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BEN BRAGS ON THE SAVIOR...

Imagine your church filled with holiness-pursuing, spiritual-disciplines practicing, broken-and-poured-out worshipping, unity-of-spirit fellowshiping, out-of-the-overflow witnessing, living-sacrifice serving, eternal-fruit bearing and totally God-glorifying... Christ-shaped DISCIPLES.

Is it mere fantasy, or even delusion? Or is this a vision God would endorse, empower, and even inhabit?

Len Sweet said, "There's a lot in the church that isn't in the Bible, and there's a lot in the Bible that isn't in the church." Let's do something very deliberate to change that...to make, equip and send a myriad of Christ-shaped disciples from every Body of Believers.

That is the purpose for the Network of Disciple-Making Leaders. Note the following:

Network OBJECTIVES: Develop/utilize strategies to...

1. Intentionally progress disciples from spiritual infant to child to adult to reproducing parent and grandparent.
2. Securely assimilate into church life both new believers and new members.
3. Increase the practice of each of the spiritual disciplines. (Such as: prayer & fasting, meditation, worship, Bible studying, journaling, stewardship &



by Ben Proffitt
Associational Mission Strategist

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simplicity, witnessing, serving, confession, submission, fellowship, solitude, etc.)

4. Increase a theological high view of God and Scripture, and a biblical worldview.
5. Share the gospel through relationships with every soul in NE TN.
6. Gather regularly with other disciple-making leaders...working together to "systematize" treatment of topics, skills development, mutual edification, accountability, co-laboring, etc.
7. Enlist an apprentice/future leader that you will invest in...both to help you and also to equip potential leaders of disciple-making.

Point #6 reflects the Network paradigm, simple as it is...leaders of disciple-making from every church, by county, gathering regularly to discuss topics, consider resources, strategize, and mutually equip one another to more effectively develop Christ-shaped DISCIPLES.

developing a
**DISCIPLESHIP
CULTURE**



UPCOMING COUNTY NETWORK LAUNCH EVENTS BY COUNTY:

Washington, Mon., Feb. 18,
Jonesborough First Baptist, 6:00

Greene, Tues, Feb. 19, Tusculum
Baptist, 6:00

Sullivan, Mon, Mar. 4, Volunteer
Baptist, 6:00

Unicoi, Tues, Mar. 5, Shallow Ford,
6:00

Speaker: Mark Miller, TBMB

Light supper provided, if you RSVP.

Content at each event is identical, so if the date for your county doesn't work, please choose to engage one that does.

Please treat this with earnest. Every church is asked to enlist and send one leader in disciple-making. Please provide that leader's contact info to HBA. We will gladly take in complete rookies, just send folks with a heart to see spiritually healthy disciples, who will impact spiritually healthy churches. I think God would gladly inhabit the efforts of such a vision!

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WORSHIP LEADERS NETWORK LAUNCH EVENT:

Where: Central Baptist Church, Johnson City

When: Mon, Feb. 4, 6:00

Speaker: Scott Shepherd, TBMB Worship Ministry Specialist

Supper provided, if you RSVP.

Book provided: "Worship Matters" by Bob Kauflin



The concept is just like the Disciple-Making Network description, only this is specifically for Worship Leaders, and all counties will gather for just one meeting. The emphasis will be on Worship Renewal. Please encourage your Worship Leader to engage this ministry-enhancing Network.

Network OBJECTIVES: Design/develop strategies to:

1. Equip people to comprehend and practice biblical (heart) conditions to KNOW GOD and earnestly worship God.
2. Equip families to develop godly habits of family worship that nurtures faith and life-giving worship, which when shared, strengthens family-faith and faithfulness.
3. Equip church Worship Team, or all who are involved in worship leadership. Help teams learn to plan together in prayerful preparation and coordination.
4. Equip with technical and relational skills necessary to influence a "culture of worship" that will be transformational in our churches.
5. Gather regularly with other worship leaders...working together to "systematize" treatment of topics, skills development, mutual edification, accountability, co-laboring, etc.
6. Enlist an apprentice/future leader that you will invest in...both to help in your job and also to equip potential leaders of worship.

In Him,

Ben



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Michael Kelly



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Running Out!
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TO YOUR HEALTH

The human body was designed and created to do work. The network of muscles, bones and ligaments are in place to do physical work. The regular exercise of all these parts keeps them in good order. This is why we often feel so good after yard work or returning from the gym (though maybe a little sore). We were not made to sit in front of keyboards or sit in waiting rooms for hours or behind a steering wheel for miles.

We counter this modern lifestyle with regular exercise. I call this "movement". You should never sit at your desk more than two hours without getting up and walking down a hallway or up a flight of stairs. A church building has lots of halls, stairs or even a gym where we can walk. Take your lunch to a park and do ten or fifteen minutes of brisk walking. At home you can walk in your neighborhood and pray over the families of each home as you go by.

Weight training is a very good choice to make. You can join some gyms for as little as \$10 per month. Muscles and bones benefit from the slight strain this type of exercise brings.

Ligaments need to be used to stay tight and strong. Once you get a routine set you can get a good muscle workout in under

Greg Burton
Pastor,
Colonial Heights



twenty minutes. Also allow an extra 20-30 minutes for some cardio. Please note this next point: WE SCHEDULE THE THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT. IF YOU DO NOT SCHEDULE TIME FOR EXERCISE YOU WILL NOT DO IT! Let's all start moving. (I am hearing Sgt. Carter shout at Gomer Pyle now!)

Move it! Move it!

Greg Burton





Haley Wherry - HBA
Evangelism Training
Coordinator / First Priority

A DIFFERENT LOOK AT AN OLD PHRASE

Love the sinner hate the sin.

We have all heard that phrase before. In theory, it's a great truth, but in reality, it's not what the Church is known for.

In fact, the phrase has become a source of negativity in today's culture. It has not been lived out by many Christians. We have bought into the world's concept that our identities are tied to what we do...the sinner and the sin are not seen as separate things. In addition, many who are in bondage to sin are blinded to their shackles or desire their bondage more than freedom.

As Christians, we must figure out how to live out the fact that God loves the sinner but hates the sin, and we must do so in love.

How do we love the individual while standing firm in the truth that sin is sin?

Instead of using sweeping, broad terms like sinner and sin, it may be helpful instead to be more specific.

- God loves the idolater but hates idols.
- God loves the rebel child but hates rebellion.
- God loves the murderer but hates murder.
- God loves the adulterer but hates adultery.
- God loves the thief but hates stealing.
- God loves the liar but hates lies.
- God loves the envious but hates coveting.
- God loves the prostitute but hates prostitution.
- God loves the divorcee but hates divorce.
- God loves the abortionist but hates abortion.
- God loves the glutton but hates gluttony.
- God loves the miser but hates greed.
- God loves the slacker but hates sloth.
- God loves the homosexual but hates homosexuality.
- God loves the angry person but hates

unrighteous anger.

- God loves the proud but hates pride.
- God loves the slave owner but hates slavery.
- God loves the warrior but hates war.
- God loves the porn star but hates pornography.

Maybe we should be using a different phrase?

"God loves the sinner so much He wants them to be free of all sin and the bondage and death it brings."

Too long? Keeping in mind that the wages of sin is death, and that God loves the spiritually dead but hates death, How about:

"Love the sinner, seek their freedom"?

As I seek to love my neighbors and stand firm in Truth, I need to keep reminding myself that...

God loves me but hates my idols, my rebellion, my hatred, my lust, my theft, my lies, my coveting, my prostituting, my gluttony, my greed, my sloth, my perversion, my unrighteous anger, my pride, my wars, my....fill in the blank.

◇ Soli Deo Gloria ◇

IN CHURCH NEWS



NAMB

ATTENTION PASTORS:

Johanne Slabbert, a horse trainer from South Africa, is currently doing missions with NAMB in Wyoming. He will be in the Tri-Cities area at the end of February. If your church would like to have him come share, please call him at 828-719-8375

Calvary Baptist Church, Erwin is giving away mauve colored church choir robes! If you are interested, please contact Shannon @ (423) 743-4926



King Spings BC has an artist able to do wonderful murals.

If you are interested, please call his pastor, Gary Addington at 423-968-7079



Bible Drill 2019

HBA Association Drill at Trinity Baptist

April 9, 2019 beginning at 5:45

Anyone may attend Drill to offer support to students!

*Church Drills must be conducted by April 3rd.

Those advancing to the Associational Drill need to be reported to
HBA office by April 4th. (423-929-1186)*

Northeast Regional Drill:

April 27th at First Baptist Church Greenville
Time TBA

Youth and High School State Drill:

May 4th at Mission Mobilization Center, Mt. Juliet, TN
Time TBA

For questions you may contact:

Anna Huggins 423-743-4741 or Susan Schiwitz 423-794-8182





Holston Association VBS Clinic

Thursday, April 18, 2019

First Baptist Church of Blountville

5:15 Open House

6:00 Opening Rally

6:45 Conferences

8:30 Dismissal

*More information to come about classes that will be conducted.



JUNE 8-15, 2019

- * Ten churches are going to Pittsburgh, PA – call Cody Greene if interested (423) 276-5971
- * Southside is going to Cincinnati – call Jamie Gladden (423) 926-5742



This is a **FREE** event for all church and associational **secretaries/assistants**. This is a opportunity for you to meet other secretaries/assistants that are in and around your area and just have time for fun, food, and fellowship.

Time: 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Lunch sponsored by Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and Tennessee Baptist Convention Secretaries Association (TBCSA)

April 2- Oak Grove Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel, TN

Register online at <https://tn.sbcworkspace.com/Pub/Event/Register/55230404>



Worship Concert

WITH

Mary McDonald



FEBRUARY 3, 2019
4:00 PM

Central Baptist Church | 300 North Roan Street, Johnson City, TN



Mary McDonald, a Knoxville resident and beloved Tennessee composer/musician, will present a worship concert on Sunday, Feb. 3, 4:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary of Central Baptist Church, 300 N. Roan St., Johnson City, TN.

Concert is **FREE** and all are welcome. Don't miss it; Mary is WONDERFUL!

In January, Colonial Heights Baptist Church delivered grocery gift cards to the TSA staff at our local airport when agents were unpaid during the government partial shutdown. Just a way for us to say, "We care about you!"♥



Clark Street Baptist Church held an Ordination Service into the Gospel Ministry for **Ross Campbell** Sunday, January 20, 2019. Ross is a graduate of Liberty University. He is actively working with the high school and college students and the church's Outreach ministry.

Pictured are Ross Campbell and his wife Tiffany with Pastor Randy Hommel.

Unaka Avenue Baptist

is searching for...

a part-time Student Minister.

Mail resumes to Unaka Avenue Baptist Church, 1213 E. Unaka Avenue, Johnson City, TN 37601 to the attention of Jerry Lambert. Email resumes to office@unakaavenue.com to the attention of Jerry Lambert. For questions, call 423-926-5951.

a part-time Missions Minister.

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First Baptist Church of Erwin

is seeking to fill a part-time Minister with Youth position in the near future. More information (including a job description) can be found on our website at

www.erwinfirst.org/youthminister.

Resumes may be submitted to hello@erwinfirst.org and will be received through Friday, February 22nd.



Beulah Baptist is looking for a full time pastor.

Please send resumes to:

Pastor Search Committee

491 Beulah Church Rd, Kingsport, TN 37663

REPLICATE



Exactly what does it mean to be a disciple?

Join Cherry Grove Baptist Church in participating in **REPLICATE**.

You will learn what it means to be a disciple, how to develop a disciple-making culture in your church and how to raise up disciple-making leaders in your church. Training will be February 22-23. Cost is \$10 and includes dinner on Friday beginning at 6:00. Class will be from 6:30 until 9:00.

Breakfast on Saturday will begin at 8:30, class will begin at 9:00-12:00. Materials will be provided.

This will be at Cherry Grove Baptist Church in Jonesborough. Register at cherrygrovesec@hotmail.com, or call the church at 423-753-2033.



Marriage Retreat 2019

Friday, February 8th thru Sunday,

February 10th

Holiday Inn Biltmore West,

Asheville, NC

*Stay the whole weekend or just one night,
it's up to you.*

*Open to the first 20 couples to sign up
Please pay \$100.00 to reserve your room.*

Lead by: John & Kathie Parrott

*John Parrott is the Bi-Vocational
Ministries Specialist for the
TBMBS which provides encouragement,
training, skills development, and
opportunities for enrichment and
fellowship to Bivocational ministers in
Tennessee.*

*Love...
yesterday,
today
&
always.*



Beulah Baptist Church honored **Pastor Al South** who retired after 25 years of faithful service on 12/30/18. Pastor Al and Tina were presented with a new riding lawn mower along with cards, funny stories, heartfelt gratitude, and tears of joy mixed with sadness. Acts 20:20 sums his "20/20 vision" and work at Beulah: "You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house." May God richly bless the Souths in this next phase of life.



Pastor Al & Tina South



<-- Son in law Donnie Shipley, grandson Eli, daughter Emily and granddaughter Reagan.

PINEY FLATS FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Night of WORSHIP

February 17th

SUNDAY @ 6 pm

Contemporary worship band "The Greenhouse Project" as well as the great comedic duo of "Bean and Bailey" will be with us. Bean and Bailey provide a full side-splitting comedy show that utilizes and highlights biblical truth! We hope you can join us! Please contact Bradley Broyles (Youth Pastor at PFFBC) and RSVP with the information below!



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bradleybministry@gmail.com | 423-217-8764

"LOVE divine all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n to earth come down;"

How can we talk of love this month without recognizing that true love is from God?

Love beyond anything that we can imagine. Sacrificial love, perfect love, to the heights and depths and extremes of any condition. Love fulfilled in Jesus leaving heaven's throne to provide the way for us to dwell in God's divine love.

"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten son." (John 3:16).

"Fix in us thy humble dwelling; All Thy faithful mercies crown."

Jesus wants to inhabit us, to be within all that we are and all we do. In this way we can truly experience His divine love. He chooses these earthen vessels of ours, so that everyone can physically see His love and power in us.

His mercies forgive our trespasses and bear our punishment. The love and grace extended to us is unmatched in all creation. God promises to never leave us or forsake us.

"What doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God?" (Micah 6:8).

"Jesus, Thou art all compassion, Pure, unbounded love Thou art;"

Jesus, Jesus. To be compassionate, as defined by Webster's is: "...inclined to show mercy; merciful; having a heart that is tender, easily moved by the distresses, sufferings, wants and infirmities of others." Our ministries, our kind acts should be free of our own agendas or worldly ideals. They should be filled and overflowing with the Holy Spirit's direction and purpose. An act that is unselfish, maybe out of your comfort zone, is a way to help someone else in their time of need. Outward, loving, unrestrained actions that exhibit the change in our hearts, will benefit others knowing and experiencing Christ's love.



"Inasmuch as he have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matthew 25:40).

"Visit us with Thy salvation; Enter every trembling heart."

Forgiveness, redemption, and the only way of rescue from sin is through Jesus laying down His life for us. This should cause us to shout from the rooftops of the love of God for everyone. Every lost soul, whatever race, background, age, or social status needs to know of the eternal life they can have through Jesus. The only true, pure, divine love there is awaits being fulfilled in the hearts of those who need Him.

"I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore with loving kindness I have drawn thee." (Jeremiah 31:3).

How can you share God's love with the Johnson City Baptist Center?

PRAY: Especially during Bible Study times:

Tuesday from 5:30 to 7:00 for children

Wednesdays from 12:00 to 1:30 for adults

Thursdays from 5:30 to 7:45 for youth

GIVE: Hygiene items needed:

Shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toilet paper

Go: Work with us this summer conducting VBS.

Serving together in Jesus' love,

Anna Huggins

Director of Ministries at Johnson City Baptist Center
anna@holstonbaptists.org



Mark Your Calendars

FEBRUARY

- 4 Worship Renewal Conference @ Central, JC - 6:00-8:30PM
- 12 Executive Board Meeting @ HBA - 9:30AM
- 14 **Spoil your Wife day (i.e. Valentine's Day)**
- 18 Disciple-Making Leaders Network Launch @ 1st Jonesborough
- 6PM, dinner provided
- 19 Disciple-Making Leaders Network Launch @ Tusculum
- 6PM, dinner provided
- 20 Leadership Luncheon - 11:30AM - RSVP with Bryan
- 21 Youth Ministers Fellowship - 11:30AM
- 21 Strategic Leadership Training @ HBA - 6:30PM
- 22-23 REPLICATE @ Cherry Grove

MARCH

- 3-10 Annie Armstron Easter Offering
- 4 Disciple-Making Leaders Network Launch @ Volunteer
- 6PM, dinner provided
- 5 Disciple-Making Leaders Network Launch @ Shallow Ford
- 6PM, dinner provided
- 20 Leadership Luncheon - 11:30AM - RSVP with Bryan
- 21 Youth Ministers Fellowship - 11:30AM
- 21 Strategic Leadership Training @ HBA - 6:30PM



APRIL

- 5-7 Student Conference @ Ridgecrest
- 9 Bible Drill @ Trinity @ Jonesborough - 5:45PM
- 17 Leadership Luncheon - 11:30AM - RSVP with Bryan
- 18 VBS CLinic @ First Blountville - 5:15PM - 8:30PM
- 19 Good Friday - HBA office Closed
- 21 Easter Sunday
- 27 Northeast Regional Drill @ FB Greeneville - Time TBA



STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP

FOR MINISTRY & MISSION

Every month, Holston Baptist Association will be hosting Strategic Leadership, a web-based seminar led by Ed Stetzer. Ed Stetzer writes and speaks on theology, missiology, church planting, church revitalization, and church innovation.

Each session includes a 20 minute talk by Ed, followed by a discussion time. Many additional resources will be made available for each topic.

You might ask, “Who are the leaders in my church?” Pastors, support staff (education pastor/Sunday School leader, worship pastor/music leader, youth pastor/leader, children’s pastor/leader, deacons and/or elders...And let’s not forget those in whom you see leadership potential!

If you have been looking for a curriculum that will provide your church and your leaders with top notch training and resources related to leading a ministry effectively, you will not be disappointed. Why not use this as an opportunity to attend this training together with your leaders and all of you be on the same page?

We hope this resource is one way we can help you grow as a leader to bless your church or ministry. You must **RSVP** to attend by emailing Bryan Smith at bryan@holstonbaptists.org.

Before you dismiss this as something else to take up your valuable time, at least ask yourself, “Is it worth it? Should I at least give this some consideration? Come to a session before you answer this question - Make the Decision to Continue to Learn to Lead - we look forward to seeing you soon!

P.S. For those who might be interested in a FastTrack training (18 topics in 18 weeks)

Sign up on our FB page!

When: February 21, 2019 @ 6:30pm

Where: Holston Office



make sure to follow us on FB!

WANT TO INCLUDE SOMETHING IN THE MESSENGER?

To submit your information for March 2019, please email claudia@holstonbaptists.org by the deadline: **Friday, February 22nd.**

Please be aware we will not be accepting submissions *after* this date. This will help us get The Messenger into your hands as soon as possible.

Thank you!

Text to join! +

Text: JOINHBA to 84576

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8:30am - 4:30pm*
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***On Wednesday mornings we will not be available to answer phones
due to our weekly staff meetings**

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