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"Opening the Gift" (I Peter 4:10) **Henry County Baptist Association Annual Meeting**

Tuesday, October 26, 2010 - 3:00 PM **Trinity Baptist Church**

A meal will be provided by Trinity Baptist Church between the afternoon and evening sessions The cost of the meal is \$5.00.

This year, we will be pre-registering messengers, so if you have not already done so, please send us the names of your messengers as soon as possible.

We are looking forward to a great meeting!



(effective August 1) Monday-Thursday, 8:30am-4:00pm **Closed on Friday**



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Pray. Volunteer. THANKS donate Refreshments. Thanks to all of those who October 22-24 participated in the annual **HORNE** Worship Services --- Sunday 9 & 10:30 a.m. HOME WALK-A-THON. We raised special guest Barry McGee approximately \$10,956.00 and had Volunteers Needed! 14 churches that participated. It was Contact Us for Details: Friday afternoon, all day Saturday & Sunday a fun day! Kera, Laura, Annz and information booths, under the ministry tent, ADA carts 276-638-2951 hcba@kimbanet.com staff thank you for your continued Refreshments **Drop-Off Refreshments at** donate individually wrapped snacks support! (homemade or purchased - Little Debbie's, brownies, etc ...) HCBA office, Fort Trial BC or Chatham Heights Please Pray for Your Raceway Ministries!!!!

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## October 2010

# **Church News**

**AXTON** ... The Church Sisters presented a program of music Aug 22nd; the Senior Adults enjoyed an Ice Cream Social at the Church on Aug 25th; the AWANA Club began their new year on September 12th; Revival Services will be held on Oct 1st with David Towler; and Oct 2nd with J.D. Harmon; and former pastor Bob Cloninger will be the speaker at our Homecoming on Oct 3rd.

**BASSETT, FIRST...** Area Wide "See You at the Pole" Rally for students 6-12 grade was held at the church 6-8 PM, Sept 19th; AWANA clubs began their regular meetings Sept 22nd. The J.O.Y. Group traveled to Bedford to visit the D-Day Memorial on Sept 14th and enjoyed a fish fry and dinner Sept 23rd at the church. A special "Thankful Hearts" day is planned for Oct 10th with a pot-luck supper following the AM service.

**COLLINSVILLE, FIRST** ... Project Hope for the Hungry kicked off at the end of September. Youth 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament (ages 12-18) at FBCC on October 9th. Registration starts at 8:30 AM, \$5.00 per person. Free lunch and t-shirts. Youth will be hosting a Couple's Dinner on Friday, Oct 22nd. Hallelujah Night is scheduled for Nov 1st.

**FULLER MEMORIAL** ... Experienced revival Sept 12-15, 2010 with Evangelist Roger Roller from Forest, Virginia. Special music was presented during the services by Vicky Nelson, Betty Wilson, Charlotte Pigg, Martha Martin, and the Hand Bell Choir from Whitmell United Methodist Church. Prior to the revival, five cottage prayer meetings were held in homes of members to pray for the revival. Homecoming will be Oct 17th. Rev. Francis Martin is currently serving as Interim Pastor.

**HILLCREST** ... Collecting gifts for Operation Christmas Child; 1st - Men's Gauley River Rafting Trip; 3rd -Youth Sunday (doing both services); 9th - Youth Afternoon Adventure (Springs of Life Camp), 2 PM; AWANA Mini Golf at Laurel Park, 10 AM; 10th - 13th REVIVAL with Dr. Rick Via; 21st - 30th Adult Mission Trip to Romania.

**KEARFOTT** ... V.B.S. was successful with an average of 45 in attendance. We had 2 salvations and 4 river baptisms this month. Homecoming will be held Sunday, Oct 10th. Past members are invited to attend. We will be having Trunk or Treat this year. Our Bluegrass singing and spaghetti dinner fundraiser was a success, Special thanks to Patty Hazelwood and the group Almost There.

**MARTINSVILLE, FIRST...** Sept 7th - Baptist Women meet with Dr. David Lewis as guest speaker; Sept 8 -Family Night Dinner and mission reports from South Africa and Bluefield youth mission trips; Sept 11 -Horne Home Walk-A-Thon; Sept 14 - Senior Adults going to Virginia Safari Park Zoo; Sept 19 - Covered Dish lunch after worship service honoring the Craig McCoy Family. **MAYO** ... A group of eleven Senior Adults had a wonderful time at the Jubilee in Gatlinburg, TN. Other events for September include another fun Family Night/Movie Night on Sept 25th, and a representative of the Gideon's as guest speaker on Sept 19th.

**MCCABE** ... McCabe will have a "Ladies' Day" brunch on Saturday, October 9th at 10:00 AM and we will celebrate "Ladies' Day" on Sunday, October 10th at 11:00 AM. Dr. Mike Hatfield, Pastor of Chatham Heights Baptist Church, will be guest speaker for our fall revival beginning on October 10th at 6:00 PM and continuing October 11th-13th at 7:00 PM nightly. We will host our 2nd Annual "Trunk-or-Treat" at McCabe on November 1st beginning at 5:00 PM.

**MT. VERNON** ... Several members participated in the Horne Home Walkathon Sept 11th. Our State Missions Walk was Sept 19th. We welcomed former missionaries Don and Elaine Crane and had a covered dish lunch in their honor Sept 19th. We hosted the Associational Senior Adults' Meeting Sept 23rd. We held a free "yard sale" to distribute needed items to those in the community Sept 25th. The Adult Choir participated in the Association Choral Festival Sept 30th.

**NEW VISION** ... Fall Festival planned for Oct 31st. Youth is planning a trip in Oct. "THANK YOU" to Pastor Keith Reynolds and his family for all they give of themselves for our Church and Church Family. We love you all. Happy Birthday to Pastor Keith on October 31st.

**ORCHARD DRIVE** ... Sept 8th - Bible Explorers for children started again on Wednesday nights; Sept 18th - we resumed our home mission project in Fieldale; Sept 19th - our youth attended the "See You at the Pole" Rally at First Baptist, Bassett; Sept 23rd - Several senior adults attended the Henry County Baptist Senior Adult Talent Show at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church. In October, we will be returning our World Hunger Bowls; October 10th - our Homecoming with music by "New Found".

**STARLING AVENUE** ... Sept 11th - Several members participated in the DDM Walk-A-Thon; Oct 10th - World Hunger project concluded with gifts for Haiti Relief. Also, church-wide picnic at Fieldale Park with music after the meal. Games and walking the Smith River trails were available in the afternoon. Nov 7th - anticipation and excitement are building for the church's 75th anniversary. Pictorial Church History and commemorative ornament will be available for purchase prior to the anniversary.

**TRINITY** ... Sept 18th - Youth yard sale and bake sale was a success. Money from the sale went to HCBA benevolence \$500.00 to the food pantry at One Accord Baptist Church; Sept 27th - We were blessed to receive two people into our congregation on Sunday; Oct 3rd -7th - Seniors leave for Myrtle Beach and will take in three shows; Oct 26th - Hosted the HCBA Annual Meeting. We welcome you as we gather together for this service.

# **October Calendar of Events**

#### **October Birthdays**

- 3 Bob Gillispie, retired minister
- 3 Glenn Voss, retired minister
- Louise Hatcher, secretary, Fieldale
  Andrew Shanks, pastor, Fontaine
- 31 Keith Reynolds, pastor, New Vision

### October Anniversaries

- 1 David Adkins, pastor, Starling Avenue, 31 yrs
- 1 John Tinsley, pastor, Shiloh, 20 yrs
- 1 Michael Alan Jordan, pastor, Mt Vernon, 3 yrs
- 1 Frank Gribble, pastor, Fieldale, 2 yrs

#### 3 Phillip Woods, pastor, One Accord, 17 yrs

#### October Calendar:

- 7-9 Children's Ministry Certification, Virginia Baptist Resource Center, Richmond
- 8-10 Junior High Weekend, Eagle Eyrie
- 11-13 Gathering of Silence Retreat, Cross Roads Camp & Conference Center
- 12-13 Virginia Baptist Mission Board Meeting, Virginia Baptist Resource Center, Richmond
  - 15 Caller News Deadline
- 15-17 Special Needs Retreat, Eagle Eyrie
- 19 Ministerial Association 10:30 AM
- 22-24 Raceway Ministries Weekend, Martinsville Speedway (TUMS Fast Relief 500)
  - 26 HCBA Annual Meeting 3:00 PM Trinity
- 29-31 Axis Fall Collegiate Conference, Eagle Eyrie 31 Consider Your Call Sunday



It is with heavy hearts that we bid farewell to Pastor Doug and Sandra Ramsey as he retires (the end of September) from the minis-

try after almost 23 years of faithful service to Hillcrest Baptist Church and our community. During his years of ministry, church membership grew from 130 to an active membership of 466. In addition to being a gifted teacher of The Word, he has been a wonderful shepherd, friend, encourager, and an effective office administrator. In addition to ministering to his church family, he has participated in several mission trips; served on the Finance & Personnel Committees for the Henry Country Baptist Association, as well as on our Sunday School ASSISTeam and the Church Administration ACTeam, and preached at the 1994 HCBA Annual Meeting; and also serves on the Keesee Educational Board and the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Conservatives of Virginia.

Among her many ministries, Sandra has served in the Hillcrest choir and The Ladies Ensemble, taught Sunday School, organized and led their Women's Enrichment Ministries, wrote and directed their Musical S\East Drama for many years, and been a good friend and counselor to many.

We will miss both of you greatly, and wish you all the best, and especially a long, happy, and blessed retirement.

**FAREWELL-**We bid a fond farewell to Kevin Joyce who resigned as church secretary at Hillcrest on August 24th to begin student teaching in order to complete his master's degree. Kevin is also the HCBA's webmaster, but we're not going to allow his resignation from that! Thanks, Kevin, for your faithful service for the past two years, and we wish you the best of luck in your new endeavor.

**HELLO-**And we welcome their new office assistant, Jane Richardson, who has many years of office experience, including being part owner of F & K Security, Inc. for 17 years. She and her husband, Wayne, live in Martinsville, and are active members of Stone Memorial Christian Church, where Jane leads the children's choir. We are happy to welcome Jane as part of the HCBA family!

> Farewell to Rev. Craig McCoy, who has resigned as Minister of Music at First Baptist Church, Martinsville to serve the University Baptist Church in Chapel Hill, North Carolina. He has served at the church for 16 years. During his time

here, Craig has served as a member of the Music Ministry ACTeam of the HCBA, and Robin, his wife, has been employed at the Citizens Against Family Violence and Kings Grant. We will miss him, Robin and children, Brent and Catie, but wish them well as they pursue another ministry opportunity.

#### HCBA Monthly Financial Report August 2010

#### **Receipts:**

| Church Contributions     | 7,921.72     |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Interest                 | .93          |
| Reimbursement, Telephone | <u>13.19</u> |
| Total Receipts:          | \$7,935.84   |
| Total Expenditures:      | \$7,779.46   |
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WORLD HUNGER AWARENESS DAY October 10, 2010

I have come that you might have life. John 10:10



See You at the Pole Rally Big Success!

Rev. Adam Hughes reports that over *200 students* and *50 adults* attended the "See You at the Pole" Rally at First Baptist,

Bassett on Sunday, Sept 12!!The kids were challenged by speaker Daniel Reed, Assoc Pastor/Children & Youth at Fort Trial BC, and enjoyed music by "Admit One". Special thanks to Daniel, Admit One, and First, Bassett, for hosting this event.

# Senior Adults

Our September meeting at Mount Vernon was a blessing and special thanks to them for hosting our time together. The talent show was a hit as always. The "McGuire" sister, Frank Gribble, Janice Agnew, Susan Blevins, Larry & Jan Cheek, Dudley Herndon, and Peggy Gilley provided our entertainment. Susan Blevins sang a song to our Seniors' on the aches and pains we experience as we age beautifully.

Our January meeting will be held at McCabe Memorial. Have a good holiday and we will see you on Thursday, January 26, 2011.

#### Senior Trip to:

Las Vegas/Grand Canyon/Ranch in Tucson, Arizona May 9-15, 2011 (Monday-Sunday) For more information, contact Betsy Ivey 276-647-7248

### "Billy Graham Sunday"

Last year at the HCBA annual meeting, we passed the following recommendation:

The HCBA Evangelism ACTeam recommends to the associational churches that they set aside a special day each year for evangelism. Specifically, it is recommended that each church annually set aside the first Sunday of November to be recognized and engaged as "Billy Graham Sunday".

This year, **Billy Graham Sunday** falls on November 7th. As we think about the conditions in our world today, it is not difficult to determine how or what we need to pray about. Above all, pray for the gospel of Jesus Christ to be spread 'to Judea, to Samaria, and to the ends of the earth'.



Monday-Friday 11am - 7pm Saturday 9 am - 5 pm Sunday 12:30 - 4pm

## The Pumpkins are coming......

October 2nd through October 31st Back of the main parking lot at First Baptist Church of Martinsville Corner of Starling Avenue & Mulberry Road

Proceeds will benefit the clients of GRACE NETWORK

We will have pumpkins of all sizes, gourds, and Indian corn for salw. Bring your cameras for those fun pictures in the patch and also at our "PICTURE STAGE". For more information call 638-8500 and leave a message for Jenniffer.

| Saturday, Oct 9th, Infinity    |  |
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| Acres will have animals at the |  |
| patch from 10am - 1 pm.        |  |

Call Grace Network to arrange for story time and a special craft for any interested children's group.