



Calendar

April

- 1 Easter Monday - Office Closed
- 6 Children's Directors' Brunch
- 9 HBA Bible Drill
- 9 Ministry Cohort
- 18 Spring Meeting - Bluff City FBC
- 29 Monday Manna

May

- 5 App. Trail Worship & Cookout
- 7 Ministry Cohort
- 20 Monday Manna
- 27 Memorial Day - Office Closed



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



Are you willing to do ministry in hard places? As we bemoan the lack of vitality and growth in many of our churches, we need to consider what we've done with the people God has already put near us. It's easy to give a laundry list of all the societal failures around us; wading in and walking against the current of those failures is difficult. We have recently begun conversations with Johnson City Housing Authority concerning how we can help them and bring the gospel with us. They manage over 700 units with over 1,000 adults and more than 600 children. These adults include people who have aged out of the foster system, disabled veterans, single parents, recovering addicts, and more. They're no different than many of the people near you; they just live close together. While it's good to pick these people up and take them to church (and we ultimately want to see them become fruit-bearing members of our churches), we don't want to miss opportunities to meet them where they are – to say "I love you!" more loudly than "I want to fix you!"

We have money earmarked for inner city ministry, but we need your help! We can take the kind of ministry that's already being done through our Johnson City Baptist Center and share it in new locations, but more ministry requires more volunteers. No matter what age group you are most gifted to serve, there are people who need your servant's heart to point them to God's saving grace through Jesus Christ. If you need on the job training, our JCBC director, Anna Huggins (anna@holstonba.org), would be glad to introduce you to ongoing opportunities. If you would like to minister in a similar setting in another city near you, we would love to help you get started.

We simply cannot sit idly by as the world perishes. As we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus, the world needs to know why it even matters. The fields are white unto harvest. Let's put our boots on and go gather the Lord's harvest!

With hands to the plow,

Troy

HBA Spring Meeting

April 18 - 5:00 PM

Bluff City First Baptist

Dinner Reservations Due By Thursday, April 11

Call 423-929-1196

HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MINISTRY ASSISTANT

HBA is now accepting resumes for Ministry Assistant (formerly Office Manager). This is a full-time position with salary commensurate with education and experience. Benefits include retirement, vacation, sick days, and more. Resumes may be emailed to troy@holstonba.org or mailed to Ministry Assistant Search, Holston Baptist Association, 207 University Pkwy., Johnson City, TN 37604. All resumes are due by Friday, April 5. Each candidate must be an active member of a Southern Baptist Church (preferably in HBA), and willing to submit to a background check. The candidate chosen by the HBA Personnel Committee will be presented for messenger approval at the HBA Spring Meeting on April 18 at FBC Bluff City. Full job description below.

Function: To facilitate the ministry of Holston Baptist Association

Accountability: The Ministry Assistant is accountable to the Associational Mission Strategist (AMS) of Holston Baptist Association.

Responsibilities

HUMBLE SERVANT

- Represent Christ to the people with whom you interact.
- Maintain confidences and preserve unity in all you do.
- Coordinate and serve at HBA gatherings, with few exceptions.
- Do your best to meet needs and solve problems presented to you, and connect people to other sources of assistance as needed.

COMMUNICATOR

- Serve as clerk for all HBA business meetings.
- Create the necessary communications with the HBA churches, committees, and ministry teams (newsletters, calendars, books of reports, announcements, etc.).
- Serve as the primary communicator regarding maintenance for all HBA properties and reservations for the HBA Mission House.
- Oversee the submission of the Annual Church Profile, including promotion, reminders, and assisting church clerks.
- Update the HBA website and social media page(s) as needed.

OFFICE MANAGER

- Open and close the office at the designated times each day, making sure HVAC, lights, and doors are set and secure during business hours and after hours.
- Answer the phone and receive visitors at our office.
- Remove trash and perform light cleaning as needed.
- Purchase all supplies for ministries based out of the HBA building.
- Sort mail and forward it to the appropriate parties (AMS, bookkeeper, etc.).

FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

- Work with the bookkeeper by receiving and distributing of all bills and check requests.
- Assist in the creation of the annual budget, and serve as a signer on all accounts.

QUALIFICATIONS

- Proficient in Microsoft Office
- Facility in Facebook and willingness to learn other social media platforms
- Willingness to gain proficiency in the Tennessee Electronic Database (TED)

EXPERIENCE

- Minimum of two years of experience in a ministry context

STAFF OPENINGS

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

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.

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.

PASTOR PIANIST * ORGANIST

Oak Hill, Jonesborough

For more information, to
obtain job descriptions,
or to submit resumes,
please email
janettefellers@aol.com.
Resumes may also be
mailed to 2501 Highway
81N, Jonesborough 37659.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE, OUTREACH AND EDUCATION PASTOR

Central, JC

Will focus on comprehensive
pastoral care ministries to all
church members and
includes coordination of
outreach to prospective
members. Responsible for
the development and
administration of the
educational ministries of the
church involving Sunday
School, Discipleship, Bible
studies, small groups, and
leadership training for
leaders, teachers, and
mentors throughout the
educational programs
of the church.

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 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

Monday
Manna

**April 29
10:30 AM**

Call 423-929-1196
or email
hba@holstonba.org
to RSVP for lunch
by April 22.

207 University Parkway

2024 MONDAY MANNA DATES

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

SMALL GROUP DISCIPLESHIP COHORT DATES

April 9
May 7

OPPORTUNITY AT THE JOHNSON CITY BAPTIST CENTER

Are you getting ready for all the summer activities? Time to gather the sunscreen, beach towels, sun hats, and anything else you need to help you enjoy the warmer weather. Many of you are preparing for VBS or mission trips, as well as vacations. Don't forget the craft supplies, sports equipment, music and snacks.

Whatever you do this summer, and wherever God leads you, I pray He will use you to reach someone who is lost. The Bible encourages us to remain on task during the season of summer, since it is a time of cultivation and shepherding.

Paul shares in 1 Corinthians 3:5-7, that each of us has a responsibility to labor in the field. He begins by asking "What is Apollos? and what is Paul? Only servants, through whom you came to believe." How important that we obey the task God has given us! To have a part in a lost person coming to know the Lord as Saviour, is a worthy task. You surely remember those who led you in understanding your need for salvation.

Continuing, Paul says, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." He also adds that we each have one purpose, "For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field, God's building."

So, as you prepare for what the summer will be for you, remember whose you are. And ask God what task He has for you. Is it to plant seeds, or to water the field, or perhaps to reap a harvest of work done previously.

In praying about the summer, consider the Johnson City Baptist Center for where God will send you. We have a NEED for the WEEK of JUNE 3-7. Please contact me to see how you can serve, all or a portion of this week.

What an opportunity! Be a cultivator for God's Kingdom.

Anna Huggins
Director of Ministries Johnson City Baptist Center

Frozen Drink Machine & Inflatable Movie Screen Now Available

HBA has added two new items to rent for church ministry events. The frozen drink machine will be provided along with cups, straws, and instructions. The church will provide the 2-liter drinks.

The 24' inflatable movie screen comes with all necessary components. The church provides the movie.

These items will rent for \$25 each and can be rented separate from the Block Party Trailer. Just call the office today to get on the schedule!



holstonba.org



HBA BLOCK PARTY TRAILER

Perfect for Outreach Events!

Visit holstonba.org for necessary forms.

- Popcorn Machine
- Cotton Candy Machine
- Snow Cone Machine
- Bounce House
- Obstacle Course with a Slide
- Mini Sound System
- Generator
- Hand Truck
- Hitch
- Tarps
- Extension Cords

All the Supplies you will need for 150 Participants

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

- Boone Trail
- Friendship Chapel * Lovelace
- Muddy Creek * New Life
- Oak Hill * Virginia Avenue
- Woodlawn

207 University Parkway, Johnson City, TN 37604

423.929.1196

hba@holstonba.org

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 on May 5. The Worship Service will begin at 11 am with the cook out 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.) , mac-n-cheese, 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, work at the snack table, and work at the 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 the hikers 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 are 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 backyard. For more information call Sam Dalton 423-895-2487.

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

I HAVE BEEN BLESSED!

For the past three years I have had the privilege of meeting and working with many wonderful church leaders and members and have made precious lasting friendships. It has been an honor to serve HBA, and I thank you all for your support. God has blessed me greatly! I would appreciate your prayers going forward as I will be praying for you. Thank you! ~Pam





REFRESH STUDENT NIGHT

May 4, 2024

Cherry Grove Baptist Church
104 Cherry Grove Rd
Jonesborough, TN

5pm - Food
6pm - Worship

Guest Speaker
Caleb Barbier
with
minus T-glory Band



Text/call (423)202-2346 for Groups



BIBLE DRILL

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

Associational Bible Drill

April 9th, 2024
6:00pm
at Trinity
(Jonesborough)

State/Regional Drill:
April 27th
Wallace Memorial
Knoxville, TN

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



SAVE THE DATE

FUN In The SUN 2024

Go For The Gold

I press toward the goal for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus
Philippians 3 : 14

June 18 - June 21, 2024

Carson Springs Conference Center in Newport, TN

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

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)

TO YOUR HEALTH

When my church came to join the Holston Baptist Associate several years ago I was informed that I needed to “carry my weight” by participating in some capacity. Just that previous year two of our pastors had suffered heart attacks. In light of this, I offered to be a clergy health point person (even though I would experience a heart attack a few years later). I obviously have no medical degree, but I do have a great interest in maintaining good health. I consult with doctors and nurses to provide responsible information for our association. It is up to you to choose your own course of action and consult your own medical providers. Soon, I shall retire from my church after nearly twenty years at Colonial Heights Baptist Church. It has been good and the fellowship of HBA has been sweet. This will be my final TO YOUR HEALTH column.

Our bodies are called the temples of the Holy Spirit. We are but jars of clay to carry around the very presence of God Himself. The temple must be cared for responsibly as stewards of God’s good work in and through our lives. Neglecting our good health needs is neglecting the ministry of the Lord. It can limit our work and create a hardship on our family and our church.

We provide a poor example to our people when we ignore good health practices and set ourselves up for diabetic consequences, heart attacks, strokes and such. Too often even good practices cannot protect us from the inevitable, but being lazy or blinded to caring for our bodies only compound this journey of life. We need to stay in close contact with our family physician, nurses, nutritionists, exercise consultants and pharmacists. You cannot ignore diabetes and heart disease. You will die too soon or be debilitated. The word for us all is INTENTIONAL.

Keeping our weight in check is critical to overall health. We do not need to look like a professional athlete, but we do need to be intentional. If we have type 2 diabetes we must make the many adjustments to fight this condition for a longer, enjoyable life. A heart healthy diet can save your life, your ministry and your time with family. But we must be intentional.

You can do this by the grace of God and a commitment of the will. I will be cheering you on as you take this wonderful journey to good health.

Blessings to you!

Greg Burton