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# Holston Valley Baptist Association

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## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL TRAINING

The HVBA VBS Associational team has been hard at work. Due to concerns over hosting an in-person VBS training this year, they have decided to do a digital training. With 11 different members of the team every area of VBS is being covered. You can check out the list of areas covered and the teachers in the chart below. Each member has filmed a video segment which will all be compiled on a USB drive to be sent to all VBS directors in the association. The videos will also be posted on the HVBA Facebook page and website ([hvbaptist.org](http://hvbaptist.org)). No matter what curriculum your church is using the videos will provide tips and tricks to make

your VBS better. These videos will be helpful for the person who has participated in VBS for many years as well as ones new to working in VBS. The hope is that each church VBS director will be able to use these videos to train their workers. The USB drives will be mailed out in late April, so if your VBS director or church does not receive one



by early May please contact our office so we can be sure to get one to you. The VBS team is excited to still be able to minister and share their knowledge this year in hopes that every church has a successful VBS!

**Introduction/HVBA VBS Leader** Mitch Russell (Church Hill First)  
**VBS Directors** Jill Price (Church Hill First)  
**Preschool** Amanda Alvis (Shady Grove)  
**Children** Christa Wenger (Oak Grove)  
**Middle School** Melissa Montgomery (Church Hill First)  
**Youth** Ramona Adams (Oak Grove)  
**Crafts & Missions** Carla Roberts (McPheeters Bend)  
**Recreation** Forrest Gladson (Choptack)  
**Music** Josh Wenger (Oak Grove)  
**COVID Friendly Ideas** Becky Little (East Rogersville)

## Ministry Grid by Nathan Lawson

May I ask, how are you equipping your leaders? How are you training your leadership to lead? According to Lifeway Research in 2012, only 1 out of 4 churches train their leadership! Friends, this cannot be! Ephesians 4 calls pastors and teachers to equip the body for works of service so that "every supporting ligament grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work." So, the equipping is both related to the design and the health of your church. While I recognize that teaching and training takes form in many ways, I would like to introduce you to a very practical tool you can use to develop your teachers, deacons, and leaders of various ministries --Ministry Grid. Ministry Grid is an online training platform developed and hosted by Lifeway with the purpose to help you equip your church leadership. They do this by providing pre-recorded training videos for a variety of purposes,

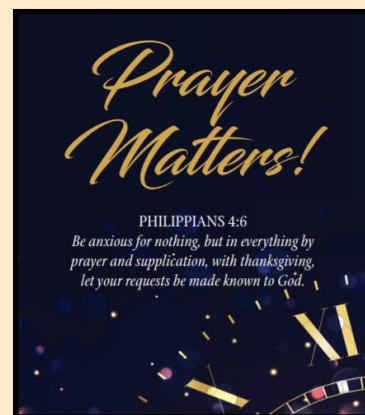
such as student ministry, Sunday school, pastoral leadership, men's, women's, and senior adult ministry just to name a few. According to Ministry Grid they have 3,000+ development videos by experienced ministry leaders. It is all web-based and can be accessed anytime, anywhere from [ministrygrid.com](http://ministrygrid.com). This is good for you and for your leaders as they can participate in development at their leisure. So, how can your church use this resource? Over the last two years I've used it for Sunday school teacher development taking our leaders through best practices of reaching, teaching, and ministering to their classes as well as various theology modules. If your church uses any digital curriculum from Lifeway, Ministry Grid is coming your way soon, as Lifeway announced that all digital curriculum will be moved to this platform later this year as a subscription service. There are many ways you

could use this resource at your church. Do you need a way to brief your leaders on church security and abuse prevention? You'll find modules on that in Ministry Grid. Interested in seminary classes? You'll find some free ones on there as well from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. Is there a class or workshop that you find yourself repeating year after year? You can even create your own content to share, assign, and track the leader's progress on your administrator dashboard. All of these resources come at a cost of \$600 each year, but if you can catch it on sale, you get to lock in that price for as long as you renew! If you're interested in how this resource can help your church, check out [MinistryGrid.com](http://MinistryGrid.com) or contact me at [webmaster@ridgeviewbaptist.org](mailto:webmaster@ridgeviewbaptist.org). I'd love to talk to you about it!

Nathan Lawson  
Ridgeview Baptist Church

## Bivocational Ministers & Wives Dinner

The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board is hosting several Bivocational Ministers and Wives Banquets across the state this spring entitled Prayer Matters. Two will be in our area. The first on May 13th will be held at Mountain View Baptist Church in Johnson City. The second will be on May 27th at Morristown First Baptist Church. Both evenings will last from 6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. and will focus on Prayer. The cost is \$15 per couple. You need to preregister to attend. The links to register are Johnson City May 13th - <https://www.tnbaptist.org/.../bivocational-ministers.../> and Morristown May 27th - <https://www.tnbaptist.org/.../bivocational-ministers.../>. You may also stop by our office to pick up a brochure about the dinner.





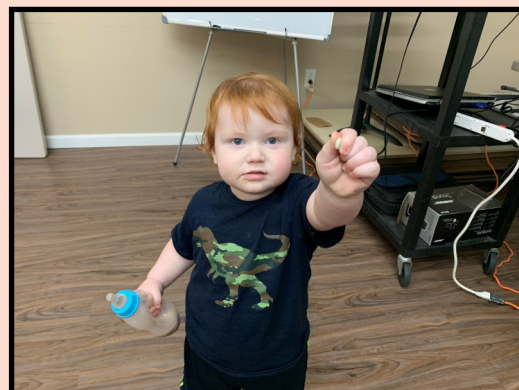
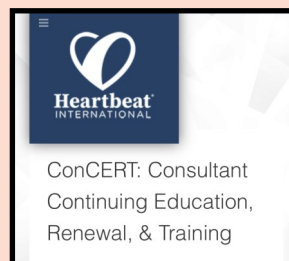
## Hawkins County Pregnancy HELP Center

by Kelly Snodgrass

I have been taking a class through the Heartbeat International Academy called ConCERT which stands for Consultant Continuing Education, Renewal and Training. It is an advanced distance learning class designed to train Pregnancy Help Center workers. The class is 8 weeks and has several assignments to complete and turn in each week. The class content changes each week and covers a variety of subjects. We are required to become familiar with the laws in our home state concerning abortion, mandatory reporting for child abuse, DCS, and foster care. The class has covered topics from the creation of life and the science that supports it to God's design for relationships, marriage and families. There has also been information on how to spot human trafficking, women in abusive relationships, and how to effectively present

adoption. I have learned so much and am thankful to have had the opportunity to take the class. The class also allows me to be able to apply to be a Life Affirming Specialist which is a designation awarded by Heartbeat International. Outside The Walls church continues to minister to several families from the Pregnancy Center. We plan to start meeting outside in April to provide a more consistent environment for the children. Also, a sweet mom gave birth this month to a baby girl. I would appreciate prayers for that family and the other moms due in the next few weeks.

Thank you to all the churches of the HVBA for supporting the Hawkins County Pregnancy Help Center!





## VBS Advertisement

We want to help advertise your church's VBS! Please email (hvbaoffice@gmail.com) or call (272-7318) our office to let us know when your church will be having VBS this year. We will advertise it in our newsletter and on our Facebook page beginning in May. Please let us know the dates, times, and theme so we can include all of the information for those looking for a VBS for their children and grandchildren.



## Pastor to Pastor Fellowship

Dr. Randy Davis, President of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, spoke with HVBA Pastors on Zoom at their first Pastor to Pastor meeting. Afterwards the pastors were able to fellowship and discuss various topics that were relevant to their churches. The next Pastor to Pastor meeting will take

place on Thursday, May 20th at 6:30 p.m. at Rogersville First Baptist Church. Gary Gerhardt, Pastor of Church Hill First Baptist Church will be the speaker and discuss

preparing for retirement. If you are a Pastor, mark your calendar now so you won't miss this great time of learning and fellowship.



## Women's Day Retreat

Henards Chapel Baptist Church

Rogersville, TN

Saturday, April 17, 2021

9:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.

Enjoy a day of Bible study with speaker Carmen Phillips.

Lunch will be provided and safety guidelines will be observed. This event is free but you will need to preregister by calling the church at 423-272-7676 or Patsy Hurd at 423-272-2353.



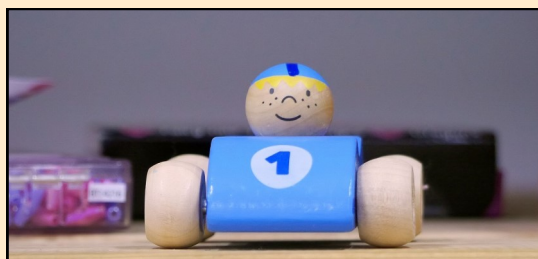
Please pray for our churches without pastors.

**Lyons Park**  
**Valley View**



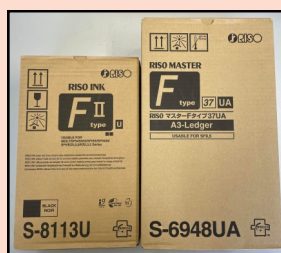
## R.A. Pinewood Derby

The Royal Ambassadors have scheduled their annual Pinewood Derby for 2021. The derby will take place on Saturday, May 1st at Oak Grove Baptist Church beginning at 9:30 a.m. Anyone may participate even if you do not have an R.A. chapter at your church. For more information you may contact the Holston Valley Baptist Association R.A. Leader Justin Bise at (423) 612-5128 or at [ambassadorsvangelism@gmail.com](mailto:ambassadorsvangelism@gmail.com).



## Free Ink

We recently purchased a new copier and have leftover ink and supplies. We have one black and one yellow unopened ink Ricoh MP C3503 cartridges. We also have one unopened Riso Master cartridge and one unopened Riso F II ink cartridge. If you can use any of these call us (272-7318) or stop by and we will let you have them for free!



## Financial Report for February 2021

Balance February 1, 2021	49388.55
Gifts in February 2021	16773.44

### ITEMIZED REPORT OF GIFTS

CHURCHES	FEBRUARY	2021
Bass Chapel	0.00	0.00
Beech Creek	0.00	0.00
Belmont	50.00	100.00
Bentleys Chapel	0.00	0.00
Bethel	0.00	0.00
Big Creek	200.00	400.00
Burem	59.40	127.12
Caney Creek	25.00	50.00
Cave Springs	0.00	0.00
Choptack	0.00	0.00
Christians Bend	125.00	250.00
Church Hill FBC	1916.67	1916.67
Circle C. Cowboy	0.00	0.00
Cool Branch	0.00	0.00
Cross Anchor Cowboy	0.00	0.00
Duck Creek	100.00	200.00
East Rogersville	624.61	1267.09
Elm Springs	0.00	0.00
Fishers Creek	0.00	0.00
Gills Chapel	2289.75	2289.75
Henards Chapel	836.66	1638.63
Hickory Cove	67.50	140.45
Howes Chapel	2000.00	2000.00
Independence	0.00	0.00
Indian Ridge	246.00	431.94
Keplar	0.00	0.00
Kyles Ford	20.00	40.00
Lone Oak	30.00	60.00
Looneys Chapel	45.97	80.50
Lyons Park	30.00	60.00
McKinneys Chapel	200.00	600.00
McPheeters Bend	75.00	228.89
Mooresburg	0.00	0.00
Morrisetts Chapel	0.00	625.00
Mount Pleasant	0.00	30.00
New Hope	0.00	0.00
New Life	0.00	250.00
North Fork	96.60	144.50
Oak Grove	1611.27	2915.29
Persia	50.00	100.00
Prices Grove	0.00	0.00
Ridgeview	674.04	1356.32
Rogersville FBC	833.33	1666.66
Shady Grove	0.00	0.00
Shepards Chapel	0.00	275.00
Sneedville FBC	372.41	634.92
Speedwell	50.00	100.00
Surgoinsville FBC	273.83	536.30
Tar Pine	0.00	0.00
Tunnell Hill	411.59	725.89
Valley View	0.00	0.00
War Creek-Eidson	0.00	0.00
War Creek-Sneedville	0.00	0.00
West View	170.06	340.12
TBMB Supplement	782.00	1564.00
Other	2506.75	15251.13
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>16773.44</b>	<b>35666.17</b>

<b>Balance and Receipts</b>	<b>66161.99</b>
<b>Disbursements in February 2021</b>	<b>15893.15</b>
<b>Balance March 1, 2021</b>	<b>50268.84</b>





**HOLSTON  
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8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Mark Roberts

Ministry Assistant  
Melinda Eidson

Pregnancy Center Director  
Kelly Snodgrass

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THESE CHURCHES AND PASTORS IN APRIL**



**DUCK CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**

1989 Duck Creek Road  
Sneedville, TN 37869

**Pastor: Rev. Kester Bunch**



**ELM SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH**

303 Snake Hollow Road  
Sneedville, TN 37869

**Pastor: Rev. Delmont Gibson**



**EAST ROGERSVILLE BAPTIST CHURCH**

1100 East McKinney Avenue  
Rogersville, TN 37813

**Pastor: Rev. John Butler**



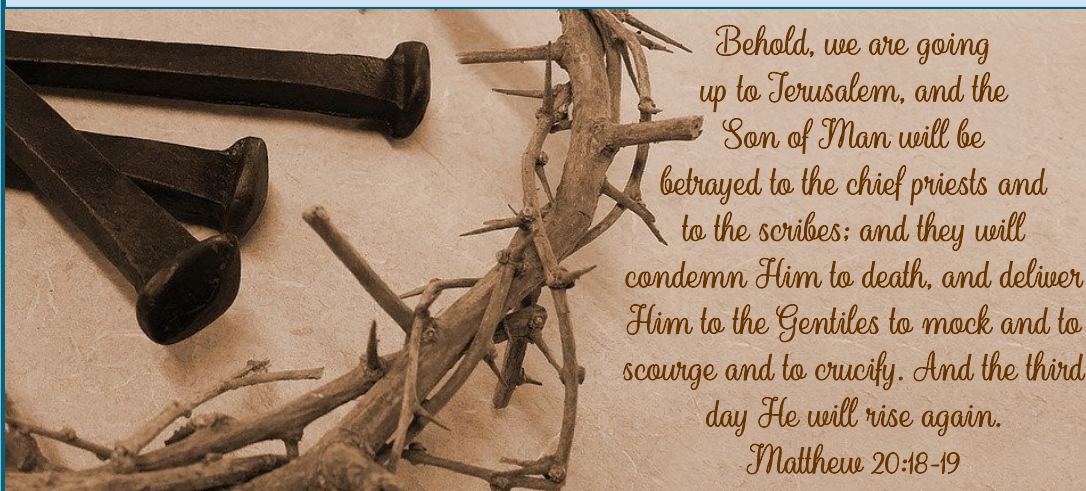
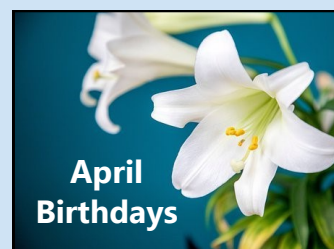
**FISHERS CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**

1065 Fishers Creek Road  
Rogersville, TN 37857

**Pastor: Rev. Jonathan Richards**

**Celebrations**

April 3.....Rev. Trey Meek (Rogersville First)  
April 5.....Rev. Tim Johnson (New Life)  
April 7.....Rev. Chip McLain (North Fork)  
April 13.....Rev. Glenn Bradley (Kyles Ford)  
April 21.....Rev. Steve McKinney (Big Creek)  
April 30.....Mrs. Margie Grimes (Indian Ridge)



Behold, we are going  
up to Jerusalem, and the  
Son of Man will be  
betrayed to the chief priests and  
to the scribes; and they will  
condemn Him to death, and deliver  
Him to the Gentiles to mock and to  
scourge and to crucify. And the third  
day He will rise again.  
*Matthew 20:18-19*