



Calendar

May

- 5 App. Trail Worship & Cookout
- 12 Mother's Day
- 20 Monday Manna
- 27 Memorial Day - Office Closed

June

- 11-12 SBC Annual Meeting
- 15 Budget Requests Due
- 16 Father's Day
- 18-21 Fun-in-the-Son Kids Camp
- 24 Monday Manna



23 Tony French



Faithful Is as Faithful Does

For the past three years I have had the privilege of working with Mrs. Pam Parker. While she is always quick to run from the spotlight, her servant's heart provides a great model for us to emulate. No matter how many years you have been in ministry or how much education you have received, God regularly places people in your life to hone your discipleship.

Here are a few essential truths that have been reinforced by Mrs. Pam's example:

A Calling Beats a Job Any Day

You have seen them. Some employees just punch the clock to get a check. They do not care how well they do the job, they just put in their time. This description alone sounds more like a prison sentence than a job. Mrs. Pam has been a constant reminder that fear of doing too much is a terrible motivator that yields pitiful results. On the contrary, she has regularly gone above and beyond the call of duty on both work days and days off! She often arrived early and stayed late, and didn't even get around to using all her vacation days. Although there were probably many days she did not feel well, she rarely mentioned it. When you know your calling, you can't turn it on and off like a switch.

A Soft Answer Turns Away Wrath

My dad regularly repeated these opening words from Proverbs 15. We often think of it as, "It's not what you say, but how you say it." When you are the first person to answer the phone for HBA, you sometimes have to say things people do not want to hear. Whether she was telling someone the Block Party Trailer was not available or refusing a material donation we could not use, Mrs. Pam always epitomized kindness with a smile – even with difficult people.

Lay People Care About Church Health Too

Sometimes pastors feel like Elijah in the cave, "I have been very zealous for the Lord...and I alone am left" (1 Kings 19:10). Just as Elijah had to be reminded that God had 7,000 people who had not worshipped Baal, pastors need to be reminded that they are not alone in desiring a healthy church. Mrs. Pam's insights have reminded me that many laypeople "get it." They, too, know that healthy churches focus on making fruit-bearing disciples that make fruit-bearing disciples, not on merely promoting programs and personalities. They need pastors who will show them how to get from where they are to God's desired future for their churches.

Thank you, Mrs. Pam, for being a faithful and loving servant of Holston Baptist Association. You have been God's gift to us. Enjoy your retirement!

With hands to the plow,
Troy

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 back yard. For more information call Sam Dalton 423-895-2487.

DIRECTIONS TO CHESTOA PICNIC AREA

Take I-26 & Get off at the Jackson Love Exit 40.

Turn left on Jackson Love Hwy, cross the four lane and immediately turn right on Temple Hill Rd.

Turn left on Unaka Springs Rd - Follow this road along the river till you see
Uncle Johnny's Hostel for hikers on the right

At the hostel turn left to cross the bridge (Chestoa Pike) across the river.

At the end of the bridge take the first right (Jones Branch Rd).

Come down Jones Branch and you will see us on the right at the Chestoa picnic area.

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



Calling all area churches...

First Annual Bass Fishing Tournament to Raise Money for Missions

May 17th at 6PM

Fellowship Meal, Door Prizes, & Rules for the Tournament

May 18th

Tournament Time!

All proceeds will go to missions and the 1st place prize is a perpetual trophy to place in your church for the whole year.

Any interested churches or individuals, contact Pastor Garrett Butcher directly at 423-262-9219.

CHURCH VS. CHURCH FISHING TOURNAMENT

Calling all anglers and fishing enthusiasts! We invite you to attend our annual Fishing Tournament on May 18th, 2024- on Boone Lake. This will be for a day filled with fellowship and a friendly competition. All proceeds will go to HBA missions.

**MANDATORY MEETING
MAY 17TH AT 6:00PM
@ TIMBERLAKE BAPTIST
CHURCH**



**Registration
\$100 Per Boat**



SCAN QR CODE TO REGISTER

**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.

Please bring a lawn chair!

New Victory Baptist Church
Weekend
of
Worship



May 31
Pastor
Jeremy Dykes
Jackson Park
Brethren

June 1
Pastor
Dr. Lester Morelock
First Baptist
Jonesbough

June 2
Pastor
John David Shelton
New Victory
Baptist

MAY 31-JUNE 2
6:30 PM
@ the pavilion
527 Conklin Road
Jonesborough, TN





**BIBLE
DRILL**

Congratulations!

To the the children who participated in the Associational Bible Drill!



Congratulations!
Youth Regional Drillers:
Eli Roberts and Caleb Roberts

And those who moved on to Regional Drill in Knoxville!




Children's Regional Drillers: Natalia Mejia
John Maden, Abigail Roberts,
Toby Herington, Elizabeth Crutchfield

FOR
IN YOU
THE
FATHERLESS
FIND
COMPASSION.

HOSEA 14:3, NIV

HE HAD COMPASSION ON THEM, BECAUSE
THEY WERE LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD.

MARK 6:34, NIV





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 Packet Available Now at holstonba.org/children

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

APPALACHIAN TRAIL WORSHIP SERVICE & COOKOUT

Sunday, May 5 * 11:00 AM

Call Sam Dalton to volunteer for this event!



SULLIVAN COUNTY

GOLF TOURNAMENT 2024

GOOD NEWS GLOBAL

SATURDAY
June 1st

START
8:00 AM - Shotgun

TRI-CITIES GOLF CLUB
2354 Feathers Chapel Rd., Blountville, TN

CHAPLAIN KENT PUGH
kent.pugh@goodnewsjail.org
423.279.6089

REGISTER ONLINE
goodnewsjail.org/sullivancogolf



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
Tminus glory Band

Text/call (423)202-2346 for Groups

PASTOR AND CHURCH LEADER LUNCHEON

University Parkway Baptist In partnership with TPUSA Faith

MAY 17 11AM - 2PM

Private screening of "Letter to the American Church" & Discussion on Today's Cultural Issues

This brief film will give you a historical perspective of the Church in Germany during the rise of socialism and the lessons we all can learn as we currently face similar challenges.

We will then have a pastor led discussion on how we, as pastors and church leaders, can better God's love and understanding of Jesus as we deal with the cultural issues of our day.

We certainly live in unique times. We need each other! As pastors, we need to come together, standing up unapologetically for the gospel we all cherish!

We will be having refreshments and fellowship!

Please register here (select the May 17thgathering) so that we can get a headcount for food:
<https://www.tpusa.com/pastormeetings>

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.

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 YOUTH PASTOR

Calvary, Erwin

Calvary Baptist Church of Erwin,
TN is now accepting resumes for
a creative, energetic youth
pastor.

Candidate needs to develop a
program to grow and lead young
people to be disciples and
witnesses for Jesus. He must work
alongside a senior pastor and
staff. For more information,
visit calvaryerwin.org.

Mountain View JC Daycare & Learning Center

Full-time Teacher
32-40 hours per week

Contact
admin@mntnviewbaptist.com for
more information.

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Mountain View JC Daycare & Learning Center

Part-time Teacher Assistant
Up to 25 hours per week

Contact
admin@mntnviewbaptist.com
for more information.

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.

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



May 20
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

- June 24
- July 29
- August 26
- September 30
- October 28
- December 30



Please Pray for Our Churches Without Pastors

- Blountville FBC * Boone Trail
- Colonial Heights
- Erwin FBC
- Friendship Chapel
- Muddy Creek * New Life
- Oak Hill * Tennessee Avenue
- Woodlawn

holstonba.org

SPRING UPDATE: JOHNSON CITY BAPTIST CENTER

As a Compassion Ministry of Holston Baptist Association, the Johnson City Baptist Center has been a presence in the community of Tyler Apartments and Hopson Street for over fifty years. This is one of our strengths, along with our Biblical focus. In building relationships with the children and families, we can empathize with them, yet offer help and hope through Jesus Christ.

The Baptist Center is able to continue ministry with your commitment of prayer and other support. It is not only financially, but also you being personally involved that makes a difference. So many of you have volunteered over the years, or continue to come and share the love of Jesus. Thank you for being faithful. There is always a place for more volunteers, though.

We are grateful for Pattie Rowland and Jordan Miller giving their time to teach our children and youth. Bible study for children has continued to bloom. It is exciting to see the joy on the children's faces as they sing praise songs and recall Bible lessons. Our youth are gaining doctrinal basics in their weekly Bible study. This is helping to correct some confusing things they have seen or heard. Our prayers are for these children and youth to accept Jesus as their Saviour. A few children are attending church, and we pray others will connect with a local church. Would you be willing to help with this?

Although our Adult Bible study is on hold temporarily, Barb Williams is our faithful teacher and prayer warrior. Some of the adults have been struggling with illness and other issues. More have come to clothes closet the last few months. In addition, the stress of construction and renovation of the apartments is affecting the community. The changes, while good, bring much confusion and uncertainty. There are questions such as will rent be increased, or will they have to move because they have pets. We continue to love and care for folks, while showing how to trust Jesus with all our struggles.

Last Executive Board meeting, I shared about some repairs on the Baptist Center properties. Both houses are nearing completion on the maintenance. In addition, we have been able to add some new cabinets in the kitchens of both houses. We have also opened up some space in our activity house, to give more room for groups to meet. We have continued to meet during this time, but painting, other touch-ups and reorganizing remain to be done. Hopefully all is finished in time for our resident ministry assistants, Anna Kate and Timothy Maxwell, to welcome their first baby this summer.

Our schedule for the summer is now filled, with many of our churches joining us. From Movie Night and Vacation Bible Schools, to Backpacks for School, the Gospel Light will shine in this neighborhood this summer.

But, there is more to do. We pray to share Jesus' love wherever and however He leads. Please join us!

First John 3:17-18 (ESV) says, "But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him? Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth."

Anna Huggins
Director of Ministries Johnson City Baptist Center

207 University Parkway, Johnson City, TN 37604
423.929.1196

hba@holstonba.org

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Manna

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10:30 AM

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or email
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to RSVP for lunch
by April 25.

207 University Parkway

2024 MONDAY
MANNA DATES

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ALL LOCAL STUDENT/COLLEGE MINISTRIES
ARE INVITED TO JOIN US!

Speaker: ETSU BCM missionary and soon to be
IMB journeyman to Toronto Katie Barlowe.

HBA STUDENTS

Night of Worship

DINNER - GAMES - WORSHIP - PRIZES!

Central Baptist Church

MAY 19TH
6-8:30P

300 N Roan St.
Johnson City



THANK YOU FOR WHO YOU ARE!

THANK YOU for loving children, parents, and grandparents. When you take a child by the hand, you take a parent by the heart.

THANK YOU for loving the hard-to-love child; for looking beyond the surface and seeing what he can be. It matters that you believe in him, when no one else does. Thanks for not turning your back on him when he disrupts the class or VBS and acts out the turmoil he is experiencing outside of church.

THANK YOU for embracing families who are dysfunctional; for walking toward messy conversations rather than avoiding them; for joining Jesus in the mess.

THANK YOU for being patient with the Mom who cannot bear to leave her child in Sunday School and go to her own class; for encouraging her that she needs time with her friends in Sunday School just as her child does with his friends.

THANK YOU for being a friend to single Moms and single Dads who may have struggles that two parent families do not when getting children and themselves to Sunday School on time or to church at all. You are a friend, a counselor, and a prayer warrior to them.

THANK YOU for looking beyond yourself and focusing on the next generation. We all know children's ministry does not always get the attention, recognition, budget, and promotion that other ministries do, but thanks for not letting that stop you from serving the least of these. One day, the least of these will do the most for the kingdom. And you are preparing them for that day. You are investing in children who will lead strong in God's kingdom long after WE are gone.

THANK YOU for taking care of the 1,000 little details during the week that make the weekend services, activities, and programs go smoothly. Most people don't know how hard you work, and the hours you put into making all these successful.

THANK YOU for not giving up; for continuing when needs exceed the budget and when volunteers are scarce; for keeping your faith and staying on course, thank you!

THANK YOU FOR WHO YOU ARE! You are a servant, a protector of children, an encourager, a dreamer, a planner, an organizer, an innovator, a mentor, a role model, a communicator, a motivator and so much more.

Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it.

Proverbs 22:6



(Presented in appreciation to Children's Directors at the Children's Director's Appreciation Brunch.)

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!



HBA BLOCK PARTY TRAILER

Perfect for Outreach Events!

Visit holstonba.org for necessary forms.

Call 929-1196 to reserve the block party trailer for your event!

- 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