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WAYS TO SERVE!

There are so many different ways to serve, be sure to check them all out and see how YOU can make a difference!

- July 4th Independence Day Office Closed
- July 22nd Messenger Deadline
- Aug. 10th 24th Carnival Workers Ministry
- Aug. 15th & 16th Association Secretary's Celebration Franklin, TN
- Aug. 17th National Non-profit day
- Aug. 19th 24th Appalachian Fair
- Aug. 19th 24th Jacobs Well
- Aug. 23rd Messenger Deadline
- Aug. 24th Apologetics Conference Nashville, TN
- Sept. 2nd Labor Day
- Sept. 8th 15th Tennessee Golden Offering
- Sept. 10th Ministry teams Meeting @ 8:30am
- Sept. 17th Executive Board Meeting @ 9:30am
- Sept. 20th Messenger Deadline
- Sept. 23rd First Day of Autumn







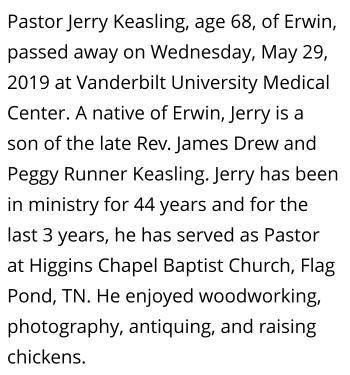






In Loving Memory of **Pastor Jerry Keasling**

December 19, 1950 - May 29, 2019

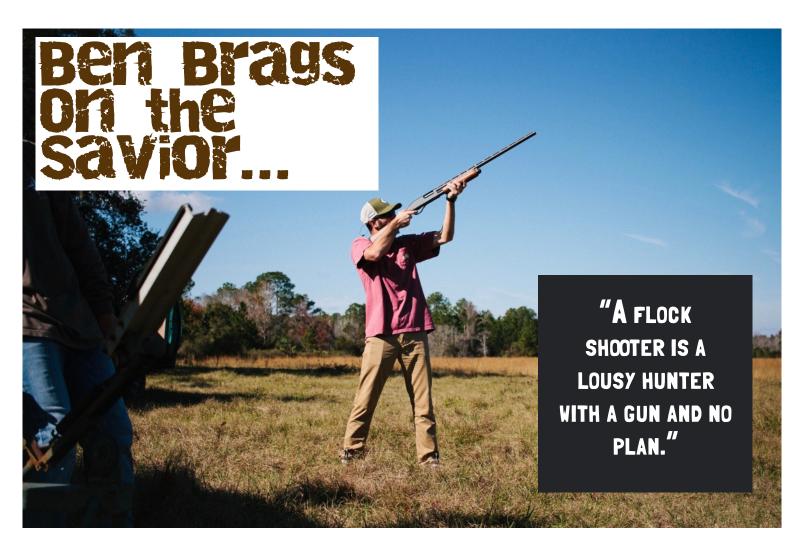


In addition to his parents, Pastor Keasling is preceded in death by his first wife, Peggy Evely Keasling in 2010.

Pastor Jerry Keasling leaves behind to cherish his memory:



Wife of 8 years Pansy H. Keasling, son Jeremy Keasling, daughters Jessica McIntosh and her husband Evan, Iennifer Gardner and her husband Chris, step Daughter Andrea Belcher Step Son Dan Deel, grandchildren: Hannah Keasling, Gavin Keasling, Eli McIntosh, Connor McIntosh, Luke McIntosh, Faith Ann Gardner, and Sophie Gardner, step Grandchildren: Jered and Jordan Belcher, sisters Roxanna Rogers, Barbara Rogers Gray, Patsy Chandler Shuffler and her husband Larry, Janie Plemmons and her husband Eddie, brother John Keasling and his wife Cindy. Several nieces and nephews, and his beloved Fur Babies Cookie and Pippi.



"When a flock is scared into flight, he just shoots as many rounds as he can into the flock, hoping he will hit something. Usually, he just wounds some, if he hits any at all. But a good hunter picks out a bird, leads it, and pulls the trigger" -Pastor Jim Putman

Pastor Putman's point: Preaching to the crowd (as a discipleship method) — is like shooting the Word of God into the congregation and hoping that we hit something.

That was not the way Jesus made disciples, and it was

not the way the Early Church operated. And perhaps that helps explain why we are getting a different quality of disciples than did Jesus and the early church.

PROBLEM: The Focus & Methodology of American churches.

FOCUS is the way we commit time and resources.

METHODOLOGY is the way we systematize ourselves to accomplish our purpose.

Bobby Herrington says, "Most Christians have divorced the teachings of Jesus from the methods of Jesus, and yet they expect the results of Jesus."

Your church has exactly the right focus and methods to get exactly what you are getting. If you want to get something different, you have to change your focus and methods, or you will continue to get what you get.

Herrington describes four main categories of Focus & Methodology used by American churches, and a fifth that was used by the Early Church.



1) A pastoral-educational focus with a classroom methodology.

2) An attractional focus with an entertainment methodology.

3) A missional focus with a service-opportunity methodology.

4) A fellowship focus with an organic methodology

5) Jesus Focus & Methodology

Jesus fundamental methodology in making disciples is relationships grounded in truth and love. In essence, Jesus used the same method the Old Testament advocated for parents to use in discipling their children, while accounting for each one's uniqueness. Teach children without ceasing...when you sit, when you walk, when you lie down, when you rise, etc, so some have called this method "SPIRITUAL PARENTING." And His real method was BEING AN EXAMPLE, demonstrating how...to KNOW God and to FOLLOW God in the everyday, moment-by-moment.

In today's language, Jesus' methodology is "SPIRITUAL APPRENTICESHIP." Likewise, Paul told Timothy (paraphrase) ... You have followed my teaching, my conduct, my aim in life, my faith, my patience, my love, my steadfastness, my persecutions and





sufferings...Continue in what I showed you about how to know God and follow God.

A top priority in the American Church is

a paradigm shift toward a clear and uncomplicated

FOCUS on "DISCIPLE-MAKING by example" and METHODS that "Build RELATIONAL

ENVIRONMENTS"

...which intentionally produce transformed lives, mature-in-Christ, and disciples making disciples (BY EXAMPLE), **Who KNOW and FOLLOW GOD with ALL!** Your Disciple-Making Network is grappling with the how-to, and I think this last paragraph summarizes our mission and our reason for gathering regularly in each of our four counties. Please encourage your church leaders to participate with us.

For more information on Categories of Church Focus & Method (by Bobby Harrington) please refer to page 18.



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MEN'S STUDIES:

· **AUTHENTIC MANHOOD** – Leader kit (includes DVD) & 6 books

• **<u>TWO-MINUTE DRILL TO MANHOOD</u>** by John Croyle - DVD's and 8 books

- · **<u>REAL MEN SERIES</u>** (BOOKS)
- · Real Mean Lead
- · Real Men Pray
- · Real Men Overcome
- · Real Men Have Integrity
- · Real Men are Godly

 $\cdot \ \underline{\text{THE GREAT ADVENTURE}}$ by Robert Lewis (DVD study)

 $\cdot \, \underline{\text{WINNING AT WORK AND HOME}}$ by Robert Lewis (DVD study)

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· Experiencing God as Couples – 4 books

BETH MOORE

· JAMES, MERCY TRIUMPHS – DVD study

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· SIMPLE LIFE ACTION PLAN by Thom S. Rainer & Art Rainer – DVD study

 $\cdot\,$ DEVELOPING THE DISCIPLINES OF A SINCERE FAITH

· GOSPEL FOUNDATIONS – THE GOD WHO CREATES – DVD & 5 books

 $\cdot\,$ RIGHT NOW – THE MISSION OF THE CHURCH – DVD study

Clark Street Baptist Church



Community Kids Club

Join us for **Community Kids Club** July 15th-18th, 6:00-7:30pm nightly. Monday-Wednesday evenings there will be a Bible lesson, music, missions, games, and snacks. On Thursday night there will be a block party with large and small inflatables, popcorn, snow cones, cotton candy and music. Register on line at www.clarkstreetbaptist.org under Ministries: COMMUNITY KIDS CLUB.



Sunday, July 14 - Thursday, July 18 6:00 - 9:00 PM Ages 4 - Adults

Get ready for a "wild" adventure around every corner as we explore and focus in on some amazing, real-life encounters with Jesus! After a high-energy Worship Rally, the kids will reinforce what they learned at the Bible Study Watering Hole by visiting: Music at Bullfrog Bog, Crafts at Cockatoo Canopy, Recreation at Beluga Bay, & Snacks at Grizzly Gulch. Hop on an all-terrain vehicle and join us!! To register, complete the Registration Form and the Waiver Form.

They can be mailed to us or handed in at the Church or VBS Office.

First Baptist Church Blountville - VBS P.O. Box 587 Blountville, TN 37617

Phone: 423-323-8033 Email: fbcbtn@fbcbtn.com

Please Register by Monday, July 8

To Your Health

I can recall owning an older car when I was in college. It had a slow leak in the radiator and was always running low on anti-freeze and frequently overheating. I did not have the money to repair it so I needed to keep a close watch on its level to keep from serious long-term damage to my car and the risk of being stranded somewhere.

One of the common health risks we all face is dehydration. When our hydration level drops we are exposed to dangers such as lessened brain function, reduced effectiveness of major organs, susceptibility to seizures and even risk of death, especially in the very young and the elderly.

What are the circumstances that lead to dehydration? Obviously, physical exertion that creates a great deal of perspiration drops the fluid levels in our bodies. Yard work on a hot day, exercise, hiking/walking without drinking and even an afternoon at the beach can all lead to dehydration if we are not continually restoring fluids. The young and elderly can sometimes not respond to thirst prompts by the body. Common illness side effects like diarrhea or vomiting can reduce fluid levels significantly. One of the common circumstances that lead to steady levels of dehydration is diabetes. Because the diabetic individual is constantly filtering out excessive amounts of carbohydrates, the body is regularly running behind on replacing fluids.

We have several reliable symptoms to alert us to dehydration. The mouth, throat and nasal passages can get very dry and the voice can get crackled when we are low on fluid. Oral bacteria crank up and breath can get bad when we do not restore fluids. Urine turns a darker color from the usual clear/light yellow tint. Constipation often sets in because the bowel needs fluid to function normally. If we allow body fluid levels to drop we can become light-headed and eventually lose the ability to think clearly at all, becoming delirious. People with diabetes need to be drinking all day long.

Summer is a riskier time for dehydration. When outdoors, keep sipping water all day long. Listen to your body and drink when thirsty at all. Make sure that children involved in sports or Vacation Bible School activities are getting regular water breaks. Avoid caffeine as a primary source of re-hydration, as it has a mild diuretic effect.

Psalm 42:1 says, "As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God." Let's all get hydrated in body and soul!

Greg Burton Pastor- Colonial Heights



WAYS TO SERVE!

Carnival Ministry

NEEDS:

- ANY SWEETENED CEREAL (FRUIT LOOPS, SUGAR POPS, ETC.)
 - Honey Buns
 - PEANUT BUTTER
 - GRAPE JELLY
 - PRE-SWEETENED KOOL-AID IN CANISTERS
 - LITTLE DEBBIE CAKES
 - -SNACK SIZE CHIPS-ASSORTED
 - BOTTLED WATER
 - STYROFOAM BOWLS, PLATES AND CUPS (1602. CUPS)
 - TOILETRY ITEMS
- TOWELS, SHEETS, BLANKETS AND WASH CLOTHS
- PILLOWS

– Jeans, Shorts, T–shirts, Socks, Tennis Shoes, Work Boots, Underwear, Hats, Ponchos

- BLACK PANTS OR SHORTS FOR WORK

PLEASE CONTACT RANDY OR KAY SCALF AT 423-341-6239 REGARDING ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

-KNOW A RESTAURANT THAT WOULD LIKE TO DONATE A BREAKFAST OR LUNCH?

- INTERESTED IN DOING A COOK OUT?

- NEED VOLUNTEERS TO WORK THE CLOTHES CLOSET, TALK WITH THE CARNIVAL WORKERS, ETC.

- IF YOU HAVE ANY TABLES FOR CLOTHING WE COULD USE DURING THE 2 week ministry.

THANK YOU FOR HELPING US BE THE HANDS AND FEET OF OUR SWEET JESUS!



It's that time of year! The Johnson City Baptist Center is in need of supplies for this year's celebration. <u>School supplies</u> such as: glue, scissors, glue sticks, markers, tape, colored pencils, and mechanical pencils. <u>Hygiene bags</u>: shampoo, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, and toilet paper. We also need <u>snacks</u> for the children and adult Bible studies, such as: Kool-Aid, CapriSun, wrapped snacks, mac/cheese, cookies, chips, crackers, peanut butter, tea, cups, plates, napkins, etc.

Jacob's Well Booth

Needs:

" VOLUNTEERS TO SERVE COLD WATER (CALL TO RESERVE A 2-HOUR TIME SLOT FOR YOUR GROUP

" **5-6** OZ. CUPS TO SERVE COLD WATER

"MATERIALS TO USE DURING YOUR TIME SLOT: PUPPETS, FACE PAINT, BALLOONS TO MAKE ANIMAL BALLOONS, ETC. NURSES CAN DO BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS.





"Fair time and Christmas time?"

Yes, it is time to prepare for the Appalachian Fair and Christmas in August. Each year during the summer we request donations and volunteers to work at the fair. We also need school supplies and hygiene items, "Christmas in August", for the Johnson City Baptist Center.

We are providing a list of needed items for each of those ministries. They may be delivered to the HBA office.

Our volunteers are especially important to Jacob's Well, the fair ministry that provides "a cup of water in Jesus' name". We need church groups, or individuals to sign up to work 2 hour shifts, at the booth, from Monday, August 19 to Saturday, August 24. Please contact me to join the team. This is a great opportunity to meet folks from different walks of life, to encourage them and to pray with them.

Also important is the ministry to the carnival workers, led by Randy and Kaye Scalf. Daily, they are present at the fair to offer food, clothes, encouragement and prayers. You could be a part of this ministry, just give us a call.

The Christmas in August emphasis helps to give a boost to families who have difficulty obtaining what their children need to begin school. With your gifts, the Baptist Center can help these children with necessary school supplies all year long.

Here is also an update on activities at the Baptist Center. We are halfway through mission teams serving this summer. There has been great response and attendance at all our Backyard Bible Clubs. And, praise God, one adult to accept the gift of salvation! Eight children attended HBA Kid's Camp, where're they gleaned treasures from God's Word. We are so thankful to the Lord for His good works, but ask that you continue to pray for the weeks ahead. Let's work together to reach many lives with the good news of Jesus.

List of needs:

Appalachian Fair - Jacob's Well:

*6 ounce or 8 ounce cups

*Paper towels

*Volunteers for booth- 2 hour shifts

Carnival Workers:

*kool-aid, coffee, variety of Little Debbie Snack Cakes, individual bagged chips, individual breakfast cakes, peanut butter, jelly, cereal, bottled water, styrofoam bowls, plates, and cups. Toiletry items, towels, sheets, blankets and wash cloths. Jeans, shorts, T-shirts, socks, tennis shoes, work boots, underwear, hats, ponchos, shorts, black pants.

Christmas in August:

*Hygiene items: shampoo, deodorant, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes

*School supplies: scissors, glue, notebook paper, markers, pencils,

pens, folders, index cards, erasers, tape.

Thank you and God bless you!



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





Start new classes Renew your focus areas Develop a new preaching series

Begin a First Impression Ministry

Develop an effective Outreach strategy

You may be thinking Summer has just begun but if we are not positioned strategically we won't be ready when the busiest time of the church year begins. These are only a few of the items your ministry should be considering as Summer ends and our numbers historically increase. In preparation, why not allow us to assist you in conducting a survey of your ministry effectiveness over this Summer?

In addition we want to provide each church with resources, of which, never have been available until now. After spending the past 18 months assessing ministries across our Association we have put together some strong tools that will benefit anyone wishing to utilize them. We will also work with you in a way that is best for your church. Here are several options

to consider:

• We will provide you access to each resource to develop on your own

• We will add supplemental coaching for pastor and/or staff

• We will visit with pastors and their leadership teams

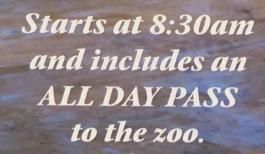
• We will be your strong ally while speaking before your entire church

As we said, whatever works best for you! Don't hesitate - call our office or send an email to bryan@holstonbaptists.org as soon as possible as we will be sure to receive many requests!

A SPECIAL BONUS TO THE FIRST 5 REQUESTS: A generational (30 year) overview of your church's ministry, which includes baptisms, attendance, giving, etc...

A SECOND BONUS: If we receive your request no later than *Wednesday*, *July 17th*, we will include a demographical map of your ministry community

A THIRD BONUS: For the first church to respond, we will provide a free survey of your ministry's effectiveness (a \$200 value!)



Tennessee Baptist

AUGUST 24

NASHVI

Price of Admission: \$10



Register at TheApologeticsConference.con

PLAYERS!!!

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH IS SEEKING A PIANIST. THE POSITION REQUIRES ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES, CHOIR REHEARSALS AND OTHER SPECIAL SERVICES. THIS IS A PAID PART-TIME POSITION. TO SUBMIT A RESUME OR FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, SEND REQUEST TO: PASTOR@GRACEBCJC.COM.

Categories of Church Focus & Method (by Bobby Harrington)

1. A pastoral-educational focus with a classroom methodology.

Focus is on Bible study and doctrine primarily through classroom studies. The emphasis is on educating and taking care of people who are already there.

This often requires significant pastoral care and time, so a great challenge is pastoral burnout. Constantly creating sermons, running programs, and caring for endless needs leads to exhaustion sooner or later. Classroom lecturing is the least effective way to teach.

2. An attractional focus with an entertainment methodology.

Focus is on biblical evangelism thru church services and large events that attract people. Helping people to "make decisions for Christ" is primary. It is assumed that discipleship will happen thru church attendance. Sermons are usually designed to answer questions about the hurts people have. Worship services are usually professional and celebratory in nature. To identify with our primary demographic, which is unsaved people...coffee is served, dress is casual, and messages are shorter, practical and relational in style.

This approach tends to leave people in a spiritual childlike state, and the immaturity ultimately shows...when their needs aren't being met, when trouble comes and they don't know what to do or why bad things happen, or they get frustrated, angry or drift away.

3. A missional focus with a service-opportunity methodology.

The focus is on biblical action, sometimes referred to as "social justice" churches. Each person needs to discover their Kingdom-oriented purpose and then live it out in practical, tangible, community-changing ways. The methodology is service, and members are encouraged to live radically and simply, focusing on others rather than possessions. They have a strong, driving sense of outreach.

The focus is giving and reaching, and doing things for hurting people. The church may grow, but EGR (extra grace required) converts

usually mature slowly and with difficulty. Without replenishing and investing in the givers and preachers, they can eventually burnout.

4. A fellowship focus with an organic methodology.

The focus is on biblical relationships, or fellowship. The methodology is usually home groups, sometimes called house churches. Gatherings for teaching, worship, service and fellowship are informal and often have very little organizational structure. Groups may serve the community, but the larger emphasis is on enhancing relationships inside the group, more than attracting new people.

Just spending more and more time with friends may become cliquish, dysfunctional, or even cultish, unless the overall goal becomes making disciples of Jesus who make disciples of Jesus.

A focus on discipleship by-example with methods that build relational environments (aka: Jesus' Focus & Method). (See Ben Brags article on page 6-8)



Who's Your One Overview

Imagine if every member of your church could answer that question with the name of a person—a person for whom they're praying and with whom they're sharing the gospel. How would it change your church? How would it change the world?

God's people don't merely need another method for evangelism. What they need is a white-hot passion to see people who are far from God experience the new life He offers through Jesus Christ.

It doesn't matter how many buildings we construct, churches we plant or sermons we preach if we're not intent on doing everything so that lost men, women, and children will experience the transforming work of God. Without that one thing, we fail.

That's why we're launching Who's Your One. This effort is designed to mobilize every Southern Baptist to identify one person in their relational network to pray for and share the gospel with in 2019. At The Summit Church, we tried something similar. We kept asking our members, "Who's your one?" It's not an elaborate or complicated idea, but this simple idea led to our most evangelistically effective year to date. Because of this intentional push toward evangelism, we ended up baptizing over 650 people that year. What an incredible joy it was to have people come up to me at church and say, "Pastor, this is my one." Or to see them stand in the baptistery with someone and tell me later, "That was her! She was my one!"

As you launch "Who's Your One?" and pray for God to use your church members to reach those who are lost, pray also about what God wants to do through you. If we're going to move the evangelism needle in our churches, we've got to be modeling what we're preaching. By God's grace, we can all partner to reach our one.

J.D. Greear

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