

Henry County Baptist Association

MAY/ JUNE 2022

THE CALLER

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Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Closed Monday and Friday

The purpose of this Association shall be mutual encouragement, fellowship, spiritual edification, and promotion of evangelism, education, ministry, missions, and worship to the exalting of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior through our 29 churches.



- **BUILDERS ON MISSION/ DISASTER RELIEF:** In March we held a silent auction to sell the Disaster Relief trailer and included tools, and some tools stored in closets. These items had not been used in at least 11 years. In an effort to be good stewards of these items, The Executive Committee approved the auction at last Septembers meeting. We give many, many thanks to two of our Property Committee members, Shirley and Greg Craven, members of FBC Collinsville, for all the hard work in unloading the trailer, and then setting it all up in our downstairs meeting room for display to potential bidders. The auction resulted in \$6526.00 earmarked for future missions.
- **HORNE HOME:** The process of transferring the deed to HopeTree Family Services is still in progress.
- **RACEWAY MINISTRIES:** All three races in April were at night, and it was very cold and damp. But our Raceway Team prevailed in carrying out the ministry with dedication as usual. We would like to say THANK YOU to the churches that provided us snacks: Starling Avenue, Trinity, and FBC Collinsville. By meeting a small need through a cup of coffee, hot chocolate, or lemonade and a snack we may plant a seed that the Holy Spirit can use to begin work in someone's life. We are blessed to be able to be there to meet them...all in the name of Jesus. And we thank you for helping us do that through your support, prayers, and snacks.
- **GOOD NEWS JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY:** On March 25th, Henry County moved into a new state of the art jail. Pray for staff to be safe and adaptable as they adjust. The Sheriff desires to take advantage of the increased programming space. I look forward to doing my part to see the new facility be a place of transformation. Also, the jail is ready to move forward with reinstating Volunteer ministry services. Pray for the volunteers God has called to answer and minister in the Henry County Jail. If you would like more information, please contact Chaplain Joe Collins at (804)896-0359.
- **FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES:** If you are not familiar with this ministry, our mission is "To lead every coach and athlete into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church." And our vision is "to see the world transformed by Jesus Christ through the influence of coaches and athletes." My area of ministry is Henry, Pittsylvania, and Patrick counties. This year so far I have handed out over 60 Bibles and over 30 Gospel Bracelets to our students to help spread the Gospel on their campuses. On March 4-6, DNOW (Disciple NOW), was held at North Main Baptist Church in Danville. Over 300 youth from churches in Henry and Pittsylvania counties and Milton, NC attended. For any more information or questions, please feel free to contact me at 434-770-7180.
-Robert Hicks, Area Director of Southside Virginia.



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CHRISTIAN ATHLETES

COMMUNITY, CONNECTIONS, CELEBRATIONS

ANNUAL MEETING: Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 18th**, at First Baptist Church in Ridgeway. Due to no meeting for the last two years, we are doubly looking forward to a great meeting with fellowship, music, and business combined. Please pray for our Annual Meeting, for our Pastors, leaders, and congregations by asking the Lord to lead us in how to strengthen our churches, ourselves, and our Association. Let's thank Him for His leadership and many good works!

NEW PASTORS: *WELCOME* to Robby Benfield as the new pastor of Mount Vernon as of March and to Rev. Tim Christian as new Interim at Oak Level, also as of March.

PASTOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES:

- June 27- Daniel Reed, Assoc Pastor Church/Youth Fort Trial, 2010



PASTOR BIRTHDAYS:

- May 17- Tony Lundy, Axton
- May 19- Joe Wooldridge, New Vision





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CHURCH HEALTH

- **VBS:** Our VBS workshop was held April 28th at FBC Collinsville. This year's theme is SPARK STUDIOS. We will discover how the God-given creativity we all possess allows us to bring glory to our infinitely creative Creator. If you have any questions, please call me at (276)340-8243 after 4:30 PM.
-Rebecca Vernon, Team Leader
- **MINISTERIAL WELL-BEING:** We gathered together for "*Clergy and Coffee*" at The Daily Grind coffee shop on April 12th. We enjoyed a time of fellowship together, just a nice break from responsibilities and worries! We plan to have another time of fellowship in late summer.
-Rev. Mike Hatfield, Team Leader
- **ORDINATION COUNCIL:** We have had two recent applicants for Ordination. In February we unanimously affirmed Steve Doby into the Gospel ministry, recommended by Hillcrest Baptist Church. Also, in April, we voted unanimously to present Billy Craig from First Baptist Church of Bassett as a candidate of ordination into the Gospel ministry.
-Rev. Doug Ramsey, Team Leader

ADMINISTRATION

- **FINANCE:** Income/Expenses for 1st quarter

Income.....\$11,157.80
Expenses.....\$13,763.96
Net Income.....\$-2606.16



- **PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** This committee along with the Building Upgrade Committee is continuing work on our Association building inside and out.
- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** The next meeting will be September 15th.
- **OFFICERS:** Merle Prince, Moderator and Facilitator
Rev. Lewis Harris, Vice-Moderator
Donna Winebarger, Clerk
Jeanie Mann, Treasurer
Revs. Libby Grammer and David Cameron, Facilitators
- **TRUSTEES:** Paul Jones
Donna Winebarger
Keith Spangenberg

THROUGH CHRIST.....

- *"Through Christ, we are made new. Everyone's past mistakes can be forgiven and forgotten"*
- *"Through Christ, everyone has the opportunity to be saved and experience a full life on earth and eternal life in heaven"*
- *"Through Christ, everyone can find peace with God, knowing He will always love and forgive us"*