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Jennifer Cross, Cricket Wallsmith and Dianne Hamlin (pictured left to right) received their Certificate of Achievement following the training they took June 2-6 for CWJC.



The GBA WMU Summer Meeting was hosted by Dyer, FBC on July 16th. Janice Wheatley spoke about the youth mission trip from Kenton, FBC to FBC, Gallaway.

**SENIOR ADULT EXTRAVAGANZA  
UNION UNIVERSITY  
AUGUST 6, 2015  
DINNER: 5—6:30 PM  
CONCERT: 7 PM  
TICKET: \$ 15 PER PERSON  
REGISTER AT 661-5050**



These are the 2015-2016 officers for the GBA WMU Leadership team (Rhonda Poore is not pictured). They were given the charge by Doug Duncan, Dyer FBC.

Pictured on the right:

Bro. Clayton Williams, left, pastor of Oakwood Baptist Church stands with James Rogers after he was licensed to the ministry on July 19th by Oakwood Baptist Church.



**HYMN BOOKS**

We have been given some 1975 Baptist Hymn books that are free to any church that would like them.

# The Vision

## Gibson Baptist Association

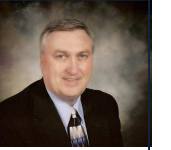
Mike Sanders, Moderator  
Joey Hufstedler, Assistant Moderator

Jim Acree, Treasurer  
Pat Riley, Assistant Treasurer

Roger Stacy, Director of Missions  
Dianne Klutts, Ministry Specialist  
Sheilah Spangler, Clerk

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### A Missionary View



There are two important dates I want to share with you that are upcoming: (1) **Dealing with Church Conflict Conference with Dr. Richard Bray on August 24, 6:30—8:30 pm, at the GBA office.** (2) **The annual Deacons' Meeting for deacons, pastors, staff and wives will be at White Hall on September 3.** The meal is catered this year and will be served from 5:30—6:25 pm, and the program begins at 6:30 pm with Dr. Randy Davis as speaker. Ivy Scarborough, attorney, will be on program giving guidance to churches as to steps to take in dealing with the Supreme Court ruling on same-sex marriage. **Call the office to register by August 31 (Monday).**

We continue to receive the love offering to purchase land for the new church plant in Iguassu Falls, Brazil. The cost of the land is about \$31,000. We have received around \$10,000 thus far. The Brazilian Baptist men will donate the building materials and build the building. A group of eight (8) GBA pastors will join me and travel to Iguassu Falls on September 29-October 6 to conduct simultaneous revivals and join in a rally with the Brazilians to kick off the construction of the new church building.

The next **pastors, staff and wives night** out meeting will be at White Hall Baptist Church on September 21, 6:30 pm. We will serve grilled steak and baked potatoes. We will provide childcare for those who need it. Please, call to let us know if you will need childcare and to register for the meal by **August 18.**

We continue to ask for your support of the Wingo offering for missions. Only 29% of our GBA churches contributed last year. **To date we have received \$11,665.53 toward our goal of \$22,500.**

Chapel Hill will host a men's conference on Saturday, August 15. "A Night of Orange & White" is the theme of the meeting with special speakers Coach Phillip Fulmer and former UT football player Inky Johnson. Tickets are \$20. Call Chapel Hill for tickets and information.

It is encouraging to see our people on mission with God serving at home and around the world. A youth mission team will be traveling to Romania this week. FBC Dyer will be traveling to Ecuador July 25—August 1. New Bethlehem is serving in Jamaica the week of July 18-25. Antioch traveled to Brazil the first of June. Calvary in Humboldt took a mission team to Alabama in June. FBC Humboldt recently sent a team to Bangladesh. A mission team will be traveling to Cascavel, Brazil September 7-15. The next Brazil trip will be in November.

In light of the ruling of the Supreme Court, the following steps are suggested for your church to take: Adoption of a clear and sweeping Declaration of Doctrine & Belief; Adoption of a Marriage Policy, Facilities Use Policy, Amendment to the bylaws with specific wording, Specifically worded Employment Application for anyone who works for the church from the Pastor on down, and Cemetery Use policy. I am available to speak to any church and offer information and materials to help in these areas.

Our Counseling Ministry Team led by Bett Jewell continues to work with the goal of having Branches Counseling services in the GBA for counseling two days a week.

Chad Cunningham at Truth and Sammy Dowland at Clear Creek have resigned. Bill Rice has been called as interim at Truth. These churches are without pastors: Clear Creek, Keely Mill, Kenton FBC, Trenton FBC, Truth and West Side.

Your Missionary, **Bro. Roger**

**2015 Gibson Baptist Association Wingo Offering**  
**Goal: \$ 22,500 Received as of today: \$ 11,665.53**  
By September 30, the Wingo offering will have helped 61 people from 18 GBA churches go to 4 countries. We will have spent \$ 22,800.00.  
Memorials have been received in memory of: Mrs. Virginia Williams, Mrs. Meredith Dillard, Mr. Ronnie Hunt, Rev. Ken Sparkman, & Mr. Richard Finley

### GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT

The Gibson Baptist Association exists to actively assist churches accomplish The Great Commission.

**Women's Prayer Retreat**  
**September 18-19**  
West Jackson Baptist Church  
Jackson, Tennessee  
**NO FEAR!** Featured Speaker: Kimberly Sowell  
Worship Leader: Tim & Becca Wildsmith

**WMU EVENT**

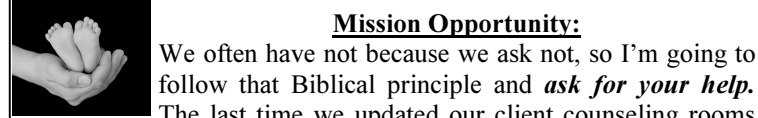
Church Mission Leader Training  
Central Baptist Church  
Martin  
9 am to noon  
Age Level Conferences for all ages.

**August 21-23, 2015**  
**GLOW CAMP for girls grade 1st-6th grade**  
**Camp Clark Williamson**  
**Registration deadline: July 30**  
**Mark Your Calendars and call Pamela: 412-2187 for information**  
All cabins are air conditioned.  
It's a camping experience with comfort.  
Come discover that God has a plan in all the places you'll go!

WOM Fall Meeting  
September 17, 2015  
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church  
10 AM

**GBA Senior Adult Event**  
**September 22, 2015 5:30 PM**  
**Salem Baptist Church**  
**Larry Mink, Entertainment**

**BIRTH CHOICE**



**Mission Opportunity:**  
We often have not because we ask not, so I'm going to follow that Biblical principle and *ask for your help*. The last time we updated our client counseling rooms was roughly 12 years ago. When we added on/remodeled about 5 years ago we used existing pieces of décor and furniture, even then it was partially done with outdated, donated furniture. Currently we still have two other counseling rooms that are horribly outdated. While some of this décor might be acceptable in my home (remember that I am almost sixty years old) it is not the most welcoming and comforting to those whom we minister - women ages thirteen to thirty. We really need to address this as we want to offer the woman who is considering abortion a very comfortable environment that will communicate peace and calm to her.

Testimony from a client advocate about a client she had met with: The young woman had already visited an abortion clinic to schedule an abortion for the next week. The advocate asked her if she sensed peace, calm, and comfort when she came to our office and she replied, "Yes." The advocate then asked her if she sensed the same thing at the abortion clinic. She got a very thoughtful look on her face and replied, "No." We often have clients and visitors comment, from both of our offices, about how the office looks and makes them feel. *This is the reason that our office environment is so important and it's the reason I'm writing to ask several Sunday school classes or WMU groups if they would consider helping us to update our counseling rooms.* We estimate a need of about \$2,000 to redecorate our three rooms and we have decorators on hand to help us with this. Would you please share this need with your class, women's group and/or church?

Please contact Kelly at 855-2900 or 414-1298, Thanks in advance for any consideration you might give us.  
Kelly Wall

**GBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS**


**Dealing with Church Conflict**  
**August 24, 2015 6:30 PM**  
**GBA Office Dr. Richard Bray**

This conference will deal with the causes of church conflict that lead to broken fellowship and severed relationships. Signs and symptoms will be identified, the five stages of conflict will be explained, and Biblical solutions will be offered in how to deal with church conflict to preserve unity and stay on mission. This conference is for anyone, especially church leaders and pastors.

**Deacons Meetin'**  
**"Choose You This Day Whom You Will Serve"**  
**September 3, 2015**  
**White Hall Baptist Church**  
**5:30 PM—meal 6:30 PM—Program**  
**Speaker: Dr. Randy Davis, TBC Executive Director**  
**Please RSVP by August 31st so we will know how many to prepare for. There is no charge. Meal will be catered.**  
**For all GBA Pastors/ Deacons/ and their Wives.**

**Pastors (and wives) Conference Dinner**  
**September 21, 2015 6:30 PM**  
**White Hall Baptist Church**  
**Steak, baked potatoes and dessert at your cost.**  
**More information in the September Vision**

**Christian Women's Job Corps/"Twice Blessed"**

 The Prayer Group continues to meet the 2nd Tues. of each month at the office next to "Twice Blessed" for a great time of prayer. Come out and join us; you will be blessed.

We have received a lot of fabric and yarn that has been donated. If sewing is of interest to you, please come out on Wednesdays anytime between 10 and 2pm to teach or work one on one with those interested in sewing projects.

We continue to need volunteers at the store for sorting clothing and changing the summer to fall clothing in the next few weeks. We also are completely out of snacks for our volunteers, but have plenty of water. We also are in need of non-perishable food for our food pantry.

**ANNUAL CWJC**  
**"NIGHT OF HOPE"**  
**September 15, 2015 Tuesday Evening**  
**Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Trenton**  
**Cost: None**  
**Please call 855-1202 (GBA) or 855-3305 (CWJC) for reservations by September 8th.**

**Rutherford, First Baptist Church**  
**2nd Annual Ladies Luncheon**  
**October 17, 2015 10 AM**

Speaker: Mrs Joyce Rogers, Widow of Dr. Adrian Rogers  
Angie Luce, Granddaughter will give her testimony

Ticket Information will be in the next Vision

**August Birthdays & Anniversaries for Pastors & Wives**

**BIRTHDAYS**

|    |  |                 |
|----|--|-----------------|
| 2  | Rev. Jason Bogardus, Pastor                    | Rutherford, FBC |
| 3  | Rev. John Coleman, Pastor                      | New Bethlehem   |
| 7  | Mrs. Sandra McDivitt, Pastor's Wife            | Fruitland       |
| 9  | Mrs. Franchelle Dangeau, Retired Pastor's Wife | Humboldt, FBC   |
| 12 | Mrs. Frances Abbitt, Pastor's Widow            | Maranatha       |
| 12 | Rev. Travis Hendrix, Pastor                    | Immanuel-T      |
| 15 | Mrs. Leann Dillard, Pastor's Wife              | Calvary-H       |
| 15 | Mrs. Penny Stacy, DOM's Wife                   | Humboldt, FBC   |
| 18 | Rev. Corey Meggs, Pastor                       | New Hope        |
| 20 | Mrs. Dianna Rice, Pastor's Wife                | Walnut Grove    |
| 20 | Rev. Kerry Zeiss, Pastor                       | Poplar Springs  |
| 22 | Rev. Donald Scott, Pastor                      | Bethel-H        |
| 26 | Mrs. Julie Bogardus, Pastor's Wife             | Rutherford, FBC |
| 26 | Rev. Johnny Criswell, Pastor                   | Midway          |
| 29 | Rev. Dale Denning, Pastor                      | Chapel Hill     |
| 31 | Rev. Richard Bragg, Pastor                     | Avondale        |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

|    |   |               |
|----|---|---------------|
| 1  | Rev/Mrs Andy Rice, Pastor & Wife          | Walnut Grove  |
| 6  | Rev/Mrs Steve Skelton, Pastor & Wife      | Maranatha     |
| 9  | Rev/Mrs Mike Sanders, Pastor & Wife       | Hickory Grove |
| 11 | Rev/Mrs Josh Stone, Pastor & Wife         | Mt. Pleasant  |
| 13 | Rev/Mrs Jimmy Sorrell Retired Pastor/Wife | Northside     |
| 17 | Rev/Mrs Bill Rice, Retired Pastor/Wife    | Antioch       |
| 22 | Rev/Mrs Jason Hartig, Pastor & Wife       | Smyrna        |
| 24 | Rev/Mrs Donald Scott, Pastor & Wife       | Bethel-H      |
| 27 | Rev/Mrs Max Walker, Retired Pastor & Wife | Gibson        |
| 30 | Rev/Mrs Jerry Legg, Retired Pastor & Wife | Trenton, FBC  |

**CHURCH NEWS**

Bro. Sammy Dowland resigned as pastor of **Clear Creek**. Max Walker is serving as the interim pastor at **Gibson Baptist Church**. Gary Lowery resigned as minister of music at **Hickory Grove**. Bro. Chad Cunningham resigned as pastor of **Truth**. Bro. Bill Rice has been called as the interim pastor of **Truth**.

**Known Revivals**

|                    |              |                       |
|--------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| West Carroll Unity | August 6—8   | Rev. Nicky McMinn     |
| Lavinia            | August 23-26 | Rev. John Coleman     |
| New Bethlehem      | Sept 13-16   | Rev. Rodney Alexander |

**Northside Baptist Church** in Milan has added Bro. Eric McLemore as Associate Pastor and Minister to Students. Also they recently licensed to the Gospel Ministry, Branden Garcia.

**"WAR ROOM"**

**ATTENTION: Pastors, staff and wives, only. There will be a screening of the movie "War Room" at the Humboldt Plaza Theater on August 17 at 7 PM. Please call GBA at 855-1202 for reservations. Seating is limited to Pastors and staff only.**

**Eldad Baptist Church** is seeking a part time youth minister. This includes coordinating youth events and Bible Study for students in grades 7-2. Submit resume and cover letter to Eldad Baptist Church, 49 Eldad Road, Trenton 38382 or jonthan.criswell@trentonssd.org.

| RECEIPTS                |                |                  |
|-------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| October 1—July 21, 2015 |                |                  |
| Church                  | Total Receipts | Current Receipts |
| Antioch                 | \$ 2,000.00    | \$ 1,000.00      |
| Avondale                | 974.00         | .00              |
| Beech Grove             | 1,732.63       | 188.69           |
| Bethel-Humboldt         | 240.00         | .00              |
| Bethel-Yorkville        | 2,387.00       | 259.00           |
| Bethpage                | 366.06         | .00              |
| Bradford, FBC           | 2,400.00       | 240.00           |
| Calvary-H               | 435.82         | 47.57            |
| Calvary-R               | 510.70         | .00              |
| Center                  | 450.00         | 50.00            |
| Chapel Hill             | 16,417.63      | 2,046.90         |
| China Grove             | 383.95         | .00              |
| Clear Creek             | 234.00         | .00              |
| Dyer, FBC               | 4,809.43       | 437.18           |
| Eldad                   | 2,090.66       | 127.12           |
| Emmanuel                | 2,216.94       | .00              |
| Fellowship              | 2,008.59       | 133.48           |
| Fruitland               | .00            | .00              |
| Gibson                  | 1,266.00       | 136.00           |
| Hickory Grove           | 975.00         | .00              |
| Humboldt, FBC           | 10,088.34      | 832.62           |
| Idlewild                | 1,009.31       | 89.47            |
| Immanuel-T              | 923.03         | 102.00           |
| Keely Mill              | 400.70         | .00              |
| Kenton, FBC             | 17,579.18      | 1,762.45         |
| Laneview-K              | 600.00         | .00              |
| Laneview-T              | 333.70         | 50.00            |
| Latham's Chapel         | 1,350.00       | 150.00           |
| Lavinia                 | 4,259.00       | 418.00           |
| Maranatha               | 1,910.00       | 210.00           |
| Medina, FBC             | 1,600.00       | .00              |
| Midway                  | 1,073.98       | .00              |
| Milan, FBC              | 9,707.53       | 1,041.50         |
| Mt. Pisgah              | 1,531.38       | 139.59           |
| Mt. Pleasant            | 11,436.76      | 1,153.95         |
| New Bethlehem           | 3,374.30       | 339.77           |
| New Haven               | 1,000.00       | 100.00           |
| New Hope                | 661.51         | .00              |
| Northern's Chapel       | 200.00         | .00              |
| Northside               | 1,793.01       | 189.24           |
| Oak Grove               | 545.31         | 64.12            |
| Oakwood                 | 225.00         | .00              |
| Old Bethlehem           | 240.00         | .00              |
| Poplar Grove            | 1,178.22       | 119.70           |
| Poplar Springs          | .00            | .00              |
| Rutherford, FBC         | 1,187.70       | 94.79            |
| Salem                   | 2,149.61       | 230.92           |
| Smyrna                  | 684.40         | 83.18            |
| Spring Hill             | 912.00         | 110.00           |
| Trenton, FBC            | 10,681.97      | 1,026.42         |
| Truth                   | 250.00         | 25.00            |
| Walnut Grove            | 750.00         | .00              |
| West Carroll Unity      | 360.66         | .00              |
| West Side               | 134.00         | .00              |
| White Hall              | 4,896.12       | 480.23           |
| Designated              | 23,053.47      | 2,240.81         |
| TBC/Interest            | 9,324.28       | 926.00           |
| Total Receipts          | \$ 168,376.88  | \$ 16,646.70     |

**2014-2015 Wingo Offering**

**The 2014-15 Wingo Goal is \$ 22,500.00**

**Received to Date: \$ 11,665.53**