



**Kingdom Partners**  
Philippians 1:3-7

# The Mid-Month UPDATE

HOLMES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**FEBRUARY 2025**

**Encourage - Equip - Engage**

**PROJECT 3:16 – Holmes County**



- \*Enlist weekly testimonies during Worship services on March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.
- \*Participate in 'Who's Your One?' and/or 'Invite Your One' evangelistic campaign of the North American Mission Board.
- \*Designate March 16 as 'Bring a Friend to Church Sunday'.
- \*Host a Covered Dish Lunch at Church on March 16.
- \*Preach John 3:16 on Sunday, March 16.

These are some relatively simple ways that your church can be involved in **Project 3:16**.

**What is Project 3:16?** you ask. Project 3:16 is a 16-day emphasis on evangelism hosted by our association in conjunction with the North American Mission Board and our state convention. 3:16 is in reference to John 3:16 and the date for Sunday, March 16. With 3/16 being on a Sunday, we are encouraging each of our pastors to preach on that scripture on that day, and consider making evangelism an emphasis during the first 16 days of March.

The North American Mission Board has provided several on-line resources to assist the local church to intentionally share the good news of the Gospel. These resources include prayer guides, evangelism cards, sermon outlines and a social media kit. These resources can be found at [www.namb.net/evangelism](http://www.namb.net/evangelism), as well through a recent post on our Facebook page. We also have several evangelism kits from the North American Mission Board at the association office, and we will be purchasing some evangelistic tools for use.

In addition to those listed above, there are several other ways that we can partner together within Holmes County to reach our communities with the message of John 3:16. Obviously, we encourage our churches to reach out to their immediate communities through door-to-door visits and sharing the Gospel. We have also identified several other opportunities to reach our county for the cause of Christ leading up to March 16.

Other potential opportunities include:

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| * <b>Campground Ministry</b>    | * <b>State Park / Springs Outreach</b>       | * <b>Church Game or Craft Nights</b>    |
| * <b>Block Party Events</b>     | * <b>Parking Lot Ministry</b>                | * <b>Community Prayer Walks / Rides</b> |
| * <b>Crossroad Prayer Stops</b> | * <b>Flea Market / Thrift Store Ministry</b> |   |

One of the greatest opportunities of evangelism will be participation in this year's Down Home Street Festival in Bonifay on Saturday, March 15. This event will feature entertainment, arts and crafts vendors and several people....**PEOPLE THAT NEED JESUS!** A few of our churches plan to have a booth set up and be present for the purpose of sharing the Gospel to our community. All churches are welcome and encouraged to participate in this project.

In preparation of the March 16 Evangelistic Weekend, we will host an **Evangelism Workshop on Friday, March 14 at 6:30pm** at the association office conference room with Dr Robin Jumper, Professor of Evangelism and Missions at the Baptist University of Florida in Graceville. This free workshop will feature training in evangelism, but also a time encouragement and vision casting for that weekend's activities.

We will close the weekend with a time of Celebration at Gully Springs Baptist Church in Bonifay on Sunday, March 16 at 6:30pm. This will be a time of music, message and testimonies, celebrating the work that God has done through our church communities during this evangelistic emphasis. With special activities planned for the children, this service will be the entire church family.

It is my desire that each church be involved in this effort in some way, and I have enlisted an implementation team that has identified potential ways of involvement for each church. Over the next two weeks, either I or a member of the Project 3:16 implementation team will contact you about participation. If you wish to participate in one of the ways listed above, or you choose to participate in some other way, please contact us at the association office.

-Randy

HAPPENING THROUGHOUT THE ASSOCIATION

Saturday, February 22nd @ 5pm



**Steak Supper and Cake Auction.**

**Money to go for Youth Camp @ @**

Pleasant Grove Baptist Church  
1117 Hwy 171 Graceville

Sunday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>

FELLOWSHIP

dinner

5:00 pm

Northside Baptist Church



**West Pittman BAPTIST CHURCH**

**WILD GAME SUPPER MARCH 8 2025**

Activities begin @ 2pm



**Guest Speaker "The BearMan"**

James VanSteenhouse

Supper @ 4pm/Guest Speaker @ 6pm

DOOR PRIZES, Vendors, Children's activities, and Supper FREE!!!!

For More Info Call 850-956-4100

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**HOLMES Baptist Association**

ENCOURAGE EQUIP ENGAGE

**HEALTHY CHURCH SUMMIT**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

"NINE ORDERLY STEPS TO CHURCH HEALTH"

MONDAY  
MARCH 31 6:30 - 8:00 PM  
HOLMES BAPTIST ASSOC. OFFICE



Dr. Brian E. Nall

Brian Nall is our Regional Catalyst for the Florida Baptist Convention. In ministry for more than 25 years, he is the author of *An Uphill Journey* and *Toward Revitalization*.

God's Love Never Fails

Pleasant Valley Baptist Church will host their

**Senior Citizens Day March 7, 2025**

11:00 a.m.- 1:00p.m.

Join us for a brief message, lunch, and bingo!

Located at: 55 Co Hwy 181 Ponce de Leon

## UPCOMING EVENTS

We have several events on our associational calendar as well as state convention activities for the coming weeks.

**-Replant Summit. Monday – Wednesday, February 24-26, North American Mission Board, Alpharetta, Ga.**

A few of us will be attending the annual Replant Summit to be better equipped to serve you, as the local church. We will be working to establish a Renewal team to come alongside the declining or plateaued church and identify the areas in need of renewal or revitalization. Please be in prayer for this effort as the team begins to identify areas of need and ministry.

**-Continuing Together Tour. Tuesday, March 11, 2025, 6:00 – 8:30 pm - Church on Bayshore, Niceville.**

Our regional opportunity to meet Stephen Rummage and hear his vision for the Florida Baptist Convention and to learn about the convention's blueprint to help fuel the church in its mission. This will be a perfect opportunity to learn how we can be part of what God is doing in Florida. If you desire to go, please register or learn more at: [flbaptist.org/continuing/](http://flbaptist.org/continuing/). We can carpool if there are any that need a ride.

**-3:16 on 3/16. Sunday, March 16 – Local Church Emphasis**

The churches of our state and national convention have been encouraged to put an emphasis on John 3:16 on March 16 (3/16). Plans are being finalized to enter into this particular weekend with an evangelistic emphasis through door-to-door evangelism, outreach activities and presenting a clear message of the Gospel message from the pulpits of our churches. Watch our Facebook page and your email for finalized plans and activities.

**-Men's Bible Study. Third Monday, March 21, 6:30 pm, HBA Office – Conference Room**

We had our first session last month with five in attendance as we began looking at a study of being God's Uncommon Man by Coach Tony Dungy. This study is produced by Right Now Media. Please encourage your men to join us for the second and third sessions.

**-Healthy Church Summit. Saturday, March 31, 6:30pm – 8:00 pm, HBA Office – Conference Room**

We will welcome our West Regional Catalyst, Brian Nall as he shares "Nine Orderly Steps to Church Health", covering such areas as; Church Renewal, using Mission Insight demographics to help identify potential ministry opportunities and discussing how a healthy church functions.

**-Vision & Victory Dinner / Semi Annual Gathering**

Plans are being made for our Semi-Annual Gathering. This will take place in April, and will include our annual Vision and Victory celebration dinner. Plans include testimonies of victory from a few of our churches and a casting of vision and overview of our Strategic Plan of Ministry for our association. Full details are not finalized and will be announced as they are.

**-Annual Summer Mission Trip. July 12-19 – Saluda Baptist Association, Anderson, SC**

We will be returning to Anderson, SC for our annual mission trip in July. Our mission trip leadership team will be meeting with Brother John Watkins of the Saluda Baptist Association to discuss ministry needs and areas of service. Please begin praying about joining us for this experience of life-changing ministry



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