



Calendar

April

3 Seminary Extension Begins - "Public Worship"

3 Appalachian Trail Cookout Final Planning Meeting

4 HBA Bible Drill

7 Good Friday - Office Closed

9 Easter - He Is Risen!

10 Easter Monday - Office Closed

12 Deadline to Register for Spring Meeting @ Colonial Heights

20 HBA Spring Meeting - Colonial Heights Baptist Church

May

5 National Day of Prayer

5 Registration Deadline for Fun-in-the-Son Kids Camp

14 Mother's Day

29 Memorial Day - Office Closed

"I am the resurrection and the life."
JOHN 11:25



CALLING OUT THE CALLED

Over the last year we've heard multiple references to "supply chain issues" as the reason for items being out of stock at a store. In our area (and across much of the SBC) we are facing a very different supply chain issue – the lack of young people answering the call to vocational Christian service. While not all people called to vocational ministry are "young," many of the most fruitful servants of Christ were called when they were still trying to determine God's vocational direction for their lives. Sadly, we aren't seeing much of that happen currently.

How many of the following do you know?

- Young men called to be pastors
- Young men or women called to the mission field
- Young men or women called to niche ministries (music, children, youth, education, etc.)

Once people answer God's call to ministry there are two things we want to help them attain: training and experience. We have numerous associational churches seeking full-time or part-time staff members, and there are many other opportunities just outside of our area. Regarding the mission field, IMB and NAMB are ready and waiting to receive new applicants. When it comes to training, we have more online and in-person options than ever before, and financial help is available.

Holston Baptist Association would love to come alongside your church and help the called enter the pipeline toward fulfilling the ministry to which God has called them. Are you challenging your young people to consider whether God is calling them? Are you regularly inviting them to answer and publicly acknowledge God's calling on their lives?

Our association is in the connecting business! Let us help you connect the called to their calling to the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord.

He is risen...and the world needs to know!

With hands to the plow,
Troy

HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Harnessing Kingdom Potential Through Cooperating Churches

Happy Birthday, Pastors!

6 Greg Burton
11 John David Shanks
17 Robert Carty
18 Steve Pate
24 David Rouse
25 Charles Morgan
27 Luka Temaj

GRACE BAPTIST CALLS PASTOR MICHAEL HEATH



J. Michael Heath has been named pastor of Grace Baptist Church, following several months serving as interim.

Before moving to Johnson City, Rev. Heath pastored Eastwood Baptist Church in Georgia and most recently the First Baptist Church in Show Low, Arizona.

He has a Bachelor of Science in Religion and is currently working on a Master of Divinity in Christian Apologetics.

He and his wife Susan have three adult children.

Welcome, Pastor Heath!

holstonba.org

HBA SPRING MEETING

Thursday, April 20 at 5PM

Reservation Deadline - Wednesday, April 12

Colonial Heights Baptist
108 Colonial Heights Road, Kingsport
Featuring Ethnic Ministry & Casa de Restauracion JC

BREAKOUTS

REACHING ETHNIC PEOPLE IN YOUR COMMUNITY

William Burton, TBMB Ethnic Evangelism/Church Planting Specialist

This breakout will reveal the growing need for ethnic ministries by looking at current demographics for the Tri-Cities region. It will also share creative ways to reach ethnic people with the goal of planting churches for them.

MINISTERING TO INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Jerry & Coleen Felasca, Heritage Baptist Church Members

This breakout will include specific ways to minister to international students including meeting practical needs and engaging students in spiritual discussions. The Felascas will share personal ministering experience they have had with ETSU international students over the past 11 years.

MINISTERING TO INTERNATIONALS IN TENNESSEE

Beth Moore, TBMB Compassion Ministry Specialist

Have you considered joining or starting a ministry to an ethnic population? Come find out about existing ministries that need your help, and ways you can begin a ministry in your own community to reach internationals for Christ.

REGISTER HERE FOR DINNER & BREAKOUT



UNITED TO REACH NORTH AMERICA WITH THE GOSPEL ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) is the primary way Southern Baptists fund missions in North America. One hundred percent of gifts given to AAEO go to the field to support more than 2,400 missionary families serving across the United States and Canada.

Gifts to the AAEO are used to train and resource missionaries in church planting and compassion ministries. Gifts are also used to create evangelism resources. New churches are being planted, hurts are being healed and lives are being transformed by the gospel because you give.

207 University Parkway, Johnson City, TN 37604
423.929.1196
hba@holstonba.org



APPALACHIAN TRAIL WORSHIP & COOKOUT

Sunday, May 7, 2023

Worship at 11AM
Cookout at 12 – 3PM

Chestoa Picnic Area
Across from Johnny's Hostel

Inclement Weather
Location - Fishery Park

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Final Planning Meeting
Monday, April 3 @ 6:30
Calvary Erwin

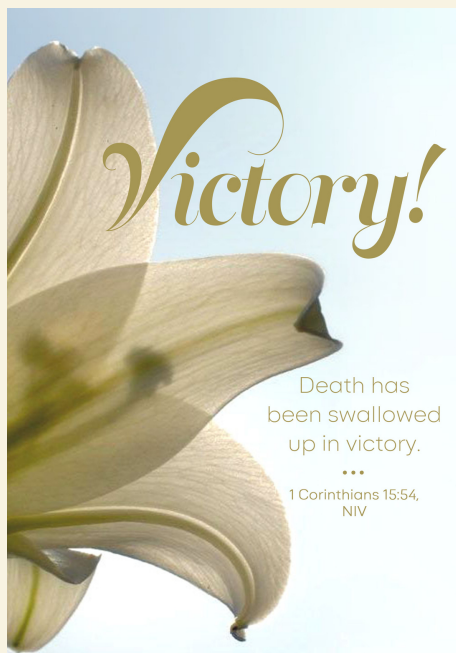


Anyone is welcome to attend the drill, especially if your church is considering Bible Drill participation!



Questions? Call Susan Schiwitz (423-794-8182) or Anna Huggins (423-767-0578)

**Associational
Bible Drill**
April 4th, 2023
6:00pm
**at Casa de
Restauracion
(Johnson City)**
Regional Drill:
April 29th
Wallace Memorial
Knoxville, TN



Death has
been swallowed
up in victory.

...
1 Corinthians 15:54,
NIV



TUE. 6.20.23 – FRI. 6.23.23

**CARSON SPRINGS RETREAT CENTER
NEWPORT, TENNESSEE**

COST : \$185

**REGISTRATION PACKET WILL BE AVAILABLE
FOR DOWNLOAD FROM THE HBA WEBSITE ON
FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH**

REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRIDAY MAY 5TH

revive us!

**FBC BAILEYTON
SPRING REVIVAL**

April 16 - 19 at 6:30 PM

We are being led by David Horton, President of Fruitland Bible College, Hendersonville, NC.

There will be special music each night. Sunday night - the Benton Family, Monday night - Coach James Buchanan & friends, Tuesday night - the Troy Rust Family, Wednesday night - Crossroads Ministry's Praise Team. The Mundy Family will be singing nightly.

We invite you to join us!

**Please Pray for
Our Churches
Without Pastors**

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

*You're Invited to the
Trinity Baptist Church Hymn Sing!*



It Is Well
A Hymn Sing

April 30th, 6 PM
*Led by the
Trinity Worship Choir
and Orchestra*

Trinity Baptist Church
Jonesborough, TN

Join the HBA Bay Lakes Baptist Association Summer Camp Team!
Commitment Deadline is May 10. Call 423-929-1196 to Volunteer.

VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!

BLBA SUMMER CAMP 2023

Bay Lakes Baptist Association

JOIN US!

June 25 — JUNE 30, 2023

**BLBA
Summer
Camp**



HELP NEEDED!

OPPORTUNITY:

There is a great need for camp staff. Come help guide children and youth to a personal relationship with our Lord!

If you are able to help this summer please contact

Joe Kelly @

920-205-4571

CampBLBA@gmail.com

Staff children get to go to camp for an exclusive helper discount!

BLBA.org/Camp

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- Male and Female Counselors (many)
- Kitchen Workers
- Recreation Leaders
- Helpers for Arts & Crafts, and Medical

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES:

- Prayer support for volunteers
- Join our camp prayer team to pray all week
- Provide scholarships for campers
- Donate supplies (Crafts, Medical, Sports/Rec)
- Help by donating to overall camp costs

**Please Pray about helping at camp this year!
HOW CAN GOD USE YOU?**

Be the
Change



Youth Rally at Central Baptist, Erwin

Saturday, April 1 - Food at 5:00 PM

Keynote Speaker: Scott Stodola

Youth 6th Grade & Up

For more information call 423-354-6061

Mt. Zion Baptist Church on April 12

Michael Titus on Sharing the Hope of Jesus with Muslim Students in Tanzania

**MICHAEL
TITUS**

SHARING THE HOPE OF JESUS
WITH MUSLIM STUDENTS IN TANZANIA 

**WEDNESDAY
APRIL 12 • 6-8PM**

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH
284 Mount Zion Church Rd.
Jonesborough, TN 37659

 An offering will be collected to help with the purchase of a school bus for students in Tanzania.

CHURCH STAFF OPENINGS

FULLTIME WORSHIP PASTOR

Central, Johnson City

Seeking:

Experienced Church Music Leader
Traditional & Contemporary Services

For more information contact:
kborger@cbcjc.org or cbcjc.org

BIVOCATIONAL PASTOR

&

PART-TIME WORSHIP MINISTER

Oak Hill, Jonesborough

Contact Toby Brown
at (423) 348-5176.

BIVOCATIONAL ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Oversees
Outreach and Discipleship

&

BIVOCATIONAL CHILDREN'S PASTOR

Oversees
Children's Ministry

Mountain View, JC

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 description or to
submit a resume, contact
nsbchoffice@gmail.com.

TO YOUR HEALTH – FAILURE

Our nation is facing an epidemic of Type 2 Diabetes. There is not a conclusive explanation for this preventable disease. It seems to be a combination of genetics, inactivity, poor nutrition and a few other possibilities. It usually begins with slight elevation of blood glucose levels and then those levels continue to rise until they consistently cross a boundary of around 120. We know the usual consequences of Type 2 Diabetes: fatigue, neuropathy of the feet, kidney failure, blindness, urinary disorders, etc. One can take a day or two of careful eating to lower the blood glucose level, but you cannot cheat the A1C test that measures cumulative blood sugar over a three-month period. It is a tough battle.

Clergy seem to be a leading group in the struggle with diabetes. It is a high stress vocation that draws us into unhealthy social eating and too often hinders regular exercise. These are a bad recipe for good health. I had been on a good course for quite some time. I take a few medications that help and I try to be thoughtful about everything I eat, even snacks. However, as is common among people with Type 2 Diabetes, I fell off the wagon. After a while we get tired of not eating what others eat. We find a hunger for sugary foods. We miss dinner rolls and ice cream. After a meal we want the dessert everyone else eats. AND...we know what our glucose levels probably are so we avoid sticking our fingers and checking to truly know. It will only reveal our failure and the need to change. So, what is the answer?

People with Type 2 Diabetes have some choices to make. We must count carbohydrates and limit their consumption. Our bodies cannot process them for energy and the buildup has an unfortunate effect. It is necessary to check blood sugar levels daily. Fast food is almost always a bad health choice for diabetics. Following doctor's orders on medication and nutrition is essential. The greatest danger to diabetics may be how slow and subtle it progresses. It lulls the patient into doubting its dangers until a foot sore, optical issues or other effects lead to permanent consequences. We must stop ourselves, find accountability, and get back on the bandwagon. The Apostle Paul warned of the stomach becoming our god. Let's choose good health. We can do this!

Greg Burton

University Parkway Baptist Church Invites You!

Biblical Citizenship - Every Thursday at 6:30 - April 13 - June 1

Free Workbook Provided (\$25 Value). Register by QR Code Below.

**BIBLICAL
CITIZENSHIP**
**UNIVERSITY PARKWAY
BAPTIST CHURCH**
219 University Parkway, Johnson City, TN 37604
4/13/23 ★ 6:30 PM
*Looking at the U.S.
Constitution through the
lens of Scripture. We will be
exploring the Christian faith
of our founding fathers.*



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