-profits and businesses understand the vast resources that exist in their communities and how to best utilize those resources.

Asset Mapping is a community and economic development process whereby citizens take inventory of their community's physical and spiritual assets. With a visual map of assets a community can develop effective strategies to address their priorities like education improvement, job creation, housing development, etc



Housing Suggestions

We ask that you make your own housing arrangements. Rooms are available on a first come first served basis. For questions about housing, contact Paula Settle (606-481-4037, 606-663-6088; paula5005@bellsouth.net).

Holiday Inn (859-745-3009) www.hiexpress.com Hampton Inn (859-745-2000) www.hamptoninn.com

Quality Inn (859-737-3990) www.choicehotels.com Abners Motel in Stanton (606-663-4379)

Directions to FBC, Winchester

32 East Lexington Ave, Winchester KY:

Coming from the East on I-64: Take Winchester exit 96A. Merge onto KY-627 S/Paris Rd toward Winchester. Turn left at W Lexington Ave. Go 0.1 miles. Church is on right.

Coming from the West on I-64: Take Winchester exit 94 for KY-1958/Van Meter Rd. Turn right at Bypass Rd/KY-1958 S/Van Meter Rd. Take 1st left onto W Lexington Ave. Go 2.2 miles. Church is on the right.

More on Mountain Hope

Mission

Mountain Hope is a Christ-centered initiative which seeks to offer hope with people in and around three of Kentucky's poorest counties. This is done by listening to local leaders and others who work among the poor in these areas, building relationships of trust with them, learning about existing resources, and walking alongside them to find solutions. The hope is also for all of us to become more attentive to the needs of the poor in our own communities.

Principles

Christ-centered.

We will be positive reflections of Christ, bringing a spirit of hope, grace, and opportunity. We will be biblically-based, focusing on reconciliation – people to God and people to people.

Holistic.

Our approach will be comprehensive in nature, selective in execution, and mindful of the feelings of people in the local communities.

Local Participation.

We will engage participation that represents the entire community. We will learn the history of the community and value the unique gifts and contributions that those in the community bring to the table. Collective decision-making will be the basis for community resolution and implementation. This will involve public discussion that is free and open to all interested persons and will be designed to lead to citizen empowerment and civic action to enhance quality of life.

Local Asset-Based Development.

We will be advocates for economic and social change that will strengthen the opportunities for those living in the focal counties, including leadership from within the community. We will encourage all community members to realize their abilities, share their resources to help each other, become effective advocates for their communities, and be able to continue development on self-sustaining basis.

Learning.

We will be learners, listening to those from the community and those who have served in the midst of the community in the days before our commitment to these counties and communities. We will hear what the people want to accomplish and apply sound, trusted methods along with innovation to help us to be co-learners/teachers on the way toward transformation.

Partnerships.

We will be partnership-based, working with nonprofit organizations, faith communities, schools, and government. We will encourage broad-based relationships out of the understanding that the combined capacities of all agencies, institutions, and organizations will be amplified by working together. We will pursue the involvement of churches and individuals for this initiative through volunteerism, informal agreements, and formal agreements as an expression of their mission commitment to the marginalized within our nation.

Long-term.

Our commitment will be long-term, staying until the quality of life in these focal counties is improved and community people are successfully managing their own quality of life.

Contributions & Focus.

We will realize we cannot be all things to all people, but we will help as many as we can to become more self-sufficient. As a result, we will focus our activities on the most neglected and most responsive in ways that help fill a niche, even as we remember the whole community and environment. Our primary activities will be in the areas of collaboration, advocacy, prayer, education, reconciliation, volunteer mobilization, and resource development. In all things we will seek to bear faithful witness to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Biblical Basis

We are called to bring a heart of compassion toward those living in poverty.

(Deuteronomy 15:7-11, 24:7; Psalms 82:3-4; Proverbs 14: 21,31, 22:9; Isaiah 1:17, 61:1; Ezekiel 18:7; Matthew 25:35-40; Acts 10:1-4; Romans 12:9-13; 2 Corinthians 8:9-15; I Timothy 6:17-19; James 1:27, 2:1-8; I John 3:16-18)

We are called to follow God's commitment of compassion for those living in poverty.

(Deuteronomy 10:8; Psalms 68:5, 107: 9, 146:7; Luke 4: 16-21; Philippians 2:6-7)

We are called to understand that God does not see those who live in wealth are greater than those that live in poverty.

(Proverbs 19:1, 22: 2, 28:6; Jeremiah 9:23-24; Matthew 6:19-21, 19:21-26; Luke 1:53)

We are called to learn from those we encounter in poverty.

(Mark 12:41-44; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5; James 2:1-5)

We are called to serve others in a spirit of humility.

(Matthew 6:1-4; Philippians 2:1-4; I Peter 5:5)