



HOLSTON VALLEY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

2023
BOOK OF REPORTS

*Looking
unto
Jesus*

Hebrews 12:1-2



Thankyou

Church Hill First Baptist Church
for hosting the
140th Annual Meeting of the
Holston Valley Baptist Association

*In loving memory
of the following pastor:*



Delmont "Seven" Gibson

January 15, 1946 - June 12, 2023

Well done good and faithful servant!

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Monday, October 23, 2023
Church Hill First Baptist Church
Church Hill, TN
Rev. John Seymore, Moderator
Rev. Jose Armenta, Associate Moderator

Call to Order by the Associate Moderator	Rev. Jose Armenta
	HVBA Associate Moderator, Member, Ridgeview Baptist Church
Seating of Messengers/Adoption of 2023 Minutes.....	Mrs. Melinda Eidson
	HVBA Clerk, Member, East Rogersville Baptist Church
Adoption of the Program/2025 Annual Meeting	Rev. John Seymore
	HVBA Moderator, Pastor, Looneys Chapel Baptist Church
Welcome by Host Church	Rev. Dustin Jessee
	Pastor, Church Hill First Baptist Church
Worship and Praise	Rev. Garry Stuart
	Worship Leader, Church Hill First Baptist Church
Scripture and Prayer.....	Rev. Fred Tankersley
	Pastor, War Creek Baptist Church
Committee Reports:	
Associational Leadership Team.....	Rev. John Seymore
	HVBA Moderator, Pastor, Looneys Chapel Baptist Church
Finance Committee.....	Mrs. Shaun Moore
	Finance Committee, Chairman, Church Hill First Baptist Church
Nominating Committee	Rev. Tecky Hicks
	Nominating Committee, Chairman, Pastor, Surgoinsville First Baptist Church
Associational Missionary Report.....	Rev. Mark Roberts
	HVBA Associational Missionary, Member, Church Hill First Baptist Church
Blessing of the Meal.....	Mr. Cooper Hixson
	Youth, Church Hill First Baptist Church
Intermission	

**140th Annual Meeting of the
Holston Valley Baptist Association
Rev. Mark Roberts, Associational Missionary
Mrs. Melinda Eidson, Ministry Assistant
Mrs. Kelly Snodgrass, Pregnancy Center Director
Theme: Looking unto Jesus**

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Rev. Jose Armenta, Associate Moderator**

Second Session

Worship and PraiseRev. Garry Stuart
Worship Leader, Church Hill First Baptist Church

Scripture and Prayer.....Rev. Jamey Brooks
Pastor, Cave Springs Baptist Church

Presentation of Budget for Vote.....Mrs. Shaun Moore
Finance Committee, Chairman, Church Hill Baptist Church

The Election of our 2023-2024 Associate Moderator/Moderator-Elect.....Rev. Tecky Hicks
Nominating Committee, Chairman, Surgoinsville First Baptist Church

Hawkins County Pregnancy HELP Center ReportMrs. Kelly Snodgrass
Pregnancy Center Director, Member, East Rogersville Baptist Church

Tennessee Baptist Mission Board Ministries.....Rev. Roger Britton
Bivocational Ministry Specialist, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Time of Testimony.....Go Guatemala Video

Special Music.....Church Hill First Baptist Church Choir

Sermon.....Rev. Will Basham
Pastor, New Heights Baptist Church, Milton, WV

Introduction of New Moderator and New Associate Moderator.....Rev. John Seymore
HVBA Moderator, Pastor, Looneys Chapel Baptist Church

Prayer for Associational Leadership and the New Associational Year.....Rev. Mark Roberts
HVBA Associational Missionary, Member, Church Hill First Baptist Church

Call for Motion to Adjourn the 140th Annual Meeting of the Holston Valley Baptist Association
Rev. John Seymore, HVBA Moderator, Pastor, Looneys Chapel Baptist Church

Associational Missionary Report

Rev. Mark Roberts

Twenty plus centuries ago, a young aristocrat was born in the home of a man named Amoz in the city of Jerusalem. As Isaiah grew, he would have had a limited understanding of the world and its troubles. The military might of Assyria was strengthening. Names of Assyrian kings such as Shalmaneser and Sennacherib would be murmured in the streets and in the marketplace. As Isaiah mingled in the crowded streets of Zion, he would have seen the flagrant idolatry, immorality, and heathen ways which had spread like cancer among the people. Even the priests had compromised and lacked little, if any, moral and spiritual character.

But what was Isaiah to do?

He had his life mapped out. He was headed in that direction. He was comfortable in his world. Until.....

Uzziah died. A king, a friend, one of the few in that day who lived a righteous life. Then Isaiah saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up.....and his world would never be the same (Isaiah 6).

It has been said, "You can't take the 'go' out of the gospel." Jesus has called the church to GO (across the street, across the states, across the seas). To be fully obedient to that commission, we must be missionaries in Hawkins County, in Hancock County, in Tennessee, in the United States, in Guatemala, in the uttermost parts of the world.

It is interesting to me that God, in opening the eyes of Isaiah to the needs of those around him, did not show him those groveling in spiritual darkness. God revealed Himself first to Isaiah then ushered him toward the call. Only with a clear view of God can anyone move toward the acceptance of the call, whatever the call may be for each person.

Suddenly, Isaiah is not removed from the world and out of touch with the needs of those around him. As Isaiah 6 shares, after God revealed Himself and was seen clearly, after the seraph touched the lips of Isaiah with the hot coal, after all this, then God asked, "Whom shall I send?"

A lady by the name of Elisabeth Elliot wrote a book titled *Through Gates of Splendor*, a true story about her husband and four other men who lost their lives in 1956 while trying to reach the Auca Indians in Ecuador. As five bodies floated down the Curary River, as Elisabeth and four other widows were dealing with the grief, the American papers implied the vanity of their loss. According to the secular press, their martyrdom was "in vain". Since that time and the seeds of martyrdom were sown, the Auca tribe has been reached and evangelized. Their loss was not in vain.

God still asks the question...."Whom shall I send?" Who is called to go across the street, across the states, across the seas on short-term missions or long-term missions? Only when we clearly see God can we answer the call and go. Does He call all missionaries to martyrdom? Of course not. But isn't it better to be fully obedient and answer His call than to float aimlessly down the river of Disobedience?

Where is God calling you? Are you ready to respond in obedience..."Here am I, Lord. Send me"!

Hawkins County Pregnancy HELP Center Report

Kelly Snodgrass, Director

God's faithfulness has been so evident throughout the last year to me and to the clients of the Hawkins County Pregnancy Center. As the economy gets tighter and inflation continues to rise, so do the needs of families in Hawkins County. The year brought many blessings of new babies, and several sets of twins which are a double blessing! The year also brought new challenges of how to meet the needs of a changing social culture. My job has transitioned into not only ministry, but also into a hybrid social worker. I have spent many hours helping clients find resources for housing, daycare, and job options. I have coordinated with social agencies to serve families. I've seen firsthand the hardships of the Tennessee foster care system. Not only with the case workers that are doing their best to keep up with the workload, but also with the families that find themselves entangled within it. I've rejoiced as Tennessee continues to make abortion illegal and has thus far not compromised. That is the direct result of 50 years of prayers to our Creator. He continues to protect life in Tennessee. We must be diligent to defend life. However, our goal should be to think of abortion ultimately as a discipleship issue. As I think about our theme, looking unto Jesus, I pray I can block out every distraction and look to Him faithfully. At the same time, intentionally coming alongside women and men in need while sharing hope, showing compassion, and providing support.



I am so thankful for the churches of the HVBA. Because of your generous giving the Baby Bottle fundraiser raised \$8,035.00. This was a huge blessing and does not include other yearly donations. Many churches and members of the Association send donations year-round, and I am very grateful. This allows me to serve families in Hawkins County in a variety of needs. For example, I have been able to serve special needs children in Hawkins County. Several of these children are referrals from the Health Department. I have purchased equipment and other needs for the children that the state insurance will not cover. There is also a child from the Pregnancy Center that is traveling to Nashville for chemotherapy. The community has been so gracious to this family, and I have also been able to serve them with whatever they lack through the Center. Another exceptional need has been serving families from the Center's older children. For example, clients that have school age children need clothes and supplies for school. I purchased several backpacks this year and even helped one mom find a homecoming dress for her daughter!

I always enjoy visiting churches and sharing about the Pregnancy Center. I shared my testimony and the work of the Center with a few organizations outside of the HVBA this year. It is very encouraging to see how the Lord works in different entities. I work closely with other agencies throughout the county such as the Health Department, Department of Children's Services (DCS), and several others. DCS is doing good work but unfortunately, the foster care situation in Tennessee is in decline. The needs are great, and there is a continual request for families to foster children. We are not all called to foster children, but we are all called to care! There are several ways to help solve this crisis of vulnerable children in Tennessee. Through a webinar hosted by the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board's (TBMB) Compassion ministry, I learned that the TBMB actually employs case workers that contract with DCS. This service is carried out through the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home (TBCH). They have a case worker located in several counties throughout Tennessee. The TBCH also does foster care training for families that are willing to foster children. Families

with a Christian worldview can influence vulnerable children and change the trajectory of their lives. Another way to be involved is through the local church. Churches can start a Foster and Adoption Ministry (FAM). Foster and Adoption Ministries walk with individuals, families, children, and organizations seeking to care for children in need with the love of Jesus. Some may open their homes, while others may provide aid to the foster and adoptive families. These are called “wrap around” ministries. The goal is for every vulnerable child to experience Christ’s love through healthy family relationships. I am available to help any church that would like to look into this type of ministry. Last, the Isaiah 117 House started building in Hawkins County this year. The goal of the Isaiah 117 House is to reduce childhood trauma. The House provides physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children awaiting foster care placement. The House will need funds and volunteers as soon as it opens. They are currently serving local families. I am a member of the expansion team as the DCS Encourager. I organize a church or group to encourage the DCS workers in Hawkins County on the 17th of every month.

Several activities that continued to work well for the Pregnancy Center this year were the Christmas Store and the Outside the Walls ministry. During Christmas, I was able to provide gifts in the “store” that moms could purchase with points they had earned. This was again very helpful to several families. Outside the Walls continues to be a consistent gospel event that I can invite clients to. I have several that are regular attenders and others that come sporadically but it's always a good time to get to know them better. We meet every Wednesday for a meal, a lesson for adults, and for the kids. We do special events throughout the year, and we did several outreaches around Swift Park. It is a very loving congregation, and I am thankful.

I also tried several new and different activities this year. At Christmas, we hosted a Christmas luncheon at the Center. We did a nativity theme, and I gave away advent calendars. It was the most attended Christmas event that I have ever held. There were several other Christmas goodies and the moms and children really seemed to enjoy it. During the summer, I had a paint party at the Center. The older children participated in the painting and loved it. We had Crisi Willis come and demonstrate how to paint a butterfly. I read a few books about butterflies, used 2 Cor 5:17 and did a short lesson on being a new creation in Christ. Everyone got to keep their painting as a souvenir.

The biggest highlight of the year was that a mom and her significant other both professed faith in Christ and were baptized. That was an extraordinary event! There have been close to 378 client visits this year and that translates to approximately 700 people. I communicated with people via phone or Facebook in addition to these in person visits and porch pick-ups. Also, I have given away approximately 2,400 items this year. That consists mostly of diapers, wipes, formula, personal care items for mom and baby, car seats, pack-n-plays, and clothing items. Those are things that go directly to the families of Hawkins County and could not be possible without the support of the HVBA churches. Finally, I want to thank the Pregnancy Center Board for their work and advice. I also want to thank Mark Roberts and Melinda Eidson for all their guidance and support. I am eternally grateful for their wisdom, help, and friendship. In conclusion, I want to be intentional about building relationships, sharing the Gospel, and making disciples. We must preserve the sanctity of life and the sanctity of marriage in order to live out God’s design for families. That only happens when we keep looking unto Jesus, and with His help, follow Him daily.



Bible Drill Report

Dinah DeFord, HVBA Bible Drill Director



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Dear Brothers and Sisters-in-Christ,

For the last several years, I have listed the Bible Drill Curriculum for all three age groups in the annual Book of Reports for our association. My purpose in doing this is so you can gain a better understanding of the calling from the LORD that these parents, children, and teens accept into their hearts and lives every year when they participate in this amazing program. Everyone that makes a commitment to take part in this program is a different person when they complete it. How can I make such a bold statement? Spending time in God's Word helps each one of us grow closer to the Lord, as He works through our hearts, minds, and souls. Let's look at the Children's program, imagine during a 9-month period, where nearly everyday children are actively engaged in God's Word and by the end of the program children have seventy-five Bible verses hidden deep within their hearts and minds. In addition, the participants also learn ten key passages of scripture, and can look up the passages or any book in the Bible in less than ten seconds.

2022-2023 Curriculum for each Age-Level Drill

GREEN CYCLE

CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL (CBD)

[Grades 4-6]

BIBLE VERSES				
GENESIS 1:1	PROVERBS 15:1	MATTHEW 5:16	ACTS 16:31	COLOSSIANS 3:23
EXODUS 20:12	ISAIAH 9:6	LUKE 6:37	ROMANS 8:28	2 TIMOTHY 1:7
PSALM 118:24	ISAIAH 40:8	LUKE 11:9	ROMANS 12:1	2 TIMOTHY 3:16
PSALM 119:105	NAHUM 1:7	JOHN 3:16	I CORINTHIANS 4:2	I JOHN 1:9
PROVERBS 3:5-6	MATTHEW 4:10	JOHN 15:12	EPHESIANS 4:32	REVELATION 4:11

KEY PASSAGES			
THE TEN COMMANDMENTS	EXODUS 2:3-17	THE PARABLE OF THE SOWER:	MARK 4:1-20
A PSALM OF PRAISE	PSALM 100	THE FIRST LORD'S SUPPER	LUKE 22:15-20
THE GREATNESS OF GOD	ISAIAH 40	JESUS AND NICODEMUS:	JOHN 3: 1-21
THE TEMPTATION OF JESUS	MATTHEW 4:1-11	THE CRUCIFIXION:	JOHN 19
THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT	MATTHEW 5-7	THE FAITH CHAPTER:	HEBREWS 12

In addition to the scriptures and key references listed above, the children also become "Books of the Bible Location Masters." They know where the books are and can locate any book in the Bible in 10 seconds or less. To see the children become this knowledgeable and skilled is such a blessing.

YOUTH BIBLE DRILL (YBD)

[Grades 7-9]

IDENTIFYING VERSES			
DELIGHT THYSELF ALSO IN THE LORD; CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY WHOM YE WILL SERVE; BE OF GOOD CHEER; I HAVE OVERCOME THE WORLD FOR I DESIRED MERCY, AND NOT SACRIFICE DO ALL IN THE NAME OF THE LORD JESUS, BUT HE THAT DOETH THE WILL OF MY FATHER WHICH IS IN HEAVEN AND AS I HAVE PURPOSED, SO SHALL IT STAND THAT WE MIGHT RECEIVE THE ADOPTION OF SONS			PSALM 37:4-5 JOSHUA 24:15 JOHN 16:33 HOSEA 6:6 COLOSSIANS 3:17 MATTHEW 7:21 ISAIAH 14:24 GALATIANS 4:4-5
DOCTRINAL VERSES			
THE CHURCH	ACTS 2:42	SALVATION	JOHN 1:12
EDUCATION	JOHN 14:26	LAST THINGS	MATTHEW 16:27
EVANGELISM AND MISSIONS	JEREMIAH 1:7	BAPTISM	ROMANS 6:4
THE SCRIPTURES	HEBREWS 4:12	MAN	I CORINTHIANS 15:21-22
THE KINGDOM	JAMES 2:5	GOD	I JOHN 1:5
BIBLE ANSWERS VERSES			
WHO IS A SINNER?	ROMANS 3:23	WHO KNOWS MY HEART?	PSALM 139:23-24
WHAT GOOD IS WISDOM?	PROVERBS 3:13	WHAT SHOULD I SEEK?	MATTHEW 6:33
HOW SHOULD I LOVE GOD?	LUKE 10:27	HOW SHOULD I TALK?	EPHESIANS 4:29
HOW CAN I GET TO HEAVEN?	JOHN 14:6	HOW DOES THE GOSPEL COME TO ME?	I THESSALONIANS 1:5
HOW SHOULD I GROW?	2 PETER 3:18	WHAT CAN I OFFER GOD?	HEBREWS 13:15

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE DRILL (HSBD)

[Grades 10-12]

STEPS TO SALVATION	WHAT WE BELIEVE	KEY PASSAGES
ISAIAH 59:2	I SAMUEL 15:22	HEBREW 11:1-6
JOHN 3:16	REVELATION 21:4	MATTHEW 5:13-16
I PETER 3:18	PHILIPPIANS 4:6-7	LUKE 8:11-15
ACTS 3:19	PHILIPPIANS 4:8-9	I CORINTHIANS 13
1 JOHN 1:9	PSALM 51:10	ACTS 2:42-47

MATTHEW 7:21	PSALM 34:4 MATTHEW 22:37-39 PHILIPPIANS 4:11-13 PROVERBS 31:30 RUTH 1:16-17	JAMES 3:7-10
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SPRING 2022-2023 BIBLE DRILL REPORT

ASSOCIATION REPORT

Covid-19 had a huge negative impact on our nation and in some areas, it continues to this day. Bible Drill, in our association has nearly been wiped out. We have only had one church to stay committed to this program and I continue to be thankful to Ridgeview Baptist church, to their leaders, and to the parents who make certain their children prepare at home. Thank you.

Children's Drills (Grades 1-6)

Forerunners (Grades 1-3)

There were no children participating in the Forerunners class this year.

Children's Bible Drill (Grades 4-6)

The Children's Bible Drill program began in September 2022, as it had for many years; however, a world changing event spread across the globe in the form of a pandemic. Children's Bible Drill was just one small group whose routine dramatically changed within a few short months. As you look over the chart below, you will notice that we only had one church participate.

HVBA	TOTAL PARTICIPANTS IN CHURCH PROGRAMS	TOTAL CHILDREN IN CHURCH DRILLS	TOTAL CHILDREN IN ASSOCIATIONAL DRILLS	TOTAL CHILDREN IN STATE DRILL
2016/17	26	25	20	16
2017/18	19	18	16	14
2018/19	20	15	15	10
2019/20*	16	11	11	10
2020/21	8	6	6	6
2021/22	4	4	4	4
2022/23				

*Pandemic Year

John 3:16: For GOD so loved the world that HE gave His only begotten Son, that Whosoever believeth in HIM should not perish but have everlasting life.

John 3:16 speaks eternal life or death to all humanity. This twenty-five-word verse was one of the verses the children memorized in the Green Cycle. Pray for our churches, the parents, and the children that a gnawing spiritual hunger would grow in their hearts and that a renewed zeal for memorizing God's word would take

root in the hearts of parents. Pray that parents, pastors, and church leaders would prioritize hiding Gods Word in their hearts and pass the desire on to their children. Praise GOD from whom all blessings flow.

Teen Drills (Grades 7-12)

Youth Bible Drills (Grades 7-9)

There were no youth drillers participating this year.

Please pray this verse for the youth (grades 7-9) for the upcoming 2023-2024 year:

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN GODS PEOPLE PRAY?

2 Chronicles 7:14

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and heal their land.

High School Drills (Grades 10-12)

There were no high school drillers this year.

Please pray this verse for the high school (grades 10-12) for the upcoming 2020-2021 year:

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT HANDLING STRESS?

Philippians 4:6-7

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your Bible Drill representatives,
Mrs. Amanda Summey
Dr. Dinah DeFord

Disaster Relief/Baptist Builders Report

James Shackelford, Director



Thank you to the churches that have recently helped with donations that went to the purchase of new tires for the Disaster Relief van and to the maintenance of our trailer. This summer we distributed 24 pallets of food and other items from God's Warehouse to churches in the association. We also handed out two pallets of frozen meat and one pallet of Gatorade as well as 500 dozen eggs and half of a pallet of butter beans and 780 pounds of chicken meat. The value of all the food we have distributed this summer alone is over \$120,000.00. These pallets of supplies and food have been given to East Rogersville Baptist Church, Surgoinsville First Baptist Church, the YMCA in Rogersville, the Hawkins County School District for use in their after-school

program, Church Hill First Baptist Church, Cross Anchor Cowboy Church, the Food Pantry of Church Hill, and Of One Accord Ministries.



In addition to all of this we also removed trees from a home in Bulls Gap in July that was damaged after a windstorm. Throughout the year we have picked up in Hawkins County and delivered to God's Warehouse refrigerators, stoves, couches, chairs, tables, a hospital bed, and a wheelchair. Some of these items were shipped to West Tennessee to help after the flooding and storms there. Thank you again to all the churches for your support!

Hawkins County Jail Ministry Report

Associational Office

We believe that no life is beyond the reach of God's power, so we envision a future in which prisoners, ex-prisoners, and their families are redeemed, restored, and reconciled through the love and truth of Jesus Christ.

To that end, we seek to partner with and equip local trained volunteers to spread the Gospel and nurture disciples behind prison walls, so that men and women become new creations in Christ—not repeat offenders.

During this year, 393 men and 78 women attended Bible Study through the Jail Ministry. 12 men from 7 local churches were involved in leadership conducting two Bible studies a week on Tuesday and Thursday while 9 women representing 4 churches were involved in leading Bible study on two Tuesdays every month.

Through the generous donations of local churches both within and outside our association, we were able to purchase Bibles for the inmates throughout the year.

On Tuesday, August 22nd of this year, our association hosted a Jail Ministry Appreciation Dinner at East Rogersville Baptist Church for all of the Jail Ministry volunteers. After the meal, Garry Stuart of Church Hill First Baptist Church sang two songs. He was followed by Sheriff Ronnie Lawson, Lieutenant Butch Gallion, and our Associational Missionary Mark Roberts, who each shared words of appreciation for and encouragement to the volunteers.

May God continue to richly bless this ministry as lives are changed and also bless those who faithfully serve each week to push back spiritual darkness in Hawkins County.



HVBA Leadership Team Reports

Leadership Development Report

Nathan Lawson, Leadership Development Team Leader

It has often been said that “leaders are learners.” If we desire to lead our people toward a Christ-following life, living for Jesus and serving others in his name, then we must on occasion become learners ourselves. I’ve been encouraged by the number of pastors and leaders doing just that! In the last two years, we’ve had a great response to our annual tech summit. These leaders are “sharpening the saw” as they evaluate their current ministry needs and identify innovative methods to reach their community. At our social media seminar this year, we examined current and upcoming social media outlets and how we can redemptively use these outlets to create better engagement inside and outside of our church walls.

If you would like to discuss or consult about church leadership, small groups, technology, or administration, please contact me at nathan@ridgeviewbaptist.org.



Look for upcoming events aimed at equipping you to lead your respective ministries well!

Ministry Report

Dustin Jessee, Ministry Team Leader

After much prayer and planning, the HVBA was able to launch a free counseling ministry, New Day Counseling, in January 2023 to serve the churches within our association. This ministry is of no cost to anyone needing help/assistance, and we have been privileged to serve several individuals over the last 9 months. We currently have 3 counselors providing therapy and we continue to pray that God would raise up additional volunteers to help us meet the demand/need for services in our communities.

Another ministry we have been praying and planning about is an after-school program, Kingdom Kids, to serve the children in the Church Hill/Surgoinsville area at McPheeters Bend Elementary School. We were unable to find a program director for this year, but we are looking to launch that program in August 2024, and we’re excited about the possibility of reaching new children and families with the gospel as those plans come to fruition. Please help us pray about this opportunity and for those that will be volunteering and serving when we launch next fall.



Missions/Evangelism Report

Associational Office

On February 4th, 2023, an evangelism workshop, called Not Ashamed, was held at Rogersville First Baptist Church. The morning began with a light breakfast followed by two breakout sessions and then concluded with a panel discussion. Those in attendance were given five topics from which to choose for the two breakout sessions. The title of each topic was put in the form of a question and were as follows:



- With so many religions, why should I believe that Christianity alone is right?
Led by Dr. Trey Meek, pastor of Rogersville First Baptist Church
- Do I really need God in order to be a good person?
Led by Rev. Heath Smith, pastor of Alpha Baptist Church, Morristown
- If God is good, why have I suffered so much?
Led by Mr. Ryan Keeton, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board
- Why can't we just agree that love is love?
Led by Dr. Sam Greer, pastor of Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga
- How can I encourage my children to keep the faith in an unbelieving world?
Led by Mrs. Donna Blaydes, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Our Associational Missionary, Mark Roberts, then led a panel discussion with Dr. Greer, Mrs. Blaydes, and Mr. Keeton with pre-submitted questions pertaining to evangelism in 2023.

Also, our association went to Guatemala three times in 2023 in support of our partnership with Emmanuel Baptist Church in Escuintla. The first trip was in March (18th-25th). This mission team was composed of James Shackleford from Church Hill First Baptist Church, Ethan Roberts from Oak Grove Baptist Church, Steve Wade from Ridgeview Baptist Church, and Jeremiah Phillips from Ridgeview Baptist Church. This team remodeled the kitchen at the church to make it more efficient for ministry and made more than 20 evangelistic home visits.



The second mission trip was in June (10th-17th). This was a medical mission team composed of Pam Jones from Belmont Baptist Church, Brittany



McPherson from Emmanuel Baptist Church in Morristown, Carla Roberts from Church Hill First Baptist Church, Anna Haley from Oak Grove Baptist Church, Ashley Ward from Cross Anchor Cowboy Church, Haley Jones from Belmont Baptist Church, Ruth Moles from Sneedville First Baptist Church, and Ruth's sister Laura Betts from Vineyard Fellowship of Richmond Hill, Georgia. This team assisted in a two-day medical clinic, led evangelistic training, and made more than 20 evangelistic home visits.

The third mission trip was earlier this month in October (7th-14th). This mission team was composed of Ethan Roberts from Oak Grove Baptist Church and three members from Alpha Baptist Church in Morristown, Pastor Heath Smith, Tammy Taylor, and Josh Carter. This team led three Vacation Bible Schools with over 400 children in attendance and conducted more than 20 evangelistic home visits.

Below are the evangelism statistics for this past year among HVBA churches.

- Total Baptisms 2022-2023 = 264
- This is a reported **Increase** of 47 from 2021-2022.
- Total Other Additions 2022-2023 = 187
- This is a reported **Increase** of 45 from 2021-2022.
- Number of churches reporting no baptisms 2022-2023 = 14
- This is a reported **Decrease** of 5 from 2021-2022.
- Total Resident Membership of HVBA Churches 2022-2023 = 9093
- This is a reported **Increase** of 985 from 2021-2022.

Royal Ambassadors Report

Mr. David Cuthrell, HVBA Royal Ambassadors Leader

Royal Ambassadors is a Southern Baptist mission-focused organization for boys that began in 1908. Our Motto is "We are Ambassadors for Christ". First through third grade are known as **Lads**. Fourth through sixth grade are known as **Crusaders**. Seventh through twelfth grade are known as **Challengers**. We have two association-wide events during the church year.

This spring in Mount Carmel at Hope Campground we held our annual Holston Valley Grand Prix, a pinewood derby race with classes for first grade through adult, in which awards are given for first through fourth places. In September of this year, we held our Camporee, which consisted of fire craft, tent pitching, compass course, knot tying and air soft!



Our future for our Boys is changing and very challenging so for this year we are changing a few things up to meet our expectations as leaders! We are going to build solar race cars for our spring competition. We are also going to plan a demonstration day of competition for our crafts, so our kids have a chance to learn how to read compasses, tie knots, pitch tents, start fires, log saw. This will hopefully encourage other churches to participate. We need You! Our Future needs Boys who will make great leaders, whether in our Churches or in our Country.

VBS Report

Rev. Mitch Russell, HVBA VBS Director

On behalf of the Holston Valley Baptist Association VBS Team, we hope your VBS was a great success in 2023, and our Lord was honored and glorified through our HVBA churches ministering to their community! We also hope if you were able to attend our HVBA VBS Kickoff Conference maybe you were able to take something away to help with your VBS. Last year was a little different than the past, we had guest speakers for different key topics, hoping we could glean from these folks on these topics for our VBS week! We plan on having the same format for the upcoming HVBA VBS Conference in 2024. We enjoyed the fellowship and the time we had together with you. I would like to send a “Thank You” to Pastor Tecky Hicks and First Baptist Church Surgoinsville for allowing us to use their campus for our conference. Their Family Life Center worked great for the meal and Conference! FBC Surgoinsville Cooking Team, “Thank You”, you did a great job in preparing the food! “Thank You” Guest Speakers, Nathan Lawson, Jill Price, Kelly Snodgrass, and Candy Macon for your heart for ministry! You did a great job sharing your experience and wisdom on your topics! We praise our Lord and Savior for the opportunity to be able to gather with our associational churches!



To God be the Glory!
Thanks and God Bless!
Mitch Russell
FBC Church Hill

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR – RECEIPTS
OCTOBER 1, 2022– SEPTEMBER 30, 2023

Receipts: Church and Other Gifts to the Association

101 Balance on Hand 10-01-2022				52990.48
102 Receipts 10-01-22 to 09-30-23				186268.40
Bass Chapel	300.00	McPheeters Bend		2463.71
Beech Creek	280.00	Mooreburg		0.00
Belmont	600.00	Morrisetts Chapel		2500.00
Bentleys Chapel	270.00	Mount Pleasant		180.00
Bethel	0.00	New Hope		0.00
Big Creek	2400.00	New Life		1000.00
Burem	1150.02	North Fork		1158.15
Caney Creek	300.00	Oak Grove		19967.42
Cave Springs	0.00	Persia		600.00
Choptack	1811.00	Prices Grove		500.00
Christians Bend	1500.00	Ridgeview		8486.72
Church Hill FBC	24333.68	Rogersville FBC		9999.96
Cool Branch	420.00	Shady Grove		990.00
Cross Anchor Cowboy Church	0.00	Shepards Chapel		3575.00
Duck Creek	1200.00	Sneedville FBC		3651.29
East Rogersville	4411.02	Speedwell		600.00
Elm Springs	0.00	Surgoinsville FBC		5150.46
Fishers Creek	0.00	Tar Pine		0.00
Gills Chapel	10166.03	Tunnell Hill		3491.53
Henards Chapel	10052.79	Valley View		611.00
Hickory Cove	6972.78	War Creek (Eidson)		0.00
Howes Chapel	2000.00	War Creek (Sneedville)		0.00
Independence	0.00	West View		2047.20
Indian Ridge	2608.32	TBMB Supplement		9384.00
Keplar	0.00	Church Directed Gifts		22805.73
Kyles Ford	260.00	Other		12253.18
Lone Oak	360.00	TOTAL GIFTS 2022-23		186268.40
Looneys Chapel	727.41	TOTAL Receipts+Balance		239258.88
Lyons Park	330.00	DISBURSEMENTS 22-23		192042.79
McKinneys Chapel	2400.00	Total Bank Balance		47216.09

FINANCIAL REPORT FOR ASSOCIATIONAL YEAR - DISBURSEMENTS OCTOBER 1, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023				
200 Personnel				
201 Associational Missionary				
201a Salary/Insurance				44344.08
201b Annuity				4980.00
201c Housing				20000.04
201d Insurance (GuideStone)				855.00
201e Social Security				4253.28
202 Ministry Assistant				
202a Salary				23521.24
202f Withholding/Social Security (Employee Part)				3637.13
202g Social Security (HVBA Part)				2295.63
202h Annuity				2200.00
203 Director of HC Pregnancy HELP Center				
203a Salary				14726.37
203f Withholding/Social Security (Employee Part)				1244.76
203g Social Security (HVBA Part)				1244.76
204 Custodian				
204a Salary				1590.60
204f Withholding/Social Security (Employee Part)				156.63
204g Social Security (HVBA Part)				156.63
300 Evangelism-Missions-Leadership				
301 Men's Ministry				0.00
303 Evangelism/Discipleship/Revitalization				1690.60
304 Leadership Training				1686.96
306 Royal Ambassadors				1392.78
308a Sunday School				0.00
308b Vacation Bible School				716.76
309 Media Ministry				25.18
310 Women on Mission				0.00
312 Church Staff Support				1000.00
400 Support Ministry				
401 Christmas Gifts				1800.00
402 Convention-Conference Expense				0.00
403 Extra Office Help				0.00
404 Executive Committee				548.61
406 Office Supplies				3318.25
408 Postage				1590.95
409 REIMB Auto-Association Missionary				2283.94
411 REIMB Hospitality				389.62
412 REIMB Training-Ministry Assistant				894.63
413 Annual Meeting Expense				517.16
414 Ministry Outreach				389.90

500 Property				
501 Capital Improvements				0.00
502 Equipment Contracts (Office Equipment)				4709.24
503 Insurance (Fire, Liability, etc.)				6541.68
504 Maintenance (Building-Grounds)				4512.91
505 New Equipment-Software				446.54
506 Utilities				5360.46
600 Priority Missions				
603 Of One Accord Ministries				2100.00
604 HC Pregnancy HELP Center				600.00
605 Association Missions Trip Scholarships				1108.53
700 Miscellaneous				
701 Miscellaneous/Contingency				285.69
702 Church Directed Gifts				22926.25
GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT BEGINNING BALANCE 10-1-2022			52990.48	
GENERAL FUND TOTAL RECEIPTS 2022-2023			186268.40	
BALANCE PLUS RECEIPTS 2022-2023			239258.88	
GENERAL FUND DISBURSEMENTS 2022-2023			192042.79	
TOTAL BALANCE IN GENERAL FUND 10-1-2023			47216.09	
BANK BALANCE ALL ACCOUNTS OCTOBER 1, 2023				183951.03

800 DESIGNATED ACCOUNTS REPORT				
OCTOBER 1, 2022 – SEPTEMBER 30, 2023				
	Balance 10/1/22	Received 2022-2023	Disbursed 2022-2023	Balance 10/1/23
802 HVBA Directories	1750.68	710.00	532.72	1927.96
804 On Mission Celebration	5068.64	0.00	0.00	5068.64
806 Mission Trip	0.00	25940.97	21836.96	4104.01
810 WOM Projects	7525.36	0.00	1500.00	6025.36
811 RA Projects	0.00	1279.00	1279.00	0.00
814 Disaster Relief	11165.29	4142.08	7441.61	7865.76
815 Jail Ministry	1349.99	500.00	1641.86	208.13
817 Block Party Trailer	7674.67	2450.00	2187.22	7937.45
818 HC Pregnancy HELP Center	94745.81	21878.51	14864.50	101759.82
819 Seminary Extension	33.50	596.98	630.01	0.47
820 Counseling Ministry	2500.00	0.00	1232.15	1267.85
821 Office Fixtures	0.00	5000.00	4430.51	569.49
General Fund Summary:				
General Account Balance	47216.09			
Total 800 Designated Accounts	136734.94			
Total General and Designated Accounts	183951.03			
Savings Account	7850.85	48.06	0.00	7898.91
Investment Certificates	15068.06	172.69	0.00	15240.75

Total Reserve Funds	22918.91	220.75	0.00	23139.66
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HVBA 2024 Proposed Ministry Action Budget			
	2023	2024	Increase/Decrease
Budget-Items Names and Numbers			
200 PERSONNEL			
201 Associational Missionary			
201a Salary	44659.00	47024.00	2365.00
201b Annuity	5460.00	7560.00	2100.00
201c Housing	20000.00	20000.00	0.00
201d Life Insurance	702.00	702.00	0.00
201e Social Security (HVBA Part)	4295.00	4295.00	0.00
202 Ministry Assistant			
202a Salary	23600.00	24712.00	1112.00
202b Withholding/SS (Employee Part)	3705.00	3780.00	75.00
202c Social Security (HVBA Part)	2275.00	2410.00	135.00
202d Annuity	2400.00	3000.00	600.00
203 Director of HC Pregnancy Center			
203a Salary	14900.00	15795.00	895.00
203b Withholding/SS (Employee Part)	1235.00	1310.00	75.00
203 c Social Security (HVBA Part)	1235.00	1310.00	75.00
204 Custodian			
204a Salary	3295.00	0.00	-3295.00
204b Withholding/SS (Employee Part)	274.00	0.00	-274.00
204c Social Security (HVBA Part)	274.00	0.00	-274.00
TOTAL-PERSONNEL	128309.00	131898.00	+3589.00
300 EVANGELISM-MISSIONS LEADERSHIP			
301 Men's Ministry	500.00	500.00	0.00
303 Evangelism/Discipleship/Revitalization	2200.00	2200.00	0.00
304 Leadership Training	2000.00	2000.00	0.00
306 Royal Ambassador	2000.00	1500.00	-500.00
308a Sunday School	500.00	500.00	0.00
308b Vacation Bible School	1500.00	1500.00	0.00
309 Media Ministry	300.00	300.00	0.00
311 Women on Mission Projects	500.00	500.00	0.00
312 Church Staff Support	1000.00	1000.00	0.00
TOTAL-Evangelism-Missions-Leadership	10500.00	10000.00	-500.00
400 SUPPORT			
401 Christmas Gifts	2100.00	2100.00	0.00
402 Convention-Conf-Mission Trip	2200.00	3000.00	+800.00

404 Executive Committee	1200.00	1200.00	0.00
406 Office Supplies	3300.00	3800.00	+500.00
408 Postage	2300.00	2300.00	0.00
409 REIMB Auto-Assoc Missionary	2500.00	2500.00	0.00
411 REIMB Hospitality	600.00	600.00	0.00
412 REIMB Training-Ministry Assist	1500.00	2000.00	+500.00
413 Annual Meeting Expense	1000.00	1000.00	0.00
414 Ministry Outreach	1000.00	1000.00	0.00
TOTAL - Support	17700.00	19500.00	+1800.00
500 PROPERTY			
501 Capital Improvements	1000.00	5000.00	+4000.00
502 Equipment Contracts (Office Equipment)	10000.00	6000.00	-4000.00
503 Insurance (Fire, Liability, Etc.)	6500.00	7000.00	+500.00
504 Maintenance (Build-Grounds)	3150.00	6500.00	+3350.00
505 New Equipment-Software	1000.00	1000.00	0.00
506 Utilities	6000.00	6500.00	+500.00
TOTAL - Property	27650.00	32000.00	+4350.00
600 PRIORITY MISSIONS			
603 Of One Accord Ministries	2100.00	2100.00	0.00
604 HC Pregnancy HELP Center	600.00	600.00	0.00
605 Assoc Mission Trip Scholarships	1000.00	1000.00	0.00
TOTAL - Priority Missions	3700.00	3700.00	0.00
700 MISCELLANEOUS			
701 Miscellaneous/Contingency	300.00	300.00	0.00
702 Church Directed Gifts	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL - Miscellaneous	300.00	300.00	0.00
BUDGET TOTAL	188159.00	197398.00	+9239.00
Needed Monthly to Meet Total Budget	15679.92	16449.83	+769.91

Leadership Team Report

The Leadership Team of the Holston Valley Baptist Association recommends to the 2023 Annual Meeting that the **2025 Annual Meeting** be held on **Monday, October 20, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.** with **Oak Grove Baptist Church in Mt. Carmel** to host. The **2024 Annual Meeting** was previously voted on at the 2022 Annual Meeting to be held on **Monday, October 21, 2024, at 4:30 p.m.** with **East Rogersville Baptist Church in Rogersville** to host.

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee of the Holston Valley Baptist Association recommends the following persons for Leadership Positions in the Association for the period of October 2023 – September 2024.

Associational Officers

Clerk-Treasurer
Clerk-Treasurer Assistant

Melinda Eidson (East Rogersville)
Melissa Carpenter (Rogersville First)

HVBA Committees

Committee Members serve a three-year term. Names are listed beside the year their term expires. Those that are being recommended for a new three-year term are in bold type.

Audit Committee

24 Emily Reese (Persia)
25 Duane Shoemaker (McPheeters Bend)
26 Derek Hickernell (Ridgeview)

Personnel Committee

24 Nedra Jackson (Church Hill First)
25 Shane Smith (Henards)
26 Ravan Krickbaum (Rogersville First)

Nominating Committee

24 Holly Jaynes (East Rogersville)
25 Bonnie Byington (Ridgeview)
26 David Parker (Church Hill First)

Finance Committee

24 Lynn Norris (Surgoinsville First)
25 Glenn Hutchens (Howes Chapel)
26 Angela McPheron (Oak Grove)

Trustees

24 Steve Wade (Cross Anchor Cowboy)
25 Phil Gardner (Tunnell Hill)
26 Blake Ramsey (Cool Branch)

Pregnancy Center Board

24 Donna Osborne (Choptack)
24 Kay Phillips (Gills Chapel)
24 Tia Trent (Burem)
25 Alison Osborne (Ridgeview)
25 Rocky Russell (Shepards Chapel)
26 Mitch Russell (Church Hill First)
26 Beth Rogers (Henards Chapel)

HVBA Teams**Associational Leadership Team (At-Large Members)**

Margie Grimes (Indian Ridge)

Barb Carmack (Howes Chapel)

Harold Stroud (Morrisetts)

Jerry Tate (Oak Grove)

Associate Moderator/Moderator Elect

Stevie Rogers (Henards Chapel)

Church Leadership Development Team Leader

Nathan Lawson (Ridgeview)

Ministry Team Leader

TBD

Missions/Evangelism Team Leader

TBD

Tennessee Baptist Mission Board Ministries

Baptist & Reflector

Lonnie Wilkey, Editor

Since 1835, the *Baptist and Reflector* has produced and shared articles and columns that impact Tennessee Baptist Convention churches.

The *B&R* is mailed to nearly homes, 26 weeks a year, reaching nearly 40,000 readers. For nearly 10 years in a row, the *B&R* staff has been recognized for excellence in journalism by the Baptist Communicators Association in its annual awards competition.

In addition, the *B&R* website has grown steadily since it was introduced in late 2015. Our number of page views grows steadily. We also send out a weekly newsletter highlighting not only the top stories in the print issue but other articles that are posted on the website but may not appear in the print issue.

The goal of the paper is to “tell the story of Tennessee Baptists” through news, feature stories and photographs. As in the past, the paper this year placed a major emphasis on what Tennessee Baptists are doing to reach the world for Christ by focusing on stories related to the Five Objectives, the strategic plan messengers to the Tennessee Baptist Convention adopted in 2014.

In addition, the *B&R* has helped inform Tennessee Baptists in 2022-23 about Blue Oval City, located in Haywood County, roughly 40 miles east of Memphis. Blue Oval City in Stanton will eventually become a massive Ford plant that covers approximately 4,100 acres.

Tennessee Baptists are being intentional and assertive about making an impact for Christ in Blue Oval City. Upcoming articles will continue to keep readers informed of the numerous opportunities that will be available in the months and years to come in West Tennessee.

The *Baptist and Reflector* continues to utilize social media tools such as Twitter and Facebook and other outlets to keep Tennessee Baptists aware of breaking news.

The staff monitors trends that could affect Tennessee Baptists and prints those stories to keep readers informed. We also have kept our readers informed of current events throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as well.

The paper continually seeks to enlist new subscribers. The Church Trial Plan is still available for churches that want to introduce the paper to its members. We need more churches willing to send the paper to their leadership such as deacons, Sunday School teachers, etc. We plan to reinstitute the “Friends of the *B&R*” program this year to help increase subscriptions. Information will be forthcoming in the coming months.

For more information about subscription plans, call the *Baptist & Reflector* office at 1-800-558-2090 or (615) 371-2003.

Carson-Newman University

Charles A. Fowler, President

From a dream, to development, to its August 1851 opening, Baptists of this state have been instrumental in the creation and maintenance of Carson-Newman. Your partnership and support enable us as Christian educators to help our students reach their full potential as educated citizens and worldwide servant-leaders.

We have had a blessed year at Mossy Creek. Highlights of this past year includes:

- The University entered its second year of a five-year strategic plan entitled “*Acorns to Oaks: Pursuing God’s Preferred Future*,” seeing the completion and opening of the Drama and Ted Russell Center, home to C-N’s health sciences as the plan’s first major project.
- As part of *Acorns to Oaks*, C-N also broke ground on its first student-residential complex in two decades. West Campus Commons is the largest construction project in C-N’s history and is slated to open in Fall 2024.
- University Board of Trustees approved a new Campus Master Plan that will guide decision-making over the next 20 years regarding construction, renovation and campus experience.
- A new partnership with Morgan County Correction Complex offers selected inmates the opportunity to pursue a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies with an emphasis in Ministry Studies. Dr. Phil Young is the new director of the program.
- As part of a new archeology minor, Carson-Newman University, in collaboration with the Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the American Veterans Archaeological Recovery, completed the initial groundbreaking excavation project at the ruins of Herod the Great's majestic desert fortress, Hyrcania.
- Fortune Media Group named C-N as having one of the nation’s best online nursing programs (No. 38 in the U.S.). U.S. News & World Report ranked both C-N’s nursing and education online programs No. 2 in Tennessee in their respective categories. The University was also named a College of Distinction and a Christian College of Distinction by the organization Colleges of Distinction.
- Partnering with NAMB’s GenSend program, C-N students took part in mission trips during the year to such locations as Denver, Los Angeles, New Orleans, Washington, D.C. and Barcelona, Spain.
- University students and staff teamed up with members of TrueLife Church of Jefferson City and Blue Springs Baptist of Rutledge for a mission trip to Honduras. The team of 14 visited schools, and homes, and met with and encouraged missionaries.
- Carson-Newman hosted the 2022 East Tennessee Evangelism Rally, featuring award-winning Christian music artists Nic Gonzales and Jaci Velasquez, as well as guest speaker Dr. Steve Gaines, senior pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church.
- In partnership with Manley Baptist Church, we were grateful that students and staff chose to express public professions of faith in Christ by being baptized in Mossy Creek on C-N’s campus during the fall. There were many other public professions of faith who chose to pursue baptism at their home churches instead of in Mossy Creek. We celebrate that life-changing impact of the Gospel that is transforming lives across our campus.
- Members of C-N campus community banded together for its annual Operation Inasmuch Day of Service. Teams took part in service projects throughout four East Tennessee counties.

- Younger Associates concluded an economic study indicating the Baptist institution produces an \$84 million annual impact on the local area economy.
- The University presented the annual Ken Sparks Award to pastor, missionary, evangelist and trainer for church planters, Dr. Wade Akins.

Highlights presented here are made possible because of the cooperation, support and generosity of Tennessee Baptists.

Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes

Mark Anderson, President-Treasurer

Our Baptist Village Humboldt ministry remains in the construction phase. We had high hopes of finishing the first phase that includes the first two duplex units by the spring of 2023. However, there have been various issues, mostly related to the availability of building supplies, that have caused some significant delays. So, we are a bit cautious about making predictions about when this ministry will be available. That said, we have a measured degree of confidence that these first two duplexes will be completed before the end of 2023. When the entire Baptist Village Humboldt project is completed, there will be 10 duplexes serving 20 financially needy retired pastors and missionaries.

The SOAR fund (Supplying Ongoing Aid to Residents) that was established through the Tennessee Baptist Foundation in 2019 has suffered significant losses, just as all investments everywhere over these past four years. Because of these investment losses and the rate of inflation over the past 2 years, we were forced to invade the SOAR fund in order to keep operating our group homes and to continue our development of Baptist Village Humboldt. Our financial losses, since the dissolution of our nursing home about 8 years ago, have placed us in a position of needing additional funding in the very near future. This circumstance has created the need for us to seek additional funding from the Cooperative Program. Your gifts to the Cooperative Program and to the Father's Day Offering will allow us to stop spending our quickly dwindling reserves and to continue providing a Christian home for the men and women in our six group homes.

Speaking of our Father's Day Offering, receipts are pretty much on target to come in at a rate consistent with previous years. Now more than ever, however, we are hopeful that we will far surpass previous years and even exceed our goal. Again, exceeding our FDO goal along with an increase in Cooperative Program funding will allow us to avoid using any further reserves.

We reported last year that after having to cancel Special Friends Camp for three years in a row (2020-2021-2022) due to our inability to find Counselors. The result of those cancellations is that TBAH has determined that we will not seek to have Special Friends Camp for the foreseeable future and possibly ever again.

Thank you, Tennessee Baptists, for your prayers and your financial support! Thank you for ***Showing What Love Is!***

Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, Inc.

Greg McCoy, President-Treasurer

Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes has been welcoming children in hard places with the love of Christ for 132 years! Because of the faithfulness of churches, businesses and individuals who have a heart for children and families who are struggling, we have been able to serve nearly 200 children and their families this year. Thank you for your prayers, for your service, and for sharing your financial resources with TBCH. Our ministry operates without the use of government funds. We have chosen to rely on God's provision through His people to supply the resources necessary to meet the needs of the children and families we serve.

In 2022-23 TBCH continues to forge ahead with our "Safe Environment Project." One of the core values that drives our ministry is that we will provide a safe environment for the children we serve. TBCH has made changes throughout the years to fulfill this core value and we are now faced with the need to make the change in our residential care program to individual bedrooms and baths for each resident. Because of what many of our children have experienced or been exposed to, this need becomes more apparent as each year passes.

TBCH is making sacrifices to bring this vision into reality. We are reducing the size of our campuses without reducing the number of children we serve. While liquidated property is helping us put our plans into action we are still in great need of your financial assistance. Thank you to those of you whose churches give faithfully to the Cooperative Program and who also make a direct gift to TBCH through the Mother's Day Offering or through your annual missions offerings. May your tribe increase!

I am asking the Lord for \$30 million to bring all three campuses up to date so that we will be set to care for children in a safe environment for the next 75 years! Did that sentence make you gasp?! Then follow it with this one: *"Ah Lord God! Behold, You have made the heavens and the earth by Your great power and by Your outstretched arm! Nothing is too difficult for You"* (Jeremiah 32:17). We sense strongly that this is the Lord's direction for us to take and we are trusting Him to make a way. If you have questions about the "Safe Environment Project" and how you can be a part of it, I would love to have a conversation with you!

Since 1891, thousands of children's lives have been changed through the ministry of TBCH. We invite you to rejoice with us over the 63 children who found safe homes on our three campuses this fiscal year, along with 133 in our foster homes across the state, 19 reunifications, 14 adoptions, and especially the seven who said YES to Christ. Great things happen as God's people pray, serve, and give!

Tennessee Baptist Foundation

C. William (Bill) Gruenewald, III President-Treasurer

Since 1938 the Tennessee Baptist Foundation has been of service to Tennessee Baptists and Kingdom causes around the world. The assets under management of the Foundation have grown from \$6,577 to \$171 million during that time. God continues to bless this ministry and we are pleased to make our report to the associations as to highlights for the fiscal year 2022-23 thus far. The Foundation is pleased to offer the following services to Tennessee Baptists:

- ◆ Presenting informational Faith-based estate planning seminars for churches
- ◆ Working with individuals, helping them develop distinctively Christian personal estate plans.

- ◆ Assisting individuals in their establishment of various Charitable Trusts
- ◆ Serving as Trustee of trusts and funds committed to its care.
- ◆ Providing investment services to Tennessee Baptist churches, associations, and institutions
- ◆ Helping churches establish Legacy Ministries
- ◆ Facilitating loans to Tennessee Baptist churches/associations
- ◆ Providing grants for qualifying new ministries and projects

Highlights of the Foundation's stewardship thus far for this fiscal year include:

- ✓ Funds under management: 1,136
- ✓ Assets under management: \$171,524,886 (as of June 30, 2023)
- ✓ New fund additions as of June 30, 2023: \$3,927,071 (23 new funds)
- ✓ Educational scholarships: 181 - totaling \$223,000 for 2023-2024 academic year. (Awarded over \$6.3 million in scholarships since 1987)
- ✓ Special Project Grants: As of June 30, 2023, we have distributed \$32,700 to assist 5 ministry projects.
- ✓ Cooperative Program: \$350,500 distributed as of June 30, 2023. Projected to give over \$500,000
- ✓ Baptist and charitable causes: \$2,120,530 distributed as of June 30, 2023. Projected to give over \$3 million.

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation continues its commitment to manage funds with integrity and help Tennessee Baptists leave legacies with a Kingdom focus.

Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union

Romona Hicks, President

Vickie Anderson, Executive Director-Treasurer

In Tennessee WMU encourages and equips churches and individuals to engage in missions learning and involvement that enables them to fulfill the Great Commission. This report shares information about some of the state events, ministries, and initiatives that have taken place.

In September 2022, WMU began a four-year Project HELP: Mental Health emphasis to raise awareness of this important issue and equip members to lead and champion mental health initiatives in the church and local communities.

Three high school students were chosen to serve on the 2022-23 Tennessee Youth Venture Team – Lydia Nakamine and Emma Henley from Red Bank Baptist in Chattanooga and Jacob Murray from Silver Springs Baptist in Mt. Juliet. The students participated in a team retreat and bi-monthly virtual meetings for discipleship, mentoring, and missional study.

Tennessee WMU produced the *SPORTS JAM* missions event kit for children in grades 1-6 with plans, ideas, tips, and instructions to help churches host a missions event for the children in their church or community.

The event kit included a Bible lesson, missions lesson highlighting IMB missionaries in Spain, and suggestions for crafts, games, and mission projects.

The 2022 Connection was held at FBC Sevierville on September 30 – October 2 and had 87 youth girls and leaders representing 11 churches in attendance. The event featured Bible study leader Amy-Jo Girardier, IMB missionary speaker Amy Jones from Germany, and local missionaries Jodie Lamon and Melanie Hart reaching internationals in Pigeon Forge and Gatlinburg.

RA Camp-o-Ree celebrated its 50th anniversary on October 14-16, 2022, at Linden Valley Baptist Conference Center with over 350 boys, leaders, and personnel in attendance. This missions camping event for boys in grades 1-12 is hosted by Mid-South Royal Ambassadors and Tennessee WMU.

The 2023 Missions Get-Together was held at Brentwood Baptist Church on March 16-18, with a total attendance of 644 people representing over 132 churches. The event featured Bible study leader Mary Wiley and national WMU executive director Sandy Wisdom-Martin. Participants brought over 77,000 items for Christian Job Corps sites in Tennessee through the event ministry project. \$18,814.79 was given through the event **missions offering benefiting** the We Must Have a Place/Linden Valley Village Project (90%) and the TN WMU Touch Tomorrow Today Endowment (10%),

The 2023 Tennessee WMU Annual Meeting occurred on March 17 during the Friday morning general session of Missions Get-Together. The meeting included highlights of the work of Tennessee WMU and the election of 2023-24 state officers and new Executive Board members.

- State Officers: President: Ramona Hicks, Recording Secretary: Linda Rader, Vice President, East: Sheila Hall, Vice President, Middle: Kim Griffin, Vice President, West: Sandy Loudon
- Executive Board members: Tracey Gholson, Becky Jackman, Jean Warren

Tennessee WMU awarded \$39,100 in scholarships to 42 students attending graduate school, seminary, and undergraduate schools in Tennessee during the 2023-24 school year. These scholarships are funded through endowments, invested funds, and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.

Christian Job Corps is a ministry of WMU that seeks to help men and women break the cycle of poverty through job and life skill classes, Bible study, and mentoring. There are currently 19 Tennessee CJC sites - 14 Christian Women's Job Corps and five Christian Men's Job Corps.

As Tennessee WMU celebrates our 135th birthday on October 19, 2023, we are excited about the possibilities and opportunities in the days and years ahead.

Southern Baptist Convention Ministries

International Mission Board 2023 Report

Dr. Paul Chitwood, President

Thank you, Southern Baptists, for your partnership in the gospel! For 177 years, Southern Baptist churches have obeyed the Great Commission by sending missionaries to share the gospel overseas through the International Mission Board. Your faithfulness and generosity bless the nations as you continue to send and support missionaries through IMB. Southern Baptists have never been without a witness among the nations, regardless of world wars, global pandemics, economic recessions, and depressions, nor any other circumstance. Your IMB missionaries have remained on the mission fields from global urban centers to the hardest to-reach corners of the world, and you have continued to support them with your prayers and your generous giving through the Cooperative Program and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®. Before I began serving with the IMB, I was a pastor for 18 years. Over those years, I had the privilege of serving four churches that, on average, gave 18% of their offering through the Cooperative Program — so I am especially grateful for the partnership of Southern Baptist local church leaders and members who understand and value our cooperative mission efforts. As 2022 draws to a close, Southern Baptists have more than 3,500 adults, along with their 2,850 children, who serve around the world. Those thousands are joined by tens of thousands more who have served with the IMB either in full-time service or on a short-term mission trip, and millions more who belong to a church that gives through the Cooperative Program or the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. This is the IMB. Revelation 20 provides a stark reminder of the importance of the IMB's work. Nowhere is the outcome of End Times events stated more poignantly nor definitively than in the chapter's final verse: And if anyone's name was not found written in the book of life, he was thrown into the lake of fire (Rev. 20:15). The world's greatest problem can be communicated in a single word: LOSTNESS. Every problem a person faces in life, except one, ends the moment you die. To be separated from God because of sin and to bear the wages/the consequences of sin, is not only physical and spiritual death, but eternal separation from God in hell. Lostness is not only an eternal problem, but also a universal problem. This is the reality for every human being: No matter who they are, where they have been or are going, who they know, what they do, whether they live in plenty or poverty, whether they enjoy peace or endure war, it is appointed that every person will die. And because all have sinned, all fall under God's judgment. The fact is, lostness is a greater problem in our day than ever before. IMB's research team has provided an annual update — based upon global population, the global death rate, and religious affiliation — to estimate the number of people who die daily apart from Christ. Today, that number is 157,690. More people will die lost today than on any day in human history. Thank God, there is a solution to this, the greatest of all problems. Jesus testifies in John 3 that whoever believes in the Son of Man may have eternal life. God's solution to the world's greatest problem, the problem of lostness, is the gospel — it is the true story of Jesus' death and resurrection and the good news that any who have faith in Jesus and what he did, who repent, and confess him as Lord, are saved from God's judgment. The local Southern Baptist church exists to glorify Christ by taking the gospel to the 7,000 people groups who remain unreached with this good news, and more than 3,000 yet to even be engaged with a gospel witness. Each Southern Baptist state convention exists because 157,690 people die lost every day. The IMB exists because Southern Baptists know the solution to the world's greatest problem, and we have determined together to go to the very ends of the earth and share that good news. "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" (Isaiah 52:7). Thank you for sending and supporting more than 3,500 missionaries to tell those who have never heard that if they will believe and

call on the name of the Lord, they will be saved. The world has a problem. We know the solution. Let's do all we can to ensure the world knows that solution by introducing the lost to Jesus.

North American Mission Board 2023 Report

Kevin Ezell, President

"It's all about the gospel." That is the most common phrase you will hear or see written at the North American Mission Board. Everything we do—evangelism, church planting, compassion ministry and chaplaincy—helps Southern Baptists take the gospel to North America. In this report, you will see many numbers and descriptions of accomplishments and challenges, but the most important thing to keep in mind is that through our missionaries and thousands of Southern Baptist churches, lives are being changed for Christ every single day. None of this is possible without the generosity and faithfulness Southern Baptists demonstrate through their giving. Nearly 3,000 (2,961) Southern Baptist missionaries depend on that giving for the funding and resourcing of their ministries throughout North America. In 2022, Southern Baptists gave an all-time record high of \$68.9 million to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, all of which funds missionaries and evangelistic resources on the field. This, combined with faithful giving through the Cooperative Program, allows NAMB to help Southern Baptists start new churches, meet needs and share Christ during times of crisis and provide evangelism resources churches are utilizing to help members be on mission with the gospel. Here are some highlights from what God is doing: Evangelism. Tim Dowdy became vice president of NAMB's Evangelism Group in 2022, and he has a great heart for doing whatever it takes to help churches lead people to the Lord. Our team engages with and trains thousands of churches each year. Our GenSend team shared the gospel with thousands of students and equipped pastors and other leaders through training events. We provide free evangelism kits and other resources churches can utilize. Refresh, our pastor wellness retreat, blessed more than 1,800 pastors and their wives in 2022. At a time when so many pastors are hurting and in need of encouragement, Refresh comes alongside to lift them up and help them discover a renewed sense of calling. Send Network. NAMB helps Southern Baptists plant churches everywhere for everyone in North America through Send Network. We celebrated 735 new churches started by Southern Baptists in 2021, the most recent year for which complete data is available. That's a jump of 147 over the previous year. In November, a record number of church planters—216—attended our Send Network Orientation. Send Network also gained a new leader—Vance Pitman—in 2022. Please pray for Vance in this role and pray that God would raise up more church planters—the biggest need in our effort to help Southern Baptists start evangelistic churches. Send Relief. Send Relief, our compassion ministry partnership with the International Mission Board, is seeing remarkable growth. While our largest responses in 2022 related to the refugee crisis in the Ukraine and Hurricane Ian in Florida, thousands more were served through this incredible ministry. We now have 20 Send Relief Ministry Centers in North America. These centers host hundreds of mission teams each year and serve as models for churches that want to start similar ministries in their own communities. Our newly opened ministry center in Puerto Rico can house more than 100 mission team volunteers. Through churches mobilizing and responding in 2022, there were 37,759 individuals engaged to serve 246,898 people across diverse communities in North America. Through Send Relief's Serve Tour alone, 9,592 volunteers served more than 34,000 people and engaged in 7,568 gospel conversations. The Serve Tour partners with churches, local associations, and state conventions to serve communities in need. Chaplaincy. NAMB endorses and trains chaplains on behalf of Southern Baptists. Currently there are 3,350 NAMB-endorsed chaplains. In 2022, several Southern Baptist chaplains deployed through the United States Military, ministering to troops deployed throughout Europe in response to Russia's invasion of

Ukraine. Others served in disaster relief and other settings. As you read about these and many other exciting highlights, remember that NAMB is here to serve. Pastors are our number one customer. We are grateful for everything pastors do and we want to do everything we can to equip and resource them for the mission. At NAMB, it really is all about the Gospel, and we are all about doing whatever it takes to help your church fulfill its Great Commission goals. Thank you again for how you support our more than 6,300 missionaries and chaplains. And thank you for your partnership in the Gospel.

Of One Accord Ministries Report for 2023

Sheldon Livesay, Director

Of One Accord offers to send a representative to your church to speak to a Sunday School group, ladies, or men's group, or do the worship service hour. Whether you prefer someone do to an overview of the entire ministry or you would like a program director to focus on one program like home repairs, the senior nutrition program, the summer youth feeding program, or medical clinic, we are happy to come and show what is being done through your support.

Whether you volunteer, bring cans of food or other items to your church for us, donate financially or support us with your ongoing prayers, you are a part of a ministry bringing physical and spiritual help to those in need in our community.

Greatest Needs

Our biggest needs as of this report is for (1) prayer, (2) volunteers, and (3) for a director for Christmas for the Children (see CFTC report below and call Sheldon, 923-0864) and to help enlarge the Church Hill Medical Mission's space (See Church Hill Medical Mission below, and call Kathy Christian, 423-256-2408)

Looking Back

As we look back to a humble beginning in the bedroom of a local home in 1988, we celebrate 35 years of serving our 2 counties and nearly that long partnering with HVBA. As Jack Randles and Steve Holt came on the board in the early 90's, the ministry became part of the HVBA outreach effort. It is one of the Tennessee (TBC) Compassion Ministries and was an ARM (NAMB) ministry until 2018 when ARM dissolved and OOA has been absorbed into the North Carolina "Coalfields" ministry.

Total Program Results

We are humbled for another year to report what God has done through church volunteers to reach out into the community around us. As you can see from the following report, your members that volunteered gave a total of 51,972 volunteer hours to serve 103,998 people with goods and services valued at \$5,277,879.

Volunteers Needed

Like many of our churches and other ministries, COVID took away many volunteers that have not returned but who are essential in insuring OOA continues delivering services uninterrupted. We offer a plea for Circles and Sunday School classes to set aside a few hours a week or month to help in the thrift stores or one of the other programs.

Salvations-Most Important Focus

People are regularly coming to know Christ as volunteers are always conscious to place a strong emphasis on the spiritual component of what we do. 108 people came to Christ through Of One Accord programs in 2022 not counting the East Tennessee Crusade which saw another 380 people come to Christ nor our overseas efforts. Not counting the Crusade, 3,122 have come to Christ in Hawkins and Hancock Counties since 1988

Food Programs – 2022 Report

34,396 people were served nearly 58 tractor trailer loads of food in 2022. Part of this comes through onsite food pantries as well as mass distributions. Another 6,655 hot meals were prepared and delivered or fed on-site to hungry or homeless individuals. Additionally, 5,907 people were served through Thanksgiving and Christmas food box distributions. The Lunchbox meals to previous neighborhoods dropped from 12,000 to 2,408 due to Summer School which caused us to pause the program in 2023 until the 3 yr summer school program had finished.

Vets Food Distribution – Report

A new program started in 2022 through a partnership with Second Harvest to provide a 3rd Tuesday (1pm) food distribution to people who served in the military. Just bring a DD-214 Card to sign up and participate. This distribution is to say to our veterans a “resounding – THANK YOU for you SERVICE”!!! This takes place at the Shepherd’s Center in Rogersville.

Christmas For the Children - Report

As I write this, we are close to the Christmas season, in need of a director. After 10 years, Jennifer and her husband built a home in a remote area of Hancock County, and he feels it would be dangerous to drive it every night during December’s parties. Contact me (Sheldon Livesay) if you might be interested in this annual effort to serve low-income children in our county. (423-923-0864). In 2022, through some 36 separate parties, 1,358 children were served with a toy or gift item and clothing valued at \$100 and a full to the brim backpack from Georgia Baptist valued at \$100. 2,363 additional family members are served with meals and gift items distributed at the parties. We want to extend our greatest thanks as most of the local parties and all the 10 mission teams that came to help with parties were our Baptist Churches.

Church Hill Medical Mission – Report

The Church Hill Medical Mission has continued to thrive through COVID. OOA offers their deepest condolences to Roger Winegar, a long-time spiritual counselor at the clinic, during the loss of his wife Judy. 7,676 people were served through appointments and prescriptions and specialty services. The diabetes clinic is open Mon-Wed and Tuesday nights are nights when doctors volunteer to provide medical services.

The CHMM is expanding in the Church Hill Shopping Center. Local Churches might like to partner in the effort to expand by making specified donations or offering to help build a room.

Mission Teams – Report

12 Mission teams came in 2022 after 2 years of COVID scares to work on 16 homes and to provide VBS and other services. Another 10 churches came to help wrap gifts and participate in Christmas programs which are listed under CFTC above. 2,395 people were served through another 4 teams who came to Hancock County

to distribute clothing, household items, furniture, toys, bicycles, and food boxes. Then dental and vision providers served 996 people with dental services or eyeglasses. OOA tries to be a good host for teams, offering them a good experience and an opportunity to return to serve again. Some teams have returned every year for over 20 years now. There are opportunities for churches to partner with teams to help in home repairs, partnering for extra volunteers during your VBS, and to offer support while they are here.

Heaven's Bell Diaper Pantry - Report

Who would have thought of a Diaper Pantry taking a full storefront in a shopping center? But Heaven's Bell does and served 2,976 children last year with diapers.

Sneedville's Of One Accord Ministry- Report

Sneedville's Center which serves all of Hancock, (Tennessee's lowest income county) provides daily food distribution and multiple events and distributions. These include Spring and Fall Clothing distributions, Spring-fest (an event for youth), an annual youth crusade lasting 3 days, Thanksgiving Distributions of food, Christmas parties to provide for children and this year a RAM dental and eye clinic.

The Mission

The Mission, also in Sneedville began as a drug recovery center, but has grown to have a "pregnancy support center", do mentoring and life skills training in the jails. The Mission served 8,051 people in 2022 and in July of 2023, The Mission received its own 501 (c)3 status.

Thrift Stores:

Of One Accord operates 3 thrift stores, 2 in Rogersville and 1 in Sneedville. The stores are not intended to be a part of the mission, yet they did provide free or reduced-priced merchandise, clothes, diapers, furniture, and other items to 11,708 people encounters. Separately, 1,072 winter coats were distributed without charge. The store's primary job is to provide overhead for the buildings which includes salaries, utilities, insurance, maintenance, trucks, gas, and accounting charges. Every volunteer hour in our stores provides a big part of helping the ministry expand total efforts by paying the overhead listed above.

Closing

How can we say Thank You for your support- This is your report, accomplished by your members. We don't ever want to take you for granted or the partnerships and support that have been established over the years with Of One Accord Ministry. God bless Brother Mark Roberts and all of you.

Submitted by Sheldon Livesay- 921-8044

Holston Valley Baptist Association

Deceased Members 2022-2023

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of the saints."

Psalm 15:16

Bentleys Chapel – Mrs. Eliza Johnson

Bethel – Ruby Turner, Otis Watson, Wilma Woods

Big Creek – Mr. Barry East, Mr. Ronald Dana Mackie

Cave Springs – Rev. Fred White (Ordained Minister)

Choptack – Mrs. Tootsie Bates, Mrs. Cleo Dixon, Mrs. Wanda Gulley

Christians Bend – Evelyn Christian, Frank Reeves, Kathy Vaughn

Church Hill FBC – Mrs. Geraldine Crawford, Mr. Joe Eaton, Mrs. Anna Ruth Francisco, Mr. Henry "Hank" Ireson, Mrs. Bunny Johnson, Mr. Esmond Jones, Mr. Edgor W. Lane, Mr. Gary Maness, Mr. Jerry Peters (Deacon), Mrs. June Roller, Mrs. Lorene Sizemore, Mrs. Faye Stacey, Mrs. Cora Trent

Duck Creek – Mrs. Ruby Greene, Mrs. Lillian Smith, Mrs. Janelle Trent, Mr. Jack Wilder (Charter Member), Mr. John Williams

East Rogersville – Mr. Larry Anderson, Miss Rhonda Anderson, Ms. Rosalene Everhart, Mrs. Florence Giles, Mr. Albert Jim Hall, Mr. Orville Manis, Mr. Jerry Price, Mrs. Patsy Royston, Mr. Jerry Sexton, Mr. David Sheetz, Mr. James Edward Sullivan, Mrs. Phyllis Turner, Mr. Homer Wallace, Mrs. Beatrice Winstead

Gills Chapel – Mr. Jessie Bean, Ms. Peggy Turner Coody

Henards Chapel – Mrs. Cynthia "Annette" Perry Bible, Ms. Leslie Price Bruner, Mr. William Randol Burton (Deacon), Mrs. Geneva M. Crownover, Ms. Jane Kirkpatrick Hickman, Mr. Riley J. Hicks, Mr. William Andrew "Andy" Lawson, Ms. Pearl Secord

Hickory Cove – Mr. Steve Chappell, Mr. Bill Clevinger, Mrs. Eula Heaton

Howes Chapel – Mr. Earl Mullins

Indian Ridge – Mrs. Janet Christian

Lone Oak – Mrs. Ruth Cradic

McKinneys Chapel – Mr. Jason Christian, Mrs. Nina Robinson

McPheeters Bend – Mr. John Hill

Mooreburg – Joann Martin

Morrisetts Chapel – Mr. Jim Lee, Mrs. Hazel Watts

Mount Pleasant – Lois France, Mary Francisco, Nellie Hagood, Doug Larkin

New Hope – Mr. Larry Caldwell

New Life – Carl Jones

North Fork – Ms. Monica Byington, Mr. Randy Mullins

Oak Grove – Mr. Clyde Brummitt, Ms. Lorraine Chastain, Mr. Norman Hawkins, Ms. Betty Jo Martin, Mr. Ben Moore, Mrs. Betty Parker, Mr. Bill Philyaw, Ms. Tempie Smith, Mrs. Frances Whitmore

Persia – Mr. Phillip Bates (Deacon), Mr. Billy Brandon, Mrs. Pauline Cinnamon, Mrs. Selma Long, Mrs. Bertha “Kitty” Shugars

Ridgeview – Mrs. Linda Chinery, Mr. Lawrence Flanary, Mrs. Rose Eaton Flanary, Mrs. Sue Gladson, Mrs. Frances Hodges, Mrs. Debra Lyons, Mrs. Audrey Jackie Smith, Mr. David White (Deacon)

Rogersville FBC – Tom Bailey, Jewell Barker, Jimmy Biggs, Louise Freeman, Carolyn Gibbons, Linda Hagood, Bill Henderson, Martha Kite, Kenneth Miller, Wanda Vaughn, Gerald Winstead

Shady Grove – Hobert Ferrell, Bill Hughes, Phyllis Williams

Sneedville First – Mr. Carlin Greene (Deacon), Mr. Rick Greene, Mrs. Joyce Zackary Loebner, Rev. Richard McKinney

Speedwell – Betty Breeden (Clerk)

Surgoinsville FBC – Sandy Bell, Linda Hamblen, Linda Hicks, Don Thurman

Tunnell Hill – Mr. John Duck, Mrs. Angie Luster, Mr. Chris Overbay, Mr. William Sheets, Mrs. Edna Sizemore, Mrs. Scottie Slater

West View – Mr. Sonny Fletcher, Ms. Naomi Hart, Mr. J.E. Howe, Mrs. Ruby Jeter, Mr. Gary Lawson Sr., Ms. Tonya Parsons

Holston Valley Baptist Association Membership 2022-2023

Church	Total Member	Resident Members	Other Additions	Primary Worship	Baptisms	SS Enroll	SS Average	VBS Enroll	DT Enroll	Music Ministry Enroll	Total WMU Enroll	Total Men's Ministry
Belmont	204	135	0	62	5	34	23	38	46	11	0	0
Bentley's Chapel	120		4		20							
Bethel	238	238		85	3	53	53	125		33	8	30
Big Creek	204	184	8	53	1	28	28	65	19	17	0	0
Burem	395	395	11	135	26	100	100	238		70	36	35
Caney Creek	135	45	0	20	0	19	10	35	0	10	10	0
Cave Springs	137	115	4	69	5	109	55	154	0	49	0	0
Choptack	236		1	68	10	129	26	119			22	
Christians Bend	86	86		14		14	14			14		
Church Hill First	1,367	1,229	16	358	31	239	228	237	346	129	109	241
Cool Branch				50			40	88				
Cross Anchor Cowboy	30	20		16	0		0	0	0	0		0
Duck Creek	750	350		350	5	173	200	150				
East Rogersville	594	425	14	220	12	309	146	246	30	78		30
Elm Springs	350		6	50	2		40			5		
Fishers Creek	28			15	0	15	10	0				
Gills Chapel	142	133	0	53	3	81	15	86	41	21	37	0
Henard's Chapel	647	200	5	120	10	75	57	112	38	38	51	8
Hickory Cove	293	211		60	2	45	45	83	30	20		
Howes Chapel	254	237		54	1	36	35	54	14	12	1	
Independence	20	15	0	12	0		0	0				2
Indian Ridge	91	60	2	30	0	21	16	47	0	12	0	0
Keplar	141	30	0	15	4	12	12	0				
Kyles Ford	205	186	4	47	9	36	36	65		22		
Lone Oak	86	47	1	19				0				
Looneys Chapel	46			20	1	20		0		0	4	

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Lyons Park	70	15		15	0		0	0	0	4		0
McKinney's Chapel	172	100	7	50	4	54	48	103	0	0	15	0
McPheeters Bend	134	130	6	72	0	56	38	75	29	4	49	12
Mooresburg	89	67	3	32	4	49	24	59	21			
Morrisetts Chapel	138	90	4	36	1	64	36	33		32	5	
Mount Pleasant	100	65		55	0	60	45	65				
New Hope	104	104	5	55	7	55	55	82		19		
New Life	176	176										
North Fork	186	164		42	6	35	22	47				
Oak Grove	962	860	13	278	6	344	178	185	87	97	115	17
Persia	761	338	7	165	13	149	94	209		49	101	20
Prices Grove	141	111		28	8	39						
Ridgeview	862	851	19	345	29	383	192	294	126	47	118	20
Rogersville First	1,043	574	13	200	4	197	97	100		48	25	20
Shady Grove	275	176	8	100	5	52	50	71		3	10	6
Shepard's Chapel	288	159	7	128	6	99	75	189	52	70	59	28
Sneedville First	205	195	7	90	5			208				
Speedwell				45	3		35	50				
Surgoinsville First	379	271	5	50	3	72	50	87	0	15	92	
Tar Pine Valley	104	39	0	35	0	35	35	35	0	0	0	0
Tunnell Hill	278	250	1	40	0	45	30				10	
Valley View	30	17		25	5							
War Creek (Eidson)	16			20	2		0	0		1		
War Creek (Sneedville)	128		6	35	1		30	0	12	2		
West View	382				2						6	
	13,822	9,093	187	3,936	264	3,336	2,323	3,834	891	932	883	469

Holston Valley Baptist Association Financial Summary 2022-2023

Church	Total Receipts	Undesignated Gifts	Designated Gifts	Other Gifts	Cooperative Program	Association Gifts	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Golden Offering	Total Mission Gifts	Other GC Gifts
Belmont	68,332	67,169	1,163	0	600	600	500	663	0	7,763	0
Bentley's Chapel	24,809	23,280	1,529			360	431	336		1,529	
Bethel	138,978	100,230	7,600	31,148	0	506				8,106	
Big Creek	87,032	79,576	7,450	6	4,775	2,400	973	1,259	234	15,335	0
Burem	110,034				7,733	2,365	504	433		24,962	
Caney Creek	24,465	22,965	1,500	0	1,200	300	0	0	0	3,750	0
Cave Springs	41,818	23,338	18,433	47	1,716					2,407	
Choptack	66,900	57,987	8,913		3,585	1,841	1,380	1,446	975	12,112	
Christians Bend	14,632	14,632				1,500				1,500	
Church Hill First	951,506	838,876	109,915	2,715	25,445	24,582	6,555	26,344	5,700	193,253	1,345
Cool Branch											
Cross Anchor Cowboy	3,741	3,741						200		200	
Duck Creek											
East Rogersville	454,077	440,134	13,943	0	6,767	4,108	3,865	11,296	1,855	37,505	6,026
Elm Springs											
Fishers Creek											
Gills Chapel	105,398	92,364	13,034	0	3,389	10,165	5,191	3,500	0	28,188	0
Henard's Chapel	235,893	209,100	26,441	352	30,240	10,080	1,952	2,242	1,923	50,045	3,608
Hickory Cove	140,643	139,456	928	260	20,918	6,973	1,000	1,000	1,000	35,520	0
Howes Chapel	77,078	74,364	2,714		1,500	2,000	596	615	470	9,520	
Independence										0	
Indian Ridge	48,909	42,871	6,038	0	2,523	2,523	585	2,500	0	12,113	2,175
Keplar	6,766	6,766									
Kyles Ford	31,387	31,387			360					1,560	
Lone Oak	10,805	10,800	0	5	600	360				1,560	
Looneys Chapel	28,502	26,423	2,079		1,455	707	228	202		4,515	1,200

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Lyons Park	7,200					360				360	
McKinney's Chapel	47,278	37,835	7,161	2,282	420	2,400	620	360	0	4,405	0
McPheeters Bend	137,914	119,573	18,341	0	11,121	2,464	765	6,143	382	21,257	
Mooresburg	18,499	18,499									
Morrisetts Chapel	114,687	68,503	46,127	57	12,156	2,500	1,550	2,250	1,405	39,129	800
Mount Pleasant	36,809	36,809				200				7,400	
New Hope	36,834	21,569	15,265		453		1,013		1,053	2,519	
New Life	83,515										
North Fork	48,420	48,420			2,316	1,158		150		6,426	
Oak Grove	750,454	644,360	102,109	3,985	64,558	20,267	15,179	22,039	10,119	147,896	1,284
Persia	652,228	273,504	378,724		13,622	600	4,145	3,375	2,371	68,694	
Prices Grove	27,000	27,000				500				1,000	
Ridgeview	574,277	521,757	44,540	7,980	19,633	8,487	4,243	4,243	4,243	46,733	0
Rogersville First	644,589	562,656	81,543	390	38,083	10,010	4,745	11,200	1,585	75,309	
Shady Grove	51,573					1,300	250	1,000	250	4,080	
Shepard's Chapel	151,747	111,022	40,714	11	2,393	3,300	3,104	4,241	2,126	22,504	0
Sneedville First											
Speedwell										2,900	
Surgoinsville First	156,440	128,763	22,877	4,800	7,826	5,748	1,600	1,120	650	27,120	840
Tar Pine Valley	7,632	7,632			0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Tunnell Hill	53,521	42,574	10,947		4,880	3,808	500	500	75	13,006	
Valley View	20,158					611	1,269	1,291		8,475	1,383
War Creek (Eidson)	1,500										
War Creek (Sneedville)										2,400	
West View											
	6,293,979	4,975,934	990,028	54,037	290,267	135,083	62,743	109,948	36,416	953,056	18,661

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JANUARY

2	HVBA OFFICE OPENS
7-14	JANUARY BIBLE STUDY WEEK
15	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR DAY - HVBA OFFICE CLOSED
16	HVBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM WEST VIEW BAPTIST CHURCH (ROGERSVILLE)
21	SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY/HAWKINS COUNTY PREGNANCY CENTER BABY BOTTLE DRIVE BEGINS
22	HVBA TECH SUMMIT 6:30 PM RIDGEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH (CHURCH HILL)

FEBRUARY

4	GEORGE LIELE CHURCH PLANTING, EVANGELISM, AND MISSIONS SUNDAY
18	FOCUS ON WMU SUNDAY
19	PRESIDENTS DAY - HVBA OFFICE CLOSED
25	RACIAL RECONCILIATION SUNDAY

MARCH

3-10	WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS AND ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING
9	SHINE: AN EVENT FOR PASTORS AND CHURCH STAFF WIVES RIDGEVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH (CHURCH HILL)
12	HVBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM LOONEYS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH (SURGOINSVILLE)
17	CHURCH PLANTING EMPHASIS DAY
24	PERSONAL EVANGELISM COMMITMENT DAY
29	GOOD FRIDAY - HVBA OFFICE CLOSED
31	EASTER

APRIL

6	HVBA VBS FOR THE NEXT GENERATION 9:00 AM SURGOINSVILLE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (SURGOINSVILLE)
7	BAPTISM SUNDAY
11-13	TBMB MISSIONS GET TOGETHER (BRENTWOOD, TN)

MAY

2	NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
5	SBC SEMINARY SUNDAY
14	HVBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH (ROGERSVILLE)
19	CHILDREN'S MINISTRY SUNDAY AND NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER FOR VBS
27	MEMORIAL DAY - HVBA OFFICE CLOSED

JUNE

2	DISASTER RELIEF SUNDAY
11-12	SBC ANNUAL MEETING (INDIANAPOLIS, IN)
19	JUNETEENTH - HVBA OFFICE CLOSED
23	MISSION DIGNITY SUNDAY

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JULY

- 4 INDEPENDENCE DAY - HVBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 7 RELIGIOUS LIBERTY SUNDAY

AUGUST

- 4 SEND RELIEF SUNDAY
- 11 SBC SERVE SUNDAY
- 25 GLOBAL HUNGER SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER

- 2 LABOR DAY - HVBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 5 ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILES DUE
- 10 HVBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM BENTLEYS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH (MOORESBURG)
- 21 CHILDREN'S MISSIONS DAY
- 29 CARING WELL SUNDAY


OCTOBER

- 6 COOPERATIVE PROGRAM SUNDAY
- 14 COLUMBUS DAY - HVBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 20 DAY OF PRAYER FOR ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONS
- 21 HVBA ANNUAL MEETING 4:30 PM EAST ROGERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH (ROGERSVILLE)
- 27 STUDENT BAPTISM SUNDAY

NOVEMBER

- 3 DAY OF PRAYER FOR PERSECUTED CHURCH
- 10 ORPHANS AND WIDOWS SUNDAY
- 11 VETERANS DAY - HVBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 11-13 TENNESSEE BAPTIST MISSION BOARD SUMMIT (MURFREESBORO, TN)
- 27-29 THANKSGIVING - HVBA OFFICE CLOSED

DECEMBER

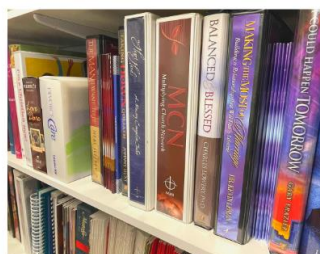
- 1-8 WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS AND LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING
 - 3 HVBA EXECUTIVE BOARD CHRISTMAS BANQUET 6:30 PM OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH (MT. CARMEL)
 - 24-31 CHRISTMAS - HVBA OFFICE CLOSED
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Available Resources

Listed below are resources that are available to churches in the Holston Valley Baptist Association. To rent or borrow any of the items please contact our office at 423-272-7318 or at hvbaoffice@gmail.com.

- **Block Party Trailer** - Complete with all of the supplies (except ice) to make snow cones, popcorn, and cotton candy, a large inflatable with a generator and power cords, 4 pop up tents, 6 tables, 2 drink coolers, and several yard games. Cost \$175.00 per day.
- **Bible Studies** - Large selection of ladies' and men's studies, trainings for deacons, marriage and divorce care studies. Cost Free.
- **Tabernacle** - Complete set of tabernacle furnishings and signs to explain each piece. Cost Free.





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OCTOBER 2023
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