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# Exciting Days Ahead!

We have some exciting opportunities coming up this year! Here are just a few:

### Wisconsin Collegiate Ministry Vision Trip – April 18-23

On April 18 four BCM representatives will travel to Bay Lakes Baptist Association to view college campuses and meet with local leaders to discuss the potential for launching a ministry like BCM on a local campus. Pray that a future ministry of this kind will reach Wisconsin students for Christ, and play a major role in church planting in this largely unreached area.

#### HBA Spring Meeting – April 20

Our spring semi-annual meeting will take place at Colonial Heights Baptist Church to focus on ethnic ministry. This meeting will mark the formal transfer of the Snow Memorial Baptist Church Property to Casa de Restauracion, Johnson City. We will enjoy great food, valuable training, and Christ-exalting worship! Our schedule will be as follows:

5:00 – International Dinner

- 6:00 Breakout Sessions on Ethnic Ministry
- 7:00 Worship (music by CDR Praise Band and message by Pastor Jaime Velasco)

Dinner is free but registration is required. Don't miss this opportunity to get a fresh glimpse of God's love for every nation, tribe, people, and tongue! Please call our office ASAP!

#### HBA Mission House – Target Date: July 1

The HBA Administrative Team is in the process of transitioning the old Snow Memorial parsonage to a mission house. In the coming weeks, the remodeling and furnishing process will begin to turn this house into a place of rest and relaxation for missionaries and ministry leaders who need a place to stay for a season. In the coming weeks, we will provide a registry of needed items so your family, mission group, or church body can play a part in preparing this important ministry.

Please pray for each of these upcoming opportunities, and give and go as God gives you the opportunity. Let's exalt the name of Jesus from the Tri-Cities to the ends of the earth!

With hands to the plow,

Troy

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# Calendar

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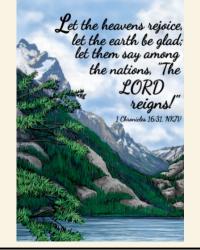
ASSOCIATION

#### <u>March</u>

- 3-4 Pastors' Retreat at Doe River Gorge
- 5-12 Week of Prayer for NAMB Annie Armstrong Offering
- 12 Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 16-18 WMU Missions Get-Together
- 20 Seminary Extension Ends -"Pastoral Care"
- 24-26 HBA Student Conference at Ridgecrest

### <u>April</u>

- 3 Seminary Extension Begins -"Public Worship"
- 3 App Trail Cookout Planning @ Calvary Erwin @ 6:30
- 4 HBA Bible Drill
- 7 Good Friday Office Closed
- 9 Easter He Is Risen!
- 20 HBA Spring Meeting Colonial Heights Baptist Church



# Happy Birthday, Pastors!

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FBC Jonesborough #3 in TN Baptisms



In 2014 the Tennessee Baptist Convention adopted 5 objectives "to unify efforts of Tennessee Baptists for the next ten years." Objective #1 was to see at least 50,000 Tennesseans annually saved, baptized, and set on the road to discipleship by 2024.

FBC Jonesborough was recently recognized for their outstanding leadership in baptisms. Designated as #3 in baptisms across all 3000+ churches in the TBC, FBC Jonesborough reported a total of 74 baptisms in 2021. Well done, church!

To God be the glory! Great things He has done!

## March 2023

## **APPALACHIAN TRAIL HIKER'S MINISTRY**

The Annual Holston Baptist Association's Appalachian Trail Hiker's Worship Service/Cook Out will be in Erwin at the Chestoa Picnic area on the Nolichucky River (or at Fishery Park if weather is bad) on May 7. The Worship Service will begin at 11 AM with the cookout picnic immediately following at 12 to around 3. There are several ways for churches and individuals to be involved in this ministry opportunity. One way is to help provide food for the picnic lunch. This year our main food will be pizza made by Opie's Pizza food truck. Churches can bring side dishes (in disposable aluminum pans). Anything will be greatly appreciated. Some ideas to go with pizza could be bread sticks, beans or cowboy beans. salads (potato, pasta, etc.), any type desserts, or really anything. (Hikers are burning the carbs daily so they enjoy good homemade foods which they don't get too often on the trail.) We also have a table for individually wrapped snacks (granola bars, etc.) for them to take to eat as they hike. We also need people to help set up tables, chairs, canopies and to take down and clean up afterwards, people to help serve, man the snack table, man a prayer table to take requests and pray with the hikers. Anyone working may also eat with the hikers. It's a great opportunity to make new friends, encourage hikers, and share Christ with them. Many of them have ways to follow them online so you may be able to keep up with them and encourage them as they continue the journey to Maine. We will be buying drinks, ice, eating utensils and paying for pizza ingredients so financial contributions is also a way to participate in this ministry opportunity. Many of our Association churches have participated in this ministry in past years. We are hopeful they will continue and that more churches will be a part of this ministry event. The hikers are from all over the world so it is a way to do international missions right here in our own back yard.

The next planning meeting for the cookout event is April 3 at 6:30 PM at Calvary Baptist Church in Erwin. For more information, call Sam Dalton at (423) 895-2487.



Holston Baptist Association Spring Meeting Colonial Heights Baptist, Kingsport Featuring Ethnic Ministry & Casa de Restauracion JC

### "PUBLIC WORSHIP"

#### SEMINARY EXTENSION BEGINS APRIL 3

"Public Worship" Seminary Extension class is an examination of worship from the perspectives of personal experience, theology, psychology, the Bible, Christian history, and music. Special attention is given to the various elements of a worship service and the development of skills in planning and conducting public worship.

Worship leaders and church members are encouraged to participate. The cost to students is only \$50 with HBA absorbing the major portion of the class. Call 929-1196 today to register.

## Thank You, HBA Churches!



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## HBA STUDENT CONFERENCE MARCH 24-26

## REGISTRATION DEADLINE March 7

\$90 per person – Does not include lodging

For more information: hbastudents.org or jimmyj@fbcgreeneville.com

# Beulah Baptist Welcomes Everyone



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# <u>TUE. 6.20.23 - FRI. 6.23.23</u>

# CARSON SPRINGS RETREAT CENTER NEWPORT, TENNESSEE

## COST : <u>\$185</u>

REGISTRATION PACKET WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE HBA WEBSITE ON <u>FRIDAY, MARCH 24<sup>TH</sup></u>

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY MAY 5<sup>TH</sup>** 

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GOD'S ARMY

# Timberlake Baptist Church

*Invites Everyone to...* Evangelism Training with

Larry Stamm

Sunday Evenings at 6PM March 5, 19, & 26 1182 Shadden Road, Gray

After 20 years, Rev. Don Page retired as Pastor of Skyline Heights (now Depot City Church) on February 26. Congratulations, Pastor Don, and thank you for your ministry!

Rev. Page is available for pulpit supply and interim work.



**Pictured with Wife Martha** 



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

# CHURCH STAFF OPENINGS

### BIVOCATIONAL ASSOCIATE PASTOR

**Oversees Outreach and Discipleship** 

&

### BIVOCATIONAL CHILDREN'S PASTOR

Oversees the Children's Ministry

#### Mountain View, Johnson City

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

## PART-TIME CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

#### Ninth Street, Erwin

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

## BIVOCATIONAL PASTOR & PART-TIME WORSHIP MINISTER

Oak Hill, Jonesborough

Contact Toby Brown at (423) 348-5176.

### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

#### Beulah, Kingsport

Beulah Baptist is seeking an administrative assistant. This is a salaried, part-time, nonbenefited position. The employee in this role will provide secretarial support to the ministerial staff and church body as a whole under the direct supervision of the pastor. Work schedule/office hours shall be established to assure task completion prior to deadlines, minimum four (4) hours per week.

### PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTER

#### Harmony, Jonesborough

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.

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## BOONES CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH HONORS VET ON 100TH BIRTHDAY

(Written by Lonnie Wilkey, Excerpted from February 10 Baptist & Reflector)

Retired pastor Julian E. Hodges, a member of Boones Creek Baptist Church, is in rare company. Not only did he turn 100 years old on February 5, Hodges is one of a very small minority of Navy veterans who survived the Battle of Midway during World War II when the U.S.S. Yorktown was struck by enemy torpedoes and later sank. The former Florida pastor still has vivid memories from that day. Hodges went through some "tough times" while serving his country. "I learned there was a way out. If you trust the Lord and have the right attitude, it will make things easier for you," he said. "God has been very good to me," he continued.

After his military service, Hodges returned to Florida and enrolled at Florida Baptist Theological College in Graceville, Florida and would go on to minister



for 62 years as a pastor. He "retired" in 1991, after 40 years in the pastorate. But he would serve another 18 churches as interim pastor, leaving his last interim at the age of 94. He also served his local association near Panama City as interim director of missions twice and has been a chaplain. "Leading people to Christ has been a passion," he maintained. "The Lord has blessed me."

Since moving to Johnson City to live with his son and daughter-in-law, he has found a church family at Boones Creek Baptist and has been as active as possible, teaching Sunday School on occasion and filling in once for Pastor Jason Royston. "He has been a mentor to me," Royston affirmed. He noted that Hodges is well loved by the members of Boones Creek even though he has been a member for only a few years.

The church honored Hodges on his 100th birthday with a special afternoon celebration. "We are honoring him not only for his love for his country and for his military service, but also for the fact that he has been in ministry for 62 years," Royston said. "We declared the day in his honor."

Pastor Hodges now enjoys playing hymns such as "Amazing Grace" on his harmonica. Though he no longer preaches, Hodges maintains he will never stop serving the Lord. "If He gives me the strength, I will keep serving Him until they lay me in the grave. I love the Lord."



legislators to represent us. Please, pray for them regularly that they will always seek God's direction as they do the people's business.

SPECIAL GUEST SPEAKER ETSU BCM DR. RANDY DAVIS! HIGHSCHOOL JUNIOR/SENIOR NIGHT 6PM: FREE DINNER 7PM: WORSHIP AFTER OUTLET: NIGHT GAMES AT CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

MARCH 28TH!