

THE MESSENGER

HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

At our HBA Spring Meeting on April 21 we launched our partnership with Bay Lakes Baptist Association in Sheboygan, Wisconsin. Now we are ready to plan our next trip (June 25-July 2) to support their churches. We are looking for volunteers to help with their associational summer camp in the following areas:

- Kitchen workers
- Mini camp helpers
- Adult counselors
- Adult assistant counselors
- Music leaders

(Please note: Because the camp includes high school campers, anyone high school age and below will be considered a camper and not a worker.)

On the next page you will see our Mission Partnership Covenant is based on praying, giving, and going. Will you vow to support this partnership with your prayers?

Will your church considering giving to support an existing church? A future church plant?

Will you go and minister alongside the churches of Bay Lakes Baptist Association?

While we will be planning future associational mission trips to Wisconsin, we pray that your church will partner with a BLBA church and plan trips to support them! If you have further questions about future partnership possibilities, please give us a call. Yes, there are always people to reach here at home. However, we have 51 other weeks of the year to reach them, AND going to serve others often ignites a passion for the Gospel that we bring back to our home churches. Let's get on mission for Jesus!

With hands to the plow,

Troy

“Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her.”

– Proverbs 31:25-28



**MISSION PARTNERSHIP COVENANT BETWEEN
HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF JOHNSON CITY, TENNESSEE AND
BAY LAKES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OF SHEBOYGAN, WISCONSIN**

We, the churches of Holston Baptist Association, do hereby covenant with Bay Lakes Baptist Association to provide Great Commission partnership in the following areas:

- **Pray for your Associational Mission Strategist, Guy Fredrick**
Pray for your pastors and church leaders
Pray for churches to effectively share the gospel and disciple believers
Pray for churches in need of revitalization
Pray for new churches to be planted where there is little or no gospel witness
Pray for the finances needed to carry out God's work
Pray for our HBA churches to have a burden for Wisconsin
- **Give**
Annually budget funds to support this mission partnership
Financially support mission efforts and specific needs that may arise
Encourage our churches to directly support congregations in BLBA
- **Go**
Send at least 3 teams per year from Holston Baptist Association and its individual churches to provide hands-on ministry assistance
Provide revitalization assistance for struggling churches
Provide leadership training for local church leaders

The duration of this covenant shall be from April 21, 2022 till April 21, 2025 at which time it may be renewed by agreement of both parties. We enter this covenant for the glory of God and the expansion of His kingdom as we strive to fulfill the Great Commission of Jesus Christ, Our Lord!

Dr. Troy N. Rust, AMS
Holston Baptist Association

Rev. Guy Fredrick, AMS
Bay Lakes Baptist Association



**AMS Dr. Troy Rust & Partnership Missions
Team Leader Betty Cress
Vision Trip to BLBA in Sheboygan, WI**



**Spring 2022 Messengers Vote
to Enter Partnership Mission Covenant
with Bay Lakes Baptist Association**



Tuesday, June 14th – Friday, June 17th



Fun In The Sun is for kids who have completed grades 3 – 6 and the cost is \$185.

Call Us For More Information!

Dianne Woody 423.329.3555

Craig Ponder 423.329.5901

Registration materials will be available on the HBA website on April 11.

Registration Deadline is May 16.

HOW CAN WE HELP WHEN DISASTER STRIKES?



**Holston Baptist Association
DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING**

Saturday, May 21 - 7:30 to 4PM

**Timberlake Baptist Church
1182 Shadden Road, Gray**

\$36 Credentialing Fee

Must register for Intro to Disaster Relief and At Least 1 Specialized Class

Register at tndisasterrelief.org

Last Day to Register - Friday, May 13

Lunch Provided



Pre-Register Today @ (423) 929-1196

May Senior Pastor Birthday

23 Tony French

Happy Birthday, Pastor!

*** HBA CALENDAR ***

MAY

2-3 Compensation Planning Workshop

5 National Day of Prayer

8 Mother's Day

13-14 Appalachian Trail Days - Damascus

21 Disaster Relief Training

22 Children's Ministry Sunday

24 Newsletter Content Deadline

30 Memorial Day - HBA Office Closed

JUNE

12-15 SBC Annual Meeting - Anaheim, CA

14-17 Fun-in-the-Son Kids Camp

15 HBA Budget Requests Due

19 Father's Day

24 Newsletter Content Deadline

JULY

4 Independence Day - Office Closed

21 Executive Board Meeting - Bowmantown

TO YOUR HEALTH

Sow Before You Reap

Submitted by Pastor Greg Burton

This is the time of year that so many people worry about their “beach body”. We resort to crash diets or fasting to try to improve our bathing suit appearance. Or we buy the latest snake oil that promises to melt away fat or improve our muscle tone with hormones. Stop. As stewards of God’s gifts we should seek good health above all. When we take good steps toward better health other positive things can often happen.

Any farmer or gardener will tell you that you never harvest at the same time as you sow seed. There are times for investing and there are times for results. Not only do good things take time, but the journey of good health requires a consistency over the years to be effective. Too many do not want to make the changes necessary to live truly healthy. We want to eat things that are good but unhealthy. We do not want to go to the gym or jog the neighborhood when it is cold. On Thursday night the disciples could not pray for even one hour, but a few days later they stayed up all night fishing. We do what we want to do.

Please join a few of my pastor friends who are committing themselves to a journey of good health for yourself, your family, your church and the kingdom. Great results take a little time. As we age, the results come more slowly, but they do come! Eat more nutritionally, stay hydrated with water, exercise your muscles and your heart and live abundantly. You can do this. And maybe pray for an hour more often.

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

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 at Debbie.hamm@hbcjc.org. Full job description available upon request.

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 Pastor Steve Pate, 1177 Harmony Road, 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 * Friendship Chapel * Grace
Lovelace * Oakdale * River Bend * West Hills**