



Calendar

September

4 - Labor Day - Office Closed
10-18 Week of Prayer for State Missions - Golden Offering
19 - Evangelism Training with Preston Condra

October

Pastor Appreciation Month
19 Fall Meeting, Calvary Erwin
23 Day of Prayer for Associational Missions

Happy Birthday, Pastors!

24 Mike Depew
27 Mike Oaks



DO THE PIECES FIT TOGETHER?

In most of our churches, recent weeks have been filled with numerous committee meetings and conversations in order to complete some of the key components for the new church year, like nominating committee reports and budgets. While it's always nice to breathe a sigh of relief when one of these major tasks has been completed, we should regularly assess these thresholds with spiritual discernment. Consider the following questions:

What do we say we value?

I created a survey a few years ago to probe this question. You probably won't be surprised to find out that churches do a great job of saying what they're supposed to value. Christians know they should value taking the Gospel to the lost and provide ongoing discipleship for believers. But is there a breakdown between the saying and the doing?

What do we really value?

Have you ever noticed that a police officer never walks up to a stopped vehicle and asks, "Who are you?" They work to skip all the possible lies and theatrics and ask for legal proof of identity. As a church, your words can be cheap. However, there are some clear ways to prove what you really value. Show me your...

- Budget
- Nominating Committee Report (or however you enlist leaders and workers)
- Church Calendar
- Church Bulletin, Website, Texts, etc.

Now we will see what you value. **Think about it:**

- If you value it, it will get financial PRIORITY, not a tip.
- If you value it, you will recruit the necessary leaders and workers for it.
- If you value it, you will schedule it with regularity.
- If you value it, you will promote it with intentionality.

Are we willing to align our priorities with our biblical purpose?

What if the pieces don't fit together? I fear that many churches have aspirational values for Gospel priorities, and real values for selfish concerns. For example, an unhealthy church will miss numerous discipleship opportunities while never missing a business meeting. One might be important, but the other is eternally important. Disjointed ministry comes in many forms, including churches where few of the aforementioned pieces match! In other words, the values, budget, workers, and events are all going in different directions!!

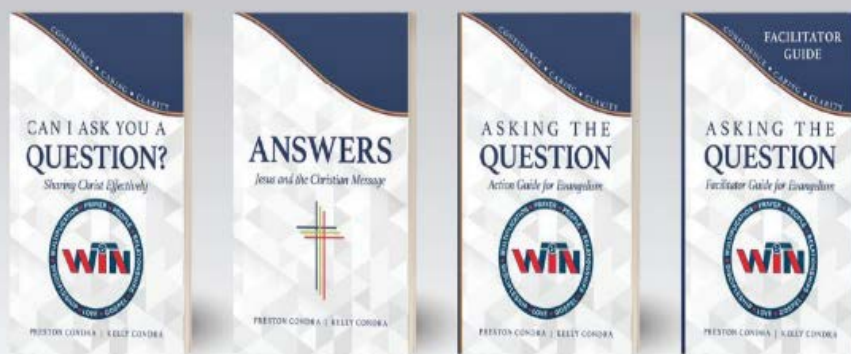
How do you fix it? Go back to your original purpose – making disciples. Ask the hard question, "Does this _____ have anything to do with the Great Commission?" If not, get rid of it. Free your people from the tyranny of dead traditions, and worldly expectations. For example, you may need to streamline those 20 committees into 6 teams THAT ALL DO SOMETHING THAT MATTERS FOR ETERNITY! You'll feel like a bird out of a cage, and God will be glorified by a church that seeks Him instead of repeating fruitless patterns. It's time we were about the Father's business!

With hands to the plow,
Troy

Tuesday, September 19 at 5:00 PM
Registration Deadline: September 11

Gospel Conversations Workshop with Preston Condra

Gain Confidence, Clarity and Caring



Christians commonly express these concerns regarding evangelism:

I don't know what to say
I can't answer objections to the Gospel.
I do not want to cause offense.

Every Christian can be an effective Evangelist!

Hosted by Boone Trail Baptist Church
1985 Carroll Creek Road, Johnson City

\$20 Includes Dinner & 2 Books

Preston Condra (Sufficient Word Ministries) is an ordained Southern Baptist minister and a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. His passion for the Gospel and earnest desire to encourage and help equip the body of Christ are the hallmarks of his lifelong ministry.

REGISTER HERE:





Cherokee Baptist Church Homecoming

September 10 at 10:00 AM

Celebrating 240 years

Michael McCloud, Guest Speaker

Harland County Grass, Worship

Dinner on the Ground following the morning service

Come Join Us!



1 Day Women's Conference

September 23 9AM - 1:30 PM

Speaker: Jenni Dixon

Music: T-Minus Glory Amanda & Teshia

Registration Fee: \$10 Deadline: Sept. 16

Childcare Not Provided

Questions? Call Barbara Wood 423-607-9303

holstonba.org

Week of Prayer for State Missions / Golden Offering for TN Missions



Theme Verse: Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." — Matthew 19:26 NIV

Statewide 2023-2024 GOTM Goal: \$2,700,000

The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions is the annual state missions offering that provides invaluable financial support for ministries that help reach Tennesseans for Christ.

Tennessee Baptists contributing through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions provide support for Tennessee ministries; sustaining state ministries not funded through the Cooperative Program.

The offering is named after W.C. & Mildred Golden, who suggested the week of prayer for state missions and a state missions offering in 1902.



Thursday, October 19 5:00 PM Calvary, Erwin

207 University Parkway, Johnson City, TN 37604 423.929.1196 hba@holstonba.org

JOHNSON CITY BAPTIST CENTER UPDATE

Summer activities have come and gone for the Johnson City Baptist Center, and children have returned to school. We give thanks for the summer mission teams who gave their time and energy to share the love of Jesus with us over the summer months.

We are also grateful to the church teams who served by sharing the Good News at the Appalachian Fair in August. Thank you to JCBC friends, Cherry Grove, Boones Creek, Trinity, Ninth Street, Mountain View, Hulen, and New Salem Baptist Churches. Along with 1,920 bottles of water given away, the message of Jesus being the Living Water was passed on to those we encountered.

Through the Carnival Workers Ministry, led by Randy and Kay Scalf, we learned that they ministered to at least 45 Guatemalans, 20 Microasians, and some Americans. Pray that God will continue to nurture the seeds that were planted.

Please pray, also, for the weekly children's and adult Bible studies that start back soon at the Baptist Center. As we teach and live out our faith, may folks come to believe in Jesus, and grow in their walk with him.

"And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on him for the saying of the woman which testified, He told me all that I ever did." John 4:39.

Share your testimony with someone today,

Anna Huggins
Director of Ministries JCBC

You're Invited!

SULLIVAN BAPTIST CHURCH

WORSHIPFEST
OCTOBER 2023

OCTOBER 16 AT 7PM
OCTOBER 16 AT 7PM

RYAN JOHN BAND

SHANE PRUITT

4152 Maplewood Street Kingsport, TN 37664
Visit sullivanbaptist.org for the full WorshipFest lineup.

Thank You!

The Appalachian Fair Carnival Workers Ministry wishes to thank the churches that donated to the ministry this year. You are appreciated!

**Beulah
FBC Blountville
FBC Fall Branch
Fordtown
Heritage
Trinity
Woodlawn
Word Fellowship**

For Those Working with Children & Students

MinistrySafe®

Saturday, November 4
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM

For those working with children and students.

A lite lunch will be served. Please register by Sunday, October 29.

INDIAN SPRINGS
BAPTIST CHURCH

NEW SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH CELEBRATES 178 YEARS

On Sunday, August 20th, New Salem Baptist Church in Limestone celebrated Homecoming and 178 years of continued Kingdom ministry. Dr. Rust delivered the morning message and his children provided special music. The culmination of the day's celebration was the dedication of their recently renovated education building.

In the fall of 2022, with a vision for discipleship and Christian education, the congregation voted to convert their existing fellowship hall into 4 classrooms. Dr. Craig Ponder, pastor of New Salem, has been quoted as saying, "What Baptist church does that!?"

Renovations began on January 9th of this year and classes first met on Sunday, June 18. Two Sunday school classes that were meeting in member's homes are now meeting on campus. When asked how the new space is being used, Pastor Ponder said, "During the Sunday school hour, the new space is occupied by a brand-new college and career class, our senior high class, plus our senior adult ladies and senior adult men. New Salem Children's Ministry has Children's Church here on Sunday mornings and our Kids In Action (KIA) meet here on Wednesday nights. There's also a lady's small group that meets here on Tuesday nights."



College & Career Classroom



Senior High Classroom



Senior Adult Ladies' Classroom



(Left to Right) Dr. Troy Rust, AMS, Holston Baptist Association, Dr. Craig Ponder, Pastor, New Salem Baptist Church, Dr. Roy Gillis, deacon chairman, Associate Pastors Joe Barker and Tim Jaynes



Senior Adult Men's Classroom

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 and straws. The church will provide the 2-liter drinks.

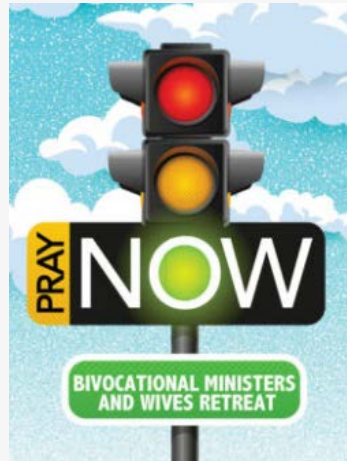
The 24' inflatable movie screen comes with all necessary components. The church provides the projector set up and the movie.

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!



**PLEASE PRAY FOR
OUR CHURCHES
WITHOUT PASTORS**

Friendship Chapel
Muddy Creek
New Life
New Victory
Ninth Street
Timberlake
Woodlawn



BIVOCATIONAL MINISTERS & WIVES RETREAT January 24, 2024

Rejoice in hope, be patient in
tribulation, be constant in prayer.
~Romans 12:12~

Cost: \$275

Registration deadline Dec. 8, 2023.

University Parkway Baptist Free Health Fair *Everyone Invited*

Saturday Sept. 30th 10:00 AM - 3:30 AM

Adult Health Screening

- Blood Pressure Check
- Blood Sugar Check
- Mammogram
- Washing Co. EMS
- Touch the Truck
- JC Fire Dept
- Vendors

-sponsored by Ballad Health Faith Community Nurse Program and UPBC

Harmony Baptist Church Prophecy Conference

Evangelist Randy Gilliam D.D.

MT.24:3 "...what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?"

An in-depth BIBLICAL study of the "LAST DAYS"

The KING is COMING

OCTOBER

22nd thru 25th

Sunday 10:30 & 6:30

Mon. thru Wed. 6:30

AGENDA 2030

NEW WORLD ORDER DISCLOSED AS SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

THE GLOBAL GOALS

ARE WE IN THE FINAL GENERATION MENTIONED IN MATTHEW 24:34?

ANTICHRIST REVEALED DANIEL 9:27 AND YER 25 YEARS OF PRISON

MEET SOPHIA

WHAT BIBLICAL PROPHECY SAYS ABOUT

"THE CHINA CONNECTION"

FROM A BALLOON TO BATTALIONS (20million army Rev. B)

Come join us! in Jonesborough

HARMONY BAPTIST CHURCH

STAFF OPENINGS

FULLTIME 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

PAID MUSIC LEADER

Oak Hill, Fall Branch

Seeking a musically talented person(s) to lead/assist in Sunday worship music programs. Pianist and/or organist or congregational song leading are qualities that are needed.

Send resumes to OHBC, 2501 Highway 81 N, Jonesborough, TN 37659 or call 423-797-1588.

WORSHIP PASTOR

Central, Johnson City

Seeking:
Experienced Church
Music Leader
Traditional & Contemporary
Services

For more information
contact: kborger@cbcjc.org
or cbcjc.org

PART TIME PASTORAL CARE PASTOR

South Bristol Church

Submit resumes to Dave Malcolm
David.malcolm@cma.org

CLEANING UP AFTER THE STORM

Members of West Hills Baptist Church and the HBA Disaster Relief Team spent several hours cleaning up after the August 14 storm damage on the West Hills property. Twelve trees of various sizes came down with some damage to a fence. West Hills members Gene and Alan Hurdt joined Mike Durham, Steve & Terri Graham, Jim Rowland, David Crutchfield, and Troy & Jasper Rust in the clean up efforts. Thankfully, there was no damage to the Garden of Hope.

