

**2017 Minutes  
of the  
Gibson Baptist Association**

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October 23, 2017**



**2018 Annual Meeting  
First Baptist Church, Rutherford  
October 22, 2018**

## **DIRECTORS OF MISSIONS**

**The following have served in the capacity of Associational Missionary, Superintendent of Missions or the most recent title, Director of Missions.**

**Charles A. Wingo: February 1944 - April 1947**

**William H. Pitt, Sr.: June 1954 - November 1958**

**Edwin A. Alexander: February 1959 - October 1960**

**Barney L. Flowers: December 1960 - October 1968**

**Lyman B. McDonald: July 1969 - July 1972**

**J. Kenneth Sparkman: February 1973 - July 1999**

**J. Mike Kemper: July 1999 - July 2006**

**Roger D Stacy: March 1, 2007 -**

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## DEDICATION PAGE

### IN HONOR OF REV. BILLY CRISWELL



Bro. Billy was born on February 24, 1959. He had been married to Melinda Criswell for 37 years and they have two sons, Matthew and Austin.

He was saved in March of 1974 at William's Chapel Baptist Church in Halls, TN. Bro. Billy was ordained as a deacon at Parish Chapel Baptist Church in 1984. He served as a youth pastor and worship leader. In 1985, Bro. Billy surrendered his life to the gospel ministry. He was ordained in 1986. He attended Seminary Extension and Union University. He was called to his first pastorate at Bogota Baptist Church in Dyer, County in 1986. He has pastored Bethpage in Gibson County, and Bethel Baptist in Yorkville, where he currently serves. He has served as pastor there since 1996.

Bro. Billy was recognized by the Tennessee Baptist Convention in 2006 as the Bivocational Pastor of the Year. He has served on the Historical Committee of TBC. He has also served as a volunteer missionary stateside and overseas.

### IN HONOR OF DR. GREG McFADDEN



Bro. Greg has been married to Sheila Willis McFadden for 34 years. They have two sons, Ryan and Joey, and a daughter, Lilly. He was licensed by White Hall Baptist Church, October 1981. He was ordained to the ministry by White Hall Baptist Church, January 1983

Bro. Greg is a graduate of Union University, Southern Seminary and Luther Rice Seminary. He received his Doctor of Ministry degree from Luther Rice in 1990.

He has pastored the following churches in Gibson Baptist Association: Lavinia Baptist Church, Salem Baptist Church and has served as the current pastor of Sugar Creek (FBC Humboldt) for the past fifteen years. He also pastored in Kentucky and in Hohenwald, TN.

Bro. Greg has served as an Executive Board member of TBC, moderator and budget committee chairman of GBA, and a volunteer missionary. He was also honored as Chaplain of the Day, TN State Senate. In 1988, Bro. Greg was named one of the Outstanding Young Men of America

## DEDICATION PAGE

### IN HONOR OF MRS. MARTHA KERNODLE



Mrs. Martha was married to Don Kernodle in 1957. She is a life-long resident of Milan, TN. She and Don have four children: Mike (deceased), Venice, Greg and Stephen. She also has four grandchildren and one great grandson.

Mrs. Martha has been a faithful member of Fellowship Baptist Church in Milan, TN, where she has been the church pianist for forty years and serves as Church Clerk and Assistant Treasurer. She has taught Sunday School classes for over forty years and is currently the adult ladies Sunday School teacher. Mrs. Martha also leads the weekly women's prayer group and currently serves as the secretary of the Gibson Baptist Association WMU.

She volunteers for charitable events such as the Christmas Child Shoe Boxes and has worked nine years with Samaritan's Purse in Boone, NC. She has worked on various church committees, served as Fellowship's director of WMU and is involved in various outreach programs. These programs include leading women's bible study retreats, providing meals for the sick and transportation to doctor's appointments when needed.

### IN HONOR OF DR. MIKE FARRAR



Dr. Mike Farrar is married to Cathy. They have been married since Aug 22, 1976. He has two daughters, Jennifer and Julie, and a son-in-law, Patrick. He is the proud grandfather of Madalyn. He is a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Martin. He has his dental practice in Kenton, TN.

Dr. Mike is very active in Kenton First Baptist Church where he serves as chairman of deacons, and a Sunday School teacher. His wife, Cathy, serves as a youth leader and GA leader.

He has served on numerous volunteer mission trips to Romania since 2008. He provides dental care when serving in Romania and uses this platform to share the gospel.

## ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

		<b>Office</b>	<b>Home</b>
Moderator	David Powell		445-0897
Assistant Moderator	Billy Criswell	643-6597	694-5606
Clerk	Leann Cherry		414-0758
Treasurer	Jim Acree		692-2933
Assistant Treasurer	Keith Donaldson	855-2520	616-9901
Director of Missions	Dr. Roger Stacy	855-1202	414-9973
Ministry Specialist	Dianne Klutts	855-1202	627-9254

### TEAMS

Strategic Leadership Team	Director of Missions, Director Moderator Assistant Moderator Mike Sanders, Seek Team Leader Randy Nicholas, Send Team Leader Chris Alexander, Strengthen Team Leader
Send Team	Doug Duncan, Andy King, Randy Nicholas, Glynn Reynolds, Sheilah Spangler
Seek Team	Mike Sanders, Randy Pate, Tim Haynes, Greg McFadden, Steve Littleton
Strengthen Team	Chris Alexander, Shawn Allred, Joel Pigg, Rhonda Poore, David Powell, James Taylor

### OTHER LEADERSHIP

Nominating Committee Barbara Jones Billy Hanks Josh Stafford	Church	Home 414-8875 662-7765 697-6928
Budget Finance Committee Julie Griggs James Taylor Charles Tyner Chairman of Personnel Treasurer		749-5656 618-8392 855-9593
Personnel Committee Joel Pigg Jason Tubbs Charlene King	855-2520	695-5321 824-0816 234-8333

Constitution By/Laws

Doug Duncan		692-3025
Don Dyer	742-3343	695-6642
Jason Bowen	855-9321	902-582-3397
Joey Hays		643-7427
Linda Choate		487-5829
Credentials Committee		
David Powell		445-0897
Andy King		234-8832
James Rogers		420-9510
Trustees		
Martha Phelan		692-3060
Ray Tubbs		414-8521
Randy Reynolds		855-3068

### WMU OFFICERS

WMU Director Elect	Sheilah Spangler	414-9292
ASST WMU/Publications	Rhonda Poore	749-5670
Prayer Support	Judy Cantrell	686-3155
Mission Growth Cons.	Joyce Reynolds	855-0139
Churchwide M Cons.	Penny Stacy	487-3276
Secretary	Martha Kernodle	487-6429
Treasurer	Dianne Yarbrough	855-1942
GA Consultant	Pamela Basham	414-2187
Women on Mission Con	Joyce Brown	571-9901
Chorister	Addie Brelsford	665-6958
Pianist	Louise Fout	487-2356
Memorial Chairman	Gladys Powers	855-0615
Place	Alice Ernest	692-3632
Missions & Ministry Co.	Mindy Summar	431-3604
Missions & Ministry Co.	Penny Stacy	487-3276
Area Director 1	Dottie Walker	669-6242
Area Director 2	Kim Petty	420-9561
Area Director 3	Lisa Howard	446-6289
Area Director 4	Stephanie Rodgers	643-6588
CWJC Site Coordinator	Christy Skelton	414-2795

### DIRECTORIES of CHURCH LEADERS

<b>Church Pastors</b>		<b>Church</b>	<b>Home</b>
Antioch	Dr. Bill Espy, 425 Antioch Rd, Humboldt	783-5330	783-0326
Avondale	Richard Bragg, 1080 Sir James Ave, Dyersburg	784-3981	343-0862
Beech Grove	Scott Jewell, 217 N Poplar, Dyer		692-4541
Bethel-H	Donald Scott, 2890 Main St, Humboldt	784-0830	784-7322
Bethel-Y	Billy Criswell, 886 Torrey Pine Cove, Newbern	643-6597	676-4446
Bethpage	Dr. Garry Burkacki, 810 Maple Heights, Kenton		901-355-2444
Bradford, First	Don Dyer, PO Box 68, Bradford	742-3343	784-1555
Calvary-H	Tony Crossnoe, 1019 Oakcrest Farm Rd, Bells	784-2343	767-5734
Calvary-R	Jerry W Smith, 18 Sharpstone Cove, Jackson		664-7076
Center	Joey Gowan, 145 Gowan Lane, Atwood		415-1954
Chapel Hill	Dale Denning, 76 Chapel Hill Rd, Milan	686-0414	742-3168
China Grove	Billy Crowell, 2220 Evergreen St, Union City	665-6273	334-2590
Clear Creek	Mike Roberson, 413 Parkview Dr, Dyer		414-6252
Connect			
Dyer, First	(I) Mike Kemper, 16 Grove Hill Lane, Jackson	692-2549	267-2260
Eldad	Jonathan Criswell, 8 Nelson Cove, Milan	787-6189	414-4435
Emmanuel-H	Bill Brown, 900 S High St, Trenton	784-4410	420-1131
Fellowship	Eddie Holmes, 226 Maddox, Jackson		217-6276
Fruitland	(I) Andy King, 125 New Hope Rd, Dyer		234-8832
Gibson	Steve Littleton, PO Box 405, Gibson	787-6755	931-221-9851
Hickory Grove			
Idlewild	Terry Branscum, 5033 North Main St, Milan	742-3305	414-4290
Immanuel-T	Steve Skelton, 29 Broadfield Manor, Trenton		618-7799
Keely Mill	Stephen Fields, 465 Old Trenton Dresden Rd, Bradford		487-3449
Kenton, First	Shawn Allred, PO Box 290, Kenton	749-5780	
Laneview-K	Ben Lownsdale, 305 Four Pines Place, Troy	665-6696	592-0859
Laneview-T	Nickey McMinn, 1006 South Main St, Dyer	855-1550	699-0070
Latham's Ch.	Tommy Stutts, 269 Hwy 412 E, Jackson	783-1093	424-4003
Lavinia	Stephen Osborne, 86 Oak Grove Rd, Milan	783-5100	343-4529
Maranatha	(I) Larry Simmons, 110 S J Hickerson, Trenton		855-2270
Medina, First	Frank Bowling, PO Box 39, Medina	783-3222	783-1350
Midway	Johnny Criswell, 4078 Stinson Rd, Milan	723-3698	723-6987
Milan, First	Randy Pate, 2000 Second St, Milan	686-3385	
Mt. Pisgah	Steve Hemann, 1113 Thomas St, Milan	742-3789	562-1774
Mt. Pleasant	Josh Stone, 405 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford	742-3503	612-6471
New Bethlehem	John Coleman, 159 New Bethlehem Rd, Dyer	692-2030	694-7718
New Haven	Randy Beals, PO Box 674, Milan		414-5689
New Hope	(I) Bill Rice, 18260 Osborne, Humboldt	665-7107	499-0608
Northern's Chapel	Dillard Lykins, 11 Majestic Oak Cove, Humboldt		784-5384
Northside	Eric McLemore, 3075 Salem, Milan	686-1291	694-7341
Oak Grove	James Taylor, 134 Oak Grove Rd, Milan		616-8302
Oakwood	James Rogers, 417 W Main St, Rutherford	686-8755	420-9510
Old Bethlehem	Eddie Hayes, 48 Reynolds Rd, Bradford		742-3540
Poplar Grove	Joey Hufstedler, 366 Gibson Wells Rd, Trenton		267 -9602
Poplar Springs	Kerry Zeiss, 155 Peggy Lane, Atwood		662-7853
Rutherford, First	Jason Bogardus, PO Box 277, Rutherford	665-6159	665-7411
Salem	Joel Pigg, 199 Neal Kinsey Rd, PO Box 346, Trenton	855-2520	695-5321
Smyrna	David Powell, 10060 Trimble St, Trimble	787-7257	445-0897
Spring Hill	(I) Dr. John Adams, 4 Rachel Dr, Apt 8, Jackson	559-4959	499-1239
Sugar Creek	Dr. Greg McFadden, 3400 E Mitchell, Humboldt	784-1883	784-9005
Trenton, First	Jason Bowen, 401 S High St, Trenton	855-9321	501-650-0176
Walnut Grove	Andy Rice, 815 Mary Kee, Humboldt	665-7328	618-0236
West Carroll	Billy Hanks, 39 Poplar Springs Rd, Atwood		662-7765
West Side	John Grogan, 2135 Will Trace, Milan		412-2252
White Hall	Chris Alexander, 669 Concord Cades Rd, Trenton	855-2018	337-5828

### Music Directors



Antioch	Kelly Sorrell, 117 Baymeadows Dr, Jackson	427-8873
Avondale	Richard Bragg, 1080 Sir James Dr, Dyersburg	343-0862
Beech Grove	Kenny Quinley, 139 Elm St, Dyer	692-2978
Bethel-Y	Alex Sims, 200 Midway Rd, Dyer	414-7907
Bethpage	Franklin Sanford, 11 Brown Rd, Dyer	643-6836
Bradford, First	Larry Patterson, 140 Milan Hwy, Bradford	742-3262
Calvary-H	None Listed	
Calvary-R	Barry Flowers, PO Box 363, Rutherford	665-7348
Center	Janet Stokes, 107 Gibson Wells Brazil Rd, Humboldt	559-4719
Chapel Hill	Mark Brown, 76 Chapel Hill Rd, Milan	686-0414
China Grove	John Brelsford, PO Box 182, Rutherford	665-9955
Clear Creek	Bradley Shanklin, 498 Old Dyersburg Rd, Dyer	692-2327
Dyer, FBC	None Listed	
Eldad	David Adkins, 11 Eldad Rd, Trenton	787-7190
Emmanuel-H	Mark Stanley, 144 Pleasant Hill, Humboldt	695-1618
Fellowship	Joe Hammonds, 1002 S College St, Trenton	855-1845
Fruitland	Jonathan Flowers, 230 West Broad St, Dyer	487-1048
Gibson	Ray Barrix, PO Box 10452, Jackson	664-8434
Hickory Grove	None Listed	
Idlewild	J W Rinks, 161 Idlewild Holly Leaf Rd, Bradford	742-2280
Immanuel-T	None Listed	
Keely Mill	Mike Fields, 75 Elam Rd, Bradford	742-2442
Kenton, First	None Listed	
Laneview-K	Johnny Cavender, 1806 E Trimble-Mason Hall Rd, Kenton	673-4468
Laneview-T	Jerry Campbell, 452 R Laneview Concord Rd, Trenton	855-3768
Latham's Chapel	Rita Rutherford, 135 Latham's Chapel Rd, Milan	None Listed
Lavinia	None Listed	
Maranatha	Emma Waller, 410 N 17 <sup>th</sup> St, Humboldt	784-2697
Medina, FBC	Jonathan Mackey, PO Box 39, Medina	783-3222
Midway	Johnny Criswell, 4078 Stinson Rd, Milan	723-3698
Milan, First	Austin Clark, 2000 Second St, Milan	686-3385
Mt. Pisgah	Sammy Scott, 45 Gann Rd, Milan	414-4559
Mt. Pleasant	None Listed	
New Bethlehem	Jared Poore, 3169 Concord Rd, Kenton	446-7646
New Hope	Johnny Alford, 186 New Hope Rd, Rutherford	665-7467
Northern's Chapel	Jonathan Stafford, 145 New Hope Rd, Dyer	414-6134
Northside	Jake Fry, PO Box 589, Milan	541-6232
Oak Grove	Billy Sanderson, 285 St Route 186 N, Humboldt	787-6202
Oakwood	James Rogers, 417 W Main St, Rutherford	420-9510
Old Bethlehem	Cheryl Hayes, 48 Reynolds Rd, Bradford	742-3540
Poplar Grove	Drake Denning, 10 Trenton Hwy, Bradford	414-7167
Poplar Springs	Jonathan Zeiss, 29 Pinson St, Trezevant	667-3585
Salem	Clark Perkins, 110 Waldunn Cove, Rutherford	665-6252
Smyrna	Eddie Long, 27 Dollar Rd, Humboldt	571-8782
Spring Hill	Richard Givens, 1008 Dyersburg Hwy, Trenton	559-4281
Sugar Creek	Kevin Hamilton, 3400 E Mitchell, Humboldt	784-1883
Trenton, FBC	Stephen Watson, 5001 Caldwell Dr, Milan	334-1540
Walnut Grove	Donald Cunningham, 39 Morella Rd, Kenton	749-5468
West Carroll	James Creasy, 1060 N Stonewall, McKenzie	415-7602
West Side	Curtis Halbrook, 2002 S College St, Trenton	445-6380
White Hall	James Criswell, 1312 Sunny Dr, Trenton	855-9214

### Ministers of Youth

Antioch	Matt Dunagan, 30 Clovewood, Humboldt	783-5330
Bradford, FBC	Charlton McDade, 134 Mt Pisgah Rd, Bradford	742-2492
Chapel Hill	Ken Bowman, 76 Chapel Hill Rd, Milan	686-0414
Dyer, FBC	Stephen Powell, PO Box 290, Dyer	414-0253
Fruitland	Jonathan Flowers, 230 West Broad St, Dyer	487-0148
Keely Mill	Tonya Fields, 465 Old Trenton Dresden Rd, Bradford	742-3112
Kenton, FBC	Travis Ellis, PO Box 188, Kenton	None Listed
Laneview-K	Clay McEwen, 606 Maple Height St, Kenton	414-9815
Laneview-T	Jerry Campbell, 452 R Laneview Concord Rd, Trenton	855-3768
Lavinia	Danny McMinn, 1080 Fry Rd, Lavinia	783-1249
Medina, FBC	Jonas Mackey, PO Box 39, Medina	783-3222
Milan, FBC	Bill Kisner, 2000 Second St, Milan	686-3385
Mt. Pisgah	Shane Graves, 143 John Neal Rd, Bradford	234-3642
Mt. Pleasant	Andy Rutherford, 970 Gann Rd, Bradford	414-7835
New Bethlehem	Thomas O'Daniel, 287 N Poplar St, Dyer	483-2212
New Hope	Patrick Spencer, 300 Keely Mill Rd, Bradford	414-9857
Northside	Eric McLemore, 3075 Salem St, Milan	694-7341
Poplar Grove	David Draper, 72 Frog Jump Brazil Rd, Trenton	487-9122
Poplar Springs	Jonathan Zeiss, 29 Pinson St, Trezevant	667-3585
Rutherford, FBC	Dusty Emerson, PO Box 124, Rutherford	414-7984
Salem	Keith Donaldson, 207 Bradford Hwy, Trenton	616-9901
Smyrna	Ken Leke, 1123 31 <sup>st</sup> Ave, Humboldt	784-7859
Spring Hill	Dana Webb, 61 Eaton Brazil Rd, Trenton	559-4277
Sugar Creek	Christian Shipman, 3400 E Mitchell, Humboldt	784-1883
Trenton, FBC	Danny Rowland, 59 Fawnwood Cove, Jackson	343-4589
West Carroll	David Moncriff, PO Box 24, Trezevant	None Listed
White Hall	Sarah Campbell, 911 S College St, Trenton	855-3939

#### Other Ordained Ministers

Bradford, First	Kelvin Moore, PO Box 206, Bradford	742-3099
Chapel Hill	Keith Quinn	
Chapel Hill	Web Drake	661-5961
Dyer, First	Jason Griggs, 134 Green Valley Rd, Trenton	855-0555
Dyer, First	Daymond Duck, 68 St Route 185, Dyer	692-3162
Dyer, First	Rev Bob Hill, Broad St, Dyer	613-5714
Fellowship	Ed Marbury, 62 Bell Trace Cove, Jackson	420-2692
Gibson	Max Walker, 117 Jacob St, Jackson	664-3153
Keely Mill	John Fields. 278 Division St, Dyer	414-4566
Milan, First	Robert Cates. 23 Gibson Hwy, Milan	613-8703
New Bethlehem	Stacy Goodwin, 137 N Taylor Drive, Bells	617-0299
New Hope	Terry Owen, 306 Alamo St, Kenton	749-0074
Northside	Jimmy Sorrell, 465 Laneview Concord Rd, Trenton	855-0135
Sugar Creek	Bob Agee, 270 Ashport, Humboldt	695-7530
Sugar Creek	Bob Benedict, 194 Pleasant Hill, Humboldt	618-1595
Sugar Creek	Orvind Dangeau, 100 Tarkenton Dr, Humboldt	784-7249
Sugar Creek	Curtis Dennison, 812 Mary Key Dr, Humboldt	784-3297
Sugar Creek	Mark Jenkins, 950 N 29 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Humboldt	784-3732
Sugar Creek	Bob Little, 1312 Woodgate Dr, Humboldt	784-6741
Smyrna	James Brown, 221 Medina Hwy, Humboldt	784-2578
Trenton, First	Larry Simmons, 110 S J Hickerson Rd, Trenton	855-2270
Trenton, First	Jerry Tidwell, 143 Stavely Rd, Medina	394-7109

#### Church Clerks

Antioch	Cindy Sellars, 947 Hwy 138, Mercer	None Listed
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Avondale	Gaye Kent, 328 Pleasant Hill Rd, Humboldt	784-5145
Beech Grove	Janey Coleman, 93 Currie Rd, Dyer	692-2494
Bethel-H	Bonnie Scott, 2890 E Main St, Humboldt	784-7322
Bethel-Y	Tina Miller, PO Box 143, Yorkville	643-7566
Bethpage	Brenda Griggs, 202 Will Fowler Rd, Kenton	749-5676
Bradford, First	Donna Rinks, PO Box 88, Bradford	742-2544
Calvary-H	Linda Stoltz, 3105 Laurel St, Humboldt	784-4635
Calvary-R	Tracy Abbott, PO Box 75, Rutherford	414-3741
Center	Janet Stokes, 107 Gibson Wells Brazil Rd, Humboldt	559-4719
Chapel Hill	Peggy Lowe, 92 Southshore Dr, Jackson	431-1906
China Grove	Bernie Henderson, 104 Flowers, Rutherford	665-7699
Clear Creek	Deborah Goad, 185 New Bethlehem Rd, Dyer	692-2826
Connect	None Listed	
Dyer, First	DeeLeah Sullenger, PO Box 290, Dyer	692-2549
Eldad	Georgia Warrington, 26 Eldad Rd, Trenton	571-2824
Emmanuel-H	Renee Mitchell, 1310 Osborne St, Humboldt	420-0100
Fellowship	Martha Kernodle, 5046 Dolly Tom Dr, Milan	487-6429
Fruitland	Jeannie Turnbow, PO Box 96, Gibson	618-0821
Gibson	Kathy Brown, 638 N 27 <sup>th</sup> St, Humboldt	784-7308
Hickory Grove	Judith Crockett, 243 Mt Orange Rd, Trenton	855-0548
Idlewild	Patsy James, 153 Idlewild Hollyleaf Rd, Bradford	742-3156
Immanuel-T	Judy Baker, 2225 Barrett Lane, Humboldt	784-1965
Keely Mill	John Fields, 278 Division St, Dyer	414-4566
Kenton, First	Janice Wheatley, PO Box 188, Kenton	749-5715
Laneview-K	Lora Ledbetter, 1236 Old Dyersburg Rd, Newbern	643-6030
Laneview-T	Vickie Talley, 55 Mt Orange Rd, Trenton	855-9607
Latham's Chapel	Beverly Coleman, 40 Spring Creek Hwy, Medina	783-3315
Lavinia	Cindy McGregor, 695 W Main St, Atwood	662-4300
Maranatha	Angie Lang, 107 Charles Lewis Rd, Trenton	414-7085
Medina, First	Sheryl Wren, 55 Mary Kay Dr, Medina	783-0665
Midway	Greg Pillow, 644 S Trenton St, Rutherford	225-0223
Milan, First	Kim Wilson, 2000 Second St, Milan	686-3385
Mt. Pisgah	Joyce Doyle, 4085 Fairfield Dr, Milan	414-8174
Mt. Pleasant	Cathy Cantrell, 189 Taylor Rd, Bradford	414-8051
New Bethlehem	Shirley Pipkin, 214 Division St, Dyer	692-2657
New Haven	None Listed	
New Hope	Carlitta Pierce, 142 Scattered Acres Dr, Dyer	None Listed
Northern's Chapel	Darrell Duren, 124 Joe Lumpkin Rd, Rutherford	665-7195
Northside	Leah McLemore, 3075 Salem St, Milan	None Listed
Oak Grove	Barbie Burns, 229 Caraway Hills Rd, Milan	686-1962
Oakwood	Beth Goodman, 11 Hughes Loop Rd, Milan	618-7899
Old Bethlehem	Shirley Hanks, 68 Tollie Gordon Rd, Dyer	692-3255
Poplar Grove	Heather Patterson, 54 Tyree Loop Rd, Trenton	445-7404
Poplar Springs	Denise Bates, 25 Esquire White Rd, Trenton	388-3363
Rutherford, First	Susan McCullar, P O Box 483, Rutherford	665-7552
Salem	Frances Haste, 101 Bradford Hwy, Trenton	855-0947
Smyrna	Georgie Brisentine, 1075 N 29 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Humboldt	697-4944
Spring Hill	William Tyree, 758 Old Trenton Eaton Rd, Trenton	559-4236
Sugar Creek	Jerry Barker, 2655 Beau Beth, Humboldt	784-1115
Trenton, First	Leann Cherry, 143 Bob Batchelor Rd, Trenton	414-0728
Walnut Grove	Earlene Keathley, 338 Walnut Grove Rd, Kenton	749-5582
West Carroll	Karen Creasy, 1060 N Stonewall, McKenzie	415-5525
West Side	Curtis Halbrook, 2002 S College St, Trenton	445-6380
White Hall	Demetra Hickerson, 605 S College St, Trenton	901-490-4800

#### Treasurers

Antioch	Linda Alexander, 1073 Woodgate, Humboldt	784-6979
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Avondale	Gaye Kent, 328 Pleasant Hill Rd, Humboldt	784-5145
Beech Grove	Marilyn Cotham, 45 Cotham Rd, Trenton	855-2069
Bethel-H	Bonnie Scott, 2890 E Main St, Humboldt	784-7322
Bethel-Y	Joy Milligan, 244 Nebo-Yorkville Rd, Dyer	643-6195
Bethpage	Tommy Griggs, 202 Will Fowler Rd, Kenton	749-5676
Bradford, First	Delana Hampton, PO Box 68, Bradford	742-3343
Calvary-H	Linda Stoltz, 3105 Laurel St, Humboldt	784-4635
Calvary-R	Tammy Flowers, PO Box 363, Rutherford	665-7348
Center	Margaret Fuller, 124 Peter Smith Gravel Rd, Humboldt	784-5003
Chapel Hill	Abby Bobo, 76 Chapel Hill Rd, Milan	686-0414
China Grove	Wilbur Gant, 97 Old Dyersburg Rd, Trenton	694-0493
Clear Creek	Bradley Shanklin, 498 Old Dyersburg Rd, Dyer	692-2327
Connect	Bob Moore, 761 Terri Leigh Cove, Humboldt	431-1056
Dyer, First	Jim Acree, 292 Division St, Dyer	692-2933
Eldad	Fred Warrington, 26 Eldad Rd, Trenton	697-8247
Emmanuel-H	Ronald Coleman, 172 St Rt 420, Trenton	784-5201
Fellowship	Janelle Hurley, 7091 Hillcrest, Milan	723-4525
Fruitland	Ann Tubbs, 261 St Rt 420, Humboldt	414-8522
Gibson	James Adams, PO Box 366, Gibson	787-6571
Hickory Grove	Sherry Clark, 149 Tyree Loop, Trenton	559-4471
Idlewild	Kay Shackelford, 221 Mulberry Grove Rd, Bradford	742-3844
Immanuel-T	Mary Ashley, 213 Taylor St, Trenton	Not Listed
Keely Mill	Elaine Fields, 75 Elam Rd, Bradford	742-2442
Kenton, First	Broecksie Taylor, 211 Hillside, Kenton	749-5222
Laneview-K	Jill Karnes, 1074 S Main St, Dyer	487-4682
Laneview-T	James Talley, 55 Mt Orange Rd, Trenton	855-9607
Latham's Chapel	Lois Akin, 27 Jackson Hwy, Medina	783-3166
Lavinia	Earl Jarrett, 4370 Hwy 220, Lavinia	783-3452
Maranatha	Don Coffman, 704 N 29th Ave, Humboldt	784-8782
Medina, First	Tony Jones, 327 Cumberland St, Medina	783-0088
Midway	Greg Pillow, 644 S Trenton St, Rutherford	225-0223
Milan, First	Elton Sims, 1085 Esther Lane, Milan	686-9726
Mt. Pisgah	Dorothy Scott, 45 Gann Rd, Milan	414-5117
Mt. Pleasant	Stanley Cates, 130 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford	742-2780
New Bethlehem	Mike Garner, 51 Neal Kinsey Rd, Trenton	692-2349
New Haven	Greg Hall, 4105 Caldwell Dr, Milan	686-0344
New Hope	Charles King, 123 New Hope Rd, Dyer	234-8336
Northern's Chapel	Jerry Montgomery, 107 Joe Lumpkin Rd, Rutherford	665-6354
Northside	Barbara Rollins, 8089 E Denney Dr, Milan	686-7849
Oak Grove	JoAnn Canada, 166 Oak Grove Rd, Milan	686-2981
Oakwood	Darlene Smith, 64 Turner Loop Rd, Humboldt	487-0228
Old Bethlehem	Beverly Stephens, 46 Tollie Gordon Rd, Dyer	692-3477
Poplar Grove	Tim Ingram, 35 Fred Brown Rd, Trenton	559-4756
Poplar Springs	Kathy Hanks, 86 Horrcce Burress Rd, Atwood	225-1568
Rutherford, First	Libby George, PO Box 277, Rutherford	665-6159
Salem	Tommy Golden, 656 Concord Cades Rd., Trenton	686-7747
Smyrna	Sheila Bell, 903 Valley Hill Place, Humboldt	784-4688
Spring Hill	William Tyree, 758 Old Trenton Eaton Rd, Trenton	559-4236
Sugar Creek	Katie Laughlin, 3400 E Mitchell, Humboldt	784-1883
Trenton, First	Mark Johnson, 1405 S College St, Trenton	855-2490
Walnut Grove	Amy Keathley, 219 Joe Penn Rd, Kenton	571-7107
West Carroll	Karen Creasy, 1060 N Stonewall, McKenzie	415-5525
West Side	Ann McComb, PO Box 433, Trenton	855-8006
White Hall	Rick Tucker, 384 Concord Cades Rd, Trenton	686-2769

**Sunday School Directors**

Antioch	Joel Jones, 620 Forest Dr, Humboldt	784-4961
Avondale	Dan Thurbush, 1645 Ingram St, Humboldt	784-3570

Beech Grove	George Coleman, 93 Currie Rd, Dyer	692-2494
Bethel-Y	Jack Gregory, 822 Old Dyersburg Rd, Dyer	643-6276
Bethpage	Todd Littleton, 133 Preacher Dowland, Rd, Kenton	673-4130
Bradford, First	Terry Mitchell, 120 Crawford St, Bradford	742-2971
Calvary-H	Dennis Barger, 400 Morris Circle, Humboldt	784-5776
Calvary-R	Don Abbott, 34 St Rt 185, Dyer	692-2764
Center	Misty Hankins, 307 Milan Highway, Trenton	None Given
Chapel Hill	Mark Brown, 76 Chapel Hill Rd, Milan	686-0414
China Grove	John Brelsford, PO Box 182, Rutherford	665-9955
Clear Creek	Bradley Shanklin, 498 Old Dyersburg Rd, Dyer	692-2327
Dyer, First	None Listed	
Eldad	Ricky Sammons, 138 Sammons Rd, Trenton	855-1061
Emmanuel-H	Fredia Mitchell, 2325 Maple Circle, Humboldt	784-6759
Fellowship	Jack Woods, 1087 Baird St, Milan	686-0706
Fruitland	None Listed	
Gibson	Harris Coble, 289 St Rt 186 N, Humboldt	787-6282
Hickory Grove	Charles Scruggs, 356 Old Trenton Eaton Rd, Trenton	855-0280
Idlewild	Shawn Winberry, 9093 Wildwood St, Milan	None Given
Keely Mill	Mike Fields, 75 Elam Rd, Bradford	742-2442
Kenton, First	Dale Marvin, 5140 Kenton Levee Rd, Kenton	749-5617
Laneview-K	Keith Cardwell, 117 Waldunn Dr, Rutherford	None Given
Laneview-T	James Talley, 55 Mt Orange Rd, Trenton	855-9607
Latham's Chapel	Guy Coleman, 40 Spring Creek Hwy, Medina	None Given
Maranatha	Don Coffman, 704 N 29 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Humboldt	784-8782
Medina, First	Dennis Parrett, 127 Westwind Dr, Medina	783-3197
Midway	Greg Pillow, 644 S Trenton St, Rutherford	225-0223
Milan, First	Austin Clark, 2000 Second St, Milan	686-3385
Mt. Pisgah	James Graves, 99 Mt Pisgah Rd, Bradford	742-3598
Mt. Pleasant	Jeff Wingo, 405 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford	None Given
New Bethlehem	Russ Garrett, 85 Hamp Taylor Rd, Rutherford	414-5249
New Hope	Richard Hartsfield, 37 Tom Austin Rd, Dyer	643-6445
Northern's Chapel	Darrell Duren, 124 Joe Lumpkin Rd, Rutherford	665-7195
Northside	Franklin Rauchle, 5024 Dolly Tom Dr, Milan	686-7658
Oak Grove	Richard Canada, 166 Oak Grove Rd, Milan	686-2981
Oakwood	Brad Bruhn, 36 L Rossfield Cove, Jackson	431-1299
Poplar Grove	Nathan Barber, 897 Old Dyersburg Rd, Dyer	676-2686
Poplar Springs	Roger Hanks, 86 NW Horrace Burress Rd, Atwood	414-4081
Salem	Mark Martin, 79 Yorkville Hwy, Dyer	692-4907
Smyrna	Georgia Brisentine, 1075 N 29 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Humboldt	697-4944
Spring Hill	Mark Carlton, 106 Carlton Turner Rd, Trenton	559-4323
Sugar Creek	Steve Babcock, 3400 E Mitchell, Humboldt	784-1883
Trenton, First	None Listed	
Walnut Grove	Barry Keathley, 219 Joe Penn Rd, Kenton	446-3989
West Carroll	James Creasy, 1060 N Stonewall, McKenzie	415-7602
West Side	None Listed	
White Hall	Mark Gant, 655 Concord Cades Rd, Trenton	676-9675

#### WMU Directors

Antioch	Ann Joyner, 633 Sanders Bluff Rd, Humboldt	784-3486
Avondale	Gaye Kent, 328 Pleasant Hill Rd, Humboldt	784-5145
Bethel-Y	Stephanie Rodgers, PO Box 161, Yorkville	643-6588

Bethpage Center	Dot Sellers, 641 Baseline Rd, Kenton	901-496-9489
Chapel Hill	Betty Coble, 331 Edison Frog Jump Rd, Trenton	784-3198
China Grove	Barbara Johnson, 36 Manner Frank, Milan	414-8127
Dyer, First	Addie Brelsford, PO Box 182, Rutherford	665-6958
Emmanuel-H Fellowship	Judy Barron, 3 Old Dyer Trenton Rd, Dyer	692-2522
Keely Mill	Hope Edwards, 2575 Viking Dr, Apt 211, Humboldt	784-4123
Kenton, FBC	Janelle Hurley, 7091 Hillcrest, Milan	723-4525
Laneview-K	Tonya Fields, 465 Old Trenton Dresden Rd, Bradford	742-3112
Lavinia	Lisa Howard, 31 Stringtown Rd, Kenton	749-5896
Medina, FBC	Faye Russom, 234 Poplar, Dyer	446-3336
Midway	Joann Aldridge, 170 Aldridge Lane, Jackson	427-7579
Milan, First	Teresa Oakley, PO Box 95, Medina	783-3209
Mt. Pisgah	Vicki Criswell, 4078 Stinson Rd, Milan	723-3698
Mt. Pleasant	Joyce Doyle, 1099 Meadowbrook, Milan	686-7531
New Bethlehem	Elizabeth Romines, 2030 Salem Rd, Milan	686-0730
Northside	Charlene Neal, 72 Shades Bridge Rd, Bradford	742-3222
Oak Grove	Stacy Mann, 162 Nee Rd, Dyer	692-4993
Poplar Springs	Jane Rauchle, 5024 Dolly Tom Dr, Milan	686-7658
Salem	Joyce Brown, 187 T J Scott Rd, Humboldt	787-6536
Smyrna	Martha Mayo, 2610 Clay Farm Rd, Atwood	Not Given
Sugar Creek	Martha Phelan, 1249 S Main St, Dyer	692-3060
Trenton, First	Bonnie Ballentine, 234 Jim Bob Scruggs Rd, Humboldt	787-6148
West Side	Dottie Babcock, 110 Forest Lake Dr, Humboldt	618-1074
White Hall	Beverly Youree, 201 E 10 <sup>th</sup> St, Trenton	855-0754
	Louise Watson, 738 Old Trenton Eaton Rd, Trenton	559-4603
	Linda Choate, 111 Park Circle Rd, Trenton	487-5829

#### **Men's Ministry Directors**

Antioch	Ken Luckey, 207 Antioch Rd, Humboldt	784-2417
Chapel Hill	Shane Paschall, 76 Chapel Hill Rd, Milan	723-7300
Connect	Bob Moore, 761 Terri Leigh Cove, Humboldt	431-1056
Medina	Alan Bradbury, PO Box 594, Medina	225-6565
New Hope	David McEwen, 142 Monroe, Dyer	692-9773
Trenton, FBC	Barry Smith, 299 Edison Frog Jump Rd, Trenton	784-9905
White Hall	Tim Haynes, 153 Sleepy Hollow Rd, Trenton	855-4762

#### **Chairman of Deacons**

Antioch	Aubrey Wilson, 11 Fairview Dr, Humboldt	784-2973
Avondale	Dan Thurbush, 1645 Ingram St, Humboldt	784-3570
Beech Grove	None Listed	
Bethel-H	None Listed	

Bethel-Y	Stan Sims, 148 Baseline Rd, Dyer	643-6616
Bethpage	Mac McMackin, 210 Tull Rd, Kenton	673-4196
Bradford, First	Shane Jacobs, 53 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford	Not Given
Calvary-H	Dennis Barger, 400 Morris Circle, Humboldt	784-5776
Calvary-R	Alan Abbott, PO Box 75, Rutherford	665-7223
Center	Earl Leeper, 27 McConnell Manor Rd, Trenton	855-2767
Chapel Hill	Webb Drake, 20 Country Square, Milan	613-5806
China Grove	None Listed	
Clear Creek	Gary Selph, 76 Horseshoe Loop, Dyer	692-3245
Dyer, First	Doug Duncan, PO Box 267, Dyer	692-3025
Eldad	Ricky Sammons, 138 Sammons Rd, Trenton	855-1061
Emmanuel-H	Ronald Coleman, 172 St Rt 420, Trenton	784-5201
Fellowship	Jack Woods, 1087 Baird St, Milan	686-0706
Fruitland	Ray Tubbs, 261 St Route 420, Humboldt	414-8521
Gibson	James Adams, PO Box 366, Gibson	787-6571
Hickory Grove	Charles Scruggs, 356 Old Trenton Eaton Rd, Trenton	855-0280
Idlewild	Barry Howell, 133 Ira Fall Rd, Trenton	487-2336
Immanuel-T	None Listed	
Keely Mill	None Listed	
Kenton, First	Mike Farrar, PO Box 57, Kenton	749-5221
Laneview-K	Robin Reed, 45 Stringtown Rd, Kenton	749-6873
Laneview-T	James Talley, 55 Mt Orange Rd, Trenton	855-9607
Latham's Chapel	Paul Replogle, 163 Latham's Chapel Rd, Milan	783-3784
Lavinia	Danny McMinn, 1080 Fry Rd, Lavinia	783-1249
Maranatha	None Listed	
Medina, First	Don Leggett, 15 Spencer Dr, Medina	783-1985
Midway	None Listed	
Milan, First	Tim Jackson, 5 Fox Meadow Cove, Milan	Not Given
Mt. Pisgah	Juan Anguiano, 185 Mt Pisgah Rd, Bradford	742-3648
Mt. Pleasant	Andy Rutherford, 970 Gann Rd, Bradford	414-7835
New Bethlehem	Eston Hurst, 218 High St, Dyer	692-4523
New Haven	Greg Hall, 4105 Caldwell Dr, Milan	686-0344
New Hope	Wallace Alford, 96 Will Orr Rd, Dyer	692-2321
Northern's Chapel	Jerry Montgomery, 107 Joe Lumpkin Rd, Rutherford	665-6354
Northside	Sammy Burrow, 117 Gann Rd, Milan	686-3228
Oak Grove	Richard Canada, 166 Oak Grove Rd, Milan	686-2981
Oakwood	Dudley Browning, 369 Gann Rd, Milan	686-1086
Old Bethlehem	None Listed	
Poplar Grove	Tim Ingram, 35 Fred Brown Rd, Trenton	559-4756
Poplar Springs	Lyndell Hayes, 42 Lyndell Hayes Rd, Milan	742-3696
Rutherford, FBC	Terry Cunningham, 32 Northern's Chapel Rd, Rutherford	697-4695
Salem	Pat Wollam, 402 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford	742-2190
Smyrna	None Listed	
Spring Hill	William Tyree, 758 Old Trenton Eaton Rd, Trenton	559-4467
Sugar Creek	Gil Fletcher, 155 Forest Lake, Humboldt	427-8571
Trenton, First	Jeff Holt, 25 Stovall Cove, Trenton	Not Given
Walnut Grove	Barry Keathley, 219 Joe Penn Rd, Kenton	446-3989
West Carroll	James Creasy, 1060 N Stonewall, McKenzie	415-7602
West Side	None Listed	
White Hall	Ronald Williams, 284 Brazil Elliot Store Rd, Trenton	487-6230

#### **Lay Executive Board Members**

Antioch	None Listed	
Avondale	Dan Thurbush, 1645 Ingram St, Humboldt	784-3570
Beech Grove	None Listed	
Bethel - H	None Listed	
Bethel-Y	Sheilah Spangler, 668 Laneview Concord Rd, Trenton	414-9292

Bethpage	None Listed	
Bradford, First	None Listed	
Calvary-H	None Listed	
Calvary-R	Alan Abbott, PO Box 75, Rutherford	665-7223
Center	Earl Leeper, 27 Mc Connell Manor Rd, Trenton	855-2767
Chapel Hill	None Listed	
China Grove	None Listed	
Clear Creek	None Listed	
Connect	Bob Moore, 761 Terri Leigh Cove, Humboldt	431-1056
Dyer, First	Doug Duncan, PO Box 267, Dyer	692-3025
Eldad	Fred Warrington, 26 Eldad Rd, Trenton	697-8247
Emmanuel-H	Don Holland, 176 Princeton Place, Jackson	225-8414
Fellowship	Jack Woods, 1087 Baird St, Milan	686-0706
Fruitand	None Listed	
Gibson	None Listed	
Hickory Grove	Charles Scruggs, 356 Old Trenton Eaton Rd, Trenton	855-0280
Idlewild	Tim Wright, 328 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford	742-4608
Immanuel-T	None Listed	
Keely Mill	None Listed	
Kenton, First	Mike Farrar, PO Box 57, Kenton	749-5221
Laneview-K	None Listed	
Laneview - T	None Listed	
Latham's Chapel	Paul Replogle, 163 Lathams Chapel Rd, Milan	783-3784
Lavinia	Danny McMinn, 1080 Fry Rd, Lavinia	783-1249
Maranatha	Christy Skelton, 214 Broad St, Dyer	414-2795
Medina, First	Don Leggett, 15 Spencer Dr, Medina	
Midway	None Listed	
Milan, First	None Listed	
Mt. Pisgah	Juan Anguiano, 185 Mt. Pisgah Rd, Bradford	742-3648
Mt. Pleasant	Ray Neal, 72 Shades Bridge Rd, Bradford	742-3222
New Bethlehem	Eston Hurst, 218 High St, Dyer	692-4523
New Haven	Greg Hall, 4105 Caldwell Rd, Milan	686-0344
New Hope	Wallace Alford, 96 Will Orr Rd, Dyer	692-2321
Northern's Chapel	Jerry Montgomery, 107 Joe Lumpkin Road, Rutherford	665-6354
Northside	Sammy Burrow, 117 Gann Rd, Milan	686-3228
Oak Grove	None Listed	
Oakwood	Dudley Browning, 369 Gann Rd, Milan	686-1086
Old Bethlehem	None Listed	
Poplar Grove	None Listed	
Poplar Springs	Lyndell Hayes, 42 Lyndell Hayes Rd, Milan	742-3696
Rutherford, First	None Listed	
Salem	Pat Wollam, 402 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford	42-2190
Smyrna	None Listed	
Spring Hill	William Tyree, 758 Old Trenton-Eaton Road, Trenton	559-4236
Sugar Creek	Bob Benedict, 194 Pleasant Hill Rd, Humboldt	618-1595
Trenton, First	Tony Parks, 44 Mt. Orange Rd, Trenton	855-4100
Truth	None Listed	
Walnut Grove	Terry Walker, PO Box 39, Rutherford	665-6387
West Carroll	James Creasy, 1060 N Stonewall, McKenzie	415-7602
West Side	None Listed	
White Hall	Tim Haynes, 153 Sleepy Hollow Rd, Trenton	855-4762

#### REGISTERED MESSENGERS

Antioch:	Rev. Bill Rice
Avondale:	None Listed
Beech Grove:	None Listed
Bethel-H:	None Listed
Bethel-Y:	Rev. & Mrs. Melinda Criswell, Sheilah Spangler
Bethpage:	Rev. Garry Burkacki



Bradford FBC: None listed  
 Calvary-H: Rev. & Mrs. Tony Crossnor  
 Calvary-R: None Listed  
 Center: Misty Hankins  
 Chapel Hill: None Listed  
 China Grove: Rosy Anderson, Addie Brelsford  
 Clear Creek: Mr. & Mrs. John Mercer, Rev. Michael Roberson  
 Connect: Rev. Clayton Williams  
 Dyer, FBC: Mr & Mrs Jim Acree, Doug Duncan, Rev Bob & Gayle Hill, Doris Holt  
 Eldad: Robert Howland, Ricky Sammons  
 Emmanuel-H: Hope Edwards, Fredia Mitchell,, Renee Mitchell  
 Fellowship: Debra Garrett, Eddie Holmes, Jack Woods  
 Fruitland: Shirley Carolton, Rev Andy & Charlene King  
 Gibson: Rev Steve Littleton  
 Hickory Grove: Rev. Mike Sander, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Scruggs  
 Idlewild: Rev Terry Branscum  
 Immanuel-T: Mary Ashley, Rev & Mrs Ray Etheridge,  
 Keely Mill: Rev. Stephen Fields  
 Kenton, FBC: Rev. Shawn Allred, Mr & Mrs. Mike Holder, Mr. & Mrs Willam Taylor  
 Laneview-K: None Listed  
 Laneview-T: None Listed  
 Latham's Chapel: None Listed  
 Lavinia: Mr & Mrs. Danny McMinn, Rev. Stephen Osborne  
 Maranatha: None Listed  
 Medina, FBC: None Listed  
 Midway: Rev. Johnny Criswell  
 Milan, FBC: Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Doyle, Rev. Bill Kisner, David Mayo, Don Mayo, Rev. Randy Pate  
 Mt. Pisgah: Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Carr, Rev Steve Hemann, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Sutton  
 Mt. Pleasant: Rev. Josh Stone  
 New Bethlehem: Rev. John Coleman, Marcella Gilmore, Eston Hurst, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Pipkin, Joyce Reynolds  
 New Haven: Rev. Randy Beals  
 New Hope: None Listed  
 Northern's Chapel: None Listed  
 Northside: Rev. Eric McLemore  
 Oak Grove: Richard Canada, Billy Rauchle  
 Oakwood: Teresa Altman  
 Old Bethlehem: None Listed  
 Poplar Grove: Jim Edwards, Rev. Joey Hufstedler, Don Polly  
 Poplar Springs: None Listed  
 Rutherford, FBC: None Listed  
 Salem: Rev. Keith Donaldson, Rev. Joel Pigg, Mr & Mrs Pat Wollam  
 Smyrna: None Listed  
 Spring Hill: Dr. John Adams  
 Sugar Creek: Lisa Kail, Rev Mike Kemper, Rev. Greg McFadden, Mr & Mrs Louis Murphy  
 Trenton, FBC: Rev. Jason Bowen, Mills Powell  
 Walnut Grove: Andy Rice  
 West Carroll: James Creasy, Rev. Billy Hanks  
 West Side: None Listed  
 White Hall: Rev. Chris Alexander, Brian Allen, Tim Haynes, Rev Randy Pool

**Proceedings**  
**of the**  
**94th Annual Meeting**  
**Gibson Baptist Association**  
**First Baptist Church, Milan**

**October 23, 2017**

**Afternoon Session**

**1 Call to Order** - The meeting was called to order at 3:35 by moderator, Bro. Chris Alexander, pastor, White Hall Baptist Church. Ninety-three messengers (93), representing thirty-eight (38) churches were present along with many guests.

**2. Seating of Messengers & Program Report** - Leann Cherry, clerk, member, FBC Trenton, presented the Leadership Team Recommendation that the messengers be seated and the program be approved with any necessary changes.

**3. Congregational Hymn** - Austin Clark, minister of music, FBC Milan, led the congregation in "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

**4. Invocation/welcome by Host Church** - Bro. Randy Pate, pastor, FBC Milan, led the invocation and welcomed the messengers and guests.

**5. Wingo Testimony** - Mike Farrar, member, FBC Kenton, shared about his mission trip to Romania

**6. Theme Interpretation** - Bro. Steve Littleton, pastor, Gibson Baptist Church, based his message on the theme "Revive Us...Repair Us...Rebuild Us... based on Ezra 9:9.

**7. Financial Report** - Jim Acree, treasurer, member, FBC Dyer, gave the financial report. He stated that though we had a \$3,796.75 shortfall in our receipts, we still closed the books for the year at \$ 54,023.10. Anything over \$ 50,000.00 is transferred to Contingency Reserve so we were able to put \$ 4,023.10 into Contingency Reserve. The Financial Report for 2016-2017 is found on pages 30-34.

**8. Nominating Report** - Bro. Billy Hanks, pastor, West Carroll Baptist Church, gave the nominating report and moved the report be approved. Motion carried. This report is on pages 6-7

**9. Budget Presentation**- Joel Reynolds, member, New Bethlehem Baptist Church, presented the budget of \$202,889 which is \$300 less than last year. The 2017-2018 Budget is presented on page 38.

**10. Congregational Hymn** - Austin Clark led the congregation in singing "How Great Thou Art."

**11. Theme Interpretation** – Bro. Randy Beals, pastor, New Haven Baptist Church, said that Baptist are people of the Book and that the Bible is the inerrant infallible Word of God. He explained that we need to pray because we have so many people who need to hear the gospel.

**12. TBC Representative** - Dr. Scott Shepherd, TN Baptist Mission Board, presented video greetings from Dr. Randy Davis, Executive Director-Treasurer, of the TBMB. Dr. Shepherd expressed we are to be about reaching the state because 60% of Tennessee is lost and 80% are not in church on Sundays. He presented Bro. Roger with a plaque for 23 churches giving \$47,000 to the TN Baptist Convention Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. The TBC Reports are found on pages 51-56.

**13. Mississippi River Ministry Report** - Bro. Randy Pool MRM Director and member of White Hall Baptist Church, explained that 46,00 volunteers have worked on 3,000 projects with 5,600 professions of faith. The MRM Report is found on page 59.

**14. Election of Officers** - The moderator asked for nominations for officers for 2017-2018. The following were nominated and elected:

Dave Powell, pastor of Smyrna, moderator; Billy Criswell, pastor, Bethel Yorkville, assistant moderator; Leann Cherry, member, FBC Trenton, clerk; Jim Acree, member, FBC Dyer, treasurer; and Keith Donaldson, Salem Baptist, assistant treasurer.

**16. Congregation Hymn** - "How Great is Our God" led by Austin Clark.

**17. Special Music** - Sonja Acuff, member, FBC Milan sang "Oh the Blood".

**18. Moderator's Message** - Bro. Chris Alexander delivered the message entitled "Rise Up, Take Courage and Do It" based on Ezra 10:1-6 and 10:10-11. Prayers are important and must begin with confession and then be converted into movement and momentum. We must surround ourselves with positive people. Prayer is just the beginning; we have to put feet to our prayers.

**19. Wingo Video Testimony** - Tracy Garner, member, New Bethlehem Baptist Church, shared about her mission trip to Ohio with the Gibson Baptist Association.

**20. Wingo Offering** - It was announced that the association had met our goal of \$22,500. The offering taken at the associational meeting will go toward next year's goal.

**21. Congregational Hymn** - Austin Clark led the congregation in the hymn "My Worth is Not in What I Own."

**22. Memorial Recognition** - Billy Hanks, pastor, West Carroll Unity Baptist Church, led the prayer to memorialize the ones who had gone on to be with the Lord. The Memorial Report is on pages 26-27.

**23. Benediction and Meal Blessing** - Eric McLemore pastor, Northside Baptist Church in Milan, led in the blessing of the meal and benediction.

The meeting was adjourned for the evening meal.

## Evening Session

**24. Call to Order**- The evening session was called to order at 6:30 by Chris Alexander, moderator, pastor, White Hall Baptist.

**25. Invocation** - Bro. Bill Kisner, minister to students, FBC Milan gave the invocation.

**26. Welcome** - Bro. Randy Pate, pastor, FBC Milan, welcomed the messengers and guests back to the evening session.

**27. Congregation Singing** - Austin Clark, minister of music, FBC Milan, and the praise team led the congregation in the hymn "Lift High the Name of Jesus."

**28. Theme Interpretation** - Bro. Stephen Fields, pastor, Keely Mill, asked what needs reviving, repairing and rebuilding in us? The three conditions he addressed were reviving our spirit, repairing our churches and rebuilding our churches. His text was from Ezra 36:25.

**29. Miscellaneous Business - Credentials Report**- Bro. John Coleman, pastor, New Bethlehem Baptist Church, stated that we are embracing the 5 objectives of the TBC . He also stated that The Rock Church would spend another year as a watch care church, and that the Connect Church had been constituted on September 17 by the sponsoring church, Milan FBC. We welcomed Connect to Gibson Baptist Association.

Bro. Bill Rice, messenger from Antioch and interim pastor of New Hope Baptist Church, made a motion that we ask the Seek Team to lead in planning a county-wide revival. Lewis Murphy, Sugar Creek Church, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

**30. Wingo Video Testimony** - Noah Blackburn, member FBC Dyer, shared about his mission trip to Ecuador with Dyer FBC.

**31. Recognition**- Bro. Chris Alexander, moderator, recognized Bro. Roger and Penny Stacy for their 10 years of service as Director of Missions and wife of Gibson Baptist Association. He shared a video spanning the 10 years of service of Bro. Roger Stacy. He also presented Bro. Roger with a gift card to the Opryland Hotel and a gift card to a dinner theater from GBA WMU, along with flowers for Mrs. Penny.

**31. Time, Place, Resolution Report** - Bro. Gary Burkacki, pastor, Bethpage Baptist Church, presented the report. The committee moved that the 2018 annual meeting be held at Rutherford, FBC on October 22, 2018. The recommendation was approved.

He presented the following resolutions which were approved:

#### **Resolution I**

WHEREAS, the people of First Baptist Milan have been so generous and hospitable to open their facilities to their extended brothers and sisters in Christ that we may worship together and conduct the business of the Gibson Baptist Association for the 2017 Associational Annual Meeting; be it

RESOLVED, that the people of the Gibson Baptist Association extend our gratitude and appreciation to this Church for opening their doors and welcoming us for this occasion.

#### **Resolution II**

WHEREAS, Dr. Roger Stacy has served the Churches of the Gibson Baptist Association faithfully as the Director of Missions for 10 years of service; be it

RESOLVED, that the people of the Gibson Baptist Association extend our gratitude and appreciation for his dedicated service to our association for the glory of Jesus Christ and His Gospel, be it

RESOLVED, that the people of the Gibson Baptist Association also extend our hope, prayers, expectancy, and support for God's continued blessing upon Bro. Roger's service and ministry to this association in the days ahead.

#### **Resolution III**

WHEREAS, The Baptist Faith and Message affirms that 'all Christians are under obligation to seek to make the will of Christ supreme in our own lives and in human society' and that "every Christian should seek to bring industry, government, and society as a whole under the sway of principles of righteousness, truth, and brotherly love":

THEREFORE be it resolved, that the people of the Gibson Baptist Association give thanks to God that He has placed this association of Churches in a nation with freedom of religion and expression with the right to influence worldly government through the privilege of voting, be it

RESOLVED, that the people of the Gibson Baptist Association give thanks to the men and women of the United States Armed Forces both presently and since the founding of this nation, who have given their lives to secure the right of ordinary citizens to vote and give their voice to the political process in local, state, and national elections; be it

RESOLVED, that the Gibson Baptist Association encourages all members of the Association and all followers of the Lord Jesus Christ in this Association to participate in the democratic process by voting, be it

RESOLVED, that we the people of the Gibson Baptist Association acknowledge that a nation's hope ultimately is not found in the passage of political or governmental power, but in God alone, be it

RESOLVED, that we the people of the Gibson Baptist Association commit to pray earnestly that local, state, and national political leaders will turn to the Lord for guidance as they govern and for God to bring about a spiritual revival in our country.

#### **Resolution IV**

WHEREAS, that we live in a creation contaminated with sin due to Adam's transgression and as such, there are illnesses, pestilences, storms, crime, and such that afflict this world and those who live in it, be it

RESOLVED, that we the people of the Gibson Baptist Association uplift and pray for those afflicted as well as provide for their relief as God gives guidance and, be it

RESOLVED, that we pray for and support those who stands in harm's way, those police, firefighters, and all peoples who rush in to give and render aid, as well as for their families.

#### **Resolution V**

WHEREAS, that we live in a creation contaminated with sin due to Adam's transgression in that all are afflicted with sin and can find only redemption through Christ's sacrifice and resurrection and that there are ongoing efforts to deny, dilute, and overall negate the message of the Gospel, be it

RESOLVED, that we of the Gibson Baptist Association embrace and accept the Gospel and the teachings of God's Holy Word without reservation or apology. Further, that we the people of the Gibson Baptist Association embrace and accept the Nashville Statement in it's entirety, the Preamble and all 14 articles as already signed to by the Tennessee Southern Baptist Convention.

#### **RESOLUTION VI**

WHEREAS, October 31, 2017 marks the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the start of the Protestant Reformation with Martin Luther's nailing of the ninety-five These to the Castle Church door in Wittenberg, Germany; and

WHEREAS, the Reformation stressed a return to the sufficiency and primacy of Scripture as the supreme guide for faith and practice in the church of Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, the Resolution was driven by the Biblical conviction that sinners are saved by Grace alone through faith in Christ alone based upon Scripture alone to the Glory of God alone; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptists trace much of their theological heritage to the events, figures, and principles of the Magisterial Reformation and the Radical Reformation; and

WHEREAS, Southern Baptist particularly value the principles of the Reformation that inspired subsequent generations of Baptists to advocate for the religious liberty of all people, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the messengers to the Gibson County Baptist Association meeting at FBC, Milan, TN, October 23, 2017, express our gratitude to God for the courage and conviction of our Reformation forebearers, and be it further

RESOLVED, that we commit ourselves anew to the Biblical convictions of the Reformation, calling all people everywhere to personal repentance and faith in Jesus Christ as taught by Holy Scripture, and let it be further

RESOLVED, that we promote the sufficiency of Scripture, the power of Christ's grace, and personal accountability of all humanity before God even as we advocate for the fundamental right of all people to exercise religious liberty; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we proclaim the priority and preeminence of Christ and His Kingdom above all earthly powers to the glory of God alone.

**32. Send Team** - Randy Nicholas, member, Chapel Hill, shared that we went over the 2016-17 Wingo Goal by \$5,256.32, and he recommended that the goal for next year be \$22,500. He also stated the breakdown for the distribution of the 2017 Wingo funds as: 70% IMB projects, 25% NAMB, and 5% Disaster Relief. The recommendation was approved. The Wingo Fund reports are found on pages 35-37 and the Send Team Reports are found on pages 40-43.

**33. Seek Team** - Bro. Mike Sanders, pastor, Hickory Grove, reported that there would be a prayer evangelism rally on April 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Details will be presented later. The West Tennessee Evangelism Conference at Union University will be on March 2, 2018 with Dr. James Merritt as the keynote speaker. He also said that we had 246 baptisms in 2017 by 40 churches which was a decrease of 61 from the year before. The Seek Team Reports are found on pages 43-44.

**34. Strengthen Team** - Bro. Chris Alexander, pastor, White Hall, shared that Sunday School has declined over the last 2 years, and he encouraged the pastors to invest in their Sunday Schools. The Strengthen Team Reports are found on pages 44-50.

**35. WMU Report** - Sheilah Spangler, WMU Director, member, Bethel-Y, talked about the scholarship funds that are offered by WMU through the Golden Offering. She stated that churches should encourage their juniors and seniors to apply. The WMU director of the student's church must write a letter of recommendation for the student. The WMU Report is found on pages 42.

**36. Congregation Singing** - Austin Clark and the praise team led the congregation in the hymn "Jesus Saves."

**37. Budget Discussion /adoption** - Joel Reynolds, chairman, shared the budget which can be found on page 38. The budget was adopted unanimously.

**38. Director of Missions Report** - Bro. Roger Stacy gave the dedication for the 2017 Minute Book to Bro. Billy Criswell, pastor at Bethel-Yorkville: Dr. Greg McFadden, pastor at Sugar Creek: Martha Kernodle, member of Fellowship and Dr. Mike Farrar, member FBC Kenton. He also talked about disaster relief; we have 16 credentialed people. He also updated the association on the progress being made at Fruitland and at Connect. His reports can be found on pages 28 and 29.

**39. Worship & Celebration** - The Praise Team from Milan FBC led the congregation in "Joyful" and "Let It Be Jesus."

**40. Missionary/Evangelism Message** - Dr. Roc Collins, evangelism director, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board shared the message. He reiterated the five objectives we are to be about. His text was Acts 1:1-4. He told the messengers to get busy with what our business is suppose to about and not to focus on things that are not our business. The three points of his message were that we need to be empowered, to be equipped by the Holy Spirit and to be engaged with spreading the gospel.

**41. Wingo Video Testimony** - Suzy Glisson member, Northside Baptist, Milan, shared about her trip to Brazil.

**42 Wingo Offering & Congregational Hymn** - Sammy Scott, minister of music, Northside Baptist led the congregation in the hymn "To God Be The Glory." The total offering given in the two sessions was: \$ 1,315.00. This will be applied to the 2017-2018 Wingo Offering goal of \$ 22,500.00

**45. Introduction of New Pastors** - Bro. Roger Stacy read the names of the 13 new pastors to the association and asked them to stand so we could recognize them.

**46 Presentation of GBA Officers** - Bro. Roger asked the newly elected officers to stand and have a picture made after the benediction.

**47. Benediction** - Bro. Dave Powell, moderator elect, gave the benediction.

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## LEADERSHIP TEAM PROGRAM REPORT

The Leadership Team, serving as the Program Committee, recommends that the messengers registered and those who will register throughout this annual meeting be seated as messengers to the 94th annual session of the Gibson Baptist Association and that we adopt the program as printed in the Book of Reports with any corrections as needed during the proceedings of this annual meeting, October 23, 2017.

## RECOGNITION OF NEW PASTORS AND CHURCH STAFF

We welcome the following pastors and staff members who have moved into our association or changed from one position to another within this association since October 1, 2016.

### New Pastors

Calvary-H	Tony Crossnoe
Center	Joey Gowan
China Grove	Billy Crowell
Fellowship	Eddie Holmes
Gibson	Steve Littleton
Immanuel - T	Steve Skelton
Laneview-K	Ben Lownsdale
Northside	Eric McLemore
Smyrna	(I) Mike Kemper
Spring Hill	(I) Dr. John Adams
The Rock	Brian Petty
West Side	John Grogan

### Other Ordained Ministers (Not Staff Members)

#### Antioch

Rev. Bill Rice -499-0608

#### Bradford, FBC

Dr. Kelvin Moore 742-3099

#### Chapel Hill

Rev. Keith Quinn

Rev. Web Drake - 661-5961

#### Dyer, FBC

Rev. Daymond Duck - 692-3162

Rev. Jason Griggs

Rev. Bob Hill

Rev. Stephen Powell

#### Fellowship

Rev. Ed Marbury, - Retired 420-2692

#### Keely Mill

Rev. John Fields - 414-4566

#### Milan, FBC

Rev. Robert Cates - 623-8703

#### New Bethlehem

Rev. Stacy Goodwin 617-0299

#### New Hope

Rev. Terry Owens, - 749-0079

#### Northside

Rev. Jimmy Sorrell, Retired - 855-0135

#### Smryna

Rev. James Brown, Retired - 784-2578

#### Church At Sugar Creek

Dr. Bob Agee - 695-7530

Rev. Bob Benedict - 618-1595

Rev. Orvind Dangeau - Retired

Rev. Curtis Dennison, Retired - 784-3297

Rev. Mark Jenkins - 784-37323

Rev. Bob Little -784-6741

#### Trenton, FBC

Rev. Larry Simmons - 855-2270

Dr. Jerry Tidwell - 394-7109

## MEMORIAL REPORT

### ANTIOCH

Mr. Larry Graves  
Mrs. Doris Tillman  
Mrs. Betty Carol Turner  
Mr. Charles Whittman

### AVONDALE

None Listed

### HICKORY GROVE

None Listed.

### BETHEL-HUMBOLDT

Mrs. Helen Piercey

### BETHEL-YORKVILLE

None Listed

### BETHPAGE

Mr. Charles Perryman

### BRADFORD, FIRST

Mrs. Nell Greenup  
Mrs. Carolyn Steele

### CALVARY-HUMBOLDT

Mrs. Tammy Buckner  
Mr. Larry Church

### CALVARY-RUTHERFORD

None Listed

### CENTER

None Listed

### CHAPEL HILL

Mrs. Louise Bynum  
Mrs. Norma Hargrove  
Mr. Wayne Johnson  
Mr. Robert Jones  
Mrs. Betty Russell  
Mr. Terry Warren  
Mrs. Mary White

### CHINA GROVE

None Listed

### CLEAR CREEK

None Listed

### CONNECT

None Listed

### DYER, FIRST

Mrs. Jeri Bailey  
Mrs. Mary Ann Brown  
Mrs. Sue Brown  
Mrs. Dorothy Oliver

### ELDAD

Mr. Paul Corder  
Mrs. Peggy Murley

### EMMANUEL

Mr. Ronnie Lovell  
Mrs. Marie Nayas  
Mr. John Schans  
Mrs. Betty Jo Shaver

### FELLOWSHIP

None Listed

### FRUITLAND

None Listed

### GIBSON

Mr. Joe Cooper \*\*\*\*  
Mrs. Marie Lessenberry  
Mr. Johnny Williams

### HICKORY GROVE

Mr. Lee Claybrook \*\*\*\*  
Mrs. Beatrice Green  
Mrs. Mary Sue Patterson  
Mrs. Okle Mae Williams

### IDLEWILD

Mr. Jimmy Bradford  
Mrs. Geneva Ingram  
Mr. Woodrow Sanders \*\*\*\*

### IMMANUEL-TRENTON

Mrs. Patsy Damron \*\*\*\*\*

### KEELY MILL

Mrs. Frances Powell \*\*\*\*\*

### KENTON, FIRST

Mr. Ronnie Brake  
Mr. Jimmy Long  
Mrs. Hazel Lynn Sanders

### LANEVIEW-KENTON

None Listed

### LANEVIEW-TRENTON

Mrs. Ivy Frazier

### LATHAM'S CHAPEL

None Listed

### LAVINIA

Mr. Johnnie Hicks  
Ms. Etta Mae Little  
Ms. Dovie McMinn  
Mr. Anthony Tweety

### MARANATHA

Mr. Billy Coffman  
Mr. Terry Wood

### MEDINA, FIRST

Mr. Lonnie Kee  
Mrs. Gladys Quinn  
Mrs. Thelma Watt  
Mrs. Shirley Younger

### MIDWAY

Mrs. Charlene Brisentine

**MILAN, FIRST**

Mrs. Polly Carruth  
 Mrs. Peggy Chester  
 Mr. Wenton Coleman  
 Mrs. Edna Goodman  
 Mrs. Rose Jenkins  
 Mr. Dale Maness  
 Mrs. Joyce Robinson  
 Mrs. Iris Stinson  
 Mrs. Lucille Tedescucci  
 Mr. Horace Tillman  
 Mr. Jack Wiley

**MT. PISGAH**

Mr. Mark Mathis  
 Mrs. Norma Powell

**MT. PLEASANT**

Mr. Ray Neal  
 Mr. Victor Swindell

**NEW BETHLEHEM**

Mr. John L Watson

**NEW HAVEN**

Mr. Ryan Burriss  
 Mrs. Virginia Hayes

**NEW HOPE**

Mr. Gerald Atkins  
 Mr. Randy Hicks  
 Mrs. Betty Sims

**NORTHERN'S CHAPEL**

None Listed

**NORTHSIDE**

Ms. Jayne Holubovsky  
 Ms. Bea Kaler

**OAK GROVE**

Mr. Jimmy Barr  
 Mr. Larry Rankin

**OAKWOOD**

Miss Dean Cantrell  
 Mr. Larry Mullins

**OLD BETHLEHEM**

Mrs. Helen Baird  
 Mrs. Barbara Dunivant  
 Mr. Emerson King \*\*\*\*

**POPLAR GROVE**

None Listed

**POPLAR SPRINGS**

Mr. Marvin Knott

**RUTHERFORD, FIRST**

Mrs. Martha Jean Boucher  
 Mr. Dixie Davidson  
 Mr. Charles Isbell  
 Mrs. Sallie Pate  
 Mrs. Sue Spence

**SALEM**

Mr. Robert Cole  
 Mr. Charles Fairless \*\*\*\*  
 Mrs. Martha Hoppers  
 Mr. Al Hunt  
 Mr. Gary Jewell  
 Mrs. Teresa Warren

**SUGAR CREEK**

Mrs. June Batchelor  
 Mr. Steve Blankenship  
 Ms. Nancy Buchanan  
 Mr. Earl Criss  
 Mrs. Franchelle Dangeau \*\*\*  
 Ms. Sally Fisher  
 Ms. Katherine Green  
 Mr. Bill Haven  
 Mrs. B. J. Jones  
 Mr. Joe Pierce  
 Mrs. Ruth Pierce  
 Mr. Joe Taylor  
 Mr. Larry Todd  
 Mrs. Brenda Westbrooks

**SMYRNA**

None Listed

**SPRING HILL**

Mr. Robert Taylor Dawson

**THE ROCK**

None listed

**TRENTON, FIRST**

Mrs. Frances Baugus  
 Mrs. Janiece Lockard

**WALNUT GROVE**

Mr. Brandon Alexander  
 Mrs. Maxine Couch  
 Mr. Coy Yergin

**WEST CARROLL UNITY**

None Listed

**WEST SIDE**

None Listed

**WHITE HALL**

Mr. Adron Barton  
 Mr. Don Blurton  
 Mr. Kenneth Brown \*\*\*\*  
 Mrs. Frances Davis  
 Mr. Grady Eddlemon  
 Mr. Mike Webb  
 Mrs. Carolyn Webber

\* Minister

\*\* Retired Pastor

\*\*\* Retired Pastor's Wife

\*\*\*\* Deacon

\*\*\*\*\* Charter Member

\*\*\*\*\*Retired Pastor's Widow

**EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT**

According to our Constitution & Bylaws of the Gibson Baptist Association, the Executive Board meets three times a year to conduct the business of the association between annual meetings. Every active pastor is an automatic member of the board, and each church is allowed to elect one Executive Board member to represent their church.

**January Executive Board Meeting highlights:**

Twenty-three executive board members representing nineteen churches were present for the January meeting. Jim Acree, treasurer, reported that funds were given in response to disaster relief for the fire victims in Sevierville. Other funds from the contingency reserve fund were used to install a keyless lock entry for the front door of the GBA office. Funds were also used for landscaping the front of the building. Bro. Roger Stacy reported that he would be using a new Pastor Mentor module to help pastors and churches with training and revitalization. The Strengthen Team report was given by Bro. Chris Alexander. Fruitland is experiencing revitalization and the team is working to help Bro. Andy King who is interim pastor. Dyer First Baptist is helping Fruitland by sending them two couples to help them.

**April Executive Board Meeting highlights:**

Eleven executive board members representing eleven churches were present. No official business was conducted for lack of sufficient members to constitute a quorum according to the bylaws. Reports were given and no action was taken. Bro Stacy, DOM, informed the members that the disaster trailer was stolen. He said they are working with the insurance to get the items replaced and reimbursement for the trailer. He also shared a news release from First Baptist Humboldt concerning the change in their name to The Church at Sugar Creek. The release states that they will still be a Baptist Church within the association, a member of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention. Nothing has changed in their relationship to the association. Bro. Mike Sanders gave the Seek Team report. An Evangelism Training Conference was held at FBC Trenton. Bro. Randy Pate provided training for the "Three Circles of Life Conversation Guide". Dr. Charles Brock from Church Growth International taught how to use his booklet "Good News For You." The Send Team report was given by Randy Nicholas. He shared about the annual Jerry Legg Missions Banquet held at New Bethlehem Baptist Church in February. Glynn Reynolds received the volunteer of the year award.

**July Executive Board Meeting highlights:**

Twenty-three executive board member representing seventeen churches were present. Two new pastors, Eric McLemore, Northside Baptist and Steve Littleton, Gibson Baptist, were welcomed. Jim Acree gave the financial report. He shared that we were behind budget about \$10,000. The board approved his recommendation that line item 502 Housing be reduced by \$2,000 and placed in line item 508 Professional Expense. Bro. Roger reported that the insurance had reimbursed the association for the replacement of the disaster trailer and contents. He shared about the June Brazil mission trip to Rio de Janeiro. He also went into detail about the restructuring of Truth Baptist, Milan, now functioning as Connect Baptist Church. The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBA) has helped with mortgage payments for two months with the promise of helping for two more months. Lewis McMullen, church planter strategist for TBMB, has worked with Connect Church for more funding for the re-start of the church. Bro. Mike Sanders, Seek Team leader, promoted the App "Pray for every Home." He reminded the pastors that the baptism goal for the association for 2016/2017 was 385 baptisms. The Board voted to approve the recommendation for approval for Connect Baptist Church to apply for funding from Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBC). Bro. Chris Alexander, Strengthen Team leader, asked Bro. Andy King, interim pastor at Fruitland Baptist, to share about the Missions and Ministry (M&M) block party event held in May. He reported that attendance at Fruitland has improved to as high as 52 people in worship and the church has \$14,000 in their account. In the last two months they have had nine new members join.

**Other Reports**

Bro. Chris Alexander, moderator, announced the Time, Place, and Resolutions Committee for the annual meeting in October. The committee consists of Pastor Garry Burkacki from Bethpage, Pastor Kerry Zeiss from Poplar Springs, and deacon Mark Johnson from FBC Trenton.

## **DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT (ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY)**

On March 1, 2007, this association extended a call to me to be the Director of Missions (Associational Missionary). It has been ten great years of ministry and service for me personally to serve our churches, our pastors, and our members across this association. I thank God for all that he is doing through this association and look forward to the future in our service together for His glory.

In February, it was my joy to attend the annual Jerry Legg Volunteer Missions Banquet at New Bethlehem Baptist Church. This banquet and award is given in honor and memory of Bro. Jerry Legg. Glynn Reynolds was recognized as the mission volunteer of the year.

Every quarter throughout the year we had a pastors, staff & wives evening meal with a featured guest speaker. This has provided a time for our bivocational pastors and their wives to also fellowship with others.

Our Strengthen Team has worked in the area of church revitalization this year. On behalf of the team I met with the leadership of Fruitland Baptist Church and presented a revitalization process. I later presented the revitalization information to the whole congregation. We give thanks to God for the revitalization taking place under Bro. Andy King's leadership. I have also worked with our Strengthen Team to help establish a counseling ministry in the GBA office. This ministry met the needs of several people who were referred by their pastors. Dr. Bob Rouse served as our counselor one day a week on Tuesdays, but due to the lack of clients, our contract with him has not been extended. The team is now working with Camelot Counseling services to provide a counseling ministry.

We provided training through our Seek Team in March on personal evangelism and saturation evangelism. Trenton FBC hosted the conference that was led by Dr. Charles Brock from Church Growth International and Bro. Randy Pate, pastor of Milan FBC.

God continues to bless the Baptist Collegiate Ministry on the campus of Dyersburg State in Trenton. Bro. Joey Hufstedler has done an outstanding job with this ministry to students.

It is always a joy to see our children and youth participate in the GBA Bible Drills each year. Once again White Hall Baptist Church hosted the drills in April.

I worked with our Strengthen Team to plan and schedule a Church Security Conference in April. The event was held at the Salem Baptist Church. The conference leaders were Walt Valentine, retired FBI Special Agent; Garry Martin, a criminal investigator and pastor; and Ivy Scarborough, attorney and conference speaker.

In May my wife and I hosted Pastor Flávio Machado and his wife, Fabiana, from Brazil. Our GBA volunteers helped plant the Journey Baptist Church in Foz do Iguaçu, Brazil.

Bro. Steve Skelton, Bro. David Powell and I travel to Wapakoneta, Ohio for revival services April 6-9. We worked with the Hillsdale Baptist Church and interim pastor Garland Wilkerson. God used our team and there was true revival that took place in the lives of the church members. A team from White Hall returned to work with the church later in the summer and conduct a VBS for them. A team of eight (8) volunteers worked in New Bremen and Minster, Ohio, the week of July 18-21. The team was composed of team members from New Bethlehem, Gibson, and Sugar Creek. The team did survey work for a new church plant, prayer walking, and VBS. The team worked with our sister Association and the DOM, Phil de Lorme, to help them probe for a new church start.

The Seek Team encouraged churches to take advantage of a free ministry service offered by our Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBC). Some of our churches requested a proximity study for their church. This information provides demographics for their community and city, and can be detailed as requested.

In May, Truth Baptist Church ceased to exist and handed over their property to the Gibson Baptist Association to re-start and re-plant a new church. Connect Baptist Church began on May 7 with a core group of people. Clayton Williams has served as the church planter and pastor. The TBC and many of our GBA churches have generously taken love offerings and sent funds to help meet the payments on the loan and get this work re-started. The church has been officially organized and constituted.

May the Lord keep us focused this next year even more on the Great Commission!

**FINANCIAL REPORTS**  
**September 2017**  
**General Fund Summary**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2016.....	\$ 50,000.00
Receipts: Budget - \$ 192,359.17 Non-Budget (Designated) - \$ 58,633.34	\$ <u>250,992.51</u>
Total Available for the General Fund By September 30, 2017.....	\$ 300,992.51
Expenditures: .....	\$ <u>246,969.41</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2017.....	\$ 54,023.10
Contingency Reserve Expenditure .....	\$ 4,023.10
Ending Balance, September 30, 2017.....	\$ 50,000.00

**Receipts**

Church	Gifts	Church	Gifts
Antioch .....	\$ 4,121.60	Midway .....	1,228.43
Avondale.....	.00	Milan, FBC.....	6,991.00
Beech Grove .....	2,637.12	Mt. Pisgah.....	2,488.59
Bethel-Humboldt.....	90.00	Mt. Pleasant.....	15,259.38
Bethel-Yorkville .....	3,635.00	New Bethlehem.....	5,250.95
Bethpage .....	792.65	New Haven .....	1,100.00
Bradford, FBC.....	3,380.00	New Hope .....	2,800.00
Calvary-Humboldt .....	388.30	Northern's Chapel .....	310.00
Calvary-Rutherford.....	800.45	Northside.....	1,672.05
Center .....	600.00	Oak Grove.....	731.29
Chapel Hill .....	22,248.39	Oakwood.....	650.00
China Grove .....	219.48	Old Bethlehem .....	240.00
Clear Creek .....	180.00	Poplar Grove.....	2,024.40
Connect.....	404.88	Poplar Springs.....	.542.00
Dyer, FBC.....	5,723.10	Rutherford, FBC .....	1,385.94
Eldad .....	3,067.77	Salem.....	2,803.80
Emmanuel-Humboldt .....	2,806.74	Smyrna .....	909.37
Fellowship.....	2,609.67	Spring Hill.....	.832.00
Fruitland .....	354.72	Sugar Creek.....	14,975.47
Gibson.....	2,044.00	The Rock.....	747.00
Hickory Grove .....	1,304.00	Trenton, FBC .....	10,920.60
Idlewild.....	1,476.39	Walnut Grove .....	1,004.00
Immanuel-Trenton .....	953.90	West Carroll .....	290.02
Keely Mill.....	292.57	West Side .....	335.00
Kenton, FBC .....	24,041.89	White Hall.....	<u>6,569.91</u>
Laneview-Kenton .....	1,100.00	Total Income from Churches .	\$ 179,982.70
Laneview-Trenton.....	533.88	Interest.....	4.36
Latham's Chapel.....	1,800.00	TBC.....	12,060.21
Lavinia .....	5,346.00	LifeWay Commission .....	311.90
Maranatha .....	2,569.00	Designated Receipts .....	<u>58,633.34</u>
Medina, FBC.....	2,400.00	Total Receipts .....	\$ 250,992.51

**Year To Date Expenditures**  
**October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2017**

Ministry Item	Budget		\$ .00	\$ .00
		\$ 400.00	.00	1,014.79
101 - Project Ministries	\$ 400.00	2,985.21	.00	480.37
102 - Men's Ministries	4,000.00	1,019.63	.00	842.35
103 - Senior Adult Ministries	1,500.00	4,557.65	.00	.00
104 - Youth Ministries	5,400.00	2,000.00	.00	1,000.00
105 - WMU	2,000.00	700.00	.00	.00
110- Continuing Education	1,700.00	1,725.00	.00	207.50
112 - Bi-Vocational Pastors	1,725.00	1,292.50	.00	461.00
113 - Deacon's Ministry	1,500.00	539.00	.00	.00
114 - Pastor's Conference	1,000.00	50.00	.00	1,275.00
120 - Softball	50.00	225.00	.00	162.29
125 - Counseling	1,500.00	137.71	.00	36.60
201 - Volunteer Missions Banquet	300.00	2,963.40	.00	.00
202 - Baptist Collegiate Ministry	3,000.00	2,000.00	.00	.20
203 - Mississippi River Ministry	2,000.00	999.80	.00	.00
301 - Vacation Bible School	1,000.00	1,600.00	.00	.00
302 - Evangelism	1,600.00	28,882.00	.00	.00
501 - Salary (DOM)	28,882.00	34,449.00	.00	.00
502 - Housing Allowance (DOM)	34,449.00	2,000.00	.00	.00
504 - Convention, Conferences (DOM)	2,000.00	7,200.00	.00	.72
505 - Mileage/Ministry Reimbursement (DOM)	7,200.00	4,091.28	.00	.00
506 - Life Insurance (DOM)	4,092.00	16,930.00	.00	.00
507 - Retirement (DOM)	16,930.00	4,000.00	.00	.00
508 - Professional Expense (DOM)	4,000.00	27,793.00	.00	.84
515 - Associational Ministry Specialist	27,963.00	2,126.16	.00	.80
516 - Social Security (Ministry Specialist)	2,127.00	175.20	.00	.04
517 - Insurance (Ministry Specialist)	176.00	2,280.96	.00	534.00
518 - Retirement (Ministry Specialist)	2,281.00	2,171.00	.00	.00
525 - Part Time Ministry Assistant	2,705.00	1,410.00	.00	966.57
530 - Staff Christmas Gifts	1,410.00	7,533.43	.00	.31
702 - Office Utilities	8,500.00	7,199.69	.00	33.99
705 - Printing, Office Supplies, Postage	7,200.00	966.01	.00	54.88
706 - Book of Reports, Minutes, Clerk	1,000.00	2,695.12	.00	.41
710 - Maintenance of Office Copier	2,750.00	7,899.59	.00	(31.64)
711 - Office Equipment (Office Copier)	7,900.00	4,368.64	.00	(40.61)
715 - Insurance: Building/Workers Comp	4,337.00	1,040.61	.00	.04
716 - Building Maintenance	1,000.00	499.96	.00	.00
717 - Kitchen & Janitorial Supplies	500.00	2,860.00	.00	.00
720A-Custodial Service	2,860.00	2,970.00	.00	30.00
720B- Lawn Service	2,970.00	920.00	.00	.63
725 - Audit	950.00	499.37		
730 - Miscellaneous	500.00			<b>7,031.08</b>
		<b>196,155.92</b>		
<b>Total: Budgeted Receipts/Expend</b>	<b>\$ 203,187.00</b>		<b>58,633.34</b>	<b>18,240.34</b>
		<b>50,813.49</b>		
<b>801 - Explanation of Designated Funds</b>	<b>\$ 10,420.49</b>			
		<b>246,969.41</b>		
<b>Total Expenditures: September 2017</b>				

**Balance**

**Expenses      Designated**

## EXPLANATION OF DESIGNATED FUNDS

**October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017**

<b>Designated Account</b>	<b>Beginning Balance October 1, 2016</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Ending Balance Sept 30, 2017</b>
Birth Choice Property	\$ 280.00	\$ .00	\$ .00	\$ 280.00
Connect Church Gifts	.00	12,506.00	12,506.00	.00
Disaster Relief Gifts	.00	9,561.00	9 561.00	.00
Evangelical Events	4,702.44	.00	2,228.95	2,473.49
Men's/Boys Events	1,171.05	.00	.00	1,171.05
Office Equipment	.00	12,293.00	2,436.52	9,856.48
Pastors Fund	62 .00	.00	.00	62.00
Reimbursed Misc Expenses	1,010.89	3,099.76	2,983.61	1,127.04
Seminary Extension	461.12	1,200.00	364.69	1,296.43
Senior Adult Events	.00	2,981.00	2,981.00	.00
Softball	1,718.99	1,965.00	2,349.66	1,334.33
Wingo/ Special Funds	.00	12,895.97	12,895.97	.00
WMU Events	1,014.00	2,131.61	2,506.09	639.52
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 10,420.49</b>	<b>58,633.34</b>	<b>50,813.49</b>	<b>18,240.34</b>



**SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNT SUMMARY**

October 1, 2016 - September 30, 2017

**Wingo Receipts**

Bethel-Yorkville	\$ 1,512.00	Medina, FBC	\$ 184.20
Bethpage	500.00	Mt. Pleasant	1,000.00
Calvary -H	388.30	New Bethlehem	130.00
Calvary-R	200.00	New Hope	3,000.00
Connect	200.00	Northside	325.06
Eldad	500.00	Salem	999.96
Dyer, FBC	1,436.00	Smyrna	300.00
Sugar Creek	1,819.00	Trenton, FBC	1,448.00
Kenton, FBC	1,500.00	White Hall	1,250.00
Lavinia	1,088.00	Gifts/Memorials	7,230.00
Maranatha	325.00	Golf Receipts/Gifts	2,325.00
		Interest	95.80
Total Wingo Receipts as of September 30, 2017			\$ 27,756.32

Memorial Gifts: Mr. Levi Soltes, Rev. Kenneth Sparkman  
In Honor of Gifts: Mr. Tracy King, Rev Bill Rice, Rev Jerry Summers, Rev Josh Stone and Volunteer Missionaries

**WINGO FUNDS**

**International Mission Partnership**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2016	\$ 41,559.56
Receipts (Annual Meeting Offering (2016))	917.00
Expenditures	<u>16,000.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2017	\$ 26,476.56

**Disaster Relief**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2016	\$ 10,000.00
Expenditures	<u>1,000.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2017	\$ 9,000.00

**North American TBC/GBA Partnerships**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2016	\$ 21,062.08
Receipts (Annual Meeting Offering 2016)	393.00
Expenditures	<u>900.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2017	\$ 20,555.08

**Total available for Wingo Funds: \$ 83,787.96**

**OTHER FUNDS**

**Bertie Thompson Scholarship Fund**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2016	\$ 2,162.81
Receipts (Interest)	384.67
Expenditures	<u>250.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2017	\$ 2,297.48

**Bi-Vocational Retreat**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2016 . . . . .	\$ .00
Receipts . . . . .	<u>1,500.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2017 . . . . .	\$ 1,500.00

**Block Party Wagon**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2016 . . . . .	\$ 4,592.94
Receipts . . . . .	700.00
Expenditures . . . . .	<u>591.56</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2017 . . . . .	\$ 4,701.38

**Brazil Mission Trip/Projects**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2016 . . . . .	\$ 2,209.21
Receipts . . . . .	58,419.41
Expenditures . . . . .	<u>55,299.86</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2017 . . . . .	\$ 5,328.76

**Disaster Relief Trailer**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2016 . . . . .	\$ 2,197.02
Receipts - Insurance for stolen trailer . . . . .	8,945.52
Expenditures . . . . .	<u>.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2017 . . . . .	\$ 11,142.54

**GOTM/GBA**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2016 . . . . .	\$ 4,607.26
Receipts . . . . .	4,745.76
Expenditures . . . . .	<u>1,067.83</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2017 . . . . .	\$ 7,745.19

**Hispanic Ministry**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2016 . . . . .	\$ 2,176.17
Receipts . . . . .	.00
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2017 . . . . .	\$ 2,176.17

**Romania Mission Trips**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2016 . . . . .	\$ 2,840.00
Receipts Designated . . . . .	26,570.00
Expenditures . . . . .	<u>25,078.40</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2017 . . . . .	\$ 4,331.60

**Total available for Other Funds: \$ 39,223.12**

**Total Special Funds Checking Account Balance as of September 30, 2017: \$ 123,011.08**

**CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2016 . . . . .	\$ 13,134.31
Receipts (Interest) . . . . .	7.56
Receipt - Check from General Fund . . . . .	4,023.10
Expenditures . . . . .	<u>6,322.79</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2017 . . . . .	\$ 10,842.18

**Total Available for Contingency Reserve: \$ 10,842.18**

Expenditures: Landscaping, Front Door Locks

**EXPLANATION OF THE USE OF WINGO FUNDS IN 2016-2017**

The following are churches who contributed to the Wingo Fund and also the churches who went on Mission Trips and used Wingo Funds. **We also received \$9,650.80 in interest, gifts and memorials.**

CHURCH	GAVE TO WINGO	REC'D IMB WINGO	REC'D NAMB WING
Bethel-Y	\$ 1,512.00	\$ .00	\$ .00
Bethpage	500.00	.00	.00
Calvary- H	388.30	.00	.00
Calvary - R	200.00	.00	.00
Chapel Hill	.00	1,400.00	.00
Connect	200.00	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	1,436.00	2,000.00	.00
Eldad	500.00	.00	.00
Gibson	.00	.00	100.00
Kenton, FBC	1,500.00	2,300.00	.00
Lavinia	1,088.00	.00	.00
Maranatha	325.00	.00	.00
Medina, FBC	184.20	.00	.00
Mt. Pleasant	1,000.00	.00	.00
New Bethlehem	130.00	.00	600.00
New Hope	3,000.00	.00	.00
Northside	325.06	2,200.00	.00
Oakwood	.00	1,700.00	.00
Poplar Grove	.00	300.00	.00
Salem	999.96	300.00	.00
Smyrna	300.00	300.00	.00
Spring Hill	.00	.00	100.00
Sugar Creek	1,819.00	1,200.00	100.00
Trenton, FBC	1,448.00	3,400.00	.00
Walnut Grove	.00	300.00	.00
White Hall	1,250.00	600.00	.00
Totals:	\$ 18,105.52	\$ 16,000.00	\$ 900.00

Total Receipts were \$ 27,756.32.

## **2017-2018 GUIDELINES FOR WINGO MISSION FUNDS**

In order to receive Wingo Funds for any mission trip or project, all volunteers must undergo a background check with the GBA. This requirement is in compliance with our mission sending agencies of the Southern Baptist Convention, and is for the legal prudence of the GBA. No funds will be dispersed for any trip or project until the background screening requirements are completed and payment has been received.

### **BACKGROUND SCREENING REQUIREMENTS**

- 1) Volunteers must submit three references using the reference forms provided by the GBA. The references must be from individuals who are not family members of the volunteers and must be at least 21 years of age.  
One of the three references must be from the pastor of the church where the volunteer is a member. In cases where the church is without a pastor, a staff member or chairman of deacons may serve as a reference.
- 2) Volunteers must complete a personal interview questionnaire form provided by the GBA.
- 3) Volunteers under the age of 18 are only required to submit reference forms and the personal interview questionnaire.
- 4) Volunteers who are older than 18 must have a background check through the company used by the GBA. A consent form will be provided for the volunteer to grant permission for the background check.
- 5) The volunteer will be responsible for paying the fee for the background check.
- 6) Volunteers are required to watch a child protection video provided by the GBA.
- 7) Volunteers are required to undergo background screening every four years with the GBA.

### **INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS PROJECTS**

GBA Volunteers and churches participating in an official project of the Gibson Baptist Association, the Tennessee Baptist Convention, or the International Mission Board are eligible for travel assistance from the Wingo Fund account. Scholarships from this account primarily seek to encourage and help GBA volunteers (ages 15 and older or a student who has completed 9<sup>th</sup> grade) to participate in a 'first time' mission trip. The following guidelines apply for use of Wingo Funds:

- 1) Funds are designed to assist volunteers who participate in an official IMB trip/project. First time international mission volunteers are eligible for a scholarship of \$400.
- 2) Volunteers who have previously participated in an official IMB project/trip are eligible for a \$300 scholarship once per associational calendar year, if it is an IMB project/trip.
- 3) Churches may request a multiple scholarship for volunteer team members of the same church once in the calendar year.
  - A multiple scholarship is designated when a group of volunteers from a single church are participating in the same project/trip.
  - A multiple scholarship amount will be limited to \$2,000 for the project/trip.
  - Only one multiple scholarship can be granted to a single church in the calendar year.
  - Additional scholarships may be awarded to other individuals of a church that has received a multiple scholarship (under existing guideline) up to \$1,000 over and above the multiple scholarship.
  - Scholarship requests that exceed the \$3,000 limit for a church may be considered by the mission team.
  - It is encouraged that first time volunteers be distributed their full \$400 scholarship from this amount, if possible.
- 4) Volunteers (first time or otherwise) not participating in a multiple scholarship project/trip with their church are still eligible for an individual scholarship once during the association calendar year.
- 5) Volunteers requesting funds must complete an application which is available at the GBA office or by e-mail.
- 6) Wingo funds will be disbursed as early as possible with adequate notice prior to the date of the project/trip. Special considerations may be submitted to GBA.
- 7) Any special requests/needs for funds not addressed in these guidelines may be addressed to the necessary channel of the Mission Team.
- 8) In order to help and encourage pastors who have never participated in an IMB international mission trip while serving as a GBA pastor, a \$ 1,000 pastor's scholarship will be available for five pastors each year (first come, first serve basis). To qualify, this must be the pastor's first IMB international mission trip as a GBA pastor. The pastor will still be eligible to receive Wingo funds for first-time mission volunteers along with this scholarship. It must be an official trip of the International Mission Board and be in compliance with all guidelines for Wingo mission funds.

## DISASTER RELIEF PROJECTS

- 1) International disaster relief projects will qualify for travel assistance for GBA volunteers as listed above. However, for International Disaster Relief Projects, the minimum amount from this fund shall be \$500 for any volunteer from GBA, regardless of the number of trips/projects the volunteer may have participated in.
- 2) Matching funds from the local church is encouraged.
- 3) The maximum total contribution to volunteers from a single church for any specific project/trip travel assistance is \$2,000.
- 4) USA disaster relief projects qualify for gasoline reimbursement for volunteers from GBA going to a disaster point as called upon by the GBA or TBC.
- 5) An allocation of up to \$1,000 may be given to any area where a disaster has occurred. The gift and amount is to be determined by the Mission Team of the association.

## NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS PROJECTS

GBA Volunteers and churches participating in an official project of the Gibson Baptist Association, the Tennessee Baptist Convention, or the North American Mission Board are eligible for travel assistance from the Wingo Fund account. Scholarships from this account primarily seek to encourage and help GBA volunteers (ages 13 and older or a student who has completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade) to participate in a 'first time' mission trip. The following guidelines apply for use of Wingo Funds:

- 1) Funds are designed to assist volunteers who participate in an official GBA, TBC, or NAMB trip/project more than 200 miles round trip from the Gibson Baptist Association Office out of state. First Time North American mission volunteers are eligible for a scholarship of \$100.
- 2) Volunteers who have previously participated in an official North American Mission project/trip are eligible for a \$75 scholarship once per associational calendar year, if it is a North American Mission project/trip.
- 3) Churches may request a multiple scholarship for volunteer team members of the same church once in the calendar year.
  - A multiple scholarship is designated when a group of volunteers from a single church are participating in the same project/trip.
  - A multiple scholarship amount will be limited to \$1,000 for the project/trip.
  - Only one multiple scholarship can be granted to a single church in the calendar year.
  - Additional scholarships may be awarded to other individuals of a church that has received a multiple scholarship (under existing guideline) up to \$375 over and above the multiple scholarship.
  - Scholarship requests that exceed the \$1,375 limit for a church may be considered by the mission team.
  - It is encouraged that first time volunteers be distributed their full \$100 scholarship from this amount, if possible.
- 4) Volunteers (first time or otherwise) not participating in a multiple scholarship project/trip with their church are still eligible for an individual scholarship once during the association calendar year.
- 5) Volunteers requesting funds must complete an application which is available at the GBA office or by e-mail.
- 6) Wingo funds will be disbursed as early as possible with adequate notice prior to the date of the project/trip. Special considerations may be submitted to GBA.
- 7) Any special requests/needs for funds not addressed in these guidelines may be addressed to the necessary channel of the Mission Team.

## WINGO OFFERING

Each year the Missions Team of the association will recommend a goal for the Wingo Offering at the Annual Meeting of the GBA. Gifts from churches or individuals for these accounts are welcomed anytime during the budget year. However, a recommended date for receiving the Wingo Offering in the churches is the last Sunday of each month, May through September each year. Fund allocations from donations/offering will be determined by the Missions Team each year. The Wingo Offering is named in honor of Rev. Charles Wingo, first Director of Missions, GBA. Wingo Funds exist to encourage volunteers and church participation.

## THE MISSIONS TEAM RECOMMENDS

- 1). 2017-2018 Wingo Fund Goal of **\$ 22,500.**
- 2). The distribution of the 2015-16 Wingo gifts of **\$ 27,756.32** will be as follows:

**\$ 19,429.42 IMB Projects (70%)**  
**\$ 6,939.08 North American/TBC/GBA Projects (25%)**  
**\$ 1,387.82 Disaster Relief (5 %)**

## **2017-2018 ASSOCIATIONAL BUDGET**

**Strengthen Team**

101 - Project Ministries	\$ 400
102 - Men's Ministries	4,000
103 - Senior Adult Ministries	1,500
104 - Youth Ministries	5,400
110 - Continuing Education	400
112 - Bi-vocational Pastor	1,325
113 - Deacon's Ministry	1,500
114 - Pastor's Conference	1,000
120 - Softball	50
125 - Counseling Ministry	1,000

**Send Team**

201 - Volunteer Mission Banquet	300
202 - Baptist Collegiate Ministry	3,000
203 - Mississippi River Ministry	2,000
204 -WMU	2,000

**Seek Team**

301 - Vacation Bible School	500
302 - Evangelism	1,600

**Administrative**

501 - Salary (DOM)	35,340
502 - Housing/Utility Allowance (DOM)	27,676
504 - Conventions, Conferences (DOM)	2,000
505 - Mileage/Ministry Reimbursement (DOM)	7,200
506 - Life Insurance (DOM)	4,092
507 - Retirement (DOM)	16,930
508 - Professional Expense	6,000
515 - Associational Ministry Specialist	28,394
516 - Social Security (Min. Specialist)	2,172
517 - Insurance (Ministry Specialist)	176
518 - Retirement (Ministry Specialist)	2,281
525 - Part Time Ministry Assistant	2,705
530 - Staff Christmas Gifts	1,410

**Office Expenses**

702 -Office Utilities	8,000
705 - Printing, Office Supplies, Postage	7,200
706 -Book of Reports, Minutes, Clerk	1,000
710 - Maintenance of Office Copier	1,000
711 - Office Equipment (Copier Rental)	10,164
715 - Insurance: Building/Workers Comp	4,369
716 - Building Maintenance	1,000
717 - Kitchen & Janitorial Supplies	500
720A-Custodial Service	2,860
72-B-Lawn Service	2,970
725 - Audit	950
730 - Miscellaneous	500

**GBA BUDGET TOTAL** . . . . . \$ 202,889

## ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR

The Pastors Conference meets on Monday, 10:00 A.M. with the exception of holidays, and the weeks of these GBA, TBC and SBC Events: Annual Meeting, TBC Summit, and SBC Convention. Listed below are known associational and some denominational events. (tba) place or time to be announced. Other calendar events will be announced in the Vision.

### JANUARY, 2018

- 2 Office Closed, New Year's Day
- 9 Brazil Interest Meeting, 6:30 PM
- 11 WMU Quarterly Planning 10AM
- 18 WMU Mtg, Mt. Pleasant 10 AM
- 25-28 Bivocational Pastors Retreat, Gatlinburg
- 29 Executive Board Mtg, 7 PM

### FEBRUARY

- 8 Annual Mission Volunteer Banquet  
New Hope, 6:30 PM Cornbread/Bean
- 16-17 Bivocational Retreat

### MARCH

- 4 West TN Evangelism Rally- Union
- 12-21 Brazil Mission Trip
- 16-18 WMU Get Together, Gatlinburg
- 19 TBC Pray4TN, Milan FBC 7-8 pm
- 22 VBS GBA Clinic, Trenton, FBC

### APRIL

- 7 Evangelism Rally, Dyer FBC
- 8 Evangelism Rally, Milan FBC
- 9 GBA Bible Drill, White Hall
- 12 WMU Quarterly Planning, 10:00 AM
- 16 Ex Board
- 17 Senior Adult Event, Dyer, FBC
- 19 WMU Mtg, Kenton, FBC 10 AM
- 28 Regional Bible Drill, Milan FBC

### MAY

- 29 Memorial Day, Office Closed

### JUNE

- 10-14 SBC Pastors' Conference/Annual Mtg
- 18 - 27 Brazil Mission Trip

### JULY

- 4 Office Closed
- 12 WMU Quarterly Planning, 10:00 AM
- 16 Executive Board
- 19 WMU Mtg, Milan, FBC , 10:00 AM

### AUGUST

- 7 Senior Adult Event, 5:30 PM
- 14 WMU Annual Planning, 9:30 AM

### SEPTEMBER

- 3 Labor Day, Office Closed
- 6 Deacons' Meetin', White Hall
- 10-18 Brazil Mission Trip
- 13 WMU Quarterly Planning, 10 AM
- 20 WMU Mtg, Dyer, FBC, 10 AM
- 23 See You at The Pole Rally

### OCTOBER

- 22 GBA Annual Meeting, Rutherford, FBC

# GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION REPORTS

## SEND TEAM REPORTS

### WINGO FUND REPORT

In 2016 - 2017 GBA churches and individuals gave \$ 27,756.32 towards the 2016-17 Wingo offering goal of \$22,500. This assists a variety of mission projects during the year. This amount was \$ 5,256.32 over the goal. Last year our churches gave \$ 18,731.16 toward the 2015-16 goal. As an association, we celebrate the sacrifice that individuals and churches made to help us surpass the goal!

In 2016-17 Wingo Funds were used to help fifty-three (53) individuals from twelve (12) GBA churches receive scholarship assistance through the Wingo Funds to help them bear the cost of their mission trip to three (3) different countries. Last year fifty-six (56) individuals from sixteen (16) churches used the Wingo Funds to help go to four (4) countries.

This year we helped 9 individuals from 5 churches go to Ohio using the NAMB Wingo Funds. They received a total of \$ 900.00 to help with their expenses.

The total GBA /IMB scholarships distributed this past year was \$16,000. The following is a list of those receiving funds and the country in which they served.

**BRAZIL:** Sheila Bell, Jason Bowen, Regina & Henry Burch, Keith Donaldson, Mike Edwards, Lorie Eldridge, Isabel Foster, Susy Glisson, Leah Inman, Barbara Jones, Eric & Leah McLemore, Garner Perkins, Julie Reece, James & Jessica Rogers, Stephanie Rowland, Michael Sellers, Roger & Penny Stacy, Josh Taylor, Keisha Woods,

**ECUADOR:** Christina Armacost, Noah Blackburn, Bo & Beverly Booth, Rachel Duck, Doug & Karen Duncan, Jeffery & Robbie Emerson, Wesley Gordon, Betty Jewell, Anna Jones, Allie, Michael, Julie & Abbey Landrum, Michael & Dee Leah Sullenger, Catherine, Grace and Mary Wollam.

**ROMANIA:** Mike & Cathy Farrar, Lisa Howard, Kevin & Lisa Kail, Gary & Rebecca Neely, Rhonda Poore, Andy Rice

**OHIO:** Kayla Bradshaw, John & Denise Coleman, Tracy Garner, Eston Hurst, Thomas Littleton Lawson Mann, David Powell, Roger Stacy

### BRAZIL MISSION TEAM REPORT

God continues to bless the work of the Gibson Baptist Association in Brazil. Our partnership and ministry with our International Mission Board continues to bear fruit. We are thankful to God for the volunteers who have served this past year as missionaries to a nation of 208 million people and so desperately lost without Jesus.

At the end of November and the first week in December, a team of fourteen (14) volunteers worked in the capital city of Curitiba, Paraná, Brazil. This is a city of over two (2) million people. We worked with a pastor who is planting a church among the people group known as the Haitians who have immigrated into this area of the city. There is a Haitian congregation meeting at the church, but the pastor desired to plant a church to reach the Brazilians living in the area. While we struggled at times with a lack of enough translators, God still worked. An 89-year-old man gave his heart and life to Jesus as one example. There were 137 professions of faith for the week. Many of those new converts were disciplined through discipleship Bible studies written specifically to help them in their first steps in their walk in Christ. We worshiped the



Lord in Portuguese, Haitian (Creole), French and English together.

In March, a team of nine mission volunteers returned to the city of Curitiba to help a pastor plant a church in another area of the city. God showed up again in a big way as we saw a *spiritist* come to faith in Jesus Christ and complete the first discipleship Bible study. The week was fruitful with 137 professions of faith. Daniel, the local drug lord came to faith in Christ and asked the pastor to help him get his sobriety. He entered a long-term drug recovery program. Daniel had been living in a garage and sleeping on cardboard. A number of discipleship Bible studies were conducted with the new converts and the pastor has a solid foundation for his new church plant.

A team of thirteen (13) mission volunteers traveled to Rio de Janeiro in June. The team worked with the sponsoring church to help with the planting and strengthening of a mission called “Baptist Space.” This was a very dangerous area. It is the most dangerous favela (slum) in Rio with drug lords and organized criminal gangs and the headquarters of the crime syndicate. We had to be escorted in and out of the area each day and we had to have the pastor and mission pastor go ahead of teams to speak with residents so that the drug lords would not harm us. In spite of the obstacles, God used the team and there were 60 professions of faith, 103 discipleship Bible studies conducted and 81 people disciplined. God indeed strengthened and added to the mission so that the church can be strong. The team also visited an abandoned government housing high rise with 280 children living in deplorable conditions. The mothers are involved in prostitution and the fathers engaged in drug activity. A drug lord controlled the area. The Brazilian Baptist Convention works in the area with a missionary couple reaching 120 kids with the gospel and discipling them.

Join us for a mission trip to Brazil on one of the dates for 2017-2018:

November 27—December 5, 2017

March 12—20, 2018

June 18—26, 2018

September 10—18, 2018

## **OHIO MISSION REPORT**

The needs are great in our sister association in Ohio. The West Central Baptist Association continues to request help from our association to reach their ten (10) counties and over 550,000 residents. With only fourteen (14) Southern Baptist Churches in this large geographical area, they depend on our volunteers and churches.

A team served in St. Marys, Ohio, in the spring. Bro. Steve Skelton, Bro. David Powell and Roger Stacy traveled to Wapakoneta, Ohio for a weekend of simultaneous revivals. We traveled each evening to St. Marys where services were held at the Hillsdale Baptist Church. During the week Steve Skelton and David Powell preached at Hillsdale. On Sunday, the team preached in two more of the churches in the association.

A team of 8 worked in New Bremen and Minister, Ohio, the week of July 18-20. The purpose of the trip was to work alongside the association in helping probe and find people interested in a new church plant. The team conducted Vacation Bible School in the park with puppets and other ministry tools, as well as door-to-door survey and prayer walking. Unfortunately, the team discovered that door-to-door surveys and knocking on doors does not work effectively in areas of Ohio. The police did not stop the team, but recommended that the team not continue the door-to-door work in light of the many phone calls received from residents. The DOM, Phil de Lorme, and the association are placing a church planter in the area to plant a new church.

A team will return to New Bremen and Minister, Ohio later in October to continue helping the association and the church planter. Continue to pray for this field that is so needy for the gospel and for new churches.

## **GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WMU**

WMU, at the associational level and in every church, has been very active this year.

**Mission Projects** - (organized and supervised by the GBA WMU Missions & Ministry co-coordinators)

Over 140 (and still counting) Blessing Bags or Socks of Love were filled with small essentials for people in need and provided to various agencies within the county for distribution. WRAP (Women's Rape and Abuse Prevention center) and Twice Blessed thrift store (CWJC ministry) have been especially appreciative of the ones they have received. The bags/socks have filled a need for many of their clients.

Ten churches participated in conducting a block party at Fruitland Baptist Church. The church is undergoing revitalization with the assistance of the Association and TBMB. The block party resulted in 3 un-churched families indicating they would be attending Fruitland Baptist.

Ministry collections at the WMU quarterly meetings benefited the CWJC food pantry (at Twice Blessed) and the East TN fire victims.

**Prayer meetings** - (organized and conducted by the GBA WMU Prayer Support Coordinator)

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer at FBC, Dyer was attended by 28 women. Speaker Rebecca Winters spoke of missionary life in Indonesia.

National Day of Prayer at FBC, Milan included a catered lunch and was attended by 70 residents of the county. Speaker Mark McAlister spoke of his experiences of God working during his captivity in Yemen.

**Quarterly meetings** – (organized by GBA WMU Area Directors)

A total of approximately 130 women from churches across the association attended the associational WMU meetings this year. Speakers included Sheriff Paul Thomas (Christian testimony in law enforcement), Judy Cantrell (Africa), Dottie Babcock (Master's plan for your life), Lisa Kail (Romania), and Gayle Hill (Lessons from a missionary perspective).

**State and National Missions Offerings** - (organized at each church)

WMU women from across the association promoted the Golden Offering for TN Missions, Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong offerings.

**Local Church Support Activities** – (organized at each church)

Untold hours were devoted to children's missions education, charitable projects, missions support and mission trips throughout the year at each church in the Association.

**Get-Together/Connection (TN WMU Annual Meeting and Missions Conference)** -

Over 100 women from across the association joined over 1400 women from across the state to conduct the business of TN WMU and learn more about missions.

WMU is every woman working in every area of ministry, missions support and missions education in every church throughout the association. Never underestimate the power of women in the ministry and missions of Gibson Baptist Association, around the country and the world.

On mission for Christ,

Sheilah Spangler, Director, WMU, Gibson Baptist Association

## **BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY REPORT**

Dyersburg State, Trenton, TN

I would like to thank all of those that helped this past year with meals for the college students at the Trenton campus of Dyersburg State Community College. We had another great year with these wonderful students. They are always very appreciative to those that take time out of their day to fix them a meal. Currently we are feeding the students every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday. If you are interested in helping with meals please contact me, Bro. Joey Hufstedler.

Bro. Joey Hufstedler

## **SEEK TEAM REPORTS**

As we approach the last end of the 2016/2017 GBA year, our GBA Seek Team has worked diligently in providing tools for every GBA believer to have available in reaching lost people to believe in JESUS CHRIST as their LORD & SAVIOR. As a reminder, following are the goals that The Seek Team set for GBA:

1. Gospel Conversation/Evangelism Training - On August 18, 2016, there was a GBA Evangelism Worship Rally with the theme "The Value of a Soul" with Guest Speakers Dr. Ernest Easley and Dr. Larry Robertson. On March 5, 2017, GBA partnered with Union University for the 2nd Annual "The West Tennessee Evangelism Rally" with Guest Speaker Dr. Steve Gaines, pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church and current president of our Southern Baptist Convention. There were (10) Breakout Sessions to choose from with more tools to use in reaching lost people to believe in JESUS CHRIST as their LORD & SAVIOR. On March 23, 2017, GBA provided a "Personal Evangelism Training Conference" with Guest Speakers Bro. Randy Pate and Dr. Charles Brock. Two training sessions: "3 Circle Evangelism Life Conversation Guide" from NAMB and "Good News" personally sharing the Gospel with a Bible Study Course were provided. On May 19, 2017, we encouraged GBA Churches to participate in and bring lost people to "Decision America Tennessee Tour" with Bro. Franklin Graham.

2. Encouraged people to pray for the Lost with presenting a valuable App: Pray4EveryHome.com

3. Encouraged Churches to form Evangelism Teams.

4. Set an Evangelism Goal of 385 Baptisms in GBA for 2016/2017.

5. GBA Probe Survey available to every Church. Please contact Bro. Roger Stacy if you are interested in receiving this information.

We continue to pray together for GBA to be engaged in "Personal Evangelism". Every believer is called to share the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST and we continue to pray that lost people will be birthed into GOD'S KINGDOM!!!

GBA Leadership SEEK Team

## **EVANGELISM**

Forty (40) GBA churches reported baptizing 246 this year. Last year forty-two (42) GBA churches reported baptizing 307 people. We baptized 61 less people this year.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We took our VBS team to state training at Calvary Baptist Church in Jackson, TN. This awesome team then put on some training at First Baptist Church in Dyer. We had around 70 people attend the training. If your church isn't doing VBS, please do VBS. It can become the biggest outreach your church will do. If you need help getting started don't hesitate to contact GBA Office. Also, I strongly encourage all churches to attend the associational training. VBS should not be viewed as a program. It should be viewed as a ministry. Never forget, you will get out of it what you put into it.

The 2018 VBS Clinic will be lead by Karen Cowan & Vicki Morris of Chapel Hill. The location and date will be announced in the Vision in the Spring.

This year LifeWay offered us a commission on any VBS sales that came through our office. We hope to increase this next year.

This year thirty-four (34) churches reported having Vacation Bible School with an enrollment of 3,115. Last year thirty-four (34) GBA churches hosted a Vacation Bible School with a total enrollment of 3,116. There was a decrease in attendance from last year by one child.

Bro. Joey Hufstedler

## **STRENGTHEN TEAM REPORTS**

### **CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORP**

It has been another great year in the ministry of CWJC. Classes continue to be held in our classroom and also at the Gibson County Correctional Facility. We have had a Bible study class this year, a parenting class, and our "Powered for Life" class has begun at the jail.

We had very good representation at MGT in Gatlinburg this year from our volunteers who also attended our 20 year CWJC celebration.

Five volunteers attended training at the Gibson County Correctional Facility. Classes started on July 27<sup>th</sup> with 10 ladies committing to attend each Thursday from 9am to 11am.

We had two from Gibson County attend National Training; our thrift store manager, Cynthia Slates as well as Bob Howland, who has filed a letter of intent to start a Christian Men's Job Corp here in Gibson County.

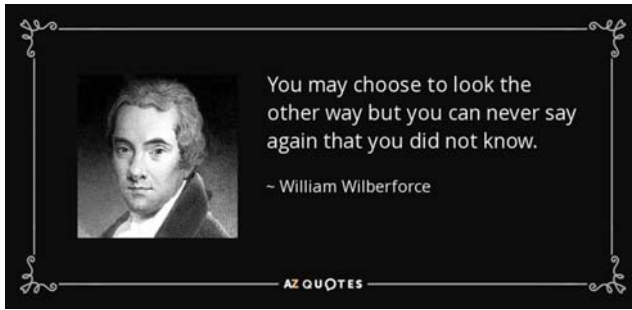
We look forward to our 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Fund Raiser, "A Night of Hope" to be held at the National Guard Armory in Trenton on October 10<sup>th</sup>.

Again, thanks for your support and prayers. Our great big GOD has put together volunteers including board members, prayer team, mentors, participants, and provides financial means, contributions of food and supplies and donations so that this ministry is able to help those who are less fortunate and need to know the love of God.

Christy Skelton, Site Coordinator

### **BIRTH CHOICE REPORT**

I would like to share with you a portion of Brent's recent newsletter article because I believe it to be very significant (for confidentiality we won't use real name or which clinic but these stories are coming from both clinics):



Recently a young woman I'll call 'Amber' suspected she might be pregnant and for a myriad of reasons, she felt she could not give birth to the child she carried. Already a single mother with several children, she decided that her best choice would be to have an abortion.

Several unusual things happened to Amber on the way to the abortion clinic. The day before the appointment for her abortion consultation, her car broke down so she was forced to reschedule. When she arrived at the abortion clinic for her next appointment, Amber found out they would not see her without an ID - which she had left at home. So she had to make a third appointment. During the consultation, a routine ultrasound was performed to determine how far along she was. She was surprised when the sonographer asked, "Do you want to know if there is more than one baby?" She hesitated then told them yes. She was then told there were twins, but Amber refused to look at the ultrasound screen.



***"You may choose to look the other way but you can never say again that you did not know."***

Because the current Tennessee law requires a 48 hour waiting period between the abortion consultation and the abortion procedure, Amber went home to wait. Her thoughts raced; maybe the sonographer was wrong; surely there weren't two babies. It was then she made the decision to go to Birth Choice for another ultrasound and this time she determined she would look at the ultrasound screen. But there they were inside of her – two beautiful, nine-week-old babies. And this time she didn't look the other way. This time, she couldn't say she didn't know. Amber changed her mind and chose life for her twins.

We are so thankful to all of you who donate to this ministry, who volunteer your time, and who pray for Birth Choice. You are the reason Birth Choice can minister to women like Amber. You saw the evil of abortion and you did not choose to look the other way. As a result precious lives are being saved every day. God bless you.

There are many ways to volunteer with Birth Choice to help empower women to choose life, here are a few:

RN's- for Sonography and Support Nurses

Client Advocates

Resource Room

Annual Fundraisers

Monthly donor

Again, thank you for all you do and will do to help stand in the gap for the unborn!

Kelly Wall

## MEN'S MINISTRIES REPORT

On March 4<sup>th</sup>, the deacons of several associational churches gathered at Chapel Hill at 8:30 AM to attend our deacon's training workshop. We had in attendance approximately 40 deacons and pastors present. Our speaker Larry Garner's focus on the servant-leader and ministry-model roles of deacons was educational and insightful for all in attendance. I feel our deacons were reminded of their role in the church and were given some new ideas to aide them in their role as leaders in the church. We also have several copies of this training available to any deacon that feel this would be helpful to their daily walk with Christ and the duties they are responsible for as a deacon. Please ask Roger for a copy and we will get one to you.

The baseball game this year was placed on hold until next year because of a need I felt that was more pressing. I felt that Truth Church folding needed the funds to aide in the transition to Connect Church. I donated men's funds to aide in this endeavor. Our communities need to make sure that the word of God is readily available. Connect Church is trying hard to meet the needs of the community while establishing a place of worship that Jesus Christ is the center and that all are welcome to come and serve or worship. I feel the objective of Connect Church (to make disciples of all who enter) was worthy of support. I am also supporting Connect Church with several others by serving in any capacity necessary. I would also like to thank First Baptist Milan for standing together with Connect Church by being its sponsor, and to be a shining light on the hill for Christ.

Thanks for allowing me to serve.

Respectfully, Bob Moore

## **BLOCK PARTY WAGON**

In 2017 the Block Party Wagon was used by 15 GBA churches for various events. They used it for a total of 19 times. It continues to be an effective tool of outreach. Churches will often use the Block Party Wagon to kick off Vacation Bible School or to end it with a Family Night. We purchased new tires for the trailer in August 2017.

There is still a need for good stewardship in the handling of the equipment. When the season is over at the end of October the Block Party Wagon will be outfitted so that each piece of equipment has a special place for it to be stored properly. There is a banner inside the Wagon now that shows how the equipment should be returned.

## **YOUTH REPORT**

Our goal is to encourage all youth pastors, youth leaders and workers to meet together for fellowship, encouragement, coordination of youth events and planning. Luther Goslee from Smyrna Baptist Church, Humboldt, has served as the leader for the group this past year.

This year's youth event was the annual See You At The Pole Prayer Rally. The focus this year was on preparing our students for gathering with friends and lost students around the flagpole on Wednesday morning to pray together. The students gathered in groups at the Rally to pray.

The SYATP Rally was held at Pedestrian Park in Trenton on Sunday evening, September 24. The featured band was "Everyday Hope Music." The guest speaker was Jason McCloud "Brock" who starred in the movie "Facing The Giants." The theme of the SYATP event was "Fix Your Eyes" based on Hebrews 12:2.

Next year's date for the SYATP Rally is scheduled for September 23, 2018.

## **DEACON'S REPORT**

This year marked the eleventh (11<sup>th</sup>) year of our annual Deacons' Meetin' and the fulfillment of the dream of the late Kenneth Brown. Mr. Kenneth Brown, a deacon at White Hall, had the vision for a time of bringing our deacons and pastors together with their wives for a time of encouragement and challenge. This past year Mr. Brown went to be with the Lord, but the dream lives on.

White Hall presented a plaque to Gibson Baptist Association to honor Kenneth Brown and to encourage deacons across the association.

This year the Deacons' Meetin' was held once again at White Hall Baptist Church on September 7, 2017. The ministry now falls under the Strengthen Team and the Deacon Affinity team. Bro. Steve Skelton has led this ministry for eleven years and continues to provide great leadership.

The theme for the meeting this year was "For Such A Time As This" which was based on Esther 4:14. Bro. Willie McLaurin, from the Tennessee Baptist Convention, was our speaker for the evening. Jared Poore, minister of music at New Bethlehem Baptist Church, led the congregation in worship and provided special music.

As usual, a meal was served at 5:30 pm with about 150 present. Northside Market in Milan catered the meal once again. The program began at 6:25 pm with about 200 or more in attendance.

The date for the 2018 Deacons' Meetin' will be September 6 at White Hall Baptist Church. We look forward to another great meeting next year.

## **PASTORS' CONFERENCE REPORT**

All pastors within the Gibson Baptist Association are encouraged to gather together regularly on Monday mornings at 10 am at the GBA Office. The weekly meetings of the Pastors' Conference provide theological teaching, practical training, and valuable fellowship. We discuss relevant current issues and topics, end times prophesy, evangelism, missions, Bible studies, as well as, practical application of the talent and resources God has granted each of us in presenting the gospel of Jesus Christ to our GBA churches, our regional community, and around the world.

This past year the GBA Pastors' Conference held 40 regular meetings, and hosted 3 pastors' and wives fellowships. It is our prayer that the activities of the pastors' conference will continue to challenge, motivate, and equip our pastors with strategies and information for effective Kingdom work.

Keith Donaldson

GBA Pastors' Conference President

## **SENIOR ADULT REPORT**

The GBA Senior Adults have enjoyed two fun-filled meetings this year. Our "Spring Event" was hosted by Salem Baptist Church on March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 P.M. Our entertainment was Larry DeLawder and family. Larry played the harmonica and performed his impersonation of "Barney Fife". We had an awesome night with 230 in attendance which was the highest attendance for any Senior Event. Glenda Shankle from Salem

Baptist Church catered the delicious meal. Salem won the trophy with 34 in attendance..

Our second meeting was hosted by Trenton, First Baptist Church on September 19th. The entertainment was Bro. Tony Jones. Minister of Worship and Students at the First Baptist Church in Troy, Tennessee. He shared encouraging words and sang songs with his daughter about falling in love with Jesus. We had 110 in attendance. Carla Greene from Trenton, FBC prepared the meal. Door prizes were given.

Dyer, FBC won the trophy for largest attendance of a large church, and Oakwood won the trophy for largest attendance of a small church.

Respectfully,  
Martha Phelan

## **SOFTBALL**

In the spring/summer of 2017, nine (9) local churches played in the GBA Softball League. There were 9 Men's teams and 6 Co-Ed Softball teams. The eight (8) GBA churches involved in the program were: Beech Grove, Bradford, FBC, Laneview-K, Medina, FBC, New Bethlehem, Salem, The Church at Sugar Creek, and Trenton FBC. Also playing was Church of Christ, Trenton.

New Bethlehem won the first place trophy in the Men's Tournament and The Church at Sugar Creek was the runner up. For the Co-Ed Tournament, Beech Grove won the first place trophy and Bradford, FBC placed second.

The commissioner for 2017 was Eric Patton. Churches are encouraged to consider playing softball next year as a great outreach and fellowship with other churches.

## **BERTIE THOMPSON MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP**

The Bertie Thompson Scholarship for 2016-17 was awarded to Scott Thorson. Scott is a member of Chapel Hill Baptist Church. He is enrolled at Union University where he is preparing for ministry.

Members of our GBA churches are eligible to apply for the Bertie Thompson Scholarship. The scholarship provides financial help for those students who sense a calling to serve in some aspect of Christian ministry and who maintain a certain grade point average. We want to encourage our pastors and leadership in our churches to help us promote the valuable resource that is available to help young men and women prepare for service to our Lord.

When applications are received in the GBA office, they are handed over to a Scholarship Committee for evaluation to determine the recipient for the year. The application form and requirements are on the GBA website at [gbalife.org](http://gbalife.org) or individuals may request a copy to be sent to them by regular mail or email.

## **SEMINARY EXTENSION REPORT**

*“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Timothy 2:15)*



The Gibson Baptist Association seeks to help lay people and pastors through a ministry known as Seminary Extension. Whether you are ordained or not, you may take classes to help prepare you for ministry in your local setting.

Seminary Extension provides theological education and training through a classroom setting at the Gibson Baptist Association office. Our six Southern Baptist Seminaries work together through our Southern Baptist Convention Council of Seminary Presidents to provide excellent content and studies. Seminary Extension is authorized for operation as a postsecondary educational institution by the Tennessee High Education Commission (THEC).

Seminary Extension classes are offered two times a year. Classes are offered on Tuesday nights from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the fall and in the spring.

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT**

For the last several years, the Annual Church Profiles show that Sunday School attendance and enrollment have continued to drop. The annual church profiles for 2016/17 show that Sunday School enrollment decreased again. Our churches reported a Sunday School enrollment of 6,503 which is a decrease of 350 people from last year's enrollment of 6,853. Our Sunday School average attendance decreased by 281 people with the 2017 average attendance at 3,904 and the 2016 average attendance at 4,185.

GBA has 33 churches reporting between 1-50 in average Sunday School attendance, 10 churches reporting from 50 -100 in attendance and 12 churches that report having over 100 in average Sunday School attendance. One church does not do Sunday School.

## **DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING REPORT**

Discipleship Training has increased again this year from last year. This year seventeen (17) of our churches reported a total enrollment of 1,145 in Discipleship Training. Last year fourteen (14) churches reported an enrollment of 1,118. The enrollment increased by 27 members.

## **CHILDREN AND YOUTH BIBLE DRILL REPORT**

The Gibson Baptist Association Bible Drills were held on April 10, 2017 at White Hall-Trenton.

Congratulations to all the children who participated in the GBA Bible Drills.

### **KJV: Associational Winners**

New Bethlehem: Lindsee O'Brien, Dillon Reynolds, Matthew Reynolds

White Hall: Layla Lovell, Juan Torres

KJV: Associational Participant

Dyer FBC: Bailey Samples

### **Holman: Associational Winners**

Kenton, FBC: Sophie Allred, Nolan Chandler, Kailey Davidson

Medina, FBC: Eliza Bowling, Lillie Odom, Wesley Odom. Daniel Pipkin, Max Roe, Ellie Thetford,

Milan, FBC: Caroline Hurt, Eliza Bowling. Cooper Neely, Jaclyn Moore, Addie Ruth Reed, Easton Yates, Kasen Yates

Holman: Associational Participants

Kenton FBC: Cailyn Kirk  
Milan, FBC: Emma Jean Gonzalez, Ella Reed

Grace Crossett was the only youth driller to drill. She went on to the Regional drill. Grace is from Milan, FBC.

There were also 4 children in 2nd or 3rd grade who participated but could not advance to Regionals because they were too young.

Thanks to White Hall Baptist Church for hosting the event. Thanks to those who helped with registration & check-in, as callers, time keepers, and judges.

Regional Drills were held on April 29, 2017 at Milan, FBC and GBA had several State & State Superior Winners.

The 2018 GBA Bible Drill will be held on April 9, 2018 at White Hall Baptist Church.

## **TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION REPORTS**

### **TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES**

The Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes has been ministering to children from hard places for 126 years! While we are thankful for what the Lord has done throughout the years, we are excited about what He is going to do in the future through the ministry of TBCH.

In our desire to be good stewards of the resources the Lord provides, the strategic plan for TBCH is to streamline our residential ministries and expand our Foster Care ministry while adding Family Support Services enabling this ministry to impact an even greater number of children and families.

Join us in praising the Lord for the 23 children in our care who have been born again while on our campuses or in one of our foster homes! Through the faithful service of our staff, our foster families, the local church, and by God's grace an eternal impact is being made on the lives of the children who come into the care of TBCH.

As of this writing, TBCH has ministered to 143 different children in residential care this year. While many of these children still reside on one of our five campuses, 40 children have been successfully reunited with their families, and 18 children have been adopted and placed in a forever family! We continue to assist 10 of our young adults as they transition out of our care into adulthood.

TBCH's Foster Care Program has served 48 children and has had 22 Christian parents commit to be Foster Families. Several of these children are in "Foster to Adopt" situations that we are praying will result in more children having permanent homes. After meeting with Commissioner Bonnie Hommrich of the Department of Children's Services, we are looking forward to renewing our Foster Care contract with the State of TN allowing us to continue placing children who are in state custody with Christian parents.

Total Impact: The Lord has allowed TBCH the honor of ministering the love of Jesus Christ to a total of 1,101 souls through our residential and foster care programs from November 1, 2016 through July 31, 2017. This number reflects the specific individuals that have been affected by the ministry of TBCH including residents and their families, other families we have ministered through counseling as well as our foster children and their families.

This great work would not be possible without the faithful support of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Thank you for supporting the Cooperative Program and the Mother's Day Offering that directly blesses the children. TBCH is thankful for the many churches, individuals and businesses who serve and share their resources with us all year long.

Finally, thank you for caring about children who find themselves in hard places. They need us. The Lord has commanded us to meet their needs. And with your help and His strength, we will continue to minister to the defenseless in the great name of Jesus.

Greg McCoy President/Treasurer

## **TENNESSEE BAPTIST ADULT HOMES**

The ministries of Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes continue to Show What Love Is to over 320 seniors and adults with intellectual disabilities by providing a loving, Christian home for them. If you were to visit any of our facilities, you would hear the residents offer their personal words of thanks and appreciation for your prayers and financial support. On their behalf, please accept my sincerest gratitude. Your gifts to the Father's Day Offering make our ministry possible.

At our Baptist Health Care Center in Lenoir City we are providing 24/7 nursing care for about 70 senior adults who need medical and physical care and who are unable to provide care for themselves. The love and compassion shown by our staff is an extension of God's love and represents the call of all Christians to care for the weak and the weary. In a quickly changing landscape and culture in the health care arena, Baptist Health Care Center has always remained true to its mission to provide a "home" for those in need. Please continue to pray for BHCC over the coming months as TBAH strives to discern the direction for this facility.

Adjacent to BHCC is a new development called Williams Ferry Pointe for seniors who are able to live alone but want to be in Christian community with other seniors. There has been a recent stall in the building of new homes but we hope to see things crank up again soon so that this retirement community can continue to grow. This homeowner's association enjoys a relationship with the adjacent Baptist Health Care Center should the need arise for more involved care.

Rounding out our ministry to seniors are two other independent living locations. Baptist Village in Johnson City has 4 duplex homes providing a home for 8 retired ministers and missionaries. And, Deer Lake Retirement Community in Nashville is a condominium community of 135 units for senior living.

Our group home ministry for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities cares for 55 men and women in Nashville, Lebanon, Knoxville, and Jacksboro. The men and women in these homes need the love and compassion of dedicated staff who care for their physical and spiritual needs in these homes. These homes are answering the question that all parents of special needs adult children eventually ask, "Who is going to care for my son or daughter when I am no longer able?" Thank you, Tennessee Baptists, for answering in such a beautiful and meaningful way!

Finally, thank you for your gifts to the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions that make Special Friends Camps possible. This year, 250 adults with intellectual and physical disabilities enjoyed a week of fun, fellowship, Bible study and worship at Carson Springs and Linden Valley. The families who care for these campers the other 51 weeks of the year enjoyed a week of respite, knowing that their loved one was with our caring, Christian camp staff.

Mark Anderson, President/Treasurer



*Serving Tennessee*  
*Baptists Since 1938*  
**2017 Annual Report**

Since 1938 the Tennessee Baptist Foundation has been of service to Tennessee Baptists and Kingdom causes around the world. The assets under management of the Foundation have grown from \$6,577 to \$ 142 million during that time. God continues to bless this ministry and we are pleased to make our report to the convention as to highlights for the fiscal year 2016-17. The Foundation is pleased to offer the following services to Tennessee Baptists.

- Presenting informational Faith-based estate planning seminars for churches
  - Working with individuals, helping them develop distinctively Christian personal estate plans
  - Consulting with individuals on the preparation of their Wills and Powers of Attorney
  - Assisting individuals in their establishment of various Charitable Trusts
  - Serving as Trustee of trusts and funds committed to its care
  - Providing investment services to Tennessee Baptist churches and institutions
  - Serving as executor of estates, upon request, in which a Baptist cause(s) is a beneficiary
- Offering construction loans/permanent financing to Tennessee Baptist churches/associations

- Providing grants for qualifying new ministries and projects

Highlights of the Foundation's stewardship this fiscal year include:

- ✓ Funds under management: Over 1,100
- ✓ Assets under management: \$142,977,112 (as of July 31, 2017)
- ✓ New funds under fund management agreements: \$2.2 million (10 new funds)
- ✓ Educational grants and scholarships: 250 - Totaling \$ 243,850 for 2017-2018 academic year (over 5.1 million since 1987)
- ✓ Special Project Grants: \$44,500 distributed to assist 5 new ministry projects
- ✓ Cooperative Program: \$382,196 as of July 31, 2017. Project to give over \$500,000 by year end.
- ✓ Other Baptist and Charitable causes: \$ 2,313,484 as of July 31, 2017. Project to over \$ 3 million by year end.

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation is committed to helping Tennessee Baptists make *today's plans for tomorrow's impact*.

C. William (Bill) Gruenewald, III  
President-Treasurer

Christopher L. Kelly, Esq.  
Executive Vice President and General C

## **Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union**

The WMU emphasis for 2016-17 was "By All Means" based on 1 Cor. 9:19-23, focused us on challenging Christ followers to follow His example as we step into the world around us, cultivating relationships and creating opportunities to demonstrate the love of Christ.

Highlights from the past year include:

- The 2016-17 State Acteens Advisory Panelists were Kasie Ray; Cedar Hill Baptist Church; Cedar Hill and SandiGlen Jones, First Baptist Church Sevierville.
- The 2016 Week of Prayer for State Missions was September 11-18, 2016 and the theme was "It's Personal! Reach. Connect. Give". The goal for the 2016-17 Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions was \$ 1,850,000. As of August 23, 2017, the total amount given to the 2016-17 GOTM is \$ 1,836,059.03. With eight days left in the offering year (September 1-August 31), we are hopeful that the goal will be met and exceeded. The celebration has already begun as the 2016-17 Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions is the largest amount given in the annual offerings' 115 year history.
- October is always a busy time for children's missions events.
  - Over the three weekends of JAM, there were 504 participants, representing 53 different churches, with an additional 125 volunteers
  - At RA Camp-O-Ree. there were 543 campers and adults leaders representing 35 churches, with 156 additional adults serving as volunteers.
- In December, Tennessee WMU mailed, on behalf of Tennessee Baptists, Christmas checks:
  - Checks for \$ 150 to twenty-seven missionary kids whose parents serve with IMB and are from Tennessee.
  - Checks for \$ 50 to ninety-two retired IMB missionaries who are from Tennessee.

These gifts are made possible through an allocation from the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions for nurturing Tennessee missionaries and their families.
- Missions Get Together & Connection were held on March 31- April 2, 2017 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center with a total attendance of 1,600. Rachel Lovingood from Cleveland was the keynote speaker for Connection

- The annual offering totaled \$ 13,144. 90% was designated to the 2017 MK Re-Entry Retreat; 10% benefited Tennessee WMU Touch Tomorrow Today Endowment at the WMU Foundation.
- Martha Pitts from Germantown Baptist Church was elected to her second term as President, during the Tennessee WMU annual meeting on April 1, 2017 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center. Other officers elected for 2017-18 include: Recording Secretary, Charlyene Couey, Nashville; and Vice Presidents: Middle: Yolanda Houser, Crossville; West: Diane Sorrell, Covnington and East: Janice Lewelling, Dunlap.
- In March 2017, \$ 31,800 in scholarships were awarded to 24 students attending graduate school, seminary, as well as undergraduate schools in Tennessee during the 2017-18 school year. These scholarships are funded through endowments, invested funds and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.
- On August 1-4, 2017 Tennessee WMU hosted for the first time the MK Re-Entry Retreat at Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center in Newport. We had 86 Missionary Kids, who will be starting college this fall, six International Mission Board personnel, nine collegiate MK family group leaders, seven Tennessee WMU personnel and two people from Texas WMU, who will be hosting the retreat in 2018.
- Tennessee WMU had four Prayerwalking Mission Teams with a total of 14 participants go to Denver and Italy in 2017 through our prayer advocacy partnerships.
- In 2017 we celebrated the 20th anniversary fo Christian Women's Job Corps in Tennessee. Currently we have 20 CWJC and eight Christian Men's Job Corps sites in Tennessee. This Christian based program, seeks to help men and women in breaking the cycle of poverty through job and life skills classes, Bible study and mentoring. In 2016, Tennessee sites served 1,639 participants with 741 completing the program. There were 210 spiritual decision recorded, which included 40 professions of faith. Tennessee WMU hosted CWJC/CMJC National Certification Training (NCT) on June 7-10, 2017 at Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center in Newport. In all, 24 participants were trained in Level 1 and eight in Level 2 representing seven different states. Tennessee was well represented with eight participants in Level 1 and six participants in Level 2.
- Sixteen Literacy Missions workshops were conducted this past year training 188 volunteers: 13 English as a Second Language workshops and three Adult Reading and Writing workshops. Statistics show that for every one full workshop where 25 volunteers are trained in how to start and lead an ESL ministry, one participant in the ministry will surrender their lives to the Lord. There are over 45 church and associational Literacy Missions ministry sites across the state.

Literacy Missions, Christian Women's Job Corps, and Christian Men's Job Corps are three great resources the Lord is using to accomplish the 5 Objectives of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

- The current Tennessee WMU staff are:  
 Vickie Anderson, Executive Director-Treasurer  
 Denise Bronaugh, Adult Missions and Ministries Specialist  
 vacant: Preschool & Childrens Missions Specialist  
 Kendall Shirley, Student & Literacy Missions Specialist  
 Vickie Clemons, Administrative Assistant  
 Emily Traylor, Ministry Assistant  
 Brian Holt, RA/Challenger State Coordinator  
 Janice Carter, CWCJ/CMJC State Coordinator

Working together to encourage and equip churches and individuals to engage in missions learning and involvement that helps them to fulfill the Great Commission.

Martha Pitts, President  
Vickie Anderson, Executive Director-Treasurer

## UNION UNIVERSITY REPORT

Union University is deeply grateful for our covenant partnership with the churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention! Your gifts through the Cooperative Program help empower our mission. Now in our 194th year of operation, that mission remains to provide Christ-centered education that promotes excellence and character development in service to Church and society.

I wish you could see the many ways your the lives of the 3,500 students and 800 allow me to share a few examples of how Christ-centered, people-focused, and Team won the Gulf South Conference Championship during fall 2016. That is a significant accomplishment in one of the toughest conferences in NCAA Division II. Additionally, both the Men's and the Women's Cross Country Teams qualified for the NCAA regional championship. On top of that, their Coach, Dr. Gary Johnson, was named Coach of the Year. And, among the over 400 colleges and universities that compete in NCAA Division II, our men's and women's teams had the highest team GPA (the men's team GPA was 3.76 and the women's was 3.94)! That is excellence-driven, Christ-centered, people-focused, and future-directed values in action.



prayers, support, and gifts make a difference in faculty and staff members at Union. Please we live out our core values: excellence-driven, future- directed. Our Women's Cross Country

You may have noticed that Union was moved up to the "National Universities" category in the US News and World Report rankings. Now, let me say quickly that we don't chase rankings at Union. Still, we are grateful when others see the good work happening at Union and tell others about it. The National Universities category is comprised of 310 institutions whose size, scope of academic program, and reach make them influential throughout the country. We give thanks to God for His favor and we consider this recognition as an even greater opportunity to bear witness to the transforming power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. By the way, among Tennessee universities, Union is ranked behind only Vanderbilt and the University of Tennessee, Knoxville.

Last fall we welcomed a new class of freshman students that had an average ACT score of 26.1 (that's the highest average ACT score in Union's history). And, almost 80% of them came from Tennessee and TBC churches. We also graduated over 1,000 students this past year. Men and women who are now faithfully living out God's call on their lives. God is so very good to us.

Still, there is much work to do. We continue our collaboration with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board toward the realization of the TBMB's Five Objectives. Please continue to pray for and support Union as we equip students to be salt and light in a world that desperately needs wise and thoughtful citizens, employees, church members, parents, ministers and ambassadors for Christ.

Faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Samuel W. White" or similar.

Samuel W. "Dub" Oliver,  
Ph.D. President

## BAPTIST & REFLECTOR

Change has been a key word for the *Baptist and Reflector* in 2017. In May, the *B&R* offices relocated with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, to our new building just off Interstate 65, south of Franklin. Despite the move, the paper did not miss a publication date.

The *Baptist and Reflector* also had a major change in staffing. Connie Davis Bushey retired at the end of May after 32 years on staff. Connie was well known throughout Tennessee for her writing and photography. She will be missed. In July, David Dawson joined the Communications Team as communications specialist. He will assume many writing and editorial functions for the *B&R* while also being heavily involved in social media and other communications tasks.

The paper is mailed to nearly 22,500 homes 26 weeks a year, reaching a potential readership of about 56,000 people.

The goal of the paper is to "tell the story of Tennessee Baptists" through news, feature stories and photographs. As in the past, the paper this year placed a major emphasis on what Tennessee Baptists are doing to reach the world for Christ by focusing on stories related to missions and evangelism. This year the paper has focused on timely topics such as domestic violence that impact Tennessee Baptists and our churches.

The *Baptist and Reflector* continued to utilize social media tools in 2017 such as Twitter. Editor Lonnie Wilkey regularly writes a blog that provides information for Tennessee Baptists between print issues. The paper also has a Facebook page that will have more prominence with the addition of David Dawson to the Communications Team.

The staff monitors trends that could affect Tennessee Baptists and prints those stories to keep readers informed. In addition, opinions, both from the editor and others, are printed and are intended to make readers think, reflect, and act.

The paper continually seeks to enlist new subscribers and will be offering a simplified subscription plan in the near future. We need more churches to send the paper to their leadership such as deacons, Sunday School teachers, etc. For more information about subscription plans, call the *Baptist & Reflector* office at 1-800-558-2090 or (615) 371- 2003.

Lonnie Wilkey, Editor

### **INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD**

On behalf of the entire International Mission Board, I want to personally thank you: Southern Baptist churches, church members, and pastors-for the myriad of ways you are working together for the spread of the gospel around the world. Moreover, I want to share with you that because of your partnership together through the IMB, disciples have been made and churches have been multiplied over the last year among the nations in truly breathtaking ways.

Specifically, I want to thank you for giving the highest Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (LMCO) in the 127-year history of this offering (\$165.8 million). As a result of your giving to Lottie Moon as well as your



continual giving to the Cooperative Program, the IMB is now operating on a 2017 budget that balances our receipts with our expenses.

Moreover, I am pleased to share with you that within the framework of this balanced budget, we are also increasing the number of missionaries serving on the field with the IMB over the next year.

After many consecutive years of reducing the number of IMB missionaries on the ground overseas, that trend will officially reverse in 2017. Lord willing, Southern Baptists will have more full-time, fully-supported missionaries overseas over WKH next year than we do now, in addition to more missionaries going through new pathways designed to engage students, professionals, retirees, and others as part of our mission force.

Even as we look forward to 2017, it is humbling to look back at 2016 and to reflect on the work done by Southern Baptist missionaries serving through the IMB in some of the most difficult, dangerous to reach places in the world. Over the last year, I was able to gather personally with our missionaries who work in North Africa, the Middle East, Europe, Central Asia, East Asia, and with the Deaf. I listened to story after story of struggle after struggle involved with ministry to unreached peoples. At the same time, I heard how God is at work in the middle of the struggle. As our missionaries are evangelizing, discipling, planting healthy churches, and training leaders, the Lord is being glorified through disciples made and churches multiplied among people who at this time last year still had not even heard the gospel!

All of this is only possible through the grace of God and through the faithful and continued partnership of Southern Baptist churches. For this reason, I praise God for you, my brothers and sisters. I praise God for the ways you are giving, the ways you are supporting, the ways you are sending, and the ways you are going. And at the same time, I want to invite you to give, support, send, and go all the more in the days ahead until every tribe, tongue, people, and nation has been reached with the good news of our great King.

David Platt President,  
International Mission Board

## **NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD**

The North American Mission Board (NAMB) wants to help every church take its next step in missions. And we want to see every believer living life on mission no matter where God has placed them.

We are working now to establish several Send Relief ministry hubs that will meet needs in specific regions and give Southern Baptists from all over North America opportunities to serve in long- or short-term settings. Through Send Network we help Southern Baptists plant new churches. This is a priority because in the last 100 years as the North American population has grown, the number of Southern Baptist churches in proportion to the population has dropped dramatically.

NAMB helps plant churches everywhere in North America, but we have a special focus outside the South where Southern Baptists are weakest and in our cities where more than 80 percent of North Americans live. Planting evangelistic churches is the best way to introduce people to Jesus and grow them strong in their faith.

Each year Southern Baptists lose about 900 churches. Planting evangelistic churches is the best way to introduce people to Jesus and grow a new church out of what once was a failing, dying church. Instead of losing hundreds of buildings each year, these churches now have a chance to continue to be places where the Gospel is proclaimed and lives are transformed. Ethnic church planting is also a priority for us. We have Church Planting Catalysts that focus on Hispanic, Korean, Chinese and other Asian groups, Native American and African-American church planting. Others focus on planting churches for the deaf, for military communities and near college campuses. Send Network helps discover new church planters and then develop

them with the skills they need so they can be deployed to the North American mission field. At the same time, we are working to help Southern Baptist churches take on a more active role in church planting. Some are ready to plant a church right now.

We can help them find a place in need and connect them with a church planter. Some churches might not be ready to plant, but they can partner with other churches to provide what a new church needs like prayer, encouragement and assistance from short-term mission teams. Every church can play a part in church planting. No church is too small or financially constrained to be involved.

Looking back, there is much to celebrate in what God did in 2016-2017:

- 5,200 missionaries and more than 3,800 chaplains that NAMB has the privilege of supporting because of what Southern Baptists give.
- Southern Baptists started 926 new churches in 2015, the most recent year for which data is available.
- Existing church plants are reporting some exciting trends. Churches planted in 2011 have a 77 percent five year survival rate. Church plants baptized one person for every 14 members, compared to one for every 52 members in established churches. Louisiana Baptists recently reported that their church plants have averaged 126 decisions for Christ each month since 2010. In Vermont, 83 percent of baptisms reported last year came from churches that were started since 2010; in the Baptist Convention of New England, which includes six states—it was 39 percent; and in Canada, 53 percent of baptisms came from churches planted in 2010 or later.
- Our 3 Circles Life Conversation Guide is helping thousands of people point everyday conversations toward Christ. We have distributed two million of them in print and the app has been downloaded more than 50,000 times. Engage 24 conferences for pastors help them re-ignite the flames of evangelism in their churches.
- Disaster Relief responses included the historic flooding in Louisiana; West Virginia flooding; the water crisis in Flint, Michigan; wildfires in Canada and Gatlinburg, Tenn., and the Hurricane Matthew response.

Serving Together,  
Kevin Ezell  
President, North American Mission Board

## **MISSISSIPPI RIVER MINISTRY**

Mississippi River Ministry (MRM) is one of three arms of the Compassion Ministry outreach of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. This year, MRM celebrates 25 years of service to Tennessee Baptists. It has been my privilege to serve as the coordinator for 17 of those years. During that time, MRM has utilized nearly 46,000 volunteers engaging in over 3,000 projects resulting in over 5,600 professions of faith and 41 new church starts. In addition, over \$250,000 of GOTM funds have been distributed to West TN churches and associations for ministry work. During this past year, over \$11,000 was channeled into five different associations to assist churches with projects and ministries designed to impact lostness by touching poverty. Today, more churches are needed to reach the underserved affected by poverty in their community. Mississippi River Ministry can assist in four ways:

**1. MINISTRY PROJECT FUNDING**

MRM channels *Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions* funds through churches and associations for specific ministry projects impacting poverty.

**2. MATERIAL RESOURCE CHANNELING**

MRM channels donations of material resources into ministry sites and churches to be used in Compassion Ministry.

**3. COMPASSION MINISTRY COACHING & TRAINING**

MRM provides church consultations and multiple training events and classes that help churches engage in ministry to the impoverished. This year, 15 training events were conducted.

**4. VOLUNTEER MOBILIZATION**

MRM facilitates placing volunteers from Churches to ministry sites in West TN.

Submitted by Randy Pool

Coordinator for the Mississippi River Ministry

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