



Kingdom Partners
Philippians 1:3-7

The ENCOURAGER

April 2024

NEWSLETTER OF THE HOLMES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Encourage - Equip - Engage

HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE ASSOCIATION

MISSION TRIP

July 13-20, 2024
Anderson, SC

We will be traveling to Anderson, SC this summer.

Cost: \$40 per person, with a cap of \$140 for an immediate family of four or more.

This covers a shirt for each person and your food while up there. You will only be responsible for your food up there and back and anything extra you decide to purchase. You will also be responsible for anything on Fun Day. Have questions? Contact the Association Office at 850-547-4079. There is a place for everyone on this trip!

Join us in Kingdom Partnership with Saluda Baptist Association.

Never been on a mission trip? Or maybe it has been a little while since you have. Come to the first meeting to find out details!

1st Meeting: Tuesday, May 7th @ 6:00 pm @ West Bonifay Baptist Church. 609 W Indiana Ave, Bonifay, FL 32425

This meeting is for anyone who wants to learn more about the trip. This is not a commitment to go on the trip.

2nd Meeting: Monday, June 17th @ 6:00 pm @ Beulah Anna Baptist Church

Deadline: Wednesday, June 19th. All money and t-shirt sizes have to be turned in.

FAN THE FLAME Renew - Revitalize - Revive

Associational
Worship
Services

April 7 - 10, 2024

Bethany Baptist Church - 1404 N. Hwy 79 - Bonifay

Sunday, April 7 - 6:30 pm

Monday, April 8 - 6:30 pm

Tuesday, April 9 - 6:30 pm

Wednesday, April 10 - 6:00 pm

Wednesday, April 10 - 7:00 pm

Pastor Mike Browning; Bethany Baptist Church

Pastor Eddie Bliss; Pleasant Grove Baptist Church

Pastor Don Irwin; Noma Baptist Church

Midweek Covered Dish Dinner

Pastor Rusty Womack; Bethel Baptist Church

Event Co-Host: Pastor James Pate of Mt. Olive Baptist Church
*All Services will be held at Bethany Baptist Church

Fan The Flame – Spiritual Renewal Services

The renewal of the Holy Spirit creates a clean heart and restores a right spirit within God's people. This work restores the joy of salvation to believers and produces such a willing heart and mind in them, that it makes doing God's will a delight rather than a drudgery.

Renewal Services at Bethany Baptist Church April 7-10

Sunday – Tuesday 6:30pm

Wednesday at 6pm, covered dish dinner (bring a dish), followed by our final service at 7pm.

Each night we will hear the Word from a different pastor of our association in an effort to Fan the Flame that is within us as Christians.

Mark your calendars and make an effort to join us for this exciting time of worship.

Holmes Baptist Association SEMI ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, April 21—Evergreen Baptist Church

5:30pm—Dinner / 6:30pm— Business Session

Guest Preacher: Lewis Miller; Florida Baptist Convention

FROM THE AMS

Fan the Flames of Renewal

“..I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you...” 2 Timothy 1:6 niv

“..I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you...” 2 timothy 1:6 nkjv

“..I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is in you...” 2 timothy 1:6 csb

The Greek word translated as “fan into flame” is a powerful verb meaning rekindle or stir up. It is a word used in the context of lighting and maintaining a roaring fire. It takes work, maintenance, and constant supervision. A fire must be watched so that it doesn’t go out. If the flames are dimming, the coals must be stirred and more fuel added to the blaze. Likewise, Paul wanted Timothy to keep aflame the gifts God gave him—to not let them die for neglect or lack of fuel, but to keep them blazing hot and strong for God’s glory.

Likewise, we are called to the same thing: to keep the fire of our love and passion for Christ burning strong in the midst of a dark world. As the well-known idiom accurately states that you can either “use it or lose it,” so also our spiritual life can go cold without use and exercise. We must actively pursue the things of God, practicing and using our gifts, and watching the fire of our devotion to Christ to keep it alight for God’s glory. We must rekindle, stir up, and fan into flame our own gifts so that we can be useful and faithful ministers of God and a dangerous adversary to the kingdom of darkness.

Our upcoming series of meetings, revival you might say, will feature several of our local pastors with a passion of God’s Word, a passion to rekindle, refresh and renew the gift of God that is within as Christ-Followers. The gift of His salvation and the gift of service and ministry.

Please come together for worship April 7-10 at Bethany Baptist Church. I will not be able to attend the initial meetings, but will be attending the final session on Wednesday. Pastor James Pate of Mt. Olive Baptist Church will serve as our event host alongside Pastor Mike Browning of Bethany Baptist Church, with Pastor Dale Paul of Pleasant Ridge leading in worship each evening.

Nightly services will be at 6:30pm. Wednesday evening will include a covered dish dinner at 6pm, with worship beginning at 7:00pm. Bethany Baptist Church is located at 1404 Hwy 79, approximately 10 miles north of Bonifay

Annual Mission Trip

Plans are being made for this year’s summer mission trip to Anderson, South Carolina. We are partnering with Saluda Baptist Association for the second year as we work alongside of a few of their churches to make a Kingdom impact in their community. This is a 5–6 hour drive, which makes it an easy commute in traveling. Primary lodging will be provided by Pope Drive Baptist Church, while local hotel accommodations are also available. Current plans include neighborhood ministry through door-to-door outreach and evangelism, block party events, and an area youth rally with a focus to reach the teens and families of the Pope Drive community. We will be needing volunteers for the kitchen crew, construction team, outreach-evangelism and social ministry team as well.

Our Mission trip dates are July 13-20, with a cost of \$40 per person, with a cap of 140 for an immediate family of four. If you want more information, please contact us at the association office. Trip planning meetings will be held to discuss plans and needs.

Disciple-Building Workshop

Mark your calendars for an associational Disciple Building Workshop for Tuesday, May 14 at Gully Springs Baptist Church in Bonifay. This workshop will feature Micheal Petty, president of Show Them Ministries, a ministry devoted to making disciples who make disciples. Brother Petty is a former mission strategist, current pastor of First Baptist Church of Cottondale, FL., and author of Show Them How; Making Disciple Makers.

He will speak on the practice of making multiplying disciples. Drawing inspiration from Jesus' ministry model, he will emphasize the importance of cultivating relationships in the disciple-making process. Jesus, with unwavering commitment, focused on a Core of 3 disciples and a Group of 12 disciples, leaving no room for an alternative plan. His singular approach centered on multiplying disciples through relational investment. Brother Micheal will communicate the practical aspects of disciple multiplication, providing the everyday Christian with both insights into discipleship and a replicable model.

Gully Springs Baptist Church is located at 2824 Hwy 90 in Bonifay.

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FROM THE AMS (cont.)

Semi Annual Meeting

This year's Semi-Annual meeting will be on Sunday, April 21 at Evergreen Baptist Church. We will start the evening with dinner at 5:30pm, followed by our Semi-Annual session at 6:30pm. In addition to the business session, we will host Brother Lewis Miller as our guest preacher. Brother Lewis is our regional catalyst for the Florida Baptist Convention, and a true friend and encourager to association work and ministry.

Evergreen Baptist Church is located on Hwy 179, approximately 10 miles south of Hwy 2, at 2167 Newton Road in Westville.

"Jeet 'Yet?"

In an effort to encourage our pastors and staff, Brother Randy would like to have the opportunity to fellowship with our pastors and ministerial staff over a meal. With so many of our pastors and ministerial staff being bi-vocational, it is hard to 'juggle' schedules to meet for lunch or dinner. If you, as pastor or staff, would like to meet with Brother Randy, please reach out to him to schedule a time to get together. His cell phone number is 386.209.7936. In addition to this opportunity of fellowship, Brother Randy will be scheduling some opportunities through the year for our church leadership and spouses to come together for encouragement.

HBA/NEW BEGINNINGS FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Report 2024

Holmes Baptist Association

**Needed to meet budget
January-February: \$20883.68**

(January-February Actual)
Church Giving YTD \$14505.02
Money Market Interest YTD:
\$92.88
Other Giving YTD: \$0
Expenses YTD \$12910.51
Excess YTD \$1,687.39

New Beginnings
**Needed to meet budget
January-February: \$4397.75**
(February: Actual)
Church Giving YTD \$4,318.81
Money Market Interest YTD: \$68.79
Other Giving YTD \$020
Expenses YTD \$3325.25
Excess YTD \$993.56

HBA Church Giving



Giving is January—February 2024

Beulah Anna	\$396.00
Bonifay First	\$2,000.00
Bridge Creek	\$1,011.40
Esto First	\$281.19
Evergreen	\$513.00
Grace Church - Bonifay	\$500.00
Hickory Hill	\$884.00
Leonia	\$231.62
Mount Olive	\$1,126.58
New Hope	\$551.08
Noma	\$144.99
Northside	\$697.65
Pleasant Ridge	\$434.00
Pleasant Valley	\$1,120.02
Ponce de Leon First	\$400.00
Sandy Creek	\$2,256.00
Shady Grove	\$430.44
Union Hill	\$216.08
West Pittman	\$1,199.97
Westville	\$111.00

New Beginnings Church Giving



Beulah Anna	\$ 120.00
Bonifay First	\$ 408.33
Bridge Creek	\$ 100.00
Esto	\$ 500.00
Evergreen	\$ 130.00
Mount Olive	\$ 150.00
New Hope	\$ 275.54
Noma	\$ 400.00
Northside	\$ 987.65
Pleasant Valley	\$ 100.00
Ponce de Leon First	\$ 300.00
Sandy Creek	\$ 300.00
Shady Grove	\$ 60.00
Union Hill	\$ 150.00
West Pittman	\$ 137.50
Westville	\$ 111.00

Please note:
Churches give at various times.
They may give monthly,
quarterly, or yearly. This
giving is for a specific time period
(please see above).

NEW BEGINNINGS COUNSELING & SUPPORT CENTER

Ministry need: New Beginnings is in need of a portable building for storage. If anyone has one they are getting rid of please contact Tanya (850-547-4079) or Randy (386-209-7936).

Director: Kristin Baker

Website: newbeginningsholmes.com

E-mail: holmescopregcenter13@yahoo.com

Office # 850-547-5213

Office Hours: **Thursday** 1:00pm—8:00 pm & **Friday**
9:00 am—2:00 pm



Some of the services that are offered:

- ◆ Bible counseling
- ◆ Bible classes
- ◆ Pregnancy options info
- ◆ Parenting classes
- ◆ Life skill classes
- ◆ Domestic abuse & childhood abuse recovery support

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL

HBA Prayer Breakfast every Thursday @ 8:30 am @ Bonifay McDonald's (see our Facebook for any changes).

- ◆ **7th-10th:** Fan the Flame—Associational Worship Services @ **Bethany Baptist Church** (1404 N Hwy 79 Bonifay). Service Times:
 - ◇ Sunday—Tuesday @ 6:30 pm
 - ◇ Wednesday night—Potluck Supper (bring a covered dish)@ 6:00 pm, Worship Service @ 7:00 pm
- ◆ **21st: Semi-Annual Meeting @ Evergreen Baptist Church:** Meal @ 5:30 pm, Meeting @ 6:30 pm. Guest Speaker, Lewis Miller; West Regional Catalyst, Florida Baptist Convention

MAY

- ◆ **2nd:** National Day of Prayer: Noon @ Bonifay Methodist Church (across from the courthouse)
- ◆ **6th:** HBA Mission Trip Information/Planning Meeting @ 6:30 @ **West Bonifay Baptist Church**
- ◆ **12th:** Mother's Day
- ◆ **14th:** "Show Them How" Disciple Building Workshop 6:30 pm @ **Gully Springs Baptist Church**
- ◆ **19th:** Byrd Family in Concert @ **Pleasant Valley Baptist Church** 11:00 am; 55 Co Rd 181 PDL
- ◆ **27th:** Memorial Day: HBA Office Closed

JUNE

- ◆ **9th-13th:** VBS—**West Pittman Baptist Church**
- ◆ **16th:** Father's Day
- ◆ **17th:** HBA Mission Trip Information/Planning Meeting @ 6:30 pm @ **Beulah Anna Baptist Church**
- ◆ **19th:** HBA Mission Trip Deadline. All money and t-shirt sizes must be turned in.

JULY

- ◆ **4th:** Independence Day: Office Closed
- ◆ **13th-20th:** HBA Mission Trip — Anderson, SC

ASSOCIATION PRAYER CALENDAR

- ◆ April 7 – Week of Prayer: Florida Baptist Disaster Relief
- ◆ April 14 - First Baptist Church, Bonifay (Pastor: Shelly Chandler)
- ◆ April 21 - First Baptist Church, Ponce de Leon (Pastor: Greg Alford)
- ◆ April 28 - Prayer Emphasis – National Day of Prayer (May 2nd)

SPECIAL PRAYER

Please continue to be in prayer for our churches currently without pastors:

*New Hope

*Hickory Hill

*Union Hill (has interim pastor)

FLORIDA BAPTIST CONVENTION EVENTS



DISCIPLEMAKING TUNE-UP
But test all things. Hold on to what
is good. - 1 Thessalonians 5:21, CSB

Location: First Baptist Jonesboro, Georgia

Dates: April 8-9, 2024

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Florida Baptists discount code – **ST99**

2024 VBS Regional Training | Panama City

Location: Hiland Park Baptist Church | 2611 N Highway 231,
Panama City, FL 32405

Date: April 13th, 2024

Time: 8:30 AM –12:00 pm

Deadline to Register: April 11th, 2024

[REGISTER HERE](#)



Evangelism Training West Florida | April 25, 2024

April 25, 2024
10:30 AM-1:30 PM

Church on
Bayshore Niceville
622 Bayshore Dr.
Niceville, FL 32578

FREE EVANGELISM TRAINING

Click here for details and Registration; <https://web.cvent.com/.../45ce1e25-9735-4555.../summary...>

Transportation is available for those in our association.
Contact the Association Office.

This free training event is crafted for church staff and ministry volunteers. We warmly welcome all churches in the region aiming to enhance their Sunday School/Small Groups ministry. There will be breakouts for adults, students, kids and preschool ministries. Registration with a light breakfast starts at 8 AM. The conference will begin at 9 AM.

Date: April 27th, 2024 | 8AM – 12PM

Location: Pine Terrace Baptist Church – 6212 Pine Blossom Rd, Milton, FL

[REGISTER HERE](#)

PTBC HOSTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING CONFERENCE

Elevate Groups. Empower Teachers. **APRIL 27 | 08 AM - 12 PM**

OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

Dr. Ann Collier, Lewis Miller, Dr. Yvonne Campbell, Sherrill Owens, David Robertson

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[Register Here](#)

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