



Executive Board Meeting

Monday, January 11, 2010

Association Office Building, 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-

Visit the website for complete, current, calendar of events
www.baptistassociation.com

January

- 18 - ESL Council, 11:30, Formosa
- 19 - Preschool Children Meeting, Noon, Abba's House
- 21 - Administrative Leadership Team, 4:00pm
- 27 - Administrators Meeting, 12:00, Brainerd BX
- 28 - Senior Adult Council, 10:30, HCBA
- 29 - ESL Workshop, 5 - 8, HCBA
- 30 - ESL Workshop, 9 - 3, HCBA
- 30 - Tutoring Children/Youth Workshop, 9 - 3, HCBA

February

- 2 - Pastors' Breakfast, 8:00am, Karl's
- 4 - HCBMAA, 11:30, Ridgedale
- 6 - ESL Workshop, 9 - 3, HCBA
- 6 - Tutoring Children and Youth Workshop, 9 - 3, HCBA
- 9 - Financial Issues Facing Churches, 6:30 - 8:30, HCBA
- 11 - Missions and Ministry Team, 5:00pm, HCBA
- 19-20 - Deacon Conference at FBC, Cleveland (See page 10)
- 24 - Administrators Meeting, 12:00, Brainerd BX

March

- 2 - Pastors' Breakfast, 8:00am, Wally's
- 5-6 - Handbell Festival, Carson Newman
- 6 - Keyboard Festival, 9:00am, Brainerd Baptist
- 9 - Basic PowerPoint, 10:00 - 11:30, HCBA
- 15 - HaCoBA Staff Meeting, 11:30am, Wally's East Ridge
- 15 - Executive Board Meeting, 6:30pm, Wally's East Ridge**

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Office Hours for the Association Office

Monday - Thursday 8:30 - 4:30

Friday 8:30 - 12:00

When the weather forecast and road conditions are uncertain, please call our office (267-3794) before planning a trip our way. For the safety of staff and visitors, the office may close when weather conditions warrant it. Since we monitor the phone even when the office is closed, please leave your name, message and phone number and we will return your call. Thanks for your understanding.

Next Executive Board Meeting

Monday, March 15, dinner meal at Wally's E Ridge 6:30 pm

Minutes of Executive Board Meeting

1. Ronnie Mitchell, Moderator, called the November breakfast meeting to order. Ray Williams, Vice Moderator, introduced the devotion.
2. The minutes of the September meeting were presented in the booklets for approval.
3. Richard Blalock, Treasurer, was ill and Becky Witt presented the financial reports.
4. The WMU report was presented by Sybil Jacks, Director. She emphasised the leadership development work her teams had done with Spring Creek, Mount Carmel and First Baptist (African American) Baptist Church in Hixson.
5. Gerald Lawson, Director of HaCoBACare, presented the report for HaCoBA daily ministry. He noted the needs for the holidays and increased poverty.
6. Steve Roper, Baptist Collegiate Specialist at UTC/CSTCC, talked about the ministry and Bible Study groups faithfully supported on UTC Campus. The students have worked on community service projects including HaCoBA Care Ministry.
7. Becky Witt, Administrator of Finance & Language Ministries, noted that the Director's annual meeting message was printed inside the book of reports distributed for this meeting, is on the website and has been mailed as requested by action of the messengers and moderator at the annual meeting. Becky also requested prayer for several volunteers who direct or work weekly with international adults that have grief or health issues.
8. David Myers, Director of Missions, gave the group a glimpse of the work being done at the new associational year. David presented opportunities for ministry and training. David emphasized the newly developed e-bridge(Constant Contact) he is sending by email regularly.
9. There was no old or new business. The meeting adjourned with prayer after requests were shared.

Becky Witt, Clerk

Monthly Pastors' Breakfast

(first Tuesday each month, 8:00 am)

February 2, Karl's Hixson

March 2, Wally's East Ridge 30 minute delay

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

I am starting my report this month asking you to pray for me and the team of persons working with me this week at Carson Newman as I lead the Wellness Retreat for terminated ministers. This retreat is sponsored by Ministering to Ministers and Carson Newman College. At last count, there will be thirteen persons in the week long retreat. We begin today at two o'clock and will conclude Friday afternoon at two o'clock. The participants are not just Baptists, but come from other denominations as well because the problem of ministerial termination is not limited to Baptist churches or even free churches. Churches with hierarchy and strong denominational control also have these problems, though they may have a system that lets them hide some of the strife and hurt by shifting ministers from here to there. A psychiatrist, attorney and other personnel will join me in leadership. I regret having to miss today's meeting.

Let me offer my deep gratitude and appreciation for the wonderful ministry of HaCo-BACare under the leadership of Gerald Lawson. Gerald has stepped into this position and done an excellent job of directing the work for more than a year. He is supported by his wife, Rhonda, who gives particular attention to the clothing area and the toys for children at Christmas. Each day there is a dedicated volunteer leader backed by a group of volunteers who work tirelessly to meet the needs of hundreds of people a week. During November and December alone, more than 1300 persons have received food, including nearly 600 children. And beyond that, as his report shows on page eleven, 740 children from 303 families received Christmas gifts and toys. What a tremendous ministry is carried on by these brothers and sisters in the Lord. I hope you realize just how outstanding this ministry is compared to any other ministry anywhere! Thank you, Gerald, for a wonderful job. Thank you, churches, for the volunteers, the contribution of money and the contribution of toys and groceries that make this ministry possible. We get no government funds. We are still number one in the city of Chattanooga in providing emergency groceries to family through the city's referral line 211. We don't get public notice or media coverage because we are a religious ministry, but we are second to none in the quality of ministry and the commitment of volunteers.

Again, let me urge you to please keep up with news, announcements and other items of interest by going to our website, **www.baptistassociation.com**. Also, we are now regularly sending out an email news letter, **e-bridge**, through Constant Contact, a service provided to us through one of our churches. The sender will be me; the subject will be "News from the Hamilton County Baptist Association." I hope you will open and read these. If you or other persons you know would like to get this e-news letter, please give us the person's name and email address. We are depending on such means of communicating more and more. Help us communicate better.

We welcome new pastor, Myron Wilkins, as pastor of Hixson First Baptist Church. He comes to this pastorate from the leadership of Bethel Bible Village.

The Senior Adult Holiday Meal was a wonderful experience. David Richardson, former minister of music in our area, brought a program of music and song that was just right for the Christmas season. The Senior Adult Council of the association meets again January 28 at 10:30, for fellowship and to plan future events.

Director of Missions (con't)

Be sure to make note of the various training events mentioned in this Book of Reports. You will find announcements scattered throughout the book, but particularly on pages 6, 7 and 10. Please pass this information along to key persons in your congregation who need to take advantage of these opportunities. They include English, tutoring, financial issues, Excel, PowerPoint, deacon training and others.

On January 25 at 7:00pm, the bi-vocational ministers are invited to a meeting at Ryans' Family Restaurant in Hixson. For about a year, we have been conducting these meetings every three or four months to provide opportunity for our bi-vocational ministers to gain information, share concerns and build support among themselves for their ministries. Approximately 45 of our churches are pastored by bi-vocational ministers and many others men and women serve in bi-vocational roles in others of our churches.

David Al Myers

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

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. The next lunch is on January 27. This is open to business administrators of any church in the area.

The First Tennessee Bank has allowed the HCBA exhibit to be spotlighted in their main lobby for the entire months of November and December to focus on ESL and the needs served the community through HaCoBA Care Ministry.

Three Tuesdays over three months offer free class seminars- open to the public

Financial Issues Facing Churches and Ministers

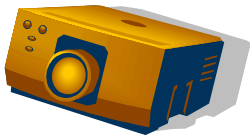
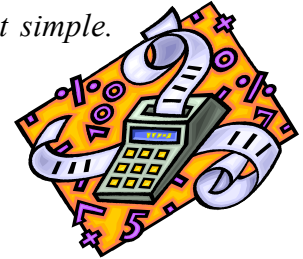
February 9, 6:30 - 8:30pm, HCBA

This seminar is designed to provide training for treasurers, financial and personnel committees, administrative church employees or any financial support planning persons. Ministers, church staff, members, treasurers, budget or personnel committee members and others interested lay leaders are encouraged to attend. No registration is necessary. Please pass this information along to anyone in your church that might benefit from this informative seminar led by Annuity Board Personnel.

☞ Pay Package Perils: Housing: How much and how to?? Keep it simple.

☞ Internal Controls Reporting: comply, comply, comply

☞ Charitable contributions: Credit where credit is due



Basic PowerPoint

March 9, 10:00 - 11:30am at the Baptist Building

Basic Excel

April 13, 1:30 at the Baptist Building



Language Missions

■ Do you want to teach ethnics to speak English?

Free training (1) to teach English as a second language or (2) to tutor children and youth are offered by your Hamilton County Baptist Association January 30-31 and February 6. Both weekends are required for certification in either area. Call 267-3794 for additional information and to register for the training.

The workshop for teaching volunteers how to teach English as a Second Language is scheduled for the last weekend of January and the first weekend of February. Both weekends of training are required for certification through North American Mission board. The hours are:

Friday evening, January 29, 5 - 8 pm

Saturday, January 30, 9am - 3pm

Saturday, February 6, 9am - 3pm

■ Would you like to help a child with his/her school work?

The workshop for training volunteers to Tutor Children and Youth is set for Saturday, January 30, from 9 until 3 and Saturday, February 6 from 9 until 3. Both weekends are required for certification.

Call the Baptist Building, 267-3794, to preregister for either of the above workshops so material and space will be reserved for you.

WISH LIST FOR LITERACY

IN HAMILTON CO BAPTIST ASSOCIATION - CHATTANOOGA.

(actually based on current needs average)

We have had from 80-115 volunteers teaching for over 15 years of the 25 years we have had classes in our community. We have had averages over the years of 300 students since 9-11. We had 800 different adults from foreign countries learning in our many classes one year just prior to 9-11.

☞WORKSHOP-- teacher training for church volunteers- ESL

Resources for teachers (folders, reproducible materials, markers, flash cards,) \$25 each. We train at least 50 new volunteers each year. \$1250.

Textbooks for teaching manual from NAMB at \$18.95 x 50 new leaders yearly = \$947.50.

Growing need for teaching reading/writing from Laubach books.- teacher and student books needed for teachers. \$500.

Expressway teacher and student texts for training session use for volunteers learning to teach, costs of two texts =\$ VARIES

Honorarium for certified instructors over 12 days is \$900.

Lunch boxes for those training on both Saturdays, breakfast, and snacks for those who will help us weekly in our classes. \$25 each. \$1000.

Continuing Education TN Dept of Ed. classes March 2010 hosted in Chattanooga for the first time ever at \$125.00 each for current teachers who have worked years weekly in our ten times class times offered. Eddie Barry is one of our NAMB trainers living in Chattanooga, a SBC church member, leading in area schools ESL for Hamilton County Public Education Dept. and in this conference. \$2500.

☞ADULT STUDENT NEEDS

Dictionaries \$650.

Adult current news styled News Papers, \$1000 yearly from New Readers Press with teaching guidelines for discussion teaching at average of \$2.50 each student.

Text books for each student in Laubach, English from the book of Mark, or regular publishers. Student like refugees cannot afford any costs for learning. Textbooks for all of the students range in prices based on the text chosen for that learning level. \$4000 yearly.

Bibles for all students have been offered for 25 years, even the year we had 800 adults learning in our classes (range from \$2.95- at least \$19.95 for Japanese New Testaments each). \$1000 yearly.

DVD of the Jesus story for students \$6.87 for Eng/Spain/Fren/Ger/Ital/Russ/Pol/Port---13.95 each provided for various language groups (Pacific ED is \$10.71). \$1000 yearly.

Annual appreciation banquet for teachers at \$800 cost estimate at local China Moon Restaurant on May 7, 2010. This is the only time the teachers come together for fellowship and discussion as an entire group. It would lovely to provide a certificate and token gift to the teachers each year or instructional chart or clipboard at additional costs of \$200 plus.

Classrooms need maps, dry erase boards and markers, paper and pencils. \$1000.

WISH LIST FOR LITERACY (con't)

☞It would be wonderful to be able to provide a seasonal time like Thanksgiving meal together for all locations every year. When we have done this turkey and dressing costs were around \$400 for the group and each International brought their favorite food item.

☞It would be wonderful to be able to provide a seasonal party or picnic or party, and Christmas gift item to each student. Snacks and coffee are offered weekly 10 places and times at a cost we have not been able to cover (teachers arrange currently).

TOTAL REQUEST: \$17,147.50 based on current needs or costs...no dreaming or provisions for seasonal refreshments in last listed item.

☞WORKSHOP TCY Tutoring Children and Youth

Resources for teachers (folders, reproducible materials, markers, flash cards,) \$15 each at 30 yearly or \$450.

Textbooks for teaching Manual from NAMB at \$12.95 x 30 at 388.50.

Honorarium for NAMB trainer. \$450.00.

TOTAL REQUEST \$1000

Information is provided as requested to understand the ministry that is not covered in the budget for General Fund operations of HCBA, yet ministry is offered consistently.

Baptist Collegiate Ministries

The start of 2010 signifies a new semester for your ministry on the UTC campus. Our fall semester closed well with good participation, though not as strong as we began in August. Our family groups continued to be an effective means of involving students in fellowship, Bible Study and service opportunities. They continue to reach students that were not being reached otherwise. In many cases those students are involved in family groups but not any other part of our ministry. Fortunately, because they are a part of family groups, these students are exposed to Bible Study, fellowship and missions each month. Another positive was that two of our groups were able to do service projects that provided food, toys and money to HaCoBa. It was extremely gratifying to see the impact that exposure to this wonderful ministry had on the participants. Each group continues to study the Gospel of John and has responded favorably. January will mark their 5th month of interaction with this gospel.

At the conclusion of the fall semester a group of 10 participated in a mission trip to Savannah, GA. During our time there we worked with the Living Waters Maternity Home. Our team did some painting and prep for the maternity home as well as a great deal of work in their 4 thrift stores. As is always the case, these trips have a tremendous personal impact upon each of the participant . . . perhaps greater than any other activity we provide. It is a life-changing experience for most of these young men and women to spend some time realizing both how blessed they are as well as the unrealized ability which they possess to have eternal influence in the lives of others.

As the new semester begins, we look forward to leadership recruitment, intern recruitment, another mission trip, Spring Conference . . . and many unknowns. I hope you will support us with your prayers that God will assemble the team of students, leaders and staff that will be necessary as we head into 2010-2011.

Respectfully
Steve Roper

Deacon Conference First Baptist Church, Cleveland

February 19 ● 7:00 - 9:30pm

February 20 ● 8:00 - Noon

Speaker: Jim Henry

❖ No registration or fee is required ❖

HaCoBACare Ministries

The months of November and December were extremely busy at HaCoBaCare. We are seeing an increase in first time clients from 211 as well as referrals from churches.

There were over 36 volunteers who helped with toys this year. Some had helped before but others had never been inside of HaCoBa.

Thank you to all churches and individuals, and a special thanks to the Baptist Childrens Home and Mapco Stores, who provided us with new and used toys for 303 families with 740 children.

During these two months, 616 families received food, which totals 1376 individuals and 558 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 the 24 days we were open.

The Baptist Nursing Fellowship during these two months checked 150 blood pressures, issued 50 pairs of glasses and 13 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 still have needs for donations of canned goods. We continue to purchase food each week.

Gerald Lawson

W M U Report

NOVEMBER

Our annual Baptist Women Day of Prayer was held at New Jerusalem Baptist Church on November 2nd. This is always a very meaningful meeting for all our ladies. We had a good attendance and were treated to a great meal by the ladies of New Jerusalem.

Our expanded Leadership Team Meeting on November 12th at the Baptist Children's Home. We reviewed our work and plans made at our planning meeting and new plans were discussed.

DECEMBER

The Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Offering was observed by our individual churches.

Some ladies from different churches in our association volunteered at HaCoBA to help sort and give out toys to families for Christmas.

We have several interesting activities coming up in the next few months. We will be letting you know about these.

I will not be able to attend the meeting today. I'm having some extensive dental surgery done on Friday.

Sybil Jacks

Associational Bible Drill

It's not too late to prepare

March 28

Brainerd Hills Baptist Church

1:30pm -- BLUE Drill

For more information, contact

Pam Keys, (706)866-6673

All materials may be purchased at the LifeWay Christian stores. Registration including free T-shirt size must be mailed in by March 15. For additional information, please call the association office at 267-3794. Children's Bible Drill is for grades 4 - 6.



Visit the Association Website --
for the most current information

www.baptistassociation.com

Designated Giving -- Did You Know??

2 Individuals gave a total of \$ 1000 during the past month to ESL & other ministries received 3520 from 3 individuals.

Our first stock gift nets \$5134.40 from one individual.

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

Organization

Alpine	\$54.00
South Seminole	\$250.00
The Gathering Memorial	<u>\$95.00</u>
Grand Total:	\$399.00

5 Churches gave to the operations of HaCoBA: (855340)

Organization

Cross Roads	\$50.00
Morris Hill	\$50.00
Pleasant Grove	\$392.00
Stuart Heights	\$523.00
Westview	<u>\$25.00</u>
Grand Total:	\$1040.00

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

Brainerd Hills WOM	\$40.00	two checks
First Baptist Faith Poston Class	\$20.00	
Hope Class ChristWay	\$30.00	
Loyal Class Ridgedale	\$100.00	
Red Bank Hope Class	\$50.00	
Mountain Creek Love Class	\$15.00	
So Seminole Active Baptist Women	\$50.00	
So Seminole Women	\$60.00	
Other individuals (2)	<u>\$65.00</u>	
Grand Total	\$430.00	

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

Loyal Class Ridgedale	\$30.00
Lydia Class Ridgedale	\$25.00
White Oak Joy Class	\$15.00
Signal Mountain Joy Class	\$25.00
Twelve other individuals gave gifts	\$4529.86
TBC	<u>\$500.00</u>
Grand Total	\$5124.86