



# Executive Board Meeting

Monday, May 10, 2010

HCBA at 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 -abridged-

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## May

- 10- Executive Board Meeting, 11am, HCBA
- 17 - Bi-vocational Pastors - Ryans, Northgate
- 20- Preschool/Children Ministry luncheon
- 26- Church Business Administrators, BX-noon

## June

- 1 Pastors' Breakfast, Wally's, 8:00 am
- 5 Disaster Relief Training, New Salem
- 15 - 16 - Southern Baptist Convention, Orlando
- 23 - Administrators' Meeting, Noon at BX

## July

- 5 - Pastors' Breakfast, Country Place on Shallowford
- 8 - Administrative Leadership Team, 4:00 pm at HCBA
- 12 - 17 - World Changers 2010
- 19 - 24 - World Changers 2010
- 29 - Senior Adult Council

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**May 17, Monday, 7 pm**  
**Ryans, Northgate**  
**Bi-Voc Pastor**  
**free Dinner**

### Office Hours for the Association Office

Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 4:30  
Friday 8:30 - 12:00

## Monthly Pastors' Breakfast

(first Tuesday each month, 8:00 am)  
Next Breakfast - June 1 Wally's E 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.**

## Next Executive Board Meeting

Monday, September 13, Associational Office, 11:00 am

# Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

1. Ronnie Mitchell called the March 15th dinner meeting at Wally's East Ridge to order. Ray Williams introduced his friend, Pastor Toby Brogden of Greenwood, who gave the devotion from Luke 10 about Martha & and Mary who sat at Jesus' feet.
2. The HaCoBA Care report was presented by director, Gerald Lawson. He reported the use and need for many more pairs of reading glasses- all strengths, and for nursing assistants. He told the story of proactive help for those who are seldom in need. Gerald was very thankful for the Men's Ministry of BCM-UTC as they donated and delivered boxes of food.
3. WMU associational director Sybil Jacks, gave her report. She announced that the annual meeting will be May 3 at Spring Creek. New organizations have started in 4 churches. January was the beginning of the "fill the pantry" promotion for HaCoBA. WMU Focus was also during February with each church working in their own location. The National SBC Week of Prayer for Home Missions just ended.
4. The BCM-UTC report was given by collegiate ministry specialist Steve Roper. Steve says they are blessed with a good group of young men at the BCM this year. The focus for this semester this year is based on service. Spring Break mission trip was to work on a campus in Louisiana. He started that there had been no slowing down, they worship on Thursday evenings is still growing in numbers. Candais Hannah, senior at UTC and intern, has had a huge impact of the African American students; David and wife will stay another year at UTC and Jordan will get married.
5. The Finance reports were presented by Treasurer Richard J. Blalock. He provided all details and asked for questions in regard to funds of the Hamilton County Baptist Association and the designated gifts to HaCoBACare Ministries.
6. The Minutes were approved as written.
7. Becky Witt, Administrator of Finance and Language Ministries, talked about the opportunity to minister to individual VW employees from their google internet direction to HCBA as teachers of English in Chattanooga. She stated that 40 were involved in the latest literacy training areas. Tutoring Children and Youth had 13 attend training and 23 new volunteers for ESL were trained.
8. David Myers, Director of Missions, thanked Morris Hill for preparing and presenting the VBS Experience detailed training event on April 29. He also announced that May 17, at 7 pm the Bivocational Pastor dinner will have speaker Randy Davis, President of the TBC. Others are invited to join the group. David also reported on the talks with the City of Chattanooga about the HaCoBA Care Ministry possible relocation to the old Farmer's Market- Onion Bottom building. He praised the volunteers at HaCoBA and announced their own Appreciation Day in Churches coming March 21. He said the Keyboard Festival is still the only one in TN and was the best ever.
9. Webmaster, David Martin, would like to know what you would like to see on our website. He always needs addresses corrections.
10. Closing prayer was led by Richard Jones. Eighteen attended.

Becky Witt, Clerk

# Director of Missions

Let me briefly report on some of the recent happenings in our association. Sometimes we are not good about letting you know how things are going or have gone, but only emphasize what is coming up next. **You need to know that a lot about our association is good and positive!** We need for you to be “raving fans” of this association and prayer partners daily lifting our ministries to the Lord.

The *Spring Fling* for senior adults was hosted by Bayside Baptist Church. The Senior Neighbors Orchestra did a superb job in presenting a program of music. The church catered the delicious meal and we had 265 people in attendance.

Our **Bible Drills** for children and youth were well attended. It appears that Bible Drills may be a growing interest again in some of our churches. I am thrilled about that. We need our children and youth to be memorizing scripture and learning to comfortably navigate through the Bible for help and strength. Brainerd Hills hosted the drills this year.

David Martin again did an excellent job in teaching the **EXCEL** class on April 13. Earlier in March I had taught a basic PowerPoint class. We offer some computer training from time to time along with an ACS support group for churches who use the ACS software for financial and data.

The **Ministers of Music** met in their monthly meeting to plan the August 7 music workshop/conference to be held in Chattanooga. Paul Clark of the Tennessee Baptist Convention was present to discuss plans. Training will be available for all age graded choirs and there will be a session for both the youth and adult choir members themselves.

On the following page are some pictures taken at the **Vacation Bible School Experience** for this year conducted at Morris Hill Baptist Church and by the team of workers/leaders from the Morris Hill Church. It was better attended than last year’s events -- offering training for each age group, displaying decoration ideas, teaching new songs and movements for the assembly times and serving refreshments related to “Saddle Ridge Range”, such as hay bales and “cow chips”?! This is the second consecutive year Morris Hill has provided the leadership for the training. They do an excellent job which is likely why the attendance was better this year when our people realized they were leading again.

The Bi-vocational Pastors will have an opportunity to spend part of an evening with Randy Davis, President of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, on Monday evening, May 17, at 7:00 pm at Ryans Family Restaurant in Hixson. All bi-vocational ministers are invited. No reservations are required, but it would be helpful to let the association office know so adequate space can be reserved. The ministers will be the guests of the association.

Have you received and read the new *e-BRIDGE*. As good stewards, we are depending on electronic communication more than hard mail. This e-mail newsletter contains current news, calendar events and timely information. Let me urge you to open and read this newsletter. It is also found on our website which church members should be encouraged to read on a regular basis to keep informed about the ministries and activities of their association.

David Al Myers

# Vacation Bible School Experience

## *Saddle Ridge Ranch*

***April 29 at Morris Hill Baptist Church***



Thanks to a great  
leadership team from  
Morris Hill Baptist Church

# Administrator

Monthly luncheons for those working in business management of churches are held on the fourth Wednesdays at noon at the Brainerd Baptist BX CrossRoads Cafe. This is open to business administrators of any church in the area. May 26 is the next meeting.

I was able to attend a conference at UTC called TAKE THE LEAD for comprehensive community planning and promoting directions for leadership. The area I most work with is concerned with educational needs. The computer classes, literacy classes for ethnics as well as tutor training were identified as basic needs for our community. I am glad we already have started to bridge the gap.

We were able to have our exhibit at the annual meeting for the WMU. The meeting was well attended at Spring Creek Road Baptist Church.

Call us if we might set up our exhibit in your church entry or fellowship areas.

Remember to check the website for Bible Study kits you might enjoy borrowing from our resource list. Also we are able to provide the color coded tattoos and salvation bracelets for your church to use in special events that you plan.

The Hamilton County Baptist Ministry Assistants had their luncheon this quarter at Brainerd Baptist BX. The food was wonderful, the table decorations became our gifts, and Dr. Bill Owens spoke about the relationship with the Pastor and his secretary. This group continues to support HaCoBA Care Center with donations of money and specialized items.

As I write this report it is the National Day of Prayer. Remember to pray for our local, state and national leaders.

Becky Witt



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for the most current information

[www.baptistassociation.com](http://www.baptistassociation.com)

# Language Missions

## TUTORING CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Loretta Swingle is a teacher with the Hamilton County Schools and that position makes it very helpful for relatives or tutors who want to understand what teachers are asking the children to do for homework and generally how to help with assignments. The next workshop she leads is August 14 on Saturday. Certificates are given both for those 6 hours of focused study or for the entire two Saturday workshop through the North American Mission Board.

## ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Our annual appreciation meal for all church leaders of English groups was on May 7 at China Moon. We received a donation of books from our publishing vendor for our teachers to use as resources. We also received a \$6000 gift from the Tennessee Baptist Convention for ESL presented during March. We are most grateful for these most needed donations to the ministry.

Join the team of volunteers who teach conversational English each week. The qualifications include (1) completing a workshop (offered the middle weekends of August 13 Friday from 5-8 pm and August 14 & 21 from 9-3,) and (2) a love for people from other countries. **You can do it!** No age limit. No previous experience required.

The association offers the 3 session workshop twice yearly. Attendance at all three sessions is required for certification.

**Friday, August 13 -- 5:00 - 8:00 pm -Session 1**

**Saturday, August 14 -- 9:00 am - 3:00 pm -Session 2**

**Saturday, August 21 -- 9:00 - 3:00 pm -Session 3**

Books will be provided to those who teach in one of the association's English centers. The training is also free to those who are a part of the association's ESL ministry. Volunteers have teaching opportunities five days a week. You may choose the most convenient time -- day of the week and various times of the day.

**Call Becky Witt 267-3794 or email her at [hcba@baptistassociation.com](mailto:hcba@baptistassociation.com) to inquire further or register so that sufficient material will be available for all trainees.**

Becky Witt

# Baptist Collegiate Ministries

May finds your college ministry having successfully completed another year of ministry. It also finds BCM in the middle of preparations for the upcoming fall as well as staff transitions and summer Bible Study.

The academic year of programming ended on a very strong note. Our lunch ministry continued to post strong attendance numbers as well as great support from our local Baptist churches. This ministry has been consistently strong throughout this year. Much of the credit is due to our intern staff and their planning and promotion. However, equally due credit are the wonderful volunteers from our local churches that consistently....week after week.....prepared delicious meals and served them with a winsome attitude. Students notice those things.

Our Family Group Bible Study ministry as well as our weekly worship service broke what has been a consistent trend for all of my 22+ years of college ministry. At the end of Spring semester we were continuing to add new participants. A couple of students became involved in Bible Study even though there were only a handful of meetings remaining. One of our last worship events, I counted 10-12 visiting students that had never attended before. This is most unusual but was nonetheless most welcome.

Two highlights for our Spring Semester were our Spring Break Mission trip to Thibodaux, LA, to work alongside the BCM on the Nicholls State University campus. Our visit was returned a couple of weeks later when their students visited our Thursday worship while in the area for their mission trip. This was a positive, healthy experience that both campuses hope to build upon. Testimony of the effectiveness of this trip is found in that all but one of our upcoming leaders for this next year were participants on this trip. Our annual trip to Spring Leadership Conference at Linden Valley Conference Center was likewise well received by our students and positively evaluated at the conclusion. This has become an event that students look forward to each spring and is a wonderful way to close out the year.

The end of the school year indicates a time of transition for our staff. We have immensely blessed this year with 3 interns. It is my belief that many of the positive results that we have experienced are directly attributable to this. College ministry is a highly relational ministry and the ability to have more people tending those relationships means a) the ability to reach more people, b) the ability to expand into new areas of programming (such as our family groups and gospel choir), and c) the ability to actually care for those you reach. This generation of students requires more connectedness.... not less. Unfortunately, much of the money that we were able to access to fund these positions is no longer available. That means that we will be returning to a single intern for the upcoming year. Jordan Jackson, who has served with us for two years, will be moving from the area to marry her fiancé. Candace Hannah will be graduating in August and moving into a new phase of her life. David Madden has decided that he will remain with us for an additional year. He and I, and new student leadership, are quickly at work planning and adapting to try keeping our momentum for the upcoming year.

Steve Roper, Campus Minister

# HaCoBACare Ministries

During the months of March and April, 778 families received food, which totals 1651 individuals and 630 children ages 1 to 18. We praise the Lord for 14 professions of faith and 4 rededications. These numbers reflect how many we served in 35 days we were open.

The Baptist Nursing Fellowship during these two months checked 205 blood pressures, issued 119 pairs of glasses and 4 consultations of specific health issues. We are in need of reading glasses, all strengths.

This summer looks to be a challenging time as we are beginning to see more and more new clients. The need for food will increase when school is out for the summer.

The annual Postal Food Drive is coming up May 8, 2010. This will help stock the food pantry for about 3 weeks.

Our needs are great but we serve an even greater God.

Gerald C. Lawson

## W M U Report

### *March Emphasis*



The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering<sup>®</sup> is much more than an offering envelope and an annual missions-giving emphasis. When people give to the offering, 100 percent of their gift will be transformed into missionary salaries and ministry supplies. Those missionaries and supplies will help others hear the message of Christ and respond in faith to His offer of salvation.

### *April Emphasis*

Following the emphasis for the Annie Armstrong Offering during March, a great deal time was given in April to preparation for the Annual Meeting that was conducted on May 3 at Spring Creek Road Baptist Church. Many churches along with HaCoBACare and the Hamilton County Baptist Association prepare displays reflecting their mission involvement locally and around the world. The meeting was well attended. Officers and leaders for the new year were elected.

Sybil Jacks

# Training Opportunity



## Disaster Relief Training

8:30 am - 4:15 pm

New Salem Baptist Church

9806 Daisy Hollow Road

### Training Courses Offered

#### Introduction to Disaster Relief (Required)

New Volunteers	3 hours
Update (recertification)	1 1/2 hours

#### Specialized Training Courses

Flood Recovery (mudout)	1 1/2 hours
Shower/Laundry	1 1/2 hours
Damage Assessment	1 1/2 hours
Rebuild Training	1 1/2 hours
Spiritual Preparation/Evangelism	3 hours

\* A total of 6 hours of training are available \*

Cost \$35.00

Includes ID badge and background check, but also cost of any basic training courses a volunteer wants to take.

For information and registration contact Robin Legg of New Salem Baptist Church at 842-3078 or [nsbyouth@comcast.net](mailto:nsbyouth@comcast.net)

# Designated Giving -- Did You Know??

**1 individuals gave a total of \$ 25 during the past month to English Ministry.**

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

**Organization**

The Gathering	30.00
East Ridge	<u>20.00</u>
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>

**# 8 Churches gave to the operations of HaCoBA: (855340)**

**Organization**

Brainerd	166.00	
Cross Roads	100.00	2 checks
East Ridge	25.00	
St Elmo	50.00	
Pleasant Grove	163.00	
Riverside	100.00	2 checks
Stuart Heights	355.00	
Westview	<u>50.00</u>	2 checks
<b>Grand Total:</b>	<b>\$1009.00</b>	

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

Brainerd Hills Ruth Class	15.00	
Brainerd Hills WOM	\$20.00	
First Baptist Faith Poston Class	\$40.00	
Red Bank Hope Class	\$50.00	
Silverdale Sunshine Class	\$30.00	2 checks
Mountain Creek Love Class	\$30.00	2 checks
So Seminole Women	\$60.00	
Other individuals (7)	<u>\$1270.00</u>	
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$1515.00</b>	

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

Chapel Class East Ridge	130.00
Elizabeth Grey WMU group E Ridge	15.00
Loyal Class Ridgedale	30.00
Signal Mountain Joy Class	25.00
Other individuals (6)	<u>646.38</u>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>846.38</b>