



THE MESSENGER

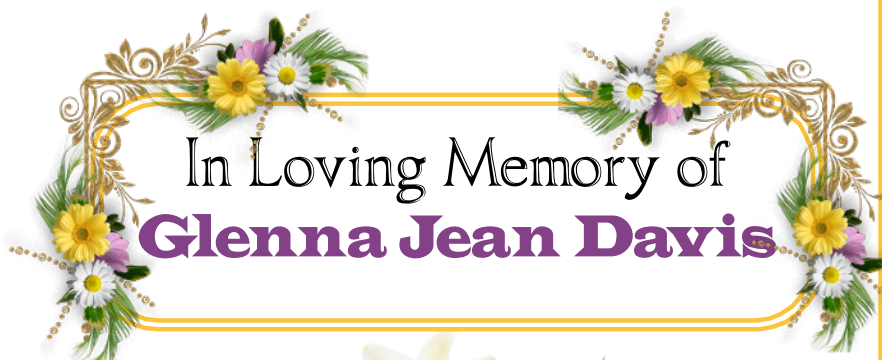
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SAVE the **DATES**

- Sept. 2nd - Labor Day - HBA Office Closed
- Sept. 8th - 15th - Golden Offering Prayer Week
- Sept. 10th - Ministry teams Meeting @ 8:30am
- **Sept. 17th - Executive Board Meeting @ 9:30am**
- **Sept. 20th - DEADLINE FOR ACP**
- **Sept. 20th - Messenger Deadline**
- Sept. 23rd - First Day of Autumn
- Sept. 28th - Adoration 2019
- **OCT. 15TH - ANNUAL MEETING!!! PLAN TO BE THERE!!**
- **Oct. 23rd - Messenger Deadline**



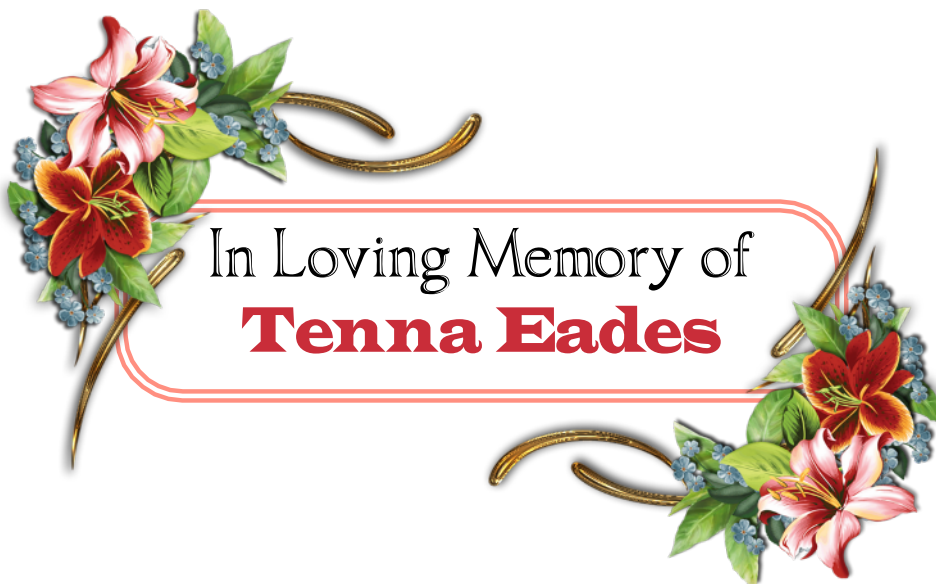
Glenna Jean Davis, of Piney Flats, TN, went home to be with her Lord and Savior, Tuesday, August 20, 2019.

Jean was the daughter of the late Margaret Hammitt from Jonesborough, TN.

Jean lovingly served alongside her husband, Dr. Allen Davis at Piney Flats First Baptist Church where she served as the church secretary and the church organist. Her love for God, her family, and her church were foremost in her life.

Left to cherish her memory is: her husband of fifty-six years, Dr. Allen Davis; son, Todd Davis and wife Bethany; daughter, Traci Kegley and husband Steve; grandchildren, Seth Kegley, Zachary Kegley and wife Mary Beth, Emily Kegley, and Connor Davis; and her four-legged little buddy, Bentley. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Piney Flats First Baptist Church Harvest Offering Fund, 100 Cherry St., Piney Flats, TN 37686.

Memories and condolences may be shared with the Davis family via www.morrisbaker.com.



In Loving Memory of **Tenna Eades**

Tenna Mackley Eades, age 91, of Johnson City, Tennessee passed into her Heavenly home on August 26, 2019 after a period of declining health. She was a resident of NHC Healthcare at the time of her death.

Tenna was born November 19, 1927 in the Crabtree community of Roan Mountain, Tennessee. She was preceded in death by her momma and daddy, Bonnie and John, and by her brothers John, Ernest, Rob, Roy and Bruce, and sister Gladys. Also preceding Tenna in death was her husband of 46 years, former Fire Chief Clarence Eades, in 1993.

Tenna worked at a hosiery mill, a food brokerage and Thomas Products before retiring from the Holston Baptist Association as financial secretary in 1995. She came to faith in Christ as a child at Temple Baptist Church. She loved missions, and was active with the WMU, GA's, and the girls at the Johnson City Baptist Center. In her retirement years she enjoyed the Current Missions Group of her home church, Central Baptist, where she had been a member since 1977.

Tenna took pleasure in flower

gardening, home décor and travel. She will be fondly remembered for her peanut butter pie, egg custard pie, mashed potatoes and deviled eggs. She loved shopping, and had collected a china pattern for each of her granddaughters. She was especially partial to hats! Tenna was a beautiful woman.

Surviving Tenna are her sons and daughters-in-law: Ted and Kathy, Fred and Judy and Mark and Linda. Tenna was known as Mamaw by her granddaughters Wendy, Shannan, Ashley, Meredith, Jordan and McKenzie, and by great-grandchildren, McKenna, Christian, Connor, and Jonah. She was a grandmother for 49 years! Tenna is also survived by many of the extended family, including her niece Bertha Coleman of Jacksonville, North Carolina. Marilyn Thompson was Tenna's good friend.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are welcome, and can be made to Samaritan's Purse, PO Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607 or to St Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.appfh.net.

SEE TENNESSEE GO HARVEST

*"I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest."
John 4:35b*

The Tennessee Golden Offering

The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions provides invaluable financial support for ministries that help reach Tennesseans for Christ. The information and materials below will help you and your church reach, connect, and give to state missions through the Golden Offering.



2019-20 Tennessee Missions Emphasis

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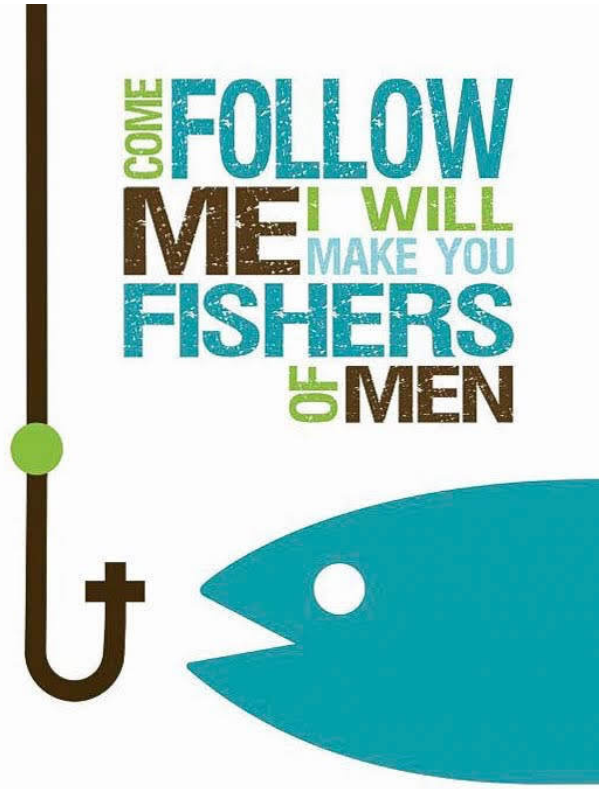
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Ben Brags on the Savior...



Disciple-Making has three key elements, Matthew 4:19.

1. Follow Me.
2. I will make you
3. Fishers of men.

This is our theme and focus for Annual Gathering this year.
Virginia Avenue Baptist Church

Tues, October 15,
3:30 first session, dinner,
6:30 second session

FOLLOW ME: Salvation begins by accepting the invitation to Follow Christ. We must recognize Who He is as...The Lord and Master of our lives. A Follower must deny self, take up his cross daily, and lose his life in the process of gaining the life Jesus offers. To follow is to think anew, the old has passed away, because we acknowledge that Jesus is now in front and we have placed ourselves behind,

in His footsteps.

I WILL MAKE YOU: If we Follow Jesus, He WILL transform us. The Potter will break, melt, and re-make us into the likeness of Christ. This is a spiritual transformation at the deepest levels of our understanding, affection, and will...as the Holy Spirit primarily speaks through the Word of God and in relationship with the people of God. And the



Husbandman prunes the Branches, that we would bear more and more fruit, as He MAKES (by His Spirit, transforms) us to become fishers of men.

FISHERS OF MEN: We are saved for a purpose, for action...to be on mission in loving and reaching a lost and hurting world. When we Follow and spend time with Jesus, His Holy Spirit transforms us from the inside-out. We begin to see what God sees and care for what God cares...especially lost and hurting people. We accept our accountability to become mature

(sanctified) in Christ, and we accept our calling to be ambassadors for Christ and ministers of reconciliation, with Kingdom focused and First-Love priorities...to make disciples who make disciples.

On this passage, Bobby Herrington summarizes, A disciple is a person who: is following Christ (head); Is being changed by Christ (heart); Is committed to the mission of Christ (hands).

Can we come together at Annual Gathering, seek the heart of God, and envision a Disciple-Making culture in your church, and then a Disciple-Making



Movement launched with strategic effectiveness in all our churches? Please vote with your presence.

Ben



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Insights for Growth...

I had lunch recently with a ministry friend who shared an "Aha Moment" with me that I would like to share with you, mainly because it is so relevant to our current culture in which we minister. Also, until we can identify which of the categories each person occupies, we will struggle to fulfill The Great Commission, The Great Commandment and disciple others to do the same. It's about 4 types of individuals and each of us fit into one of them. It is vitally important that we understand how each fit into the Kingdom Work of Jesus Christ.

Spiritual Narcissist - Let's begin with the most prevalent type of person in today's American church. This person carries a great deal of head knowledge about all things Bible. He (she) can tell you how a church operates and in what order. They likely have a favorite Bible verse, a particular book of the Bible and even a favorite preacher. What they don't have is a love for those far from Jesus. This person believes that the church was designed for them. The music played is their favorite type of music. The style of preaching (and pastoring) they are accustomed to has the focus on them. This type is basically "At ease in Zion" as the saying goes. This type does not share Christ nor what God is doing in their life with others who may be encouraged by their faith walk. While this can be a young

person coming straight out of a religious background, it is more likely a person that is age 45 or above, an empty nester, or possibly someone at or in retirement.

Numb & Indifferent - While this could be someone with a church membership, it is not because they attend frequently or support the church in any way. This person could also be the "Average Joe or Jane" that you work with, live across the street from, etc. He/she is overall, a good person - they just don't have a say about spiritual things. They are not interested in having spiritual discussion but won't mind talking sports or their children. Sunday is just another day - they deserve to do what they want on possibly their only day of rest. There is no specific age category for this type of person. They come in all ages, shapes and sizes.

Secular Spiritualist - This individual can be a real difference-maker. They are all about fighting for a cause whether it be about animal rights, women's rights, or equal rights - which are all noble causes. However, this person could more-so fall on the side of saving a whale than they would the unborn. Most in this category are going to be under the age of 40. They have been taught and had modeled, that it is all about doing the good deeds. Those in faith circles see it as social gospel and are very "cause" oriented. While all this noble, these deeds are being done outside of the umbrella of Christ. They have possibly grown up in church and that has left a bad taste in their mouth. They have seen



God's marvelous Church has become culturally irreverent and even distant from its prime purpose of knowing Christ, growing in Him, and worshiping Him by making disciples! - Francis Schaeffer

the spiritual narcissist and see through the hypocrisy and want to stand for something that leaves a mark - that shows that they passed through.

Kingdom Engager - Yes, you guessed it - these are the individuals that are taking God at his Word. Their "works" show that their faith is alive. These are the "true" difference makers! These guys talk about how Jesus is affecting their daily lives by sharing it with others through spiritual conversations as the Holy Spirit opens the door. They place their lives second and place God's agenda first. They are not all older in age, many of them are very young, BUT THEY GET IT.

As I close I just have a few questions: Reading over these 4 types of individuals, in which category do you fall? If it is not Kingdom Engager (and you are claiming Christ as King), what are you going to do to change? Let's fast forward

ahead only one generation (approximately 25 years). What is your church going to look like? Will there be a place for those seeking a relationship with Christ? Will your church even be in existence if changes are not made to be more Kingdom focused?

As always, please accept my invitation to begin a conversation around these thoughts. As each month passes, more Holston churches are reaching out to learn more about how they may become or remain viable in this swift changing culture. I look forward to speaking to you soon!



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ORDINATION

On Sunday August 11, **John David Shanks** was ordained as the new pastor of **Beulah Baptist Church** in Kingsport. Ben Proffitt and all the rest of us here at HBA would like to wish Pastor Shanks a very special congratulations and we pray that you would be blessed and that God would use you for His glory!

(Pictured from left to right are Dr. Harold Jones Jr., Rev. Al South, John David Shanks, Rev. Ben Proffitt, and Rev. Robert English)

HELP WANTED

Cherry Grove Baptist Church is seeking a part-time **Music Director**. The music director would be responsible for planning, organizing, conducting and evaluating a comprehensive music ministry. This is a paid part-time position. For more information or to submit a resume please contact us at cherrygrovesec@hotmail.com or by fax to 423-753-0905.

Cherry Grove Baptist Church, Jonesborough, TN is searching for a part time paid position for a **Children's Director**. Create, manage, plan and direct all aspects of children's ministry through sixth grade, which includes Sunday's, mid-week activities, special events. Prepare and manage children's ministry budget; Lead and develop outreach; Obtain, edit, distribute curriculum, crafts, supplies; Recruit and train volunteers and leaders. For More information, or to submit a resume, please contact us at cherrygrovesec@hotmail.com, or by fax to 423-753-0905.

Grace Baptist Church is in need of a paid, part-time **soundboard and media technician** for Sunday worship services, choir rehearsals, recording services, updating Youtube and Facebook. If interested please contact us or submit a resume to pastor@gracebcjc.com

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.

Cherokee Baptist Church

...celebrates 236 years...

on September 8th at 10:00 AM

We hope you can make it!

YOU are invited to join us as we celebrate our Homecoming - 236 years of sharing the Gospel. We will have special music, guest speaker Bro. James Cambron, and will follow our morning celebration activities with dinner at our church picnic pavilion...you can even bring your favorite dish to share!

We look forward to seeing you.
Let us praise Jesus together in
fellowship and love.

Annual Gathering 2019

Tuesday, October 15th
@ Virginia Avenue, Bristol



COME FOLLOW
ME I WILL
MAKE YOU
FISHERS
& MEN

Afternoon Session:
3:30PM

Dinner*:
5:00PM

Evening Session:
6:30PM

***Please RSVP for dinner
@ 423-929-1196**

**(Note: There will be a \$5.00
per person for dinner)**

Your presence is so important at this Gathering!
Please make sure to attend -
we would love EVERY Holston Church to be represented!

With Guest Speaker:
Mr. Larry Stamm

[Listen Here](#)

Camp Radio

Hosted by tnbaptistcamps.org

Join our host Kevin Perrigan, as he interviews Church leaders as they share their strategies and methods in reaching the lost. Camp Radio was established to encourage Church leaders to think outside of the box in unique ways during our changing times. Check us out on iTunes, Soundcloud, and Google Play. In this episode, we talk with Brian Smith about the challenges that come with leading a discipleship program in a multi-site church. Brian shares his conviction, struggles and victories in the ministry he loves.

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and Linden Valley**
BAPTIST CONFERENCE CENTERS

adoration 2019

Saturday, September 28

Free and open to the public, Adoration 2019 is a day in the Fall when different church congregations, pastors, community leaders, outreach organizations, college students, families, and thousands of citizens come together for a common purpose: to celebrate the Lordship of Jesus Christ through prayer and worship and to collaborate on how to restore Appalachia from drug abuse.

Adoration 2019 Conference Schedule

1:30 PM - DOORS OPEN

2:00 PM - 3:30 PM: Public Prayer Service (inside the Mini Dome)

3:30 PM - 5:45 PM: Organization Expo (inside the Mini Dome)

3:30 PM - 5:45 PM: Block Party with Food Trucks (outside parking lot of Mini Dome)

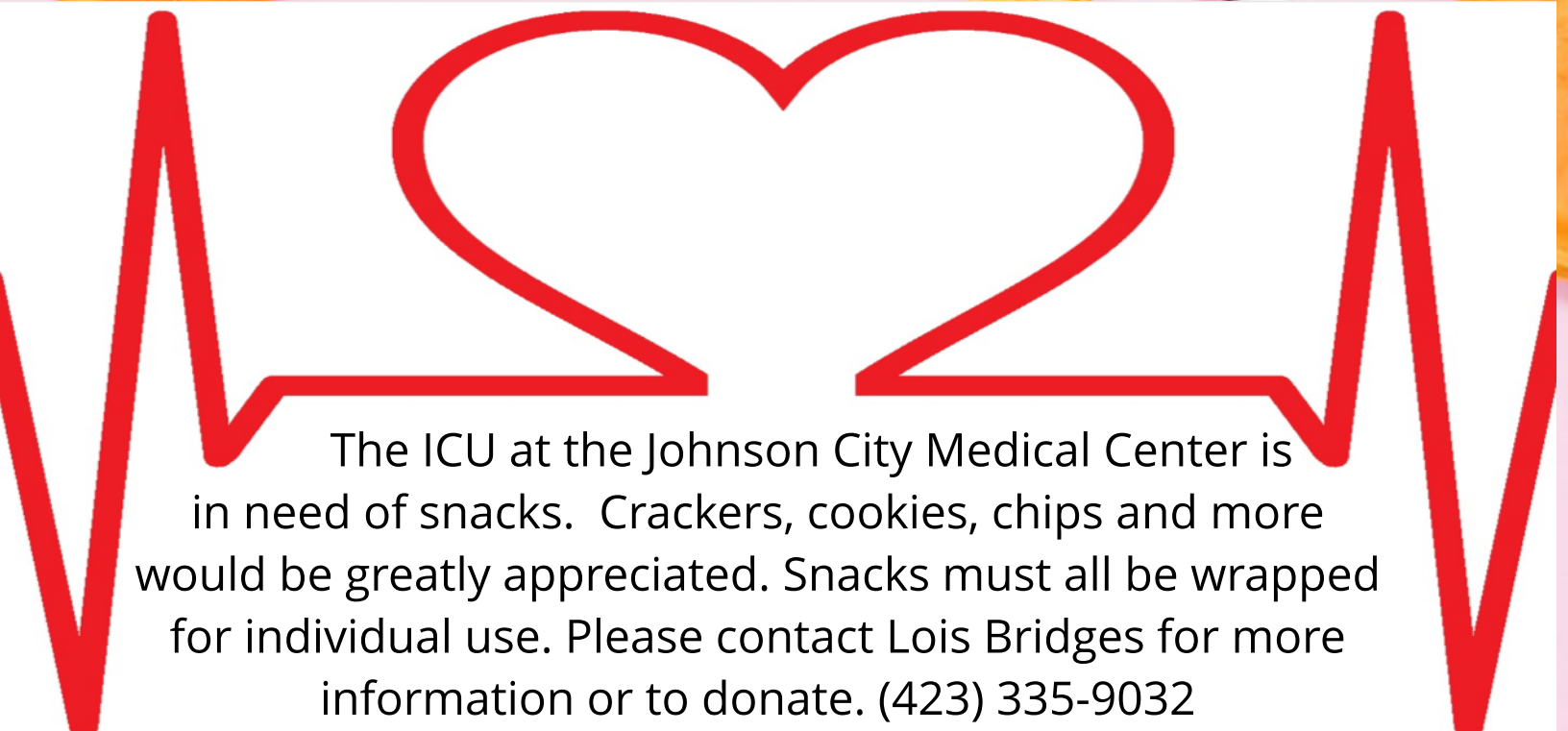
5:45 PM - 6:00 PM: Public Reading of Scripture (inside the Mini Dome)

6:00 PM - 8:00 PM: MAIN EVENT (inside the Mini Dome)

www.adorationlife.com



Can you help?



The ICU at the Johnson City Medical Center is in need of snacks. Crackers, cookies, chips and more would be greatly appreciated. Snacks must all be wrapped for individual use. Please contact Lois Bridges for more information or to donate. (423) 335-9032



What is going on at YOUR church?
We'd love to hear about it, promote it...
....and maybe even JOIN YOU, if we can!
Email Jeremy Carlson @
jeremy@holstonbaptists.org with details.

NEED A FAX MACHINE?!?

The HBA office has a fax machine that is no longer needed and if your church would be interested in having it please let us know! Call the office for details.



Are you looking for a way to engage children in missions learning and hands-on ministry opportunities?

Want more information?

Call 615-371-2038 or email jwilson@tnbaptist.org with questions.

Early registration fee is \$15 per person then \$18 per person after September 20.

Exact registration deadlines vary per location.



JAM: a one-day missions event for boys and girls in grades 1-6. Make your plans to join us this fall as we learn what it means to "Go everywhere in the world and tell the Good News to everyone."



tnwmu.org | 800.558.2090



bye bye
SUMMER

welcome AUTUMN

Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:30am - 4:30pm*

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