

The Messenger

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DID YOU
HEAR?

Some big things happening with HBA.
More inside



OCTOBER

5th - Pastors Wives Brunch

13 - Pastor Appreciation Day

15 - THE GATHERING (Annual Conference)!! Plan on Being There!

17-18 - TBMB Youth Minister's Couples Retreat

21 - Ben Proffitt, Hip surgery - please be praying for him

23 - Messenger Deadline

28 - Baptist Center Fall Party, 6:00-8:00PM

31 - Baptist Center - New Roof Project begins

NOVEMBER

3 - Daylight Saving Time ends

4 - HBA Angel Tree Name Tag Pick-up begins @ HBA

10 - Disaster Relief Appreciation Day

11 - Veteran's Day

17-20 - Summit – Knoxville, TN

18 - Baptist Center Thanksgiving Dinner, 6:00-8:00PM

National Collection Week: Operation Christmas Child boxes

HBA Angel Tree Gift drop-off begins @HBA

28-29 Thanksgiving , Office Closed

Did you hear?

Ben announced
his retirement
in 2020,
month to
be determined.

“My purpose is
to give plenty
of time to evaluate
where we are,
grapple with
future vision,
and make a
strategic transition
into the next
phase of Associational
Missions.”

More will be explained at
Annual Gathering, which
will be at:
Virginia Avenue Baptist
Church
Tues, Oct 15, 3:30 & 6:00
Sessions



PASTORS' WIVES *brunch!*

October 5th
10:00 am



A TIME TO BE
encouraged!
with Dr. Joy Greene



The Coffee Company
444 E Elk Ave,
 Elizabethton, TN

Sign up with amy@energizeministries.com

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**

Ben Brags on the Savior

by ben profit

“Follow Me, and I will
make you fishers of
men Matt 4:19.”

This is the theme for
our Annual
Gathering.

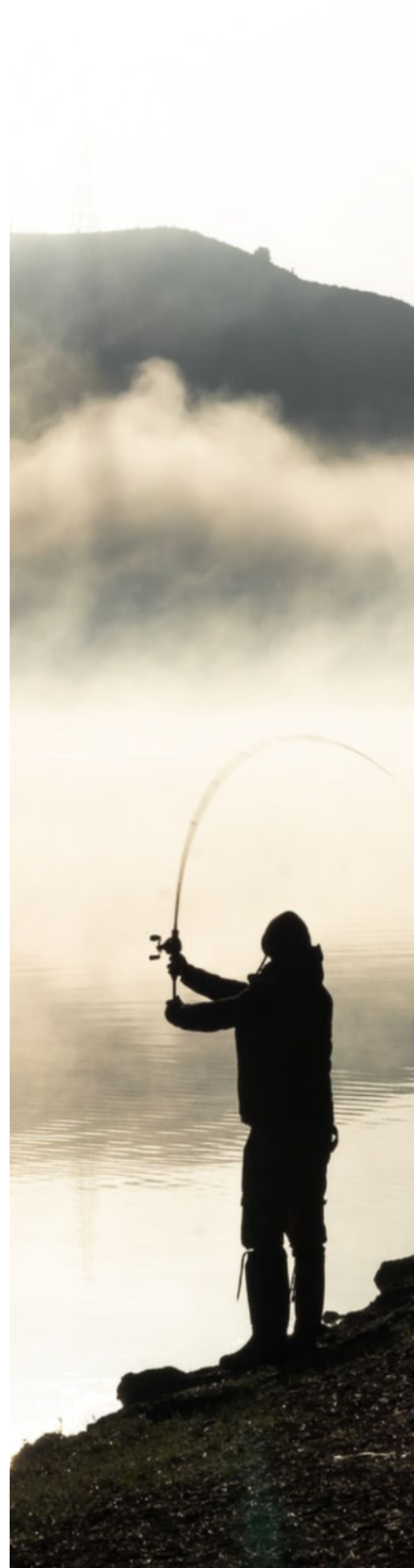
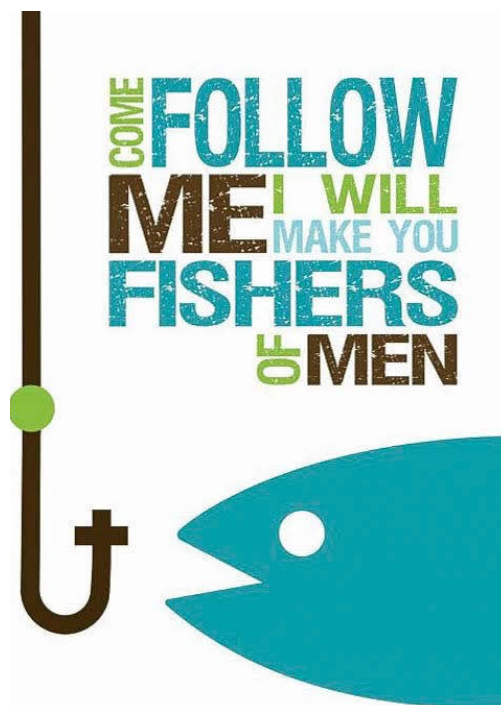
Talking with a
fisherman about
techniques, he said,
“There are as many
ways to catch a fish as
there are species of
fish. You can use

various baits and lures, and you can use a boat,
waders, a net, etc. But most essential to fishing,
you must find some water with fish habitat. You
must go where they are. Fish will not crawl into
your lazy-boy.”

So, when Jesus said, (IF) you Follow Me, (THEN) I
will make you, fishers of men, did He have a mental
picture of a “Lazy-boy paradigm for church?”

A wonderful exercise for a church is
Brainstorming Paradigms.

In a Town Hall kind of setting, ask “What
behaviors or attitudes in the church are like a:





Hospital, Football Team, Orchestra, Las Vegas Show, Bee Hive, Garden, Search & Rescue Team, Midwife, Convenience Store, Party Time, Construction Crew, etc.?”

So what behaviors or attitudes resemble a Lazy-boy Paradigm? Some answers might be: Kicked back, comfortable and half-asleep, (and waiting for the fish to crawl into our lap). Escape from the world and collapse after a hard day of work. Zone out with TV, obsess with media. This is my time, it's about me. OR...my place for personal focus, for Quiet Time devotions, for my conviction and surrender in Christ, for intercessory prayer for my Lost family, friends, and acquaintances. ETC.

Where is the fish habitat...Where do the fish live, eat, swim? Remember the sign so visible at church sanctuary exits: “YOU ARE NOW ENTERING THE MISSION FIELD.” Some added, “DEPART TO SERVE.”

I think Jesus would add, “GO MAKE DISCIPLES, who make disciples.” And get started by Following Me (off campus)...as you seek first My Kingdom; walk in the fruit of The Spirit; love my Word; pray in faith; be friendly; give of yourself unconditionally;

observe the obvious as you go and then ask questions that engage and start conversations; seek opportunities to give ordinary-everyday kindness; speak of grace, redemption and transformation; as you reflect Jesus...in every fish habitat, everywhere.

Come to Annual Gathering, and let's talk (and take actions) on the simple, straightforward expectation of Jesus: Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men.





“It’s ten o’clock. Do you know where your children are?”

by anna huggins

This question was asked by television programming almost every evening when I was growing up. That was during a time when nightly curfews for teenagers were enforced on the city streets. Many of you may remember this. As school started back last month, I was reminded of the public service announcement.

Today technology gives us methods of keeping up with our children by the use of cellphones, or GPS, if you track them. There can still be the curfews from parents that give a bit of freedom and trust in the responsibility of growing up.

We have a God given privilege to care for, shelter, provide for, and teach our children. We should be concerned about where they are at all times. Unfortunately, not all parents have the same convictions. I have seen many children left to roam and pass the time without any guidelines. This may lead to any number of temptations that can change the course of a young life.

“In the paths of the wicked lie thorns and snares, but he who guards his soul stays far from them. Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it.” Proverbs 22:5 & 6 (NIV).



Do you know where your children are spiritually as well as physically? This should be our purpose to love and nurture them in the knowledge and admonition of the Lord. To pray for them and teach them about Jesus' salvation is a blessing, and a joy to see them trust Him. The Bible says: "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 6:6-7(NIV).

Children desire to know about God and to learn to love Him. Teens are searching for love and purpose, and if they haven't trusted in Jesus as Savior, they flounder until they do. We just have a small window to walk with them, train up, and teach them. Your children may be grown, but God may have given you a conviction for the lives of children who are spiritually lost. Second Peter 3:9(b) says, "He is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but everyone to come to repentance." (NIV).

At the Johnson City Baptist Center, we want to be faithful in what God has given us to do. He has entrusted us to share His love through teaching His Word, and through acts of compassion. In this way, we get to know the children and their families, and come to love them. This causes us to be concerned for their well-being, where they are, both physically and spiritually.

Will you walk with us? Join us in teaching and training in the ways of the Lord. Pray for the ministry to the children and their families.

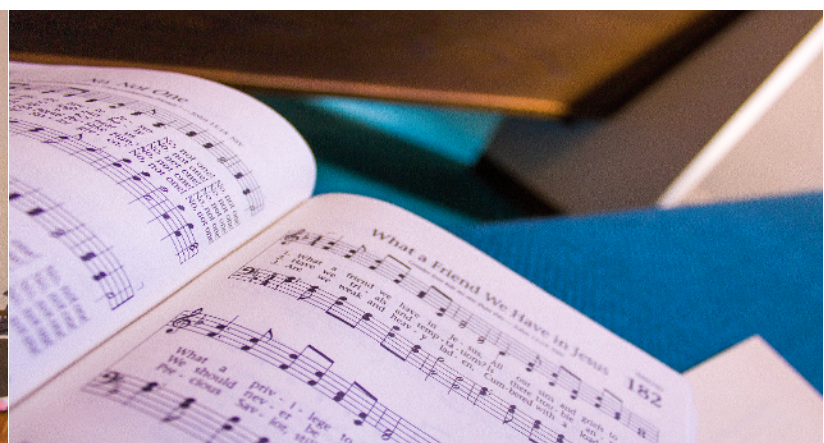
Proclaim His salvation day after day,

Anna Huggins



236 Years

We had such a great time celebrating 236 years of ministry with Cherokee Baptist Church. It was such an honor and blessing to be there with you and learn some of the history of not just the church but the association as well. Cherokee had a special service complete with guest singers and a meal that you wouldn't believe. Thank you for your hospitality and we pray that God will continue to bless and use you for his Glory.



The Angel Tree

It's that time of year to start shopping for Christmas

We will have an "Angel Tree" set up at the Holston Baptist Association Office, to benefit the children at the Johnson City Baptist Center. Beginning November 4th, you may come to the office to select the name of a child to bless. Return the gifts to the office between November 18th to December 6th.

We ask that you would give a toy or requested item, and an article of clothing. Cost would probably be around \$30, depending on what you choose to give. Please WRAP the present and attach the Angel Tree name tag back to the gift.

The children signed up should not be on any other Angel Tree. Thank you for providing Christmas gifts to children who might not have anything to open on Christmas Day.



He Still Considers Me

by marlene simpson

Marlene Simpson is a volunteer chaplain at Washington Co. Detention Center. When she is not working in the detention center, she is writing poetry and drawing inspiration from her quiet time with God in nature. *"It has been my experience that wonder awaits whenever I, with intention, seek out the freshness found in viewing the sun in its glorious dawning and setting, the sensory delight of wandering through woods and mountain forests, the childlike anticipation of searching out waterfalls, the awe of setting my sights on the heavens to view clouds and stars, the unexpected surprises found when closely examining grasses of the fields, and to spy silently animals as they live and move and have their being."* Marlene's poems are currently being turned into worship songs that are being sung during service at New Salem. *"My hope and prayer is that my poem, He Still Considers Me, will be a blessing to you and praise to the LORD of glory and grace!"*

He who holds the stars in space,
Incites astronomy
And charts the courses planets race . . .
He still considers me!

He who colors morning skies,
Turns thoughts to poetry
And etches wings of butterflies . . .
He still considers me!

He who gives the lion's roar,
Gives parrots mimicry;
He sweetest strains in music pours . . .
He still considers me!

He whom hosts of angels praise,
With joy eternally,
Doth grant to life its length of days
And still considers me!

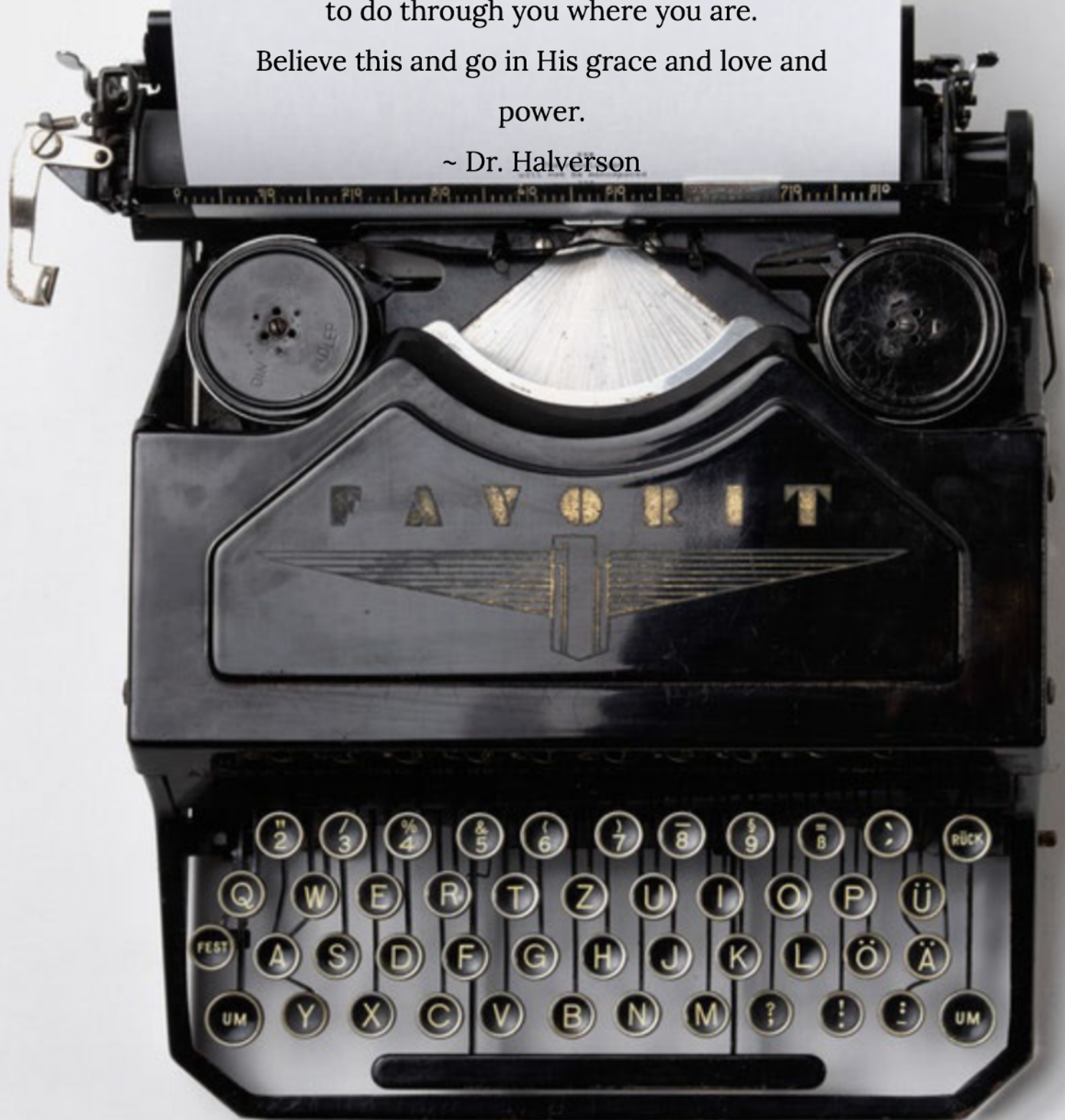
He who high and holy reigns,
With grace and majesty,
The whole creation He sustains
Yet still considers me!

He who hears the faintest cry,
Weighs all with equity.
The Answer to man's deepest, "Why?" . . .
He still considers me!

He, the source of wisdom's flow,
Exalts humility;
Though fully He my heart doth know—
He still considers me!

You go nowhere by accident.
Wherever you go, God is sending you.
Wherever you are, God has put you there; He has
a purpose in your being there.
Christ who indwells you has something He wants
to do through you where you are.
Believe this and go in His grace and love and
power.

~ Dr. Halverson



CAUTION

**Tripping
hazard.**

**Falls may result in
injury.**



to your health

by greg burton

Once we cross the magical threshold of fifty years, unfortunate falls and resulting injuries seem to be a more realistic risk.

While the line may move one direction or the other, we know that balance and bone density vary with age. A nasty fall can really complicate your life. Some reasonable caution might be just what the doctor ordered.

Be aware of getting out of the shower with damp feet on a slick tile floor. This is the source of many home accidents. There are many dangerous things in a bathroom on which one can crack a head. Dry off in the shower.

If your home has wooden stair steps be careful wearing socks on them. Anytime you are about to go down stairs be cautious with the first step. If you have a railing be sure to use it. Be intentional when carrying a clothes basket or box while navigating stairs.

When using a step stool in the house make sure it is stable and keep it near a wall or other support for balance. If you tend to have balance issues allow someone else to do this chore or have a loved one stand nearby. Do not overreach while standing on a stool or ladder. It is worth the effort to climb down and move the ladder a few feet.

In adverse weather conditions take extra care in walking. A little ice can lead to painful surgery and weeks laid up recovering. Let's be careful, friends. Adam's fall should be enough for us all!

HOMECOMING

Harmony Baptist Homecoming

Sunday, October 6

9:30 AM – Bible Study

10:30 AM – Homecoming Service with Dr. Craig Ponder

Music by the Harmony Pickers

Our guest speaker for Homecoming Sunday is Dr. Craig Ponder, Pastor of New Salem Baptist Church in Limestone, TN. Craig is a wonderful man of God with a bold personality. His love of the Lord and those he encounters will be clearly evident.

Craig is a part of the “Preaching Ponders”. His father and brother are pastors as well. He shares the Word of God unapologetically. You will be blessed through his ministry. We hope you’ll plan to be with us Sunday, October 6th at 9:30 AM for Bible Study and 10:30 for worship followed by a great meal.



Come Celebrate our 90th Homecoming!

Our 90th Homecoming at Ninth Street Baptist Church, in Erwin will be held on Sunday October 27th at 11:00 am.

There will be special music and the message will be by former pastor Brother Chris Ward.

We will also have a meal following the service and everyone is invited. We hope you will join us!



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November 17-20th

Black Oak Heights Baptist Church
405 Black Oak Dr., Knoxville, TN

Thank you to all volunteers for the “Jacob’s Well” fair ministry booth. Your service in giving cups of cold water and engaging with folks at the fair was greatly appreciated! Many lives were touched with the love of Jesus by your presence.

*Thank
You*

The Johnson City Baptist Center greatly appreciates the many gifts of school supplies and hygiene items given during “Christmas in August”. These helped many children to begin school with all that they needed, and will be used throughout the year to replenish their supplies. Thank you so much for your love and concern.

[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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HELP WANTED

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.

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

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.



ORDINATION

On Sunday September 22nd, **Ronnie Little, Rusty Denton, & Kevin DeFord** (pictured left to right) were ordained as Deacons at **Trinity Baptist Church**. Ben Proffitt and all the rest of us here at HBA would like to wish each of you, a very special congratulations and we pray that you would be blessed and that God would use you for His glory!



TIMBERLAKE

A Passion Driven Church

Craft Market

October 12, 2019

9 am -3 pm

1182 Shadden Rd., Johnson City, TN 37615

- Face painting • Wood crafts •
- Jewelry • Unique gifts •
- Bake sale • Boutique clothing •
- Décor • Direct Sales •
- and much more! •

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