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THE MESSENGER

HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

As we enter the Thanksgiving season, we need to be reminded of how blessed we are. We should also realize that many people have not enjoyed as many blessings as we have in this life. In this season of compassion, consider the following needs:

AMS Guy Fredrick – Bay Lakes Baptist Association, Sheboygan, WI

We launched a partnership with BLBA in April of this year. Since then, doctors have shared with Guy that, due to the declining condition of his back, he needs to stop driving a truck as soon as possible. In order to do so, he needs to offset the roughly \$2000 per month he makes as a truck driver. We are looking for churches or individuals who would make a 15-month pledge for monthly support, so that he and his wife Cathy will have the income needed until his Social Security begins in early 2024.

Humanitarian Aid for Ukraine

Jeff Garrison stopped by my office recently. He is an American "tent making" missionary, formerly of Johnson City, who lives in Poland. His organization (studylight.org) works with a variety of Christians, including the Southern Baptist Convention, to provide humanitarian aid to the people of Ukraine. They are asking fellow believers to pledge \$1 per month to provide food and other necessities in this war-torn region. Would you or your church consider giving \$1 per month? To find out more, you can email Jeff: jlanagerarrison@gmail.com.

HBA Widows Offering

Many men have served the Lord faithfully and never obtained much of this world's goods. As they have gone home to be with Jesus, some of them have left behind widows who faithfully served alongside them for decades. As we look toward the Christmas season, would your church consider giving to bless our ministers' widows?

We are asking each church to consider giving \$3 per person for this annual offering.

We simply take the total money that is given, divide it by the number of widows, and send it to them as a "thank you" Christmas gift. The more you give, the more financially blessed they will be. Let's take this opportunity to be faithful to the ones who have been so faithful to serve us!

While the opportunities listed above are financial, we have many other hands-on opportunities. As you pass many of the cold days of fall and winter indoors, take time to ask God where He would like to use you in 2023. We've got opportunities from the Appalachian Trail all the way to the Canadian border! Are you ready to say "yes" to Christ's Great Commission? If so, we're ready to help you get across the street, across the country, or even across the world, and it's all the result of God's saving grace! As we give thanks for the finished work of Jesus, may our gratitude be displayed in our mobilization to His destination!

Happy Thanksgiving!

With hands to the plow,

Troy

November

Senior Pastor Birthdays

11 Allen Davis

26 Zach Smith

Happy Birthday, Pastors!

**Please Pray for
Our Churches
Without Pastors**

**Bethany
Boone Trail
Fall Branch
Friendship Chapel
Grace
Muddy Creek
New Victory
Ninth Street
Oakdale
Timberlake**



HELLO November

HBA CALENDAR

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
18 Reservation Deadline for Minister & Spouse Event
23 Messenger Content Deadline
24-25 HBA Office Closed
24 Happy Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER

2 Reservation Deadline for NO Limit 55+ Christmas Event
4 - 11 Week of Prayer for International Missions
6 Minister & Spouse Christmas Event
7 JCBC Angel Tree Gifts Due
17 HBA NO Limit 55+ On Mission Christmas Celebration
25 Merry Christmas!
23-27 HBA Office Closed

JANUARY

1 Happy New Year!
15 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
19 Executive Board Meeting - Woodlawn Baptist, Bristol
26-28 TBMB Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat
29-30 WinTN State Evangelism Conference





HBA ON MISSION CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION

For Seniors 55+
Saturday, December 17
11AM to 1PM
Hosted by Antioch Baptist
1014 Antioch Rd., Johnson City

**NO
LIMIT
55+**

Cost \$5
Seating is Limited
Reserve Your Spot Today!
Reservation Deadline - Dec 2
<https://square.link/u/whDQPLUX>
or call (423) 929-1196



Great Food * Great Entertainment
Powerful Reminder of How Christmas Calls Us to Be On Mission with God
Join us!



~For Ministerial Staff~



MINISTER & SPOUSE CHRISTMAS BANQUET



LAMPLIGHT THEATRE
140 BROAD STREET, KINGSPORT

Dinner & "The Scrinch"

Tuesday, December 6
Dinner: 5:30 * Show: 7:00 PM

\$10 Per Couple, Payable in Advance

Reservation Deadline: Tuesday, November 22



<https://checkout.square.site/merchant/MLWYP19HWPX4H/checkout/J6NLWRLCZQAM7MGL5PM3OFXF>



Johnson City Baptist Center Angel Tree

Monday, **November 7** is the kickoff date for the 2022 Johnson City Baptist Center Christmas Angel Tree. This ministry benefits the children in Tyler Apartments that are served by the Baptist Center. Churches or individuals may come by the HBA office at 207 University Parkway in Johnson City to select the name of a child to bless. All gifts must be returned to the HBA office no later than Wednesday, December 7.

We ask that you give a toy or requested item and an article of clothing. Cost will likely be between \$30 and \$50 depending upon what you choose to give. Please **WRAP** the gift and attach the Angel Tree gift tag or another gift tag to the gift.

The children signed up should not be on any other Angel Tree. Thank you for providing Christmas gifts to children who otherwise may not have anything to open on Christmas day.



First Baptist Church of Blountville invites you to

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS 2022

"Christmas in Taylor's Valley"

December 2 - 7:00 PM

December 3 - 2:30 PM and 7:00 PM

December 4 - 5:00 PM

Tickets On Sale at Blountville FBC on November 11 at 9AM
Purchase Tickets by Phone (423) 323-8033 After November 14

~TO YOUR HEALTH~ ORAL CARE

The prophet Isaiah declared in chapter 6 that he was a man of unclean lips. His plea in a heavenly vision was met with a hot coal applied to purify his mouth. Obviously this was symbolic of the Lord cleansing his mouth to allow for him to declare God's word.

I have heard it said that perhaps half of our ailments would naturally heal themselves without a doctor visit. But one hundred percent of all dental issues will only get worse without attention. This is compounded with the rising cost of dental care and the little financial assistance dental insurance gives. This is all the more incentive for us to use good oral care.

You should visit your dentist every six months for a good cleaning and exam. Most dental insurance plans cover the entire expense of this appointment. Between these visits we should brush carefully within an hour or so of eating. This interferes with bacteria build up that leads to cavities in the enamel of our teeth. Once each day we should also floss all our teeth. Careful flossing keeps plaque from building up, opens up bacterial pockets and protects the gums. Using a sonic device or a WaterPic can be just as effective, but you must do something.

Bleeding gums when brushing or flossing reveal that problems were about to begin. Bleeding gums open up your circulatory system to infection. Healthy gums protect overall health.

In ministry we are often close to the faces of those we offer care. Bad breath is a real turn-off when greeting or praying. Breath mints or candy/gum only try to mask the odor and put more sugar around our teeth. The real solution is to brush ones teeth and remove the decaying food from your mouth. Do not forget to scrape your tongue regularly. It can easily be coated with a bacterial film that also contributes to bad breath. A good toothbrush and a tongue scraper are available at many retail outlets at little cost.

I have teeth that were weakened from earliest ages because of medications my mother took while pregnant. Cavities come easily. When I have a check-up with no cavities I especially celebrate. You probably heard my rejoicing three weeks ago! We can do this!

Greg Burton

CHURCH STAFF OPENINGS

BIVOCATIONAL ASSOCIATE PASTOR & BIVOCATIONAL CHILDREN'S PASTOR

Mountain View Baptist Church, Johnson City

Bi-Vocational Associate Pastor:
Oversees Outreach and Discipleship

Bi-Vocational Children's Pastor:
Oversees the Children's Ministry

For full job descriptions or to submit a resume,
contact admin@mtnviewbaptist.com,
or call 423-282-3262.

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

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





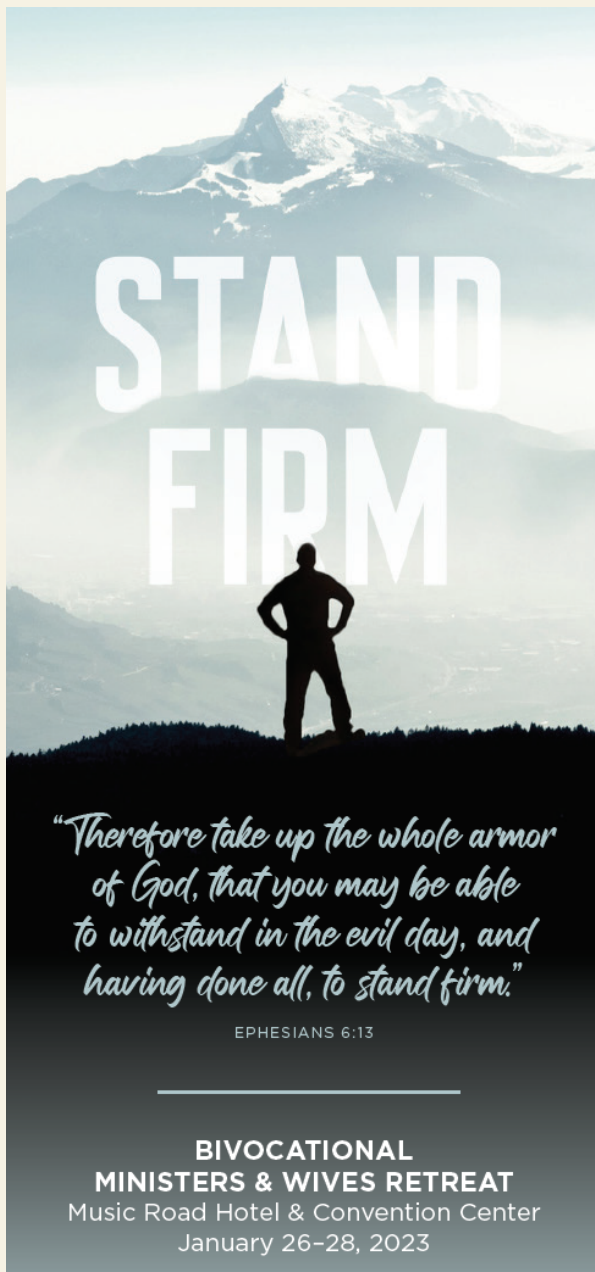
HBA WIDOWS OFFERING

Holston Baptist Association is now accepting contributions from churches and individuals for the annual Widows Christmas Offering.

Please mail checks to HBA, 207 University Parkway, Johnson City, TN 37604 with a memo line: Widows Offering.

Deadline for contributions is Wednesday, November 30.

Thank you for helping us bless women who served faithfully alongside their minister husbands!



STAND FIRM

"Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm."

EPHESIANS 6:13

**BIVOCATIONAL
MINISTERS & WIVES RETREAT**
Music Road Hotel & Convention Center
January 26-28, 2023



SUMMIT
THE GATHERING OF TENNESSEE BAPTISTS
Nov. 13-16
2022
Bellevue Baptist Church

ACROSS
THE STREETS
THE STATES
THE SEAS



REACHING THE NATIONS, TOGETHER.

 **INTERNATIONAL
MISSION BOARD**

Week of Prayer for International Missions – December 4 – 11
National Offering Goal: \$196 million