

The Caller

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Office Hours: 8:30 AM– 4:00 PM Tuesday & Wednesday 8:30 AM–3:00 PM Thursday Closed Monday & Friday

EVENTS

MARCH 3- “Billy Graham, An Extraordinary Journey” video shown at McCabe Memorial at 2:00 PM

MARCH 10- Trinity Quartet performing at Oak Level BC at 6:00 PM, Everyone is invited.

March 3-10- Annie Armstrong Offering

MARCH 24- STP 500 race at Martinsville Speedway

APRIL 5-6- Empowered to Connect Conference by HopeTree and McCabe Memorial BC 10 AM – 6 PM

APRIL 9- HCBA WMU Annual Meeting at Oak Level BC beginning with refreshments at 5:15 PM; co hosted with New Vision BC

April 12-13- Living Proof Live with Beth Moore, Berglund Center, Roanoke
Call 800-254-2022 or go to LifeWay.com/LivingProof

APRIL 18- Executive Committee Meeting- 7:00 PM at HCBA office downstairs

April 19- Good Friday



April 21- Easter Sunday

APRIL 27- HCBA Sunday School Training with Tony Brooks, Sunday School Specialist with the BGAV, Starling Avenue BC, 9:00 AM – 11:00 AM

EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS



ANNUAL MEETING

Will be held at Oak Level Baptist Church, co-hosted with New Vision Baptist Church, on Tuesday, April 9th. Refreshments at 5:15 PM.

Dr. Roberta Damon, guest speaker, is also a writer. She holds a doctorate in marriage and family counseling from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. Her career includes missionary service in south Brazil, 30 years of counseling at First Baptist Church in Richmond, and a time serving on staff at the International Mission Board of the SBC. Roberta's passion is to help women realize their God designed potential.

ALL women are invited!

RACEWAY MINISTRIES



The STP 500 race at the Martinsville Speedway is March 24th. Our Raceway Team is asking for donations of **individually wrapped snacks** to be given to fans that come to our tent to attend the worship services. Just drop them off at the HCBA office any Tuesday, Wednesday, or Thursday by March 20th.

Also, if you would like to help out at the tent, call Sharon at the HCBA office for more information.

It is a wonderful experience to share worship, music, snacks and a cup of coffee with race fans!



ORDINATION SERVICE

Eric Winn will be ordained into the ministry on March 3rd at 3:00 PM by First Baptist Church, Ridgeway, where he is a member. Mr. Winn has been studying at Liberty University, leads the church's Youth group, is an inactive deacon, and currently works for law enforcement. A reception will follow. All are invited, and ALL Pastors are encouraged to come and be a part of this special service.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING

Tony Brooks, Sunday School Specialist with the BGAV, will be leading us on Saturday, April 27th from 9:00 – 11:00 AM at Starling Avenue Baptist Church. **SIGN UP BY THURSDAY, APRIL 18 by calling the HCBA office at 638-2951 or email hcbaptists@gmail.com**

REMINDER!

The HCBA helps sponsor the food pantry located at One Accord Baptist Church on Kings Mountain Road. If you learn of someone who needs food assistance, have them call Ralph Taylor at 276-340-7108 to set up an appointment.



Church News and Events!

BLACKBERRY ... March 6th- community meal; in March will begin an Outreach/Visitation program, WMU will host a pancake breakfast, children & youth will sponsor "Coins for Kids" and enjoy an evening at Uptown Pinball; April 13th- Resurrection Rally; April 21- Community Sunrise Service (location TBD)

CHATHAM HEIGHTS ... continuing the celebration of our 75th Anniversary year, Dr. Roy Ford (former Interim) will be our guest speaker on March 17th; April 28th- Dr. Robert Bailey, former pastor from 1985-1999, will be the guest speaker.

FBC, COLLINSVILLE ... Each Sunday March 3-April 4 at 3:30 PM- Ladies Bible Study SEAMLESS; March 7th and April 4th- College & Career for Christ at 5 PM; April 20th at 11 AM- Children's Easter Egg hunt; April 21st- Easter Sunrise Service.

McCABE MEMORIAL ... Hand bell practice each Tuesday at 6 PM; March 13th and April 10th- Meals delivered to home bound/shut ins.

OAK LEVEL ...March 10th- Trinity Quartet at 6 PM; April 9th- Hosting with New Vision BC the HCBA WMU Annual Meeting at 5:15 PM; April 21st- Easter Sunrise service at 7 AM with light refreshments to follow.

MOUNT VERNON ... March 6th- Mission Program at 7 PM; March 10th- church wide mission walk for North American Missions; March 16th- game night; March 31st- Youth leading worship service, with fellowship meal to follow; April 7th- Sunday night singing at 6:30 PM; April 21st- sunrise service to be held at Mountain Valley Baptist.

ORCHARD DRIVE ... March 22nd- "Narnia" movie and dinner open to the community 6-9 PM; 11 AM on Sundays will be study of Nehemiah; 6 PM on Sundays book discussions/Bible study and Junior Youth program; Tuesdays from 7-8:30 PM Joshua's Place "A Healing Place for Hurting People"; Wednesdays at 7 PM the study of Ezekiel, and at 8 PM English as Second Language class.

POCAHONTAS BASSETT ... March 9th and April 13th will be our Pickers and Fiddlers Songfests at 10:00 AM; March 21st- community meal at 5:30 PM.

SHILOH MISSIONARY ... March 3- Gospel Chorus Anniversary at 11 AM; March 9- Deacon wives workshop; March 10- Culinary Anniversary observance at 11 AM; April 7- Jail Ministry Observance at 11 AM; April 13- Ushers workshop at 10 AM; April 14- Installation service for Pastor Fredrick Noel at 3 PM; April 29-May 3- Spring Revival at 7 PM.

THE LEGACY OF VILLA HEIGHTS BAPTIST CHURCH

We reached the point that many of our sister churches may be familiar with: we weren't the church we used to be in size, ministries, and capabilities; were an aging congregation that was having to cut back services because we didn't drive at night, cook like we used to, and becoming less physically able to get out into the community; each year the budget had to be reduced; the future looked bleaker. We had to ask the important questions: Have we completed the mission God first called us to do? Does God have someone else ready to carry our ministry forward? The members did know one thing...we did not want the building to become a funeral home or "used car lot". After much prayer and discussion, the members called upon the Trustees to explore available options so positive actions could be made to write the final chapter of Villa Heights Baptist Church, which was to continue the work of God in the community.

For 58 years, VHBC served the community as a church in the Henry County Baptist Association. It grew out of the efforts of the HCBA to put a church in every community. The charter members all lived in Villa Heights and many were former members of Associational churches. God blessed VHBC and we blessed the community.

How might God bless us and the community in the transition? The Trustees began reaching out to groups they became aware were looking for a new place to worship. Although Amanacer of Collinsville (a Hispanic church) was not at a place they could take over the property, the Trustees felt led to offer them the fellowship hall where they could worship while we continued our search. The second blessing was the discovery that Agape Bible Christian Fellowship was looking for a property and community such as ours. They had a 17 year history ministering in Martinsville/Henry County and now needed more space, especially classrooms. As discussions continued, it became clear that God was in this, and the church agreed. God now ministers to the Villa Heights community through these two congregations.

The former members of VHBC have found or are seeking their place of worship in Associational or other churches. VHBC chose to leave a final blessing to the community from the sale proceeds. Following a survey and vote, we will divide the remaining assets among Agape, Amanacer, Grace Network, the Gideon's, Pregnancy Care Center, Good News Jail Ministry, and the Horne Home's residents.

Former Trustees & Pastor

This & That...

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

- 5- Clyde Murray, Jr., Assoc Pastor, Hillcrest
- 9- Ashley Harrington, Co-Pastor, Starling Ave
- 11- Keith Spangenberg, Retired Pastor
- 13- John Fulcher, Retired Pastor
- 14- Francis Martin, Retired Pastor
- 16- Dennis Knight, Retired Pastor
- 17- Richard Harrison, Retired Pastor
- 29- Doug Ramsey, Interim Pastor, Hillcrest
- 29- Jane Hughes, Secretary, Chatham Heights
- 30- Billy Craig, Min. of Students, FBC Bassett

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

- 2- Darrell Snead, Min. of Music, FBC Bassett, 2003
- 3- Jane Hughes, Secretary, Chatham Heights, 2008
- 5- Billy Craig, Min. of Students, FBC Bassett, 2017
- 15- Pam Joyce, Secretary, FBC Ridgeway, 2004
- 19- Doug Ramsey, Interim Pastor, Hillcrest, 2017
- 28- Sandy Moses, Secretary, FBC Collinsville, 2000

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 11- Loretta Smith, Secretary, McCabe Memorial
- 17- Harold Draper, Retired Pastor
- 25- Mike Hatfield, Pastor, Chatham Heights

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 3- Joe Wooldridge, Pastor, New Vision, 2016
- 15- Mary Helen Cameron, Min. of Music, Pocahontas, 2015
- 25- Ashley Harrington, Co-Pastor, Starling Avenue, 2016
- 25- Brian Harrington, Co-Pastor, Starling Avenue, 2016

GOOD NEWS JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY

Position available in Martinsville
For full-time male chaplain

If you are interested and qualified, please
contact careers@goodnewsjail.org

POSITION AVAILABLE

For Summer Youth Intern at First Baptist Church, Collinsville working with middle and high school aged youth. This is a paid position. If interested, email resume to Kim Beckner at kbeckner@comcast.net.

INCOME/EXPENSES FOR 2018

Income.....	\$65,706.04
Expenses.....	\$53,341.40
Net Income.....	\$12,364.64

