



## FROM THE AMS

*‘Jesus said to Simon, “Put out into deep water and let down your nets for a catch.” When they did this, they caught a great number of fish, and their nets began to tear. So, they signaled to their **partners** in the other boat to come and help them; they came and filled both boats....’*

*Luke 5:4,6,7 csb*

If ever there was a word that illustrates the work of an effective and strategic association, it would be the word ‘Partnership’. Wikipedia defines partnership as ‘an arrangement where parties agree to cooperate to advance their mutual interests.’ In Christian ministry terms, this would mean advancing mutual ministry interests to advance God’s kingdom. In the above text, Peter and those with him signaled (called) their partners in the other boat to come and help them in pulling the net. There is always a need for partnership in ministry.

In the Luke 5 story, the Lord Jesus needed a partner, Peter. Peter on the other hand signaled for partners in the other boats to come and take part in pulling the net! It is a joy when our joint collaboration and partnership results in winning souls for Christ. There is a blessing in partnership! We know from Luke’s story that the partners in the two boats were both blessed when they joined hands. **‘The two boats were both filled.’** This is a big lesson we all need to learn. God blesses and honors partnership. God will bless individuals and ministries that are willing to partner and cooperate with other ministries.

Mother Teresa has said: *‘You can do what I cannot do. I can do what you cannot do. Together we can do great things.’* Why did Peter call his partners in the other boats? There were people in the other boats with gifts, skills and calling in pulling nets that he might not have. This is another good and strong reason to collaborate. There are organizations and brothers and sisters in the body of Christ with gifts, talents, capacity and calling we might not have.

In order for us to be Kingdom Partners within the Holmes Baptist Association we must come together to collaborate with one another to reach our county, state, nation and world for Christ. Does this mean that we will always agree with one another? -No. Does this mean that we will always approve of what others are doing? -No. But it does mean, *dare I say, it **MUST** mean, that we come alongside one another to make an impact for the Kingdom in the communities in which we live.*

One thing that has always disheartened me is when churches feel that they must compete with one another, or begin to question why the ‘big church’ is reaching more people or growing faster than the small church on the corner, or even worse – when churches argue among themselves, in regard to doctrine or practice. It is not our place to question the work of God or the ways that He accomplishes His work. The apostle Paul used the idea of partnership in many of his letters, and remember he was writing to the church in those letters. He said that the church of Philippi was partners with him in the gospel and grace, he also told the church of Corinth, that they were Co-workers (partners) with God. That should get our attention for sure.

Partnership is important for three main reasons:

- To work towards a common vision
- To carry out joint activities
- To carry out an activity that may be extremely difficult for one organization to carry out alone.

I ask that you join me in the work that God has called us to – the work of the Kingdom – To be Kingdom Partners.

-Randy Torrance  
Mission Strategist

# HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE ASSOCIATION

## WILD GAME SUPPER

WEST PITTMAN BAPTIST CHURCH  
1603 BRADLEY RD WESTVILLE, FL 32464

SATURDAY, MARCH 9

VENDORS & DEMONSTRATIONS  
FAMILY FUN FOR ALL AGES  
DELICIOUS WILD GAME and FRESH FISH

**FREE EVENT!**

**DOOR PRIZES!**

- ACTIVITIES START AT 2:00 P.M.
- FOOD SERVED AT 4:00 P.M.
- GUEST SPEAKER AT 6:00 P.M.

*Guest Speaker*  
**Chris McDaniel**

Chris has a great testimony to bring us of how he turned his life around from a former member of the award-winning multi-platinum country band, Confederate Railroad. After 16 years with the band Chris felt the pressures that come along with stardom, and eventually hit rock bottom and later realized that he was in need of a Higher power.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: CHURCH OFFICE (850) 956-4100**

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## HOLMES BAPTIST PRAYER BREAKFAST

MONDAYS @ 8:30 am  
HARDEE'S — BONIFAY



**Holmes Baptist Prayer Breakfast**  
8:30 am @ Hardee's in Bonifay. Every Monday, we will host a weekly prayer breakfast at Hardee's in Bonifay for those that want to fellowship and pray together. We will pray for our churches and their leaders and discuss spiritual renewal within our association.

## MISSION TRIP

July 13-20, 2024  
Anderson, SC

**REGISTRATION IS OPEN!!** Initial plans are being made for this year's **Summer Mission Trip** to Anderson, SC. If you are planning to join us, or want more information, send us an email at [holmesbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:holmesbaptist@gmail.com) or contact us at the office at 850.547.4079. This registration cost will remain the same at \$40 per person, with a cap of \$140 for an immediate family of four or more. Join us in Kingdom Partnership with Saluda Baptist Association.

## EASTER EVENTS

### EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH  
10 A.M.

PROSPERITY PARK  
1996 DAN M PADGETT ROAD  
WESTVILLE, FL

Girls and Boys  
Basket and Bike  
Giveaways!

Hosted By:  
Hickory Hill Baptist Church  
Leonia Baptist Church  
Pleasant Ridge Baptist Church  
New Hope Baptist Church  
West Pittman Baptist Church

FIRST BAPTIST BONIFAY

### EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

SAT. MARCH 30 | 10 AM

Join us for our annual Easter Eggstravaganza Egg Hunt Event for ages Birth-5th Grade!  
There will be raffle prizes and a Photo booth! Bring the whole family and enjoy the Fellowship!

FBB'S FAMILY LIFE CENTER

### Fan The Flame – Spiritual Renewal Services



For this reason  
I remind you  
to kindle  
afresh the gift  
of GOD which is  
in you...

2 Timothy 1:6

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.

We will hold Renewal Services at Bethany Baptist Church on April 7-10. 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. We will gather Sunday – Tuesday evenings at 6:30pm and then have a covered dish dinner on Wednesday at 6pm, followed by our final service at 7pm.

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

# EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

At the Executive Committee Meeting held on Tuesday, February 27th @ the HBA Office, the following was voted on:

- ◆ Donna Pate became Acting Clerk
- ◆ 1st Baptist Church of Esto's letter to withdrawal from the Association was accepted.
- ◆ Gully Springs Baptist Church's letter to reaffiliate with the Association was accepted.

## HBA/NEW BEGINNINGS FINANCIAL UPDATE

Financial Report 2024	HBA Church Giving	New Beginnings Church Giving
Holmes Baptist Association <b><i>Needed to meet budget</i></b> <b>January: \$8,242.97</b> <b><i>(January Actual)</i></b>	Beulah Anna \$216.00	Beulah Anna \$60.00
Church Giving YTD \$7,696.12	Bonifay First \$1,000.00	Bonifay First \$200.00
Money Market Interest YTD: \$49.41	Bridge Creek \$510.00	Bridge Creek \$50.00
Other Giving YTD: \$0	Esto First \$281.19	Esto First \$500.00
Expenses YTD \$6,700.19	Evergreen \$513.00	Evergreen \$130.00
Excess YTD \$1,045.34	Hickory Hill \$434.00	Mount Olive \$150.00
 	Mount Olive \$1,126.58	New Hope \$275.54
New Beginnings <b><i>Needed to meet budget</i></b> <b>January: \$2198.87</b> <b><i>(January: Actual)</i></b>	New Hope \$551.08	Noma \$200.00
Church Giving YTD \$2,622.04	Noma \$101.84	Northside \$514.00
Money Market Interest YTD: \$36.59	Northside \$394.00	Pleasant Valley \$100.00
Other Giving YTD \$0	Pleasant Valley \$320.02	Ponce de Leon First \$100.00
Expenses YTD \$1,516.98	Ponce de Leon First \$400.00	Sandy Creek \$100.00
Excess YTD \$1,141.65	Sandy Creek \$823.00	Shady Grove \$30.00
	Shady Grove \$263.88	Union Hill \$75.00
	Union Hill \$108.44	West Pittman \$137.50
	West Pittman \$653.09	
		Please note: Churches give at various times. They may give monthly, quarterly, or yearly. This giving is Year-to-date (YTD)

## NEW BEGINNINGS COUNSELING & SUPPORT CENTER

Stats from January 1 to February 16, 2024:

- ◆ Clients served: 16
- ◆ Bible studies: 4
- ◆ Parenting classes: 8
- ◆ Abuse Recovery sessions: 15
- ◆ Trauma Recovery sessions: 13

Note: A class or session is defined by each individual participation.

Kristin is available to speak at your church, main worship service, small group, ladies group, etc.... to share about the ministry of New Beginnings. Please give her a call to set up a day and time that would work best.

If you would like to volunteer at New Beginnings, please contact Kristin and she can give you information on the steps it takes to become a volunteer.

**Director:** Kristin Baker

**Website:** [newbeginningsholmes.com](http://newbeginningsholmes.com)  
**E-mail:** [holmescoreqcenter13@yahoo.com](mailto:holmescoreqcenter13@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

### MARCH

- ◆ **9th:** Wild Game Supper @ West Pittman Baptist Church; Activities @ 2pm; Meal @ 4pm; Guest Speaker Chris McDaniel @ 6pm
- ◆ **10th:** Daylight Savings Time Starts—Spring Forward!
- ◆ **29th:** Carry My Cross. Starts at New Hinson Baptist Church 8:00 am
- ◆ **30th:** Easter Eggstravaganza @ Prosperity Park @ 10 am. Hosted by Hickory Hill, Leonia, Pleasant Ridge, New Hope and West Pittman
- ◆ **30th:** Easter Eggstravaganza @ 1st Baptist Bonifay @ Family Life Center. Begins at 10am. Birth—5th grade.
- ◆ **31st:** Easter Sunday



### APRIL

- ◆ **7th-10th:** Fan the Flame—Spiritual Renewal Services: Sunday—Tuesday @ 6:30 pm; Wednesday night—Potluck Supper @ 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

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#### Churches:

If you have upcoming events, be sure to send them in so that we can help you spread the word!

We share events in the E-news, on our website and our Facebook page!

## ASSOCIATION PRAYER CALENDAR

### MARCH

- ◆ March 10 – Spanish ministry – Primera Bautista De Bonifay (Pastor: Oswaldo Saavedra)
- ◆ March 17 - Caryville Baptist Church, Caryville (Pastor: Matt Pate)
- ◆ March 24 – Evergreen Baptist Church, Westville (Pastor: Mitch Holsonback)
- ◆ March 31 - Week of Prayer: Florida Baptist Children's Home
  
- ◆ 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



March 3-10, 2024

Annual Week of Prayer and promotion of the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Contact us at 904.396-2351 or visit [flbaptist.org/order](http://flbaptist.org/order) to order materials.



You don't want to miss this fun, outdoors, missions day for boys and girls in grades 1-6 and their leaders. Children will have opportunities to visit with a missionary, try their hand at archery, go hiking, learn about campcrafts, and play a variety of games.

Cost is only \$5.00 per person and includes lunch. Contact Cindy Bradley at [cbradley@flbaptist.org](mailto:cbradley@flbaptist.org) for more information.

There is an option for overnight camping. Each group would need to bring their own camping equipment and food.

Contact Matt Dobson at 850-217-2603 for more information about overnight camping.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**Location: First Baptist Jonesboro, Georgia**

**Dates: April 8-9, 2024**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Florida Baptists discount code – **ST99**



**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...>

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