

# The Caller

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## Associational Missionary Search Committee

At our July Executive Committee meeting, an Associational Missionary Search Committee was elected. They will be presenting a Job Description at our Annual Meeting in October. The following persons will be serving on this committee:

*Dr. Mike Hatfield, Chair; Pat Cobb; Vera Haley; Dr. Dennis Knight; Joe Lee;  
Rev. Joey McNeill; Martha Martin; Geneva Mason; Rev. Dennis Wingate; Alice Shorter,  
ex-officio (incoming Moderator).*

Please be in prayer for them as they seek the person God would have to lead our Association.

Henry County Baptist Association's  
Developmental Disabilities Ministry  
Annual DDM Walk-A-Thon  
And Open House

**Saturday, September 12, 2009**

**10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon**

418 Mulberry Road at the Horne Home

### LOTS OF FUN!

T-Shirts & Prizes for all Walkers  
Hotdog Lunch Provided

Chevis & Helen Horne Home

**WALK-A-THON 2009**

Developmental Disabilities Ministry  
In Partnership with Hope Tree Family Services

## *"Abiding In Love, Serving In Love"*

(I John 4:16b; 21)

### **HCBA Annual Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 27, 2009**

**3:00 PM**

**Fort Trial Baptist Church, Stanleytown, VA**

The Annual Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 27. The afternoon session will begin at 3:00 p.m. Dinner will be served before the evening session. A donation of \$5 per person is requested to help defray the cost of the meal. The Associational Missionary Search Committee will be presenting a Job Description to be voted on.

Please come and learn about how your association is partnering with you in ministry through our churches and the community, *"doing together what none of us can do alone"*.

# Alma Hunt

Offering for Virginia Missions

September 13-20

Goal: \$1,167,500

# Church

# News

**Axton ...** A cook-out was held on August 2nd for those who will be attending college this fall. The Church Sisters presented a program of music on August 16th. The Awana Club will restart on September 13th. Our fall revival will be held on October 2nd and 3rd and homecoming will be observed on October 4th.

**Blackberry ...** June 21-Aug. 9th, Children's 21st summer reading program. This summer the children went camping 6 days in Franklin County. They had fun activities and Bible Studies. August 21st, Golden Ager's ice cream supper, with entertainment by Jackie Belcher from Woolwine, playing the keyboard and singing. September 12, Community Outdoor Gospel singing, featuring "The Spiritualaires," "Gospel Land" and "Pleasant View Singers". September 27, Our 156th Homecoming with Rev. George H. Vaughn, Sr. as guest speaker.

**Hillcrest ...** Receiving the State Mission Offering; 13<sup>th</sup> Hillcrest Ministry Fair 4-7 pm; 20<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> Revival with Paul Hesman, missionary to So. Africa; 23<sup>rd</sup> Youth Fundraiser Dinner 5:30 pm; 26<sup>th</sup> Church Picnic, Jack Dalton Park, 3 pm; 29<sup>th</sup> - Oct 8<sup>th</sup> Adult Peru Mission Trip.

**Farewell and Thank You:** *Betsy Morris*, who has faithfully served our church as Choir Director for 40 years, retired at the end of August, and was honored and recognized at the Morning Worship Service on August 30, followed by a covered-dish dinner. We were blessed by her godly leadership and faithful service to our church and our choir, and are happy to report she will continue to participate in our choir and the Ladies Ensemble.

We welcome **Rev. Clyde Murray Jr.** who joined our staff as our Associate Pastor/Music and Worship on August 24. Clyde and his wife, Sheila, come to us from Rocky Mount, NC, where he had served as Associate Pastor - Worship, Music, Technology and Drama, at Northside Baptist Church. He is an ordained minister with a Bachelor of Music and Music Education, and has degrees in Computer Science & Electronics and Digital Video & Audio Production; and is working toward his Master of Arts at Liberty University. Clyde has served as Minister of Music at several churches in NC, SC, and Georgia since 1978. He and Sheila have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. We look forward to having Clyde and Sheila minister here with us.

**Mayo ...** "Game Night" on August 29. Children and adults enjoyed a "Back to School Bash" on August 15, featuring hotdogs and homemade ice cream. We will have Movie Night on September 25. Our Senior Adults will travel to Gatlinburg, TN Sept 30-Oct 2 for a Senior Adult Jubilee.

**Mt. Vernon ...** July: Susan Blevins went on a mission trip to Standing Rock Reservation, North Dakota. August: Baptist Men led Aug. 9 worship services. Younger/older GA's/Acteens collected school supplies and money for local children. Youth sponsored School Notebook Giveaway and enjoyed a disc golf outing. GA's slumber party and Pairs & Spares dinner Aug. 14. Homecoming/170<sup>th</sup> Anniversary will be September 13; with former pastor Tony Johnson as speaker and music by the Spiritualaires.

**New Vision ...** Celebrated Church Picnic 8/15 at Philpott Dam. August 30<sup>th</sup> had Special Music by One Way, followed by lunch. Movie night 8/30 Joshua showed. Partnering with Henry Elementary School again this year in support of the Backpack Kids program. Tuesday, Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> we will start a "Faith Kitchen" at the Church for anyone in need in our community. The Kitchen will be open every Tuesday from 6-7:30 pm. Spaghetti dinner planned at the Church on Oct. 10<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 pm.

**Orchard Drive ...** Youth attended Bible School at Hillcrest Baptist August 9 and went White Water Rafting on Aug 14 & 15. Bible Explorers had Water Balloon Party Aug 19. September 5 Men's Prayer Breakfast. September 20 youth to attend See You At The Pole Rally and Meet at the Pole on September 23 for prayer. September 24 Seniors to attend Talent Show at First Baptist, Bassett.

**Trinity ...** Pastor Ben Laird has resigned effective September 13th. He will go to Scotland to further his studies and do some mission work. Sept. 8 - Young at Heart went to Hamricks and had lunch together. Sept. 13 - Catered lunch as we bid "farewell" to Ben, Margaret, Meredith and Jonathan. Sept. 27 - Homecoming with Rev. Terry Taylor as guest speaker. Participated in three mission projects; stuffed animals, school supplies and oatmeal.

**Villa Heights ...** Thank You to the Youth Group, who recently cleaned up, fixed up and painted the Picnic Area. They did a great job. We also have new picnic tables. We had a Church wide picnic in June. VHBC provided lunches for Habitat Volunteers during the week of July 13<sup>th</sup>. We are participating in building Habitat for Humanity home. The Bible Discoverers Sunday School Class collected clothing and school items that were sent to Lithuania.

# Sept. Calendar of Events


7	<b>Labor Day-office closed</b>
8	Budget Committee, Virginia Baptist
8	Ministerial Association 10:30 A.M.
8	Executive Committee, Virginia Baptist
11-12	Sunday School Summit (S3), Eagle Eyrie
12	<b>Horne Home Walk-A-Thon/Open House, 10:00 AM-Noon, at the Horne Home</b>
13-20	<b>Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions Emphasis/Week of Prayer</b>
15	<b>Caller News Deadline</b>
15	Orientation of Ministers New to Virginia
20	<b>See You at the Pole Rally, 6:00 PM, Collinsville, First</b>
21-22	Executive Committee Meeting, SBC
24	<b>HCBA Seniors Meeting, 12:00 Noon, Bassett, First</b>
27	Religious Herald Sunday

**Anniversaries:**


1	Martha Jones, Children's Director, Hillcrest, 3 yrs.
1	Mike Hatfield, Pastor, Chatham Heights, 9 yrs.
1	Debbie Earles, Secretary, Starling Avenue, 5 yrs.
1	Louise Hatcher, Secretary, Fieldale, 2 yrs.
6	Joey McNeill, Pastor, Fort Trial, 11 yrs.
7	Bill Moss, Pastor, Hill Memorial, 1 yr.
11	Craig McCoy, Minister of music, Martinsville, First, 15 yrs.
14	Karen Reed, HCBA Ministry Assistant, 17 yrs.
15	Margie Hall, Secretary, Bassett, First, 31 yrs.
15	Pat McKinster, Minister of music, Fieldale, 12 yrs.
16	Kevin Joyce, Assistant Secretary, Hillcrest, 1 yr.
24	Susan Spangenberg, min of youth/children, Starling Avenue, 9 yrs.



**Birthdays:**



6	Susan Witt, Administrative Assistant, Pocahontas Bassett
10	Lew Bennett, Pastor, Bassett, First
11	Roger Jones, Assoc Pastor, youth/children, Hillcrest
16	Lewis Harris, Pastor, McCabe Memorial
20	Mary Davis, HCBA Office Manager



Kearfott Memorial Baptist Church is looking for a cassette tape dubbing machine. If you have one please contact them at 276-632-4453.

**COMING UP**

**GOOD NEWS JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY WALKATHON**  
November 7th, 2009  
Look for more information coming next month.

Our sympathy, prayers and thoughts are extended to the following families. May God's peace surround you during this time of grief.

**Mr. Kennard Luther**, brother of Mrs. Lois Edwards, wife of Pastor Gary Edwards at First Baptist, Ridgeway.

**Mr. Nick Earles**, father of Debbie Earles, Secretary at Starling Avenue Baptist Church.

**Rev. Jim Alsop**, Pastor Emeritus at Fort Trial Baptist Church, and Interim Pastor at several area churches.

**WELCOME**

We welcome Sandi Riddle, who has been called as the Youth Leader for First Baptist Church, Ridgeway. Sandi began her ministry on August 12, 2009, and is also a member of the church.

## HCBA Monthly Financial Report

### June:

#### Receipts:

Church Contributions	12,304.56
Interest Earned	.79
Reimbursement Telephone	6.68
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$12,312.03</b>
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$7,728.01</b>
<b>Operating Balance:</b>	<b>\$50,956.80</b>

### July:

#### Receipts:

Church Contributions	9,196.04
Interest Earned	.85
<b>Total Receipts:</b>	<b>\$9,196.89</b>
<b>Total Expenditures:</b>	<b>\$10,459.92</b>
<b>Operating Balance:</b>	<b>\$53,385.17</b>



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**Did You Know?**  
The Caller is now on line  
@[www.hcbaptists.org](mailto:www.hcbaptists.org).

### USED COPIER

The HCBA has a used copy machine to give away.  
If interested, please call the associational office  
at 276-638-2951.

## Virginia Baptists and the John Leland Center

Are offering a College level class entitled: *Jesus in the Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark & Luke)*. The class began on Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup> and meets at the HCBA offices from 9:00 am to 12 noon each week. There is still time to register and attend. If you are interested, call Dr. Mike Hatfield at Chatham Heights Baptist Church (276-632-5843). You can take the class for credit or audit the class for your own education. We have two students registered already and are looking for any others that may be interested. Call with your questions or inquiries.

## Senior Adults

**September 24** TALENT SHOW at First Baptist Church, Basset at 12:00 noon. Bring a sandwich and let's enjoy each other's company. This meeting is one of our favorites as we share the talents that God has given us.

#### Don't forget the two upcoming trips:

**Sept. 15th** Trip to Greenbriar Resort with lunch at the General Lewis Inn

**Nov. 11-12** Trip to Richmond.

**For more info, contact Betsy Ivey, 276-647-7248.**

## Fun-A-Thon

**Saturday, October 27, 2009**

**12:00-5:00**

**Jack Dalton Park  
Collinsville, VA**

Help Find a Cure for Histiocytosis

Games, Food, Refreshments, Live Band (Matt Boswell & the Hillbilly Blues Band)

For more info, contact Carmela Witt at  
276-732-9697 or [cwitt@yahoo.com](mailto:cwitt@yahoo.com)

Join Pastor and Mrs. Doug Ramsey  
on an unforgettable trip to the land we call Holy:

**~Israel~**

**MARCH 15-24, 2010**

\$3399.00 pp - from Greensboro  
Contact: Doug Ramsey 632-7325  
for more information or a brochure

## SOUTHWEST LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

**Friday, October 2, at 6:30 p.m.**

**Saturday, October 3, at 9:00 a.m.**

**Highlands Fellowship Church  
Abingdon, VA**

### CELEBRATION CHOIR

Not only are you invited to attend the conference but to participate. We hope to have a 200+ choir and your church choir is invited to be a part of this celebration. The Music Leader at Highlands will be sending you the information and materials on the songs planned. At the present time we need the number of choir members you have that will join us. Contact Darrell Fletcher @ 888-674-4373; 276-794-9614 or [darrell.fletcher@vbmb.org](mailto:darrell.fletcher@vbmb.org)