

THE MESSENGER

HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Have you noticed that in the last few weeks the landscape has gradually gone from a bare skeleton of nature to trees and grass green with new life? Despite the sneezes and sniffles that pollen brings, spring is my favorite time of the year. In addition to the greening of the landscape, I enjoy the smell of freshly plowed earth, the sight of young livestock playing in the pastures, and so much more. God is in the business of new life that far exceeds the beauty of nature. Jesus said, "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly." (John 10:10 NKJV) When did you last praise God for giving you new life in Christ? How many people do you know who are spiritually dead and in need of this new life? As an association of churches, we must seek ways to share the gospel through which God miraculously makes dead men, women, boys, and girls alive unto Christ! Here are few things we have on the radar:

Partnership Missions - to see HBA once again have an ongoing partnership with North American and international missionaries

International Outreach - to engage the thousands of people God has brought to our area from other countries and point them to Jesus

Streamlining Local Ministry - to take local ministries (some of which HBA has done for years) and connect them for a more fruitful way to make disciples in our region

Creating Family Ministry - to create an intentionally integrated platform for discipling children, youth, and their families

As we prepare for the official start of summer, let us consider how we can use the opportunities that nice weather affords us to meet new people, build relationships, share the gospel, and make disciples! To help us in that process, I am pleased to announce Mrs. Pam Parker as our new Office Manager. She is off to a great start as a member of our HBA team!

With hands to the plow,
Troy



Happy Mother's Day!
May 9

Appalachian Trail
Ministry
Worship/Cookout

May 2 at 11AM
Chestoa Recreation Area

Please support the TBCH
Mother's Day Offering

MDO gifts help provide homes for
250 children each year.

PASTOR SHANE PHILLIPS



Autumn, Misty, Nicholas, Pastor Shane

Hailing originally from West Columbia, SC, Pastor Shane Phillips, wife Misty, and teenagers Autumn and Nicholas came to Tennessee Avenue Baptist Church from Brunswick, Georgia where he served as Senior Pastor for the past five years. They are getting acclimated and are enjoying their new home in Tennessee.

When asked what he sees as the greatest challenge for the church today, Pastor Shane states that he believes the Church has lost its identity in Christ, and has opted for a counterfeit form of religion that caters to the appetites of humanity rather than being a living sacrifice whose sole purpose is to glorify Christ. The Church has been deceived to believe that it must put on a show (all the bells and whistles and entertain) in order to build its membership. The problem is that our mission is not to fill a building but to build the Kingdom of God. It is painful that many Churches are more worried about offending people than offending God, and as a result, the Church lacks the true spiritual authority and power which only comes from God's Holy Spirit. Though there is joy beyond our understanding when we truly worship and seek to please God above all others, our calling is also to fulfill the sufferings of Christ – A Savior, of whom I am not ashamed. “For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes...”

– Romans 1:16

Welcome to Northeast Tennessee and Holston Baptist Association, Pastor Shane and family!

Cherry Grove Baptist Covid Vaccination Site

**Saturday, May 8
10AM - 1PM**

**Free Pfizer Vaccines
Administered by Ballad Health**

**Call 423-753-2033
Press 1 to Register**



**REGISTRATION DEADLINE
MAY 24, 2021**

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HOLSTONBAPTISTS.ORG**



**RESERVE THE HBA BLOCK
PARTY TRAILER FOR
YOUR CHURCH
OUTREACH EVENT**

**929-1196 OR
HBA@HOLSTONBAPTISTS.ORG**



All gave some; some gave all.
Grateful thanks to all who have
served our country, especially those
who made the ultimate sacrifice.

**GOOD NEWS JAIL
& PRISON MINISTRY**



For More Information: 423-279-6089

BIVOCATIONAL MINISTERS AND WIVES BANQUET

The May 13 banquet will feature Dean Haun, longtime pastor at First Baptist Church in Morristown, who will illustrate how the "*Ministry of Presence*" makes a difference in the pastor's own walk with the Lord, preparing him to preach, lead, and serve with understanding of where his people are, while simultaneously giving him greater credibility as a spiritual leader in the eyes of those he serves.

Also included will be a time of fellowship around the table, a marriage enrichment moment, door prizes, a message of encouragement designed to help equip for pastoral service, worship through music, and a time of focused prayer. Join us for a night of refreshing and renewal.

THURSDAY, MAY 13 - 6:00 TO 8:30 PM
MOUNTAIN VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH, JOHNSON CITY
\$15 PER COUPLE / \$8 PER INDIVIDUAL

REGISTER HERE:
WWW.TNBAPTIST.ORG/EVENTS

Living Proof...

"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

When I attended the March 1 Northeast Tennessee Church Leaders Rally, I had no idea what was in store for me. A night of worshipful music, inspirational sermons, and a life-changing conversation with my Heavenly Father was to be the first step on an unimagined journey. Fast forward three weeks.... an email, an interview, and a half-day of training later, here I sit composing a paragraph to introduce myself as the new Holston Baptist Association Office Manager.

Hello. My name is Pam Parker, and I am living proof. Living proof of Ephesians 3:20, living proof that God cares about even the small concerns of our heart, and living proof that His promises are real. For that, I am so thankful, and I give Him all the praise and glory.

I want to thank the HBA Personnel Committee for the confidence placed in me to be a part of HBA ministry. I will do my best to serve the Association and our churches well. I look forward to meeting and doing ministry with each of you. I am....

Grateful to Serve,
Pam

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Church Staff Needs

BEULAH BAPTIST
PART-TIME
BI-VOCATIONAL YOUTH MINISTER

YOUTH GRADES 7 – 12
15 – 20 HOURS PER WEEK

[HTTP://BIT.LY/BEULAHBAPTISTYOUTH](http://bit.ly/beulahbaptistyouth)

WOODLAWN BAPTIST
PART-TIME
BI-VOCATIONAL YOUTH DIRECTOR

YOUTH GRADES 6 – 12

SEND RESUME TO:

WOODLAWN BAPTIST CHURCH
1400 SOUTHSIDE AVENUE
BRISTOL, TN 37620
ATTN: PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

SKYLINE HEIGHTS
PART-TIME SECRETARY
20 HOURS PER WEEK

SEND RESUME TO:

1601 SKYLINE DRIVE
JOHNSON CITY, TN 37604
ATTN: CHAD STEPHENS

FIRST BAPTIST OF ROAN MOUNTAIN

ASSOCIATE PASTOR OF STUDENT MINISTRY

JOB DESCRIPTION:
[HTTPS://FBCROANMOUNTAIN.COM/INDEX.HTML](https://fbcroanmountain.com/index.html)

SEND RESUME TO:
FBCRMSEARCHCOMMITTEE@GMAIL.COM
OR
PO BOX 148 ROAN MOUNTAIN, TN 37687

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BETHANY * FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL
LOVELACE * RIVER BEND
SOUTHSIDE * UNAKA AVENUE
UNICOI * TELFORD

Mark Your Calendar

MAY

2 Appalachian Trail Ministry
Worship/Cookout
Chestoa Recreation Area

6 National Day of Prayer
University Parkway Baptist - 7PM

9 Mother's Day!

13 Bi-vo Pastor's and Wives Banquet

24 Deadline for The Messenger
Deadline for Fun in the Son Reg.

31 Memorial Day
HBA Office Closed

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JUNE

15 -16 SBC Annual Meeting

21-25 Fun in the Son

24 Deadline for The Messenger

FREE THEATRICAL LIGHTING

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*"If God is your partner,
make your plans BIG!"
- D.L. Moody*