

BAPTIST BLAST!



HENRY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION DECEMBER 2022



Our Association is a fellowship of 28 self-governing churches who voluntarily cooperate together to reach people for Christ through missions and ministries, and to strengthen ourselves according to Biblical principles.

*****RECAP OF 2022*****NEW NEWS*****



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MISSION ACCOMPLISHED – In September, we joined with the Pittsylvania Baptist Association in Danville in collecting relief items for the flood victims in Whitesburg, KY. We received a great response from 8 of our churches!

- **Horne Home:** Ethel Flood, Manager since 2018, retired February 28th with a total of 14 years with HopeTree. 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 served the April and October races at our ministry tent. We want to thank again the churches that donate snacks for each race. That helps make our Ministry possible. THANK YOU!
- **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:** Henry County's new jail opened in late March, and is now known as "Henry County Adult Detention Center". The first worship service there was on Easter Sunday. An intensive discipleship program to address areas of known weakness with scripture has begun, and so has a community wide Prayer Focus to cover the inmates and staff with prayer. In December donations through December 31st to "Hope Packs" will be matched to double your gift. "Hope Packs" deliver a gift and the Gospel for Christmas to inmates. Contact Chaplain Joe Collins with donations or any questions. (804) 896-0359
- **Builders on Mission/Disaster Relief Team:** In March a silent auction was held to sell the Disaster Relief trailer and included tools that had not been utilized in at least 11 years. The auction resulted in \$6526.00 earmarked for future missions. On November 12th, \$2000.00 of that was used to host a Christian concert by Melinda Nester Isley at FBC Collinsville. At the Annual Meeting in October, it was approved to dissolve this team due to fact no one had volunteered in several years to serve. Hence, the sale of the trailer and tools.
- **WMU Team:** This team was also dissolved from the Association at the Annual Meeting. This team is it's own independent Mission.

CHURCH HEALTH GROUP

At our Annual Meeting in October, it was approved to streamline and combine our Community Connections & Celebration Group with our Church Health Group. This combination now consists of Church and Community Team, which includes Sunday School, Discipleship, and Evangelism. The Group also includes our Ministerial Well-Being, and Ordination Council teams.

- **Ministerial Well-Being:** In April, we gathered at The Daily Grind for *Clergy and Coffee*. In September, we gathered for lunch at the new Manny's Restaurant in Collinsville. Our Pastor's and Spouse Christmas Dinner is coming up on December 6th at Chop Stix Asian restaurant.
- **Ordination Council:** In February, we unanimously affirmed Steve Doby recommended by Hillcrest BC. He is now Associate Pastor of Worship Media at Hillcrest. In April, we voted unanimously to present Billy Craig from FBC Bassett for ordination. He has been Minister of Youth there since 2017.
- **Pastor News:** Welcome to Christian Lund, Associate Pastor/Youth at FBC Collinsville. In October, Associate Pastor Daniel Reed of Fort Trial BC became Senior Pastor. And in January 2023 Starling Avenue BC will welcome Rev. Angela Zimmerman as their new Pastor.
 - **Pastor Church Anniversaries:**
December 30- Larry Cheek, FBC Collinsville, 2007
 - **Pastor Birthdays:**
December 20- Tony Beach, Associate Pastor, Fort Trial
December 30- Susan Spangenberg, Pastor, Pocahontas Bassett



ADMINISTRATION

- **Executive Committee:** The next meeting is Thursday January 19th @ 6:00 PM downstairs at the HCBA office. In other business, a letter of withdrawal from our Association from Shiloh Missionary BC was received in September, and approved at the Annual Meeting.
- **Annual Meeting Report:** October's Annual Meeting was a success! We had 19 churches in attendance, with 83 messengers and 9 guests. We had wonderful music a delicious meal, and sweet fellowship with one another. Our **THANKS** to FBC Ridgeway for hosting. Job well done by everyone involved. In addition, the offering taken for the Good News Jail & Prison Ministry was a \$908.00.
- **Building Upgrade Committee:** We are still in the process. Some items have been completed, but waiting on the sub contractors for several more projects.
- **Finance Committee:** For October-
Income.....\$3257.91
Expenses..... \$2665.08
Net Income..... \$592.83
- **Trustees:** Paul Jones (Fort Trial), Donna Winebarger (Oak Level) and Rev. Keith Spangenberg (Pocahontas Bassett)
- **Officers for 2023:**
Rev. Lewis Harris, Moderator
Billy Adkins, Vice-Moderator
Donna Winebarger, Clerk
Jeanie Mann, Treasurer
Shirley Craven, Facilitator

