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THE MESSENGER

HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER



I want to take a moment to say thank you to everyone who participated in our HBA Missions Conference & Fair on September 19. Our brothers and sisters at Heritage did a wonderful job of hosting the event and serving the attendees. If you weren't able to attend, we were challenged by 4 speakers in the conference and 34 exhibitors in the fair. In the coming weeks we will be posting the conference on our website and sharing a missions interview each weekday on our Facebook page. Now what?

Our purpose for the Missions Conference and Fair was twofold: 1) to encourage increased fruitful missions partnerships within our churches, and 2) to provide greater support to missions and ministries in need of our help. Whether you're looking to do more ministry locally, regionally, nationally, or internationally, we are here to help you connect the dots.


One of our foremost local endeavors is revitalization. I am excited to announce that Dr. Bill Henard, pastor of FBC Athens, TN and author of *Reclaimed Church: How Churches Grow, Decline, and Experience Revitalization*, will be the evening speaker at our annual meeting on October 21 at FBC Blountville. Dr. Henard combines his decades of experience as a pastor, state executive director, and seminary professor with the ultimate authority of God's Word to help churches on the road to revitalization.

In the afternoon session of our fall meeting we will be approving our new budget, bylaw revisions, and committee nominations, as well as authorizing six newly organized teams to bring HBA together around the Great Commission. We will also be sharing information about a potential association to association partnership. You'll be blessed by all these events and dinner too! I hope you are making plans to join us for this exciting evening.


Remember, Jesus is too worthy of our worship in action to waste our opportunities!

With hands to the plow,

Troy



Thank you to everyone who gave so generously to the Christmas in August ministry! Your contributions are greatly appreciated by the Baptist Center families!





235th HBA Annual Gathering

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 21

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH BLOUNTVILLE
3358 SR-126, BLOUNTVILLE, TN 37617**

3:30 PM - BUSINESS SESSION

5:15 PM - DINNER

6:30 PM - EVENING WORSHIP

EVENING MESSAGE

DR. BILL HENARD

PASTOR, FBC ATHENS, TN

AUTHOR, RECLAIMED CHURCH

HOW CHURCHES GROW, DECLINE, AND EXPERIENCE REVITALIZATION

DINNER - \$5 PER PERSON

PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 11

EMAIL HBA@HOLSTONBAPTISTS.ORG

OR CALL (423) 929-1196



~Introducing Dr. Bill Henard~

Dr. William D. Henard, III has pastored churches in Kentucky, Alabama, and Tennessee where he has served as Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church of Athens since 2019. From 2007 to 2015 Dr. Henard was Assistant Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth at The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky where, since 2015, he has served as Adjunct Professor of Evangelism and Church Revitalization.

Dr. Henard served in the Southern Baptist Convention as First Vice-President in 2008–09 and on the Board of Trustees of LifeWay Christian Resources from 2001–09. He served as President of the Kentucky Baptist Convention in 2007-08 and Executive Director-Treasurer of the West Virginia Convention of Southern Baptists from 2015 to 2019.

Dr. Henard remains engaged in several professional organizations and has led revitalization conferences from Kentucky to Texas and taught internationally from Ukraine to South Africa. Dr. Henard is widely published, has seen a wide range of churches in varied states of health, and is considered an expert on church revitalization.

Dr. Henard and wife Judy have three children and seven grandchildren.



**PASTORS AND MINISTRY LEADERS
JOIN US FOR
LUNCHTIME Q & A WITH DR. R. ALBERT MOHLER, JR.**



THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 12:00 PM
Trinity Baptist Church, 260 Headtown Road, Jonesborough

Lunch - \$5 per person
RSVP required no later than Friday, October 22.
hba@holstonbaptists.org or (423) 929-1196



*Please pray for your Pastors throughout
the month of October and every day!*

HBA CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Pastor Appreciation Month

- 6 JCBC Fall Worship & Fellowship
Central Baptist Youth, 6:00 PM
- 11 Deadline for Annual Gathering
messenger names & dinner RSVPs
- 21 235th HBA Annual Gathering
FBC Blountville
- 22 Deadline to RSVP for Dr. Albert
Mohler, Jr. Lunchtime Q & A
- 26 The Messenger Content Deadline
- 30 Bible Drill Team Meeting - 9:30 AM
Lower Level HBA Office

NOVEMBER

- 4 Lunchtime Q & A with Dr. Albert
Mohler, Jr., 12 PM, Trinity Baptist
- 7 Daylight Saving Time Ends
- 8 JCBC Angel Tree Pick-Up Begins
- 11 Veterans Day
- 14-17 TBMB Summit - Brentwood, TN
- 22 Baptist Center Thanksgiving Dinner
- 23 The Messenger Content Deadline
- 25-26 HBA Office Closed
- 25 Thanksgiving
- 28 Week of Prayer for International
Missions Begins

DECEMBER

- 5 Week of Prayer for International
Missions Ends
- 6 HBA Ministers & Wives Christmas
Banquet, University Parkway
- 8 Angel Tree Gifts Final Due Date
- 22 The Messenger Content Deadline
- 24-27 HBA Office Closed
- 25 Christmas
- 31 HBA Office Closed

CHURCH STAFF OPENINGS

PART-TIME WORSHIP MINISTER

PART-TIME STUDENT PASTOR

Tennessee Avenue Baptist Church

Both positions will serve as part of the leadership team in a part-time (potentially full-time) capacity.

All interested candidates are encouraged to submit a cover letter, statement of faith, résumé, references, and a link, or other means, to provide a sample of one's work for review.

Please submit all information to
pastorshane@tabaptist.org.

Detailed job descriptions on church
webpage at tabaptist.org.

PART-TIME CHURCH ADMINISTRATOR

Colonial Heights Baptist Church

Duties include but are not limited to oversight of day to day operations, financial oversight and calendaring events. Some staff supervision responsibilities.

Full job description available upon request.
Send resume to whitlock@chbckingsport.org.

PART-TIME YOUTH MINISTER

Harmony Baptist Church

Salary negotiable based upon 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 a resumé to:

Harmony Baptist Church
c/o Pastor Steve Tate
1177 Harmony Rd.
Jonesborough, TN 37659

*Full job description available upon request.

BI-VOCATIONAL YOUTH MINISTER

PIANIST / OTHER MUSICIAN

Greenwood Baptist Church

Send resumes to: 102 Elliott and Scott Circle,
Johnson City, TN 37604

PART-TIME WORSHIP MINISTER

Oak Hill Baptist Church

Well paid position to sing, lead choir,
and lead musicians

Contact Toby Brown at (423) 348-5176.



TO YOUR HEALTH

Our body is the temple of God. His Holy Spirit lives within our flesh and bones. It behooves us to care for it well so we can be effective in serving Him and not create complications for ourselves, our family and our church. One of the most impactful health issues faced by ministers is diabetes. Type 2 Diabetes has drastically altered my life personally. Fully a third of all Americans will develop some level of this challenging disease.

Type 1 Diabetes is an inability of the pancreas to produce insulin needed for the processing of carbohydrates into our systems. This usually shows up in childhood and will require insulin infusions to counteract the effects. Type 2 Diabetes usually occurs later in life. It results in the inability of the body to respond well with insulin, resulting in high levels of carbohydrates (not just sugar) in the blood. These can build up over time to create a kind of plaque in the blood vessels that results in higher risk of heart attack and stroke. It is even more dangerous in the tiny capillary blood vessels around the eyes and feet. It is imperative to reduce these carbohydrate levels in the blood through diet, exercise and medication. That means we cannot eat all the good foods we have learned to love! Sadly, many people who suffer from this disease are unwilling or unable to make this adjustment and diabetes eventually wins. It will always win. I recently learned that my serious heart attack of two years ago was diabetes related.

How do we get this condition? Research continues, but it is probably due to multiple factors. Genetics is huge. Physical inactivity certainly contributes. Eating an unhealthy diet of high carbohydrates adds to the previous factors. If your blood sugar levels are borderline (120 or higher most say) then this is the time for you to take action! You can reverse the trend. Follow your doctor's advice and the direction of a professional dietician.

I have been diagnosed for around fifteen years and gradually slipped back into bad habits over the last few years. A new physician mercifully lowered the boom on me and has been coaching me back into good health. In the months ahead I will share more insights into fighting the good fight for good health regarding Type 2 Diabetes and other health matters that enable us to be more effective in living long and healthy in serving our Master.

Sincerely,
Greg Burton
Colonial Heights Baptist Church



A NOTE FROM THE JOHNSON CITY BAPTIST CENTER

Submitted by Anna Huggins, Baptist Center Director

This month we want to remember Kay Peters, a fellow worker at the Johnson City Baptist Center. Kay passed away on Sunday, September 19, 2021. For over thirty years, Kay had been consistent and faithful to serve in the ongoing ministry to the community in our neighborhood. She was always ready to lend a hand, and a diligent worker. Ginger Dalton shared how Kay was supportive in many ways, even volunteering with the Carnival Workers Ministry of Holston Baptists, over the years. Kay helped as I began serving at the Baptist Center, by being willing to do whatever was needed, and even keeping me on task to the needs around us. Kay grew in her walk with the Lord as she spent many years dedicated to His service. She will be missed. Please pray for her loving family during this time.



Thank you!

Holston Baptist Association thanks all the local, regional, national, and international missions and ministries who participated in the September 19 Missions Conference & Fair. Please contact the HBA office if your church would like to learn more or needs contact information for any of these ministries.

Where will you make disciples?

Agape Women's Services
Appalachian Mountain Ministry
Appalachian Outreach
Appalachian Trail Ministry
Bay Lakes Baptist Association
Child Evangelism Fellowship
Christian Medical and Dental Association
Church Revitalization (TBMB)
Compassion Ministries (TBMB)
Cultural Impact Ministry (HBA)
Disaster Relief (TBMB)
Don Sunshine Ministries
ETSU Baptist Collegiate Ministry
First Priority
Fun-in-the-Son Kids Camp (HBA)
Gideons International
Global Mission Nepal
Good News Jail Ministry
IMB Missionary to American Peoples
IMB Missionary to Brazil
IMB Missionary to East Asian Peoples
IMB Missionary to Japan
IMB Missionary to Philippines
IMB Missionary to Seville, Spain
IMB Missionary to Thailand
Johnson City Baptist Center (HBA)
Love Packages
Matthew's House – Romania
NAMB Church Planter – Edmonton, Alberta
NAMB Church Planter – Baltimore, MD
Of One Accord
Partnership Missions (TBMB)
Raham Ministries
Samaritan's Purse
Wycliffe Bible Translators

