



Calendar

March

3-10 Week of Prayer for North American Missions - Annie Armstrong Offering
10 Daylight Saving Time Begins
12 Ministry Cohort
18 App Trail Worship & Cookout Planning Meeting @ HBA - 6 PM
22-24 Ridgecrest Student Conference
24 Palm Sunday
25 Monday Manna
25 Seminary Extension Begins
29 Good Friday - Office Closed
31 Easter

April

1 Easter Monday - Office Closed
9 Ministry Cohort
18 Spring Meeting - Bluff City FBC
29 Monday Manna



12 Rick Dinkins
26 Craig Ponder
31 Todd McLaughlin
31 Bill McDaniel

HBA Spring Meeting

April 18 - 5:00 PM
Bluff City First Baptist

Would they miss you?

When you lose someone close to you, it's hard to get used to his or her absence. My mother died of cancer a couple of months before my fifteenth birthday. Although we spent a few weeks knowing she wouldn't be with us long, nothing prepared our family for the day she left us. I can't tell you how many times I tried to set her place at the table, or how strange it seemed that her recliner was empty. Daily life and special events had been forever altered. Life would never be the same again.

Suppose your church died. Would anyone outside the building shed tears? Would the surrounding neighborhood or community feel the loss? The answer to both questions is usually "no" when a church dies, because churches don't tend to die from short-term illnesses or sudden tragedies. They often die as our neighbor died many years ago. She died old, and hadn't been in touch with reality for years. She had outlived all of her close family and friends, except for the five people who attended her funeral. She spent the last two decades of her life largely cocooned away from the rest of the world.

Dying churches dream of returning to the "glory days," and invest their ministry efforts in the surviving people from those days (or people like them) often while ignoring the changing community around them. With an undetected spiritual dementia, they forget why they're there and spend their final years living in the past. Yet they are aware of one painful reality – everyone else is gone. The cries of babies, the rumble of teenagers, the joy of young families, and all the other fruits of an outward-focused ministry have slowly faded from view. While some of these churches close for lack of financial solvency, most still have money in the bank. They die not from a lack of finances, but from a lack of biblical vision.

How does your church avoid such a tragic end? Bloom where you're planted! Get to know your neighbors and invest in their lives. Don't just go to church – be the church. Start ministering to the schools closest to you. Find ways to love on local multi-housing units. Host an outreach event at a local park. There are numerous ways to reach out to your community, but they all have one thing in common – going. Dying churches wait for people to come to them. Thriving churches follow the example of Jesus by going to find lost and hurting people. **Warning! – At this point you may be tempted to make excuses like, "We're just a small group of senior adults."** If so, go find the people who need a mature believer to be an "adoptive" parent or grandparent. Two things they usually lack are love and stability, and you can give them both!

Many lost people only identify churches with brick and mortar buildings – no wonder they don't miss them when they're gone. We must show them that churches are not buildings, but people who've been transformed by the gospel of Jesus Christ! They must see that we are broken people who've been made whole and filled with a love that doesn't come from us but from God. People would miss that kind of church if it closed, because it changes lives. By the grace of God, let's go be the church!

With hands to the plow,
Troy



Pastor Michael Chatman is from Johnson City where he grew up attending and was ordained by Calvary Baptist Church, where his father Jim Chatman has been pastor for 37 years. Pastor Michael accepted his call to preach in 2002 in a revival at East Watauga Ave Baptist Church. Prior to becoming pastor of East Watauga, he spent 5 years as pastor of Rocky Springs in Piney Flats and helped other pastors by filling in as needed at many churches.

Pastor Michael has one daughter, 19 year old Katie Chatman, who helps in worship and works in children's ministry. He is committed to spreading the gospel and helping the church grow in both attendance and spirit. He believes strongly that a church is a family, and is very grateful to be allowed to serve in a place where he has so much personal history.

Welcome to your new HBA church home, Pastor Michael!

HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION INVITES YOU TO:

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY DIRECTORS APPRECIATION BRUNCH

SATURDAY | 10:00AM-11:30AM

AT TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH
260 HEADTOWN ROAD
JONESBOROUGH

RSVP BY MARCH 22ND TO PAM PARKER
 (423.929.1196 OR PAM@HOLSTONBA.ORG)

**APPALACHIAN TRAIL
 WORSHIP SERVICE & COOKOUT
 PLANNING MEETING**

Monday, March 18 at 6:00 PM

HBA Office * 207 University Parkway, JC

STAFF OPENINGS

PART-TIME STUDENT MINISTER

Clark Street, JC

Clark Street Baptist Church is seeking a part time student minister who will oversee the children and youth ministry of the Church.

Resumes may be sent to
clarkstreetbc@gmail.com

FULL TIME PASTOR

Woodlawn, Bristol

Southern Baptist Background
SBC Seminary Degree
4-5 years' experience
Licensed and ordained

Please send resume to:
Pastor Search Committee
Woodlawn Baptist Church,
1400 Southside Avenue,
Bristol, TN 37620

Email:
woodlawnpastorsearch@
gmail.com

PART-TIME MINISTRY ASSISTANT

Colonial Heights, Kingsport

Approximately 16 hours per week, typically Monday thru Thursday 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with some ability to adjust based on church and employee needs. Duties: managing phones, door access, messages, computer-related tasks such as website maintenance, managing social media postings, and generating custom graphics for mailings and bulletin boards. Send resumes to 108 Colonial Heights Rd, Kingsport, TN 37663 to the attention of the Personnel Committee.

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION TUESDAY, MARCH 5, 2024



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

**Boone Trail
Friendship Chapel
Muddy Creek
New Life
Woodlawn**

FULL TIME PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

Central, JC

Bachelors Degree or Higher
Experience with children in education
or ministry
Spiritually mature
Passion for children & families

Oversee programs, events, ministries

For full job description visit:
<https://www.cbcjc.org/careers>

Please send resume to:
300 N Road St, Johnson City 37601
ATTN: Kirsten Borger
or email: kborger@cbcjc.org



PART-TIME PAID PIANO PLAYER

East Watauga Avenue, JC

Approximately 2 hours/week
Sunday mornings & Choir Practice

For more information or to
submit resume/application
contact: Pastor Michael
Chatman at (423) 268-4800
or
j.michael.chatman@gmail.com

Monday Manna

**March 25
10:30 AM**

Call 423-929-1196
or email
hba@holstonba.org
to RSVP for lunch
by March 18.

207 University Parkway

2024 MONDAY MANNA DATES

March 25
April 29
May 20
June 24
July 29
August 26
September 30
October 28
December 30

SMALL GROUP DISCIPLESHIP COHORT DATES

March 12
April 9
May 7

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FOR HIS GLORY

MISSIONS
GET-TOGETHER
April 11-13, 2024
Brentwood Baptist
Brentwood, TN

Missions Get-Together is an annual event planned and hosted by Tennessee WMU for women 18 years of age and older to:

- Experience Personal Growth
- Engage in Meaningful Worship
- Discover Missions and Ministry Opportunities
- Enjoy the Fellowship of Other Christian Women

The event features four General Sessions, Six Breakout Session times with over 20 choices, and Missions & Ministry Displays with over 35 exhibitors!

THEME: FOR HIS GLORY
SCRIPTURE: "...so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 4:11c

REGISTRATION:

- REGISTRATION OPENS ON JANUARY 2, 2024
- No registration at the event - everyone must pre-register
- Registration Fee (includes a box lunch on Friday & Saturday):
 - \$125 per person from: Jan 2 - March 8, 2024
 - \$150 per person from: March 8 - 28, 2024

(ALL REGISTRATIONS ARE TRANSFERABLE BUT NOT REFUNDABLE)
(GET-TOGETHER IS FOR WOMEN 18 YEARS AND OLDER)

SPECIAL GUESTS:

- **BRENDA CROSTON**
Bible Study Leader
- **WORSHIP LED BY: Tim Paul and Sarah Mentzer**
- **MISSIONARIES:**
 - Kevin Godin - NAMB Denver
 - Kerry Jackson - NAMB Atlanta
 - Liz & Jack - IMB, South Asia
 - Charissa - IMB, Asia-Pacific Rim
 - Emily - IMB, Asia-Pacific Rim



CLARK STREET BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENTS

Gardening With God Women's Conference

SAT. APR 20, 2024
9 AM TO 2 PM

Guest Speaker
Dianne Barker
Cultivate Your Christianity
Isaiah 61:11

Registration
online or by phone
Registration fee: \$15
Lunch included

200 Clark Street, Johnson City, TN
(423) 926-5622
www.clarkstreetbaptist.org

Blessed be the
God and Father
of our
Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy
he has given us a
new birth
into a
living hope
through the
resurrection
of Jesus Christ
from the dead.

1 Peter 1:3, NRSV



APPALACHIAN TRAIL MINISTRY WORSHIP SERVICE AND COOK OUT May 5

Worship Service at 11 food at 12

Ways to be involved:

Help set up and break down

Help serve food, give out snacks or work at the prayer table

Bring side dishes to go with pizza (in disposable pans)

Bring snack item to give out: (individually wrapped items that can be carried in pockets or back pack)

Worship with us

Eat with hikers and talk with them to make a friend and share the gospel

Help share the expense and pray for the day to be fruitful for God's Kingdom

Call Sam Dalton 423-895-2487 if you have any questions or would like to be involved in this ministry

Join us for the planning meeting!

Monday, March 18 at 6:00 PM

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June 18 - June 21, 2024

Carson Springs Conference Center in Newport, TN

For boys and girls
who have completed 3rd thru 6th grades



Go For The Gold

**I press toward the goal
for the prize of the high calling
of God in Christ Jesus**

Philippians 3 : 14

Download the registration packet from the HBA website on **Friday, April 19**

Registration deadline is **Friday, May 17**

Questions? Call or text Dianne Woody (423.329.3555) or Craig Ponder (423.329.5901)

THE THINGS THAT MATTER Bible Conference

**COLONIAL HEIGHTS BAPTIST
March 3 - 6**

Plan to join us to hear five excellent speakers
on significant themes for the church.

Sunday at 10:30 AM
Greg Salyer, Southwestern Baptist

Sunday 7:00 PM
Pete Tackett, Antioch Baptist

Monday 7:00 PM
Craig Ponder, New Salem Baptist

Tuesday 7:00 PM
Clay Austin, Blountville First

Wednesday, 7:00 PM
Lester Morelock, Jonesborough First

Childcare is provided.

RIDGECREST STUDENT CONFERENCE - MARCH 22-24

IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Final Rooming List to Ridgcrest - March 5

T-Shirt Order Due - March 7

Pre-Conference Meeting - March 18 @ 6PM at Heritage Baptist



Join us for the
HBA WISCONSIN MISSION TRIP
July 20 - 27, 2024

TEAM FOCUS WILL BE OUTREACH AND EVANGELISM

Anyone interested in participating,
please contact the HBA office at (423) 929-1196.