

THE MESSENGER

HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

As temperatures rise and the daylight hours grow longer, college students are looking forward to their Spring Break that's just around the corner. For students at the ETSU BCM (Baptist Collegiate Ministry), some are choosing to spend their break in Panama City, FL on a mission trip called "Beach Reach". While the last event was cancelled in March of 2020 at the very beginning of the pandemic, several upperclassmen remember their previous trip and are excited to have a chance to return coming this March.

Beach Reach is an organized effort by BCMs across the nation to reach people with the love of Christ and message of the gospel. Our students will meet up with others in Florida to serve for the week. While in Panama City they are divided into teams to worship, pray and be sent out. Drivers and navigators take teams out in vans to offer free rides to anyone who wants them. While on the van, students are actively sharing their faith. It is a highly evangelistic trip and many will be challenged to grow in their boldness as they rely on the Spirit to soften and prepare hearts.

This trip is unique and a great fit for college students because most of their peers will be in Florida for a different reason. The students and people they meet are searching for satisfaction in parties and clubs and they're clearly taken aback by others their age who are offering a kind word and free van ride. Beach Reach also organizes prayer walks around the area.

While the nightly bus rides are going on there are people back at the base that are coordinating routes, talking with teams and updating prayer requests. There are lots of logistics that go into a week of feeding, housing and sending out mission teams.

As churches and individuals in the Holston Baptist Association, we at the ETSU BCM want to thank you for your support of our organization. We would ask for your prayers for our team heading to Beach Reach the week of March 12-19. Please pray for Jesus to be glorified and for boldness in having gospel conversations. Pray for our students as they travel, that they would grow in their faith and learn how to share Christ both on mission in FL and back home on ETSU's campus. Pray also for those who will hear the gospel that God would soften hearts and bring about change in their lives.

To learn more about the BCM or find out ways you can support us in our ministry, please visit etsubcm.org.

Hannah Roberts,
ETSU BCM Assistant Director
Guest Columnist

HBA Student Conference - March 18-20



Register at hbastudents.org
REGISTRATION DEADLINE - March 4
T-Shirt Orders due by March 3
For more information, contact jimmyj@fbcgreeneville.com



Speaker Brent Crowe is a thought-provoking visionary and communicator who has a passion to present the life changing message of the gospel. Brent uses humor and real-life situations to relate to people at the heart of their struggles. The roles of husband, father, minister, evangelist, author and leader have allowed Brent to influence people from all walks of life throughout his twenty years in ministry.

Worship Leaders LIBERTY WORSHIP COLLECTIVE

The Liberty Worship Collective is a diverse collection of singers, songwriters, and musicians from all over the world, united together in mission to lead the church in Christ-centered worship.

CHAMPIONS FOR CHRIST
CELEBRATING JESUS



New Registration Deadline - March 4

PRAY FOR & MINISTER TO UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

Holston Baptist churches are encouraged to pray for Ukraine and to minister to them in a very real way through an opportunity presented by Heritage Baptist Church. Pastor Reggie Weems says, "Heritage Baptist is perfectly situated by its 25-year relationship with Elijah Soritau, an SEBTS grad and our missionary in Romania, to minister to Ukrainian refugees. At present we are purchasing mattresses for the 7,000+ refugees at Romanian border cities. Any Holston church could send a gift to Heritage and it is immediately forwarded to Elijah. The giving church will be noted to Elijah." For more information, any pastor can call Pastor Weems at (423) 676-2676.

Simply make and send your check to Heritage Baptist Church at 1512 John Exum Parkway, Johnson City, TN 37604. Designate your contribution by writing "Ukraine" in the memo line.



APPALACHIAN TRAIL MINISTRY

SPRING COOKOUT PLANNING MEETING

THURSDAY, MARCH 10 AT 6:30 PM

Calvary Baptist Church

540 Adams Street, Erwin, TN 37650

TRAIL MAGIC SEASON STARTING SOON

Any churches interested in learning more about the Trail Magic Ministry, please call Sam Dalton at (423) 895-2487.



CULTURAL IMPACT MINISTRY

As we approach the electoral season, the following information may be helpful to church members ahead of the May 3 Election Day.

April 4 – Last day to register to vote

April 13 to 28 – Early Voting

April 26 – Last day to request Absentee Ballot

May 3 – Absentee Ballots must be postmarked by this date.

BIBLE DRILL 2022

SAVE THE DATES!

1. Church Drills must be completed by March 31, 2022.
2. Association Drill will be held April 7, 2022 at Calvary Baptist Church in Erwin at 5:45 PM.
3. Children's State and Youth & High School Regional will be held April 30, 2022 at Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, 701 Merchant Drive in Knoxville. Children's Drill will be at 9:30 - 10:00 AM, followed by the Youth and High School Drills.

For information about conducting drills, obtaining study materials or to schedule a training sessions, please contact Anna Huggins at (423) 743-4741 or Susan Schiwitz at (423) 794-8182.

March Senior Pastor Birthdays

15 Bill Christian - New Life
26 Craig Ponder - New Salem
31 Todd McLaughlin - Unicoi
31 Bill McDaniel- Unaka Avenue

Happy Birthday, Pastors!

Pastors, if you haven't already, please email your birthday date to hba@holstonbaptists.org.

NEW HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WEBSITE & EMAIL ADDRESSES

Website: holstonba.org

Dr. Rust: troy@holstonba.org

Anna Huggins: anna@holstonba.org

Pam Parker: pam@holstonba.org

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR ANNIE ARMSTRONG OFFERING MARCH 6 - 13, 2022



CHURCH STAFF NEEDS

YOUTH DIRECTOR & MUSIC DIRECTOR

Or One Person to Hold Both Positions

Bluff City Baptist

Send resumes to Richard Bowling at richardbowlingbcmayor@gmail.com

FULL TIME CUSTODIAL SUPERVISOR

Heritage Baptist, Johnson City

This individual will oversee and perform light maintenance and any combination of cleaning duties, so as to provide church members, visitors, and staff with a clean, orderly place to congregate and worship. Please provide contact information, resume/experience, and references to Debbie (Debbie.hamm@hbcjc.org). Full job description available upon request.

FULL TIME PASTOR

Clark Street, Johnson City

Clark Street Baptist Church is seeking a full-time pastor.

Please send resumes to 200 Clark Street, Johnson City, TN 37604.

Attn: Search Committee or email to clarkstreetbc@gmail.com.

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>.

PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTER

Harmony, Jonesborough

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

PART-TIME PAID WORSHIP MINISTER

Oak Hill Baptist Church

Sing, lead choir, and lead musicians. Contact Toby Brown at (423) 348-5176

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

**Bethany * Clark Street * Enon * Friendship Chapel * Grace
Lovelace * Oakdale * River Bend * West Hills**

"Be Ready"

"...Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you..." 1 Peter 3:15 (KJV).

Today may bring an opportunity for you to share what Jesus has done for you. Will you be ready to give an answer? I pray so. We have no need to fear what to say, because as a believer, the Lord is in you and goes before you. So many around us are searching for a relationship with God, we need to be willing to plant or water as the Holy Spirit leads us. A word or a prayer with someone, may often help them to find who Jesus wants to be in their life.

Some of you may recall times when you should have spoken up to tell of your faith. I know I have often faltered in that regard. But, with prayer and Bible study, you can be better prepared to open your heart to share Jesus. Let your heart be like that of Isaiah, and respond, "Here am I. Send me!" (Isaiah 6:8 KJV).

Another means of helping you prepare an answer, is to join in on "Gospel Conversations" coming March 4th, at Mt. View Baptist Church. This session will help you to see how God can speak through you in everyday situations. I hope you have made plans to attend.

Then, I want to also invite you to come alongside us at the Johnson City Baptist Center. Every time we meet with children, youth, adults, or neighbors, God opens up ways we can show and talk of who He is, and wants be for them. We pray for Him to bring the blessings of peace and salvation.

Join us in sharing the Gospel at the Johnson City Baptist Center:

- * Pray for those attending Bible study, children through adults,
- * Pray for volunteers who lead and teach,
- * Volunteer to lend a hand during our Bible Studies,
- * Come to the Baptist Center and provide Vacation Bible School or Backyard Bible Club this summer.

NOW IS THE TIME! Do not hesitate. Please, call me to sign up and work with us, especially this summer. We look forward to filling up June and July with churches "...ready to give an answer for the hope that is in you..."

Sharing Jesus together,
Anna Huggins

HBA CALENDAR

MARCH

1 Administrative Team Meeting
3 Church Planting & Revitalization Meeting
4 Gospel Conversations with Dr. David Evans
6-13 Week of Prayer - Annie Armstrong
10 Appalachian Trail Planning Meeting
13 Daylight-Saving Time Begins
18-20 HBA Student Conference
31 Last Day for Church Bible Drills

APRIL

1 Administrative Team Meeting
6-13 Week of Prayer - Annie Armstrong
7 Associational Bible Drill - Calvary Erwin
7-9 Partnership Missions Vision Trip to Bay Lakes Association in Wisconsin
21 Spring Meeting at Southwestern Baptist
30 Children's State and Youth & High School Regional Bible Drill

MAY

5 National Day of Prayer
8 Mother's Day
22 Children's Ministry Sunday
30 Memorial Day - HBA Office Closed



AUTOMOBILE LICENSE PLATE (In God We Trust)

Available to Tennessee residents who are registering motor vehicles or motor homes.

No extra cost

Must specifically request the license tag with the "In God We Trust" motto.