

HENRY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

APRIL/MAY 2023

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 28 churches.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT!

A dramatic presentation for Easter *“The Living Lord’s Supper”*
presented by and at Fort Trial Baptist Church
April 6 & 7- 7:00 PM April 9- 5:00 PM



MISSIONS
across the street & around the world


Ministries

- **COMMUNITY IMPACT DAY: A NEW MINISTRY THIS YEAR....** Will be held on Saturday, May 6th. The plan is for our churches to join together in pairs for two hour shifts at local recreational parks, such as Jack Dalton Park, Smith River Complex, and Jordan Creek. The mission is to greet parents and their children, and to give them some cash toward their concession purchases as a gesture of Christian love. Our hope is for all volunteers to wear special T-shirts that we will make available so as to be more recognizable to the public. More details will be forwarded to our Pastors and they, in turn, will share the information with you. So mark your calendars now and plan to join us in this community ministry!
- **FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES:** Beginning in June, the new Director will be Tyler Cotner, who currently teaches at Bassett High School. In February, the monthly huddle at Patrick Henry Community College had over 90 coaches and athletes attend. And Trey Moore from Virginia Tech was the speaker. Also, as of February, we are 75% funded. Our goal is to have a fully funded ministry by May 31, 2023. And to have a fully funded staff of 15 throughout our area. We currently do not have any staff in our area. The funding also means our ministry will be able to meet all necessary functions to further advance The Gospel in Southside Virginia. Please pray for God's guidance and wisdom, our weekly Huddle groups that meet in the schools, and for the FCA camp coming up in June.

MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES CONTINUED...

- **GOOD NEWS JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY:** Come and join us for our *ANNUAL CELEBRATION BANQUET* on Monday, May 1st at 6:30 PM at the NCI building at 191 Fayette St. Tickets are \$20.00. Please contact Chaplain Joe Collins for any information or questions at 804-896-0359. Also, we ask for prayers for our Life Learning Program. This is a 12-week program at the Henry County Adult Detention Center. Currently 10 men are on a journey to transformation through the renewing of their minds as they study the series "The Quest for Authentic Manhood." They are learning what Scripture teaches regarding setting appropriate boundaries in their life, learning how addictions is in fact idolatry, and how to recognize them to break free and avoid idols. These inmates are also learning about resolving conflict, learning how our worldview impacts thinking, which impacts behavior. Please pray for these ten men along this journey of transformation.
- **HORNE HOME:** The process of transferring the deed to HopeTree Family Services is still in progress.
- **NASCAR:** On April 16th come enjoy a day filled with fast cars and your favorite congregation members at Martinsville Speedway with DISCOUNTED tickets! Enjoy a worship service and music offered by your Raceway Ministries Team out at the track, OR come on over after the conclusion of your church's services. For the discounted tickets contact Neel Gurley at 704-350-2890 or at ngurley@nascar.com. Be sure to mention your church is a member of the Henry County Baptist Association in Martinsville.
- **RACEWAY MINISTRIES:** The April NASCAR races are coming soon. One of our missions there is to provide snacks and beverages at our tent for the fans in the hope that 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. If your church, or you, are looking for a local ministry to participate in, this one is very easy and much needed. Please consider donating individually wrapped snacks for this event. Just have them to the Baptist Association office on Kings Mountain Road **by Thursday April 13th at noon.**
- **VBS WORKSHOP:** Will be held on Thursday, April 13th, at 6:00 PM at First Baptist Church in Collinsville. This year's theme is TWISTS AND TURNS. It is a fantastical celebration of games of all kinds, and of learning more about Peter and his relationship with Jesus. Please makes plans to attend. For questions, you may contact Rebecca Vernon, Team Leader, at rvernon@martinsville.k12.va.us.

CELEBRATIONS

PASTOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES:

- April 3- Joe Wooldridge, New Vision BC, 2016
- April 4- Todd Barnes, Mayo BC, 2021
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PASTOR BIRTHDAYS:

- April 25- Mike Hatfield, Chatham Heights BC
- May 17- Tony Lundy, Axton BC
- May 19- Joe Wooldridge, New Vision BC



ADMINISTRATION

UPCOMING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MARK YOUR CALENDARS



Thursday April 20th @ 4:00 PM at the Association office downstairs.
NOTICE THE NEW TIME!!

As a reminder to everyone, ARTICLE VII of our Constitution reads: "The Executive Committee shall be comprised of all Officers, Facilitators, Team Leaders, Committee Chairpersons, the representatives to the BGAV, **and the Pastor and one lay member from each member church.**" Honoring this would resolve the lack of quorum issues we have experienced lately. So please do your best to attend, and Pastors please bring a lay person from your church with you. (This is usually your Chair of Deacons, but can be any other officer of your church.)

- **FINANCE:** Income/Expenses for February:
Income.....\$2961.56
Expenses.....\$5201.05
Net income/loss.....**\$-2239.49**



- **PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** This committee along with the Building Upgrade Committee is continuing to work on our Association office. Wallpaper has all been removed, dry wall repairs have been completed, walls primed, and are being painted now. After that, new flooring will be laid. Please give **Shirley and Greg Craven** from FBC Collinsville and **Christine Elliott and Connie and Brian Lemon** from Fort Trial a **HUGE THANK YOU** for all of their volunteer time on this project! **It has been a LOT!!**



- **OFFICERS:** Rev. Lewis Harris, Moderator
Bill Adkins, Vice-Moderator
Donna Winebarger, Clerk
Jeanie Mann, Treasurer

- **TRUSTEES:** Paul Jones
Donna Winebarger
Rev. Keith Spangenberg

- **OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR:** May 20th will be my **10 year** anniversary with the Association! The old saying is true.....the days go by slow, but the years fly by! Thank you for the pleasure of working here. You have been so very gracious and kind. I have loved serving with you on committees and in meetings. And it has been a privilege to get to know most of our Pastors and Church secretaries. **THANK YOU!!**

UNDERSTANDING HOLY WEEK

The last six days of Lent are called Holy Week. It begins with Palm Sunday and ends with Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday, our worship begins with Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem riding a donkey. Then moves on to gospel readings in the upper room, to Gethsemane, Jesus' arrest, and then the crucifixion.



Maundy Thursday (the word Maundy is derived from the Latin word for "mandate" or commandment). The mandate Jesus gave his disciples on their last night together...."A new commandment I give you, that you love one another – just as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this will all people know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." John 13: 34-35



Good Friday commemorates Jesus' crucifixion and death. Why is it called "good" as it certainly wasn't good for Him? Scholars debate as to whether "good" refers to Christ's holiness or that the name got changed somewhere along the way from "God Friday" to "Good Friday."



EASTER SUNDAY WE CELEBRATE JESUS' RESURRECTION!!

