

The Caller

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The 60th Annual Associational WMU meeting will be held at Mount Vernon Baptist Church on April 11, 2017

Schedule as follows:

5:15—6:15 pm: Registration, Food, and Fellowship

6:15—6:30 pm: Pre-Service Music by Mt Vernon BC Choir

6:30 pm: Service begins

Special Music: Jencie Gibson, member of Mt Vernon BC

Speaker: Dr. Judith M. Szulecki. Please bring your Pastor and all the ladies of your church.

☞ **Everyone Welcome!** ☞



Executive Committee Meeting
Saturday, April 22, 2017
9:00 AM—12:00 PM
Pocahontas Bassett Baptist Church
Lunch Provided

Pocahontas Bassett has stepped forward to host our meeting. The first hour will focus on the remainder of 2017, the second hour will focus on plans for 2018, and the third hour will be a time of fellowship over lunch.

Secondly, **Facilitators, Team Leaders, and Committee Chairs**, please meet with your group prior to the meeting as needed so you will be prepared to brief the Executive Committee on where you stand for upcoming 2017 events and plans for 2018.

We need to hear from you! Please provide the HCBA office with your RSVP no later than **Tuesday, April 11**, so we can be sure we have enough participants to have a quorum and enough food.

I look forward to our time of fellowship across groups at lunch which we don't have time for with Thursday evening meetings.

Your fellow servant in Christ,
Rev. Keith Spangenberg, Moderator



*The HCBA Office
will be closed on
Monday,
April 17, 2017
in observance of the
Easter Holiday*

*May You Have a Blessed Easter
Holiday! Because Jesus Christ rose
from the dead on that wonderful first
Easter Morning, we have the Blessed
Hope of Heaven as our home*

Church News!

AXTON ... Our annual Easter Egg hunt will be held on Saturday, April 15, 2017.

BASSETT, FIRST ... First Baptist Church of Bassett would like to welcome our new Youth Pastor, Rev. Billy Craig, his wife, Melodie, and their 3 children. Billy began his responsibilities on March 5th. Upcoming Events: Bar-B-Que Lunch for Missions - Sunday, April 9th following our morning service. Come enjoy a delicious lunch and support our Mission Team's outreach to Peru! Sunday, May 21st - AWANA 30th Anniversary Observance Sunday, June 25th - Thursday, June 29th, Vacation Bible School.

BLACKBERRY ... Month of March Missions, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. March 5th WMU met for Bible study and missions. Speaker Bonnie Brown on "Leaving a Godly Legacy". March 12th Youth held Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser. March 15th Golden Agers enjoyed Entertainment by Junior and Ramona Cassaday. Monthly Clothes Closet held March 25th. Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Blackberry Baptist Church on Saturday April 8th at 3:00 PM.

CHATHAM HEIGHTS ... Join us for Homecoming on Sunday, May 7, 2017. The theme this year is "**Tie Dyed with Thee - 73**". We will be celebrating our 73rd anniversary. Guest speaker will be Dr. Tony Brooks, Field Strategist for the BGAV. The service will be followed by a covered dish meal.

COLLINSVILLE, FIRST ... 3/15 Senior Adult trip to Hamrick's in Roanoke. 3/19 Welcome Luncheon with Jarrod and Rachel Pillsbury, our new associate pastor of families and youth. 3/25 Youth to WinterJam 2017. 3/30 WMU Hairston Home Birthday Party. 4/3 College and Career for Christ Event. 4/13 Maundy Thursday Communion Service. 4/15 Children's Easter Egg Hunt. 4/16 Easter Sunrise Service. 4/20 Six-week Bible Study begins "SPLASH" taught by Pastor Larry. 4/22 Safety Seminar-Situation Awareness for Church Safety from 9:30-11:30.

FORT TRIAL ... Stitches of Love Mondays, April 10 & 24 at 10:00 a.m. Wednesdays - Morning Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 15 Children's Easter Celebration. April 16, Easter Service. April 21, 55+ Group to Barn Dinner Theater

FULLER MEMORIAL ... For the month of March, our missions concentration is on our Annie Armstrong Easter Offering with a goal of \$600 and more. We have begun plans for our Vacation Bible School to be held in July. Once again our Golden Jewels outdid themselves with our St. Patrick's Day delicious luncheon and fellowship with fun and games. We continue our study in Genesis on Sunday night and prayer time and study in Matthew on Wednesday night.

MARTINSVILLE, FIRST ... 3/28/17 Senior Adults Visit Piedmont Arts; 4/3/17 WMU send cards to Military Members for Military Appreciation; 4/9 Palm Sunday in the Park; 4/13 Maundy Thursday and Tenebrae Service; 4/16 Early Service at 9:00 on Keesee Terrace followed by continental breakfast, regular service at 11:00; 4/24 Men and Women Joint meeting; 4/26 Will be on the Garden Tour

MAYO ... We are so excited and praise Jesus that we ordained three men as Deacons this month. We are so grateful that God is raising up Godly men to fill positions that are desperately

needed. They are Matt Cutchins, Tim Wendell and Scott Fulcher. Our Easter Eggstrazganza will be April 9th after the worship service. We are having our first Easter choir cantata on Easter Sunday. All are welcome to come and celebrate with us!

MCCABE ... CPR/AED First Aid Training Class was led by Jason Masching of HopeTree at McCabe on March 23rd. Our "Young at Heart" seniors had a Fun Day Outing at Pizza Hut in Eden on March 30th. We are supporting Grace Network this quarter with donations of beef stew and oatmeal. We participated in Raceway Ministries March 31st - April 2nd. Our next "Free Community Meal" will be held on Wednesday, April 12th from 5:30 - 6:30 PM.

NEW VISION ... 4/15 bake sale @ Lucky Two 8am, 4/16 Sunrise Service at the Church, 4/29 Community Day/Car Show. Call 540-483-2107 for info, 5/7 Homecoming

OAK LEVEL ... Easter Egg Hunt for the children is Saturday April 15 from 10a.m. until noon. Easter Sunrise service and breakfast April 16 at 7:00 a.m. The children sing or play bells twice a month during the worship service. Ingathering of the special CBF missions offering is May 21. Plans are being made for the 80th anniversary celebration of the church in Sept. **ONE ACCORD** ... James "Jimmy" Searce was licensed to be a Minister of the Gospel on Sunday, March 19th. The Seven Cries from the Cross featuring 7 local Pastors/Ministers leading a different part of the service on Friday, April 14th "Good Friday" at 7:00 pm. Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday, Sunday, April 16th at 6:30 am. Please join us for great music, fellowship and worshipping the Lord.

ORCHARD DRIVE ... March 25 held Hotdog Outreach at Adams Grocery for Sanville Community, Held Community Meal on March 28, April 15 11:00 am-1:00 pm Easter Party & Egg Hunt for Children's Department, April 16 7:30 am Easter Sunrise Service, 8:00 am Breakfast, 11:00 am Worship Service, April 25 5:30-6:30 pm Community Meal, April 30th 5th Sunday 11:00 Worship Service Brody Boyd to speak on Isaiah 53

POCAHONTAS BASSETT ... Special Holy Week services include a Maundy Thursday Service on April 13th in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 PM and a Good Friday Service on April 14th in the Sanctuary at 5:00 PM. All are welcome. The Pickers' and Fiddlers' Songfest will be on Saturday, April 8th, and the Community Meal will be on Thursday, April 20th at 5:30 PM.

RIDGEWAY, FIRST ... On Sunday March 19th we were privileged to have "Calebs Crossing" bring us the message in song. Join us on Sunday, April 9th for the Easter Cantata at 11 am. The kids will enjoy the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15th at 1 pm. Look for announcements regarding Easter Dawn Services at Mountain View Cemetery in Ridgeway on April 16th at 7am.

SHILOH ... 4/2 Jail and Prison Ministry Observance. 4/9 Palm Sunday Celebration a.m. service. 4/9 Ladies Day Observance during 11a.m. service.

TRINITY ... 3/8 Book study "What's So Great About Christianity" for 13 weeks on Wed. night. 3/25 Youth to WinterJam in Greensboro. 4/9 Combined Easter Services at Pleasant Grove United Methodist. 4/15 Children's Easter egg hunt. 4/16 Easter Sunrise Service. Annie Armstrong Easter Offering goal \$1,000.00

This & That...

April Anniversaries

- 3 – Joe Wooldridge, Pastor, New Vision, 1 year
- 13 – Mary Helen Cameron, Min/Music, PBBC, 2 yrs.
- 25 – Ashley Harrington, Co-Pastor, SABC, 1 yr.
- 25 – Brian Harrington, Co-Pastor, SABC, 1 yr.

April Birthdays

- 6 – John Tinsley, Retired Pastor
- 11 – Loretta Smith, Secretary, McCabe Memorial
- 17 – Harold Draper, Retired Minister
- 25 – Mike Hatfield, Pastor, Chatham Heights

April Calendar

- 9 **Palm Sunday**
 - 11 **WMU Annual Meeting, Mount Vernon**
 - 13 **Nominating Committee, 10:00 AM, Association Office**
 - 14 **Good Friday**
 - 16 **Easter Sunday**
 - 17 **Easter Monday – office closed for Easter Holiday**
 - 18 Ministerial Association, 10:30 AM
 - 20 **News for the Caller due in Association Office**
 - 22 **Executive Committee, 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM, Pocahontas Bassett**
- Picnic Shelter
- 27 **Senior Adults Quarterly Meeting, 12:00 PM, Chatham Heights**
 - 29 **Jail & Prison Ministry Annual Walk-A-Thon,**



Each year, the Virginia Baptist Mission Board returns a portion of the Alma Hunt Mission Offering to associations for use in supporting their mission programs. This year, the HCBA received \$436.90!! This money has been allocated to Raceway Ministries for use in their ministry at Martinsville Speedway.

Good News Jail & Prison Ministry Fundraiser

**Jack Dalton Park
Saturday April 29, 2017
Walkathon 10 am -1 pm
5K Run 1 pm start**

Please partner with us in the Great Commission by helping to provide a full-time Chaplain inside our jails. Open mic for singers & testimonies, lunch & door prizes. Sponsor sheets available at Bible Gift Shop or call 276-618-0580. For non-participants, donations can be sent to PO Box 66, Martinsville, VA 24114.

Your Missionaries to the Inmates,
John & Trudy Quinlan

Virginia Baptist Relief Training FBC Collinsville

Saturday, June 3, 8:00 AM—3:00 PM

This event is open to anyone who would like to be a part of the disaster relief efforts of Virginia Baptist. Training is open to anyone who would like to serve in disaster relief. Participants do not have to be Baptist. Anyone who has previously been certified (over 3 years) can be recertified at this training.

Save the Date!

**Horne Home Walk/Rock-A-Thon
Saturday, September 16, 2017
10:00 AM—12:00 PM
At the Horne Home
Hotdog Lunch**

Mark Your Calendars!

**HCBA Monthly Financial Report
February 2017**

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| Church Contributions | \$5,222.81 |
| Interest | \$.71 |
| Total receipts | \$5,223.52 |
| Total Expenditures..... | \$3,752.90 |
| Operating Balance | \$101,187.52 |

**News for The May Caller
Due April 20**



**SITUATION AWARENESS SEMINAR
FOR CHURCHES**

Saturday, April 22, 2017
9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

First Baptist Church Collinsville
3339 Virginia Avenue

Presented by
Henry County Sheriff's Office

In the current times we are living in there are instances that are occurring in churches across the nation. We do not need to think that it will never happen in our area. To help us as Church Leaders to provide a safe environment for our congregations and guests FBCC in partnership with the Henry County Sheriff's Department is providing information on how to be observant, how to prevent or handle incidents, how to deal with disruptions either mentally or with people under the influence, allegations and much more. This seminar is suggested for Pastors, Deacons, Ushers, Hostesses, Property members and those working with children and youth.

This is a FREE seminar. We invite your church leaders to attend.

Please call 647-3774 if your church plans to attend, including the number that will be attending.

Welcome!

We welcome *Rev. Billy Craig*, who has been called as Youth Pastor at First Baptist, Bassett. He and his wife, Melodie, began their ministry on March 5, 2017. Billy is a student at Liberty University and Melodie is an instructor with Henry County Schools. They have three children: Morgan (12), Chandler (9) and Ethan (5).

*We look forward to many years
of ministry together!*

Senior Adults



Senior Adult Trip

New York City Tour

December 4—7, 2017
(Monday—Thursday)

Package Includes

- Motorcoach—New Model
- 3 nights lodging in New York City area at NJ
- 3 Buffet Breakfasts
- 3 Dinners including 1 in NJ, 1 in New York City seeing skyline of New York at night!
- Hotel Taxes, Baggage Handling & Meal Gratuities

AND MUCH, MUCH MORE!

Make all checks payable to Patsy's Tours and send to Betsy. **Do not make checks payable to Betsy Ivey!** Travel Insurance for an extra charge of \$98 and is non-refundable. Tickets involved and no refund unless you have insurance or find a replacement. **We must have at least 30 people.**

**Price Per Person: \$1040 Double \$1020 Triple
\$1010 Quad \$1299 Single
Deposit: \$300 per person Have enough people to go but can add more**

**For more info, contact Betsy Ivey:
276-647-7248 (h)**

Senior Adults

Hello folks! I have finally come out of hibernation and I did see my shadow too. I hope all are ready to get our new Senior Adults year off and running. It is time to dust off the cobwebs and get those kinks out. Our April meeting will be held Thursday April 27 at Chatham Heights starting at 12:00. So pack you something good for your sandwich and come join the fun. And I do mean fun. So you all had better hold on to your hats because Minnie Pearl will be in the house. Yes that's right. I said Minnie Pearl. She will keep you laughing till your ribs start hurting. So mark your calendar and get ready to have some fun. Don't forget all the goodies that I give away. See you in April at Chatham Heights. If anyone is interested in hosting the September meeting or if you have any questions just call me at [276-650-8615](tel:276-650-8615).

Tootle loo
Susan Blevins
Senior Adult Consultant