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HOLSTON VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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GOD'S PLAN FOR SHARING
“Find It Here Emphasis”

During the month of January each Pastor will receive a contact concerning our Association's "Find It Here" Evangelism Emphasis for 2010. Each church is being asked to participate in the Emphasis. Here is a simple explanation of what we need our churches to do: (1) Partner with other Associational Churches to accomplish our goal of taking the gospel to every household in Hawkins and Hancock counties by Easter, April 4, 2010 (2) PRAY (This is a God-sized task) (3) Prayer-walk / Prayer-Drive particular parts of your community in preparation for distribution of a simple packet containing a gospel witness (King James Version) and a Personal Note from your church (4) Hang packets on the doors of households assigned to your church area (5) Prepare your church to receive guests (visitors) on Easter Sunday (6) Celebrate Blessings on Easter Sunday (7) Follow-up on guests who attend services

Packet resources will be provided to your church to prepare for distribution. If you need help in preparing a personal note from your church for Easter Sunday, please let the Associational Office know. Guidance will be provided by our Evangelism Committee for prayer walking, witnessing, packet distribution, church preparation for guests, and follow-up.

REMEMBER, THIS IS A GOD-SIZED TASK that will require all our churches working together. The more churches that will participate the easier the task of taking the gospel to every household will be. There are 23,396 households in Hawkins County and 2,861 households in Hancock County. Over 40% of these counties are unchurched!

HVBA Secretary Appreciation Day
Henards Chapel Baptist Church
Tuesday, February 23, 2010 / 9:00 am—3:00 pm
Theme: “There’s “SNOWBODY” like YOU”

You will need to send in your registration form or call the association office to register for the conference. Deadline to register is February 18th. I have a great program planned for you. You will hear Brother Willie McLaurin, Mrs. Kathy Chapman Sharp, Mrs. Ravan Krickbaum and a secretary's conference would NOT be complete without hearing from Miss Lana Rose! Don't miss out on the information, inspiration, food, fun and fellowship!



January 31 A Day of Prayer for the Southern Baptist Convention

Johnny Hunt, Pastor of FBC in Woodstock, GA., and President of the Southern Baptist Convention has invited all SBC churches to set aside Sunday, January 31, 2010, to pray specifically for our denomination.

Why do this? "In light of the moral decline across North America, the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force meetings, God's Plan for Sharing and the 2010 campaign 'Across North America' and the search committees for the Executive Committee SBC, the International Mission Board, and the North American Mission Board," if we aren't praying now, when?

Pastors are encouraged to lead their church in a season of prayer in worship, and to make provision and give direction for a full day of prayer focus. Here are some suggested things to pray for:

A spirit of repentance to fall on our churches corporately and personal for individuals, and for genuine revival of first love for Jesus (Matt. 4:17; Rev. 2:4)

A great spiritual awakening across our land so that the lost will be drawn to a personal relationship with Jesus (John 6:44; Rom. 1:9; 2 Cor. 2:14)

A sweet spirit of reconciliation among any Southern Baptists who are at odds with each other, or other works of God. Love for one another in the body of Christ to grow and blossom (Prov. 28:13; 1 Cor. 13:25-27; John 13:34-35)

Wisdom for members of the Great Commission Resurgence Task Force as they prepare their report in February (Jer. 33:3; James 1:5)

Guidance for the Search Committees for presidents of the Executive Committee, the International Mission Board, and the North American Mission Board (Prov. 3:5-6, 13 15:22, 27:17; Acts 1:21-26)

This is a time for us to consecrate ourselves and be ready for what God may want to do among us. (Joshua 3:5)



Day of Prayer for Southern Baptist Convention



ASSOCIATIONAL CHURCH DIRECTORIES

Has Your Church picked up your Associational Directories?

Associational Office Hours:

8:00 am – 4:00 PM

Monday – Friday

(Give us a call, and we will work with you on picking up your Directories. Thank you.)

Churches that have not picked up Directories: Bass Chapel, Belmont, Bentleys Chapel, Burem, Caney Creek, Cave Springs, Howes Chapel, Kyles Ford, Lone Oak, Maple Hill, McPheeters Bend, New Hope, North Fork, Ridgeview, FBC Surgoinsville, Tunnell Hill, and War Creek.

Family Features

We express our Christian love, prayers, and sympathy to Bro. Dean Buell, his wife, Alma, and their family in the passing away of Bro. Dean's brother, Danny "Joe" Buell, on December 31. Bro. Dean is the former pastor of **Mooresburg Baptist Church** and serves on the Bivocational Ministry Council for the Association.



Please continue to pray for Bro. Calvin Hensley. Bro. Calvin is doing "fair" at this time. He needs personal assistance for some care and is using a walker. Bro. Calvin, his wife, Linda, and his family are very appreciative of every one's continued prayers. Bro. Calvin is the former pastor of the **Bass Chapel Missionary Baptist Church**. The Hensley's address is: 1924 Poor Valley Rd., Rogersville, TN 37857.

Congratulations to Kim and Justin Mowell on the birth of a son, Titus Logan Mowell, born in December. Tanner Mowell is his proud brother. Bro. Justin is the pastor of the **Morrisetts Chapel Baptist Church, Rogersville**. The proud grandparents are Rev. Allen and Phyllis Payne and Marty and Jessie Mowell. Bro. Allen is the pastor of the **North Fork Baptist Church, Rogersville**.



Congratulations to Rev. Ron and Margie Grimes in the birth of their first grandchild, born on December 3, 2009, Elijah Allen Grimes "Eli". He was 21" long and weighed 8lbs. The proud parents are Amanda and Matt Grimes. Ron and Margie's daughter, Heather, is also expecting a baby. The due date is January 19. This second grandchild will be a little girl, Annabelle Ilen Barnett. Bro. Ron Grimes is the pastor of the **Indian Ridge Baptist Church, Church Hill**, and serves as the Bivocational Ministry Coordinator for the association.

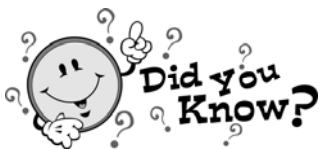


The **East Rogersville Baptist Church** will be hosting a **Sportsmen's Banquet 2010 on February 27, 5:00 – 7:00 PM**. The theme for the banquet will be "The Complete Turkey Hunter". Special Speaker will be TV Pro-Staffer, Brian Holloway. There will be a meal, vendors, displays, and door prizes. Tickets are \$10 each or \$50 for a table (6 tickets). You may contact the East Rogersville Church at 423-272-2496 for tickets and reservations. The East Rogersville church will also be having evangelist, David Ring, to speak Sunday evening, January 24, at 7:00 PM. It has been said that "David Ring is a living, breathing testimony of the incredible power and grace of God."



Teresa Hayden, Secretary at Ridgeview Baptist Church, and **member of FBC Church Hill**, announces that there is a **Mission Trip** being planned to **Roaring Creek, Belize, Central America in August 2010**. The main purpose of this trip is for the School Sponsorship Program. School Book Distribution week is scheduled for August 16-20. Travel dates for the trip will be Thursday, August 12, returning on Monday, August 23. The cost for the trip will be \$1200 - \$1400. This includes airfare, food & lodging and transportation in Belize. Teresa is the School Sponsorship Administrator for Body & Soul Ministries, P.O. Box 2339, Church Hill, TN 37642. If you have an interest in being involved in this mission trip you may contact her at 423-357-8527 (evenings & weekends).

The **ROGERSVILLE REVIEW (local newspaper)** has asked that we remind all of our churches that the paper is more than glad to print Church Announcements at no cost to any church. You can contact the Review at **www.therogersvillereview.com** or you can call at **423-272-7422**.



Musings from the Moderator

Avoiding Distractions and Indifference in 2010.

.....Help from Nehemiah.

I have always thought the book of Nehemiah in the Old Testament would make an awesome motion picture. It has action, adventure, intrigue, suspense and a wonderful ending. Nehemiah has always inspired me, lifted me up and helped keep my ministry balanced, as does all of God's word. In thirteen chapters, the passion for prayer and God's people never stops. As a servant of King Artaxerxes and of God, Nehemiah is faced with all kinds of distractions and indifference from the beginning of his journey until the end. If we allow ourselves, I believe, we as churches and as an Association can learn from Nehemiah's experiences daily. Just as in the book of Nehemiah, Satan has plans to interfere and interrupt us this year at every opportunity. God's word and work will help us avoid those moments.

Obviously, every church will face the challenges in 2010. The tasks of building the kingdom, budgets and normal ministry activities, will be enormous. I pray, as Nehemiah did several times, that we will constantly remind ourselves who we serve and that His hand would be upon us. In short, specifically, Nehemiah faced indifference and distractions from Sanballat and Tobiah, two men who were against assisting the people and rebuilding the city of Jerusalem, its walls and gates. It would have been very easy for Nehemiah to get distracted by the negatives. Instead, he chose to concentrate on the God he served and the indifference and distractions seemed to fade away.

God's care became obvious to Nehemiah and those he lead. As time passed, God blessed Nehemiah's work and answered his prayers. However, these two men were very persistent in their discouragement. In Nehemiah chapter six, Nehemiah was laboring on the wall to the point of completion and Sanballat and Tobiah attempted to get Nehemiah to stop, come down from the ladder and have a discussion. I personally doubt the discussion would have offered assistance or inspiration for the task at hand. Nehemiah basically said, I'm too busy to come down. I recall this portion of Nehemiah often, as it encourages me and carries me on through my personal ministry when indifferences and distractions swell.

I am often asked how my ministry and church are doing. My usual reply is this, "We are really busy." My prayer for 2010 is, that each member and each church in Holston Valley find ourselves just like Nehemiah, too busy doing God's work to come down and be distracted by our economy, politics or any item or person that could cause indifference and distractions in God's church. I encourage you to review the book of Nehemiah and let God's perfect, infallible word inspire you to serve him in 2010. Please pray for each other, our God's Plan for Sharing initiative, VBS, missions and all the activities that will bring souls to salvation and glory to God in the coming year. Nehemiah had to make a decision to get busy doing God's work. His first obstacle was his current place and position in life, as he labored as cupbearer for the King. Nehemiah took it to God. He prayed this: (NKJV) **Nehemiah 1:11 O Lord, I pray, please let Your ear be attentive to the prayer of Your servant, and to the prayer of Your servants who desire to fear Your name; and let Your servant prosper this day, I pray, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.**" Whatever becomes a distraction, please pray and be busy enough serving God that it will not hinder your service in the coming year.

Blessings!

Rev. Blake S. Montgomery - Moderator HVBA

Haiti Relief

Everyone is very concerned about the recent disastrous earthquake in the island nation of Haiti. Many people have contacted the Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief office wanting to help. It is heart-warming to see the desire of the people of the volunteer state wanting to help. Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief will be involved in relief efforts as we are needed. We are in contact with Baptist Global Response (Southern Baptist entity with primary responsibility for response in Haiti), the North American Mission Board and the Florida Baptist Convention

The Florida Baptist Convention has been designated as the lead state in this response as they have a full-time presence in Haiti. They are currently conducting assessments and gathering information of the specific needs and ways Southern Baptists can help. Please know and keep in mind this will be a long-term response. As specific opportunities arise, Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief will communicate those to our teams and through our website.

Two things that can be done immediately, are very important to the overall relief effort. **FIRST PRAY!** Pray for the people impacted by this disaster. Pray for the assessment teams that are going on-site. Pray for the families, many living in Tennessee, who have loved ones in Haiti. **SECOND, GIVE FINANCIALLY** to the relief effort. Checks may be mailed to the Tennessee Baptist Convention, PO Box 728, Brentwood TN 37024-0728 and **marked for Haiti Response**. If you choose, you can send your checks to Holston Valley Baptist Association, 207 Hawkins Street, Rogersville TN 37857 and mark them for **Haiti Response**. We will send them on to the convention for you. REMEMBER—when you send money through Holston Valley Baptist Association or Tennessee Baptist Convention for Haiti Relief—every penny goes to Haiti Relief and none of it is taken for advertizing or handling of the monies.



FINANCIAL ISSUES Facing Churches & Ministers February 8, 10:00 am – Noon Holston Baptist Association, Johnson City

TOPICS: **Benefits Programs:** Insurance, Retirement, Matching Contributions; **Federal Reportings:** Excess Benefit Transactions-DON'T do this!; What to report as income-IRS forms and other Publications-Compliance: When to use W2 and 1099-Form 944; **Charitable Contributions:** Cash Contributions-Designated Giving-Is the gift deductible?-Non-cash Gifts-Appraisal Rules-Donation of Vehicles; **403b Retirement Plan:** Regulations-Procedures-Eligibility; **Other Financial Issues:** Housing Allowance-Expense Reimbursements NO REGISTRATION IS NECESSARY! Those encouraged to attend: treasurers, administrative church employees, finance or personnel committees, ministers, church staff, church secretaries, and interested lay leaders. This seminar will be led by Richard Skidmore, TBC.

Available Supply Preachers

Here are the names and numbers of some men who like opportunities to preach. Please understand that this is not an exhaustive list. There are others who may not be listed here. **Names in bold print have recently been added.**



Ed Cuthrell (423-272-9937)
Brian Davis (423-921-9160)
Josh Brooks (423-523-2950)
Luke Wade (423-967-8072)
Charlie Gibson (423-272-4686)
Ronnie Horne (423-272-5916)
W.T. (Bill) West, Jr. (423-921-0906)
Neal Easley (423-279-4295)
Winston Hall (423-272-2050)
Tony Mowell (423-357-3745)
Kent Hightower (423-276-7736)

Dean Buell (423-272-6103)
Otis Watson (423-923-2783)
Bobby Bentley (423-235-5608)
Brian Laster (423-327-8286)
Neal Lane (423-357-3221)
Steve McKinney (423-272-6397)
Bronson Coffey (423-235-7691, (c) 423-923-8214)
Ronnie Gilliam (423-272-4736)
Nick McPheron (cell-423-923-4319)
Nick Winstead (423-357-7030 or 423-367-7130)
David Rosetti (423-765-0559)

WINTER RETREAT SET FOR RIDGECREST FOR MINISTERS, SUPPORT STAFF & SPOUSES - FEBRUARY 2010

The annual retreat is for ministers, support staff, and spouses will be held at LifeWay Ridgecrest Conference Center at the Mountain Laurel Inn & Johnson Springs, February 25-27, 2010. This year's retreat will be shared with ministers from associations in the Northeast Tennessee Cluster. These include Watauga, Sullivan, and Holston Valley. Welcome will begin on Thursday at 2:00pm. The retreat will conclude on Saturday at noon.

Our speaker/worship leader this year will be Dr. Gene Wilkes, pastor of Legacy Church, Plano, TX, and author of *Jesus on Leadership: Discovering the Secrets of Servant Leadership from the Life of Christ*. Gene is a national conference speaker on the topics of lay mobilization, spiritual gifts, making disciples, and servant leadership. He has led conferences and taught in Canada, China, Russia, and Cuba. Cost for couples from Holston Valley churches is \$250. This covers two night's accommodations and four meals. Reservations can be made by calling the Holston Valley Baptist Association office at 727-7318 or e-mail: hvba@charterinternet.com.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention is partnering with our northeast cluster of associations in sponsoring this retreat.



Financial Report for DEC 2009

100 Balance December 1, 2009 25.43
 100 Receipts in December 2009 16078.91

CHURCHES	BUDGET IN Dec	BUDGET 2009-2010
Bass Chapel	380.79	560.19
Beech Creek	0.00	0.00
Belmont	125.00	375.00
Bentleys Chapel	0.00	90.00
Bethel	0.00	134.05
Big Creek	110.00	330.00
Burem	35.92	115.99
Caney Creek	131.06	332.79
Cave Springs	0.00	0.00
Choptack	0.00	239.00
Christians Bend	0.00	437.83
Church Hill FBC	1666.67	5000.01
Compromise	0.00	0.00
Cool Branch	0.00	120.00
Duck Creek	80.00	240.00
East Rogersville	1087.50	3035.58
Elm Springs	75.00	225.00
Fishers Creek	0.00	0.00
Gills Chapel	1251.45	2740.11
Henards Chapel	1005.60	2441.40
Hickory Cove	494.00	1175.19
Howes Chapel	133.33	399.99
Independence	0.00	0.00
Indian Ridge	405.87	1022.84
Keplar	22.48	70.44
Kyles Ford	20.00	60.00
Lone Oak	20.00	60.00
Looneys Chapel	42.03	111.44
Lyons Park	0.00	0.00
Maple Hill	46.40	113.86
McCloud	100.00	300.00
McKinneys Chapel	0.00	200.00
McPheeters Bend	100.00	150.00
Mooresburg	0.00	0.00
Morrisetts Chapel	0.00	575.00
Mount Pleasant	0.00	30.00
New Hope	0.00	0.00
North Fork	120.12	303.35
Oak Grove	1494.80	4275.02
Persia	500.00	1500.00
Pleasant Hill	0.00	500.00
Prices Grove	0.00	425.74
Ridgeview	601.46	1606.07
Rogersville FB	833.33	2499.99
Shady Grove	75.00	225.00
Shepards Chapel	250.00	750.00
Sneedville FB	239.73	686.33
Speedwell	50.00	150.00
Surgoinsville FB	516.16	1455.39
Tar Pine	0.00	0.00
Tunnell Hill	511.64	1239.82
Valley View	0.00	0.00
War Creek	30.00	90.00
West View	160.00	480.00
TBC Supplement	2226.04	3339.06
Other	1137.53	4159.60
TOTALS	16078.91	44371.08
Balance and Receipts		16104.34
Disbursements 12-09		16605.60
Balance General Fund January 1, 2010		-501.26
Balance-All Accounts 01-01-10		19792.39

Pray For Our Churches

Lyons Park
 207 Lyons Park Avenue
 Church Hill TN 37642
Pastor:



Maple Hill
 946 Poor Valley Road
 Rogersville TN 37857
Pastor: Rev. Eddie Elkins



Please continue to pray for the following
 Churches that are in Pastor Searches:

- Bass Chapel
- Bentleys Chapel
- Hickory Cove
- Lyons Park
- Rogersville FBC
- Surgoinsville FBC



**Living Hope's Angels From China
 Coming To Rogersville**

**Where: Rogersville Middle School
 When: Saturday, February 27, 2010
 Time: 5:00 pm—7:00 pm
 Admission: FREE**

**For more information you can contact
 Tammy Thompson at 272-5486 or The
 Burem Baptist Church**

A Word about the Weather and the Associational Office Schedule

This year's winter weather to this point has been difficult, so I wanted to share a brief word about winter's sometimes cold and snowy weather and how it affects the office.



We have a concrete parking area at the Associational Office. This area is a magnet for snow and ice and very cold temperatures. Freezing conditions make it difficult to drive on this parking area and to walk on it. Therefore, we do not hesitate to close the office when we think having it open would be a danger to our visitors and us.

In the coming days of this winter, with the weather forecast uncertain, please call our office (423-272-7318 or 7309) before planning to travel our way. If we're closed we'll try to leave a "message" letting you know. If it is cold and snowing with accumulation we will probably be closed if you call and no one answers the phone. As always please leave your name, message, and phone number, and we will return your call as soon as possible. Thanks for working with us and being understanding!



- 02-Mrs. Josh (Michelle) Petticord War Creek
- 06-Mrs. Randy (Debbie) Pressnell Oak Grove
- 09-Rev. John Parrott, Jr. Office
- 10-Rev. Otto Giles Retired
- 16-Mrs. Bobby (Phyllis) Bernard Beech Creek
- 23-Mrs. Kenneth (Eula) Luckadoo Gills Chapel
- 27-Mrs. Gary Rice Church Hill FBC



- 04-George and Lori Bradley Burem
- 16-Jerry Wayne and Peggy Lawson McKinneys
- 23-Bobby and Phyllis Bernard Beech Creek

**“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope.”
– Jeremiah 29:11**

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Ministry Assistant: Ms. Linda Williams

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