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THE MESSENGER

HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

The time has come once again to participate in the Week of Prayer for International Missions. Some of you have participated in the week for more years than you can remember. When we have done something for so many years, we need to stop and ask, "Why?" While we can give a child-like answer about helping missionaries, we need to dig deeper. Jesus gave us His Great Commission to make disciples of all nations. Here's the task we face:

4.5 Billion unreached people

7,283 Unreached people groups

3,105 Unreached, unengaged people groups

155,473 People dying daily without Christ

3,635 IMB missionaries (as of 10/31/21)

Here are our local statistics:

Greene, Washington, Sullivan, & Unicoi County total population = 374,603

Holston Baptist Association Churches = 94

Holston Baptist Association Total Membership = 24,541

Conclusions:

- Every 2 days a group equal to the population of our local ministry field (subtracting Kingsport/Sullivan Assoc. = 53,376) DIES WITHOUT JESUS.
- Our HBA resident membership is more than 3x the number of unreached people groups. If we divide the names of these people groups among our family units, we could pray for each one EVERY DAY.
- Even with post-COVID numbers, our HBA churches can easily pray for each IMB missionary EVERY DAY.
- If we gave $1 extra for each church member each Sunday of December, our churches would give AN ADDITIONAL $98,164 to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering!

As we prepare to give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, consider the number of souls at stake and give sacrificially, pray strategically, and go boldly!

Merry Christmas to you and yours!

With hands to the plow,

Troy

JCBC Christmas Angel Tree

Thank you to the churches and individuals who adopted all of our JCBC Christmas angels!
May you be blessed for your spirit of giving!

ALL GIFTS DUE IN THE HBA OFFICE BY DECEMBER 8!

MINISTER & SPOUSE

CHRISTMAS banquet

December 7, 2021 at 6PM
University Parkway Baptist Church
219 University Parkway, Johnson City

Thank you! *Thank you!* *Thank you!*

The Johnson City Baptist Center extends a heartfelt "Thank You!" to Mt. Zion Baptist Church for preparing and serving the November 22 Thanksgiving meal to the children, families, and neighbors we minister to at the Baptist Center.

CHURCH STAFF OPENINGS

FULL-TIME PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S PASTOR

Central, Johnson City

Responsibilities are to oversee the philosophy, programs, events, and ministry to and with the preschoolers and children and their families. A balance of emphasis in worship, discipleship, and outreach is encouraged. The Pastor will report to the Senior Pastor and work in cooperation with the other Pastoral staff to accomplish the purposes of the church. Interested candidates may submit their resumé directly to kborger@cbcjc.org; for more information please visit our church website https://cbcjc.org.

PART-TIME WORSHIP MINISTER PART-TIME STUDENT PASTOR

Tennessee Avenue Baptist Church

Both positions will serve as part of the leadership team in a part-time (potentially full-time) capacity. All interested candidates are encouraged to submit a cover letter, statement of faith, resumé, references, and a link, or other means, to provide a sample of one's work for review. Detailed job descriptions on church webpage at tabaptist.org.

Please submit all required information to pastorshane@tabaptist.org.

PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTER

Harmony Baptist Church

Salary negotiable based upon experience and time devoted to fulfillment of job description. If you are or know of a Godly man with a love for youth and their spiritual growth, please send a resumé to:

Harmony Baptist Church
c/o Pastor Steve Pate
1177 Harmony Rd.
Jonesborough, TN 37659

*Full job description available upon request.

BI-VOCATIONAL YOUTH MINISTER PIANIST / OTHER MUSICIAN

Greenwood Baptist Church

Send resumes to: 102 Elliott and Scott Circle, Johnson City, TN 37604

PART-TIME WORSHIP MINISTER

Oak Hill Baptist Church

Well paid position to sing, lead choir, and lead musicians

Contact Toby Brown at (423) 348-5176.

HBA CALENDAR

DECEMBER

5 Week of Prayer for International Missions Ends
7 HBA Minister & Spouse Christmas Banquet, University Parkway - 6 PM
8 Angel Tree Gifts Final Due Date
21 The Messenger Content Deadline
24-27 HBA Office Closed
25 Christmas
31 HBA Office Closed

JANUARY

1 Happy New Year!
6 Bible Drill Training at Trinity
16 Sanctity of Life Sunday
20 Executive Board Meeting - New Lebanon Baptist at 7PM
26 The Messenger Content Deadline
27-29 TBMB Bivocational Pastors & Wives Retreat
30-31 WinTN Evangelism Conference

FEBRUARY

6-9 Transitional Interim Pastor Training - Linden Valley
20 Focus on WMU Sunday

Please Pray for Our Churches Without Pastors

Bethany
Enon
Friendship Chapel
Holston Valley
Lovelace
Oakdale
River Bend
Unaka Avenue
West Hills

PEACE LOVE & JOY

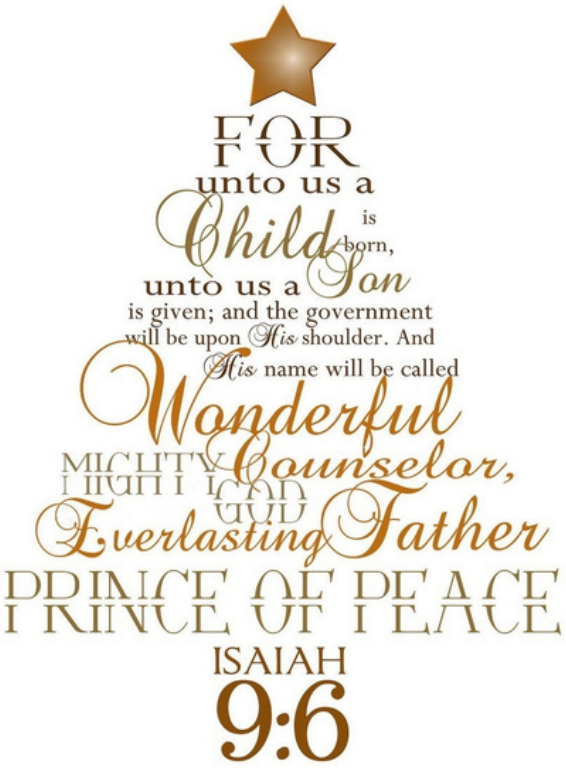
FREE BOOKS FOR PASTORS

A recently retired HBA Pastor has donated several boxes of books to be made available to other pastors who may be interested. Please call 929-1196 if you would like to come by and choose some books.

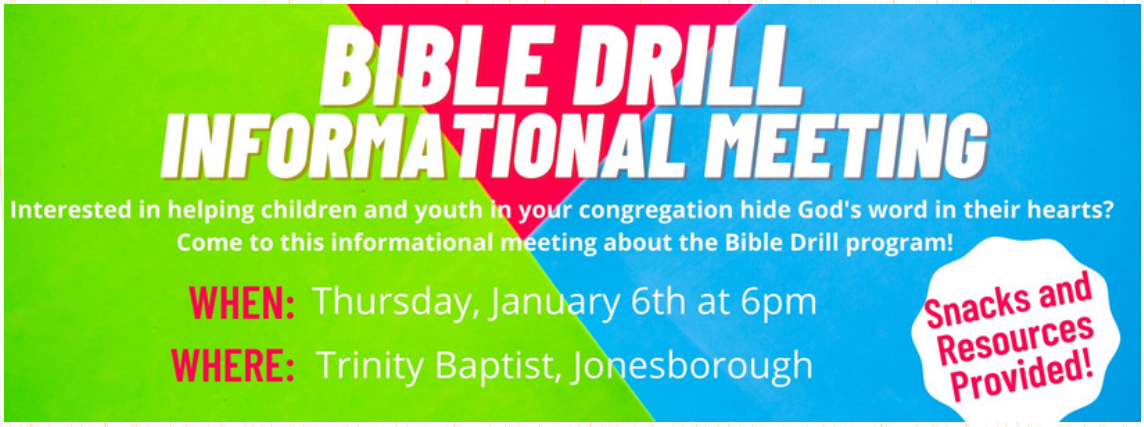
Clark Street Baptist Church, Johnson City, welcomed their new full-time Pastor Luka Temaj and family on November 14, 2021. Pastor Luka's fourteen years of ministry experience includes time served in Croatia, Serbia, and Germany working with Muslims, Catholics, and Greek Orthodox faiths. Having spent the last ten years in Johnson City, Pastor Luka has served as Pastor of Faith Fellowship and Youth and Children's director at Central in Johnson City. Pastor Luka feels called to Clark Street for a time of revitalization and raising Godly leaders. With his vision and prayer grounded in Ephesians 4:11-12, he seeks to lead the church into being more mission-minded in all avenues of their lives.

Pastor Luka holds both Associate and Bachelor Degrees of Theology from Calvary Chapel Bible College as well as a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. He is currently working toward his doctoral degree through Western Seminary in Portland, Oregon.

Pastor Luka is a former soldier and professional soccer player. He has been blessed to be married to his wife Jamie from Huntsville, Alabama since 2010, and they have two beautiful daughters.



MERRY CHRISTMAS



Of One Accord Ministry is a Christian ministry that exists to restore hope, health and opportunity to people living in poverty in Appalachian Northeast Tennessee. Their vision is to transform lives and create healthier communities through the love of Jesus.

Of One Accord Ministry is increasing its ability to tell the story of Appalachia via videos. Does your church have digital video or camera equipment that has been replaced with newer equipment? If you are a church that would be interested in exploring such options contact Sheldon Livesay at 423-923-0864 or ofoneaccord@gmail.com.

HBA OFFICE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The HBA office will be closed December 24 - 27 and December 31 in observance of the Christmas and New Year holidays.