

THE MESSENGER

HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Calling all senior adults! What age is that? Depending on who you ask, it can range from 50 to infinity! Even if you're not a senior adult, you probably serve with them at your church and can help us encourage and enlist them.

This December our HBA Family Ministry Team will be sponsoring a Senior Adult Christmas Celebration with the following goals in mind:

- Good Food
- Good Fellowship
- Good Music
- A Moving Message
- Seniors Renewed to Serve in 2023
- Opportunities to Meet and Encourage Youth

Since our association hasn't sponsored a senior adult event recently, we thought Christmas would be an ideal season to focus on the gift of eternal life and what it means to be the hands and feet of Christ. We will eat, laugh, and sing. More importantly, we will consider what God desires to do through us in the year ahead, especially in the volunteer ministries like the ones listed below:

- Partnership Missions
- Disaster Relief
- School Ministry
- Johnson City Baptist Center
- Senior Adult Ministry

In partnership with First Priority, we will assign a youth host to every table who will serve our seniors as they strengthen their relationship with this wise (and often unknown) generation. We are structuring the event this way because we regretfully realize that modern church ministry has often pigeonholed the different generations of the body of Christ so that youth don't learn from the wisdom and experience of senior adults, and senior adults don't benefit from the energy and teachability of the youth.

What's next? We need to figure out how many people to expect. This month the HBA office will be reaching out to your church to find out how many senior adults would like to attend this exciting event! Please respond with a good faith estimate of how many attenders you are expecting, and we'll plan accordingly. The specific details will depend on your response!

Whether you stand, sit, or ride, God has a marvelous plan for senior saints! I hope to see you (and/or the senior adults you'll encourage to attend) in December.

**With hands to the plow,
Troy**

WEEKEND OF PRAYER OVER TENNESSEE STUDENTS

Over 1,000 people gathered together to pray on more than 90 school campuses in Northeast Tennessee for the 2022 Tennessee Weekend of Prayer Over Students! Many churches in the Holston Baptist Association adopted schools for prayer, inviting administrators, teachers, students and families to attend! Several principals opened their schools up and encouraged prayer warriors to walk through the schools as they prayed.

For more information about the TN Weekend of Prayer Over Students, and for ideas of how you and your church can continue to lift schools and students up in prayer, visit Pray4StudentsTN.com.



SEMINARY EXTENSION

NT 2185 HEBREWS * Cost: \$50

September 12 - December 13

Mondays 6:00 to 8:30PM

Call (423) 929-1196 or Email pam@holstonba.org by September 5

Open to Church leadership/Members, Homeschoolers

TO YOUR HEALTH

Few health conditions are as painful and limiting as back problems. It seems that once back issues arise, they continue to get progressively worse. When a minister begins such a journey of deterioration we are so limited in ministry projects, fellowships, etc. Is there anything we can do to alleviate this issue?

Stretching is a significant practice that can help so much. Before you play golf, lift weights, play ball or do anything physical, take time to stretch. Stiff-legged toe touches really help. Sitting on the ground with our feet out in 90 degrees allows for some good stretches. Try walking your fingers along the floor straight out as far as possible. Let the fingers of both hands run along your left leg out to your toes and then on the right. Keep the knees as stiff as possible.

When you get up in the morning, go find a comfortable rug or carpet and lay flat on your back. Pull your knees to your chest, grab your shins and pull into your chest. Hold this pose for five seconds and release. Do a set of ten. It will start your day well and give your back some needed relief.

There are many yoga-type stretches you can search on Google that do not require the spiritual acceptance of yoga, but offer the benefits of good posturing and movement. As with anything physical, consult your physician before undertaking a new course of training. Taking care of our joints, muscles and ligaments is a wise investment. Enjoy!

Greg Burton

ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Cherokee Baptist Church

Celebrating 239 Years

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Special Music: The Foundations

Guest Speaker:

Former Pastor Willie Lunsford

Dinner on the Grounds

Following Morning Activities

Everyone welcome!



Oak Grove Baptist Church

Celebrating 90 Years

Sunday, September 11, 2022

Special Musical Guests

Guest Speaker:

Former Pastor Dr. D. Steven Gouge

Catered Meal Following Service

**Join us as we celebrate 90 years
of God's faithfulness at OGBC!**



CLARK STREET BAPTIST CELEBRATES 65 YEARS

Clark Street Baptist Church is celebrating it's 65th anniversary Sunday, September 18, during the 11am worship. Former Pastor Randy Hommel will be the guest speaker. Lunch will be served following the service. If you would like to attend the lunch, please make a reservation by leaving a message at the church 423-926-5622 or email clarkstreetbc@gmail.com by Monday, September 12th.

JOHNSON CITY BAPTIST CENTER UPDATE

**"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads everywhere the fragrance of the knowledge of him."
~2 Corinthians 2:14 (NIV)**

As we close out the summer activities, and progress toward the responsibilities of fall, we want to offer thanksgiving to God for his goodness. We are thankful for all the children who attended VBS/Backyard Bible Club this summer. Also, we thank God for the new families who have moved to the apartments and neighborhood. The churches God sent our way during June and July blessed us through teaching the Bible, sharing, loving and giving of their time and energy even on the hottest days this summer. We will remember your sacrifice through relationships that were made. Much thanks to these churches: Cherry Grove, Mountain View, Mount Zion, Central, Fordtown, New Life, Trinity, Calvary (Erwin).

Then the big draw for our region in August, the Appalachian Fair, a part of our HBA ministry, was just completed. We were blessed with the opportunity to go out into the greater community to meet folks, and share some cold water in Jesus' name. This year we could also draw people, young or old to interact with a Connect 4 game, which helped lead to Gospel conversations. We gave out 1760 bottles of water, hundreds of rubber duckies or candy prizes, plus numerous Gospel tracts throughout the week. Thank you to these churches who connected with others this week: Cherry Grove, Boone's Creek, Ninth Street, Trinity, Hulen, New Salem, Depot City, and New Life, plus HBA and JCBC personnel.

Another way churches connected through ministry this summer, was with Christmas in August. Much thanks for all the hygiene items and school supplies that were donated by many of our Holston churches. We are grateful for your gifts, as the children we work with have begun school well prepared. You have made it possible to also keep them replenished with needed items throughout the year.

August brought God's goodness to our family, as well. We give personal thanksgiving for a new granddaughter. Our daughter Melanie, and son-in-law Andrew, welcomed Gwendolyn Harper on August 8, 2022. She is such a joy to all of us; thanks be to God for her. Precious is this new life, our eighth grandchild.

Not only do we want to remember what the Lord had done, but look ahead to what he wants to do in and through us. As the scripture says, "to spread everywhere the fragrance of him", is the work of believers. If you missed out on any of these opportunities to be on mission with us, please put us on your calendar. You may join in the task before us as we begin fall Bible studies in September. Please:

- Pray for children and families in the community of the Baptist Center**
- Pray for our Bible study teachers**
- Join us and volunteer to serve**
- Bring your church for a community outreach.**

**Thank you,
Anna Huggins
Director of Ministries Johnson City Baptist Center**

CHURCH STAFF OPENINGS

PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTER

Harmony Baptist Church

Salary negotiable based on 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 resumé to:

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

*Full job description available upon request.

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.

PART-TIME YOUTH DIRECTOR & PART-TIME CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Ninth Street Baptist, Erwin

For full job descriptions or
to submit a resume, contact
nsbchoffice@gmail.com.

FULL TIME PASTOR

Fall Branch First Baptist

Seeking a full-time pastor possessing 1 Timothy 3 qualifications. Searching for a godly man dedicated to evangelism, teaching God's word, and ministering to the needs of the church family and community. If the Holy Spirit leads and you meet these qualifications, please e-mail resume to office@fbfbc.org with "Attention to Pastor Search" in the subject line. Video links of sermons are also appreciated. Resumes can also be mailed to FBFBC, PO Box 82, Fall Branch, TN 37656, ATTN: Pastor Search Committee.

September Senior Pastor Birthdays

24 Mike Depew

24 Mike Oaks

Happy Birthday, Pastors!

HBA CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

5 Labor Day - HBA Office Closed

11-18 Week of Prayer for TN Missions

12 Seminary Extension Begins

18 East TN Evangelism Rally -

Carson Newman

26 Messenger Content Deadline

OCTOBER

Pastor Appreciation Month

3 Annual Church Profile Due

20 Fall Meeting - FBC Baileyton

24 Messenger Content Deadline

NOVEMBER

7 Daylight Saving Time Ends

7 JCBC Angel Tree Pick-Up Begins

11 Veterans Day

13-16 TBMB Summit

21 Baptist Center Thanksgiving Dinner

23 Messenger Content Deadline

24-25 HBA Office Closed

24 Thanksgiving

28 Week of Prayer for International
Missions Begins



FREE CONCERT AT CENTRAL BAPTIST JOHNSON CITY

September 11, 4:00 PM

300 N. Roan Street, Johnson City

Church Information: www.cbcjc.org, 423-926-7121

Phillips & Banks, a Tri-Cities progressive southern gospel quartet, will give a free concert at Central Baptist Church in Johnson City on September 11 at 4:00 PM. Married couples, Jacob & Carmen Phillips and Caleb & Autumn Banks bring a collectively distinctive and smooth sound to their music that sets them apart. They strive to minister with authentic and transparent testimonies and music that speaks from each of their personal relationships with the Lord. The group wrote many of the songs on their first project, simply titled "Phillips & Banks", and continue to write as the Lord inspires. Their latest project, "Sing Them Again", is a collection of hymns and old songs along with a new song written by Olivia Phillips, Jacob and Carmen's daughter! Visit the group's webpage at www.phillipsandbanks.com.

PEACE BY PIECE QUILT SHOW & FUNDRAISER

Central Baptist Church will be hosting a quilt show on Friday, Sept. 30/Saturday, Oct. 1 from 10:00-4:00. PEACE BY PIECE is a fundraiser with donations going to benefit the Ukrainian people through Samaritan's Purse. Come view beautiful quilts on loan by Central's people.

Annual Church Profile Due By Monday, October 3

Please call (423) 929-1196 for assistance if needed.

MID-TERM ELECTION ON NOVEMBER 8

The next election is the "mid-term" held November 8th, and the deadline to register to vote is October 8. We encourage church members to take this step to have their voice heard on issues of concern to the church.

Here are the ways to register:

1) Go to your County Election Commission and register in person. It only takes a few minutes but identification must be presented. Voter card will be mailed to you.

2) Use this link to access voter registration for all counties:

https://sos.tn.gov/elections/guides/how-to-register-to-vote?ref=voteusa_en

Tracy Teal
Cultural Impact Ministry



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.