

Henry County Baptist Association SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2022

THE CALLER

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

The purpose of this Association shall be mutual encouragement, fellowship, spiritual edification, and promotion of evangelism, education, ministry, missions, and worship to the exalting of Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior through our 29 churches.

UPCOMING ANNUAL MEETING

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, RIDGEWAY

REGISTRATION- 4:30 PM, DINNER- 5:00 PM, SERVICE-6:00 PM

WE HAVE NOT HELD AN ANNUAL MEETING SINCE 2019 DUE TO COVID. SO WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL “REVIVAL” OF WORSHIP, FELLOWSHIP, AND BUSINESS TOGETHER!



******UPCOMING MISSION/MINISTRY****** 2nd Annual Suicide Prevention Car Wash on Saturday, September 10th from 9:00AM – 12:00 PM at First Baptist Church in Bassett. Come and show your support by getting your car washed, making a donation, and helping us spread awareness to the community. Sponsored by the Youth of First Baptist Church Bassett.

******RECENT “MISSION ACCOMPLISHED” ****** Two weeks ago the Director of the Pittsylvania Baptist Association in Danville asked us to join them in collecting relief items for the recent flood victims in Whitesburg, KY. So we asked for your help, and received a great response from members of 8 of our churches! It took two vehicles to transport all the items to Danville. A **SPECIAL THANK YOU** to Blackberry, FBC Collinsville, FBC Ridgeway, Fort Trial, McCabe Memorial, Oak Level, Pocahontas Bassett, and Starling Avenue churches! And also thank you to another church in our community, Foothills Church! You all have obeyed Jesus command to help in need. Your caring and generous spirit will help alleviate some the pain and suffering of our neighbors.

- **FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ATHLETES:** Our director for the past four years, Robert Hicks, has stepped down as of 8/31/22. While we celebrate Robert’s success, we as the FCA Board, are committed to prayerfully finding his replacement and continuing to support our area schools both financially and prayerfully (locally includes Bassett HS, Magna Vista HS, Martinsville HS, and Patrick Henry CC). Candidates are currently being identified and the interview process will begin soon. We are not rushing to fill the spot, but letting the Lord guide us to the right fit. Please pray for how your church will be led to support financially and through volunteering this school year.

(MISSIONS/MINISTRIES continued.....)

- **GOOD NEWS JAIL & PRISON MINISTRY:** Come and join us for our annual *CELEBRATION BANQUET* on Tuesday, October 11 at 6:30 PM at the New College Institute on Fayette St. Tickets are \$20.00. Please contact Chaplain Joe Collins for any information or questions at 804-896-0359.
- **HORNE HOME:** The process of transferring the deed to HopeTree Family Services is still in progress.
- **RACEWAY MINISTRIES:** The October NASCAR races are coming soon. One of our missions there is to provide snacks and beverages at our tent for the fans in the hope that we may plant a seed that the Holy Spirit can use to begin work in someone's life. We are blessed to be able to be there to meet them...all in the name of Jesus. If your church, or you, are looking for a local ministry to participate in, this one is very easy and much needed. Please consider donating individually wrapped snacks for this event. Just have them to the Baptist Association office on Kings Mountain Road **by October 26th at noon.**
- **ALMA HUNT OFFERING** for Virginia missions is September 11-18. The state goal is \$800,000. Through this offering in 2021, \$11,000 was awarded in grants. And churches in Virginia helped fund literacy programs, home repair, and feeding ministries.
- **INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD:** For 2021, your generosity supported missionaries around the world
 - 3650 missionaries supported with comprehensive care
 - 592,408 people heard the Gospel
 - 22,744 new churches
 - 176,795 new believers
 - 107,701 baptisms
 - 93 new people groups and places engaged
 - 182,112 people received leadership training

COMMUNITY, CONNECTIONS, CELEBRATIONS

ANNUAL MEETING: Again, mark your calendars for **Tuesday, October 18th**, at First Baptist Church in Ridgeway. Due to no meeting for the last two years, 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!

FALL FESTIVAL: EVERYONE WELCOME!! FBC Collinsville will host this festival on Saturday October 8th from 10:00 AM until 2:00 PM. Please join them for fun, games, and food!

PASTOR CHURCH ANNIVERSARIES:

- September 1- Mike Hatfield, Chatham Heights, 2000
- September 1- Lewis Harris, FBC Ridgeway, 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



ADMINISTRATION

UPCOMING EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING MARK YOUR CALENDARS



September 15th at 6:00 PM at the Association office downstairs.

As a reminder to everyone, ARTICLE VII of our Constitution reads: "The Executive Committee shall be comprised of all Officers, Facilitators, Team Leaders, Committee Chairpersons, the representatives to the BGAV, **and the Pastor and one lay member from each member church.**" Honoring this would resolve the lack of quorum issues we have experienced lately. So please do your best to attend, and Pastors please bring a lay person from your church with you. (This is usually your Chair of Deacons, but can be any other officer of your church.)

- **FINANCE:** Income/Expenses for 7/31/22
Income.....\$2,264.78
Expenses.....\$2,566.31
Net income/loss....\$-301.53



- **PROPERTY COMMITTEE:** This committee along with the Building Upgrade Committee is continuing to work on our Association office. Wallpaper is being removed and landscaping has been done. Dry wall repair, painting inside and out, flooring, and small miscellaneous upgrades remain to be done. Please give **Shirley and Greg Craven** from FBC Collinsville a **HUGE THANK YOU** for all of their volunteer time on this project!



- **OFFICERS:** Merle Prince, Moderator and Facilitator
Rev. Lewis Harris, Vice-Moderator and Facilitator
Donna Winebarger, Clerk
Jeanie Mann, Treasurer
Revs. Libby Grammer and David Cameron, Facilitators
- **TRUSTEES:** Paul Jones Donna Winebarger Rev. Keith Spangenberg

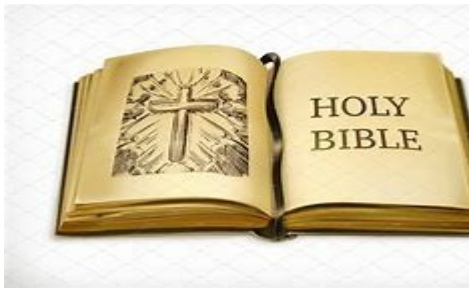
TWO BIBLICAL MESSAGES FOR ALL OF US:

To follow are portions from an article by OPERATION INASMUCH founder, David Crocker. He was a pastor for 38 years prior to launching the OIAM ministry, which has equipped more than 2100 churches in 25 states. **David's passion is seeing believers serving as the hands and feet of Jesus as a lifestyle:**

1. SERVING OTHERS IN DISCIPLE-MAKING

“You may think me too simplistic, but it seems to me that disciple-making boils down to helping believers become more like Jesus. What did Jesus do? He served others....in every way you can think of. When they were hungry, he fed them. When they were lonely, he spent time with them. When they were sick, he healed them. When they were guilty of sin, he forgave them. Disciple-making **must** include serving others. One more time: If Jesus was about serving others, and if making disciples is about helping believers become more like Jesus....THEN disciple-making must include a healthy portion of serving others. Not to do so is like attempting to build a Chevy with Ford parts! No matter how hard you work at it, you will not end up with a Chevrolet.

We don't need another book about disciple-making. We already have the best one—the Gospels. Here's the thing: if we (church leaders) would simply give new believers, regardless of age or status or background or anything else, a copy of the Gospels and tell them: “Figure out what Jesus did and what he told his followers to do, and go do it”, serving would get a lot more practice and exposure than it does now.”



2. READ IT SLOWLY

The second message for us is shared by Rev. Dr. Timothy Lipp, Moderator of the Southside Baptist Association in Kenbridge, VA from their recent newsletter that refers to a daily devotional by Keith Giles that he received:

Sit down tonight with your Bible. Open it to the gospel of Matthew. Find the Sermon on the Mount. Read it slowly. Listen to Jesus and what he commands with a new heart. Allow him to crucify your nationalism and, yes, your political affiliation. Ask him to put to death anything and everything that confuses his authority with any other. I invite you to follow Jesus totally untangled from the powers of this world. I challenge you to do it every day for a month and see if that changes you in any way.

This is a challenge for certain. But isn't that what we have always been called to do as disciples? We follow Jesus. We are to live into the example he set. This is not an ancient word for ancient time. Read it slowly. Pray. Meditate on it. What will be crucified in us? What new life will come? We are all on the journey together!

