

**2018 Minutes
of the
Gibson Baptist Association**

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Held At**

**SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH, TRENTON
October 29, 2018**



**2019 Annual Meeting
New Hope Baptist Church, Dyer
October 28, 2019**

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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IN MEMORY AND HONOR OF

IN MEMORY OF REV. MAX WALKER



Bro. Max was born in Gibson County on January 16, 1939 and went to be with our Lord on August 29, 2018. He was married to Ann Thomas Walker for 57 years, and had two daughters, and a number of grandchildren. He was a graduate of Gibson High School where he was an outstanding basketball player, for which he was later inducted into the Gibson County Basketball Hall of Fame.

Bro. Max was called to preach at the age of 14. He graduated from Union University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He served as pastor of Lavinia Baptist Church, Bardwell Baptist in Kentucky, Newbern First Baptist Church and Selmer First Baptist Church. He pastored Selmer FBC for 22 and was named Pastor Emeritus in 2011. He wrote a gospel track entitled "Someone Is Knocking at Your Heart's Door" which was published by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and used widely. He served on various boards and committees with the Tennessee Baptist Convention and was a trustee on the board at Union University. Most recently he served several churches as interim pastor.

IN MEMORY OF REV. JERRY SMITH



Bro. Jerry W. Smith was born December 10, 1937, and went to be with the Lord on April 7, 2018. He pastored the following churches: Bethlehem Baptist Church-Greenfield, Oak Grove Baptist Church-Milan, Northside Baptist Church-Milan, and Meridian Baptist Church-Jackson.

He was actively pastoring the Calvary Baptist Church in Rutherford up until his death. He was married to his first wife Patsy for 55 years and they had two daughters, Beverly Dodd and Teresa Smith. He was recently married to Patricia Hurt Smith of Kenton.

IN HONOR OF DR. JOHN ADAMS



Bro. John Adams has been married to his wife, Robbie, for 60 years. They have two daughters, two granddaughters and six great grandchildren. He is a graduate of Union University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master's Degree and a Doctorate of Ministry. He studied at Peking University, Beijing, China.

His pastorates include Hillcrest, Dyersburg; Springfield, Springfield, TN; FBC McKenzie, and East Union, Jackson. He is currently the interim pastor of Spring Hill in Trenton. He served for 17 years as Vice President for Campus Ministries and Church Services at Union University.

He was the eighth basketball player in Tennessee to score over 1,000 points in a single season. He was selected by Sports Illustrated to represent Tennessee as future All-Little American. He is a charter member of the Gibson County Sports Hall of Fame. Bro. John is also a published author.

ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

		Office	Home
Moderator	Billy Criswell	643-6597	694-5606
Assistant Moderator	Steve Littleton	787-6755	931-221-9851
Clerk	Leann Cherry		414-0758
Treasurer	Jim Acree		692-2933
Assistant Treasurer	Joel Pigg	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 Andy King, Send Team Leader David Powell, Strengthen Team Leader
Send Team	Doug Duncan, Andy King, Eric McLemore, Randy Nicholas, Sheilah Spangler
Seek Team	Randy Beals, Steve Littleton, Bryan Morris, Mike Sanders, Mike Sellers
Strengthen Team	Shawn Allred, Joel Pigg, Rhonda Poore, David Powell, James Rogers

OTHER LEADERSHIP

	Church	Home
Nominating Committee		
Billy Hanks		662-7765
Josh Stafford		697-6928
Pat Wollam		742-2190
Budget Finance Committee		
James Taylor		618-8392
Charles Tyner		855-9593
Mike Garner		692-2349
Chairman of Personnel		
Treasurer		
Personnel Committee		
Jason Tubbs		824-0816
Charlene King		234-8333
Keith Donaldson		616-9901
Constitution By/Laws		
Jason Bowen	855-9321	501-650-0176
Joey Hays		643-7427
Linda Choate		487-5829
Tony Crossnoe		663-2480
Damon Duck		694-9086

Credentials Committee		
Andy King		234-8832
James Rogers		420-9510
Randy Beals		414-5689

Trustees		
Ray Tubbs		414-8521
Randy Reynolds		855-3068
Jason McDaniel		414-4636

WMU OFFICERS

WMU Director Elect	Sheilah Spangler	414-9292
ASST WMU/Publications	Rhonda Poore	749-5670
Prayer Support	Judy Cantrell	613-0076
Mission Growth Cons.	Joyce Reynolds	571-4859
Churchwide M Cons.	Penny Stacy	487-3276
Secretary	Martha Kernodle	487-6429
Treasurer	Dianne Yarbrough	855-1942
Mission Friends Cons	Kelly Cryer	487-1426
GA Consultant	Pamela Basham	414-2187
Acteens Consultant	Mary Beth Dunagan	695-0869
Women on Mission Con	Joyce Brown	571-9901
Chorister	Addie Brelsford	697-7856
Pianist	Louise Fout	487-7342
Memorial Chairman	Gladys Powers	855-0615
Place	Alice Ernest	692-3632
Missions & Ministry Co.	Mindy Summar	431-3904
Missions & Ministry Co.	Penny Stacy	487-3276
Area Director 1	Dottie Walker	535-2909
Area Director 2	Kim Petty	420-9561
Area Director 3		
Area Director 4	Stephanie Rodgers	643-6588
CWJC Site Coordinator	Christy Skelton	414-2795

DIRECTORIES of CHURCH LEADERS

	Church Pastors	Church	Home
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		784-0830	
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	663-2480
Calvary-R	Sammy Dowland, 536 Trezevant Rd, Bradford		742-2542
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		414-6251
Connect	Keith Donaldson, 711 Adkins St, Humboldt		616-9901
Dyer, First	(I) Mike Kemper, PO Box 290, Dyer	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, 304 US Why 79 N, Humboldt	787-6755	931-221-9851
Hickory Grove	Michael McEwen, 26 Broadfield Manor, Trenton		695-0827
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 188, Kenton		749-5780
Laneview-K		665-6696	
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	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	(I) Larry Gilmore, 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	Bryan Morris, 876 N Main St, Dyer	665-7107	499-0608
Northern's Chapel	Dillard Lykins, 11 Majestic Oak Cove, Humboldt		394-2850
Northside	Eric McLemore, 3075 Salem, Milan	686-1291	694-7341
Oak Grove	(I) Bill Rice, 1820 Osborne, Humboldt		499-0608
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	(I) Randy Pool, 416 Poplar Corner, Trenton	665-6159	431-7101
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	Andy Mayfield, 80 St Route 188, Trenton	559-4959	210-391-6103
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			
White Hall	(I) Darryl Marcle, 1258 US Hwy 45 Bypass, Trenton	855-2018	414-0597

Music Directors

Antioch	Kelly Sorrell, 117 Baymeadows Dr, Jackson	427-8873
Avondale	Richard Bragg, 1080 Sir James Ave, Dyersburg	343-0862
Beech Grove	Kenny Quinley, 139 Elm St, Dyer	692-2978
Bethel-Y	Alex Sims, 200 Midway Rd 25, 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	487-6712
Center	Jenny 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	None Listed	
Fruitland	Jonathan Flowers, 230 West Broad St, Dyer	487-0148
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	Jared Mallard, 112 Heritage Dr, Rutherford	487-0235
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 th St, Humboldt	784-2697
Medina, FBC	Jonathan Mackey, PO Box 39, Medina	573-397-2225
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	None Listed	
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 Halbrog, 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, 107 S Peck Switch Cove, Dyer	234-1938
Kenton, FBC	Travis Ellis, PO Box 188, Kenton	636-1097
Laneview-T	Jerry Campbell, 452 R Laneview Concord Rd, Trenton	855-3768
Lavinia	Danny McMinn, 1080Fry Rd, Lavinia	783-1249
Medina, FBC	Jonas Mackey, PO Box 39, Medina	573-397-2225
Milan, FBC	Bill Kisner, 2000 Second St, Milan	686-3385
Mt. Pisgah	Beth Logan 26 Reynolds Rd, Bradford	662-352-4601
Mt. Pleasant	Andy Rutherford, 16 Wayne Lloyd 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	Jake Fry, 5001 Patton St, Milan	695-3954
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	Drake Denning, 207 Bradford Hwy, Trenton	414-7167
Smyrna	Ken Leke, 1123 31 st 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
Keely Mill	John Fields. 278 Division St, Dyer	414-4566
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 th 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	Jerry Tidwell, 143 Stavely Rd, Medina	394-7109

Church Clerks

Antioch	Cindy Sellars, 947 Hwy 138, Mercer	None Listed
Avondale	Gaye Kent, 31 Hall Hay Loop, Humboldt	784-5145
Beech Grove	Janey Coleman, 93 Currie Rd, Dyer	639-9900
Bethel-H	None Listed	
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	Jenny 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	Ceil Moore, 761 Terri Leigh Cove, Humboldt	431-2856
Dyer, First	None Listed	
Eldad	Georgia Warrington, 26 Eldad Rd, Trenton	571-2824
Emmanuel-H	Renee Mitchell, 1300 Dungan St, Humboldt	420-0100
Fellowship	Martha Kernodle, 5046 Dolly Tom Dr, Milan	487-6429
Fruitland	Charlene King, 125 New Hope Rd, Dyer	234-8333
Gibson	Kathy Brown, 638 N 27 th 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	Jennifer Fields, 130 Rutherford Hwy, Bradford	414-3829
Kenton, First	Tina Forbes, 8 Tull Rd, Kenton	431-8925
Laneview-K	Sharon Criswell, 15 Moore Loop Rd, Kenton	431-4456
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	Kim Reynolds, 241 West Bypass, Trenton	414-0411
Smyrna	Georgia Brisentine, 1075 N 29 th 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	414-0758
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
Avondale	Gaye Kent, 31 Hall Hay Loop, Humboldt	784-5145
Beech Grove	Marilyn Cotham, 45 Cotham Rd, Trenton	855-2069
Bethel-H	None Listed	
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	487-0037
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	420-4340
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	Linda Evans, 16 Skullbone Rd, Bradford	414-2825
New Bethlehem	Mike Garner, 51 Neal Kinsey Rd, Trenton	692-2349
New Haven	Greg Hall, 4105 Caldwell Dr, Milan	686-0344
New Hope	Kelly Cryer, 670 N Main St, Dyer	487-1426
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	Curtis Cochran, 511 Baseline Rd, Kenton	446-4502
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	414-7250
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
Connect	Bob Moore, 761 Terri Leigh Cove, Humboldt	431-1056
Dyer, First	Bob Hill, 353 West Broad St, Dyer	613-3029
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
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	Jessie Griggs, 816 Tilghman St, Kenton	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	Gary Waller, 410 N 17 th St, Humboldt	784-2697
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	Bobby Doyle, 4085 Fairfield Dr, Milan	686-8260
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 Horrace Burress Rd, Atwood	414-4081
Salem	Mark Martin, 79 Yorkville Hwy, Dyer	692-4907
Smyrna	Georgia Brisentine, 1075 N 29 th 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	Tommy Martin, 144 Narrow Gauge Rd, Trenton	414-0635
Walnut Grove	Barry Keathley, 219 Joe Penn Rd, Kenton	446-3989
West Carroll	James Creasy, 1060 N Stonewall, McKenzie	415-7602
West Side	Curtis Halbrook, 2002 S College St, Trenton	445-6380
White Hall	Mark Gant, 655 Concord Cades Rd, Trenton	676-9675

WMU Directors

Antioch	Ann Joyner, 633 Sanders Bluff Rd, Humboldt	784-3486
Bethel-Y	Stephanie Rodgers, PO Box 161, Yorkville	643-6588
Bethpage	Dot Sellers, 641 Baseline Rd, Kenton	901-496-9489
Center	Betty Coble, 331 Edison Frog Jump Rd, Trenton	784-3198
Chapel Hill	Barbara Johnson, 36 Manner Frank, Milan	414-8127
China Grove	Addie Brelsford, PO Box 182, Rutherford	665-6958
Connect	Penny Stacy, 845 Leanne Dr, Humboldt	487-3276
Dyer, First	Judy Barron, 3 Old Dyer Trenton Rd, Dyer	676-2562
Emmanuel-H	Hope Edwards, 2575 Viking Dr, Apt 211, Humboldt	784-4123
Fellowship	Janelle Hurley, 7091 Hillcrest, Milan	723-4525
Immanuel-T	Diane Fitzgerald, 162 Alamo Hwy, Trenton	618-7617
Keely Mill	Tonya Fields, 107 S Peck Switch Cove, Dyer	742-3112
Kenton, FBC	Lisa Howard, 31 Stringtown Rd, Kenton	749-5896
Lavinia	Debbie Sudduth, 6399 Hwy 70, Cedar Grove	793-9232
Medina, FBC	Teresa Oakley, PO Box 95, Medina	783-3209
Midway	Vicki Criswell, 4078 Stinson Rd, Milan	723-3698
Milan, First	Joyce Doyle, 1099 Meadowbrook, Milan	686-7531
Mt. Pisgah	Elizabeth Romines, 2030 Salem Rd, Milan	618-3591
Mt. Pleasant	Linda Evans, 16 Skullbone Rd, Bradford	414-2825
New Bethlehem	Stacy Mann, 162 Nee Rd, Dyer	692-4993
Northside	Amanda Garcia, 7104 Hillcrest Dr, Milan	414-8573
Oak Grove	Brenda Scott, 3112 Ennis St, Milan	618-9899
Poplar Grove	Janice Watts, 13 Bill Edwards Rd, Humboldt	394-5297
Poplar Springs	Martha Mayo, 2610 Clay Farm Rd, Atwood	Not Given
Salem	Martha Phelan, 1249 S Main St, Dyer	692-3060
Smyrna	Bonnie Ballentine, 234 Jim Bob Scruggs Rd, Humboldt	337-8070
Sugar Creek	Dottie Babcock, 110 Forest Lake Dr, Humboldt	618-1074
Trenton, First	Beverly Youree, 201 E 10 th St, Trenton	855-0754
West Side	Louise Watson, 738 Old Trenton Eaton Rd, Trenton	559-4603
White Hall	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 549, 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	Taylor Haynes, 153 Sleepy Hollow Rd, Trenton	414-6323

Chairman of Deacons

Antioch	Tim Luckey, 465 State Route 186 S, Humboldt	414-9188
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	Roger Cochran, 515 Morella Rd, Kenton	673-4494
Bradford, First	Charlton McDade, 134 Mt. Pisgah Rd, Bradford	742-2492
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	Anthony Wilkes, 175 Medina Hwy, Humboldt	694-0566
China Grove	None Listed	
Clear Creek	Gary Selph, 72 Horseshoe Loop, Dyer	692-3245
Dyer, First	Jeff Emerson, 707 West Main St, Rutherford	665-7130
Eldad	Tony Milligan, 11 Lowery Ln, Trenton	None Listed
Emmanuel-H	Ronald Coleman, 172 St Rt 420, Trenton	784-5201
Fellowship	Jimmy Hammett, 6103 Stinson Rd, Milan	414-1721
Fruitland	None Listed	
Gibson	James Adams, PO Box 366, Gibson	787-6571
Hickory Grove	Charles Scruggs, 356 Old Trenton Eaton Rd, Trenton	855-0280
Idlewild	Glynn Shackelford, 221 Mulberry Grove Rd, Bradford	742-3844
Immanuel-T	None Listed	
Keely Mill	None Listed	
Kenton, First	Joey Cooper, 3971 Midyett, Kenton	446-9147
Laneview-K	Derrick Baucom, 108 Rutherford Hwy, Kenton	234-1019
Laneview-T	James Talley, 55 Mt Orange Rd, Trenton	855-9607
Latham's Chapel	Bo Beard, 1025 Latham's Chapel Rd, Lavinia	787-6588
Lavinia	Steve Hart, 1850 Holden Rd, Cedar Grove	987-2266
Maranatha	None Listed	
Medina, First	Brent Price, 30 Kanewood Cove, Jackson	None Listed
Midway	None Listed	
Milan, First	Tim Jackson, 5 Fox Meadow Cove, Milan	Not Given
Mt. Pisgah	Sammy Scott, 45 Gann Rd, Milan	414-4559
Mt. Pleasant	Andy Rutherford, 970 Gann Rd, Bradford	414-7835
New Bethlehem	Gale Reynolds, 77 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford	414-9675
New Haven	Ralph Leach, 6100 Stinson Rd, Milan	686-8476
New Hope	Richard Hartsfield, 37 Tom Austin Rd, Dyer	643-6445
Northern's Chapel	Harrell Swindle, 36 Northern's Chapel Rd, Rutherford	665-7272
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	Brandon Combs, 38 Oakleaf Dr, Trenton	445-1229
Poplar Springs	None Listed	
Rutherford, FBC	Terry Cunningham, 32 Northern's Chapel Rd, Rutherford	697-4695
Salem	Mark Cates, 470 Poplar Corner Rd, Trenton	693-8550
Smyrna	None Listed	
Spring Hill	Terry Tyree, 860 Old Trenton Eaton Rd, Trenton	559-4467
Sugar Creek	John Hale, 2710 Chere Carol Rd, Humboldt	784-1056
Trenton, First	Barry Smith, 299 Edison Frog Jump Rd, Trenton	784-9905
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	Chris Barber, 284 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford	487-2055

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	Dennis Barger, 400 Morris Circle, Humboldt	784-5776
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	Bob Howland, 517 S College St, Trenton	Not Given
Emmanuel-H	None Listed	
Fellowship	Jack Woods, 1087 Baird St, Milan	686-0706
Fruitand	Ray Tubbs, 261 St Route 420, Humboldt	414-8521
Gibson	None Listed	
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	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	None Listed	
Medina, First	Don Leggett, 15 Spencer Dr, Medina	783-1985
Midway	None Listed	
Milan, First	None Listed	
Mt. Pisgah	Juan Anguiano, 185 Mt. Pisgah Rd, Bradford	742-3648
Mt. Pleasant	Randy Carroll, 61 Irvin Williams Rd, Bradford	742-4343
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	Larry Belew, 113 Waldunn, Rutherford	665-6149
Salem	Pat Wollam, 402 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford	742-2190
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
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	414-6436

REGISTERED MESSENGERS

Antioch:	Rev. Bill Rice
Avondale:	None Listed
Beech Grove:	None Listed
Bethel-H:	None Listed
Bethel-Y:	Rev. & Mrs. Billy Criswell, Sheilah Spangler
Bethpage:	None Listed
Bradford FBC:	None listed
Calvary-H:	None Lisetd
Calvary-R:	Alan Abbott
Center:	Rev. Joey Gowan, Earl Leeper
Chapel Hill:	None Listed
China Grove:	None Listed
Clear Creek:	Cynthia Roberson
Connect:	Rev. Keith Donaldson, Rev. & Mrs Roger Stacy
Dyer, FBC:	Mr & Mrs Jim Acree, Rachel Duck, Doug Duncan, Alice Ernest, Rev Bob & Gayle Hill, Doris Holt
Eldad:	Bob Howland
Emmanuel-H:	None Listed
Fellowship:	Rev Eddie Holmes
Fruitland:	Shirley Carlton, Rev Andy & Charlene King
Gibson:	Harris Coble, Rev & Mrs Steve Littleton
Hickory Grove:	Rev. Michael McEwen, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Scruggs
Idlewild:	None Listed
Immanuel-T:	Mr. & Mrs Ray Etheridge, Rev & Mrs. Steve Skelton
Keely Mill:	Rev. & Mrs Stephen Fields
Kenton, FBC:	Rev. Shawn Allred, Chante Holder, Mr. & Mrs Edward Marvin
Laneview-K:	None Listed
Laneview-T:	None Listed
Latham's Chapel:	None Listed
Lavinia:	Rev. Stephen Osborne
Maranatha:	None Listed
Medina, FBC:	None Listed
Midway:	None Listed
Milan, FBC:	Judy Cantrell, Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Doyle, Rev. Bill Kisner, Helen Morrison
Mt. Pisgah:	Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Carr, Rev. Steve Hemann, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Sutton
Mt. Pleasant:	Rev. Josh Stone
New Bethlehem:	Rev. John Coleman, Eston Hurst, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Pipkin, Retta Reynolds
New Haven:	None Listed
New Hope:	Rev Bryan Morris
Northern's Chapel:	None Listed
Northside:	Rev, Jake Fry, Rev. Eric McLemore, Rev. Jimmy Sorrell
Oak Grove:	Richard Canada, Billy Rauchle
Oakwood:	Rev. James Rogers
Old Bethlehem:	None Listed
Poplar Grove:	Rev. Joey Hufstedler, Don Polley
Poplar Springs:	Lyndell Hayes, Dottie Walker
Rutherford, FBC	Larry Belew, Rev. & Mrs. Randy Pool
Salem:	Martha Phelan, Rev. Joel Pigg, Mr & Mrs Pat Wollam
Smyrna:	James Brisentine, Rev. Eddie Long, Rev. & Mrs. David Powell
Spring Hill:	Dr. John Adams, Debby Webb
Sugar Creek:	Rev. & Mrs. Steve Babcock, Rev. Kevin Hamilton, Rev. & Mrs. Mike Kemper, Rev. Bob Little, Rev. Greg McFadden
Trenton, FBC:	Dr. Jason Bowen, Mr. & Mrs. Tony Parks
Walnut Grove:	None Listed
West Carroll	None Listed
West Side:	Rev. Robert Cates, Mr. & Mrs. James Prescott,
White Hall:	Keith Allen, Demetra Hickerson, Mr. & Mrs. Rick Tucker

Gibson Baptist Association
Annual Meeting
October 29, 2018
Salem Baptist Church, Trenton

1. Call to Order – the afternoon session was called to order at 3:45 by Bro. David Powell, moderator, pastor, Smyrna.
2. Seating of Messengers – Leann Cherry, GBA clerk, and member FBC Trenton, made the motion which was approved, that the messengers be seated and that the program be approved with any necessary changes.
3. Congregational Hymn – Steven Tate, Salem, led the congregation in the song “His Love Endures Forever”.
4. Invocation/Welcome by Host Church – Joel Pigg, pastor, Salem, welcomed messengers and guests.
5. Wingo Video Testimony – Grace Jewell, member, FBC Dyer gave her testimony about the Dyer, FBC’s Ecuador mission trip.
6. Theme Interpretation – Greg McFadden, pastor, The Church at Sugar Creek in Humboldt, gave his interpretation of the theme “Sowing in Tears...Reaping in Joy”. He read the scripture from Psalm 126:5, and talked about how rural south really knows about sowing and reaping. He also said that we need a heartache for the lost who are not in the family of God.
7. Financial Report – Jim Acree, GBA treasurer, member, FBC Dyer, stated that we began the 2017-18 financial year with \$50,000 and ended with \$ 43,111.54 which is almost \$7,000 less. We did not meet our budget though we did not spend all of our budgeted expenditures. The Financial Reports can be found on pages 30-35.
8. Nominating Committee Report – Barbara Jones, member, Salem, made a motion to approve the nominating committee report with Bro. Randy Beals, pastor of New Haven, replacing Bro. Randy Pate, FBC Milan, on the Seek Team. The Nominating Report can be found on pages 5-6.
9. Budget Presentation – Julie Griggs, chairperson, member, Bethpage informed the messengers that for the 2018-19 Budget cuts had to be made. She extended a plea for churches to increase their giving so that we may meet the proposed budget for 2018-2019. The proposed budget reflects a decrease of 2.61%. This budget can be found on page 38.
10. Congregational Hymn – Steven Tate led the congregation in “Good Good Father” and “I love to Tell the Story”.
11. Theme Interpretation – Eddie Holmes, pastor, Fellowship in Milan, gave his interpretation of the theme. He read Psalm 126:1-6. He stated that the first three verses are a praise. He also said that we must be about sowing and shedding tears.
12. TBMB Representative – Dr. Scott Shepherd, Harvest Field 2 Strategist, member, FBC Paris, showed a video welcome by Randy Davis, executive secretary/treasure of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, who extended an invitation to the Summit. Dr. Shepherd also shared about the Northwest Tennessee Golden Offering receipts and some of the ministries that it supports. He stated that 10% of what GBA churches give to the Golden Offering comes back to the GBA. He also gave Bro. Roger a plaque stating their appreciation for GBA being the highest giving association to the Golden Offering in NorthWest TN. The TBMB reports are found on pages 52-58.

13. Union University Report – Todd Brady, Vice President for University Ministry, spoke about being good stewards of what God has given to us. He stated that Union strives to give students a Christ centered education. Union’s report can be found on page 56.
14. Election of Officers – David Powell, moderator, opened the floor for nominations for GBA 2018-19 officers. Steve Osborne, pastor, Lavinia, made a motion that Billy Criswell, pastor, Bethel-Yorkville, be nominated and elected for the position of moderator. Andy King, interim pastor, Fruitland, seconded the motion. The motion carried. Bryan Morris, pastor, New Hope, made a motion that Steve Littleton, pastor, Gibson, be nominated and elected for the position of assistant moderator. Eston Hurst, New Bethlehem, seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Detria Powell, member, Smyrna, made a motion that Leann Cherry be nominated and elected for the clerk position. Jason Bowen, pastor, FBC Trenton, seconded the motion. The motion carried. Steve Littleton, pastor, Gibson, made a motion that Jim Acree, member of Dyer FBC, be nominated and elected as treasurer. Tommy Doyle, member, FBC Milan, seconded the motion. The motion carried. James Prescott, member, West Side in Trenton, made the motion that Joel Pigg, pastor, Salem, be nominated and elected as the assistant treasurer. Keith Donaldson pastor, Connect Church, seconded the motion. The motion carried.
15. Introduction of Speaker – Billy Criswell, assistant moderator, pastor, Bethel-Y, introduced Bro. David Powell, moderator.
16. Congregational Hymn – Steve Tate led the congregation in the hymn “Jesus Messiah, Lord of All”.
17. Special Music – Wendy Tate, member, Salem sang “He’s Been Faithful”.
18. Moderator’s Message – David Powell, moderator, read the scripture Luke 15:11-18 and Ephesians 4:11-16. He spoke of the prodigal son. He also said that in today’s world there is no objective truth. If you say something is true then it’s true. He also expressed concern that our children are being cheated out of their inheritance. He said we must stress that God never changes.
19. Wingo Video Testimony – Rebecca Neely, member, FBC Kenton shared about her mission trip to Romania.
20. Wingo Offering – Wendy Tate played “In Jesus Name” for offertory, and Joel Pigg prayed for the offering.
21. Memorial recognition – Jason Bowen, pastor, FBC Trenton, read the 2017-18 memorials. These are found on pages 26-27.
22. Benediction and Meal Blessing – Jason Bowen offered the benediction and blessing of the food.

Evening Session

23. Call to order – David Powell, moderator, called the evening session to order at 6:30.
24. Invocation – Steve Skelton, pastor, Immanuel, Trenton, gave the invocation.
25. Welcome – Joel Pigg, pastor, Salem, welcomed everyone to the 95th GBA annual meeting.
26. Congregation Singing – Clark Perkins, minister of music, Salem, led the congregation in the hymns “Sweet Sweet Spirit”, “Standing on Holy Ground”, and “Old Church Choir”.

27. Theme Interpretation – Steve Osborne, pastor, Lavinia, gave his interpretation of the theme. He preached on bringing in the sheaves. He said that we must take the church outside the walls.
28. Credential Committee Report – On behalf of the Credentials Committee, David Powell informed those present that The Rock Church had sent a letter wishing to withdraw from seeking membership in the GBA.
29. Wingo Video Testimony – Shawn Allred, pastor, FBC Kenton shared about his mission trip to India.
30. Time, Place, Resolution Report – Keith Donaldson, pastor, Connect, presented the report by saying that the next annual meeting will be October 28, 2019 at New Hope Baptist Church in Dyer. He also presented the following Resolutions.

RESOLUTIONS OF GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 2018

RESOLUTION I EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO SALEM BAPTIST CHURCH

WHEREAS, the Messengers of the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association are enjoying a time of worship, encouragement, and fellowship in the Lord Jesus Christ; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge the kind hospitality of the people of Salem Baptist Church for opening their facilities for our annual meeting; and

WHEREAS, We further acknowledge Pastor Joel Pigg and the ministerial staff of Salem Baptist Church along with the many Salem church volunteers who have worked so diligently to make our meeting a success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the messengers of the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association express our profound gratitude and appreciation to the Lord for the people of Salem Baptist Church for opening their doors and welcoming us for the purpose of conducting our annual meeting characterized by prayer, grace, evangelism, worship, encouragement, unity, and purpose.

RESOLUTION II EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS DR. ROGER STACY

WHEREAS, Dr. Roger Stacy continues to serve the Churches of the Gibson Baptist Association faithfully as Director of Missions; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his ministry Dr. Stacy has labored to sustain, nurture, and safeguard the many Pastors, ministerial staff, and churches of his Gibson Baptist mission field; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stacy approaches his ministry with a clear devotion to strengthening the local church, the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the messengers of the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association express our profound gratitude and appreciation for his dedicated service to our association, and wish to extend our prayers and support for his continued ministry.

**RESOLUTION III
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE
GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MINISTRY SPECIALIST
MRS. DIANNE KLUTTS**

WHEREAS, Mrs. Dianne Klutts continues to serve the Churches of the Gibson Baptist Association and the Director of Missions faithfully as Ministry Specialist; and

WHEREAS, We acknowledge that we are fortunate to have a such dedicated staff member of the Gibson Baptist Association who is committed to excellence in all that she does; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Klutts tirelessly exemplifies and models a Christ-like attitude and approach to many her duties even when faced with obstacles from without and within;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the messengers of the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association express our profound gratitude and appreciation for her dedicated service to our association, and wish to extend our prayers and support for her continued ministry.

**RESOLUTION IV
EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR THE
TENNESSEE BAPTIST MISSION BOARD
PRAY4TN**

WHEREAS, The Bible tells us that the prayer of a righteous person is very powerful in its effect (James 5:16); and

WHEREAS, the Bible further tells us that if the people of God will humble themselves and pray and seek His face, then He will hear from heaven and forgive their sin and heal their land (2 Chronicles 7:14); and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board has partnered with Bless Every Home, a ministry service of Mapping Center for Evangelism and Church Growth, to provide an aid for Tennesseans to identify and more effectively pray for their neighbors; and

WHEREAS, the program created by the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board to accomplish this task has been identifies as Pray4TN; and

WHEREAS, Pray4TN is a movement across Tennessee to pray for every household in TN by setting up “Lights” and “Prayer Outposts” throughout the State;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the messengers of the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association hereby encourages every church to sign up as a prayer outpost, and every individual/family of the Association sign up as a point of light praying for your neighbors daily by visiting <https://www.tnbaptist.org/pray4tn/>.

**RESOLUTION V
RE-AFFIRMING THE TENNESSEE BAPTIST MISSION BOARD
ONE VISION, FIVE OBJECTIVES**

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Baptist Convention recognized that as an organization of churches we are not keeping pace with the need to saturate our State and the world with the Gospel, while also seeing a decline in church membership, attendance, decisions for Christ, and baptisms; and

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Baptist Convention while meeting at the annual Summit meeting at Brentwood Baptist Church in November 2014 adopted a vision statement with five objectives to evangelize the lost of our State as well as strengthen our existing churches; and

WHEREAS, The Tennessee Baptist Convention embraced and affirmed these five objectives as performance measures to achieving the ultimate goal stated within the one vision to unify our efforts as a cooperative people for the next ten years until the year 2024; and

WHEREAS, OBJECTIVE 1 is seeing at least 50,000 Tennesseans annually saved, baptized and set on the road to discipleship by 2024; and

WHEREAS, OBJECTIVE 2 is having at least 500 Tennessee Baptist churches revitalized by 2024; and

WHEREAS, OBJECTIVE 3 is planting and strategically engaging at least 1,000 new church by 2024; and

WHEREAS, OBJECTIVE 4 is realizing an increase in annual local church giving through the Cooperative Program that reaches at least 10 percent by 2024; and

WHEREAS, OBJECTIVE 5 is realizing an increase in annual giving for the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions that reaches at least \$3 million by 2024;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the messengers of the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association hereby re-affirm the five objectives of the Tennessee Baptist Convention and encourages every church in our Association to actively promote and equip their membership to enable our convention to reach these five objectives by the year 2024.

**RESOLUTION VI
COMMEMORATING THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF
REV. BILLY GRAHAM**

WHEREAS, the life and ministry of Billy Graham is a testament of God’s promise to His church to raise up evangelists for the sake of proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ to every tribe, people, and language (Ephesians 4:11; Revelation 7:9); and

WHEREAS, In his lifetime, Billy Graham traveled to 185 countries proclaiming the gospel to an estimated 215 million people; and

WHEREAS, Billy Graham’s relationship to the Southern Baptist Convention was one of affection, cooperation, and church membership; and

WHEREAS, Billy Graham, often called “America’s Pastor,” exuded a Christlike witness in American culture that spanned seven decades and ministered to countless governmental and world leaders; and

WHEREAS, Billy Graham’s life modeled integrity, modesty, lifelong fidelity to one’s spouse, and humility despite worldwide acclaim; and

WHEREAS, The messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Dallas, TX June 12-13, 2018 passed this resolution commemorating the life and ministry of Billy Graham;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the messengers of the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association also wish to express our grief at the passing of Billy Graham on February 21,

2108, while also wishing to celebrate, honor, and commemorate his life and ministry as a beloved Southern Baptist who traveled the world sharing the good news of Jesus Christ.

**RESOLUTION VII
PROCLAIMING THE IMPORTANCE OF THE
GOLDEN OFFERING FOR TENNESSEE MISSIONS**

WHEREAS, the Golden Offering for Tennessee missions is an annual state missions offering that provides invaluable financial support for ministries that help reach Tennesseans for Christ; and

WHEREAS, The offering is named after W.C. & Mildred Golden, who suggested the week of prayer for state missions and a state missions offering in 1902; and

WHEREAS, Tennessee Baptists contributing through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions provide support for Tennessee ministries helping to sustain state ministries not funded through the Cooperative Program; and

WHEREAS, the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions is meeting the human needs through Compassion Ministries, such as Disaster Relief, the Baptist Collegiate Ministry, and so much more; and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board has designated that ten percent of the overall Golden Offering for Tennessee Mission be returned to the local Baptist Association to help fund and further the goals and objectives of the state convention;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the messengers of the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association hereby proclaim the importance of the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions, and ask that each member church include this week of prayer and offering emphasis into the framework of their church planning calendar each year.

**RESOLUTION VIII
SUPPORTING THE PASSAGE OF
HUMAN TRAFFICKING LAWS BY TENNESSEE LAWMAKERS**

WHEREAS, The Bible affirms that God is the author of human life and human life is sacred and worthy of protection (Genesis 9:5-6; Psalm 139:13-16); and

WHEREAS, God has created every person – male and female – in His own image and with equal value and dignity (Genesis 1:26-27); and

WHEREAS, God abhors violence against the weak and defenseless and calls His people to defend the hurt and oppressed (Psalm 82:4), to stand for justice (Psalm 82:3; Proverbs 31:8-9), and to deliver victims of abuse from the hazards of their oppressors (Proverbs 6:17; 24:10-12); and

WHEREAS, God ordains civil government as His servant to us for good (Romans 13:4); and

WHEREAS, the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation has defined Human Trafficking as modern-day slavery that includes the exploitation of people against their will, for profit while only allowing victims little or no pay; and

WHEREAS, Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminalized industry in the world with estimated profits around \$35 billion; and

WHEREAS, there have been documented cases of human trafficking in 85% of Tennessee counties; and

WHEREAS, There exists several federal and state laws concerning Human Trafficking;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the messengers of the 2018 Annual Meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association express our profound desire to eradicate human trafficking in all of its forms and urge Tennessee lawmakers to pass meaningful legislation to strengthen and stiffen penalties for engaging in the victimization of people through any form of human trafficking.

Keith Donaldson recommended the adoption of the Time, Place, Resolutions Report. Motion passed with no opposition.

31. Send Team Report – Andy King, interim pastor, Fruitland, gave the report. He said that the Send Team recommends the 2018-2019 Wingo Goal be \$ 22,500, and the Wingo offering for 2017-18 be distributed as 75% to the IMB, 20% to NAMB, TBC, and GBA and the last 5% to Disaster Relief. Andy King made the motion to accept the recommendation from the Send Team. The motion recommended was approved without opposition. The Wingo Offering Reports can be found on pages 33-37.
32. WMU Report – Sheilah Spangler, WMU Director, member, Bethel-Yorkville, said there are 3 aspects of missions, which are: learning about missionaries, mission support by giving and praying and going on mission trips. The WMU Report can be found on pages 42-43.
33. Seek Team – Steve Littleton, pastor, Gibson, mentioned seeing 50,000 saved annually in Tennessee, the website pray4tn.com and praying for a countywide revival. The Seek team report can be found on pages 44-45.
34. Strengthen Team Report – David Powell, moderator, said this report contains items about Christian Women’s Job Corp., Birth Choice, Men’s Ministry, Block Party Wagon, Youth Report, Deacon’s Report and Pastor’s Conference. They can be found on pages 45-51.
35. Congregational Singing – Clark Perkins, Salem, led the congregation in the hymns “How Great is Our God’ and “How Great Thou Art”.
36. Budget Discussion/Adoption – Julie Griggs, chairperson, member, Bethpage, asked everyone to see the comparison of the 2017-18 budget with the new 2018-19 budget. The new budget has a 2.61% decrease. Cuts were made to ministries. The budget committee recommended the approval of the budget of \$197,591 for next year. The budget was accepted.
37. Director of Missions Report – Roger Stacy, DOM, member, Connect, gave his report. He said that the Minute Books for 2018 would be dedicated to Rev. Max Walker, Rev. Jerry Smith, and Dr. John Adams. He also talked about all of the things the GBA accomplished this year.
38. Worship and Celebration – Salem Choir sang a medley of “By and By”, “When the Saints Go Marching In”, and “I’ll Fly Away”. The second song was “Ten Thousand Reasons”.
39. Missionary/Evangelism Message – Dr. David Evans, TBMB evangelism specialist, was the guest speaker. He said in his message that we cannot unhitch from the Old Testament. We understand the doctrine included in it. He told the messengers they had to take the gospel to places on their hearts. We need an obsession with Jesus in all our thoughts. He also said we were to be the feet who bear the good news to others.
40. Wingo Video Testimony – Jake Fry, music director, Northside, talked about his mission trip to Brazil.
41. Introduction of new pastors—Bro. Roger asked all new pastors to GBA to stand and be recognized.

42. The Wingo Offering was again taken up and the total offering for the Annual Meeting was \$ 1,354.00 which brought the total offering for 2017-18 to \$ 19,467.12. Clark Perkins led the congregation hymn.
43. Presentation of GBA Officers—Bro. Roger asked the new officers to come forward to be recognized and remain after the benediction for a photo. He presented Bro. David Powell a moderator plaque for serving 2017-18 as GBA moderator.
44. Benediction – Bryan Morris, pastor, New Hope 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 95th 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 29, 2018.

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, 2017.

New Pastors

Calvary-R	Sammy Dowland
Connect	Keith Donaldson
Dyer, FBC	(I) Mike Kemper
Hickory Grove	Michael McEwen
New Hope	Bryan Morris
Rutherford, FBC	(I) Randy Pool
Smyrna	David Powell
Spring Hill	Andy Mayfield
West Side	(I) Robert Cates
White Hall	(I) Darryl Marcle

**Other Ordained Ministers
(Not Staff Members)**

Antioch

Rev. Bill Rice - 499-0608

Bradford, FBC

Dr. Kelvin Moore

Chapel Hill

Rev. Tony Cash
Rev. Web Drake
Rev. Keith Quinn

Connect

Rev. Roger Stacy - 855-1202

Dyer, FBC

Rev. Daymond Duck
Rev. Jason Griggs
Rev. Bob Hill
Rev. Stephen Powell

Hickory Grove

Rev. Mike Sanders

Keely Mill

Rev. John Fields - 414-4566

New Bethlehem

Rev. Stacy Goodwin

New Hope

Rev. Terry Owens

Northside

Rev. Jimmy Sorrell, Retired - 855-0135

Smyrna

Rev. James Brown, Retired

Church of Sugar Creek

Dr. Bob Agee, Retired - 695-9530
Rev. Bob Benedict - 618-1595
Rev. Orvind Dangeau - Retired
Rev. Curtis Dennison, Retired
Rev. Mark Jenkins - 784-37323
Rev. Bob Little - Former IMB

Trenton, FBC

Dr. Jerry Tidwell

MEMORIAL REPORT

ANTIOCH

Mrs. Margie Graves
Mrs. Lynn Luckey

AVONDALE

None Listed

BEECH GROVE

Mr. Robert Morgan
Mr. George Palmer

BETHEL-HUMBOLDT

None Listed

BETHEL-YORKVILLE

Mr. Louie Funderburk ****
Mrs. Margaret Tosh

BETHPAGE

Mrs. Peggy Perryman

BRADFORD, FIRST

Mr. Charles Galey
Ms. Elsie Griggin
Mr. Joe David Richardson
Ms. Elizabeth Singleton

CALVARY-HUMBOLDT

Mr. Bryan Denton
Ms. Carolyn James
Mr. John Lanier

CALVARY-RUTHERFORD

Rev. Jerry Smith *

CENTER

None Listed

CHAPEL HILL

Mrs. Nancy Jones
Mrs. Shirley Summers ***
Mrs. Betty Thomas
Mr. Larry Wallace

CHINA GROVE

None Listed

CLEAR CREEK

Ms. Nina Davidson

CONNECT

None Listed

DYER, FIRST

Mr. Wayne King
Ms. Jan Taylor

ELDAD

None Listed

EMMANUEL

Mr. Mitchel Ambrose
Ms. Ruby Cole
Ms. Pauline Inman
Mr. Ray Robison

FELLOWSHIP

Mr. Bardie Ray Depriest
Mr. Raymond Graves
Rev. Ed Marbury **
Ms. Pearl York

FRUITLAND

Mr. Harold Deloach ****

GIBSON

Mrs. Linda Parker
Rev. Max Walker **

HICKORY GROVE

Mrs. Florence Ketelson
Mr. James Williams

IDLEWILD

Mrs. Marie Hopper

IMMANUEL-TRENTON

Mrs. Betty Buchanna

KEELY MILL

None Listed

KENTON, FIRST

Mrs. Marie Boucher
Mr. Howard Taylor
Mr. B J. Tilghman

LANEVIEW-KENTON

None Listed

LANEVIEW-TRENTON

Mr. David Goad

LATHAM'S CHAPEL

Mrs. Jennier Goslee McClure
Mr. Gaylon Meals

LAVINIA

Mr. Clyde Replogle
Mrs. Mattie Sue Smith
Mrs. Mary Nell Trimmer

MARANATHA

None Listed

MEDINA, FIRST

Mr. Larry Bishop
Ms. Jean Cotton
Ms. Lisa Garey
Mr. Wayne Pillow

MIDWAY

None Listed

MILAN, FIRST

Mrs. Betty Allred
 Mr. Billy Appleton
 Mrs. Dorothy Appleton
 Mrs. Sue Gosney
 Mrs. Brooksie O'Guin
 Mrs. Margaret Rawls
 Mrs. Juanita Taylor

MT. PISGAH

Miss Alyssa Anguiano
 Miss Dakota Crocker
 Mr. Roger Crocker
 Mrs. Mollie Williams

MT. PLEASANT

Mr. Albert Holmes ****

NEW BETHLEHEM

Mrs. Fanchon Barron
 Mr. Justin Coffman
 Mrs. Marion Flowers
 Mr. James Hayes
 Mr. Claude Huff
 Mr. Billy Williamson

NEW HAVEN

Mr. Robert Rainey

NEW HOPE

Nones Listed

NORTHERN'S CHAPEL

None Listed

NORTHSIDE

Mr. Steve Butler
 Ms. Virginia Butler
 Mr. Billy Hart
 Mr. Frank Inmon

OAK GROVE

None Listed

OAKWOOD

None Listed

OLD BETHLEHEM

Mrs. Frances King
 Mrs. Evelyn Porter

POPLAR GROVE

None Listed

POPLAR SPRINGS

Mr. Thomas Barnes
 Ms. Paterica Bullington
 Ms. Doris Rhodes

RUTHERFORD, FIRST

Mr. George Boucher ****
 Mrs. Debbie Goad
 Mrs. Bernice Witherington

SALEM

Mrs. Dorothy Fairless
 Mrs. Susan Featherson
 Mrs. Kathy Hickerson
 Mr. Tim Pierce
 Mrs. Joyce Shankle

SMYRNA

Miss Fay Mayfield
 Mr. Levi Soltes

SPRING HILL

Mrs. Peggy Jo Guill
 Mr. Sonny Taylor

SUGAR CREEK

Ms. Betty Bass
 Ms. Edwina Brasfield
 Mr. Perry Carter
 Mrs. Geraldine Dameron
 Mr. James (Jim) Davis
 Mrs. Barbara Fraley
 Ms. Bernice Freeman
 Ms. Catherine Ann Gibson
 Mr. Gary Greenup
 Ms. Louise McCaslin
 Mr. Paul Morrison
 Mr. Herschel Raines
 Mrs. Mary Ramsey
 Mr. Joshua Kane Scott
 Mrs. Martha Sellars
 Mr. Sammie (Sam) J Cole
 Mr. J.E. Sowell
 Mr. George Kyle

TRENTON, FIRST

Mrs. Kathleen L Claybrook
 Mr. Robert Hartfield ****
 Mr. Max Jones

WALNUT GROVE

None Listed

WEST CARROLL UNITY

None Listed

WEST SIDE

None Listed

WHITE HALL

Mrs. Lucille Barber
 Mr. Randy Cole

* Minister

** Retired Pastor

*** Retired Pastor's Wife

**** Deacon

***** Charter Member

*****Retired Pastor's Widow

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board of the Gibson Baptist Association is composed of one elected representative from each church and the pastor of the church. The Constitution and Bylaws require the board to meet quarterly. The Executive Board has as its purpose to conduct the business of the association between annual meetings.

January Executive Board Meeting highlights:

At the January meeting, twenty-nine (29) Executive Board members representing twenty-three (23) churches were present. Special guest, Lewis McMullen, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board Report, and Church Planting Strategist, shared with the board about an interest free loan made available for new church plants. He shared how TBMB has helped with the re-plant of Connect Baptist Church of Milan. Bro Roger Stacy, DOM, shared about his trip to the Holy Land in January with Union University. The board voted to be a co-sponsor to refinance a loan for Connect with the Tennessee Baptist Foundation. Bro Mike Sanders promoted the Evangelism Rally on April 7 at Union University. He also shared he is organizing buses to help people attend Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, Texas in June. Bob Moore promoted the GBA men's ministry event at FBC Trenton in March with special guest speaker, H.K. Derryberry.

April Executive Board Meeting highlights:

There were twenty-one (21) members at Executive Board April meeting, representing sixteen (16) churches. Jim Acree, treasurer, reported that at end of February we were behind \$6,000 in our budget. Bro. Roger Stacy, DOM, shared about the first GBA bi-vocational retreat held in February at Linden Valley Conference Center with 30 pastors and wives in attendance. He announced a trip to Israel in 2019. He recently attended the Renovate Boot Camp at Linden Valley. Sheilah Spangler, GBA WMU Director, promoted the National Day of Prayer in May with Sheriff Paul Thomas as the speaker. Bro. Mike Sanders, Seek Team Leader, promoted the upcoming GBA Evangelism Prayer Rally with Dr. Greg Frizzell. Doug Duncan, Send Team member, recommended changes to the Wingo guidelines to increase scholarship amounts for volunteers. Dr. Chris Alexander, Strengthen Team Leader, reported there were twenty-four participants in the Bible Drills.

July Executive Board Meeting highlights:

At the July Executive Board meeting twenty-four (24) members representing seventeen (17) churches were in attendance. Jim Acree, treasurer, shared that the association was about \$10,000 behind in receipts, and the balance was down \$6,000 from where we started in October of this year. Bro. Roger Stacy, DOM, shared about the clean up after the storm at the association office, and thanked the pastors and lay people who came to help. He also shared that the Southern Baptist Association had suggested a title change from Director of Missions (DOM) to Association Mission Strategist (AMS). The Association sponsored a Youth night at the Gibson County Fair this year. This was a platform for us to share the gospel with the youth. A praise band and special speaker presented the gospel. Bro. Roger also said due to a new law and regulations, plus the cost in fees, the Tennessee Baptist Convention recommended that associations no longer use bouncy houses on their block party wagons. The Board approved two items: Due to a shortage of funds for lawn care, funds were approved for transfer from Contingency Reserve. The other item approved was a change of date and location of the annual meeting from October 22 to October 29. The new location will be Salem Baptist Church. Christy Skelton, CWJC director, informed the board that Twice Blessed thrift store had moved to the Carol's Antique Mall building. Juliana Wilson, TN WMU specialist, was a guest speaker and shared about the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. She stated that 100% of the Golden Offering stays in the state of Tennessee. She also informed the board that GBA receives 10% of what is given to the offering back to our association to use for local missions. Bro. Andy King, Send Team leader, gave the Send Team Report. He informed the board that some of the Golden Offering funds were used to help with Connect Church this year and will be used again this year as the work continues to develop and grow.

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT (ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY)

I want to begin my report by thanking this association for allowing me to serve you these eleven and a half years (11 ½). I also want to thank Dianne Klutts for her dedicated service and help as our ministry specialist.

I cannot begin to describe the experience of walking where Jesus walked. About twenty-five Directors of Missions were provided a free trip to Israel thanks to Union University and the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

Thanks to the provisions in the budget through the Strengthen Team, some eight couples participated in the Tennessee Baptist Bivocational Minister and Wives Retreat in Pigeon Forge. Through the ministry plan of the Strengthen Team, funds were provided to scholarship six pastors. We held our first GBA Bivocational Pastors and Wives Retreat the weekend of February 16-17. Bro. Danny Sinquefield and his wife Rhonda led the retreat at Linden Valley.

In April, I attended the Renovate Boot Camp for church revitalization. The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board sponsored the training. Dr. Tom Cheyney, founder of Renovate National Church Revitalization from Orlando, Florida, led the training.

I participated in the planning for our Evangelism Prayer Conference with Dr. Greg Frizzell in April. Two sessions were held over the weekend with Dyer FBC and Milan FBC hosting these two events.

In May, I participated in the National Day of Prayer held at the Yorkville Community Center. Sheriff Paul Thomas was the keynote speaker.

In June, I attended the Southern Baptist Convention in Dallas, Texas. At that meeting, a study committee recommended to the Southern Baptist Conference of Associational Leaders (DOMs) a change of name for Directors of Missions. The organization unanimously adopted "Associational Mission Strategist" (AMS). This decision is not binding on any association, as we are an autonomous body and not dictated by any group or entity.

In August, we held our first Youth Night at the Gibson County Fair. The Fair reached out to us and asked if we would provide a program to our youth. I also attended the Senior Adult gatherings in the spring and in the summer this year.

In September, White Hall hosted the GBA annual Deacons' Meetin' with the focus on bringing pastors, staff, deacons and their wives together for fellowship and a challenging message.

I have continued to work with the Seek Team and Strengthen Team to help with the re-start and re-planting of Connect Church in Milan. This has been a great associational effort to revitalize this work. The church now has a pastor, Bro. Keith Donaldson, and is growing. A number of churches have committed to participate financially, either monthly, quarterly or yearly to help get this work up and going. Golden Offering funds designated for missions and evangelism have helped to support the work as well. I want to strongly encourage every church to give to the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. Every association receives ten percent (10%) back from the total amount given by that association.

We continue to send mission teams to work in our sister association in Ohio with the West Central Baptist Association. The need remains great to help this association reach the lost and plant churches. Through the Wingo funds, this year we have send mission teams to Romania, Ecuador, Brazil, India and other places in the world.

FINANCIAL REPORTS
September 2018
General Fund Summary

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2017	\$ 50,000.00
Receipts: Budget - \$ 193,471.09 Non-Budget (Designated) - \$ 27,454.77	\$ <u>220,925.86</u>
Total Available for the General Fund By September 30, 2018	\$ 270,925.86
Expenditures:	\$ <u>227,814.32</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2018	\$ 43,111.54

Receipts

Church	Gifts	Church	Gifts
Antioch	\$ 8,669.26	Midway	1,890.71
Avondale00	Milan, FBC	7,000.00
Beech Grove	2,921.31	Mt. Pisgah	2,236.32
Bethel-Humboldt00	Mt. Pleasant	13,492.72
Bethel-Yorkville	3,614.00	New Bethlehem	4,922.61
Bethpage	579.94	New Haven	1,300.00
Bradford, FBC	3,480.00	New Hope	3,169.76
Calvary-Humboldt	426.62	Northern's Chapel	300.00
Calvary-Rutherford	974.47	Northside	1,766.38
Center	650.00	Oak Grove	1,150.98
Chapel Hill	21,119.39	Oakwood	545.61
China Grove	320.32	Old Bethlehem	240.00
Clear Creek00	Poplar Grove	2,128.47
Connect	992.09	Poplar Springs	142.51
Dyer, FBC	5,317.95	Rutherford, FBC	1,511.48
Eldad	2,769.78	Salem	3,752.00
Emmanuel-Humboldt	2,928.07	Smyrna	1,166.79
Fellowship	2,934.62	Spring Hill	1,023.00
Fruitland	783.24	SugarCreek	13,805.40
Gibson	1,940.00	The Rock	2,467.51
Hickory Grove	1,300.00	Trenton, FBC	8,125.00
Idlewild	1,380.88	Walnut Grove	1,000.00
Immanuel-Trenton	741.00	West Carroll	559.38
Keely Mill	497.63	West Side	141.00
Kenton, FBC	23,747.26	White Hall	<u>5,359.45</u>
Laneview-Kenton	1,300.00	Total Income from Churches	\$ 182,007.15
Laneview-Trenton	744.44	Interest	3.90
Latham's Chapel	1,800.00	TBC	11,460.04
Lavinia	5,081.00	Designated Receipts	<u>27,454.77</u>
Maranatha	2,197.00	Total Receipts	\$ 220,925.86
Medina, FBC	3,600.00		

Year To Date Expenditures
October 1, 2017 through September 30, 2018

Ministry Item	Budget	Expenses	Designated	Balance
101 - Project Ministries	\$ 400.00	\$ 75.00	\$.00	\$ 325.00
102 - Men's Ministries	4,000.00	3,866.79	.00	133.21
103 - Senior Adult Ministries	1,500.00	1,448.29	.00	51.71
104 - Youth Ministries	5,400.00	400.00	.00	5,000.00
110- Continuing Education	400.00	.00	.00	400.00
112 - Bi-Vocational Pastors	1,350.00	1,350.00	.00	.00
113 - Deacon's Ministry	1,500.00	1,325.00	.00	175.00
114 - Pastor's Conference	1,000.00	1,000.00	.00	.00
120 - Softball	50.00	50.00	.00	.00
125 - Counseling	1,000.00	.00	.00	1,000.00
201 - Volunteer Missions Banquet	300.00	117.36	.00	182.64
202 - Baptist Collegiate Ministry	3,000.00	2,989.86	.00	10.14
203 - Mississippi River Ministry	2,000.00	2,000.00	.00	.00
204 - WMU	2,000.00	1,911.43	.00	88.57
301 - Vacation Bible School	500.00	565.17	.00	(65.17)
302 - Evangelism	1,600.00	1,600.00	.00	.00
501 - Salary (DOM)	35,340.00	35,340.00	.00	.00
502 - Housing Allowance (DOM)	27,676.00	27,676.00	.00	.00
504 - Convention, Conferences (DOM)	2,000.00	2,000.00	.00	.00
505 - Mileage/Ministry Reimbursement	7,200.00	7,199.85	.00	.15
506 - Life Insurance (DOM)	4,092.00	4,091.28	.00	.72
507 - Retirement (DOM)	16,930.00	16,929.96	.00	.04
508 - Professional Expense (DOM)	6,000.00	6,000.00	.00	.00
515 - Associational Ministry Specialist	28,394.00	26,983.57	.00	1,410.43
516 - Social Security (Ministry Specialist)	2,172.00	2,058.54	.00	113.46
517 - Insurance (Ministry Specialist)	176.00	175.20	.00	.80
518 - Retirement (Ministry Specialist)	2,281.00	2,280.96	.00	.04
525 - Part Time Ministry Assistant	2,705.00	3,893.00	.00	(1,188.00)
530 - Staff Christmas Gifts	1,410.00	1,410.00	.00	.00
702 - Office Utilities	8,000.00	7,980.57	.00	19.43
705 - Printing, Office Supplies, Postage	7,200.00	6,988.96	.00	211.04
706 - Book of Reports, Minutes, Clerk	1,000.00	559.70	.00	440.30
710 - Maintenance of Office Copier	1,000.00	999.53	.00	.47
711 - Office Equipment (Office Copier)	10,164.00	10,180.06	.00	(16.06)
715 - Insurance: Building/Workers Comp	4,369.00	4,743.75	.00	(374.75)
716 - Building Maintenance	1,000.00	452.74	.00	547.26
717 - Kitchen & Janitorial Supplies	500.00	324.05	.00	175.95
720A-Custodial Service	2,860.00	2,860.00	.00	.00
720B- Lawn Service	2,970.00	2,970.00	.00	.00
725 - Audit	950.00	950.00	.00	.00
730 - Miscellaneous	500.00	488.00	.00	12.00
Total: Budgeted Receipts/Expenditures \$	202,889.00	194,234.62		8,654.38
801 - Explanation of Designated Funds \$	18,240.34	33,579.70	27,454.77	12,115.41
Total Expenditures: September 2018		227,814.32		

EXPLANATION OF DESIGNATED FUNDS

OCTOBER 1, 2017 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2018

Designated Account	Beginning Balance Oct 1, 2017	Receipts	Expenses	Ending Balance Sept 30, 2018
Birth Choice Property	\$ 280.00	\$.00	\$ 280.00	\$.00
Connect Church Gifts	.00	5,900.00	5,900.00	.00
Disaster Relief Gifts	.00	2,940.05	2,940.05	.00
Evangelical Events	2,473.49	.00	445.60	2,027.89
Lawn Work	.00	1,800.00	1,800.00	.00
Men/Boys Events	1,171.05	.00	.00	1,171.05
Office Equipment	9,856.48	.00	7,266.26	2,590.22
Pastors' Fund	62.00	120.00	140.00	42.00
Reimbursed Misc Expense	1,127.04	4,165.61	3,674.23	1,618.42
Seminary Extension	1,296.43	1,000.00	.00	2,296.43
Senior Adult Events	.00	3,700.50	3,700.50	.00
Softball	1,334.33	1,965.00	1,375.00	1,924.33
Wingo/Special Funds	.00	4,518.98	4,518.98	.00
WMU Events	639.52	1,344.63	1,539.08	445.07
TOTAL:	\$ 18,240.34	\$ 27,454.77	\$ 33,579.70	\$ 12,115.41

SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNT SUMMARY

October 1, 2017 - September 30, 2018

Wingo Receipts

Beech Grove	\$ 400.00	Medina, FBC	\$ 104.00
Bethel-Yorkville	1,205.00	Milan, FBC	50.00
Bethpage	375.00	Mt. Pleasant	1,000.00
Calvary -H	426.62	New Hope	2,380.55
Calvary-R	200.00	Northside	300.00
Connect	250.00	Salem	1,099.96
Dyer, FBC	1,607.00	Smyrna	300.00
Eldad	500.00	Sugar Creek	1,880.70
Emmanuel	320.00	Trenton, FBC	100.00
Immanuel	200.00	Gifts/Memorials	1,002.00
Kenton, FBC	1,500.00	Annual Meeting Offering	1,315.00
Lavinia	1,016.00	Interest	<u>281.29</u>
Maranatha	300.00		
Total Wingo Receipts as of September 30, 2018			\$ 18,113.12
Annual Meeting Receipts for October 2018			\$ 1,354.00

Memorial Gifts: Rev. Jerry Legg, Rev. Ed Marbury, Rev. Kenneth Sparkman

WINGO FUNDS

International Mission Partnership

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2017.....	\$ 47,293.80
Expenditures.....	<u>18,500.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2018.....	\$ 28,793.80

Disaster Relief

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2017.....	\$ 10,387.82
Expenditures.....	<u>.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2018.....	\$ 10,387.82

North American TBC/GBA Partnerships

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2017.....	\$ 26,106.34
Expenditures.....	<u>.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2018.....	\$ 26,106.34

Total available for Wingo Funds: \$ 84,755.08

OTHER FUNDS

Bertie Thompson Scholarship Fund

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2017.....	\$ 2,297.48
Receipts (Interest).....	366.23
Expenditures.....	<u>250.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2018.....	\$ 2,413.71

Bi-Vocational Retreat

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2017.....	\$ 1,500.00
Expenditures.....	<u>1,500.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2018.....	\$.00

Block Party Wagon

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2017.....	\$	4,701.38
Receipts		50.00
Expenditures.....		<u>418.90</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2018.....	\$	4,332.48

Brazil Mission Trip/Projects

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2017.....	\$	5,328.76
Receipts		64,873.97
Expenditures		<u>69,113.51</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2018.....	\$	1,089.22

Disaster Relief Trailer

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2017.....	\$	11,142.54
Expenditures.....		<u>.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2018.....	\$	11,142.54

GOTM/GBA

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2017.....	\$	7,745.19
Receipts		5,255.99
Expenditures.....		<u>2,808.63</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2018.....	\$	10,192.55

Hispanic Ministry

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2017.....	\$	2,176.17
Receipts		<u>.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2018.....	\$	2,176.17

Romania Mission Trips

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2017.....	\$	4,331.60
Receipts Designated		28,834.49
Expenditures.....		<u>14,164.69</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2018.....	\$	19,001.40

Total available for Other Funds: \$ 50,348.07

Total Special Funds Checking Account Balance as of September 30, 2018: \$ 135,103.15

CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2017.....	\$	10,842.18
Receipts (Interest).....		14.99
Expenditures		<u>1,800.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2018.....	\$	9,057.17

Total Available for Contingency Reserve: \$ 9,057.17

EXPLANATION OF THE USE OF WINGO FUNDS IN 2017-2018

The following are churches who contributed to the Wingo Fund and also the churches who went on Mission Trips and used Wingo Funds.

CHURCH	GAVE TO WINGO	REC'D IMB WINGO	REC'D NAMB WING
Beech Grove	\$ 400.00	\$ 400.00	\$.00
Bethel-Y	1,205.00	.00	.00
Bethpage	375.00	.00	.00
Calvary- H	426.62	.00	.00
Calvary - R	200.00	.00	.00
Chapel Hill	.00	1,400.00	.00
Connect	250.00	900.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	1,607.00	2,300.00	.00
Eldad	500.00	.00	.00
Emmanuel	320.00	.00	.00
Immanuel	200.00	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	1,500.00	2,700.00	.00
Lavinia	1,016.00	.00	.00
Maranatha	300.00	.00	.00
Medina, FBC	104.00	.00	.00
Milan, FBC	50.00	.00	.00
Mt. Pleasant	1,000.00	.00	.00
New Bethlehem	.00	300.00	.00
New Hope	2,380.55	.00	.00
Northside	300.00	1,800.00	.00
Oakwood	.00	400.00	.00
Salem	1,099.96	3,400.00	.00
Smyrna	300.00	300.00	.00
Spring Hill	.00	800.00	.00
Sugar Creek	1,880.70	3,200.00	.00
Trenton, FBC	100.00	.00	.00
Walnut Grove	.00	300.00	.00
West Carroll	.00	300.00	.00
Totals:	\$ 15,514.83	\$ 18,500.00	\$.00

We also received \$ 3,952.29 in interest, gifts and memorials. Total Receipts: \$ 19,467.12

2018-2019 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 9th 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 Send 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 Send 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 Send 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 7th 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 \$150.
- 2) Volunteers who have previously participated in an official North American Mission project/trip are eligible for a \$100 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 Send Team.
 - * It is encouraged that first time volunteers be distributed their full \$150 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 Send Team.

WINGO OFFERING

Each year the Send 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 Send 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 SEND TEAM RECOMMENDS

- 1). 2018-2019 Wingo Fund Goal of \$ 22,500.
- 2). The distribution of the 2017-18 Wingo gifts of \$ 19,467.12 will be as follows:
 - \$ 14,600.35 IMB Projects (75%);
 - \$ 3,893.42 North American/TBC/GBA Projects (20%);
 - \$ 973.35 Disaster Relief (5 %)

2018-2019 Associational Budget

	2018-2019
Strengthen Team	
101 - Project Ministries	\$ 200
102 - Men's Ministries.	2,000
103 - Senior Adult Ministries	1,200
104 - Youth Ministries	2,700
110 - Continuing Education	200
112 - Bi-vocational Pastors	1,350
113 - Deacon's Ministry	1,200
114 - Pastors Conference	1,000
120 - Softball	50
125 - Counseling Ministry	0
 Send Team	
201 - Volunteer Missions Banquet	300
202 - Baptist Collegiate Ministry	3,000
203 - Mississippi River Ministry	1,500
204 - WMU	2,000
 Seek Team	
301 - Vacation Bible School	1,000
302 - Evangelism	500
 Administrative	
501 - Salary (DOM)	35,340
502 - Housing/Utility Allowance (DOM)	25,876
504 - Conventions, Conferences (DOM)	2,000
505 - Mileage/Ministry Reimb (DOM)	7,200
506 - Life Insurance/Medical (DOM)	5,892
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
531- Bonus	1,000
 Office Expenses	
702 - Office Utilities	8,500
705 - Printing, Office Supplies, Postage	7,200
706 - Book of Reports, Minutes, Clerk	1,000
710 - Maintenance of Office Copier	1,250
711 - Office Equipment (Copier Rental)	10,265
715 - Insurance: Building/Workers Comp	5,120
716 - Building Maintenance	1,000
717- Kitchen & Janitorial Supplies	400
720A-Custodial Service	2,860
720B-Lawn Service	2,970
725 - Audit	950
730 - Miscellaneous	500
 GBA BUDGET TOTAL	 \$ 197,591

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR FOR 2019

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.

FEBRUARY

- 7 Annual Mission Volunteer Banquet
Fruitland, 6:30 PM Cornbread/Bean

MARCH

- 3 West TN Evangelism Rally- Union

APRIL

- 5-6 WMU Mission Get together, Gatlinburg
- 6 GBA Bible Drill, White Hall
- 9 WT Pastor's Conference, Union
- 11 WMU Quarterly Planning, 10:00 AM
- 15 Ex Board
- 16 Senior Adult Event, New Hope 5:30 PM
- 18 WMU Mtg, Poplar Springs 10 AM
- 19 Good Friday, Office Closed
- 22-30 Brazil Mission Trip
- 27 Regional Bible Drill, Milan FBC

MAY

- 14 West TN Pastor's Conference
- 27 Memorial Day, Office Closed

JUNE

- 9-13 SBC Pastors' Conference/Annual Mtg
- 17 - 25 Brazil Mission Trip

JULY

- 4 Office Closed
- 11 WMU Quarterly Planning, 10:00 AM
- 13 Evangelism Festival
- 15 Executive Board
- 18 WMU Mtg, Bethpage, 10:00 AM

AUGUST

- 8 Senior Adult Event, 5:30 PM
- 13 WMU Annual Planning, 9:30 AM

SEPTEMBER

- 2 Labor Day, Office Closed
- 5 Deacons' Meetin', White Hall
- 16-24 Brazil Mission Trip
- 12 WMU Quarterly Planning, 10 AM
- 19 WMU Mtg, Immanuel, AM
- 23 See You at The Pole Rally

OCTOBER

- 28 GBA Annual Meeting, New Hope

GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION REPORTS

SEND TEAM REPORTS

WINGO FUND REPORT

In 2017 - 2018 GBA churches and individuals gave \$ 18,113.12 towards the 2017-18 Wingo offering goal of \$22,500. This assists a variety of mission projects during the year. This amount was \$ 4,386.88 short of the goal. Last year our churches gave \$ 27,756.32 toward the 2016-17 goal. At the 2017-18 Annual Meeting the Wingo Offering total was \$ 1,354.00 which brought the Wingo Offering grand total to \$ 19,467.12. As an association, we celebrate the sacrifice that individuals and churches have made to help us as we strive for the goal.

In 2017-18 Wingo Funds were used to help sixty (60) individuals from fourteen (14) GBA churches receive scholarship assistance through the Wingo Funds to help them bear the cost of their mission trip to five (5) different countries. Last year fifty-three (53) individuals from twelve (12) churches used the Wingo Funds to help go to three (3) countries.

The total GBA /IMB scholarships distributed this past year was \$18,500. The following is a list of those receiving funds and the country in which they served.

BRAZIL: Carissa Burkett, Sheila Bell, Noah Blackburn, Mallory Chute, Keith & Peggy Donaldson, Jake Fry, Branden Garcia, Susy & Emily Glisson, Billy Joe Hanks, Eric McLemore, Janice Moore, Macey Neal, Clark Perkins, Glynn Reynolds, Will Rogers, Mike Sellers, Allie Smithson, Roger & Penny Stacy, Kim Thompson, Dana Webb

ECUADOR: Bo & Beverly Booth, Riley Canada, Doug & Karen Duncan, Jeffery & Robbie Emerson, Robin Hinson, Betty Jewell, Lorrie Jewell, Anna Jones, Mike & Kathy Kemper, Allie, Michael, Julie & Abbey Landrum, Ashley Manning, Sarah & Joshua Sample, Catherine, Grace, Julie and Mary Wollam.

INDIA Shawn Allred

ROMANIA: Mike & Cathy Farrar, Lisa Howard, Barbara Jones, Lisa Kail, Andy Rice

SIERRA LEONE

Greg & Lily McFadden, Jaclyen & Kara Scott, Christian & Karessa Shipman

BRAZIL MISSION REPORT

Our partnership with the International Mission Board as a virtual missionary to Brazil continues to be strong and blessed. We have submitted our Ministry Plan to IMB and have their approval for serving as an associational mission strategist (virtual missionary) to help plant churches, strengthen new works, and encourage existing works.

This past year volunteer teams have worked in several cities and seen God's hand upon the work. In November-December, a team served in Foz do Iguacu (Iguassu Falls) with pastor Flávio to help a mission church reach the lost, disciple the new converts, and then organize into a church shortly after the team departed. The team saw 169 people profess Christ as their personal Lord and Savior. Team members preached in churches and shared songs and testimonies. The team also worked with Journey Baptist Church, a new church plant. This is the church that was planted by the Gibson Baptist Association and volunteer teams. The GBA bought the land and the Brazilian Baptist Men built the church building.

A team of volunteers worked in Rio de Janeiro in March. The crime syndicate and the drug cartel controlled the area where the team worked. Pastor Douglas Xavier has worked this area for twenty-five years and secured our safe passage into the area and our safety. God blessed the work with 239 souls being saved and disciplined. Pastor Douglas has asked that we partner with him to send more teams to this area to reach Brazilians and plant churches.

In June, another team of volunteers returned to Rio de Janeiro and worked with Pastor Douglas Xavier in the favela area controlled by the drug lords and crime syndicate. Our team consisted of several youth that God used tremendously to share the gospel in public schools. Once again the team had to be escorted in and out of the area under the supervision of the pastor who secured permission from the criminal elements and guaranteed our security. God blessed our team and 129 professions of faith were made. One of the greatest blessings was to see people who were saved the previous year when our team was in the area. These disciplined converts are now participating in church and are firm in their commitments to the Lord.

In September, a team worked near the city of Iguassu Falls, twenty-five minutes north in a city named São Miguel does Iguacu. This city is in the metropolitan area of Iguassu Falls, which has a population of around 270,000 people and only seven (7) Baptist churches. The team worked with Pastor Dilson Neto to help rebuild the work. The church had been a strong church but has suffered the loss of many members due to a split. Our team was asked to help reach lost people, disciple them, and help the church reclaim the city for Christ. God blessed with 122 professions of faith in Jesus, and many disciplined new believers.

Join us for one of our mission trips to Brazil in 2018-2019.

OHIO MISSION REPORT

We continued with our connection to the West Central Baptist Association this year. The challenge still remains to reach their ten (10) counties and over 550,000 residents. This association has only 14 Southern Baptist Churches. The need is great to plant more churches and reach the lost.

This past summer, Jonas Mackey, the Youth and Music Pastor at Medina FBC, led a team to Ohio. Jonas provided this report of their work.

As one team, in two vehicles, with a seven-disc road trip music mix, Medina FBC hit the road this summer on our journey to FBC Marysville, OH. While praying about what the Lord would have us do and where He would have us go for our summer mission trip this year, I came across an update from Brother Roger. He was asking for churches willing to form teams and travel to our partner association in Marysville to contact him, so, we reached out.

We would spend the next weeks and months getting in contact with their Director of Missions who eventually put us in contact with Pastor Pete Hamilton and FBC Marysville. The Lord led us to put on a week-long VBS in the mornings, afternoon sports games at the neighboring park, and small series of revival meetings in the evening. Additionally, since our trip was the week of July 4th, we were able to hand out a few hundred water bottles at their city-wide parade.

Our team was blessed to see the Lord working in the lives of each of our members while we were there, in the lives of the students who came to the VBS, and the lives of their members who attended the various services throughout the week too. We have since heard some positive reports of the impact of God's work in at least two families who were not previously connected to the church, or the Gospel for that matter, through ministries and people of FBC Marysville. Christ blessed His work ahead of us, during our time there, and since our departure, and for this we are truly thankful. All glory and praise to Him, and Him alone.

Consider now that in this upcoming year you and your church will send a team to work in Ohio.

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 51 Law Enforcement Appreciation baskets were provided by WMU groups; each deputy received one and there were extras for the offices. The Volunteer Missions Banquet/Cornbread and Bean Supper was well attended; Bro Roger and Mrs. Penny Stacy spoke. The unusually heavy rains this spring prevented a cleanup day at a local ministry site.

In October, we are sponsoring "Love a Church" Day. Projects will be proposed by "needy" churches, "servant" churches will be recruited to help and we'll spruce up the churches in the Association.

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

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer at White Hall was attended by 40 women. Emily Savage, journeyman missionary to China, spoke.

National Day of Prayer at the Yorkville Community Center included a catered lunch and was attended by 70 residents of the county. Sheriff Paul Thomas spoke.

Quarterly meetings – (organized by GBA WMU Area Directors)

A total of approximately 180 women from churches across the association attended the associational WMU meetings this year. Speakers were: Rhonda Poore, Romania; Brandon Rutledge, TN Baptist Children's Homes; Bro. David Singleton, Guatemala; Bo Booth, Ecuador.

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

WMU women from across the association promoted the Golden State Offering for Tennessee Missions, Lottie Moon Christmas and Annie Armstrong Easter 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 –

Women from across the association joined over 1400 women from across the state at the TN WMU annual meeting and missions conference at Gatlinburg, TN.

“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 County, around the country and around the world.”

On mission for Christ,

Sheilah Spangler
Director, WMU

BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY REPORT

We had a great year working with the Dyersburg State Trenton Campus this year. We had meals prepared by local churches every 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month during the fall and the 1st and 3rd Mondays during the spring semester. I would like to give a big thank you to all of the churches that helped us out by preparing meals and giving donations to help provide for this great ministry.

We typically averaged around 30 students for each gathering. During each meal there was a sermon preached. The students were very grateful for the meals they received and were very respectful to everyone present. I was able to develop some nice relationships with the students. On a couple of occasions I stayed a couple of hours after each meal was over. The students were asking a lot of deep questions and we would just sit and discuss whatever issue came up. It was truly a blessing for me.

If you would like to help us with the great ministry, you can contact the association office or you can call my cell phone. The number is 731-267-9602. Thank you so much for all the help you have provided for this ministry.

Bro. Joey Hufstedler

SEEK TEAM REPORTS

As we approach the last three months of the 2017/2018 GBA Ministry, our GBA SEEK Team's overall strategic goal is to assist GBA Churches to meet TBC'S Objective 1: Seeing at least 50,000 Tennesseans annually saved, baptized, and set on the road to discipleship by 2024 approved by Tennessee Baptists at the 2014 Annual Summit Meeting.

Following are the goals that The Seek Team set for GBA:

1. For GBA to see at least (388) individuals saved, baptized, and set on the road to discipleship during the 2017/2018 annual year. Our prayer is that we will see this goal accomplished collectively!!!
2. To assist GBA Churches to fulfill the Great Commission, GBA continued to partner with Union University on Sunday, March 4th, 2018 for the 3rd Annual "The West Tennessee Evangelism Rally" with Guest Speaker Dr. James Merritt, pastor of Crosspoint Baptist Church from Duluth, Georgia and former president of our Southern Baptist Convention. There were (10) Breakout Sessions in addition to designated groups to high school student's and women's groups having more tools to use in reaching lost people to believe in JESUS CHRIST as their LORD & SAVIOR.
3. Evangelism/Prayer Rally - On Saturday evening, April 7th & Sunday evening, April 8th, 2018, a evangelism/prayer rally was held at two GBA churches. On Saturday evening we met at Dyer FBC and Dr. Greg Frizzell from Oklahoma City, Oklahoma spoke on the theme "Prayer That Brings Revival and Evangelistic Harvest". Sunday evening the rally was held at Milan FBC with Dr. Frizzell speaking on the theme "The Covenant to Reach Gibson Baptist Association For CHRIST". For those that attended this was a powerful time of worship, repentance, and commitment!!!
4. Continue to encourage people to pray for the lost with presenting a valuable resource "PRAY4TN.com". Anyone can participate without any charge. Please contact Bro. Roger Stacy for further details and information.
5. In response to the challenge of TBMB to plant and revitalize churches, our dream is to see the day when GBA will set aside \$2,000 in the budget or through designated funding, money to help resource this great need. Funding to help with the re-planting of a church in Milan (Connect Church) this year came from the Tennessee Baptist Convention, a church in Jackson, Golden Offering funds given to GBA, and a coalition of churches.
6. Continue to seek the leadership of TBMB to provide a feasibility strategy of a new Hispanic Ministry in Gibson County. Bro. William Burton, TBC Strategist is currently assisting The SEEK Team.
7. The SEEK Team is currently praying for a "County Wide" Revival/Festival in which we engage with families to present the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST across our association. Continue to pray with us regarding all that will be involved. Especially churches to be committed to be involved!!! We are asking each church to consider giving \$500.00 toward this ministry as you prepare for your next ministry plans/budgets!!! We understand that many of our churches do not have the financial ability to give this amount. Any amount will be helpful. A special thank you in advance for those who will give over and beyond!!!

We continue to pray together for GBA to be engaged in "Conversations of the Gospel of JESUS CHRIST" 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

Thirty-four (34) GBA churches reported baptizing two hundred twenty five (225) people this year. Last year forty-two (42) GBA churches reported baptizing 269 people. We baptized forty four (44) less people this year.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School is the most effective tool the church has to reach the lost: Consider the following facts:

- 25% of Baptisms reported by the Southern Baptist Convention comes from VBS.
- Every 1 person trained in VBS results in 1.1 salvation decisions.
- VBS increases the number of prospects discovered from your community
- 10% of people enrolled in VBS are unchurched

The Gibson Baptist Association's Vacation Bible School team participated in the training offered by the Tennessee Baptist Convention in Jackson. The team was composed of members of several of the GBA churches from across the association .

The Association Vacation Bible School Clinic was held this year at Trenton First Baptist Church on Thursday evening, March 22, 2018. There were approximately 50 to 60 participants present for the training with representation from several of our GBA churches. The theme this past year was "Game On." The 2019 theme will be "In the Wild: Amazing Encounters With Jesus." You can check out the theme and other resources at the following website: <https://vbs.lifeway.com/>

This year thirty-four (34) GBA churches hosted a Vacation Bible School clinic. There was an enrollment of 2,813 on the churches campuses.

STRENGTHEN TEAM REPORTS

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORP

A few short years ago, our watchword for WMU was Ephesians 3:20; "Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us". This is the best way I know to describe how God continues to use us and bless us in the ministry of CWJC for His kingdom sake. The increase is evidence that God is at work to do bigger and greater things through us as we serve him passionately and faithfully.

Donations have been abundant allowing us to share with other ministries and bless those who are less fortunate. Volunteers continue to help with sorting donations, bringing lunch, teaching classes, serving on our prayer team and board and helping with special events such as clothing give-away and our annual fund raiser. We also have been blessed with youth and their leaders from churches in our association for help with special projects.

Classes that were offered this year besides our "Powered for Life" class included a basic computer class, money management and sewing class. Also, as we approach September, we will start our 3rd class at the Gibson County Correctional Facility. As we minister to those at the jail, we also have the privilege of bringing the inmates to our store, and having their help with large projects such as our "Night of Hope".

In June of this year, we moved our thrift store to 148 Davy Crockett Mall. This seemed an impossible task, but God sent an army, and it was completed in no time. God sent just the right people with just the right gifts

to supply all our needs, and He continues to do so. We now have over 6,000 sq. ft. with our classroom and office under one roof. As people come into our thrift store each day with many needs, we have the opportunity to minister to them through witnessing and prayer. Most will agree that our time of devotion and prayer each morning at Twice Blessed is the best part of the day.

Our "Night of Hope" this year will be October 23rd at 2197 US Hwy.45 Bypass S. Thank you in advance for your prayers and support of this very special event in the ministry of CWJC.

Christy Skelton, Site Coordinator

BIRTH CHOICE

Become a monthly donor with Birth Choice and be a 'Lifesaver'. As of this article we have 80 diamonds (these are mothers who changed their minds and chose life for their babies, these babies we call diamonds).

We are in preparation to add mobile services by way of a mobile unit, for more information or to be involved contact Brent at brent@birthchoice.us or 664-8443

UPCOMING:

- annual meat sale in November and December
- SOHL in January

MISSION PROJECT OPPORTUNITIES:

It has been 8 years since we added on and remodeled our building and we are looking to update the paint. We need some men or women who can paint professionally or paint very well to volunteer to 'PAINT A ROOM', we have 13 rooms, hallways and closets to be painted. If you would be willing to help with this need contact Kelly at Kelly@birthchoice.us or call at 855-2900/414-1298. We need gutters cleaned out and some major tree trimming, if you are able to help with this need contact Kelly as well.

RESOURCE ROOM NEEDS:

Baby beds, strollers, car seats, bouncy seats, swings
Handmade booties, blankets and diaper bags
Baby towels and wash cloths, Diapers sizes newborn & 3-6
Wipes, Bottles, Pacifiers, Baby Wash, Shampoo, Lotion
Newborn clothing – boy and girl

Thank you for all your donations, prayers and support

Kelly Wall

MEN'S MINISTRIES REPORT

This year the annual men's ministry event was held at Trenton First Baptist Church. The special guest speaker was HK Derryberry and Jim Bradford from Middle Tennessee. Jim Bradford is the author of a book on the life of HK entitled *The Awakening of HK Derryberry*. The book details the story of how one man was willing to step out of his upper middle-class world into the life of a young, disabled boy with a little hope and not much of a future. Jim had no way of knowing the transformational potential of that friendship—for HK and himself.

HK was born during the sixth month of his mother's pregnancy when she lost her life due to a car wreck. HK's life is truly a miracle. He was born weighing two-pounds and spent the next 96 days fighting for survival in Vanderbilt University Medical Center. Doctors offered little hope of survival but he proved them wrong.

HK graduated from the Tennessee School for the Blind in May of 2013 at age 21 years old. Though blind, he has an unusual memory and remembers any date and the events occurring on that date.

The Strengthen Team will be working with the Men's Ministry leader and restructuring the ministry plans and events for the next year.

BLOCK PARTY WAGON

The Block Party Wagon (BPW) has been a tremendous ministry tool to share the gospel with the lost. Several churches have used the BPW this year to reach their communities for Christ.

Recently, the State of Tennessee passed a law that governs the use of jumpers (bouncy houses). Tennessee now requires companies and non-profit organizations to hire qualified third party inspectors to perform annual inspections of the jumpers (bouncy houses). Inspection reports from qualified third party inspectors are required and inspectors must be certified by one of three (3) approved certifying agencies: (1) the National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials (NAARSO), (2) the Amusement Industry Manufacturing and Suppliers (AIMS), and (3) the Association for Challenged Course Technology (ACCT).

In consultation with the leadership at the Tennessee Baptist Convention, the associations and churches have been encouraged to discontinue offering the use of the jumpers (bouncy houses) due to all of the state regulations, costs of inspections and fees to the state of Tennessee, and liability.

As shared at the July Executive Board meeting, the jumpers (bouncy houses) are no longer available for use by our churches.

YOUTH REPORT

The Strengthen Team is responsible for the development of the youth ministry in the Gibson Baptist Association. The past several years, we have had one person serve as the GBA Youth Director and coordinate with other youth leaders and youth pastors to plan the annual See You At The Pole (SYATP) rally.

This year, the Strengthen Team restructured the youth ministry and set up a GBA Youth Ministry Leadership Team composed of the following individuals: Bill Kisner, team leader; Travis Ellis, team member; and Keith Donaldson, team member.

The Gibson County Fair asked the Gibson Baptist Association, Bro. Roger Stacy, DOM, to organize a youth night event at the fair. The GBA Youth Leadership Team planned and coordinated a youth night at the fair on August 29, 2019. Due to the weather, the event was moved to Salem Baptist Church. There were over about 350 people there. Worship was led by 40Save1, and the special speaker for the evening was Jay Barbier, youth specialist with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

In light of the Gibson County Fair invitation to hold the GBA Youth Night event, the See You At The Pole Rally was postponed this year. Churches were encouraged to go to their local schools and pray for students and faculty.

DEACON'S REPORT

The annual Deacons' Meetin' was held on September 6, 2018, at the White Hall Baptist Church. This annual event falls under the guidance of the Strengthen Team and its ministry. Bro. Steve Skelton has served many years in helping with the Deacons' Meetin' in the planning and program.

The theme for the meeting this year was "Stay On The Wall" with reference to Nehemiah 6:3, "*And I sent messengers unto them, saying, I am doing a great work, so that I cannot come down: why should the work cease, whilst I leave it, and come down to you?*"

Brother Nathan Wilkerson from Yellow Creek Baptist Church in Cumberland City, Tennessee, was the featured speaker for the evening. Jared Poore, minister of music at New Bethlehem Baptist Church, and the church worship team led the congregation in worship and provided special music.

A meal was served at 5:30 pm followed by the program at 6:25 pm. Northside Market in Milan catered the meal for the evening.

The date for the 2019 Deacons' Meetin' will be September 5 at White Hall Baptist Church. We look forward to another great meeting next year.

The Strengthen Team wishes to express our profound gratitude to the ladies at White Hall who help with set up and with the serving of the meal. We also express our appreciation to the membership of White Hall for hosting this annual event.

PASTORS' CONFERENCE REPORT

This year has been great for our weekly pastor's conference. We have had the chance to grow in several areas. These include; learning from godly men whom through experience and service are able to help us guide our lives and ministries more effectively, reviewing the trends and news as to what we are facing as we move forward in ministry, and growing closer together as a community of pastors bearing each other's burdens. We have met nearly 40 times, gotten our hands dirty with others, and most importantly sharpened each other in the Lord. I encourage all of our pastors in the GBA to make time for each other so we may together continue to grow the body of Christ through proclaiming the Gospel in one accord.

James Rogers, Pastor, Oakwood

GBA Pastor's Conference President

SENIOR ADULT REPORT

The GBA Senior Adults have enjoyed two fantastic meetings this year. Our spring meeting was hosted by Dyer First Baptist Church on April 17, 2018. The entertainment was “The Colonel Hugh X. Lewis”, poet laureate of Christian country music. There were 202 in attendance for this event. Dyer First Baptist won the trophy for the large church attendance with 41 present. Oak Grove won the trophy for the small church attendance with 19 present. There were five merchants that donated gifts to be given to the lucky ones whose names were drawn. Silla’s Spoon and staff catered the delicious meal.

Our fall meeting was hosted by Salem Baptist Church on August 7, 2018. The theme was “Down on the Farm”. The entertainment was the Bonam Family from Bona, Arkansas, who played bluegrass gospel music. There were 203 in attendance. Salem Baptist Church won the trophy for the large church with attendance of 35 people. Oak Grove won the trophy for the small church attendance with 21 present. Five door prizes which contained farm items were given to the lucky one whose names were drawn. Two gift certificates to Majestic Steak House were given to the best dressed “country” lady – Shirley Shankle (Salem Church) and best dressed “country” man – Gary Baker (Dyer First Baptist).

Smokin’ Hot BBQ catered the delicious meal with the help from some Salem members and other friends who made the cow patties (oatmeal cookies), the chicken feed (chex mix) and the hay bundles (rice krispy treats). Everyone enjoyed the food, fun and fellowship.

Plans are being processed for the 2019 year.

Respectfully,

Martha Phelan

SOFTBALL

In the spring/summer of 2018, nine (9) local churches played in the GBA Softball League. There were 9 Men’s teams and 6 Co-Ed Softball teams. The nine (9) GBA churches involved in the program were: Antioch, Beech Grove, Bradford, FBC, Laneview-K, Medina, FBC, New Bethlehem, Salem, The Church at Sugar Creek, and Trenton FBC.

New Bethlehem won the first place trophy in the Men’s Tournament. For the Co-Ed Tournament, Beech Grove won the first place trophy (for the 3rd time in a row) and Bradford, FBC placed second.

The commissioner for 2018 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

Mrs. Bertie Thompson graciously provided a means to help those going into some form of Christian Ministry. Thus, the scholarship was set up and named after her to achieve this goal.

This year the scholarship team awarded the Bertie Thompson Scholarship to Thomas Littleton. Thomas is a student at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has surrendered his life to the gospel ministry and missions.

The scholarship is available to members of our GBA churches. 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. Please, encourage your church to help us promote this valuable financial resource that is available to help young men and women prepare for service to our Lord Jesus Christ. We live in a day when fewer are entering the realm of Christian ministry and the gospel-preaching ministry.

All applications are placed in the hands of a Scholarship Team for evaluation to determine the recipient for the year. The application form and requirements are on the GBA website at www.gbalife.org, or individuals may request a copy to be sent to them by regular mail or e-mail.

SEMINARY EXTENSION REPORT

"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path." Psalm 119:105

For the past eleven years, we have offered Seminary Extension as an avenue to help lay people and pastors with ministry skills and knowledge. The theological training has helped them prepare while at the same time remain connected to their current church and ministry. These courses were transferable to several colleges and seminaries if a student desired to continue his or her studies.

Our six Southern Baptist Seminaries launched this program many years ago. Some of our students who have taken these courses have gone on to pursue a bachelor's degree.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention is considering developing a Bible Institute program to help train and develop lay leaders and pastors. Some associations are also offering courses through their own Bible Institutes. The GBA Strengthen team will be considering this possibility of offering courses through a Bible Institute as we move forward with continuing education.

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 2017/18 shows that Sunday School enrollment decreased again. Our churches reported a Sunday School enrollment of 6,173 which is a decrease of 330 people from last year's enrollment of 6,503. But our Sunday School average attendance increased by 8 people with the 2017/18 average attendance at 3,912 and the 2016/17 average attendance at 3,904.

GBA has 32 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.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING REPORT

Discipleship Training has decreased this year from last year. This year seventeen (17) of our churches reported a total enrollment of 1,090 in Discipleship Training. Last year seventeen (17) churches reported an enrollment of 1,145. The enrollment decreased by 55 members.

CHILDREN AND YOUTH BIBLE DRILL REPORT

The Gibson Baptist Association Bible Drills were held on April 9, 2018 at White Hall-Trenton.

Congratulations to all the children and youth who worked so hard and participated in church, associational, regional, and state drills.

Following are Associational Winners & Participants of Children's Bible Drill:

KJV - Winners:

NEW BETHLEHEM: Dillon Reynolds

SALEM: Ashlin Hardin & Carlye Thompson

WHITE HALL: Layla Lovell

Participant:

Tucker Wheeler

CSB - Winners

MEDINA FBC: Eliza Bowling, Max Roe

KENTON FBC: Kailey Davidson

Participants:

Medina FBC: Isabell Graves

Kenton, FBC: Conner Forbes, Easton Hopper

HCSB - Winners

ANTIOCH: Katie Robison

MILAN FBC: Caroline Hurt, Addie Ruth Reed, La'Tara Bolden, Will Johnson, Madi Needly

Participants:

Antioch: Walker Droke, Mary Miller

Milan, FBC: Ella Reed, Clairra Reed, Eli Clark, Maddie Sims, Lynnley Hurt

We had one Youth Bible Drill Winner: HCSB: Milan, FBC: Grace Crossett

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

Regional Drills were held on April 28, 2018 at Milan FBC. Gba had several State and State Superior Winners.

TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION REPORTS

TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

The Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes has been ministering to children who have found themselves in hard places for 127 years! Speaking of 127, James 1:27 says, "*Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.*" It is the mission of TBCH to be obedient to this command of Scripture concerning children who need someone besides their parents to care for them.

As of this writing, TBCH has ministered to 117 different children in **Residential Care** this year. While many of these children still reside on one of our three campuses, 33 children have been successfully reunited with their families, and 2 children have been adopted and placed in a forever family! We have assisted 13 of our young adults as they transition out of our care into adulthood.

To cut our deficit spending, our residential program is now active in three locations: The Ranch @ Millington, The Brentwood Campus, and the Chattanooga Campus. Today, we have beds for 88 children in residential care with the goal over the next year to increase that number to 96. Streamlining to three campuses, while challenging, was a necessary component in our strategic plan to double the number of children we serve at any one time by 2020.

TBCH's **Foster Care** Program has served 108 children and has had 32 sets of 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. Already this year we have had 7 children adopted and placed in a forever family! We are also pleased to announce that our no-cost contract with the State of TN's Department of Children's Services has been renewed for another five years. We are excited about the expansion of our George Shinn Foster Care Program and the continued ability to place children who are in state custody with Christian parents.

TBCH is also excited about the launch of our new ministry called **Family Care** as of June 1, 2018. Kelly Campbell is taking the lead in networking with our churches and other organizations in an effort to support and enable churches, biological families, foster families and adoptive parents to be successful in the task that God has called them to concerning children.

Join us in praising the Lord for the 9 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.

Total Impact: The Lord has allowed TBCH the honor of ministering the love of Jesus Christ to a total of 2,418 souls from November 1, 2017 through July 26, 2018. 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 to through counseling as well as our foster children and their families.

This great work would not be possible without the faithful support of Tennessee Baptists. Thank you for supporting the Cooperative Program and the Mother's Day Offering that directly blesses the children in our care.

Greg McCoy, President/Treasurer

TENNESSEE BAPTIST ADULT HOMES

Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes continues to provide a Christian residential ministry for senior adults and for exceptional adults. This ministry is provided in senior adult living communities and in residential group homes in several locations within our great state. The most notable change to the ministry of TBAH during this past year is that we sold the Baptist Health Care Center in Lenoir City. The sweeping changes in the delivery of nursing home care over the past two decades gave rise to the need to sell the facility. Its antiquated architecture and the monumental expenditures that would be required to make it compatibility with newer codes and requirements to make it a Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF).

The proceeds from the sale of the Baptist Health Care Center have been used to retire the debt that had been incurred in the beginning phases of Williams Ferry Pointe, an independent living retirement community adjacent to the health care center. We have been working closely with a developer and with the city to get building started again at Williams Ferry Pointe.

Baptist Village of Johnson City now has a new manager. After serving faithfully for over 20 years as Manager there, Sarah Farmer of Johnson City, retired and Carol Church has been named the new Manager for the location. These duplex homes are for retirees who need affordable housing and the rent is based on income. Preference is given to retired ministers and missionaries.

The Deer Lake Retirement Community in the Bellevue community of Nashville is a 135-condominium unit complex for retirees. These modest duplex homes offer home ownership in an affordable retirement community. TBAH provides a manager for the complex and employs a part-time chaplain for the spiritual care of these independent seniors.

The group home ministry for exceptional adults continues to provide a Christian home for up to 55 men and women who need assistance and supervision. These homes, located in Nashville, Lebanon, Knoxville, and Jacksboro are often a forever home for the individuals who move in. Their diminished intellectual abilities would make them too vulnerable to live alone in the community. These homes provide family. Your generous gifts to the annual Father's Day Offering keeps these homes going.

Finally, the Special Friends Camps were near capacity in attendance this summer. Funded primarily by the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions, these camps provide at least three things; 1) a week of activities for the campers with intellectual and physical disabilities, 2) a week of respite for the families of the campers who provide care day in and day out at home, and 3) two weeks of rewarding, hard work for the young people who staff the camps...not to mention the life-long friendships these young staffers make as Counselors.

Thank you for your prayers and your generous support. In short...

Thank you for "Showing What Love Is!"

Mark Anderson, President/Treasurer

TENNESSEE BAPTIST FOUNDATION

Serving Tennessee Baptists
Since 1938
2018 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 \$148 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 2017-18 thus far. 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 loans to Tennessee Baptist churches/associations
- Providing grants for qualifying new ministries and projects

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

- Funds under management: Over 1,100
- Assets under management: \$147,871,759 (as of June 30, 2018)
- New funds under fund management agreements: \$1,035,000 (8 new funds)
- Educational grants and scholarships: 226 - totaling \$240,500 for 2018-2019 academic year (Over \$5.4 million since 1987)
- Special Project Grants: \$69,980 distributed to assist 24 ministry projects
- Cooperative Program: \$326,282 as of June 30, 2018. Project to give over \$500,000 by year end.
- Other Baptist and charitable causes: \$2,021,972 as of June 30, 2018. Project to give over \$3 million by year end.

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

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Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union

The WMU emphasis for 2017-18 was "By All Means" based on 1 Cor. 9:22b-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 2017-18 State Acteens Advisory Panelists were Maegan Adkins, Truett Association; Grace Clouse, Caney Fork Baptist Church, Cookeville; Amanda Huggins, Unaka Avenue Baptist Church, Johnson City; SandiGlen Jones, First Baptist Church Sevierville; and Mia Selvidge, Cedar Fork Baptist Church, Sweetwater.

The theme for the 2017-18 Tennessee Missions Emphasis was "At All Costs Obey." The suggested dates for the Week of Prayer for State Missions was September 10-17 and the goal for the 2017-18 Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions was \$1,925,000. As of July 26, 2018, the total amount given to the 2017-18 Golden Offering is \$1,733,260.46. The offering year goes from September 1 – August 31.

October is always a busy time for children's missions events.

Over the three weekends of JAM, there were 443 participants, from 50 different churches.

At RA Camp-O-Ree, there were 445 campers and adult leaders, plus 167 additional adults serving as volunteers, who led and participated in different activities.

In December, Tennessee WMU mailed, on behalf of Tennessee Baptists:

Checks for \$150 to 22 missionary kids whose parents serve with IMB and are from Tennessee.

Checks for \$50 to 81 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 16-18, 2018 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center with a total attendance of 1,495. The annual offering totaled \$9,475.33 with 90% designated to Tennessee WMU missions efforts in Denver/Front Range; 10% benefited Tennessee WMU Touch Tomorrow Today Endowment at the WMU Foundation. Through the event ministry project, participants brought 521 backpacks filled with school supplies to benefit City Reach: Nashville

Martha Pitts from Germantown Baptist Church was elected to her third term as President, during the Tennessee WMU Annual Meeting on March 17, 2018 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center. Other officers elected for 2018-19 include Recording Secretary, Charlyene Couey, Nashville; and three Vice Presidents, i.e. West: Jeanette West, Memphis; Middle, Colleen Richardson, Livingston; and East, Janice Lewelling, Dunlap.

In March 2018, \$38,400 in scholarships were awarded to 33 students attending graduate school, seminary, as well as, undergraduate schools in Tennessee during the 2018-19 school year. These scholarships are funded through endowments, invested funds and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.

Tennessee WMU sent three Prayer Walking Mission Teams to Denver in 2018 with a total 16 participants.

Currently we have 20 Christian Women’s Job Corps 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 2017, Tennessee sites served 1,639 participants with 741 completing the program. We recorded 210 spiritual decisions, which included 40 professions of faith.

In July 2018, four new Literacy Missions volunteers participated in the National Literacy Missions Workshop in Shocco Springs, Alabama. Tennessee Literacy Missions now has five English as a Second Language (ESL) workshop trainers (two in East, two in Middle and one in West), one Adult Reading and Writing workshop trainer and one Tutoring Children and Youth workshop trainer. Together these ministries can bring Tennesseans to Christ, through Literacy Missions.

Currently, Tennessee WMU staff includes Vickie Anderson, Executive Director-Treasurer; Denise Bronaugh, Adult Missions and Ministries Specialist; Juliana Wilson, Communications & Children Missions Specialist; Beth Moore, Student & Literacy Missions Specialist; Vickie Clemons, Administrative Assistant; *vacant*, Ministry Assistant; Brian Holt, RA/Challenger State Coordinator, and Janice Carter, CWJC/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

For almost 200 years, Union University has been an institution that is committed to the local church, to the authority of Scripture, and to the preparation of young adults for a lifetime of service. Our mission statement expresses our objective:

“Union University provides Christ-centered education that promotes excellence and character development in service to Church and society.”

We fulfill that mission through our commitment to four core values: Excellence-driven, Christ-centered, People-focused, Future-directed.

These values shape our identity as an institution that prioritizes liberal arts-based undergraduate education, enhanced by professional and graduate programs. The Union academic community is composed of quality faculty, staff and students working together in a caring, grace-filled environment conducive to the development of character, servant leadership, and cultural engagement.

The 2017-2018 academic year saw a number of accomplishments and evidences of God’s faithfulness on the Union campus. Our Lady Bulldogs basketball team advanced to the NCAA Division II Final Four and had opportunities to talk to the media about how the Lord worked on the team, with some players even coming to Christ during the season. We celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the 2008 tornado that caused such destruction on the Union campus, and yet served as a marker of God’s provision and protection in the midst of tragedy.

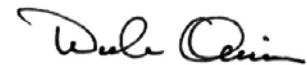
We are pleased to be partners with the churches of Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and are immensely grateful for their support. Because of the generous support of Tennessee Baptists, Union is able to educate students like Janey Berends, a 2018 graduate who recently received a prestigious Fulbright award and will spend a year in Peru helping students learn to speak English.

Another 2018 graduate, Ali Renckens, wrote in the Cardinal & Cream, Union’s student news publication, about her experience at Union:

“I have seen Christ in every class I’ve taken. And not just because of a two-minute pre-class prayer, but because of how the professors treat students as valued individuals. They have trained me to think analytically, to consider different perspectives, and to continually challenge my own assumptions and beliefs. They have taught me that it is possible to be kind, compassionate, and loving while also having the mettle to combat false teaching and godless beliefs.”

As Union University strives to be faithful to our mission in an age when traditional Christian beliefs are continually under assault, we value the ongoing prayers and support of our Tennessee Baptist partners.

Gratefully,



Samuel W. “Dub” Oliver
President

BAPTIST & REFLECTOR

Striving for excellence has been a key phrase for the *Baptist and Reflector* in 2018. The paper was named by the Baptist Communicators Association as the second best state paper in the Southern Baptist Convention in terms of content and design. In addition, members of the Communications Team (which includes the *B&R*) of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board captured several individual awards for material produced related to the paper.

The *B&R* is mailed to nearly 21,000 homes 26 weeks a year, reaching a potential readership of about 52,500 readers.

In addition, the *B&R* website has grown since it was introduced in late 2015. We have had more than 116,000 user engagements since January with 66,212 visitors and 196,553 page views.

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 2018 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 has been more prominent 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. We are asking every reader of the *B&R* for the next year to consider sending one subscription to someone they know. If just a small percentage of our readers would do this, our print circulation would significantly increase. 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 (IMB) REPORT

On behalf of the International Mission Board, I want to thank you, Southern Baptists, for your permanence in the task of fulfilling the Great Commission given by our Lord. Because of your partnership through the IMB, disciples have been made and churches have been multiplied among the nations as we work together for the spread of the gospel around the world.

You have proven your commitment to the Lord's leadership year after year as you continue your faithful financial support through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and the Cooperative Program. In 2016, Southern Baptists gave \$153 million through the 2016-17 campaign to support IMB field personnel. As a result of your Lottie Moon gifts, as well as your continual giving to the Cooperative Program, the IMB consistently can operate on a budget that balances our receipts with our expenses.

Within the framework of this balanced budget, in 2017 we celebrated with you the sending of full-time, fully funded mission personnel while we continued to explore and send more missionaries going through new pathways designed to engage students, professionals, retirees, and others as part of our mission force. At the IMB's annual meeting dinner in Phoenix in June, approximately 1,350 Southern Baptists in attendance estimated that their congregations have a combined potential of 28,551 missionaries. That represents a fraction of the limitless opportunities God is giving us to join Him on mission. In September, we celebrated the service of our emeritus personnel when about 950 former personnel — representing a staggering combined service of 25,297 years — gathered at Ridgecrest.

Our emphasis on the 2017 Week of Prayer for International Missions highlighted examples of your Southern Baptist missionaries who serve through the IMB in some of the most challenging and difficult-to-reach places in the world. These missionaries, who represent your churches and are sent by you, have shared how God is at work despite hardship and struggles. Southern Baptist missionaries are evangelizing the lost, discipling believers, planting healthy churches, and training leaders — and the Lord is being glorified!

All of this is only possible through the grace of God and through the faithful and continued partnership of Southern Baptist churches. I am pleased to report to you the ways you are giving, supporting, sending and going. As you read this report, I 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 Jesus Christ.

David Platt President, International Mission Board

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD (NAMB)

At the North American Mission Board, we want to help every church and every believer be on mission so they can share the hope of Christ in their communities, throughout North America and around the world. Before reflecting on this past year, I want to express our deep gratitude for the pastors who lead their churches to sacrificially give to the Cooperative Program, the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® and to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®. We are committed to being the very best stewards possible with these dollars. In 2017, Southern Baptists gave an all-time record high to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering--\$59.6 million.

We are grateful for all God did in 2017 through Southern Baptists and the North American Mission Board. Here are a few highlights:

We are able to resource and support more than 5,200 missionaries.

Southern Baptists started 732 new churches in 2016, the most recent year for which data is available. In addition, there were 232 new church affiliations with the SBC.

Existing church plants are reporting some exciting trends. Churches planted in 2011 had a 77 percent survival rate after year five. Church plants baptized one person for every 10 attendees, compared to one for every 17.4 attendees in established churches. In many “new work” state conventions, located outside the south, churches planted since 2010 account for a high percentage of total Southern Baptist baptisms reported in the state. The Maryland-Delaware, New York and the Northwest state conventions all reported that more than 25 percent of their baptisms came from churches started since 2010. In the Baptist Convention of New England, 42 percent of baptisms came from churches planted since 2010. In Canada it was even higher--62 percent.

This year we introduced the Gospel Conversation (GC) Challenge to encourage pastors to mobilize their churches for evangelism. We hosted three Engage 24 Workshops for pastors, designed to help them kick-start evangelism efforts in their churches.

Along with our partners at the International Mission Board, we hosted more than 13,000 attendees at our three Send Conference events in 2017.

This past year we sent more than \$28 million to state convention partners. This is money that went to fund missionaries and to support evangelistic church planting, evangelism and church revitalization efforts.

The task of reaching North America for Jesus is enormous. But God has given us remarkable resources. We need the help of every Southern Baptist church. Your prayers, giving and involvement are making a difference. Thank you for everything you are doing to help push back lostness in North America.

Serving Together, Kevin Ezell President North American Board



Mississippi River Ministry (MRM) is one of three arms of the Compassion Ministry outreach of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. During this past year, GOTM funds were channeled into seven different West Tennessee associations to assist churches with projects and ministries designed to impact lostness by touching poverty. In addition, over 200 plastic mats for the homeless were made and distributed to ministries throughout West Tennessee. I personally conducted eight (8) training events for over 100 participants.

Tennessee has formally agreed to join with other state conventions in collecting Christmas Backpacks. The Christmas Backpack program has been around since 2000. It has largely been an effort of other state conventions. Tennessee has been mostly on the receiving end. Last year, Tennessee children received 14,630 Christmas Backpacks. Though not asked to give backpacks, Tennesseans gave 334. MRM and Compassion Ministry is leading the movement to see Tennessee join with our other state conventions to give Christmas Backpacks to Tennessee’s impoverish children. Many have accepted the challenge to give, but the need is great. For more information, please go to <http://www.tnbaptist.org/backpacks>.

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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