

# BAPTIST BLAST!



## HENRY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MARCH/APRIL 2022

*Our Association is a fellowship of 29 self-governing churches who voluntarily cooperate together to reach people for Christ through missions and ministries, and to strengthen ourselves according to Biblical principles.*

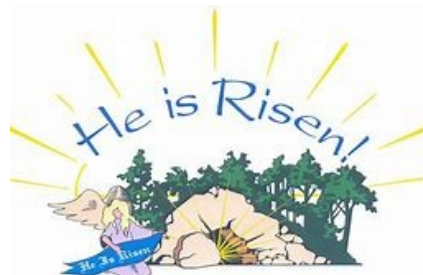
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- **Horne Home:** Ethel Flood, Manager since 2018, retired February 28<sup>th</sup>, with a total of 14 years with HopeTree. She will be greatly missed. We pray for her a blessed, healthy, and happy retirement. Brooke Smith is now Senior Manager of the Horne Home and also the Smith Home. Also, the process of transferring the deed of the Horne Home to HopeTree Family Services is still in progress.
- **Raceway Ministries:** Eight members of the team attended the Annual Meeting in Mount Juliet, TN in January. We talked about creating opportunities for new and re-started works at race tracks around the country, and creative ways to reach race fans. By using social media and websites, we heard how lives are being changed across the country as our national teams serve in Michigan, Indiana, California, Texas, the Carolinas, Virginia, and more.
- **Operation Inasmuch:** The Executive Committee in January decided not to have this mission this year with the idea of having time to plan a larger scale mission event in 2023.
- **Good News Jail & Prison Ministry:** Plans are being made for an expanded ministry of Prayer, Preaching, & Teaching in Henry County's new jail scheduled to open in late March. I hope to hold the first worship services on Easter Sunday. By year's end, I am planing to open an intensive discipleship program to address areas of known weakness with scripture. Also, I am launching a community wide Prayer Focus to cover the inmates and staff in the new jail with prayer. As a Master Facilitator, I serve to coordinate expansion and training for trauma healing for our chaplains in the US and internationally. I am bringing *Healing Heart Wounds* bible study to Henry County to help inmates find healing in scripture for those wounds. There are trauma healing training's scheduled for this area with a view of expanding that ministry into area churches also. If you want to help others heal their heart wounds, consider becoming trained to lead these small group bible studies. Contact [joe.collins@goodnewsjail.org](mailto:joe.collins@goodnewsjail.org) for more information.

In Christ,  
Joe Collins, Chaplain

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## COMMUNITY, CONNECTIONS, CELEBRATIONS

- **Pastor News:** Welcome to Robby Benfield, Interim at Mount Vernon BC, and to Rev. Tim Christian, Interim at Oak Level BC

- **Pastor Church Anniversaries:**

MARCH

- 2- Darrell Snead, Min of Music, FBC Bassett, 2003
- 3- Jared Austin, Pastor, Greenwood, 2019
- 5- Billy Craig, Youth Pastor, FBC Bassett, 2017

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- 3- Joe Wooldridge, Pastor, New Vision, 2016
- 4- Todd Barnes, Pastor, Mayo, 2021
- 7- Dion Noel, Pastor, Shiloh Missionary, 2019

**Pastor Birthdays:**

MARCH

- 11- Keith Spangenberg, Pastor, Retired
- 13- John Fulcher, Pastor, Retired
- 14- Francis Martin, Pastor, Retired
- 16- Dennis Knight, Pastor, Retired
- 21- Richard Harrison, Pastor, Retired
- 29- Doug Ramsey, Interim Pastor, FBC Bassett
- 30- Billy Craig, Youth Pastor, FBC Bassett

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- 17- Harold Draper, Pastor, Retired
- 25- Mike Hatfield, Pastor, Chatham Heights



- **Youth:** In late spring/summer our Youth Team Leaders are planning a car wash to raise funds for suicide awareness. Hopefully this will include other youth groups and this will be a community event.

## CHURCH HEALTH

- **VBS:** An evening workshop will be held on Thursday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at FBC Collinsville. Exact time to be soon determined.
- **Ordination Council:** Recently we met and interviewed Steve Doby of Hillcrest BC. Unanimously and excitedly we affirm him to the Gospel Ministry. Ordination service to be held soon.
- **For our Pastors and Associates,** we will host CLERGY AND COFFEE on Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 AM at the Daily Grind on Church St. in Martinsville.

## ADMINISTRATION

- The next quarterly **Executive Committee** meeting is Thursday April 21<sup>st</sup> @ 6:00 PM downstairs at the HCBA office. Please note the new time change.
- The **Building Upgrade Committee** has been meeting and planning, and the upgrades have begun.
- The Silent Auction for our unused tools and trailer, conducted by our **Property Committee**, is in process now. Bids are due in the office by March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- The **Audit Committee** met in February for the year of 2021. All finances were found to be in order.
- **Trustees:** We have a new Trustee, Rev. Keith Spangenberg, who will be serving with Paul Jones, and Donna Winebarger.
- **Officers:**
  - Merle Prince, Moderator
  - Rev. Lewis Harris, Vice-Moderator
  - Donna Winebarger, Clerk
  - Jeanie Mann, Treasurer
  - Rev. David Cameron, Facilitator
  - Rev. Libby Grammer, Facilitator

