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A team of 19 has just returned from the Philippine Islands Jan. 23 - Feb. 5. Those from Gibson Assn. are: Steve Atwood, pastor of Mt. Pleasant, Larry Davidson, Kenton, FBC, DOM, Roger Stacy, Charles Pratt, team leader-pastor, Kenton, FBC, Tommy Griggs, Bethpage. Other team members were from Dyer, Haywood, and Weakley Assn., Mississippi and Arkansas.



Pictures above and left are of the Men's Cluster Conference (Beulah, Dyer, Gibson Associations) held Feb 22nd-23rd at Hillcrest Baptist Church, Dyersburg. Dr. Steve Gaines, pastor of Bellevue was guest speaker. Rev. Joey Johnson from GBA was one of the speakers. Trenton, FBC Praise Team was also on the program. There were a good number of men from Gibson Association that attended.



Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Milan moved into their new worship center and had special opening Sunday Services Feb. 17th. Pictures above and to the left are of the service with pastor, Dale Denning preaching.



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A Missionary View

It is so hard to believe that on March 1, I will have completed my first year as your associational missionary (Director of Missions). Thank you for making me feel so welcome and for all your support and prayers.



We had a wonderful time in the Philippines. I believe there were over 13,500 decisions for Christ. On top of that, I was able to visit my Filipino family whom I had never met. Eight of them came to know Christ as their personal Lord and Savior.

We have set some dates (critical path) for our mission trips as virtual missionaries to Brazil. Please, we ask you to prayerfully consider joining us for one of these trips as we evangelize, disciple, begin simple worship, and then move to simple church starts. If you are interested in the May trip, contact me as soon as possible to register. Here are our dates for our trips:

- May 25-June 3. Evangelism, Discipleship, Simple Church Start
- September 8-17. Evangelism, Discipleship, Simple Church Start
- December 1-10. Evangelism, Discipleship, Simple Church Start

I am pleased to announce that some of the pastors from the Northeast Baptist Association will be visiting our association in April. Mike Roberts, DOM, and five or six pastors will join us on April 19—21st. We will be asking churches to host these men (some may bring their wives) for the weekend and allow them to share the needs and ministry opportunities with your people on Sunday. If you already know that you would be interested in hosting a pastor, you may contact our office. First come, first serve. We ask that you take a love offering to help with their travel expenses.

Two more very important events are on our calendar for our pastors. There will be a pastors & wives retreat at Paris Landing on May 2-3. The cost is only \$50. We are limited to 13 pastors due to the fact that this is a cluster event. Joyce Rodgers will be a speaker to our wives, as well as one session to the men. Call our office to register. The deadline is April 1. Another event is planned for May 15th and 16th, at FBC Trenton. This is a cluster event in the area of discipleship. More information will be forthcoming soon.

Your Missionary, Bro Roger

Poolside Reflections

"And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, inasmuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but he was asleep." Matthew 8:24



It is scary to weather the storm. The lights go out, the lightning flashes, the wind makes strange noises and familiar comfort suddenly becomes uncertain. We shout, we gather, we huddle, and we wait. Sometimes the storm blows past without incident, sometimes the storm rips right through our secure measures and we find ourselves vulnerable and helpless. It is a scary place to be. Who could sleep through such a time? Who would sleep through such a time?

The disciples were amazed to find Jesus asleep during their storm. In Mark's account of the story they ask the Lord the question, "Do You not care that we are perishing?" (Mark 4:38 NASB). Under the stress of crisis, we may find ourselves asking Jesus the same question during our storms. Don't forget – He was there with them during the storm – literally in the same boat. It was His storm as much as theirs – and it still is.

That night in the storm, Jesus was **not unconcerned, unaware, or uninvolved**. He was asleep – meaning he was *unafraid, undeterred, and undisturbed* by the motion and commotion around Him. You see, the opposite of faith is *fear*, the enemy of determination is distraction, and the storm that rages against us in the night is no match for our God who rises in response, rebukes the waves of despair and can set our course at peace.

Before you accuse God of not caring for you during the storm, learn to rest in His presence, trust in his Word, and stand behind Him in your time of greatest need. He will be your shield and protector, and he will carry you through the storm.

Peter learned this lesson some years later, when he found himself shackled in Herod's prison anticipating his own execution on the following day. He laid in his cell waiting. He was **not unconcerned, unaware or uninvolved** with his situation, but when the messenger of God came to release him – the angel found him . . . asleep (Acts 12:7).

- Bro. Randy

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Virtual Missionary Brazil Mission Trip
 May 25 - June 3, 2008
 Total Cost: \$2,048.00

Join us for an exciting venture in missions as a virtual missionary to the country of Brazil. We will seek to plant a church in an area that is 98% unevangelized. Our ministry includes door-to-door evangelism, visiting, sharing in schools, simple worship services, Bible studies in homes and disciplining new believers. Call GBA office, if you are interested in going.

GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT
 The Gibson Baptist Association exists to actively assist churches accomplish The Great Commission.

TBC EVENTS

Introduction Disaster Relief Training
Tuesday, March 18, 2008 6:00 - 9:00 P.M.
First Baptist Church, Jackson
Cost \$5.00

You must have the basic training before you can attend the other trainings that are offered. You must be a member of a Southern Baptist Church and be at least 18 yrs of age. **Please take note that if you have had introduction to DR and/or any specialized classes, and your class certification has expired or will expire in 2008,** take the opportunity and get re-certified, so that you may be able to serve when a dis-

2008 Disaster Relief Training
Saturday, March 29, 2008
Reg. 7:30-8:00 A.M. Classes 8:30 - 4:30
First Baptist Church, Jackson
Cost \$25.00

Pre-Registration Deadline: March 15. You may register online www.tn-disasterrelief.org. You must have the Basic DR Training to attend this class. Contact Elizabeth Holmes at the TBC 615-371-7926 or 1-800-558-2090.

AREAWIDE EVENTS

West TN Pastors Conference
 March 4 Luther Hall - Union
 9:30 Fellowship 10:00 Program
 Speaker - Ask The President - Dr. David Dockery

Ministers & Wives Training Retreat
May 2 - 3rd, 2008 Paris Landing State Park
(Cluster Event for Gibson, Dyer & Beulah)
Cost: \$50 a couple Deadline April 1
Friday Night 5:30 - Fish Fry - Guest Speaker - Joyce Rodgers
Saturday - 8:00 - 12:00 Noon
Speakers - Joyce Rodgers, Bill Northcott, TBC
and Video Presentations by Dr. Adrian Rodgers.
Send registration fee to GBA, P.O. Box 186, Trenton, TN
38382 or TBC, P.O. Box 728, Brentwood, TN 37024-0728

West TN Strawberry Festival Concert
 With Sandy Patty & Larnell Harris
 Humboldt, FBC May 9, 2008
 Tickets - \$20.00

Tickets may be purchased at Humboldt, FBC, Chamber of Commerce, or Lifeway.

Mark Your Calendars!
Youth Summer Evangelism Project
Youth Revolution Rally
July 25 & 26, 2008
Dyersburg State Community College Gym
 This event is designed to send youth of our communities back to school in the fall with a passion for sharing Jesus Christ with their friends and

BIRTH CHOICE NEWS

Birth Choice Third Annual Fundraising Banquet
Thursday, March 13, 2008
Humboldt Hospital Conference Center
6:00 P.M.

Guest Speaker, Christian Comedian, Mike Williams
 A Live Ultrasound will be demonstrated.

If you would like to host a table or make a donation towards our banquet, please contact Kelly at the BC Center (855-2900).

The center has some exciting things that will be taking place in the life of the Birth Choice ministry and many opportunities for everyone to be involved such as construction of the building, new volunteers, prayer warriors to pray for us, donations of money and materials/furniture will be needed as we pursue God's call to convert to a Medical Clinic and offer Ultrasound here in Gibson Co. We would love to come to your church and share about all the excitement! Immediate Needs: TV sets and DVD players, Bibles, baby food/cereal, diapers, wipes, baby beds and car seats.
 Kelly Wall, Director

GBA EVENTS

VBS Fair
Come Explore the options!
Monday, March 10 and Tuesday, March 11
Fruitland Baptist Church 6:00 - 8:30 P.M.
 12 different VBS Themes will be on display. Which 2008 VBS is best for your church? This is a come and go event.

GBA Adults, Boys & Girls Derby Car Race
 Wed., March 12 6:00 P.M.
 Northside, Milan
 Entry Fee: \$2.00 per person to go toward AA Easter Offering. Call Tony Moore (855-4870) for more information.

GBA Softball Meeting
Sun. March 16 2:30 P.M. GBA Bldg.

GBA Bible Drills And Speakers Tournament
 Monday, April 7, 2008 6:30 p.m. White Hall Church
 Registration - 6:00. Please call the GBA office, if your church plans to participate.

GBA 2nd Annual Golfing for Missions Tournament for Romania Youth Camp
Saturday, April 26th (Tee times TBA)
Diamond Oaks Golf Course
Cost - \$50.00 per person Teams: 4 man scramble
 Encourage your golfers to have a fun day helping Romany kids go to camp. God is doing a great work among the Romany youth. All proceeds will be used as sponsorships for Romany kids. Please contact Kelvin Kail 695-7833 or 787-6066.

2nd Annual Romany Camp Challenge
Encounter Leadership Camp 08 Blessing4Life (Deu. 30:19)
 For 5 years the WMU in West TN has been strategic partners with "Encounter" reaching the Gypsy youth of Romania. Thank you for all you have done in the past. Our trip is planned from June 26th - July 8th. Please consider challenging your church to help support a Roma youth (\$100), so they may attend this year's camp. Sponsorships are due May

GBA MISSION PROJECTS

Supplies for Ronnie and Karen Grunewald, FBC, Gallaway, TN are being collected: Cleaning supplies, hygiene products, paper products, craft, school supplies, sport equipment, medications, non-perishable food items and miscellaneous needs (bed linens, bath towels, phone cards).

Project Makeover
 If you are interested in helping with a makeover for one of the clients of Birth Choice of Gibson County, please contact Stephanie Rodgers 643-6588 or Rhonda Poore 749-5670.

WMU EVENTS

Missionary kid, Danielle Gellerstedt is a student at Union University. Danielle lost almost everything from the tornado. If your church or group would like to help Danielle (either monetarily or by donating "stuff"), you may contact Charles Fowler's office at 661-5162 about getting your donation to her. If your church is taking an offering for the relief fund, you may specify a certain amount for Danielle. Danielle's mailing address: Union University, 1386, 1050 UU Drive, Jackson, TN 38305. If you need additional information contact Rhonda Poore (749-5670).

WMU Get-Together
April 4 - 6, 2008
Gatlinburg Convention Center, Gatlinburg
Featured Speaker: Sylvia DeLoach from Garland, TX
Registration Fee: \$40 per person, \$50 after March 15
 For more information, contact Denise Bronaugh at TN WMU at 1-800-558-2090 or dbronaugh@tnbaptist.org
Connection 2008 - Gatlinburg Convention Center
April 4 - 6 Girls Grades 7 - 12
Featured Speaker: Leigh Ann McCoy
Registration Fee: \$40 Per Person, \$50 after March 15

October 1, 2007 Church	RECEIPTS Current Receipts	February 25, 2008 Year to Date
Antioch	\$.00	\$ 533.34
Avondale	214.00	863.00
Beech Grove	16.00	48.70
Bethel-Humboldt	30.00	120.00
Bethel-Yorkville	330.00	1,003.00
Bethpage*	.00	100.00
Bradford, First*	218.00	802.00
Calvary-H*	396.06	396.06
Calvary-R *	.00	221.58
Center	.00	200.00
Chapel Hill*	1,039.88	3,839.76
China Grove	56.31	197.05
Clear Creek*	.00	120.00
Dyer, First*	492.34	1,992.69
Eldad	.00	673.39
Emmanuel	206.12	706.22
Fellowship*	184.08	930.30
Fruitland	40.00	170.00
Gibson*	103.00	579.00
Hickory Grove*	100.00	425.00
Humboldt, First	879.02	4,179.48
Idlewild*	78.10	511.27
Immanuel-T*	.00	310.00
Keely Mill	.00	111.23
Kenton, First	1,270.96	5,521.19
Laneview-K	.00	200.00
Laneview-T*	42.10	221.42
Latham's Chapel*	50.00	300.00
Lavinia	142.00	637.00
Maranatha*	175.00	906.00
Medina, First*	.00	800.00
Midway*	63.72	311.82
Milan, First*	1,211.99	6,642.61
Mt. Pisgah	151.92	474.99
Mt. Pleasant*	1,287.02	4,400.73
New Bethlehem*	251.84	1,404.76
New Hope	.00	1,148.70
Northern's Chapel*	25.00	125.00
Northside*	.00	1,037.26
Oak Grove*	28.42	182.06
Oakwood*	207.69	1,281.08
Old Bethlehem*	20.00	30.00
Poplar Grove*	.00	235.06
Poplar Springs	.00	624.40
Rutherford, First*	405.33	2,032.33
Salem*	55.46	260.13
Smyrna	58.19	335.48
Southside	50.00	200.00
Spring Hill	146.80	305.20
Trenton, First*	1,684.84	7,253.04
Walnut Grove*	.00	187.50
West Side	.00	450.00
White Hall*	407.42	1,807.75
Interest	.00	25.15
Designated	453.00	5,826.86
TBC/MRM	1,974.00	14,960.87
VBS Commission	.00	.00
Total Receipts	\$ 14,545.61	\$ 79,161.46

WINGO OFFERING GOAL: 2007-2008 is \$20,000
We have received \$4,472.86 toward the goal of \$20,000 for the new year. The offering helps many people to take mission trips and provides incentive for 1st timers.

Pastors Conference Speakers	
March 3	Bill Rice
March 10	
March 17	
March 24	Bobby Dampier

Minute Books are ready. If your church has not received your books, please come by the GBA office and pick them up.

CHURCH NEWS

Bradford, FBC has called Charlton McDade as Minister of Youth. **China Grove** has called Randy Potts as pastor. **Dyer, FBC** voted to add more parking space on their facilities due to growth. They have also called Rev. Kelly Sorrell as Minister of Music. **Humboldt, FBC** has ordained Kevin Kail and Mike Sanders as deacons February 17th. **Lavinia** has called Steve Osborne as pastor.

William (Bill) Duncan has surrendered to full time evangelism. He is 19 yrs old and a graduate of Peabody High School and a member of Trenton, FBC. If you would like Bill to speak at your church or youth group, contact Ronnie Coleman, pastor of Trenton, FBC 855-9321 or email Bill at billiam_jermiah@yahoo.com.

Mark Your Calendar
Men & Boys
Camp LaJoie
Chickasaw State Park
May 9th - 11th, 2008
\$25.00 Per Person
Activities for all ages
1st-12th Grades & Men's Group
Deadline - May 5
 Send number of attendees along with registration fee to GBA, P.O. Box 186, Trenton, TN. 38382. Helped is Needed! If your church has boys that would like to attend, but have no sponsors or chaperons, please contact Tony Moore 855-4870 or 855-0184.

Mark Your Calendar
Mission Girls Retreat
Camp Clark Williamson
May 9th - 10th, 2008
1st Grade - 6th Grade
\$25.00 Per Person
Guest Speaker
Christy Dyer, TBC
Deadline - May 5
 The registration includes meals, lodging and tee shirt. Send number of attendees along with registration fee to GBA, P.O. Box 186, Trenton, TN 38382.

GBA Office Closed March 29 - Good Friday

GBA Bertie Thompson Ministry \$500 Scholarship
 Each applicant must: (1) Be a active member of a church in Gibson Baptist Association that is preparing for Christian Ministry. (2) Be a fulltime student for 1 year. (3) Have a minimum GPA of 3.0. (4.) Complete the application form turned in by April 1. Additional information and applications are available at the GBA office. **Deadline April 1**

Chine Grove is seeking a piano player. Contact Joan Capps 665-7166 or Rosy Anderson 665-7176.

Emmanuel Baptist Church is seeking a Children & Youth Director. Work time required is approximately 10 hours per week. Please contact Bart Graves, Personnel Committee, at 660-0055.

Mt. Pleasant Church is seeking a Bi-Vocational Minister of Youth for grades 7 - 12. Send resumes to Tommy Milligan, 150 John Martin Rd., Bradford, TN 38316.

Northside is seeking a part time worship leader. Please contact the church office for more information (686-1291 or 686-3389).

Poplar Grove is seeking a fulltime Pastor. Send résumés to Alana Vandiver at 172 Mary Queen Rd. Trenton, TN 38382

Salem Baptist Church is seeking a Bi-Vocational Minister of Music. Send resumes to Search Committee, 199 Neal Kinsey Rd, Trenton, TN 38382 or call pastor, Joel Pigg (855-2520).

Gibson Baptist Association would like to express our sincere sympathy to Rev. Max Walker and his family in the death of his father.

Thank you Gibson Baptist for providing financial support through the Wingo Offering for each team member that participated in the January 23rd - Feb. 5th Philippine mission trip.

Charles Pratt, team leader, Tommy Griggs
 Steve Atwood, Tony Michael and Larry Davidson

Revival

Mt. Pigah	Mar 30-April 3	Tim Sanderson, Evangelist
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MINISTERS & WIVES BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays		
Mrs. Lois Willis, Retired, Humboldt, FBC		March 7
Rev. Marlon Stephens, Northern's Chapel		March 8
Mrs. Sharon Hartig, Smyrna		March 8
Rev. Jim Reynolds, Retired, Milan, FBC		March 11
Mrs. Bobbie Dennison, Retired, Humboldt, FBC		March 14
Rev. James Brown, Calvary, Humboldt		March 27
Mrs. Kathryn Shanklin, Retired, New Bethlehem		March 29
Anniversaries		
Rev. and Mrs. David Harwell, West Side		March 10
Rev. and Mrs. Don Dyer, Bradford, FBC		March 19