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Congratulations to all of the GBA Bible Drillers. We had 24 children and 1 youth participate from **Antioch, Kenton FBC, Medina FBC, New Bethlehem, Salem, and White Hall.** The regional Bible Drill is at Milan FBC on April 28.

Pictured to the right is Kelly Cash-Sheppard, the former Miss Tennessee 1986 and Miss America 1987, who performed at the Evangelism Rally on **Milan FBC** on Sunday night, April 8th.



Pictured to the left is **Northside** in Milan hosting a community-wide racial unity service on Sunday evening, April 15. Black and white churches from the area came together to worship.



Steve Littleton, Greg McFadden, and Robert Cates attended "The New Normal For Reaching" with Dr. Thom Rainer, President of Lifeway



# The Vision

## Gibson Baptist Association

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### A Missionary View

As you know by now, in January I was part of the first group of Directors of Missions to go to Israel. This was a gracious blessing provided by Union University and with help from our Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. Now, I am going to be leading a team back to Israel the week of February 18-27, 2019. Union University is working with Yael Adventures for these trips and our trip will be with them as well. The cost of the trip is \$3,700 per person. At this time over thirty (30) individuals have indicated they would like to be a part of this trip. Several have already registered. The deadline for registration for the trip is May 15. You must pay a \$350 deposit. Should you cancel, you will be refunded \$250 of the deposit. If you want to join us on this trip, contact me via e-mail ([rdstacy@gbalife.org](mailto:rdstacy@gbalife.org)), text message (731-414-9973) or call the office (731-855-1202).



I want to thank Karen Cowan and her VBS team for an excellent job with our associational Vacation Bible School clinic. I special thank you also to Trenton FBC for hosting our training event. There were about 50 people in attendance. One attendee stated, "This is the best VBS training event I have attended." If you need help with a VBS this summer, contact the office. VBS is the most evangelistic event in the Southern Baptist Convention with 25% of all baptisms coming from this one outreach tool.

Our association has partnered with the West Central Baptist Association in Piqua, Ohio. We have been asked to help the association with a new church plant in the cities of New Bremen and Minster. These two cities are basically twin cities. Last year, New Bethlehem Baptist Church took a team to do the area. **On May 8, Tuesday evening, 6:30 pm, there will be an Ohio trip interest meeting at the GBA office** for anyone interested in joining us for a summer trip to this area in Ohio. We will be prayer walking and other activities to engage the community with the gospel. I hope to see you on May 8!

Bro. Robert Cates and I attended the Renovate Boot Camp for church revitalization the weekend of April 5-7. Dr. Tom Cheyney led the training for the weekend. Dr. Cheyney is the founder of Renovate National Church Revitalization and is headquartered in Orlando, Florida. With between 80-90% of our churches in the United States either plateaued or in decline, revitalization is the greatest need of the day. I am unwilling to abandon churches that are declining in attendance and numbers! This is the body of Christ and we need to help!

Bro. Mike Sanders and our Seek Team did an outstanding job with our Evangelism/Prayer Rallies the weekend of April 7-8. We owe a special thanks to Dyer FBC, Sweetwater and Milan FBC for hosting Dr. Greg Frizzell. God truly spoke to our hearts and called us back to a deeper prayer life. The Saturday evening service was not as well attended, with a few churches joining together. Several churches dismissed their Sunday evening services to come together at Milan FBC. Dr. Frizzell spoke to the pastor's conference on Monday morning.

A volunteer missions team worked in Rio de Janeiro the week of March 12-20. There were 196 professions of faith for the week with many discipleship Bible studies conducted with the new converts. The team worked in a heavy crime area controlled by drug lords. Some of the drug dealers heard the gospel and made professions of faith. A team of volunteers will return to this same area the week of June 18-26 to continue the work. There is a tremendous need for teams and volunteers to reach this most difficult area of Rio.

Many have asked about Dianne's husband and have expressed that you are praying for her and for Bro. Danny. Bro. Danny Klutts will have surgery on Thursday morning, April 26, at Baptist East Hospital in Memphis. Would you join with me in praying for a successful surgery and for his healing? God is able and he will hear the effectual fervent prayers of the righteous. Lift up Dianne and her children as they walk through this valley, knowing that God is with them as their Shepherd.



Our hearts were saddened with the passing of Bro. Ed Marbury on May 13, and Bro. Jerry Smith on April 7. Bro. Ed, retired pastor, had pastored churches in our association. Bro. Jerry was pastor of Calvary Baptist Church in Rutherford at the time of his death. I encourage you to pray for both families.

Bro. John Grogan resigned as pastor of West Side. Bro. Bryan Morris has been called as pastor of New Hope. The following churches are without a pastor: Calvary-Rutherford, Connect, Dyer FBC, Fruitland, Hickory Grove, Rutherford FBC, Spring Hill, and West Side.

Your Missionary,

Bro. Roger

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



**WMU EVENT**

Camp for Girls this summer.

Mark your Calendars.

Contact Pamela Basham 414-2187 for information.



WMU Summer Meeting  
July 19, 2018  
Milan FBC  
10 AM

**BIRTH CHOICE**

**\*The banquet is behind us and it was a great night with Dr. Tony Evans speaking to Birth Choice being a light in the dark. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported.**

**\*Baby Bottle Campaign will be coming up in May.**

**\*Couple new things this year:**

1. Clinic Tours- July 30<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm- 6:30pm. Please call if you would like to attend, 855-2900.
2. As a monthly partner you can be a "Lifesaver" for Birth Choice. If you would be interested in becoming a "Lifesaver" monthly partner give us a call.

**MISSION PROJECT OPPORTUNITY:**

**It has been 8 years since we added on and remodeled our building and we are looking to update the paint. We need some men who can paint professionally or paint very well to volunteer to help us get our building repainted. If you, your men's group etc. would be interested contact Kelly at [Kelly@birthchoice.us](mailto:Kelly@birthchoice.us) or call at 855-2900/414-1298.**

**Resource room needs:**

Handmade booties and blankets, baby towels and washcloths, Diapers sizes newborn, 3-6, Wipes, Baby food, Baby Cereal, Bottles, Pacifiers, Baby Wash, Shampoo, Lotion

Thank you for all your donations, prayers and support.  
Kelly

**BERTIE THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP FORMS**

Applications are available for this \$ 500 scholarship. Applicants must be a full time college student with a GPA of 2.5 on a 4—point scale, be an active member of a GBA church and preparing for Christian Ministry. The applications must be submitted by **May 1, 2018**. Come by the GBA office for an Application Form or download a form at our website, [gbalife.org](http://gbalife.org). Click "downloads"; documents and then forms.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

National Day of Prayer  
May 3, 2018 10 AM  
Yorkville Community Center  
\$ 7.00 for catered meal

Speaker: Sherriff Paul Thomas  
Please call 855-1202 for reservations for meal.

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



Volunteers continue to work tirelessly keeping the donations sorted. Our store manager continues to move items quickly through posts on social media. Please stop by for your spring and summer needs.

We are currently in our fifth week of Powered for Life classes in Gibson County Correctional Facility. We currently have fifteen participants in this class. We have had more volunteers who have completed the training; they have enhanced this class by giving their personal testimonies and teaching the bible study portion of the class. Mentors have been secured for all participants except three. Please contact the site coordinator if interested in mentoring a participant.

Sewing classes have begun. They are held on Tuesdays from 10 a.m.-12 noon. Our sewing class is led by volunteer and board member Elizabeth Wray. We appreciate all fifteen volunteers who attended the Volunteer Brunch held on April 4th.

We will have a clothing giveaway on the parking lot of Twice Blessed on May 5th from 9 a.m. til 1 p.m. Volunteers will need to be here by 8 a.m. We need donations of water to be given out on that day. Come out and join us as we witness and minister to the community.

Christy Skelton, Site Coordinator

Bro. Ken Hemphill invites all pastors to join him on May 8th, at 11 a.m. at the Casey Jones Old County Store in Jackson. He would like to introduce himself to local pastors.

For more information please contact Bro. Mike Sanders, 695-4800.



**Cline Tours is offering a \$450 package which includes travel, lodging and 5 meals to the Dallas SBC Annual Meeting June 9-13.**

**THIS IS A LIMITED TIME OFFER  
GO TO SBCSTRONG.ORG FOR DETAILS**

**May Birthdays & Anniversary: Pastors & Wives**

**BIRTHDAYS**

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|----|--|--------------|
| 5  | Mrs Christy Skelton, Pastor's Wife     | Immanuel - T |
| 13 | Rev Steven Hemann, Pastor              | Mt. Pisgah   |
| 27 | Mrs Betty Legg, Retired Pastor's Widow | Dyer, FBC    |
| 27 | Rev John Fields, Retired Pastor        | Keely Mill   |
| 27 | Rev Andy Rice                          | Walnut Grove |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- |    |                                   |           |
|----|-----------------------------------|-----------|
| 10 | Rev/Mrs James Taylor, Pastor/Wife | Oak Grove |
| 28 | Dr/Mrs David Powel, Pastor/Wife   | Smyrna    |

**CHURCH NEWS**

**New Hope Baptist Church** has called Bro. Bryan Morris as pastor. He is from Fayette County Baptist Association. His first Sunday will be June 3rd.  
Rev. Jerry Smith, pastor of **Calvary-R**, passed away April 7th. We pray for Calvary in the loss of their pastor and for his family.  
Bro. John Grogan has resigned as pastor of **West Side**. Bro. Mike Sanders is serving as interim pastor at **Connect**.

**REVIVALS**

**Lavinia Baptist Church** will have revival April 29 - May 2, with Bro. Terry Bradshaw as evangelist. April 29th, 11 AM & 6 PM and April 30 - May 2, 7 PM

**Clear Creek Baptist Church** will have revival May 6 - 9 with Bro. James Taylor as evangelist.

**Thank You Note**

Thank you so much for the donation to the Gideons for 5 bibles. Bro. Ed would love that!!  
You were very special to him and we appreciate your concern during his illness and passing.

Sincerely,  
The Family of Bro. Ed Marbury

**Mission Emphasis/Opportunities**

June 18 -27

Please be in prayer for this upcoming trip to Brazil.

September 10-18

Contact Bro. Roger if you are interested in going to Brazil September 10 -18. There are still some space available.

There is an Interest Meeting for a summer Ohio Trip on May 8 at 6:30 PM here at the GBA office. Contact Bro. Roger if you or your church are interested in this event.

**October 1, 2017—April 23, 2018**

Church	Total Receipts	Current Receipts
Antioch	\$ 3,077.30	\$ .00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	1,333.75	262.24
Bethel-Humboldt	.00	.00
Bethel-Yorkville	1,864.00	289.00
Bethpage	401.65	199.77
Bradford, FBC	1,740.00	290.00
Calvary-H	176.04	.00
Calvary-R	486.85	251.43
Center	350.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	10,830.19	1,780.32
China Grove	206.67	36.05
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Connect	634.66	167.85
Dyer, FBC	2,304.47	460.68
Eldad	1,249.61	.00
Emmanuel	1,613.26	229.18
Fellowship	1,461.02	221.13
Fruitland	.00	.00
Gibson	970.00	150.00
Hickory Grove	.00	.00
Idlewild	810.85	114.64
Immanuel-T	339.00	68.00
Keely Mill	293.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	12,395.79	2,360.15
Laneview-K	700.00	100.00
Laneview-T	355.64	47.00
Latham's Chapel	900.00	150.00
Lavinia	2,331.00	501.00
Maranatha	1,050.00	183.00
Medina, FBC	1,500.00	.00
Midway	486.96	.00
Milan, FBC	3,502.00	583.00
Mt. Pisgah	1,128.45	178.98
Mt. Pleasant	7,320.93	1,219.39
New Bethlehem	2,133.88	.00
New Haven	700.00	100.00
New Hope	3,138.87	631.83
Northern's Chapel	150.00	.00
Northside	854.12	.00
Oak Grove	675.02	81.66
Oakwood	250.00	50.00
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	1,073.90	156.00
Poplar Springs	142.51	.00
Rutherford, FBC	736.48	107.00
Salem	1,570.40	248.27
Smyrna	569.80	.00
Spring Hill	491.00	76.00
The Rock	1,179.30	225.34
The Church/Sugar Creek	6,956.02	992.92
Trenton, FBC	4,375.00	1,250.00
Walnut Grove	500.00	250.00
West Carroll Unity	145.10	.00
West Side	78.00	.00
White Hall	2,855.85	486.28
Designated	18,846.50	3,706.13
TBMB/Interest	5,559.19	926.17
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 114,794.03</b>	<b>\$ 19,183.41</b>

**2017-2018 Wingo Goal is \$ 22,500**

**Received to date: \$ 6,725.17**