

THE MESSENGER

Holston Baptist Association Newsletter

Annie Armstrong: week of prayer

MARCH 7-14, 2021

As we observe the rapid current of social change in our country, we begin to realize that modern American culture ultimately wants to approve every moral option on the spectrum, EXCEPT for the right to denounce certain lifestyle choices as sinful. Have you noticed the trend? The goal isn't justice and equality. The cultural influencers of our day want a complete turning of the tables, so that right is wrong, wrong is right, religious freedom is history, and anyone who challenges these conclusions will be punished. Why? Apart from the power of the gospel, a culture will always shift toward sin and away from righteousness. The "wisdom" of man is enthroned as god. So, what should we do as Bible-believing Christians? **March on!** Here's why:

For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.
- Hebrews 4:12

So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. - Romans 10:17

So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; It shall not return to Me void, But it shall accomplish what I please, And it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it. - Isaiah 55:11

The Word of God is the cure for a sin-sick society! Even if our culture erodes in every way imaginable, our marching orders remain unchanged. Remember, God is still on His throne. His power knows no weakness, and He works everything according to the counsel of His will. Will Christians have to pay a price for standing on the Word? Many already have. As faithfulness to Christ becomes more costly, the goats and hirelings will flee and the Church will be purer and stronger. May we boldly march forward as the army of God!

~ Troy Rust, AMS

HBA STUDENT CONFERENCE

March 19-21

Please be praying for our students and leaders.

Though the foe may rage and gather as the flood,
Let the standard be displayed;
And beneath its folds, as soldiers of the Lord,
For the truth be not dismayed!

Marching on, marching on,
For Christ count everything but loss!
And to crown Him King, we'll toil and sing,
Beneath the banner of the cross!

(Daniel W. Whittle, "The Banner of the Cross," 1884)

Thank you Mountain View Baptist, Pastor Rich Murray, and all those involved in making the NE TN Church Leaders Rally on Monday, March 1st, such a success!

PASTORS FELLOWSHIP

@ Liberty Baptist Church
(112 Walnut Hill Rd, Bristol, TN 37620)
Monday, March 8, 10:00-11:30AM

Beulah Baptist Church

Is honored to host

Dr. Harold F. Hunter

In *Revival*



Sunday March 14 -

Friday, March 19 @ 7 p.m.

491 Beulah Church Road Kingsport, TN 37663

John David Shanks, Pastor

www.beulahbaptistkpt.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

* BETHANY * FRIENDSHIP CHAPEL
* LOVELACE * RIVER BEND * SOUTHSIDE
* UNAKA AVE. * UNICOI * TELFORD

APPALACHIAN TRAIL

There will be a meeting for Appalachian Trail Ministry on March 16 @ 6:30PM at Calvary Baptist Church in Erwin. Any who would like to help minister to hikers during the Spring hiking season would be welcome. If you cannot attend the meeting but would like to help, please call Sam Dalton at 423-895-2487

NEED PART TIME WORK?

Afternoon /evening part time
custodian needed @ Providence Academy.
Hours are M-F, 4:00-8:00PM. Pay is around \$10/hr.
Call 423-854-9819 for more information.

EVANGELISM TRAINING, FREE OF CHARGE, FOR YOUTH GROUPS AND CHURCHES!



Is your congregation equipped to share their faith? While the pandemic has closed down and disrupted most of our local schools, First Priority is offering evangelism training to local youth groups and churches. The evangelism training features many free gospel resources, focuses on learning and sharing your personal testimony, and empowering conversational evangelism. Classes take approximately 1-1.5 hours and are free of charge to any HBA youth group or church.

For more information or to schedule a training, contact Haley Wherry, NAMB Mission Service Corps Missionary, at haleywherry@me.com or 423-676-3585.