



Kingdom Partners
Philippians 1:3-7

The ENCOURAGER

October 2024

NEWSLETTER OF THE HOLMES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Encourage - Equip - Engage

HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE ASSOCIATION

Mud-out Buckets

We will be sending out mud-out buckets to those affected by the storm. We have about 50 completed buckets at this time. If you would like to put together mud-out buckets to help us replenish the supply, this is the list of recommended items.

Mud-out buckets are used by those who have had water inside of their home following storms such as the hurricane we just had.

In 2020, it cost roughly \$60 to fill a bucket. We are estimating that it will now cost around \$80.

- *Terry towels (4 pk)
- *Trash bags (1 roll of 20-25)
- *Mold control spray
- *Dish detergent
- *Cleaner with bleach
- *Pry bar
- *Leather palm gloves (1 pair)
- *Respirator (2 pk)
- *Eyeglass protector
- *Hygiene kit (Travel size -Soap, shampoo, conditioner, toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant)
- *Disposable Gloves (2 pk)
- *Sharpie Permanent Marker (1 count)
- *Sponges (3 pk)
- *Duct tape
- *Scrub brush
- *Utility knife
- *Zip ties
- *1st aid kit

If you would like to give a monetary donation of any amount, please make checks out to Holmes Baptist Association and mark on the memo line: Mud-out buckets.



Thank You, Pastors!

**PASTOR APPRECIATION
BBQ PULLED PORK DINNER**

**TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8 6PM
WEST BONIFAY BAPTIST CHURCH**

For ALL Pastors and Ministerial Staff of Holmes Baptist Association and their wives.

RSVP: 850.547.4079

PASTORS.....Please RSVP for our Pastor Appreciation Dinner.

This is for you, your wife and the ministerial staff of your church.

We need to order the food on Thursday, so please call us at the office this week to reserve your space.

The dinner will be Tuesday, October 8 at West Bonifay Baptist Church

Call the association office at 850.547.4079 to reserve your space.

OCTOBER is Pastor Appreciation Month!

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RANDYm THOUGHTS...

Randy Torrance, Mission Strategist - Holmes Baptist Association

‘Pray With Me’

Week of Prayer for
Associational Missions

October 2024

The Holmes Baptist Association has been serving pastors and their churches for over 100 years. The mission has taken on many different forms, but has and always will be centered around encouraging pastors and equipping churches to better engage their communities.

As an association, we are “a Network of Southern Baptist Churches partnered together with a Strategic Plan of Ministry to Encourage, Equip and Engage one another as Kingdom Partners in Missions, Ministry, Evangelism, Leadership Development, Disciple-Building and Church Renewal.”

According to Dr. Paul Chitwood, International Mission Board President; “Southern Baptists have always been able to get more done through working together. Cooperative mission efforts start at home as local churches in an association join themselves together to reach their community.”

Southern Baptists have chosen to recognize October 13-20, 2024 as the Week of Prayer for Associational Missions. These days are set aside to focus our hearts and minds on lifting up the vital work of associational missions through fervent prayer. Associations play a crucial role in spreading the Gospel, fostering unity among churches, and serving local communities.

Much as a pastor gives spiritual guidance to the church, an AMS must have a clear vision for Kingdom growth and the ability to cast that vision for the churches to see. He must be tireless in his service both to his pastors, his churches and to a lost world. The AMS wears many hats. He is a mission strategist. He is a pastor to pastors. He is a consultant for churches without pastors. He is a mediator for churches in conflict. He is a church planting catalyst. He is a denominational resource. He regularly fills in to preach. He helps churches respond to crises such as global pandemics or the sudden death of a pastor. He is all of this and more. Please pray for me as your associational mission strategist, as I partner with the local pastors to resource, train and encourage all local churches and its members to claim their communities for Christ.

Join me in praying that our churches will maintain a spirit of unity in ministry as we partner together to reach our county for Christ. Satan’s greatest tool is the ability to sow discord among believers and churches. The inability to work together is the one stumbling block we must constantly guard against. Having a spirit of unity and harmony will bring churches together to accomplish great things for the Kingdom. I pray that it never be about being ‘better’ or ‘larger’ than our sister churches. It is when we partner together for ministry that God is honored and His work is completed.

Pray also that our association is challenged to resource, support and encourage every pastor. There can be no doubt that our pastors are front-line targets of the enemy. It is my goal to come alongside these pastors to lovingly encourage and support them.

Join me in praying for a new understanding of church revitalization and its implementation. Church revitalization refers to the process of renewing, reenergizing, and revitalizing a declining or struggling church congregation. A church revitalization is often undertaken when a church is facing prolonged challenges such as declining attendance, lack of community engagement, outdated practices, or a general sense of stagnation. Church revitalization or renewal effects many churches of our association. Please pray with me that as these churches realize this is needed, that they would reach out to us and the ministry of the North American Mission Board to

Pray with Me (cont.)

equip the church to regain strength and be a beacon to the community in which they have been placed and that they would reach their community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The goal of our association is to make a significant kingdom impact at both the local and global levels for the glory of God. You will likely never know this side of heaven all the ways that God uses the cooperative efforts of the churches in our association. However, there are some ways that you can see God’s hand at work right now. Please pray that many souls will be saved through the cooperative work of our association. Pray that many mission teams will be sent out from the churches of our association. Pray that many new churches will be planted. Pray that established churches will be revitalized. Pray that pastors will be encouraged. Pray that God will be glorified through it all. As the association grows stronger, the churches will benefit and become more effective in their Kingdom work.

HBA/NEW BEGINNINGS FINANCIAL UPDATE

Giving is January—August 2024

HBA Church Giving

Bethel	\$7,328.77
Beulah Anna	\$1,569.00
Bonifay First	\$6,000.00
Bridge Creek	\$3,932.48
Esto First	\$281.19
Evergreen	\$1,610.00
Grace Church - Bonifay	\$500.00
Gully Springs	\$300.00
Hickory Hill	\$2,368.00
Leonia	\$839.40
Mount Olive	\$3,039.40
New Hope	\$1,354.92
Noma	\$385.71
Northside	\$2,650.69
Pleasant Grove	\$1,500.00
Pleasant Ridge	\$864.00
Pleasant Valley	\$1,120.02
Ponce de Leon First	\$2,400.00
Sandy Creek	\$6,798.00
Shady Grove	\$1,872.88
Union Hill	\$1,119.48
West Bonifay	\$900.00
West Pittman	\$4,622.77
Westville	\$308.00

New Beginnings Church Giving

Bethel	\$800.00
Beulah Anna	\$480.00
Bonifay First	\$1,658.31
Bridge Creek	\$400.00
Esto	\$1,000.00
Evergreen	\$438.00
Hickory Hill	\$326.00
Leonia	\$250.00
Mount Olive	\$1,301.92
New Hope	\$475.54
Noma	\$1,643.03
Northside	\$2,697.66
Pleasant Valley	\$200.00
Ponce de Leon First	\$900.00
Sandy Creek	\$730.00
Shady Grove	\$288.00
Union Hill	\$525.00
West Pittman	\$367.00
Westville	\$216.00

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).

Financial Report 2024

Holmes Baptist Association

Needed to meet budget
 January-August: \$53,354.39
 (January-August Actual)
 Church Giving YTD \$45,561.21
 Money Market Interest YTD:
 \$232.03
 Other Giving YTD: \$0
 Expenses YTD: 48,980.47
 Excess YTD: -3,096.20

New Beginnings

Needed to meet budget
 January-August: \$13,761.63
 (January-August Actual)
 Church Giving YTD \$12,624.85
 Money Market Interest YTD:
 \$241.28
 Other Giving YTD: \$520
 Expenses YTD: 12,165.87
 Excess YTD: 1,220.26

Thank you for your continued support.

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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