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Henry County Baptist Association's Annual Meeting

The 54th Annual Meeting of the Henry County Baptist Association was held on Tuesday, October 27th at Fort Trial Baptist Church. Here are some of the highlights of that meeting:

There were 159 messengers and 33 visitors in attendance representing 27 of our churches.

Messengers approved a job description brought by the Associational Missionary Search Committee. Using that description, the Committee will begin the process of hiring an Associational Missionary.

The HCBA Evangelism ACTeam brought a recommendation that all churches set aside a special day each year for evangelism — namely the first Sunday in November. It would be recognized and engaged as “Billy Graham Sunday.”

Rev. Keith Spangenberg gave an inspiring and thought-provoking message and the talented “For Heaven’s Sake” from McCabe Memorial provided a great ministry in song.

A special thank you goes to Moderator, Dr. Joey McNeill; staff and members of Fort Trial Baptist Church for hosting our meeting; to Janice Sellers, Chatham Heights Baptist, for providing our beautiful music; and to the kitchen staff for a delicious meal. Thank you to all who had a part in making this a great meeting!

Henry County Baptist Association Minister/Guest Christmas Dinner

(Pastors, Staff Ministers, Retired
Ministers)

The dinner will be held on
Thursday,

December 3, 2009

At 6:30 p.m. at the Dutch Inn in Col-
linsville

Cost is FREE!

Please bring a wrapped gift valued



*Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering
and
Week of Prayer for
International Missions
Nov 29-Dec 6, 2009*

Goal: \$175 million

Church

News

Axton ... The Senior Adults went to Mabry Mill on Thursday, October 15th. Haywood Alcorn will be the guest speaker at our fall revival on Nov. 6th and 7th. Homecoming will be held on Nov. 8th with special music presented by Steve Hopper.

Bassett, First ... Our Seniors were host to the Henry County Seniors quarterly meeting in September. Operation Christmas Child Shoebox project is underway. Ladies Day Out October 17th and annual trunk-or-treat in the church parking lot October 31st. Special music during the month by the bell choir. Ladies Christmas Dinner December 10th at Bassett Country Club.

Blackberry ... Oct. 16, Retired Men's Fellowship luncheon with guest Rev. Carson Williams having devotion and Country Gospel Music by "Grady Ratliff and Friends". Oct. 3 - 25, Participation in Raceway Ministry. Oct. 31, "Trunk or Treat". Children registered for prizes, Grand prizes, a girl's and a boy's bicycle. Nov. 14, Children will visit "The Purple Cow Dairy" and Zoo in Ridgeway. Nov. 22, 11 a.m. worship service, special singing by guest "Terry Hall" from TN.

Collinsville, First ... 4th and 18th, bagging dates for the Hope Project. November 22nd, Community Thanksgiving, service 6:00 p.m. at our church. Y'all come! Food and fellowship afterwards! November 29th, 6:00 p.m., we will observe the "Hanging of the Greens" and its significance to the Christmas season. On December 5th at 9:30 a.m., we will have Breakfast with Santa, a community wide event for parents and children.

Fuller Memorial ... Celebrated 68th Anniversary with Homecoming Services Sunday, October 4, 2009. Special music was provided by Philip and Cecelia Pigg and Charlotte Pigg. Rev. Francis Martin, Interim Pastor, brought the morning message and lunch followed in the Fellowship Hall.

Hillcrest ... 1st Creation Seminar: Rev. Steve Levinson: 9:45 & 10:55 am, 6 pm; "Dr. Livingstone" (grades 1-5) 4:45 pm; 8th-10th Pastors & messengers: SBCV Homecoming, Norfolk; 11th Youth Fundraiser Dinner 5:30 pm; 13th Concert: Damaris Carbaugh 7:30 pm; 14th Ladies Conference 8:30 am; 15th Veterans Recognition Service & Lunch; 19th-21st Seniors Trip: Dollywood; 22nd Gospel Sing: Brian Free and Assurance; 25th Community Thanksgiving Service, Horsepasture Christian Church 7 pm; 29th Missionary: Rev. Al James 10:55 am

Martinsville First ... Oct 3, Group leaves for Honduras Mission Trip. Oct 5-Women on Mission meet with John Rood as Guest Speaker. Oct 9-10-Virginia Baptist Library Association Meeting. Oct 13-Senior Adults trip to Peaks of Otter. Oct 26-Baptist Men's season begins with Ken Hughes as Guest Speaker.

Mayo ... We enjoyed a Trunk-or-Treat, Bonfire and Weenie Roast on Oct 31st at the church. Pastor Robbie Catoe will attend the annual meeting of the BGAV on Nov 16-18 in Fredericksburg, VA. A big "Thank You" from Pastor Robbie for the wonderful meal in October in celebration of Pastor Appreciation Month.

McCabe ... McCabe participated in Raceway Ministries October 23rd - 25th and had their first "Trunk or Treat" on October 31st. McCabe also participated in the Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Ministry in October. We will have our Thanksgiving covered dish luncheon on November 22nd following morning worship. Some of our members are enjoying adult and youth art classes which are being taught by Glenda Anouilh. McCabe will be collecting canned peas to assist Grace Network this quarter.

Mt. Vernon ... Pastor Appreciation Day observed Oct. 4 with a covered dish luncheon. Our Adult Choir participated in the Associational Choral Festival Oct. 8. We held a baptismal service Oct. 18. The 2nd Mile group traveled to Mt. Airy, NC Oct. 20. We held an "Invite-a-Friend Day" on Oct. 25. We will sponsor a spaghetti supper at the Axton Volunteer Fire Dept. on Nov. 14 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., with all proceeds going to World Hunger.

New Vision ... "Faith Kitchen" at the Church currently opens to the community every Tuesday, 6-7:30 pm. For Pastor Appreciation we presented Pastor Reynolds with a gift to be used towards a trip to Peaks of Otter. A belated "HAPPY BIRTHDAY" to Pastor Reynolds on Oct. 31st. A Thanksgiving luncheon is planned for Nov. 22nd. Beth Moore Bible Study "Esther" scheduled in Jan. on Sundays at 6:00 p.m. We wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving.

Orchard Drive ... Oct 9 youth went to corn maze and had lunch at Mabry Mill. During month of Oct., we collected canned goods to be given to the needy in the community. Oct 30 had a Hobo Party. Nov 7 Men's breakfast at 8:00 am, Nov 13 Sunday School Outreach class, we will attend Community Service Nov. 22 at Mt. Bethel Methodist Church, Nov 26. Thanksgiving Meals will be prepared and delivered to the Sanville area.

Pocahontas ... Bluegrass Gospel Worship Service held each Sunday over the summer. Pickers and Fiddlers BBQ Feast August 29, honoring Fire Department and Rescue Squad volunteers. Second Saturday of each month Pickers and Fiddlers Bluegrass Gospel Songfest at 10:00 am, free coffee and refreshments. Come Play and Listen! We honored seniors who turned 90 this year on Sept 13. Set up booth at Bassett Heritage Festival, passed out free bottled water. Held Trunk-Or-Treat event on Oct 31. Participated in building Habitat For Humanity home.

Starling ... Children enjoyed many activities during summer; Music Week at Eagle Erie; Carowinds; Roll-A-Bout skating; Hanging Rock; and VBS. Youth participated in "Impact Virginia" at Virginia Beach. They joined with other youth locally for a Garden City Beach Retreat. Annual church Fall Picnic held on September 27th at Lee Ford Camp was enjoyed by all—good food, recreation, music, and sweet fellowship.

Trinity ... 4th voted to call Rev. Jim Steele to become our Interim Pastor. 4th, attended Habitat home dedication. 8th adult choir participated in the associational choral Festival. 20th, Sassy Lightning Reds enjoyed a luncheon at Bronco Billy's. 25th, led in worship services at Blue Ridge Nursing Center.

Nov. Calendar of Events

Anniversaries:

- 1 David Cameron, Assoc. Pastor, Chatham Heights, 8 yrs.
- 10 Tony Lundy, Pastor, Axton, 7 yrs.
- 11 Sue Young, secretary, Oak Level, 10 yrs.

Congratulations

to Adam Hughes on his Ordination as a Minister on July 19, 2009 at First Baptist Church, Bassett. He is currently serving as their Minister of Youth. Adam is a 2004 graduate of the Jefferson College of Health Sciences with an A.S. in Fire and EMS Technology. He has also graduated with a B.S. in Religion from Liberty University in 2009, and he is currently enrolled at Liberty University working towards an M.A. in Religion with a concentration in Church Ministries. With a family, including a beautiful new daughter, Hannah, Adam is a busy guy!

Please pray for all church staff as they work tirelessly to serve God and their churches. Even though Clergy Appreciation Month has passed, show them your love and support every chance you get!

Soles 4 Souls



Recently, First Baptist Church of Collinsville participated in the project, "Soles 4 Souls". Church members donated 523 pairs of new and gently used shoes to help people throughout the world that are in need of a pair of shoes. Betsy and Mark Ivey delivered the shoes to a center in Danville that will distribute them to needy locations.



Calendar:

- 2-4 Conflict Resolution Network Training
- 2-4 Interim Ministry for Today's Church, Eagle Eyrie
- 5-7 Children's Ministry Certification
- 6-7 Women's Getaway 1, Eagle Eyrie
- 7 Women's Rally/WMUUV Annual Meeting, Eagle Eyrie
- 7-8 Women's Getaway II, Eagle Eyrie
- 16 Caller News Deadline**
- 17-18 BGAV Annual Meeting, Fredericksburg
- 26-27 Thanksgiving Holiday-office closed**
- 11/29-12/6 Week of Prayer for International Missions International Mission Study and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**

Birthdays:

- 6 Jim Hewitt, Pastor, Pocahontas Bassett
- 9 Sharon West, Assistant Secretary, Collinsville, First
- 10 Dennis Wingate, Pastor, Grace
- 11 Mark Redd, Pastor, Greenwood
- 15 David Cameron, Assoc. Pastor, Chatham Hts.
- 16 Adam Hughes, Min of Youth, Bassett, First

Lost and Found

A pair of glasses was found at Fort Trial BC shortly after the HCBA annual meeting. If you think you misplaced a pair during that time, you may contact them at (276) 629-2964.



Congratulations to Adam and Amber Hughes (Adam is Youth Minister at First Baptist, Bassett) on the birth of their daughter, Hannah Michelle, on Saturday, Oct 3rd. Hannah weighed 9 lbs, 2 oz., and 23 in. long. Mom and baby are doing great.

**HCBA Monthly Financial Report
September 2009**

Receipts:

Church Contributions	8,593.67
Interest Earned	.76
Total Receipts:	\$8,594.43
Total Expenditures:	8,616.69
Operating Balance:	\$51,050.28

Senior Adults

We are still in the process of scheduling 2010 quarterly meetings...look for that in our next newsletter...until then, enjoy the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays!

SAVE THE DATE!

**2010
Baptist Ministry Assistants of Virginia**

Spring Certification and Skill Shops

Eagle Eyrie Baptist Conference Center
Lynchburg, VA
April 27, 2010 – April 30, 2010

Thank You for the Blessing

"I would just like to say thank you for the blessing you bestowed on me by assisting me to keep my water on. My very first blessing today was to wake up and see another day. My second blessing was your assistance. I know that there is someone out there that will be willing to hire an over-qualified senior citizen too young to retire and when they do it will make it possible for me to return this blessing so that it may bless someone else in need. Please know that everyone who makes this possible has already been added to my prayer list." Sincerely, J.T.

Sympathy

Our sympathy goes out to Sharon Wingate on the recent passing of her stepfather, Jack Tesh. Sharon is the wife of the Pastor of Grace Baptist. Please continue to remember this family in your prayers.



Martinsville & Henry County Crop Walk for Hunger

On November 22, 2009 beginning at the Broad Street Christian Church
Walk Starts at 2 p.m.

And will end with a Special Service

To find out more about Crop Walk for Hunger go to www.cropwalk.org. Twenty-five percent of the funds raised will stay in this area to help the hungry of Martinsville & Henry County. Contact Phil Curran at Broad Street Christian Church if you would like information. You may e-mail him at phil.curran@embarqmail.com or call (276) 632-2609.

