

THE MESSENGER

HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

As we prepare to shift into the holiday season, I want to encourage you to start making plans for 2022. The upcoming colder and shorter days will provide added opportunities to pray and plan for what God wants us to do in the coming year. Consider the following:

Wisconsin Vision Trip – April 2022 (Dates TBA)

We will be travelling to Sheboygan, Wisconsin to consider a future association to association partnership. We will meet fellow believers and observe some of the needs in the 28-county region that makes up Bay Lakes Baptist Association.

Revitalization Partnerships

In recent weeks one of our churches without a pastor has developed a mentoring relationship with a stronger church. Does that sound like something your church needs? With or without a pastor, the work of revitalization can begin now. Don't go it alone when there's another body of believers willing to walk with you. We also have a newly formed Church Planting & Revitalization Team ready to help you that will launch in January. Remember, if you keep doing what you've been doing, you'll keep getting the same results.

Church Planting

Has your church ever considered planting another church? Our knee-jerk response usually has something to do with not knowing how or not having the money. Remember the faithful saying, "Where God guides, God provides." Church planting is a God-sized task that will only be carried out in His strength with His resources! If God hasn't given your church all the resources He may be calling you to partner with one or more churches. Someone planted your church. Will you pay it forward to reach the lost?

We have so many blessings for which to be thankful. Have you ever considered how many people God has used to usher those blessings into your life? Take a moment to write them down, thank God for them, and maybe even send a "thank you" to the ones that are still with us. Let's take the whole month of November (not just the 25th) to focus on thanksgiving. On that note, thank you for your partnership with Holston Baptist Association, and thank you for a great first year as your AMS. May the days ahead bring stronger gospel partnerships than we've even known!

Happy Thanksgiving!

With hands to the plow,
Troy



CHURCH STAFF OPENINGS

FULL-TIME PRESCHOOL & CHILDREN'S PASTOR

Central, Johnson City

Responsibilities are to oversee the philosophy, programs, events, and ministry to and with the preschoolers and children and their families. A balance of emphasis in worship, discipleship, and outreach is encouraged. The Pastor will report to the Senior Pastor and work in cooperation with the other Pastoral staff to accomplish the purposes of the church. Interested candidates may submit their resumé directly to kbarger@cbcjc.org; for more information please visit our church website <https://cbcjc.org>.

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, resumé, references, and a link, or other means, to provide a sample of one's work for review. Detailed job descriptions on church webpage at tabaptist.org.

Please submit all required information to
pastorshaneetabaptist.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 Pate
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.



Michael Depew was ordained on August 15 at Heritage Baptist and has been called as Pastor of Telford Missionary Baptist. Rev. Depew attended Tennessee Temple University and Clear Creek Baptist Bible College before completing his BA (Philosophy and History) and Master's (History) degrees at East Tennessee State University. For 35 years he has been an interpreter for the deaf in various settings. He currently teaches History at East Tennessee State University and lives in Elizabethton with his beautiful wife and 5 of their 9 children.



Please Pray for Our Churches Without Pastors

Bethany
Enon
Friendship Chapel
Holston Valley
Lovelace
Oakdale
River Bend
Unaka Avenue
West Hills





HBA JOHNSON CITY BAPTIST CENTER ANGEL TREE

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 8 IS THE KICKOFF DATE FOR THE 2021 JOHNSON CITY BAPTIST CENTER ANGEL TREE. THIS MINISTRY BENEFITS THE CHILDREN SERVED BY THE JOHNSON CITY BAPTIST CENTER. CHURCHES OR INDIVIDUALS MAY COME TO THE HBA OFFICE AT 207 UNIVERSITY PARKWAY TO SELECT THE NAME OF A CHILD TO BLESS. ALL GIFTS MUST BE RETURNED TO THE HBA OFFICE NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 8.

WE ASK THAT YOU GIVE A TOY OR REQUESTED ITEM AND AN ARTICLE OF CLOTHING. COST WILL PROBABLY BE AT LEAST \$30 TO \$50, DEPENDING UPON WHAT YOU CHOOSE TO GIVE. PLEASE WRAP THE PRESENT AND ATTACH THE ANGEL TREE NAMETAG OR OTHER NAME TAG BACK TO THE GIFT.

THE CHILDREN SIGNED UP SHOULD NOT BE ON ANY OTHER ANGEL TREE. THANK YOU FOR PROVIDING CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO CHILDREN WHO OTHERWISE MAY NOT HAVE ANYTHING TO OPEN ON CHRISTMAS DAY.



ANNUAL PASTOR & SPOUSE CHRISTMAS BANQUET

DECEMBER 6 AT 6PM AT 219 UNIVERSITY PARKWAY

MUSIC BY SIMPLY US * CELEBRATION OF BCM MINISTRY

GREAT FOOD * GREAT FELLOWSHIP * GREAT GOD

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL 929-1196 BY NOVEMBER 29



SPECIAL CALLED MESSENGER BUSINESS MEETING

TOPIC:
Proposed Bylaw Changes

November 4 at 7PM

**CHECK YOUR EMAIL
FOR THE ZOOM LINK**



HBA CALENDAR

OCTOBER

30 Bible Drill Team Meeting - 9:30 AM
Lower Level HBA Office

NOVEMBER

4 Lunchtime Q & A with Dr. R. Albert Mohler, Jr., 12 PM, Trinity Baptist
4 Special Called Messenger Business Meeting, Zoom at 7 PM
7 Daylight Saving Time Ends
8 JCBC Angel Tree Pick-Up Begins
11 Veterans Day
14-17 TBMB Summit - Brentwood, TN
22 JC Baptist Center Thanksgiving Dinner
23 The Messenger Content Deadline
25 Thanksgiving
25-26 HBA Office Closed
28 Week of Prayer for International Missions Begins
29 Reservation Deadline for Pastor and Spouse Christmas Banquet

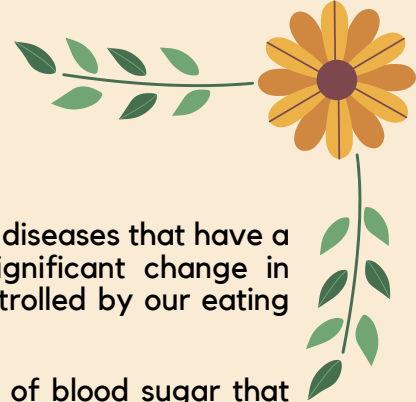
DECEMBER

5 Week of Prayer for International Missions Ends
6 HBA Pastor and Spouse Christmas Banquet, University Parkway at 6 PM
8 Angel Tree Gifts Final Due Date
21 The Messenger Content Deadline
24-27 HBA Office Closed
25 Christmas
31 HBA Office Closed



TO YOUR HEALTH

Diabetes #2



Being diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes is a life-changing moment. Unlike many diseases that have a good treatment plan or effective medication, this condition requires a significant change in behavior. Sadly, it is a change that many are unwilling to make. We are controlled by our eating habits more than we care to admit.

When our body does not respond to its own insulin there is a huge build up of blood sugar that would usually be processed by our normal functions. This build up blocks tiny capillaries such as those around the eyes and extremities (feet and toes). Unchecked diabetes places the patient at significantly higher risk for heart attack and stroke. Apparently my heart attack of two years ago was diabetes induced.

It is imperative for those diagnosed with Type 2 Diabetes to receive careful nutrition training. What goes in the mouth ends up in the bloodstream. A low carb diet is not easy to follow, but it can save your life! The old joke is what must I give up if I am diabetic? Just three things... Anything white, anything sweet and anything good!

My dietary choices are changing, evolving. The first days are easier because the patient is usually in panic mode. We start playing mind games with ourselves. "It's just a small bowl of cereal. How many carbs can it have anyway?" Probably around 35 for just one cup! The typical cereal bowl holds about two cups. Learning what is safe to eat for meals and snacks is liberating. We must not give in to our hunger for favorite things. I have chosen to totally avoid my personal "landmines". Any food with potato is incredibly high in carbs. Rice, pasta, white bread, donuts, cereal (oatmeal can work), desserts, milk, yogurt, and anything Little Debbie.

One of the health risks of diabetes is how slow the detrimental effects take to fully arrive. This can give a false sense of safety while not altering one's lifestyle. Please know this. Diabetes always wins. Always. But diabetes is also a disease over which we ultimately have control. You are what you eat...so let's eat better.

Greg Burton
Colonial Heights Baptist Church





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2021 GOAL
\$185
million

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WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 5

"I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

JOHN 16:33



**EMPOWERED TO
OVERCOME**

**BIVOCATIONAL MINISTERS
AND WIVES RETREAT**

JANUARY 27-29, 2022

REGISTER ONLINE AT: [TNBAPTIST.ORG/BIVO](https://tnbaptist.org/bivo)



**SNATCHING THEM
FROM THE FIRE!**

Jude 23

WIN
STATE EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

PROGRAM

 TONY EVANS Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship Dallas, TX	 JONATHAN EVANS Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship, Dallas, TX and Dallas Cowboys Chaplain	 STEVE GAINES Bellevue Baptist Church Cordova, TN	 GRANT GAINES Belle Aire Baptist Church Murfreesboro, TN
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PERSONALITIES

 BRADY COOPER New Vision Baptist Church Murfreesboro, TN	 ROC COLLINS Tennessee Baptist Mission Board	 DON WILTON First Baptist Church Spartanburg, SC	 RANDY DAVIS Tennessee Baptist Mission Board
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JAN. 30-31, 2022

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