

THE MESSENGER

HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

As we walk through the colder temperatures and shorter daylight hours of winter, I'm reminded of the title of an old Freddy Fender song, "Wasted Days and Wasted Nights." If we aren't careful we'll find ourselves using the slower pace of winter as an excuse to set the table for laziness and apathy – two enemies that can never eat enough.

To avoid the subtle whispers of soft pillows and cell phones, here are 4 ways to harness winter days to the glory of God:

Read your Bible. Websites such as www.biblestudytools.com provide numerous ways to read your Bible in the new year. Whichever method you choose, remember the goal isn't to say you read it. You read it to drink deeply from and walk faithfully according to the Word of God.

Redeem your phone. Yes, the apparatus that seems to be permanently attached to most people's hands can be used for holy purposes! The phone hours often wasted on meaningless drivel can become priceless opportunities to text a prayer (I have two pastor friends who do this regularly), call a shut in, encourage your pastor, and so much more.

Reset the vision. While you could simply plan for the future, fruitful ministry requires more than planning. A clear ministry vision takes you beyond the what (our mission) to the how that is unique to your context. In other words, vision explains the specific ways your mission will be accomplished. Continuing to plan events that don't support a clear ministry vision, leads to a discouraging future that is often just a relabeling of the past. Don't get me wrong, our mission doesn't change. But when we consider the world to which we minister, we are reminded that we fire unchanging Gospel bullets at an ever-moving target.

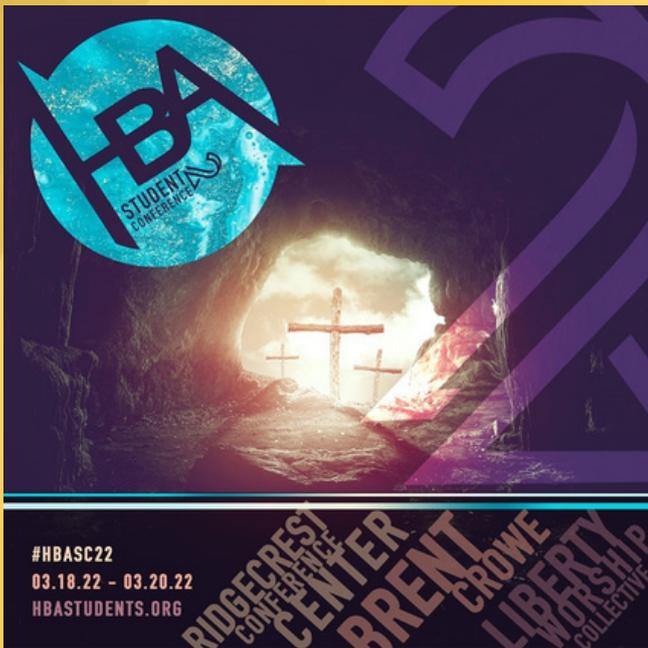
Refuse to get out of shape. I'm not an exercise guru but I've lived long enough to know two things: 1) I usually put on extra weight in the winter, and 2) Exercise merely for the benefits of exercise doesn't appeal to most people. So how do you make yourself stay in shape? Answer: Find a spiritually fruitful activity where exercise is secondary. For example, see if you can find the 94 church properties of Holston Baptist Association and prayer walk around them. You'll get so absorbed in prayer that you won't even think about the exercise. If you need something close to home, walk at your local big-box store with a person you are discipling and look for witnessing opportunities.

May Jesus be glorified through us in 2022!

Happy New Year!

With hands to the plow,
Troy

HBA STUDENT CONFERENCE MARCH 18 – 20, 2022



REGISTRATION NOW OPEN
<http://hbastudents.org>

\$80 per person – Does not include lodging.

Registration Deadline is February 16, 2022

For more information:
jimmyj@fbcgreeneville.com

UNAKA AVENUE CALLS PASTOR BILL MCDANIEL



Bill has been married to Sherrie for over 33 years. He has two children and three grandchildren and resides in Jonesborough, TN. He was licensed to minister in 1992 and graduated from Carson Newman with a degree in Religion and a concentration in Business Administration. He was ordained by Unaka Avenue Baptist in 1995.

Bill has served in bi-vocational ministry opportunities since 1993. His ministry style is focused on in-depth Bible study. It is expository in delivery. He focuses on the church (worship, education, discipleship) and the lost (evangelism through living a life that exalts Christ, witnessing when the Spirit provides).

Unaka Avenue welcomes Pastor Bill and his family!



Cost: \$100 till February 2
\$125 after February 2

More information or to register online:
tnsecretaries.org

Questions?
Heather Beard: hbeard@tnbaptist.org
or call (615) 371-2061

SEMINARY EXTENSION

1st & 2nd Timothy
January 17 – March 21

Registration Deadline
January 7

Call 929-1196 or Email
pam@holstonbaptists.org

CHURCH STAFF NEEDS

PART-TIME ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Clark Street, Johnson City

For further information call 423-278-6906.

FULL TIME CHILDREN'S MINISTER

Cherry Grove, Jonesborough

Currently seeking a person called of GOD to be our full time Children's Minister. For more information, please visit our web site: <https://www.cherrygrovetn.org>.

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. Please 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. For detailed job descriptions visit 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. Full job description available upon request. 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

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

Contact Toby Brown at (423) 348-5176.

* HBA CALENDAR *

JANUARY

- 1 Happy New Year!
- 4 Administrative Team Meeting
- 6 Bible Drill Training at Trinity
- 7 Seminary Extension Registration Deadline
- 16 Sanctity of Life Sunday
- 17 Seminary Extension Begins Partnership Missions Team Meeting
- 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

- 1 Administrative Team Meeting
- 6-9 Transitional Interim Pastor Training - Linden Valley
- 16 HBA Ridgecrest Student Conference Registration Deadline
- 18-20 HBA Student Conference
- 20 Focus on WMU Sunday

MARCH

- 1 Administrative Team Meeting
- 4 Gospel Conversations with Dave Evans
- 6-13 Week of Prayer - Annie Armstrong

Please Pray for Our Churches Without Pastors

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

~JOHNSON CITY BAPTIST CENTER UPDATE~

Our Christmas season has ended, but we always have reasons to be joyful in the Lord. For the Baptist Center, churches and individuals brought joy in the way of gifts by generously supporting the Angel Tree. We had 55 children who were blessed with gifts from this outreach. Thank you on behalf of the children and families we minister to at the Johnson City Baptist Center. Also, thank you to the churches who helped with the Christmas backpack ministry. The love of Jesus shines bright, through your giving, to reach the lost and those in need.

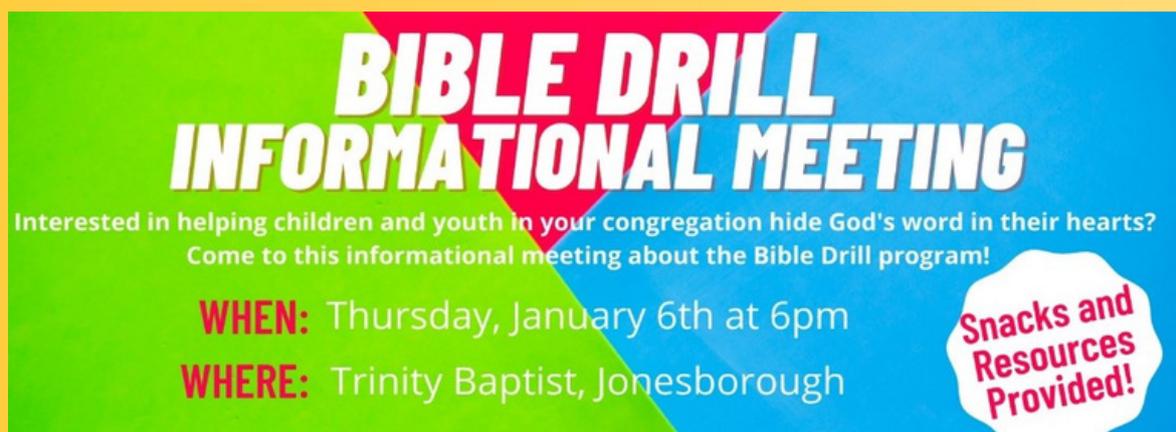
Please pray with us in the new year for our Bible studies, as we continue to reach this community for Christ. The consistent times of Bible lessons, activities, and meals is a way that we can walk alongside folks in building relationships. This opens the door to speak about our faith and trust in the Lord, to offer direction to God's Word, and to pray with them.

We anticipate all that God will do this year in the lives of our children and youth. Many are at an age where they are asking and seeking understanding of how to be saved. The adults who attend Bible study are growing in their knowledge of the Bible, and are anxious to learn more.

We ask prayers for the summer, also as churches plan and prepare to partner with the Baptist Center. This is a great time for churches to spend several days in ministry and sharing the Gospel. Join us!

Let us each day continue the proclamation of the Christmas Angel in Luke 2:10-11: "...Behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day....a Saviour who is Christ the Lord."

Anna Huggins



**BIBLE DRILL
INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Interested in helping children and youth in your congregation hide God's word in their hearts?
Come to this informational meeting about the Bible Drill program!

WHEN: Thursday, January 6th at 6pm
WHERE: Trinity Baptist, Jonesborough

Snacks and Resources Provided!

ATTENTION CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH MINISTERS

HBA Bible Drill Committee is hosting an informational night Thursday, January 6, 2022 at Trinity Baptist Church, 260 Headtown Road, Jonesborough. This meeting will provide information and resources for starting Children's and/or Youth Bible Drill at your church. This ministry, which focuses on knowing God's word by heart (and retaining it long term), is an invaluable addition to your children's and youth programs. This evening will allow you to learn about and hear from leaders and participants in the Bible Drill program. We hope to see you this evening!!

For additional information: Email Anna Huggins at anna@holstonbaptists.org

-HBA Bible Drill Committee

TO YOUR HEALTH WEIGHTLIFTING

Physical fitness takes effort. Muscles build when they are challenged. They tire, break down a bit and then rebuild stronger with size, strength and tone. We can do this with body weight exercises at home or even some machinery such as a Bow-Flex. The tried and true means to build muscle is weightlifting at home or the gym using barbells, dumbbells and machines.

Before beginning any program of physical exercise consult your physician. Do your homework. Follow some basic guidelines. Take advantage of a trainer or a good friend with experience. There are some gyms with more reasonable rates. Check them out to find one that meets your needs. You are not only building/toning your muscles, but also strengthening your ligaments and bones.

Keep track of your workouts. Eventually you will learn your body. My weights often vary from workout to workout depending on how my body feels that day. If you are lifting to achieve good health I suggest you not be too focused on how much weight you are lifting. Your priority should be muscle exhaustion, technique (form), smooth execution and finally, weight. My instructors tell me it is best to consider your body in three areas: upper body, midsection and lower body. It is not recommended to do upper and lower in the same day. Give the body time to rebuild.

A station is any exercise you go through. The repetitions (reps) are the number of times you execute. Usually that number should be 8-12. Less than 8, drop the weight. More than 12, raise the weight. Whatever you do, make the movement smooth, pausing at the top for a moment and then returning to the bottom of the motion. Each station should have 3-4 sets of 10. You need to pause between sets for a couple of minutes for your muscles to rest. This will tire your muscles sufficiently to rebuild.

Physical fitness takes time. It does not happen overnight. It works best with good nutrition (something most of us are terrible about) and cardio exercise like hiking, bicycling, etc. Your results will not show up overnight, but with consistency you will succeed. If you work out when you feel like it you will most likely fail. Anything worth doing in life should be scheduled. Put three to four days of gym time on your calendar. You will be glad you did. Let's take the fight to ol' Father Time!

Greg Burton
Colonial Heights Baptist Church

HBA EVANGELISM TRAINING

*Gospel Conversations
with Dr. David Evans*

**Friday, March 4, 2022
5:30 - 8:30 - includes Dinner**

**Hosted by Mtn. View Baptist
4005 Bristol Highway
Johnson City**





Happy
**NEW
YEAR**
2022

*You crown the year with your goodness,
and your paths drip with abundance.*

~Psalm 65:11