



Executive Board Meeting

Monday, September 14, 2009

HCBA 11:00 am

The Executive Board is composed of the Officers and Trustees, active pastors, department heads of programs, chairperson of Finance & Personnel, Team leaders of the two teams of the association and one member from each church (additional member for each 1000 members not to exceed 5 from any church). Guests are welcome.

Calendar

September

- 14-Bi-vocational pastors Ryan’s Hixson,7pm
- 15-Min/Education-HCBREA noon at Ridgedale
- 15- Music Ministers at Ridgedale 11:30
- 17-Southern Belle Boat Brunch 9 am
- 17-Preschool/Children’s NEW PLACE TBA noon
- 21- Annual HaCoBA Care Meeting - HCBA 11am
- 23-Administrator/bookkeepers luncheon BX noon

ACS training hosted at HCBA 9-4, Sept 28-Oct 2

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October

- 6- Pastors’ Breakfast, Country Place, 8 am
- Music Ministers Lunch
- 15- Preschool/Children’s Ministers luncheon noon TBA
- 15-Administrative Leadership Team 4 pm HCBA
- 20-Annual Meeting of HCBA at Rechoboth Church 6:30 pm
- 27-Min/Education-HCBREA luncheon noon at Ridgedale
- 28-Administrator/bookkeepers luncheon at Brainerd BX at noon

November

- 3- Pastors’ Breakfast, Karl’s Hixson 8 am
- 5- Ministry Assistants luncheon at Concord 11:30
- 7-8 Youth Choir event
- Music Ministers Lunch
- 10-11 TN Baptist Convention @ W. Jackson Church
- 12-Mission and Ministry Team 5 pm at HCBA
- 16-EXECUTIVE BOARD
- 17-Ministers of Education HCBREA luncheon Ridgedale noon
- 19 Preschool/Children’s Ministers luncheon noon

Next Executive Board Meeting

Monday, November 16, HCBA at 11 am

ANNUAL MEETING October 20, Rechoboth Church, 6:30

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

1. Ronnie Mitchell, Moderator and Pastor of East Ridge, called the May anniversary reception and meeting to order at HCBA.
2. The minutes of the March meeting were presented in the booklets for approval.
3. A time of celebration for the 25th year anniversary of continuing ministry of DOM Dr. David Al Myers was celebrated.

Becky Witt, Clerk

Annual Association Meeting Tuesday Evening, October 20

Rehoboth Baptist Church
Hwy 27N, Soddy Daisy
6:30 pm

Every church may elect messengers to attend this
Annual Meeting. Visitors are welcome.

“Each church cooperating with the Association shall be entitled to two messengers for its first sixty member, or fraction thereof, and one additional messenger for each additional hundred members or fraction thereof, provided, however, that no church shall be entitled to more than 15 messengers.”

Constitution, Article III, Section 2

Monthly Pastors' Breakfast

(first Tuesday each month, 8:00 am)

October 6, Country Place on Shallowford

November 3, Karl's in Hixson

December 1, Wally's in East Ridge

This informal breakfast meeting provides opportunity to visit with fellow ministers, share concerns and interests. The cost is reasonable, the food is good and the fellowship is excellent. Come join the group. **No reservations required.**

Director of Missions

The training sessions that were announced in our May Executive Board Report have come to pass with good success. In the report on English as a Second Language and Tutoring for Children/ Youth, you will find that a good number of persons spent the better part of two weekends preparing to serve as volunteers in response to the needs of those around them. A specially designed workshop of eight hours to become certified in teaching English as a Foreign Language was taught to volunteers planning to take a mission trip overseas. This certification was required to complete their mission preparedness and to guarantee the doors' being opened for ministry once they arrive in the foreign country to which they were traveling. We had a good turnout on May 12 for the Baptist Builders meeting exhibiting growing interest in our reviving a construction or reconstruction ministry within our association. We are still trying to enlist and mobilize key leaders to step out in this area of local missions.

Thanks to Bobby Boutwell for his being liaison for the World Changers 09. The churches responded well. Thirty-three of our churches responded to World Changers by involving 1300 volunteers in preparing lunches and other resources for the participants. Seventy-one work projects were completed.

For a number of years, we have participated in Riverbend in the children's area with various activities, including the use of thousands of salvation bracelets. While our association did not participate in Riverbend this year, by the action of our Missions and Ministry Team, thousands of salvation bracelets and salvation tattoos (provided by NAMB) have been provided through our association to a number of churches to assist them in their mission work. Some of these groups have used these witnessing tools in backyard Bible clubs activities, special outreach ministries and other church ministries. We continue to need volunteers to make these bracelets for future use.

We welcome new pastors to our association. Alan Rogers has begun his ministry at New Salem Baptist. Alan and Melody, his wife, were in our first group of summer missionaries our association engaged more than twenty years ago to lead mission Bible school and other outreach ministries in our city. How interesting it is that they have now returned to offer leadership to one of our churches. Tylan Blansit has begun his pastorate at Mountain Creek Baptist. Ken Wolfe accepted the call to Frawley Baptist in July. Let's pray for these pastors as they begin their ministry among Hamilton County Baptists.

Growing out of a meeting of pastors more than a year ago, followed by input from the Administrative Leadership Team and the Mission and Ministry Team, we are beginning the process of studying the possibility of relocating both the association office from here on Market Street and the HaCoBACare Ministry Center from the St.Elmo Baptist Church. Full discussions will follow, but among the reasons are these: ☞ 1. Reduced staff requires a smaller office, reducing upkeep of an aging building, reallocated assets could strengthen the ability for the association to minister; ☞ 2. HaCoBACare needs a one level, better designed, more adequate space for the growing demand of the ministry; ☞ 3. Perhaps a building housing both of the above would reduce upkeep, allow more efficient operation and reduce duplication of equipment. A relocation team is being assembled to look into all the possibilities and ramifications of such a step. Your input will be gladly received.

We are facing challenging, opportune times. We have reduced staff, working hours for the hourly workers, office hours and salaries for everyone. Our contributions continue to decline as

Director of Missions (con't)

churches reduce the amount they are contributing to local missions through our association. We are making every attempt to provide increasing ministries and services with reduced resources. Our financial report in this booklet reflects this difficult situation.

I covet your prayers as we remain faithful to God's mission for our association. Pray for our churches who are also facing uncertain financial times. We know God is faithful. This is His work. We trust His guidance and care.

The following is a copy of the email sent to many of our church members and leaders on August 24. In case you did not receive this email, here is a copy for your information and response:

I need your help.

The Administrative Team of the association has approved our proceeding with the study of relocation for our office and our HaCoBACare Ministry Center. In our response to that, a Relocation Team is being enlisted currently and will meet soon. A commercial appraisal of the Market Street property has been completed.

Here are a couple of ways you can be helpful in this process:

1. Give me a call or email your ideas, suggestions, questions in regard to the possible disposition of the 508 Market Street property for relocation of the office and relocation of HaCoBACare (which is now in leased property of St. Elmo Avenue Baptist Church).

2. Help spread the word that we are looking for property.

A. For HaCoBACare, we need 10,000 to 15,000 square feet on one level, with multiple entries, on or near a bus line (many ride the bus to get to the center), needing limited repair and adaptation construction for the center's operation, no-cost or low cost within minimal range, safe for volunteers' daytime operation and general security.

B. For association office, we need approximately 1,500 to 2,000 square feet providing for several offices, a work room, reception area and small conference room. It needs to be in a safe and easily accessible area for daytime or night time use by staff and groups. Perhaps, a single location could serve for both - office and HaCoBACare. There would be pluses and minuses to this possibility.

The Relocation Team will deal with all questions and concerns, but we did want to get your input or input from those you know. Perhaps someone in your church has property they could make available for a tax write off. Who knows? So, we are letting you know, we are beginning this investigative phase. Your input would be appreciated.

David Al Myers

Thank you for your faithfulness in participating in this meeting and supporting your association.

David Al Myers

Language Missions

As we start back in English classes all over town this month, during the summer I borrowed some words from others that helped me to prepare.

It has been 28 years since Walter Cronkite last told America that was the way it is, more than enough time for him to fade from our collective consciousness. That fact that he didn't fade speaks volumes not just about him, but also about an era when an anchor could presume to tell the country—without contradiction from bloggers, Twitterers and other critics that what he had just presented was indeed a definitive picture of reality....But his death also reminds us that there can never be another Cronkite—just because of the way media is today and also because Americans will never again trust journalists the way they trusted him. And that is a healthy thing. He was a reliable narrator of national and world events. Today every journalist should be challenged and fact-checked, as now news happens roughly every second of every day not just at 6:30 pm in the evening. Compiled from News

“A world in need now summons us to labor, love and give.
To make our life an offering to God that all may live;
The Church of Christ is calling us to make a dream come true:
A world redeemed by Christ-like love:
All life in Christ made new. “

Words by Josiah Conder born 1789

We had a class for those going on Foreign Mission Trips this summer. This is a condensed workshop with exact techniques learned that enhance teaching English. Brenda Myers offers this upon request to church groups.

Those whose native language is other than English and whose difficulty in speaking, reading, writing, or understanding the English language face obstacles are the target we chose to provide assurance and guidance. See Schedule page 8 in the booklet for a list of classes with locations & times.

Every August and January HCBA offers volunteers the opportunity to attend ESL training to learn to teach adults from other parts of the world to speak English. This August **19 certified** by attending 100% of the sessions and completing the work. **Twenty four** registered for components of the literacy ministry training taught by Edie Barry and Brenda Myers, National trainers for NAMB.

Training for Tutoring children and youth had **eleven** signed up and three of those choose to complete the certification program by attending all sessions. Loretta Swingle is the national trainer and local leader for this ministry.

One new training opportunity has begun at the invitation of the Alstom Company. One additional class is now offered at East Lake Recreational Center in the morning hours. It is very stirring to see workers so happy and anxious to get into the ministry that provides such sure rewards!

Thank you for the chance to provide what the community needs!

Becky Witt

Administrator

We had great successes in the conference, workshops, and seminars on Human Resource/ Personnel Policies, Self Auditing your financial records at church, and those others of nearly fifteen sessions offered. Please let us know what additional training you need for your church so we can plan accordingly.

We are attempting to **maintain and grow services with fewer resources and personnel**. Also we ask, please, for everyone's patience as responsibilities are shifted. I realize we might put a wrong date on something or need to be reminded. Again, please do not feel you are interrupting, but that you are supporting and assisting when you ask questions, remind us and proof our work.

Please look to the website www.baptistassociation.com for the latest information. We have many who use email to ask personal consultation questions now that can be answered by sharing data or even by online referral to CPA's or attorneys.

This is a busy time. The **calendar** is being updated constantly and is now available for 2010 on the website and if you need a printed booklet, let us know. We no longer publish the gift calendar.

We will follow the example of the TBC and others in not publishing our **directory** in hard copy but it once again will be available to you and your peers online or by contacting the office. The email addresses are changed more often than any of us would have ever dreamed and this is the best way to keep current information in your hands.

The Program Assistant position has been removed from the budget which had given HCBA our first intern type position for over 3 years. Natasha Betancourt has been a happy part of our workplace and she will be missed. All other staff has taken financial cutbacks, each of us doing so in an attempt to help reduce our budget by \$30,000 for the new year. The budget will be previewed today in this meeting for questions, and adopted on October 20th at Rechoboth Church during the Annual Meeting.

We are grateful for the work of the teams, the personnel and finance committees and everyone who has assisted in preparing to close this year.

Becky Witt

www.baptistassociation.com

New Office Hours for the Association Office

Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 4:30

Friday 8:30 - 12:00

Hamilton County Baptist Association

English as a Second Language Class Schedule

English as a Second Language classes are offered at several locations and times between Labor Day and Memorial Day. The following schedule shows classes scheduled for 2009-10:

Sunday

Primera Church Hispanic Mission
109 East View Court, Red Bank 4:00-6:00 PM Izzette Torres 510-0215

Red Bank Baptist Church
4000 Dayton Blvd 5:00-6:00 PM Dean Allison 877-7794
Church 877-4514

Monday

Brainerd Baptist Church
300 Brookfield Avenue 9:30-11:30 AM Burl Newport 706-375-7134
Church 624-2606

Red Bank Baptist Church
4000 Dayton Blvd 7:00-8:30 PM Loretta Swingle 877-7749

Wednesday

Concord Baptist Church 9:30 - 11:30 AM Capi Cohen
7025 E. Brainerd Rd. (eslconcord@gmail.com)
Church 892-9313

Brainerd Baptist Church 6:00 - 7:30 PM Carlos Betancourt/
300 Brookfield Avenue Next to church in house Laura Easterly 624-2606

Abba's House (room E322)
5208 Hixson Pike 6:00-7:30 PM Ray Ortega 400-8098

Thursday

First Baptist Church, Chattanooga 9:30-11:30 AM Kay Heil 488-9009
401 Gateway Avenue Church 265-2257

East Lake Recreation Center 10 AM and 6 PM Marilyn & Bruce Johnson/
Portable Classroom Building Raquel Hidalgo 867-9785

Saturday

First Baptist Church, Chattanooga
401 Gateway Avenue & Sixth St. 4:00-6:00 PM Katharine Bruner 266-0676

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

The period of August-September is the busiest time for collegiate ministries. From the beginning of August to the present, our efforts have been focused on Outreach. We concluded our efforts at having a presence at all of the freshman orientations, did a “mailout” to over 1300 returning students, placed over 2000 flyers in water bottles distributed by the University and placed Welcome Week schedules on most residence hall doors on campus. As the semester began, our student leaders and interns helped move in new students and then did outreach events every day for seven consecutive days. The results of these efforts so far have been a very positive response.

Building upon the success of our lunch ministry last year, our initial lunches have been extremely well attended with new faces every week. This remains one of the most effective opportunities that we have for making new relationships in a very natural, comfortable context. In addition, our weekly worship services have been very well attended. The leadership that our interns and student leaders have provided to worship this year has been very effective. In addition, we have been most fortunate to have the college minister and pastor from Brainerd Baptist as our first speakers. Their effective presentation of the gospel provided us with very solid footing upon which to launch the year.

Most recently we have launched our “Family Group” ministry. Our goal is to start with 5 family groups that will be engaged in Bible Study, fellowship and missions. As these groups grow, we hope to “birth” new groups and new leaders.

We have been extremely blessed this year to be able to expand our Internship ministry. For the first time we have 3 interns that provide guidance and oversight to our program offerings. Jordan Jackson has returned for a second year and serves as Senior Intern. A member of Brainerd Baptist, Jordan is a 2008 graduate of Carson-Newman College with a degree in Religion. David Madden and his new wife Jaimie, joined us in August. David is a 2009 graduate of Carson-Newman College with a degree in religion. Candice Hannah is a Senior at UTC, having served on our leadership team for the past couple of years. Candice intends to graduate in 2010 with a degree in Anthropology. She attends Southside Bible Fellowship, the new church plant pastored by Jason Hart (also one of our Alumna).

God has given us a great opportunity to make a substantive difference in the lives of this generation. Please pray for us that we will be good and faithful stewards of this opportunity.

Steve Roper

HaCoBACare Ministries

A volunteer reflects, *Shiela was a pleasant lady who seemed shy and retiring when she came to the Mission Center last week. I was immediately drawn to her clear, light blue eyes. The only distraction was a definite droop in the right eye that obviously hindered at least half of her vision.*

My responsibility that day was the Exit Interview, more commonly know in the volunteer group as the witnessing. Before the clients leave the facility, I like to remind them that none of the staff is paid and all goods are donated. I then assure them that this truly is God's work as only He can place goodness in our hearts and the hearts of the people who give unselfishly from week to week in such a difficult economy. We furnish emergency food that will only last a couple of weeks. We want them to know the God who loves them and can provide all our needs. We also ask for a blessing on the food, that it be multiplied to meet their needs and that every bite they take will be a reminder of God's love for them.

I no longer ask the clients if they are "Christian" because everyone seems to make that claim. However, we also examine Matthew 7:21 that says, "...not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord', will enter the kingdom of heaven." As I asked Sheila about her relationship with the Lord, she shared her faith and church affiliation confessing that she had not been able to be a part of her church in some time. We talked about some real difficulties in her life and I tried to offer suggestions for problem solving and encouragement. The conversation moved on about the Lord, what he has done for us and how he had blessed our lives. It was a very special moment as the Holy Spirit was visiting and healing her downcast heart. Right before my eyes I began to see the droop in that right eyelid lift as her countenance began to lift. I realized then and there - this was one of those very special moments when God comes by. I realized then and there that we were truly on holy ground. The warmth of His Holy Spirit permeated that place!

Why do I go week after week to HaCoBa? I rightly expect to help people who are having a very difficult time. Most times I am blessed beyond my wildest expectation.

The last three months have been very busy; we have been able to serve 1059 families with much needed help. That is 1427 adults with an additional 865 children, ages 3-18. During these two months we were able to lead 31 to the Lord, and were also blessed with 9 rededications. The clothing distribution is continuing at a very good pace.

The call for school supplies went out and the response came in, only the Lord can do what we have seen done. We have school supplies for all who are in need of them. The support that the churches have given us is far greater than I expected, and for this I thank you. I pray that all will remember us as we approach the holiday season and the needs that we will have. I want to thank each person and churches for all that you do for HaCoBaCare Ministries.

The Baptist Nursing Fellowship during these three months checked 280 blood pressures, issued 53 pairs of glasses and 5 consultations of specific health issues. Not only is this service used by our clients but the volunteers also avail themselves of the blood pressure checks. We do have a great need for reading glasses, if you can help with this please call the Ministry Center and let us know.

Gerald C. Lawson

W M U Report

MAY

Our Annual Meeting was held at Ridgedale Baptist Church on May 4th. We had a wonderful turnout. We had twenty mission booths set up. They were all very well done. Our speaker for the evening was Dr. Mitch Mutter. Dr. Mutter is a well know Cardiologist in Chattanooga. He has a heart for missions and a love for the people of Haiti. He and his team make several trips each year ministering to these people. We had 108 people attending.

Our planning meeting for the upcoming year was held at White Oak on May 30th.

JUNE

This was a quiet month for WMU. Many people were on vacation and various churches were busy with VBS.

JULY

Individual WMU's were busy electing officers for the new year. Plans were being made for our Prayer Walk for our schools to be held in August or early September.

AUGUST

We were all busy getting our annual reports in to the proper places Thank goodness this only happens once each year.

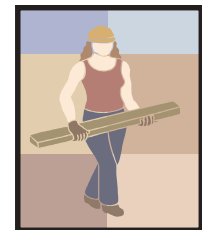
On August 29, nine of our Hamilton County ladies left for the Greenbrier Birthing Prison in West Virginia. They returned on September 5. They were all exhausted but had some marvelous stories to share with us.

Sybil Jacks

Disaster Relief Training
September 19, 2009
North Cleveland Baptist Church



In the New Activities Building
2815 North Ocoee St.
Cleveland, TN. 37312



**To pre-register, call the Bradley Baptist Association - 476-5493
RSVP for the luncheon.**

Proposed 2009-2010 General Operating Budget

Accounts -Revenues

Annual Budget 2009-10

004700 - Church contributions General Operat	\$301,543.00	
004730 - Interest income-General Fund	\$2,000.00	
004735 - Interest Savings 4-2001	\$25.00	
Total Revenues		\$303,568.00

Accounts -Expenses

MISSIONS

005050 - Ethnic Ministry mission support	\$3,000.00	
005055 - Literacy	\$1,500.00	
Total MISSIONS		\$4,500.00

CHURCH PROGRAM SUPPORT

005100 - Music	\$1,000.00	
005105 - Age Group Programming	\$1,000.00	
005110 - Church Leadership Support	\$3,300.00	
005120 - Hospitality	\$1,000.00	
005130 - Baptist Men's Ministries	\$300.00	
005140 - W M U	\$300.00	
005150 - Church Media Library	\$300.00	
005180 - BRIDGE newsletter	\$500.00	
005200 - Annual meeting	\$200.00	
005210 - Minutes & Personnel Directory	\$750.00	
005240 - Promotion by Media	\$2,500.00	
Total CHURCH PROGRAM SUPPORT		\$11,150.00

ADMINISTRATION

005250 - Postage	\$3,500.00	
005260 - Office supplies	\$3,000.00	
005270 - Office equipment	\$2,500.00	
005280 - Utilities	\$10,500.00	
005290 - Maintenance	\$12,500.00	
005300 - Insurance	\$4,600.00	
005305 - Equip. Emer. Escrow	\$6,000.00	
00530A - Computer Support	\$500.00	
Total ADMINISTRATION		\$43,100.00

COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES

005310 - Collegiate Program	\$20,000.00	
Total COLLEGIATE MINISTRIES		\$20,000.00

CHURCH LEADERSHIP SUPPORT

005330 - Public Relations	\$500.00	
005340 - HCBA Staff training & seminars	\$750.00	
005345 - H.C.Ministry Assistants Assoc.	\$200.00	
005390 - Audit	\$1,275.00	
005400 - Contingency	\$1,800.00	
Total CHURCH LEADERSHIP SUPPORT		\$4,525.00
Total PERSONNEL		\$220,293.00
Total Expenses		\$303,568.00

Designated Giving -- Did You Know??

Four Individuals gave a total of \$402.10 during the past month to various ministries of HCBA designated.

Churches gave to the food ministry of HaCoBA: (081504)

	August
Organization	
East Ridge	\$15.00
Frawley	<u>\$100.00</u>
Grand Total:	\$115.00

Churches gave to the operations of HaCoBA: (855340)

	August
Organization	
Cross Roads	\$100.00 2 months
Pleasant Grove	\$167.00
Ridgedale	\$677.00
Riverside	\$50.00
Stuart Heights	\$692.52
Westview	<u>\$ 25.00</u>
Grand Total:	\$1711.52

Individuals or classes gave to the food ministry of HaCoBA: (081504)

	August
Brainerd Hills Ruth Class	\$15.00
Brainerd Hills WOM	\$20.00
First Baptist Faith Poston Class	\$20.00
Ham Co Baptist Ministry Assistants	\$45.00
Red Bank Hope Class	\$50.00
Memorial Adult V Ladies Ruth Class	\$10.00
Memorial Adult V Men's Class	\$173.00
Esther Memorial Class	\$10.00
Mountain Creek Love Class	\$15.00
Silverdale Sunshine Class	\$15.00
South Seminole WOM	\$60.00
Ridgedale Loyal Class	\$30.00
Individual for Peanut Butter	30.00
Other individuals	<u>190.00</u>
Grand Total	\$683.00

Individuals or classes gave to the general operations of HaCoBA: (855340)

	August
Ridgedale Lydia Class	\$50.00
Signal Mountain Joy Class	\$25.00
Five other individuals gave gifts totaling	<u>\$452.50</u>
Grand Total	\$527.50