

THE MESSENGER

HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

From time to time I find myself praying for a lob, metaphorically speaking. Like an anxious man at bat, I need a slow pitch across the center of the strike zone that I can knock over the fence and only God can throw it. If you've been a Christian for any length of time you don't need me to tell you that the Great Commission road is filled with curves, sinkers, and sliders that remind us of our total dependence on the Holy Spirit. However, the same Holy Spirit sometimes drops a "gimme" in our laps to remind us that the call to make disciples is not an impossible task.

As your association, we don't exist to duplicate or compete with the work of the local church. We exist to help local churches do what only they can properly do: make disciples. One of the ways we want to help you is by providing certain turn-key opportunities to get your church into the field. Consider two upcoming events:

Witnessing

Our new outdoor Plinko booth at the Appalachian Fair (August 23-28) will provide multiple opportunities to 1) share the gospel, and 2) help believers plug into a local church - Hopefully yours! **WE HAVE 7 SLOTS TO FILL ASAP. If you're planning to participate in this booth or our Jacob's Well booth, join us Tuesday, August 3 at 6:00 in the HBA lower level for a time of orientation.**

Partnership Missions

Our Missions Conference & Fair (September 19) will introduce you to multiple missional opportunities from the Tri-Cities and across the world. As you pray and seek God's direction for post-COVID ministry, consider connecting with a new missional opportunity that will strengthen your church and increase the spread of the gospel! So, what should you do? 1) Plan to join us at Heritage Baptist Church on September 19, beginning at 3 pm. (You could even bring your Sunday evening service or Bible study to be a part of our evening worship.) 2) Meet our mission fair exhibitors to find out what God is doing at home and abroad and how **YOU CAN BE A PART!** **Want a sneak peek into the conference?** You're going to hear from an IMB missionary to Spain, learn about a potential partnership with an association in Wisconsin, enjoy music led by the BCM Worship Band, and more! You'll even get dinner thrown in if you **CALL TODAY to reserve your plate!!**

I pray that your church will consider these turn-key opportunities as we seek to take the gospel from the Tri-Cities to the ends of the earth!

With hands to the plow,

Troy

Holston Baptist Association Executive Board Meeting

**Tuesday, August 10
7:00 PM**

**First Baptist Church
201 East Main Street
Jonesborough, TN**

Church Planting & Revitalization Training

**Friday - 6:00 to 8:30 PM
Saturday - 8:45 AM to 2:00 PM**

**To Register, call
(423) 929-1196 or email
hba@holstonbaptists.org**

**Registration Deadline - August 2
All meals and materials provided.**

BACK TO SCHOOL PRAYER

Father, we praise Your holy name and gratefully acknowledge You are the same yesterday, today, and forever. As we think of a new school year, we also acknowledge an unchanging need: prayer!

Father, things around the school house and education are ever changing. Only as we knew You and Your word did we survive the unparalleled challenges experienced last year. Would you prepare the hearts of our governmental leaders, teachers, students, parents and grandparents for this school year.

May our leaders avoid confusion and strife as they seek wisdom that comes down! May our teachers be God-fearing and prepared as they enter the classroom! May our students be prepared from a loving home to apply themselves to their studies! Would You grant parents the desire to know what's happening with the school curriculum and to stand firm as needed. May no student be asked to keep secrets. May our trust in You and our gratitude for Your faithfulness grow!

Father, our unchanging God, in these days of change, often evil, would You give us the desire to know Your Word and to stand on Your promises. May we respect and honor our godly foundation in all ways! May our boys and girls, kindergarten to college graduation, in all their learning, learn also to love and trust You!

In Jesus' name, Amen

CHRISTMAS IN AUGUST

Please deliver to
the HBA Office

HYGIENE ITEMS

Toothbrushes
Toothpaste
Soap
Deodorant
Shampoo
Toilet Tissue

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Wide-ruled spiral notebooks
Folders
Ink Pens, Markers
Crayons, Glue

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

BETHANY
FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL
HOLSTON VALLEY
LOVELACE * RIVER BEND
TELFORD
UNAKA AVENUE

CHURCH STAFF NEEDS

BEULAH

Part-time Bi-vocational Youth Minister
Grades 7-12 * 15-20 hours per week
Resumes to: Beulah Baptist Church Youth, Youth
Minister Search Committee, 491 Beulah Church
Road, Kingsport, TN 37663

GREENWOOD

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

OAK GROVE

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

OAK HILL

Part-time, Paid Worship Minister
Sing, lead choir, and lead musicians
Contact Toby Brown at (423) 348-5176.

WOODLAWN

Prayerfully seeking a part-time Youth Director who has a committed relationship to Jesus Christ with a passion to minister to youth. In this role a qualified candidate would be expected to effectively develop spiritual growth and evangelism of our Youth (Middle & High School Students) through Bible teaching, worship, discipleship, missions involvement, counseling, and recreational activities. Salary negotiable with experience and training. Send resume to 1400 Southside Ave, Bristol, TN 37620 (Attn: Personnel Committee) or to Woodlawnbaptistbristol@btes.tv or drop off between the hours of 9am – 2pm Monday - Thursday at the church office.



THE PASTOR'S MASTERS

Supporting TN Baptist Children's Homes

**Saturday, September 18
Graysburg Hills Golf Course**

Fee: \$50 per person
Sign up as a team or individual.

All skill Levels
Beginners to Experienced
4 Person Team - Select Shot

For more information: trinity3e.org

HBA CALENDAR

AUGUST

Christmas in August for JC Baptist Center

- 1 University Parkway - Biblical Citizenship
(Every Sunday @ 6PM thru September 19)
- 3 Fair Ministry Planning Meeting –
6:00 PM, HBA Office
- 10 Executive Board Meeting
Jonesborough First Baptist
- 13-14 Church Planting & Revitalization Training
Registration deadline - August 2
- 22 Baptist and Reflector Day
- 23-28 Appalachian Fair Ministry
- 26 The Messenger Content Deadline

SEPTEMBER

- 6 Labor Day - HBA Office Closed
- 13 Seminary Extension Begins
- 18 The Pastor's Master
- 19 HBA Missions Conference & Fair
Heritage Baptist - 3 to 8 PM

OCTOBER

- 21 Annual Gathering
Blountville First Baptist



Mark your calendar!

**Holston Baptist Association
Missions Conference & Fair**

**Sunday, September 19
3 - 8 PM**

**Hosted by Heritage
Baptist Church**

**1512 John Exum Parkway
Johnson City, TN**

**Local, National, & Worldwide
Missions and Ministries
Will Be Represented**

**Worship Music by
ETSU BCM Worship Band**

**Meal provided by
Heritage Baptist Seniors**