

# BAPTIST BLAST!



**HENRY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**  
**DECEMBER 2020 / JANUARY 2021**

*Our Association is a fellowship of 29 self-governing churches who voluntarily cooperate together to reach people for Christ through missions and ministries, and to strengthen ourselves according to Biblical principles.*



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- **Good News Jail & Prison Ministry:** They are asking us to pray about making them your church's mission or personal mission to donate to them to purchase items to fill about 400 small gift bag for inmates, and also the staff, and to share God's love this Christmas season. You can make your gift online at <https://goodnewsjail.org/give> or mail to PO Box 66 Martinsville, VA 24114, and note Christmas Gift in the memo line. Deadline to give is December 8<sup>th</sup>, so they will have time to purchase, prepare, and distribute the bags in time for Christmas.
- November 29-December 6: **Week of Prayer and Mission Study** for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

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## CHURCH HEALTH



- **Ordination Council-** We received an ordination request in September from Mount Vernon Baptist Church to ordain Dean White for the Lord's ministry. The Council met, and Dean was ordained in October. He is the Pastor at Kearfott Memorial Baptist Church in Martinsville.
- **Annual Church Profile** report (ACP): Reminder to church Clerks- The deadline to have your church's report into the Association office is January 21, 2021.

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**Income/Expenses for October:**

Income.....\$3213.14  
 Expenses.....\$2252.59  
 Net income.....\$ 960.55

**Executive Committee-** The next meeting is Thursday, January 21, 2021 @ 7:00 PM.  
 Location to be determined.

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*IN SYMPATHY.....*

One of our Trustees, Mr. David Doss, passed away in October. His faithful service and dedication as a Trustee goes back to at least the year 2000. David will be greatly missed by us, and his church family at First Baptist Church in Martinsville. We pray that the peace that passes all understanding will surround his family. A memorial gift was sent to God's Pit Crew in Danville, VA per his request.

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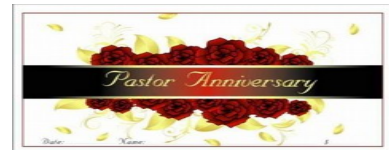
**PASTOR NEWS:**

**WELCOME!**

- On December 6<sup>th</sup>, Rev. Ian Minielly will be the new Pastor at Mount Vernon Baptist Church in Axton. He and his wife Stephanie come from Ashville, NC. They have one son and are expecting their first grandchild. Pastor Ian was born in the state of Washington, graduated college there, and got his Masters of Art in Religion and Masters of Divinity in Pastoral Ministry from Liberty University. He is also an Army veteran.

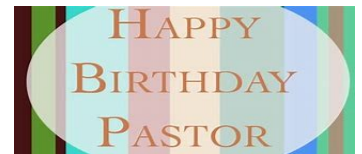
**PASTOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES:**

- December 6- Rev. Ian Minielly, Mount Vernon, 2020
- December 30- Dr. Larry Cheek, First Baptist Collinsville, 2007
- January 1- Rev. Merle Brown, Fontaine, 2018
- January 6- Rev. Allen Jackson, Fieldale, 2015



**PASTOR BIRTHDAYS:**

- December 7- Rev. Tony Beach, Associate Pastor, Fort Trial
- December 30- Rev. Susan Spangenberg, Pocahontas Bassett
- January 1- Dr. Joey McNeill, Fort Trial
- January 11- Rev. Daniel Reed, Assoc Pastor/Children & Youth, Fort Trial
- January 31- Rev. George Agnew, Retired pastor



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**JEREMIAH 29:11 (NIV)**

*“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*