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59th Annual Observance

PRAYER . . . FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

*'The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble.
He cares for those who trust in Him'* Nahum 1:7

NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER

Thursday, May 6, 2010
7:00 PM

Mill Creek Missionary Baptist Church
6200 Henry Road
Henry, VA

PRAYERS for Governmental Leaders –

* National, State and Local *; our families,
churches; & other important areas

- PLEDGES to FLAGS -

- PATRIOTIC GOSPEL MUSIC –

MESSAGE By: Pastor Marty Johnston

**REFRESHMENTS to follow in
Fellowship Hall**

www.NationalDayofPrayer.org

Associational Leadership Meetings

Association Council

Wednesday, April 14, 2010
10:30 AM

Association Office

Executive Committee

Thursday, April 15, 2010
7:00 PM

Association Office

Family Fun Night

April 17th

Fontaine Baptist Church will be hosting a Family Fun Night on April 17th, including an outdoor concert by the contemporary band, Pier 19. A bounce house and other games for the kids will be available from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. Free hot dogs will be served from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. Pier 19 will be in concert from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome.



Up-Date on Haiti Funds and “Buckets of Hope”

Haiti Funds!

The money sent to Richmond for Haiti was over \$16,000. Thank you for your generosity and caring for others when they are hurting.

“Buckets of Hope”

The association collected 85 buckets. A church in Danville brought 100 buckets here for delivery to Richmond. Thanks to David Doss for transporting them to Richmond. He also carried Medical Supplies.



Church

News

AXTON... The Adult Choir will present their "Easter Cantata" Sunday Morning, March 28th. Our Annual "Easter egg hunt" will be at the Church, Saturday afternoon April 3rd from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm.

BASSETT, FIRST ... Dr. John Marks was guest speaker during the month. A special food drive is underway to replenish our food pantry. The ladies enjoyed a baked potato and salad dinner and welcomed Mrs. Sandra Ramsey as their guest speaker on March 4. A special project to enlarge some Sunday School classes and re-organize the youth department has now been completed. All the work was done by the men of the church.

BLACKBERRY ... March 17, Golden Agers' covered dish luncheon and entertainment with a comedy video "Carl Hurley Back Home." We participated in the project "Buckets Of Hope Ministry". March 19, Retired Men's Fellowship, lunch and entertainment by the "Hardee Pickers". March 26-28, The "Raceway Ministry", March 28, Handbell Choir at 11:00 AM worship service. April 2, hosted the "Red Cross Blood Drive". April 4, 11:00 AM worship service, Choir Director Kippy Cassell presented the Easter Cantata "It Is Finished".

COLLINSVILLE, FIRST ... April 2nd, Good Friday Tenebrae Service, 7:00 pm.; April 3rd, Children's Easter Egg Hunt, 11:00 am, April 4th, Sunrise Service at 7:30 am., Covered Dish Breakfast, 8:00 am., Sunday School, 9:00 am, Church Service, 10:00 am.. April 10th, Truth Project, 8:00-12:00 pm, the cost is \$99.00 which includes the class and DVD set. Youth Bible Studies will continue on Sunday nights at 6:00 pm. All of these activities will be conducted at the church. Happy Easter!

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HILLCREST ... APRIL: 3rd AWANA Easter Egg Hunt & hot dog lunch, 10 am - 12:30 pm; 4th Community Easter Sunrise Service, Old Well Christian Church, 6:30 am; 10th AWANA Workers Retreat, at Hillcrest, 9 am - 1 pm; 11th Annie Armstrong Speaker: J. D. Moore, U.S. Army Chaplain, 10:55 am; 14th Youth Fundraiser Dinner, 5:30 pm; 19th - 23rd "One Holy Lamb," 7 pm (free admission, but tickets are needed); Marriage Conference w/Dr. Akin: 24th 6 pm & 25th 9:45 am.

KEARFOTT ... Great things are happening in our church. We have a new pastor and new members joining us. Pastor Bob Thurman and his wife Melissa along with their children come to us from Danville, Va. On March 14th we had an ordination service for Pastor Bob with Jack Noble bringing a very inspiring message and Steve Johnson providing the music. Rev. and Mrs. Wilbern Meeks, Mary Davis and Karen Reed also joined us.

MARTINSVILLE, FIRST ... March 27-Easter Egg Hunt. March 28-Palm Sunday in the Park; Children's Choirs sing in worship. March 30-Senior Adult Trip. April 4-Early Service; Continental Breakfast; Easter Sunday morning worship service. April 18-Spaghetti Luncheon Fundraiser for mission trip. Sasha Doss, Mara Doss and Catie McCoy are going to Johannesburg, South Africa August 2-12, 2010 on mission trip with Door of Hope. Contributions to help with costs are being accepted at church.

MAYO ... Senior Adults enjoyed an outing to Virginia Museum of Natural History and a meal at Captain Tom's. Studying the book of Romans on Wednesday evenings. Participated in the "Buckets of Hope" project. The Catoe's hosted a Movie Night on Feb 27 and enjoyed finger foods, fellowship and fun. Observed a Maundy Thursday Service on April 1 at 7:00 pm, and enjoyed an Easter Egg Hunt and hotdogs on April 3.

MCCABE ... The potatoes are planted and our 2nd Annual "Spud Mission" is underway! McCabe is roundin' up folks and getting ready for VBS. We invite you to join us as we host the Associational VBS Meeting on April 8th from 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm. Our spring revival will be held April 11th-14th. Rev. Tony Gray, Associate Pastor of Hales Ford Bridge Baptist Church, will be our guest speaker.

MT. VERNON ... We held a "Fireproof" marriage seminar March 12-13. The North American Missions Walk was March 14. Youth had a lock-in at the church March 19 to raise funds for the "Sweet Sleep" program. Youth Sunday March 21, with youth leading in Sunday School and worship services. GA's and Acteens held a hot dog lunch March 28 to raise funds to attend Camp Crossroads. Maundy Thursday service April 1, and Easter Sunrise Service April 4.

NEW VISION ... April 1st we will have Maundy Thursday Communion Service at 7:00 pm. April 3rd WMU has planned a craft/bake sale at Lucky Two Market. April 8th several plan to attend VBS Association Meeting at McCabe Memorial Baptist Church. May 2nd New Vision will be celebrating their 20th year Homecoming. Our guest speaker will be Eddie Honeycutt, former HCBA Director of Missions. Our special musical guests will be Joyful Sounds. Lunch will follow.

ORCHARD DRIVE ... Sunday Morning Breakfast and fellowship has begun-time 9:30 - 10.00 a.m. Weight Loss Group meets Monday Evenings at 6:00 p.m. Mar. 21, the "Puppet People" had their first presentation. Palm Sunday evening the youth presented the drama "What's Your Verdict" with finger food fellowship afterwards. March 31, children's Easter egg hunt with games, prizes and food. April 4, Easter Sunrise service 7:00 a.m. with Breakfast to follow. Choir will present the cantata "He Lives" at 11:00.

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April Calendar of Events



Birthdays

- 4 John Fox, former Director of Missions
- 6 John Tinsley, pastor, Shiloh Missionary
- 17 Harold Draper, retired minister
- 18 Louise Stone, secretary, Blackberry
- 25 Mike Hatfield, pastor, Chatham Heights



Anniversaries:

- 1 Phyllis Richard, secretary, Villa Heights, 7 yrs.



Thanks to Robbie Catoe for clearing up branches around the HCBA!

Church News (Continued from Page 2)

STARLING AVENUE ... Jan. 24th - Appreciation/Recognition luncheon for Kay Spencer, organist, who is retiring after 18 years of faithful service. Contributions for Haiti are being received and channeled through the Virginia Baptist Mission Board. The "Stitch of Love" group is making afghans for the homebound, nursing home residents, and disabled veterans. Mar. 14th - Youth sponsored a Chili Dinner and Dessert auction with proceeds going to their summer Mission trip.

TRINITY ... March 9th - Seniors enjoyed a trip to Hamricks and lunch at K & W. 14th - Glen Stinnett and wife, Cheri answered the call of God to The Gospel Ministry. 28th - Combined community Easter service was held on Sunday evening and a love offering was taken and given to Grace Network. Twenty-one health kits and 9 "Buckets of Hope" were prepared for Haiti relief. April 4th - Easter sunrise service with breakfast following the service.

VILLA HEIGHTS ... On Sunday, March 28th, WMU ladies plan to take Easter bags to the residents of Harmony Hall Assisted Living facility. The Swingin' Seniors are planning a trip to Lancaster, PA to see 'Joseph' on April 27-29.

Calendar:

- 5 **Easter Monday – Holiday, office closed**
- 6 **Search Committee, 10:00 AM, Association Office**
- 8 **VBS Clinic, 6:30 PM, McCabe Memorial**
- 13 **WMU Annual Meeting – Starling Avenue, 7:00 P.M.**
- 13-14 **VA Baptist Mission Board Mtg, Virginia Baptist Resource Center, Richmond**
- 14 **Association Council 10:30 A.M. Association Office**
- 15 **Executive Committee Meeting 7:00 P.M. Association Office**
- 15 **Caller News Deadline**
- 20 **Ministerial Association 10:30 A.M.**
- 22 **HCBA Seniors' Meeting 12:00 Noon Orchard Drive**
- 23-24 **Mom & Me I, Eagle Eyrie**
- 24-25 **Mom & Me II, Eagle Eyrie**
- 30-May 1 **The Leadership Gathering, Eagle Eyrie**

WMU Annual Meeting
Tuesday, April 13, 2010
7:00 PM
Starling Avenue Baptist Church
Guest Speaker: Marian Meyers
(character drama)

Hillcrest Baptist Church will be hosting
"God on Marriage and Family"
with Dr. Danny Akin

Saturday, April 24

5:30 p.m. Registration, 6:00 p.m. Catered dinner followed by two evening sessions. Cost is \$10 per person for Saturday's sessions & meal.

Sunday, April 25

9:45 a.m. Couples Sunday School Class in the Social Hall
10:55 a.m. Dr. Akin will be speaking about "God's Guidelines for Growing Godly Children" during the morning worship.

HCBA Monthly Financial Report

Receipts:

Churches	7,928.76
Donation to Youth Ministries	200.00
Interest Earned	.74

Total Receipts: \$8,129.50

Total Expenditures: \$10,694.12

Operating Balance: \$46,564.47

Joining in God's *Passion* for the Nations

2010 Missions Conference at
Fontaine Baptist Church
April 18-21, 6:30 PM
For more information visit
www.fontainebaptist.com

Senior Adults

Don't forget our next meeting on Thursday, April 22, 12:00 noon, at Orchard Drive Baptist Church. Entertainment will be provided by "Strings and Things" from Trinity Baptist Church.

Bring a sandwich and join the fun!

Free Bibles



Fontaine Baptist Church has 75 pew Bibles, King James Version that they will donate to anyone interested. You may contact the church office at 276-638-7963.

Church and Community Ministries Committee Revises Procedures -

The Church and Community Ministries committee has worked diligently in the interim since the Association had a Director of Church and Community Ministries to develop a good understanding of how to carry out church and community ministries within the Henry County Baptist Association. The current committee sees its function to be to work with other associational committees and teams to promote a variety of church and community events and ministries; to cooperate with all agencies that meet emergency needs, and to respond to financial needs of individuals throughout the community. Over the years monies were allocated to the committee for meeting individual needs. In 2008-2009 that fund was depleted. Currently, funds are allocated to the CCM committee to be disbursed ONLY after all financial obligations for the monthly associational needs have been met. This amount fluctuates as associational circumstances change. Thus, the CCM committee believes it is ministering to the community both by cooperating with all other agencies that are benevolent and carrying out the wishes of the Henry County Baptist Association regarding administering benevolence through The Associational Office. As a point of information, the committee votes on ALL decisions to disburse funds prior to any disbursement, and records are kept of all decisions made in committee meetings.

CCM GUIDELINES FOR SERVING PERSONS WHO HAVE NEEDS

1. Every person who comes to the CCM committee with a request for financial assistance is treated the same way as every other person with such a request. In other words, procedures are uniform.
2. Every effort is made to insure that those who request help understand the guidelines in place for dealing with dispersing funds.
3. Every person requesting emergency financial aid must be interviewed by the committee and complete an Emergency Need Form.
4. No money is given directly to an individual.
5. Only the requests for funds that meet immediate emergencies are considered.
6. These emergencies include threat of eviction or foreclosure; notice of termination of utilities including electrical service, water, or gas, wood or oil for heating the home; and medical needs or transportation for medical reasons.
7. No funds are disbursed until all other appropriate agencies have been contacted, either by the recipient or by a committee member, to see how other agencies are helping or how they can cooperate with the association. This promotes cooperation, stewardship and accountability for the association.
8. All disbursements are recorded according to the Association's bookkeeping practices. Every request received is recorded. An Excel spreadsheet is used for keeping track of all requests and the action taken.
9. Whenever feasible, a follow-up with each client should take place and be recorded.