

THE MESSENGER



Ben Brags—on the Savior

So many people are praying for Spiritual Awakening in NE TN... individual saints, multiple groups, churches of all kinds...and we are so blessed to have upcoming, a galvanizing season of events that can put even more hands and feet to our prayers.

The public event is The Celebration weekend led by Will Graham (April 27-29), but that is only the harvest emphasis. **THE REAL WORK IS NOW!!!**

NOW is the time for plowing, planting, and cultivating...if we truly expect to reap a harvest.

NOW is the time for seeking the face of holy God, for personal repentance and cleansing, for First Love restoration in lifestyle, for hearts and eyes that see the hopeless and helpless in sin, for hearts that thirst for the righteousness of God to prevail in Northeast Tennessee.

Community Prayer Meetings for Spiritual Awakening:

January 8 Central Baptist in Johnson City, 11:30 am

January 12 Glen Alpine UMC in Blountville, 7:00 pm

March 1 Eastern Heights Presbyterian, Bristol 7:00 pm

April 22 University Parkway Baptist in Johnson City, 7:00 pm

For three consecutive weeks (last of January to mid-February), at multiple locations around our region, **FREE** training will be offered to all-comers. All locations will study the same materials for one week, then all study lesson two in week two and repeat for week three, so just attend wherever you choose.

Curriculum Topics:

1. The Effective Christian Life

How to know God and walk with God daily

2. The Victorious Christian Life

How to find prospects and be an effective witness

3. Follow Up and Care of New Christians

How to build disciples and lead small group Bible studies

NOW is the time for training and for action

FREE—FRIENDSHIP EVANGELISM TRAINING, NOW is the time!

Also, for three Wednesdays, Youth are invited for “FREE food, high-energy music, and life-changing training — to get down to the basics of what you believe, to find power to live what you say, and to learn how to share your faith with others.” (See listed schedules in blue highlighted schedule)

Note: To be a counselor during The Celebration event, you must participate in at least weeks two and three, no exceptions.

Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday - FM419	Thursday	Saturday
Dates	January 22 January 29 February 5	January 23 January 30 February 6	January 24 January 31 February 7	January 25 February 1 February 8	January 27 February 3 February 10
Time	7:00pm – 9:00pm	7:00pm – 9:00pm	6:30pm – 9:00pm	7:00pm – 9:00pm	9:00am – 11:00am
Location	Central Christian Church 424 Melrose Street Bristol, TN 37620 Bethel Christian Church 701 Depot Street Jonesborough, TN 37659	Elizabeth Chapel UMC 1041 Elizabeth Chapel Road Bluff City, TN 37618 Central Baptist Church 300 N Roan Street Johnson City, TN 37601 First Broad Street United Methodist Church 100 E Church Circle Kingsport, TN 37660	Highlands Fellowship 134 Commerce Court Bristol, VA 24201 University Parkway Baptist 219 University Parkway Johnson City, TN 37604 Celebration Church 429 Shipley Ferry Road Blountville, TN 37617	Abingdon Bible Church 16210 Elementary Drive Abingdon, VA 24210 Blountville Presbyterian Church 3400 Highway 126 Blountville, TN 37617 Antioch Baptist Church 1014 Antioch Road Johnson City, TN 37604	Antioch Baptist Church 1016 Old Airport Road Bristol, VA 24201 Faith Miracle Sanctuary Christian Worship Center 906 Grover Street Johnson City, TN 37601 Central Baptist Church 301 Carver Street Kingsport, TN 37660

TRI-CITIES REGION WILL GRAHAM CELEBRATION

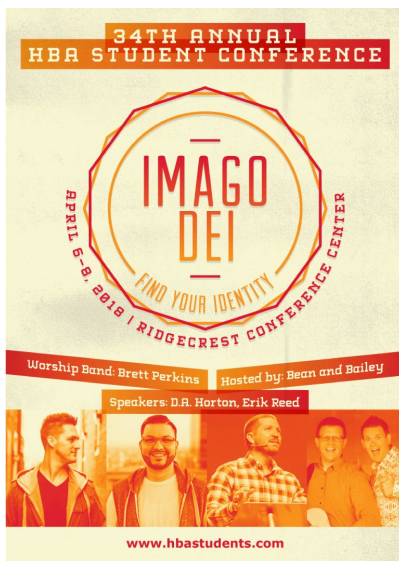
- Billy Graham Evangelistic Association personnel teach all classes
- These classes are for everyone, ages **13 and above**.
- **Numerous locations** will be provided weekly. Each week's classes are identical in content at all locations. Each week select the class which most conveniently fits your schedule.
- Participants attend **one class per week for three consecutive weeks**. Evening classes begin at 7:00 PM
- **Everyone is encouraged to attend the Christian Life & Witness Course (CLWC) without any obligation of being a counselor at the Celebration. However, only those who attend these classes may become counselors at Celebration.**
- **Pastors** are encouraged to set the pace for their people by attending all classes. **Pastors are need to be Supervisors of Counselors** at the Celebration and **must attend weeks two AND three of the classes to qualify.**
- **Classes are free. No registration** is necessary. Course books and materials are provided without cost. A free-will offering will be received during the second week of classes.
- Bill Graham has said, "One of the greatest contributions we make in any Crusade is through the Christian Life & Witness Classes. No church member should miss the opportunity to take these."



BLESS EVERY HOME is a powerful tool for Spiritual Awakening that can be placed in the hands of every member of every church **FREE!** Every person in your church can download the names and addresses of their nearest neighbors, then track and manage efforts to pray for and engage them spiritually. Every member can be a personal missionary in their neighborhood.

For more info, see website www.blesseveryhome.com or call 929-1196.

Our existing Sunday Schools / Life Groups are also ideal organizations to strategize, train, and deploy Kingdom workers. Every church can get in the middle of the action.



Don't Forget!

Student Conference is April 6-8, 2018! The registration deadline is **Monday, March 5, 2018**. You must have your registration and full payment of **\$125 per person** to register your church for the conference. For more information, please go to www.hbastudents.com or call Holston at 929-1196.

Church Revitalization Workshop

A workshop for DOMs, pastors, and church leadership

Cost: \$10 (includes lunch)

Date: February 17, 2018

Place: Antioch Baptist Church

Time: 8:00 am-3:00 pm

Our Deepest Sympathy

We would like to extend our deepest sympathy to Greg Burton's mother, Charlotte Burton who passed away on December 14, 2017.

Register Online <https://tn.sbcworkspace.com/Pub/Event/Register/55227920>



The Forum topic for February 22 is **“All-Things Reaching Children...And Younger Families.”** Now is the time to enlist workers from your church who will be champions for winning the souls of children and their parents.

NOW is the time to pray for lost people by name.

NOW is the time to practice and share personal testimonies.

NOW is the time to learn how to initiate gospel conversations.

NOW is the time to intentionally engage our neighbors and associates.

NOW is the time to Expect God to do great things in NE TN!

In 2018, let’s set personal goals that will impact the larger vision, together, to share the gospel through relationships with every soul in Northeast Tennessee!

After recent acts of violence, dozens of Holston churches asked for a training event to help us all be sober and better prepared for critical incidents in our own facilities. So by popular demand, we have rescheduled “All-Things Technology” for the March 29 “All Things Church Safety” moved to the head of the line.

1st Hour: Three speakers will overview four primary areas of concern

2nd Hour: Three Breakout Groups will discuss each topic individually

“All Things” Church Safety & Risk Management January 25, 6:00-8:00 PM University Parkway Baptist Church		
BREAKOUT 1 7:00	Fred Kemp, Former Police Academy Trainer, current EMS First Responder	A. Importance of CPR, First Aid, and Fire Safety B. Importance of Safety and Security C. How to Make Your Church a “Hard Target” D. How to Identify and Respond to Possible Threats
BREAKOUT 2 7:00	Carla Kidd, Children’s Ministry specialist	A. Safety & Security Guidelines for Children’s Ministry B. Being Prepared for Emergencies C. Detering Predators & Securing your Facility D. Important Volunteer Policies and more
BREAKOUT 3 7:00	Bryan Smith, Church Insurance & Risk Management Specialist	A. Common Risks Every Church Needs to Know About B. Developing Your Own Church Risk Management Plan C. Legal Liabilities: “what is covered” by Your Church’s Insurance Policy (guns, money, counseling, abuse, scandals, theological stands, etc.)

Follow Up:

- A. You will leave with significant resources and links to additional information and tools.
- B. Schedule additional personal consultation & conferencing for your unique church needs.
- C. Connect with other church leaders with similar needs and interests, and initiate small group affinities, who can help one another in this.

Thank you, thank you, for the abundance of blessings during the Christmas season for the Johnson City Baptist Center. You have poured out your love to our neighbors in many ways, and we are grateful. We had churches help with the food and in serving of the Thanksgiving meal to the Baptist Center community. Needs were also met for new families, who had very little to set up their homes. But I believe most overwhelming, was the response you made to the "Angel Tree". All the children on the tree were chosen by someone from a Holston Baptist Church, then blessed with Christmas gifts. These children and families received a show of God's love through you.

As we begin this year, we hope you will continue to be a part of the ministry at the Baptist Center. Please:

- * Come and volunteer for weekly Bible classes with the children.
- * Have a special event, block party, or Easter evangelistic celebration.
- * Commit now, to a week this summer leading VBS or Backyard Bible Club.

Thank you for your prayers and gifts of love.

Serving Christ together,
Anna Huggins



Association News

- **Ministry Team Meeting** will be January 11 at 8:30 am at the Holston Baptist Association, Lower Level. Please call and let us know if you will be able to attend, we will be serving breakfast.
- **Executive Board Meeting** will be January 30 at 10:00am.
- "All Things Church Safety & Risk Management will be on January 25 at University Parkway from 6:00-8:00pm
- Church Revitalization Workshop, Antioch, February 17, 8:00 am-9:00 pm

Church News

- ♦ Heritage Baptist is looking for people who would be willing to be Nursery Caregivers January 21-28, 2018. Sundays will be both morning 9am-12:30 pm and evening services from 6-9 pm. Monday-Fridays are evening services from 6-9 pm. Pay is \$10/hr. If interested please contact Amanda Beattie, Director of Children's Ministries at Amanda@hbcjc.org or 926-2139. All those interested will be required to have a background check computed before serving. Caregivers need to be 18 or older. There will be a one hour mandatory training and walk through on Thursday, January 18 at 6:30 pm at Heritage.
- ♦ Heritage Baptist Church's Senior FOCUS pot luck luncheon will be on Tuesday, January 9th at noon. Our very special guest will be Joseph Habedank, who was named southern gospel's favorite soloist at the National Quartet Convention last September. He will be singing and giving his testimony after our meal. This is a performance that you won't want to miss, so make plans to attend and bring your friends. Everyone is invited to attend! No charge! No reservations needed.
- ♦ Calvary Baptist in Elizabethton is seeking a part-time Worship Pastor, with the ability to be close to full-time in a year. They need to be proficient in both praise/worship and hymns. If you have any questions please contact Jacob Guinn at (423) 426-7067.



Calendar

January

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| 11 | Ministry Team Meeting, HBA, 8:30 |
| 25 | Church Safety & Risk Management Forum, University Parkway, 6:00 |
| 29 | Seminary Extension |
| 30 | Executive Board, HBA, 9:30 |

February

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| 17 | Church Revitalization Workshop, Antioch, 8:00 |
| 22 | "All Things Reaching Next Gen Family" |

HBA Seminary Extension

Class: Dynamics of Teaching

Date: January 29, 2018

Time: 6:30 pm

Place: Holston Baptist Association, Lower Level

Cost: \$70

Instructor: Daniel Shrader

