



## Calendar

### November

5 Daylight Saving Time Ends  
8 JCBC Angel Tree Pick-Up Begins  
11 Veterans Day  
12-15 TBMB Summit  
20 JCBC Thanksgiving Dinner  
23-24 HBA Office Closed  
24 Thanksgiving

### December

1 Widows Offering Deadline  
5 Minister & Spouse Banquet  
6 JCBC Angel Tree Gifts Due  
9 55+ On-Mission Celebration  
21 First Day of Winter  
25 Christmas

*Happy Birthday, Pastors!*

11 Allen Davis  
26 Zach Smith

## November 5



## THINGS LEFT UNDONE

As I prepare for all the sights, smells, and joys of the holiday season, I find myself counting the time remaining in this year. If you're like me, you're thinking, "If I'm going to do it this year, I'd better hurry up!" I've had a similar thought process as I faced the upcoming birth of a child, a job transition, or relocation. Some of you are thinking this way in the face of retirement. The older we get the more we need to think these thoughts in light of eternity.

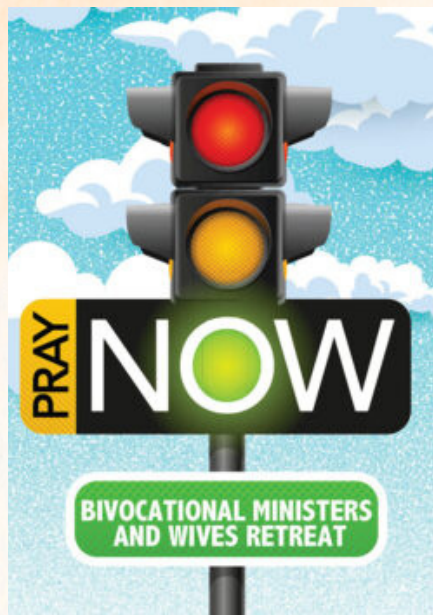
Two days ago, my wife received word that a friend's husband was found dead in their home, apparently the victim of a heart attack. He had retired only a short time ago. His exit was different than he or anyone else (except God) had planned. In fact, the personal end of life scenario that many of us imagine will be just that – imaginary. I'm not trying to be morose. I've simply been reminded that obedience is urgent. We don't serve a rainy-day Savior, so we shouldn't offer Him rainy-day discipleship. Christ calls us to every-day discipleship! There may be things that need to fall into place to fulfill certain parts of your journey, but if God has called you to do something He will certainly give you the tools and the opportunity.

So, whatever it is that you know you should have already done, here's your reminder. Daddy used to critique my nonchalant attitude as a child by saying, "Son, you act like the heavens are full of days and they're all coming your way!" Nobody said things quite like he did. He's with Jesus now, but I still hear those words ringing in my ears and prodding my adult self. Laziness, pride, and fear can be powerful deterrents, but they must fall at the realization of three words: Jesus. Is. Worthy!

With hands to the plow,

Troy





**January 25-27, 2024**

Annual event for  
Bivocational Ministers &  
Wives for inspiration,  
fellowship, and  
encouragement.

**Cost: \$275**

**\$100 Deposit Due  
November 10**

**Registration deadline  
Dec. 8, 2023.**

**Complimentary  
HBA Bivocational  
Pastor Lunch  
Friday - 12:30 PM**

*Rejoice in hope, be  
patient in tribulation,  
be constant in prayer.*

**- Romans 12:12**



## JC BAPTIST CENTER CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

**Kickoff - Wednesday, November 8**

The Angel Tree ministry benefits the children we serve through the JC Baptist Center. What a joy it is to bless the children at Christmas!

Starting November 8, you may come by the HBA office and choose the nametag of a child or children to bless this Christmas. Requested items may be toys, clothes, or other needs they have. You may help provide all they will receive this Christmas.

All gifts need to be wrapped and returned by **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6.**

*Thank you!*

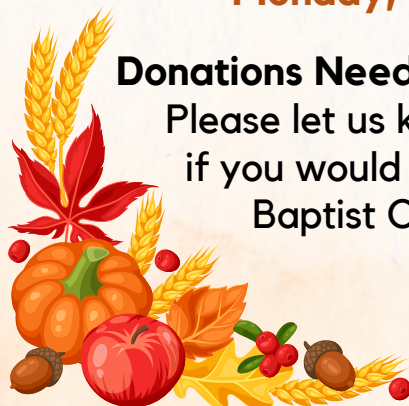
## Happy THANKSGIVING

**JCBC THANKSGIVING DINNER  
Monday, November 20 - 6 PM**

**Donations Needed: side dishes & desserts!**

Please let us know by calling the office  
if you would like to participate in this  
Baptist Center ministry event.

*Thank you!*





## STAFF OPENINGS



### ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT / BOOKKEEPER

Must have competent computer skills, good people skills & excel in verbal & written communication, experience in payroll. 18 hrs. wk.

Send resume via email:  
office@tusculumbaptist.org

or mail to:  
Tusculum Baptist Church  
775 Erwin Hwy.  
Greeneville, Tn 37745

### PART-TIME MINISTRY ASSISTANT Colonial Heights, Kingsport

Approximately 16 hours per week, typically Monday thru Thursday 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. with some ability to adjust based on church and employee needs. Duties include typical office tasks such as managing phones, door access and messages and would also include computer-related tasks such as website maintenance, managing social media postings, and generating custom graphics for mailings and bulletin boards. Please submit resumes to the church office at 108 Colonial Heights Rd, Kingsport, TN 37663 to the attention of the Personnel Committee.

## For Ministerial Staff

### MINISTER & SPOUSE CHRISTMAS BANQUET

December 5 at 6 PM

Hosted by Antioch Baptist  
1014 Antioch Road, Johnson City

\$15 Per Couple  
Reservation Deadline: November 22



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## Registration Deadline: November 27



Join us!

### 55+ On-Mission Christmas Celebration

Saturday, December 9  
11:00 AM  
1014 Antioch Road  
Johnson City

\$7 Per Person



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## STAFF OPENINGS

### 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.

### WOODLAWN

#### FULL TIME PASTOR

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

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#### PART-TIME/BIVOCATIONAL YOUTH DIRECTOR

Woodlawn Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a part-time /bi-vocational Youth Director who has a committed relationship to Jesus Christ and a passion to lead & teach youth (Middle & High School Students). Position available Dec 1, 2023. Send resume to Woodlawn Baptist Church, 1400 Southside Ave., Bristol, TN 37620 (Attention: Personnel Committee) or send email to [woodlawnbaptistbristol@btes.tv](mailto:woodlawnbaptistbristol@btes.tv)



Honor Our Veterans

## Veterans Day Celebration

### ALL VETERANS WELCOME

DATE: NOVEMBER 11, 2023

TIME: 12:00 PM

LOCATION: CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH - 801 OHIO AVENUE, ERWIN, TN 37650

Let's come together as a community to celebrate and thank our veterans for their service and sacrifices.

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

\*\*NO CHARGE\*\*

PLEASE RSVP BY 11/5/2023 TO KERRI KITE AT 423.354.6061 TEXT OR CALL



### PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR CHURCHES WITHOUT PASTORS

Friendship Chapel  
Muddy Creek  
New Life  
Ninth Street  
Oak Hill  
Timberlake  
Woodlawn



## The Spirit of Christmas 2023 "One Quiet Night"



### Blountville First Baptist Church

#### PERFORMANCES:

December 1 - 7 PM

December 2 - 2:30 PM & 7 PM

December 3 - 5 PM

#### PRICES:

Dinner & Drama Adults \$18

Children 12 & Under \$10

Dessert & Drama \$3

Drama Only Free

Tickets go on sale in person on Friday, November 3 at 9AM.  
To purchase tickets by phone: Call 423-323-8033 (option 1)  
after 9AM on Monday, November 6.





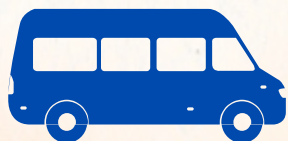
## HBA WIDOWS CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Holston Baptist Association is now accepting contributions from churches and individuals for the annual Widows Christmas Offering.

Please mail checks to HBA, 207 University Parkway, Johnson City, TN 37604 with a memo line: Widows Offering.

Deadline for contributions is Wednesday, November 29.

Thank you for helping us bless women who served faithfully alongside their minister husbands!



## CHURCH VAN OR BUS NEEDED

If your church has a van or bus to sell, please contact Bryan Smith at 423-297-5148 or [bryansmith.bmi@gmail.com](mailto:bryansmith.bmi@gmail.com)

[holstonba.org](http://holstonba.org)

## MINISTRY COHORT

### *Small Group Discipleship*

Second Tuesday of the Month

January 9 - May 14, 2024 ✦ 8:30 - 10:00 AM

BCM Building - 1012 Seminole Drive, Johnson City

*-Free & Open to Everyone-*

Includes Biscuit Breakfast

Register Here:



## Monday Manna

### Monthly Pastor Fellowship

Last Monday of the Month  
Begins January 29, 2024

10:30 AM - 12:00 PM

207 University Parkway, Johnson City

More Details Coming Soon

*fellowship, edification, rejuvenation*

207 University Parkway, Johnson City, TN 37604  
423.929.1196 [hba@holstonba.org](mailto:hba@holstonba.org)



## TO YOUR HEALTH DEVOTION IS THE ANSWER

Good health takes effort. Whether it is regular exercise, careful eating, medical check-ups or good oral care, it all requires a conscientious effort. Not only does it take intentionality to be successful, but it also requires discipline to say no to some things and yes to others.

I have two areas of my life that need discipline for my long term health. Both of them mean major adjustments in what I cannot eat. So many of us have similar needs because food has become incredibly important to us. We are often emotional eaters. I actually had an elderly man in my earlier days of ministry who shocked this young pastor. He had congestive heart failure and was on a salt-free diet. He told me that he was ignoring his doctor's strict orders because mashed potatoes and green beans were not the same without salt and he would rather die than give up those favorites! Most of us would not be so blunt, but our subtle actions and choices reflect the sentiment.

In my ongoing journey toward better health I have been challenged with this thought: rather than live a life of denial and frustration I choose to view my good choices as a devotion to God in caring for my "temple" for His glory and my lifelong ministry. This is a positive approach. This is a worshipful approach. The focus is not on my salivating over a dessert or my compulsion to skip a walk or a workout. Everything I do for better health is to bless my earthly shell in honor of God's gift. The switch in outlook has been huge for me.

If you want to shed some pounds for your heart, walk/hike to improve circulation, get your diabetes under control or just live healthier maybe you should change your health focus to an act of devotion to the One Who loves you so and calls you to impact your world. Just a thought... a good, healthy thought!

Greg Burton  
Colonial Heights Baptist Church





## FOSTER CARE PANEL

There will be a Foster Care Panel at Heritage Baptist Church, 1512 John Exum Pkwy, Johnson City on Wednesday, December 6th from 5:30-7:00 pm.

Join Tennessee Kids Belong and amazing panelists to learn about fostering in our state. Attend our free panel to meet experts in the field, hear stories from current foster parents, from former foster youth and get answers to tough questions like:

- Can I Foster If I'm Single?
- What if My Spouse Isn't Quite Ready?
- How This Will Impact My Biological Kids?
- Will I Get Too Attached and Have to Say Goodbye?

According to the ADF Church Alliance "Nearly 400,000 children are in the U.S. foster care system, enough to fill more than five football stadiums!

Over 100,000 children are waiting for adoption.

Let that sink in. As church leaders, there's a biblical mandate to care and provide for orphans (James 1:27)."

### REGISTER HERE:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/foster-care-qa-panel-in-person-tickets-730539522377?aff=ebdsoporgprofile>



### ONE DAY WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

April 20, 2024

Clark Street Baptist

Clark Street Baptist Women invite all ladies to join us for a one day Women's Conference with speaker Dianne Barker. More information will be available at a later date.







## LOSTNESS IS GROWING EVERY DAY

WE WILL NOT IGNORE IT.  
WE WON'T BE SILENT.  
WE WON'T STAND STILL.

WE WILL REACH THE NATIONS,  
NO MATTER THE COST.  
**WE WILL BRING THE SOLUTION —  
THE GOSPEL—**  
TO THE WORLD'S GREATEST PROBLEM,  
LOSTNESS.

### WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

DECEMBER 3–10, 2023

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year before the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® emphasis.

Will you join your heart with others to pray for missionaries around the world who are faithfully sharing the gospel?

### USE IT ALL UP

About two-thirds of Americans say eating Thanksgiving leftovers is more important than eating the actual holiday meal. That's one of the few times people hope food is left on the table.

When it comes to giving out blessings, God doesn't want any leftovers to remain. In Genesis 12:2, God blesses Abraham so he will be a blessing to others.

Charles Stanley wrote: "A hoarded blessing is never enjoyed as richly as a shared one. Using your gift to meet someone else's need glorifies God by demonstrating his grace at work in your life. Don't let his generous provisions end with you. Pass them on and discover the joy of a never-ending cycle of blessings."

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