



Kingdom Partners
Philippians 1:3-7

The Mid-Month UPDATE

MARCH 2025

HOLMES BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Encourage - Equip - Engage

We've Only Just Begun

In the seventies, the Carpenters sang a song called, "We've Only Just Begun". The song exploded onto the music scene and soon it was playing in the background of someone's first kiss, first slow dance, their wedding or the beginning of a long-lasting relationship. While this song was written about one's love relationship, it could be said of Project 3.16 as well – "We've Only Just Begun".

We had great participation in the activities of outreach, evangelism and ministry over the last two weeks as a part of what we have called, "Project 3.16". While the emphasis of evangelism and preaching of John 3:16 was encouraged by the North American Mission Board, we have taken to another level by encouraging our churches to make the first 16 days of March a time of evangelism, outreach and ministry.

Project 3.16 provided a sense of encouragement to engage our communities with the Gospel of Jesus with a desire to see our county reached for Christ and for our churches to grow new believers. In doing this, we hosted an evangelism workshop and many of our churches participated in activities and events as encouraged by our association. From welcoming guest speakers for times of worship, to knocking on doors in their communities, hosting prayer stops at highway interactions, meeting with people as they enter into local grocery stores, sharing the gospel with someone through a drive thru restaurant window, or praying over the community to be receptive to the Gospel.

Most of our churches participated in some way. Most preached or referred to John 3:16 during their Sunday morning service on March 16, some celebrated baptism during their worship services, others used John 3:16 as their core teaching verse for their Children's ministry. Some used March 16 as a call to invite family and friends to worship or fellowship within the church.

While you might assume Project 3.16 would end on March 16, it doesn't. -We've Only Just Begun! Project 3.16 will be our 'gimmick' to remind our churches to engage their communities for Christ. Our Celebration service on the 16th, ended up being a call to revival. Imagine the potential impact that our churches across North America – and around the world – would make on our world if we all would be reminded to share the Gospel with those around us every day as God provides opportunity to do so. Pastor Daniel Smith closed our celebration service with a call to prayer for revival of our churches.

I want to thank each of our churches for their participation in this evangelistic effort. A true demonstration of Kingdom Partners coming together as we saw churches working together to grow the Kingdom. As an association, we **encouraged** one another, **equipped** our churches with the needed tools and resources, with an effort to **engage** their communities for Christ. Is Project 3.16 over? No, "We've Only Just Begun".

-Randy Torrance
Mission Strategist



UPCOMING EVENTS

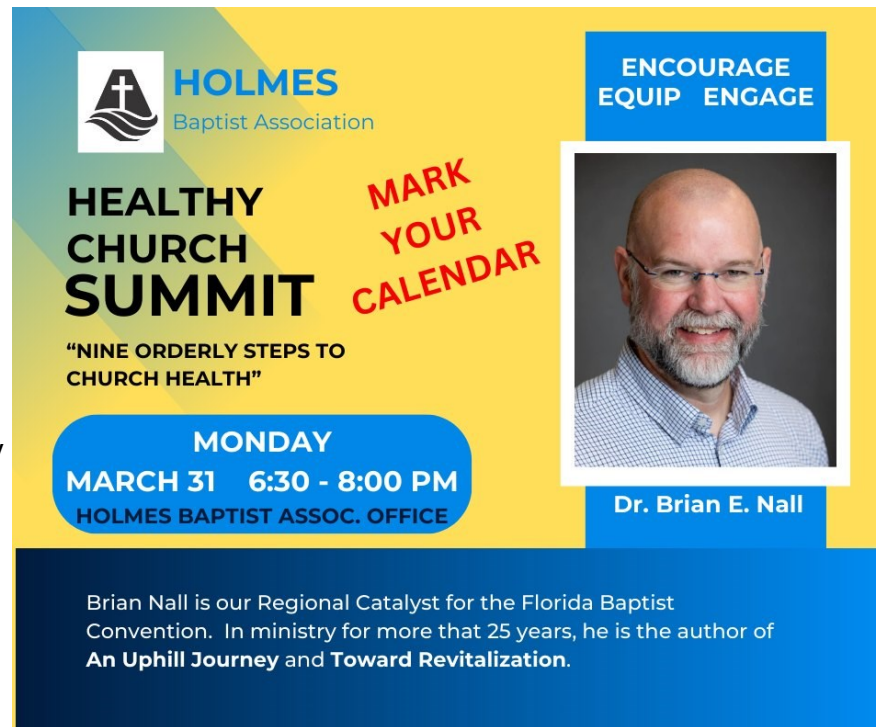
Healthy Church Summit

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.



The graphic features a yellow and blue background. On the left is the Holmes Baptist Association logo (a cross over waves) with the text 'HOLMES Baptist Association'. In the center, 'HEALTHY CHURCH SUMMIT' is written in large, bold letters, with '“NINE ORDERLY STEPS TO CHURCH HEALTH”' below it. A red banner says 'MARK YOUR CALENDAR'. A blue box at the bottom contains the date and time: 'MONDAY MARCH 31 6:30 - 8:00 PM HOLMES BAPTIST ASSOC. OFFICE'. On the right, a photo of Dr. Brian E. Nall is shown with the text 'ENCOURAGE EQUIP ENGAGE' above it and 'Dr. Brian E. Nall' below it.

-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.

-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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