

Henry County Baptist Association SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2021

THE CALLER

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Office Hours: 9:00 AM – 3:30 PM Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday Closed Monday and Friday

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.



- **GOOD NEWS JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY:** Thank you for your continued prayers for me and the ministry to inmates. Your encouragement in joining with me in prayer for these and other needs bless me greatly. I am so appreciative of every gift that came in even though I was unable to reach my end of year gap of \$15,000, as \$8234.31 was received. I am blessed by your faithful partnership in allowing the Lord to use you to support His work. May you be blessed as you prayerfully see what God is doing with your investment of prayers, time, and finances into this ministry.

The below YTD (July) stats give perspective on how ministry is moving forward:

- 316 bibles given to inmates
- 280 Correspondence Bible lessons completed by inmates
- 31 Chaplain led services with 174 attending
- 12 Volunteer led services with 76 attending
- 20 one-on-one individualized ministry to inmates
- 24 decisions for Christ



Additionally, I am excited to begin speaking to churches and groups. I welcome the opportunity to share with your church or civic club the many ways you can partner with me.

As we move toward Martinsville City Jail and Camp 28 opening for ministry volunteers, more are needed to support those facilities.

The opening of the new Henry County Jail in 2022 will bring opportunity for the ministry to address factors that contribute to incarceration. Bible studies that address the impact of trauma, addictions, decision making, problem solving, and proper view of their role as men and women in society from a biblical perspective are being reviewed.

Please pray for God to lead me to those He wants to bring alongside in partnership with me to minister to inmates and staff.

The late Summer and Fall calendar is filling up with speaking engagements, volunteer training, and our in person Fall Banquet in September.

In His Service,

Chaplain Joe Collins

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MISSIONS AND MINISTRIES CONTINUED.....

- **RACEWAY MINISTRIES:** We are preparing for a return to normalcy (full attendance) for the Fall race in September and October. This means we will be able to resume the operation of our ministry tents and have our Sunday worship service. And we will continue to provide the disabled guest shuttle service. We are also in the midst of upgrading the appearance of some of our equipment. Our Raceway Ministries truck and trailers will be repainted and wrapped to be ready for the Fall events. We are also in discussion with the Speedway about possibly providing disabled guest services at the Henry County Fair being held at the Speedway on September 25th.
We consider it a blessing to have the opportunity to serve at Martinsville Speedway and are looking forward to serving thousands of race fans. Thank you for your continued support and continue to pray for this ministry, its leadership, its resources, and all the volunteers to be used for His purposes.

Co-Team Leader Tim Byrd

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- **HORNE HOME:** The process of transferring the deed of the Horne Home to HopeTree Family services is still in the legal waiting process.
- **HOPETREE FAMILY SERVICES:** “Who is HopeTree?” some of you may ask. Formerly known as The Virginia Baptist Children’s Home, founded in 1890, it is Virginia’s oldest continuous provider of children’s services and providers of foster care. HopeTree also provides a state-wide network of services for adults with intellectual disabilities. Hence, The Horne Home in Martinsville.
- **FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES:** After a year of virtual, ZOOM, and social distancing, we had the privilege of having an in person camp June 27-July 1st at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, VA. There were 12 first time professions of faith, and 68 re-commitments.
“FIELDS OF FAITH” is on deck twice in September at Patrick & Henry Community College. We will have a band and Bobby Petrocelli will be our guest speaker.

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- **ALMA HUNT OFFERING FOR VIRGINIA MISSIONS:** September 12 – 19 Offering Goal: \$800,000



**FELLOWSHIP OF
CHRISTIAN ATHLETES**

COMMUNITY, CONNECTIONS, CELEBRATIONS

ANNUAL MEETING: Tuesday, October 12th, at First Baptist Church in Ridgeway.

The speaker will be Rev. Chad Janey, Pastor of Blackberry Baptist Church in Bassett.

Registration begins at 4:30 PM, meal at 5:00 PM, and pre-service music will begin at 6:00 PM.

As always, we will be pre-registering messengers. So PLEASE elect your messengers early and have your church Clerk send your list by September 27th to the HCBA office by email or mail. Visitors are also very welcome, so please let the Association office know you plan to attend and/or share a meal with us. This is very important for seating and food planning.

Due to last year's cancellation, we are doubly looking forward to a great meeting with fellowship, music, and business combined. Please pray for our Annual Meeting, for our Pastors, leaders, and congregations by asking the Lord to lead us in how to strengthen our churches, ourselves, and our Association. Let's thank Him for His leadership and many good works!

PASTOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES:

- September 1- Mike Hatfield
Chatham Heights BC since 2000
- September 1- Lewis Harris
FBC Ridgeway since 2018



PASTOR BIRTHDAYS:

- September 1- Chad Janey, Blackberry
- September 16- Lewis Harris, FBC Ridgeway
- October 7- Allen Jackson, Fieldale
- October 12- Merle Brown, Fontaine
- October 19- Jared Austin, Greenwood
- October 19- Randy Aldridge, Hillcrest



CHURCH HEALTH

- **DISCIPLESHIP/SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The ReShape Conference (postponed last year) will be **October 9, 2021** at FBC Martinsville from 9:30 AM – 3:30 PM. It will describe movements congregations are making which lead to life and missional progress:
 - Claiming your discipleship identity
 - Conversational faith sharing
 - Discovering, nurturing & caring for volunteers
 - Things are changing.....
 - Reshape your church building
 - How to be a hybrid churchIt will also include fellowship, Large Group Sessions, lunch, and breakouts to help your church be reshaped by God's Spirit. The cost is \$200 per church. Checks may be mailed to Barnabas Partnership at 152 Sutherlin Ave, Danville VA 24541 OR online at www.bit.ly/3hq1iDs. Childcare and lunch (\$10/person) provided with reservations made with FBC Martinsville, 23 Starling Ave, Martinsville or call 276-632-6336.
- **MINISTERIAL WELL-BEING:** *Attention all Pastors!*.....Gather together for "*Clergy and Coffee*" at The Daily Grind coffee shop at 303 E. Church St. in Uptown Martinsville on Thursday, September 9th at 9:00 AM. Come and have your favorite coffee, breakfast or pastry, and enjoy a time of fellowship and reconnecting with one another. Just a nice break from responsibilities and worries!



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Income/Expenses for JULY:
 Income.....\$4188.76
 Expenses.....\$2660.57
 Net Income.....\$1528.19

Officers:
 Moderator: Merle Prince, Starling Avenue
 Vice-Moderator: Rev. Lewis Harris, FBC Ridgeway
 Clerk: Donna Winebarger, Oak Level
 Treasurer: Jeanie Mann, Hillcrest
 Facilitator: Rev. Libby Grammer, FBC Martinsville
 Facilitator: Rev. David Cameron, Chatham Heights

- **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:** Will be meeting Thursday, September 16, 2021 at the Association office. Everyone is invited to attend.

**“DO NOT LET YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED”
 John 14:1**

Jesus’ words are instructive and inspiring. Never miss them and do not let your familiarity with these words lose their impact for your life.

A Choice We Make

Jesus knew it was a choice that each of us would need to make daily and even many times throughout each day....**Do not let your heart be troubled.**

A Challenge We Face

We have to make a choice daily, and even many times throughout the day, to not let ourselves get caught up in all the drama of this culture and moment, becoming agitated by the smallest things and stirred up and worried over all things. This is why Jesus said...**Do not let your heart be troubled.**

A Conclusive Answer

Jesus also said: Believe in God, believe also in Me. John 14:1
 Trust in God daily and throughout each day. This is why it is a choice we make in these challenging days we live.
Do not let your heart be troubled.

(Excerpts above taken from August newsletter of the SBC Executive Committee)

PRACTICE THE PAUSE



When in **doubt**, pause
 When **angry**, pause.
 When **tired**, pause.
 When **stressed**, pause.
 And when you pause....



Pray.

-Toby Mac