

The Vision

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A Missionary View

The Association being the Association! Throughout my career in ministry, I have come to greatly appreciate the value and importance of the local church, in tandem with the local association, state convention, and national convention, for the purpose of obeying our Lord's commands. And I continue to be thankful to have the blessing of serving again in Gibson Baptist Association! Here's my "take" on The Association being the Association!

All 54 churches in GBA thriving and seeking to be everything she can be! Worshipping the Lord our God, Proclaiming the Good News Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, Helping heal the wounded and broken hearted! Seeing ashes turned to beauty! Making Disciples, who in turn make other disciples, who make other disciples! Churches bound together in the bond of love. We must be Loving, Praying, Growing, Giving, and Going in His name!

I want it to be said of Gibson Baptist Association by us, and of us, that we are becoming more (not less) of what we should be for The Kingdom!

Here are some of the current applications towards "being the association:" -Birth Choice of Gibson County; -Women's Missionary Union (Women On Mission, etc.); -Pastor's Conference; -Christian Women's Job Corp.; -Twice Blessed Thrift Store; -Hope House for Women; -Jail Ministry; -Breakthrough Recovery Ministry; -Hispanic Ministry & Church Planting; -Disaster Relief; -Fellowship of Christian Athletes; -Continuing Education & Scholarships; -Partnerships with -Tennessee Mission Board; -Union University; Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes, Humboldt Baptist Village; -Isaiah 117; -Why Not Community Kitchen; -Helping Hands; -Child Evangelism Fellowship; Food closets; Samaritans Purse, Shoe Boxes; Mission Projects in, -Romania; -Brazil; -Honduras; -Panama; -Colombia; -New Mexico; -Native Indian Nations. Praying, Giving, and Going through "Lottie," "Annie," "Golden," "Wingo," "GBA."

I am so thankful for all the participation, prayers, and financial support that our churches and people give through the association! Praise the Lord, and thanks to those people and churches. However, I notice the absence of representation of some churches in participation and financial support. I can't help to ask why aren't all 54 of our churches joining other

GBA churches in these Kingdom efforts? If your church is not participating or contributing, I would be eager to know why, so I, or the association can respond in a manner to honor our mission mandates, purpose, and work together! I pray that the Gibson Baptist Association would be worthy of 100% of participation and support from her churches and people.

Blessings, Bro. Mike



We are excited to have Luis and Jessynet Bruneau from Panama for potential Spanish church planting in Gibson County. They will be with us January 31 - February 14. Thank you for prayers for this possibility.



Mark Your Calendar

February

8: Jerry Legg Volunteer Missions Banquet
13: W TN Pastors/Wives Valentine Banquet
18: Focus on WMU Sunday
21-Mar. 1: Panama Mission Trip
25: GBA Softball Meeting

March

3-10: Wk of Prayer - N Am Missions/AAEO

8-9: YEC (Yth Evangelism Conf) - UU
12: Sr Adult Event - Ben & Connie Rainey
31: Easter

April

11-13: WMU Get-together
15: GBA Bible Drills
20: GBA WMU 100th Anniversary Celebration
22: GBA Executive Board Meeting
27: Regional Bible Drills - Milan FBC

Our mission is to share the gospel, shape leaders, and strengthen churches.

JERRY LEGG VOLUNTEER MISSION BANQUET

Annual Cornbread and Bean Dinner

First Baptist Rutherford - Thursday, February 8th at 6:00 PM - No charge, but please make reservations for meal by February 5th by calling GBA, 855-1202. Donations will be accepted for the WINGO offering.

Softball Team Meeting

February 25th - 2pm - GBA Office

Please join us at this meeting if your church is interested in having a team this year. Let us know if you are coming by February 22.

GBA Senior Adult Event

March 12/ 6 PM / Milan FBC

Entertainment: Ben & Connie Rainey
Gospel Singers/Songwriters
Hymns, Country, Doo Wop, & Elvis

\$12.50 per person - Pay/Sign up by Feb. 26

Menu: Grilled Chicken, Pork Loin,
Hashbrown Casserole, Green Beans, Tossed Salad,
Rolls, Tea, Chocolate Cake, Peach Cobbler

GBA Bible Drills

April 15 / 6pm Registration / 6:30 Drills

Immanuel, Trenton

Please call GBA (855-1202) with names & grades of those participating from your church, by April 8.

Regional Bible Drills

April 27th - Milan FBC

Help Wanted to maintain & stock the GBA Block Party Wagon & the Disaster Relief/Ministry trailer.

For more information contact us at the association office: 731-855-1202.

Happy 100th Anniversary GBA WMUI

Save the Date: April 20, 2024 - The Church at Sugar Creek - 10am

Tickets are available at the GBA office.

\$20 each - Limited seating, don't wait - get your ticket today!



BIRTHCHOICE UPCOMING: Don't forget to tell all the dads and teen/preteen daughters you know about our upcoming daddy-daughter dance! We love encouraging that special bond. Boots & Beauties is for dads and their daughters who are ages 10 to 17 and will be held at the Barn at Snider Farms from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on February 10th. You can expect dancing, finger foods, fun games, and more! Tickets are \$20 per couple and \$5 for each additional daughter. Dress is semiformal to formal. Feel free to dress in boots and western wear. Register at the button below.

TRAINING: We always need more volunteer client advocates and volunteer nurses at our Gibson County offices! Our next volunteer training is in February. If you are interested in learning more about how you can pour into the lives of women facing tough life decisions. This story below is one of the many reasons we have volunteer Client Advocates who serve weekly at our clinics, sharing truth and Christ's love with women facing unplanned pregnancies. If you are a Christian woman who feels called to join the fight to defend life, please consider our February, May, or October volunteer training! Contact our office if interested, 731-855-2900.

"Sometimes, our clients just need some encouragement! When 'Hannah'* came to us this fall, she didn't really want to have an abortion, but she was feeling pressure from her verbally abusive boyfriend to abort. Because our care is very holistic and we care about the hard things our clients face, Hannah's Client Advocate was careful to address the abuse Hannah endured as well as some mental health issues and gave her helpful information and referrals to local resources. She also showed her our client resource room, and Hannah is now very interested in attending our childbirth and parenting classes! In the ultrasound room, Hannah got to meet her sweet, six-week baby and see the heartbeat. Most importantly, Hannah's advocate prayed with her and shared the good news of Jesus Christ. Hannah left choosing life for her baby!" *Names Changed for privacy.

Kelly

Scholarships

Bertie Thompson Scholarship

The Bertie Thompson scholarship is available to members of GBA churches. This scholarship provides financial help for students who sense a calling to serve in some aspect of Christian ministry & maintain a certain GPA. Applications available at www.gbalife.org. Deadline May 18.

Continuing Education

Scholarship - For people in ministry (both lay & vocational) taking classes (Seminary, Bible College, or Christian Education type courses). Application available at GBA or online at gbalife.org.



CWJC / Twice Blessed

How grateful and thankful we are to all who prayerfully and monetarily support our ministry of Christian Women's Job Corp! We logged over 3000 volunteer hours in 2023. While this was even more than previous years, the work load at Twice Blessed and House of Hope is ever increasing as we process all the donations and minister to more women.

We currently have a total of five women living at our House of Hope including the house manager. All of their living expenses are supplied for them. They work in the store Tuesday through Saturday for five hours a day. It is a great blessing to have them with us.

Our volunteer Christmas party for 2023 was held at Crenshaw's Catfish Cookery with 17 in attendance.

Our "Joyce Brown" volunteer of the year, Ginger Jonassen, was recognized. Ginger has served for several years both on the board and at Twice Blessed. (Christy & Ginger pictured right.)

Annual training for going into the Gibson County Correctional Facility will be Saturday, January 20 from 8AM until 12 PM and also March 2, same time. If anyone is interested in going into the jail, please contact me.

Christy Skelton - (731) 414-2795



Pastors and Wives February Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

2	Mrs Denise Coleman, Pastor's Wife	New Bethlehem
5	Rev Mike Kemper, AMS	GBA
8	Mrs Vicki Criswell, Pastor's Widow	Midway
14	Rev Tony Crossnoe, Pastor	Calvary, H
15	Rev Joey Hufstedler, Pastor	New Hope
17	Rev Nickey McMinn, Pastor	Laneview, T
19	Mrs Autumn McCartney, Pastor's Wife	Mount Pleasant
24	Rev Billy Criswell, Pastor	Bethel, Y
27	Rev Joel Pigg, Pastor	Salem

Anniversaries

6	Rev/Mrs Tony Crossnoe, Pastor and Wife	Calvary, H
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GBA Pastors Conference

Pastors meet Mondays at 10am at the Gibson Baptist Association office.

Church News

Bethel, Yorkville is searching for a bi-vocational music director/worship leader.

Chapel Hill Baptist Church is accepting resumes for **pastor**. Resumes may be sent to CHBC.PSC.RESUME@gmail.com. We are also accepting resumes for a **full time secretary (administrator/accounting)**. Send resumes for secretary to:

Hunter Williams (Personnel Chairman), (731) 234-6883, hwms2225@gmail.com.

Chapel Hill Baptist Church is accepting resumes for the position of **Youth Pastor**.

Please submit a resume and short cover letter explaining why you believe God is calling you to apply by December 31, 2023 to chbcyouth412@gmail.com

Clear Creek is accepting resumes for pastor. Resumes may be emailed to Gary Selph at selphfarms@gmail.com.

Emmanuel, H is searching for a bi-vo Music Ministry Director. Please send all inquiries and resumes to Bro. Jake Fry at jakefry1017@gmail.com.

Fellowship Baptist Church is accepting resumes for pastor. Resumes may be sent to 6295 Graball Drive, Milan TN 38358.

REVIVAL - at Latham's Chapel Baptist Church in Medina

February 18 through the 21st with Jake Fry of Emmanuel Baptist of Humboldt.

Gospel Singing at Laneview, Trenton

Featuring 2 Groups: The Harvest Trio & Witness - March 16 at 6pm.

Medina FBC is looking to hire a part-time (approximately 25 hours per week) church/financial secretary. Call the church at 731-783-3222 for more information or send resume to rpool@medinafbc.org.

Milan FBC is seeking a full-time Worship/Communications Pastor. The full Job Description can be found at fbcmilan.org. To apply for this job please email your resume and a cover letter to milanworshipsearchteam@gmail.com.

Mt Pleasant is looking for a Music Minister, someone to lead a blended style of worship. Part time/bi-vo position. Send resume to johnny.mccartney@yahoo.com.

New Bethlehem is seeking a full-time associate pastor and a part-time secretary. Contact Tim Sullivan at 731-487-0335 or 731-692-4870 for more information.

Oakwood - James Rogers resigned as pastor Sunday, January 28.

First Baptist Church, Rutherford is seeking a part time youth minister.

Submit resume or for more info email: fbcutherford.youthminister@gmail.com.

White Hall is a multigenerational church prayerfully seeking a bi-vo music leader. Send resume to WHBCstuff@gmail.com or 671 Concord Cades Rd, Trenton, 38382.

Churches Seeking a Pastor

Beech Grove, Chapel Hill, Clear Creek, Fellowship, Gibson, Kenton FBC, Laneview K, Northside, Oak Grove, Oakwood, Poplar Grove, Smyrna, Springhill, Westside, White Hall

October 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023

Church	Year to Date Receipts	December Receipts
Antioch	\$.00	\$.00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	260.94	74.82
Bethel-H	.00	.00
Bethel-Y	476.00	.00
Bethpage	.00	.00
Bradford FBC	945.00	315.00
Calvary-H	57.54	.00
Calvary-R	677.41	677.41
Center	100.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	.00	.00
China Grove	.00	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	1,786.21	625.92
Eldad	.00	.00
Elevate	950.00	.00
Emmanuel	773.99	431.35
Fellowship	1,235.06	649.25
Fruitland	187.23	44.85
Gibson	882.68	333.41
Hickory Grove	.00	.00
Idlewild	999.34	308.50
Immanuel-T	464.00	160.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	4,232.69	1,407.03
Laneview-K	.00	.00
Laneview-T	210.54	83.20
Latham Chapel	.00	.00
Lavinia	1,646.00	544.00
Medina, FBC	1,099.50	400.44
Midway	.00	.00
Milan, FBC	2,494.00	826.00
Mt. Pisgah	506.76	178.89
Mount Pleasant	5,056.72	1,504.18
New Bethlehem	1,553.36	505.53
New Haven	1,050.00	350.00
New Hope	479.46	329.95
Northerns Chapel	.00	.00
Northside	538.90	177.52
Oak Grove	158.81	.00
Oakwood	865.80	317.79
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	416.08	142.92
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford FBC	252.48	.00
Salem	1,030.73	1,030.73
Smyrna	315.14	144.66
Spring Hill	235.80	70.30
The Church at Sugar Creek	4,153.43	1,562.95
Trenton, FBC	2,500.00	1,250.00
Walnut Grove	250.00	250.00
West Carroll Unity	.00	.00
West Side	400.00	.00
White Hall	<u>1,272.08</u>	<u>312.35</u>
Undesignated	40,513.68	\$15,058.95
Designated	21,461.79	
TBMB	<u>2,034.00</u>	
Total Receipts	\$ 64,009.47	

2023-24 Wingo Goal: \$20,000

Received to Date: \$ 2,323.28

Thank you for generously giving to Wingo!

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Bibles & Sunday School Literature are picked up quarterly from Gibson Baptist Association and taken to Bartlett. These materials are then sent to Alabama or Illinois to be packed and shipped further. Find more info at lovepackages.org.

Piano - Steve Hurley would like to donate an upright piano (original paperwork/like new) to a church in Gibson County in his mother's name (Carolyn Hurley Rich). For more information call Steve at 731-618-7370.



**West Tennessee Pastors Conference
 Pastors & Wives Valentines' Banquet**

Speakers: Dr. Roc Collins & wife, Jerylin

Tuesday, February 13, 6-8PM / Carl Grant Event Center
 Tickets: \$18 per person

Registration Required: <https://events.dudesolutions.com/UU/event/pastors-and-wives-valentines-banquet/>



Youth Evangelism Conference

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

March 8 & 9 - Union University, Jackson TN

Find more information and register online at www.tnbaptist.org/yec.



NOW is the day of Salvation!

April 7 & 8 / New Vision Baptist Church, Murfreesboro TN

Registration & More Info: www.wintn.org

Hillcrest Baptist in Dyersburg TN is searching for a bivocational Music Minister. Email: ministersearch@hillcrestdyersburg.com for more info or to submit resume.

LIFE IS BEST! 13 Session Video Series

Midway Baptist Church - 850 Old Dyersburg Rd, Dyer
 1st Session: Wed. Feb. 7 at 6:30pm (approx. 1 hour)

"Life is Best" will thoroughly equip you to be a pro-life apologist and join the fight for lives and souls.

For more Information email: midwaytchurch@gmail.com.

Tennessee Disaster Relief - West TN Regional Training

Englewood Baptist Church, Jackson
 February 23-24, 2024

Please pre-register by Monday, February 19 at tndisasterrelief.org.

Chaplaincy training will also be taught this weekend.



Pictured Above Left: Luke Mercker and Josh Bloecher ordained as Deacons at Sugar Creek.

Above Middle: James Woods' Ordination to Gospel Ministry, January 28 at Smyrna (left to right: Mike Kemper, James Brisentine, Carol Woods, James Woods, David Powell, Wayne Foropolous, Interim pastor Smyrna BC)

Above Right: Bill Anderson ordained as Deacon January 28 at Milan FBC.



Pictured Above: Colombia Mission Trip - Ronald Jones, Mike Kemper, Joel Pigg, Randy Pool, Josh Siquefield - January 2024