

# THE MESSENGER

HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Summer brings opportunities for a lot of outdoor fun. Just yesterday I saw an Asian family gathered at a local park, and found myself praying, "Lord, show us how to reach them!" As you enjoy ballgames, swimming, fishing, hiking, etc., notice the people around you and find out who they are, where they're from, and where they live. These questions open doors to share the gospel! Whether or not the people we see look or live like us, they all need Jesus. What will we do to reach them? Whatever specific approaches we use, fruitful evangelism opens the door for church planting. (Remember, we're not really church planting if we're not reaching people for Christ.)

I want to challenge you to consider church planting for three reasons:

- 1) Even with the large number of churches in our area, thousands of people are lost without Christ.
- 2) New churches reach more people.
- 3) Your church wouldn't exist if someone didn't plant it.

Even if your church isn't financially able to be the sole sponsor of a church plant, you can partner with one or more sister churches to begin a new work. Maybe your church doesn't see the need, but you do. What should you do? In either case, you should...

Join us on for Church Planter Training on July 9-10. Lewis McMullen with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board will lead this Friday/Saturday event that is a must for not only current and prospective church planters, but also for any church that is in the midst of a revitalization process.

This training is completely FREE but preregistration is required. Please contact our office today to reserve your spot!

If you're thinking that the task of church planting is just too big to tackle, consider the words of William Cary, Baptist Missionary to India:

"Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God."

With hands to the plow,  
Troy



## Church Planting & Revitalization Training Friday & Saturday, July 9 - 10, 2021

On Friday and Saturday, July 9 - 10, the Holston Baptist Association will host Tennessee Baptist Mission Board's Church Planting Specialist Lewis McMullen.

### Training Schedule:

Friday, July 9 - 6:00 to 8:45 PM

Saturday, July 10 - 8:45 AM to 2:00 PM

We will meet on the lower level of the HBA building, and meals will be provided. There is no charge for this training, but you must preregister. To reserve your spot, contact Pam by email at [hba@holstonbaptists.org](mailto:hba@holstonbaptists.org).

## APPALACHIAN • TRAIL • MINISTRY

On May 2 the Appalachian Trail Hikers Ministry fed 70 to 80 hikers in Erwin at the Chestoa Recreation Area. We were able to feed them physically as well as spiritually. Hikers were there from all over the United States. (We did not have the usual international hikers because of traveling restrictions.) We had a worship service followed by the cookout. We had great participation from many churches of the Association. I want to thank each church and individual who helped in so many different ways to make this a wonderful day of worship, witnessing, fellowship and service. God gave us a beautiful day to serve Him and lift Him up to a wonderful group of hikers. We give Him all the glory for a great day! The food that was left went to Uncle Johnny's Hostel in Erwin and the Haven of Mercy. The snacks left were kept to be delivered to Appalachian Trail hostels in the area and hikers over the next few weeks.

Sam Dalton



**Please support the  
TBMB Father's Day  
Offering for Adult Homes**

### HBA CALENDAR

#### JUNE

- Johnson City Baptist Center Mission Teams
- 13-14 NAMB Send Conference - Nashville
- 15-16 Southern Baptist Convention – Nashville
- 15 HBA Budget Request Due Date
- 20 Father's Day!  
TBMB Father's Day Offering for Adult Homes
- 21-25 Fun-in-the-Son 2021 – Calvary Baptist, Erwin
- 24 The Messenger Content Deadline

#### JULY

- Johnson City Baptist Center Mission Teams
- 4 Independence Day
- 5 HBA Office Closed
- 9-10 Church Planter Training - HBA Office
- 26 The Messenger Content Deadline

#### AUGUST

- WMU Christmas in August
- 1 University Parkway - Biblical Citizenship
- 3 Fair Ministry Planning Meeting –  
6:00 PM, HBA Office
- 10 Executive Board Meeting
- 22 Baptist and Reflector Day
- 23-28 Appalachian Fair Ministry
- 26 The Messenger Content Deadline

### CHURCH STAFF NEEDS

#### **BEULAH BAPTIST**

Part-time Bi-vocational Youth Minister, Grades 7-12  
15-20 hours per week  
<http://bit.ly/beulahbaptistyouth>

#### **FIRST BAPTIST, PINEY FLATS**

Part-time Children's Director  
Send Resume to [pineyflatsbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:pineyflatsbaptist@gmail.com)

#### **GREENWOOD BAPTIST**

Bi-vocational Youth Minister & Pianist/Other Musician  
Send Resume to 102 Elliott and Scott Circle, Johnson  
City, TN 37604

#### **OAK GROVE BAPTIST**

Part-time Secretary, 20 hours per week  
Send Resume to 396 Oak Grove Road, Gray, TN 37615  
ATTN: Personnel Committee

#### **SHALLOW FORD BAPTIST**

Part-time Paid Music Director, Male or Female  
Sing and Lead Worship with the Choir and Praise Band  
Contact the church at (423) 743-6223

#### **WOODLAWN BAPTIST**

Part-time Bi-vocational Youth Director, Grades 6-12  
Send Resume to 1400 Southside Ave, Bristol, TN 37620  
ATTN: Personnel Committee



**The Stewardship and Budget Planning Committee is now accepting 2021-2022 Budget Requests from HBA committees and ministries. Please submit your requests no later than Tuesday, June 15. If you have not received your form, please contact the HBA office at 929-1196.**

## UPDATES FROM THE JOHNSON CITY BAPTIST CENTER

This year is really going by quickly, and much has happened since our last update from the Baptist Center. Even though Covid derailed many activities for people this past year, we continued with weekly Bible studies for our children and adults. All other ministries, such as the clothes closet, special holiday dinners, and backpack distribution were still conducted throughout the year.

We can see with the children that attend each week, how the Bible is making an impact on their lives. They are growing in their knowledge of who God is, His love, and what His Word teaches us. We have also had three young ladies graduate high school this year. They have all attended the youth Bible study and been involved at the Baptist Center over the years.

Beginning this month, our summer mission groups will be leading us in Vacation Bible School or Backyard Bible Clubs. We have one church group from out of town, and five of our association's churches committed to serve with the Johnson City Baptist Center this summer. We are so grateful for them.

Other big news and a change that we had this year was with our resident missionaries. Katie and A.J. Hawkins, having served us well, graduated ETSU last spring, and moved away to pursue their careers. So, last summer, long time volunteers Schylar and Jordan Miller (top right, pictured with Jonah and Elias) and their daughter Emerson moved into the home to work alongside us at the Baptist Center. They have just recently had twin baby boys, Jonah and Elias, who are still in the hospital. We are so thankful for how our churches have already shown support for them. God has blessed us with their ministry this year, and we look forward to the times ahead.



We also want to introduce Anna Stephens (left), a local college student, who will serve as summer intern. A life-long member of Skyline Heights Baptist, Anna has a heart for missions. For the full summer last year, she served on a team conducting VBS in Alaska. We are thankful and excited to see how God will use her at the Baptist Center this summer.

Ways to pray for the Baptist Center:

- that Jonah and Elias would continue to grow healthy and strong, and for Schylar, Jordan and Emerson during these times
- for the mission teams in June and July as they lead and serve
- for Anna as she serves as intern
- for children and families to grow in the Lord
- for our graduates, that they will seek God's direction in their lives.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support as we share the love of Jesus.

Blessings,  
Anna Huggins

### LOVE PACKAGES

Filling eager hands with God's Word

Love Packages accepts donations of Bibles, Christian books, Sunday School materials, and more from people and publishers across the U.S. and ships it to their network of distributors all over the world. They ship more than 1000 tons of recycled gospel literature to the mission field every year.

There is now a local donation center in Elizabethton. For information about how your church can get God's Word into eager hands, call Charles Bennetch at (540) 255-1811.

### FREE PIANOS & STAGE LIGHTING

Central Baptist has 2 Wurlitzer console pianos (1 black, 1 brown) and 2 Kimball console pianos (brown) that need a good home. The pianos are in good condition and have been regularly tuned.

Also available from Central, theatrical stage lighting.

Contact:

Tony Martin or Christina Sturgill  
Central Baptist, 926-7121