

**2019 Minutes  
of the  
Gibson Baptist Association**

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**Held At**

**NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH, DYER**

**October 28, 2019**



**2020 Annual Meeting  
Antioch Baptist Church, Humboldt  
October 26, 2020**

## **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 HONOR OF DIANNE KLUTTS



Dianne served the Gibson Baptist Association as Ministry Specialist for twenty-three years. The 2019 annual association meeting marked her twenty-fourth to attend. She has been a faithful and dedicated servant to our Lord and to our churches. Dianne was born in Massachusetts, but moved to Florida when she was young. She married Danny Klutts on June 7, 1969 in Orlando, Florida. Dianne and Danny are blessed with three children: Kim, Jon, and Adam, and six grandchildren. She served under three Directors of Missions: Ken Sparkman, Mike Kemper and Roger Stacy. She also served as the Association Secretary in Ohio and as church secretary in Florida and Ohio. She served, alongside her husband Pastor Danny Klutts, at Newbern First Baptist Church twenty-four and a half years. During their time at Newbern she was a Sunday school teacher, women's ministry leader, and director of the church drama team. Dianne has been a conference speaker in churches in Ohio, Missouri and Tennessee.



## ASSOCIATIONAL DIRECTORY

		<b>Office</b>	<b>Home</b>
Moderator	Steve Littleton	787-6755	931-221-9851
Assistant Moderator	Shawn Allred		749-5780
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	Grace Gentry	855-1202	

### TEAMS

Strategic Leadership Team	Director of Missions, Director Moderator Assistant Moderator Steve Littleton, Seek Team Leader Eric McLemore, Send Team Leader Shawn Allred, Strengthen Team Leader
Send Team	Billy Hanks, Barbara Jones, Eric McLemore, Randy Nicholas, Sheilah Spangler
Seek Team	Randy Beals, Steve Littleton, Bryan Morris, Mike Sanders, Mike Sellers
Strengthen Team	Shawn Allred, Zach McCain, David Powell, James Rogers, Wendy Tate

### OTHER LEADERSHIP

Nominating Committee	Church	Home
Josh Stafford		697-6928
Pat Wollam		742-2190
Eddie Holmes		217-6276
Budget Finance Committee		
Charles Tyner		855-9593
Mike Garner		692-2349
Greg Pillow		225-0223
Chairman of Personnel		
Treasurer		
Personnel Committee		
Charlene King		234-8333
Bryan Morris		901-860-3252
Steve Hemann		487-0983
Constitution By/Laws		
Linda Choate		487-5829
Tony Crossnoe		663-2480
Damon Duck		694-9086
Tommy Griggs		695-6613
Stephen Osborne		686-0735

Credentials Committee		
James Rogers		420-9510
Randy Beals		414-5689
Shawn Allred	749-5780	415-2472

Trustees		
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
Assistant Secretary	Janie Sutton	693-0119
Treasurer	Dianne Yarbrough	855-1942
Mission Friends Cons	Jaclyn Scott	571-7147
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	Linda Choate	487-5829
Place	Gayle Hill	613-0681
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	Louise Fout	487-7342
Area Director 4	Stephanie Rodgers	643-6588
CWJC Site Coordinator	Christy Skelton	414-2795

## DIRECTORIES of CHURCH LEADERS

	<b>Church Pastors</b>	<b>Church</b>	<b>Home</b>
Antioch	Dr. Bill Espy, 425 Antioch Rd, Humboldt	783-5330	783-0326
Avondale	(I) Bob Dennison, 388 Lyons Rd, Alamo	784-3981	442-2192
Beech Grove	Scott Jewell, 217 N Poplar, Dyer		692-4541
Bethel-H	Donald Scott, 2380 E Main St, Humboldt	784-0830	234-3712
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	(I) Todd Brady, 76 Chapel Hill Rd, Milan	686-0414	
China Grove	Billy Crowell, 2220 Evergreen St, Union City	665-6273	334-2590
Clear Creek	Mike Roberson, 413 Parkview Dr, Dyer		414-6251
Connect	(I) Jim Koonce, 122 Brookstone Place, Jackson		609-5280
Dyer, First	Lane Self, PO Box 290 Dyer	692-2549	
Eldad	Jonathan Criswell, 8 Nelson Cove, Milan	787-6189	414-4435
Emmanuel-H		784-4410	
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	(I) Jackie Vaughan, 312 W Main St, Greenfield	742-3305	235-2234
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	415-2472
Laneview-K	(I) Barry Capps, 453 Stella Rum Rd, Martin		456-2978
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		686-3385	
Mt. Pisgah	Steve Hemann, 1113 Thomas St, Milan	742-3789	562-1774
Mt. Pleasant		742-3503	
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	Tim Newby, 7000 Fram Lane, Milan		256-520-2940
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 Hufstедler, 366 Gibson Wells Rd, Trenton		267-9602
Poplar Springs	Kerry Zeiss, 155 Peggy Lane, Atwood		662-7853
Rutherford, First	Zach McCain, PO Box 277, Rutherford	665-6159	608-8853
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	Stephen Powell, 236 West Broad St, Dyer		414-0283
White Hall	Kevin Mullins, 671 Concord Cades Rd, Trenton		901-482-9481

## Music Directors

Antioch	Kelly Sorrell, 117 Baymeadows Dr, Jackson	427-8873
Avondale	None Listed	
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	Suzanne Morgan, 336 E Foster Ave, Medina	783-3517
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
Connect	Penny Stacy, 845 Leanne Dr, Humboldt	487-3276
Dyer, FBC	None Listed	
Eldad	David Adkins, 11 Eldad Rd, Trenton	787-7190
Emmanuel-H	Mark Stanley, 144 Pleasant Hill, Humboldt	695-1618
Fellowship	Ron Harper, 86 Horrace Burress Rd, Milan	394-0336
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 <sup>th</sup> 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	None Listed	
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	Roger Hanks, 86 Horrace Burress Rd, Atwood	414-4081
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	Ronnie Baker, 134 Trenton Hwy, Bradford	487-5649
White Hall	James Criswell, 1312 Sunny Dr, Trenton	855-9214



### Ministers of Youth

Antioch	Matt Dunagan, 43 Rooker Rd, Jackson	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	Adam Robinson, 147 Jadewood Dr, Jackson	855-9162
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
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	Joseph Rice, 815 Mary Kee Dr, Humboldt	618-0172
Poplar Grove	David Draper, 72 Frog Jump Brazil Rd, Trenton	487-9122
Rutherford, FBC	Dusty Emerson, PO Box 124, Rutherford	414-7984
Smyrna	Ken Leke, 1123 31 <sup>st</sup> Ave, Humboldt	784-7859
Spring Hill	Dana Webb, 61 Eaton Brazil Rd, Trenton	559-4277
Sugar Creek	Christian Shipman, 3400 E Mitchell, Humboldt	784-1883
Trenton, FBC	Nicholas Scott, 401 South High St, Trenton	676-6484
West Carroll	David Moncriff, PO Box 24, Trezevant	None Listed

### Other Ordained Ministers

Antioch	Bill Rice, 1820 Osborne, Humboldt	449-0608
Bradford, First	Kelvin Moore, PO Box 206, Bradford	742-3099
Dyer, First	Jason Griggs, 134 Green Valley Rd, Trenton	855-0555
Dyer, First	Daymond Duck, 68 St Route 185, Dyer	692-3162
Dyer, First	Bob Hill, Broad St, Dyer	613-5714
Keely Mill	John Fields. 278 Division St, Dyer	414-4566
New Hope	Terry Owen, 306 Alamo St, Kenton	749-0074
Northside	Jimmy Sorrell, 465 Laneview Concord Rd, Trenton	855-0135
Rutherford First	Marlon Stephens, PO Box 250, Rutherford	665-7198
Salem	Randy Pool, 416 Poplar Corner, Trenton	431-7101
Smyrna	James Brown, 221 Medina Hwy, Humboldt	784-2578
Sugar Creek	Bob Agee, 270 Ashport, Humboldt	695-7530
Sugar Creek	Mike Sanders, 241 Edison Frog Jump Rd, Trenton	695-4800
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	Gayle Hill, 353 West Broad St, Dyer	613-3029
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 <sup>th</sup> St, Humboldt	784-7308
Hickory Grove	None Listed	
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	Rita Sellers, , 189 Taylor Rd, Bradford	None Listed
New Bethlehem	Shirley Pipkin, 214 Division St, Dyer	692-2657
New Haven	None Listed	
New Hope	Charlotte Curtis, 822 Maple Heights St, Kenton	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	Janette Welch, 317 Gibson Wells Brazil Rd, Trenton	234-6257
Poplar Springs	Denise Bates, 25 Esquire White Rd, Trenton	388-3363
Rutherford, First	Susan McCullar, PO Box 483, Rutherford	665-7552
Salem	Kim Reynolds, 241 West Bypass, Trenton	414-0411
Smyrna	Georgia Brisentine, 1075 N 29 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Humboldt	697-4944
Spring Hill	William Tyree, 758 Old Trenton Eaton Rd, Trenton	559-4236
Sugar Creek	Jerry Barker, 2655 Beau Beth, Humboldt	784-1115
Trenton, First	Leann Cherry, 143 Bob Batchelor Rd, Trenton	414-0758
Walnut Grove	Earlene Keathley, 338 Walnut Grove Rd, Kenton	749-5582
West Carroll	Karen Creasy, 1060 N Stonewall, McKenzie	415-5525
West Side	Curtis Halbbrook, 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	Boo Sellers, 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	Tim Armacost, 449 Poplar Corner Rd, Trenton	225-8288
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	Joe Ragon, 11023 Fields Dr, Milan	686-3385
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	None Listed	
Poplar Grove	Tim Ingram, 35 Fred Brown Rd, Trenton	559-4756
Poplar Springs	Kathy Hanks, 86 Horree 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	Jason Copous 232 Wildcate Lane, Bradford	420-2468
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	343-1984
China Grove	John Brelsford, PO Box 182, Rutherford	665-9955
Clear Creek	Bradley Shanklin, 498 Old Dyersburg Rd, Dyer	692-2327
Connect	Stanley Cates, 130 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford	742-2780
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 <sup>th</sup> St, Humboldt	784-2697
Medina, First	Dennis Parrett, 127 Westwind Dr, Medina	783-3197
Midway	Greg Pillow, 644 S Trenton St, Rutherford	225-0223
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 <sup>th</sup> Ave, Humboldt	697-4944
Spring Hill	Mark Carlton, 106 Carlton Turner Rd, Trenton	559-4323
Sugar Creek	Steve Babcock, 3400 E Mitchell, Humboldt	784-1883
Trenton, First	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	David Strauss, 81 David Grove Rd, Bradford	613-3906
White Hall	Melissa Barber, 284 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford	None Given

### 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
Gibson	Shirley Mitchell, 1095 Craig Dr, Milan	238-2216
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
Laneview-K	Faye Russom, 234 N Poplar, Dyer	446-3336
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	Tabatha Workman, 209 Hillside St, Kenton	446-4092
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 <sup>th</sup> St, Trenton	855-0754
West Side	Louise Watson, 738 Old Trenton Eaton Rd, Trenton	559-4603
White Hall	Julie Haynes, 153 Sleepy Hollow Rd, Trenton	414-2529

### Men's Ministry Directors

Antioch	Ken Luckey, 207 Antioch Rd, Humboldt	784-2417
Chapel Hill	Shane Paschall, 1092 Brentwood, Milan	723-7300
Connect	Stanley Cates, 130 Trezevant Hwy, Humboldt	742-2780
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

### 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	James Dunagan, 1100 Old Dyersburg Rd, Dyer	643-6218
Bethpage	Tim Griggs, 26 Jodie Hall Rd, Kenton	676-3618
Bradford, First	Larry Patterson, 140 Milan Hwy, Bradford	420-2697
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	Mike Rice,	
China Grove	None Listed	
Clear Creek	Gary Selph, 72 Horseshoe Loop, Dyer	692-3245
Dyer, First	Larry Tilly, 410 Old Dyersburg Rd, Dyer	None Listed
Eldad	Tony Milligan, 11 Lowery Ln, Trenton	None Listed
Emmanuel-H	Ronald Coleman, 172 St Rt 420, Trenton	784-5201
Fellowship	Jack Woods, 1087 Baird St, Milan	686-0706
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	J W Rinks, 161 Idlewild Holly Leaf Rd, Bradford	742-2280
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	None Listed
Mt. Pisgah	Johnnie Griffin, 101 Reynolds Rd, Bradford	742-3875
Mt. Pleasant	Andy Rutherford, 970 Gann Rd, Bradford	414-7835
New Bethlehem	Joel Reynolds, 170 Old Dyersburg Trenton Rd, Dyer	692-4269
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	Jimmy Porter, 34 Bill Edwards Rd, Humboldt	414-3729
Salem	Tracy King, 25 B Humboldt, Trenton	855-9186
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	Tim Haynes, 153 Sleepy Hollow Rd, Trenton	414-6736

### 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	None Listed	
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	Elaine Fowler, 5135 Rolling Meadows, Milan	None Listed
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	None Listed	
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	Christy Skelton, 29 Broadfield Manor, Trenton	414-2795
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	Amy Sanderson, 285 St Route 186 N, Humboldt	787-6202
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:	None Listed
Avondale:	None Listed
Beech Grove:	None Listed
Bethel-H:	None Listed
Bethel-Y:	Rev. & Mrs. Billy Criswell
Bethpage:	Rev. Garry Burkacki
Bradford FBC:	None listed
Calvary-H:	Rev. & Mrs. Tony Crossnoe
Calvary-R:	None Listed
Center:	Rev. Joey Gowan, Jeffrey Mealer
Chapel Hill:	None Listed
China Grove:	Rosy Anderson, Addie Brelsford
Clear Creek:	None Listed
Connect:	Mr & Mrs Stanley Cates, Elaine Fowler
Dyer, FBC:	Mr & Mrs Jim Acree, Rachel Duck, Doug Duncan, Doris Holt, Rev Lane Self
Eldad:	None Listed
Emmanuel-H:	Rev & Mrs. Bill Brown, Mr & Mrs Thomas Edwards
Fellowship:	Ron Harper, Rev Eddie Holmes
Fruitland:	Shirley Carlton, Rev Andy & Charlene King
Gibson:	Harris Coble, Rev & Mrs Steve Littleton, Shirley Mitchell, Dorothy Reynolds
Hickory Grove:	Sherry Scruggs, Blake Elliott
Idlewild:	None Listed
Immanuel-T:	Mr. & Mrs Ray Etheridge, Rev & Mrs. Steve Skelton
Keely Mill:	Rev. & Mrs Stephen Fields Felichia Fields
Kenton, FBC:	Rev. Shawn Allred, Charles Holder, Dennis Littleton, Robert Norton
Laneview-K:	Derrick Bawcum, Rev. Barry Capps
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, Helen Morrison
Mt. Pisgah:	Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Carr, Rev. Steve Hemann, Mr. & Mrs. Leon Sutton
Mt. Pleasant:	None Listed
New Bethlehem:	Rev. John Coleman, Marcella Gilmore, Mr & Mrs Melvin Pipkin. Mr. & Mrs. Glynn Reynolds
New Haven:	Rev. Randy Beals
New Hope:	Jesse Griggs, Rev Bryan Morris, Terry Owens, Joseph Rice
Northern's Chapel:	None Listed
Northside:	Rev. Eric McLemore, Rev. Jimmy Sorrell
Oak Grove:	Richard Canada, Mr. & Mrs. David Thomason
Oakwood:	Rev. James Rogers
Old Bethlehem:	None Listed
Poplar Grove:	Rev. Joey Hufstedler, Don Polley
Poplar Springs:	Rev. & Mrs. Billy Hanks, Dottie Walker
Rutherford, FBC	Zach McCain, Rev & Mrs. Marlon Stephens
Salem:	Rev. Joel Pigg
Smyrna:	Shelia Bell, Rev. David Powell
Spring Hill:	Rev. Andy Mayfield, William Tyree, Dana Webb, Debby Webb
Sugar Creek:	Lisa Kail, Rev. & Mrs. Mike Kemper, Rev. Greg McFadden, Rev. Mike Sanders
Trenton, FBC:	Dr. Jason Bowen, Leann Cherry
Walnut Grove:	Rev. Andy Rice
West Carroll	Rev. & Mrs. Billy Hanks
West Side:	Mr. & Mrs. James Prescott,
White Hall:	Janice Harper, Barb McConnell, Barbara Taylor, Rick Tucker, Dianne Yarbrough



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

Afternoon Session

1. Call to Order - the meeting was called to order at 3:30 PM by Billy Criswell, moderator, and pastor of Bethel-Y.
2. Seating of Messengers - Leann Cherry, GBA clerk, member of FBC, Trenton, read the Leadership Team Program Report. She made a motion that messengers be seated and the program be adopted with changes as needed. Report was approved and messengers to the 96th Annual Meeting of Gibson Baptist Association were seated and the program was approved with any necessary changes.
3. Congregational Hymn - Jared Poore, minister of music, New Bethlehem, led the congregation in the hymn, "How Great is Our God."
4. Invocation/Welcome by Host Church - Bryan Morris, pastor, New Hope, led the invocation and welcomed everyone to the afternoon session of the GBA Annual Meeting.
5. Wingo Video Testimony - Bett Jewell, member, FBC, Dyer, spoke on how the Wingo offering helped her and others from FBC Dyer, serve on mission with Charm Ministry in East Tennessee.
6. Theme Interpretation - Bryan Morris, gave his interpretation of the theme "Telling the Story of Jesus." He read from Acts 8:4-5 and 26-31. He shared the story about the Ethiopian Eunuch. He gave four areas for us to be aware of: pay attention to those around us; be sure to question if someone understands the Bible; guide people to Jesus; and people are waiting to know the truth.
7. Financial Report - Jim Acree, GBA treasurer, member of FBC, Dyer, gave the report. He stated that the receipts were a little less than needed, but we spent \$ 1,131.13 less than was budgeted, therefore, we were able to balance the budget.
8. Nominating Committee - Billy Hanks, pastor West Carroll Unity, made a motion that the Nominating Committee Report found on pages 5 and 6 be approved.
9. Budget presentation - Joel Pigg, chairperson, pastor Salem Baptist Church, informed the messengers that receipts have decreased the last 3 years for GBA. He also said there was no fat left in the budget to trim so they cut the budget 1/43% which is a \$ 2,835 decrease from last year. Budget can be found on page 36.
10. Congregation Hymn - Jared Poore led the congregation in "Ancient Words."
11. Theme Interpretation – Zach McCain, pastor FBC Rutherford, stated that persecution has ramped up. The story of Jesus is not the results of the story of Jesus. It is also not the response to the story of Jesus. The gospel is news that we are to proclaim.
12. Seek Team Report - Mike Sanders, team leader, member Sugar Creek, stated the goals for the Seek team are: crusade events across Gibson Association; start a new Hispanic work in the area; and GBA reaching 385 new baptized believers. These reports can be found on page 42.
13. Strengthen Team Report - David Powell, team leader, pastor Smyrna, said that they had two Youth Rallies. One was during the Strawberry Festival and another was at the Gibson County Fair. He

also talked about the success of the Deacon's Meetin' and the Senior Adult events. The Strengthen Team Reports can be found on pages 43-49.

14. Elections of Officers - Billy Criswell, moderator, asked for nominations for Officers for 2019-2020. Andy King, interim pastor, Fruitland, nominated Steve Littleton as moderator. With no further nominations, he was elected by acclamation. David Powell, pastor Smyrna, nominated Shawn Allred, pastor of FBC, Kenton, as assistant moderator. With no further nominations, he was elected by acclamation.  
  
Bryan Morris nominated Leann Cherry as GBA clerk. With no further nominations she was elected by acclamation. Tommy Doyle, FBC Milan, nominated Jim Acree as GBA treasurer and he was nominated by acclamation. Bryan Morris nominated Joel Pigg as GBA assistant treasurer. With no further nominations he has elected by acclamation.
15. Introduction of Speaker - Steve Littleton, assistant moderator, pastor of Gibson Baptist, introduced Billy Criswell by stating he had been at Bethel - Yorkville for 23 years. He also said he was a car part seller and a Jesus teller.
16. Special Music - Jared Poore sang "How Great Thou Art."
17. Moderator message - Billy Criswell - moderator, pastor Bethel - Yorkville, read from Acts 12. He stated that prayer changes things. Jesus told us to always pray. Prayer is God's way of provision and a way to have peace.
18. Wingo Video Testimony - Rhonda Poore, member of Kenton First Baptist Church, and her family talked about their mission to Jamaica and how it was made possible by contributions from Wingo.
19. Wingo Offering/Congregation Hymn - Jared Poore led the congregation in the hymn "What A Day That Will Be."
20. Memorial Recognition - Andy King, interim pastor Fruitland, shared names of those who passed away in the last year, and he read Hebrews 11:13-16. The Memorial Report can be found on pages 24 and 25.
22. Benediction and meal blessing - Andy King led the benediction.

### **Evening Session**

23. Call to Order - the meeting was called to order by Billy Criswell, moderator at 6:30 PM. There were 106 messengers from 37 churches and many visitors present.
24. Invocation - Joey Hays, member New Hope, gave the invocation.
25. Welcome - Bryan Morris welcomed everyone to the evening session.
26. Congregation Singing - Jared Poore led the congregation in "I Saw the Light" and "I'll Fly Away."
27. Theme Interpretation - Andy Mayfield, pastor Spring Hill, read Acts 8:4-5 and 9-10. He compared Simon and Philip. He said Simon wanted to be someone great and Philip came to teach about Jesus.
28. Miscellaneous business - Billy Criswell, moderator, asked that we watch a video from Tennessee Baptist Convention Executive Director, Dr. Randy Davis. Dr. Davis talked about the petition that 18,000 people signed "I Stand for Life" and the \$ 1.9 million given to the Golden Offering. The

TBMB reports can be found on pages 50-57.

29. Wingo Video Testimony - John Coleman, pastor New Bethlehem, spoke about his trip to Brazil and the importance of missions and giving to the Wingo offering.
30. Time, Place, Resolution Report - Gary Burkacki, pastor Bethpage, presented the following resolutions from his committee. They were adopted. He also made a motion that the 2020 Annual Meeting be on October 26, 2020 at Antioch Baptist Church in Humboldt. This motion was accepted.

**RESOLUTION I  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO NEW HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**WHEREAS**, the Messengers of the 2019 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 New Hope Baptist Church for opening their facilities for our annual meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, We further acknowledge Pastor Bryan Morris and the ministerial staff of New Hope Baptist Church along with the many New Hope church volunteers who have worked so diligently to make our meeting a success;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the messengers of the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association express our profound gratitude and appreciation to the Lord for the people of New Hope 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 2019 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 UPON HER RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Mrs. Dianne Klutts has served the Churches of the Gibson Baptist Association and the Directors of Missions, Ken Sparkman, Mike Kemper and Dr. Roger Stacy, faithfully as Ministry Specialist for 23 and a half years; and

**WHEREAS**, We acknowledge that we have been blessed to have had such a 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 in all her duties even when faced with obstacles from without and within;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the messengers of the 2019 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 as she enters this new chapter in her life and ministry.

**RESOLUTION IV  
EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO THE  
TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION MISSION BOARD PRESIDENT  
AND EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, DR. RANDY C. DAVIS**

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Randy Davis continues to serve the Churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention faithfully as President and Executive Director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention Mission Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout his ministry Dr. Davis has labored to sustain, nurture, and safeguard the many Pastors, ministerial staff, and churches in the Tennessee Baptist Convention mission field; and

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Davis approaches his ministry with a clear devotion to strengthening the local church, the Bride of the Lord Jesus Christ; one example, his leading the Tennessee Baptist Convention Churches and Pastors to embrace and support a petition initiative against abortion called "I Stand for Life.", supporting the HeartBeat Bill, taken up by the Tennessee Legislature.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED** that the messengers of the 2019 Annual Meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association express our profound gratitude and appreciation for his dedicated service to our convention and wish to extend our prayers and support for his continued ministry.

**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 2019 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.

**Time: Monday, October 26, 2020**

**Place: Antioch Baptist Church, Humboldt, TN**

31. Send Team Report - Andy King, interim pastor Fruitland, talked about the Wingo Offering that was collected. Our churches and individuals gave \$ 21,744.39 which was \$ 726.00 short of our goal of \$ 22,500. He also moved that the percentages for distribution of the Wingo funds for 2020 be as follows: 75 % to the IMB; 20% to the NAMB; and 5% to Disaster Relief. The motion was passed.

The Send Team Reports can be found on pages 38-41.

32. WMU Report - Sheila Spangler, GBA WMU Director, member of Salem Baptist, asked the pastors to promote WMU events in their churches.

33. Congregation Singing - Jared Poore led the congregation in the hymn "Nobody."

34. Budget Discussion/Adoption - Joel Pigg, pastor Salem Baptist, stated the budget committee recommended the budget of 2019-2020 be cut 1.43 % which is a savings of \$ 2,800. Joel Pigg made the motion to adopt the budget. Tommy Doyle, FBC Milan, seconded. Motion passed.

The 2019-2020 Budget can be found on page 36.

35. Director of Missions Report - Roger Stacy, DOM and member of Connect Church in Milan, talked about church revitalization. He announced that the 2019 Minute Book would be dedicated in Honor of Dianne Klutts on her retirement as Ministry Specialist. He and his wife, Penny, also presented her with flowers and he invited everyone to a reception honoring her on December 8, 2019 from 2-4 PM at the GBA office in Trenton.

36. Worship and Celebration. Jared Poore led the congregation in the song "Good, Good Father."

37. Bro. Roger recognized Grace Gentry and her husband Jon. Grace will begin serving GBA on January 6, 2020 as the new Ministry Specialist.

38. Missionary Message - Pastor Douglas Xavier, from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and Roger Stacy, serving as translator, preached from Mark 2:1-3. Pastor Douglas said that there are four types of men based upon the four men who carried the paralyzed man to Jesus. One man represents the call of God, another man represents faith, another man represents empathy and another man represents love.

39. Wingo Offering and Congregation Hymn - Jared Poore led the congregation in the hymn "All my Hope is in Jesus."

40. Introduction of New Pastors - Roger Stacy, DOM, introduced Lane Self, pastor at FBC Dyer, Barry Capps, Interim pastor at Laneview-Kenton, Zach McCain, pastor of FBC Rutherford, Andy Mayfield, pastor at Spring Hill, and Stephen Powell, pastor at West Side.

41. Presentation of GBA Officers. - Roger Stacy introduced the newly elected officers.

42. Benediction - Lane Self, pastor of FBC, Dyer 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 96th 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 28, 2019.

**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, 2019.

**New Pastors**

Dyer, FBC.....	Lane Self
Laneview-K.....	(I) Barry Capps
Oak Grove.....	Tim Newby
Rutherford, FBC.....	Zach McCain
Spring Hill.....	Andy Mayfield
West Side.....	Stephen Powell

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

<b>Antioch</b> Rev. Bill Rice	<b>Northside</b> Rev. Jake Fry Rev. Jimmy Sorrell
<b>Bradford, FBC</b> Dr. Kelvin Moore	<b>Rutherford, FBC</b> Rev. Marlon Stephens
<b>Chapel Hill</b> Rev. Tony Cash	<b>Salem</b> Rev. Randy Pool
<b>Connect</b> Rev. Roger Stacy	<b>Smyrna</b> Rev. James Brown, Retired
<b>Dyer, FBC</b> Rev. Daymond Duck Rev. Jason Griggs Rev. Bob Hill	<b>Church of Sugar Creek</b> Dr. Bob Agee Rev. Mike Kemper Rev. Mike Sanders
<b>Keely Mill</b> Rev. John Fields	<b>Trenton, FBC</b> Dr. Jerry Tidwell
<b>New Hope</b> Rev. Terry Owens	

## MEMORIAL REPORT

### ANTIOCH

Mrs. Ruth McDaniel

### AVONDALE

None Listed

### BEECH GROVE

None Listed

### BETHEL-HUMBOLDT

None Listed

### BETHEL-YORKVILLE

None Listed

### BETHPAGE

None Listed

### BRADFORD, FIRST

Miss Judy Cooper

Mr. Glyn James

Mr. Ray Mitchell \*\*\*\*

### CALVARY-HUMBOLDT

Mr. J. C. Durbin

Mr. Tommy Mosier \*\*\*\*

### CALVARY-RUTHERFORD

None Listed

### CENTER

Mrs. Ruth McMinn

### CHAPEL HILL

Mrs. Charlotte Cole

Mr. Clayburn Darby \*\*\*\*

Mrs. Helen Nelson \*\*\*\*\*

Mr. Terry Presson

Mrs. Norma Scroggins

Rev. Jerry Summers \*\*

Mr. Curtis Thompson

### CHINA GROVE

Mrs. Betty Helton

Mr. Larry Love

### CLEAR CREEK

None Listed

### CONNECT

None Listed

### DYER, FIRST

Mr. Richard Boone

Ms. Helen Carson

Mrs. Gladys Etheridge

### ELDAD

None Listed

### EMMANUEL

Mrs. Sandra Pickard

### FELLOWSHIP

Mr. Greg Kernodle

Mrs. Helen Marbury\*\*\*\*\*

### FRUITLAND

Mr. Bill Duff

### GIBSON

Mr. David McMinn

Mrs. Stacie Pedigo

Mrs. Ann Walker\*\*\*\*\*

### HICKORY GROVE

Mrs. Judith Crockett

### IDLEWILD

Mr. Billy Connell

Ms. Linda Vinson

### IMMANUEL-TRENTON

Mr. Fred Dabbs

### KEELY MILL

Mrs. Kay Fields \*\*\*

### KENTON, FIRST

Mrs. Nadine Duffer

Mrs. Jeanette Harper

Mrs. Faye Stringer

### LANEVIEW-KENTON

None Listed

### LANEVIEW-TRENTON

None Listed

### LATHAM'S CHAPEL

Mr. Leonard Bateman

Mrs. Brenda Coleman

Mr. Paul Nichols \*\*\*\*

### LAVINIA

Mrs. Reba Davidson

Mr. Tony Hicks

Mrs. Linda Jarrett

Ms. Joe Ann Richard

Ms. Ann Robinson

Mr. R B Young \*\*\*\*

### MARANATHA

None Listed

### MEDINA, FIRST

Mr. Wendell Foutch

Mrs. Mary Ann Leggett

Mrs. Marcie Porter

Mrs. Annie Toone

### MIDWAY

Mrs. Linda Criswell



**MILAN, FIRST**

Mrs. Elizabeth Daniels  
 Mrs. Wilma Hassell  
 Mrs. Betty Marshall  
 Ms. Carrie Ann Mayfield  
 Mrs. Mina Sue McClain  
 Mr. Joseph Robinson  
 Mrs. Willow Dean Warren  
 Mrs. Sarah West  
 Mrs. Billie Williams  
 Mrs. Lynda Carol Williams

**MT. PISGAH**

Mr. Bruce Reynolds

**MT. PLEASANT**

Mr. David Curtis  
 Mr. James Kizer

**NEW BETHLEHEM**

Mrs. Rozell Cole  
 Mrs. Margaret Jewell  
 Mr. Stanley Laughlin  
 Mrs. Hautie Tilley

**NEW HAVEN**

Miss Jeannie King

**NEW HOPE**

None Listed

**NORTHERN'S CHAPEL**

None Listed

**NORTHSIDE**

Ms. Elizabeth Derryberry  
 Mrs. Mildred Murphy

**OAK GROVE**

Mr. James Petty

**OAKWOOD**

None Listed

**OLD BETHLEHEM**

None Listed

**POPLAR GROVE**

Mr. Herbert Adams

**POPLAR SPRINGS**

None Listed

**RUTHERFORD, FIRST**

Mr. Thomas Bearden  
 Mr. Arland Emerson  
 Mr. Stephen Fair  
 Mrs. Mary King  
 Mr. Harold White

**SALEM**

Miss Tracy Baker  
 Mrs. Susan Brasfield  
 Mrs. Lillian Crossnoe  
 Mr. F. E. Cunningham

**SMYRNA**

Mrs. LaDon Bradford  
 Mr. Jeff Gatlin  
 Mrs. Lorene Pinkley

**SPRING HILL**

Mrs. Opal Adams  
 Mrs. Lucy Tyreer

**SUGAR CREEK**

Mrs. Carolyn Carter  
 Mr. Jim Hadley  
 Mr. Charlet Lewis  
 Mrs. Jenny McCord  
 Mr. David Pillow  
 Mr. Jim Poteete  
 Mr. Ed Scarbrough  
 Mr. Johnny Swanger  
 Ms. Cristal Walk  
 Mr. Jerry Watson  
 Mr. Clint Williams  
 Mr. Parker Williams  
 Mr. Ron Wood

**TRENTON, FIRST**

Mr. Mac "Evans" McCaul, Sr  
 Mrs. Shirley McGill  
 Ms. Julie Reece

**WALNUT GROVE**

Mr. Robert Jackson  
 Mr. Thomas Johnson  
 Mrs. Ruby Reed  
 Mrs. Betty Jean Yergin

**WEST CARROLL UNITY**

None Listed

**WEST SIDE**

Mrs. Lessie Howe  
 Mrs. Mary Ann Moore

**WHITE HALL**

Mr. Terry Barber  
 Mr. Bobby Brown  
 Mrs. Bobbie Conner  
 Mr. Paul Elliott  
 Mr. James Floyd  
 Mr. Horace Harper  
 Mr Tyler Howell  
 Mr. James Petty  
 Mrs. Ruby Spellings

\* Current GBA Pastor

\*\* 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:**

Twenty-eight executive board members representing sixteen churches were present at the January meeting. Bro. Joel Pigg, assistant treasurer, gave the financial report and informed the board that the association was \$2,600 short of the budget. Randy Pool, TBC representative and Harvest Field 2 representative, shared about what the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board is doing across the state, and emphasized the Christmas backpacks, and shared about Compassion Ministries. Tiffany Dawson, director of development for BirthChoice, informed the board about fundraisers for Birth Choice. She shared about the many services that BirthChoice offers such as counseling for those considering abortion, parenting classes, abstinence education, and Bible study for post abortion. During its ministry, they had helped around 18,000 women. Bro. Roger Stacy, DOM, shared how the association is a family and the state and national levels are affiliates. Gibson Baptist Association has been asked to host the Strawberry Festival Prayer Breakfast in May. Sheilah Spangler, WMU Director, reminded the board of the upcoming Jerry Legg Volunteer Mission Banquet on February 7, 2018 at Fruitland.

### **April Executive Board Meeting highlights:**

There were 15 Executive board members at the April meeting. Jim Acree, treasurer, gave the financial report. He reminded the board that we are \$6,000 behind where we need to be. Bro. Roger Stacy, DOM, gave his report and emphasized the upcoming mission trip to Brazil. He also shared about the Union students that will be preaching in churches the first Sunday in May. Rhonda Poore gave the WMU Report in the absence of Sheilah Spangler. She shared about the National Day of Prayer event. Bob Moore, Men's Ministry Leader, gave an update on the GBA church softball league and some changes to be implemented. Bro. Andy King, Send Team leader, gave the Send Team report and encouraged the churches to give to the Wingo Fund. He also shared about the growth at Fruitland for the last 2 years from 15-20 older people to 21 kids on a previous Wednesday night and 50 in church on Sunday morning. The board authorized Bro. Roger to work with the appropriate team on a graphic design of a yard sign that would promote and support Pro Life.

### **July Executive Board Meeting highlights:**

The Executive Board met at First Baptist Church Dyer. Bro. Lane Self was recognized as the new pastor of Dyer First Baptist Church. Jim Acree, treasurer, reported that we were short about \$6,400 in budget receipts. Bro. Roger Stacy, DOM, reminded the pastors about upcoming events in particular the Deacons' Meetin' at Whitehall on September, 5, 2019 and the God & Country Rally at the Gibson County Courthouse on September 11, 2019. A recommendation was approved to elect Bro. Bryan Morris to serve on the Personnel Committee and Bro. Joel Pigg to serve on the Budget Committee. Dr. Randy Davis, Executive Director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention, was the special guest speaker for the board meeting. He gave some updates on ministries around the state and convention activities. He stressed that our work is in concentric circles: the church, the association and the state. He also expressed his concern for the health of pastors of our local churches. Dr. Davis shared about his burden for the unborn and the need to stand against abortion. He spoke about the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board's initiative "I Stand for Life". He will be speaking to the state legislature on August 12, 2019, and will present signed petitions to the Tennessee state legislature. Dr. David reminded pastors to sign the petition and have church members to sign also.

## DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

### (ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY)

As I submit this report to you this year, it is with a sense of gratitude for allowing me to serve as your associational missionary (DOM). I am more than happy to tell my colleagues across the state that Gibson Baptist Association of Churches is the best Association in the state. I also come before you in this report to express a deep gratitude to Dianne Klutts who has served this Association as Ministry Specialist for almost twenty four years. Dianne announced her retirement this fall. This will be a tremendous loss to this Association and to me as well. We wish her the very best as she and her husband, Bro. Danny, continue serving the Lord.

I attended the National Renovate Conference (Church Revitalization Conference) in Orlando, Florida, the week of November 6-8, 2018. Bro. Shawn Allred joined me for the week of training under the direction of Dr. Tom Cheyney.

I led mission teams to serve in Brazil this past year as a part of our partnership with the International Mission Board. The week of November 23-December 1, 2018, the team served in Rio de Janeiro. Five pastors preached in the churches during the week. A team of fourteen (14) volunteers participated in a crusade in the city of Rio de Janeiro the week of April 22-30, 2019. Another mission team served in Rio the week of June 17-25, 2019. Every team experienced tremendous results and saw many saved and lives changed.

The Tennessee Baptist Convention provides an annual retreat for bivocational pastors and their wives in Pigeon Forge. In January, seven (7) couples attended Bivocational Pastors & Wives Retreat. As a part of our ministry plan through the Strengthen Team, funds were budgeted to pay the registration fees for these couples.

I led a group of thirty-three (33) people to the Holy Land the week of February 18-27. The group was composed of members of GBA churches and in our association. A few people joined our group from another association and other churches outside of the GBA.

We celebrated our fourth annual “Jerry Legg Volunteer Missions Banquet” on February 7, at the Fruitland Baptist Church. Bro. Andy King received the Missions Volunteer of the Year award for his outstanding service in missions.

On April 2, we offered a Vacation Bible School Clinic at Salem Baptist Church. I would like to see every church in our association have a VBS this next year.

White Hall Baptist Church hosted our Bible Drills once again. Rhonda Poore and the Strengthen Team planned and served to make the Bible Drills a success.

Twenty-one churches hosted Union University student preachers the weekend of May 5. Churches gave a love offering totaling \$3, 477.23. Our association hosted more student preachers than any other association to date.

The Strawberry Festival Committee asked the GBA to host the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival Prayer Breakfast on May 5. Bro. Bert Harper with American Family Radio was the guest speaker. There were approximately 170 in attendance.

On September 11, the GBA held a “**God & Country Rally**” on the courthouse steps in Trenton. This was to remember 9/11 and honor first responders, law enforcement, chaplains, and other emergency personnel. Michael Imhof, a former US Navy Commander and Navy Seal, was the evangelist speaker.

I look forward to another great as we join forces and hearts to reach the lost in the communities of the Gibson Baptist Association.

# FINANCIAL REPORTS

## September 2019

### General Fund Summary

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2018.....	\$ 43,111.54
Receipts: Budget - \$ 196,810.21 Non-Budget (Designated) - \$ 21,874.09.....	\$ <u>218,684.30</u>
Total Available for the General Fund By September 30, 2019 .....	\$ 261,795.84
Expenditures: .....	\$ <u>222,667.24</u>
<b>Balance on Hand, September 30, 2019 .....</b>	<b>\$ 39,128.60</b>

### Receipts

Church	Gifts	Church	Gifts
Antioch .....	\$ 7,131.89	Midway .....	1,275.79
Avondale .....	.00	Milan, FBC .....	11,509.00
Beech Grove .....	2,907.13	Mt. Pisgah .....	2,044.49
Bethel-Humboldt .....	.00	Mt. Pleasant .....	13,595.05
Bethel-Yorkville .....	3,490.00	New Bethlehem .....	5,941.80
Bethpage .....	955.19	New Haven .....	2,700.00
Bradford, FBC .....	3,480.00	New Hope .....	5,268.87
Calvary-Humboldt .....	314.13	Northern's Chapel .....	300.00
Calvary-Rutherford .....	981.03	Northside .....	2,509.40
Center .....	600.00	Oak Grove .....	869.63
Chapel Hill .....	20,510.19	Oakwood .....	1,301.95
China Grove .....	393.09	Old Bethlehem .....	250.00
Clear Creek .....	.00	Poplar Grove .....	2,145.01
Connect .....	1,425.10	Poplar Springs .....	.00
Dyer, FBC .....	5,454.93	Rutherford, FBC .....	1,587.25
Eldad .....	3,405.01	Salem .....	4,836.39
Emmanuel-Humboldt .....	2,839.35	Smyrna .....	2,496.12
Fellowship .....	2,973.15	Spring Hill .....	1,092.00
Fruitland .....	686.95	SugarCreek .....	13,087.53
Gibson .....	1,787.00	The Rock .....	513.92
Hickory Grove .....	.00	Trenton, FBC .....	7,500.00
Idlewild .....	1,564.51	Walnut Grove .....	1,000.00
Immanuel-Trenton .....	1,189.00	West Carroll .....	547.80
Keely Mill .....	411.55	West Side .....	424.00
Kenton, FBC .....	21,584.24	White Hall .....	<u>4,181.00</u>
Laneview-Kenton .....	500.00	Total Income from Churches	\$ 185,685.34
Laneview-Trenton .....	603.90	Interest .....	10.83
Latham's Chapel .....	1,800.00	TBC .....	11,114.04
Lavinia .....	6,219.00	Designated Receipts .....	<u>21,874.09</u>
Maranatha .....	2,202.00	Total Receipts .....	\$ 218,684.30
Medina, FBC .....	3,300.00		

**Year To Date Expenditures**  
**October 1, 2018 through September 30, 2019**

<b>Ministry Item</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Designated</b>	<b>Balance</b>
101 - Project Ministries	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$ .00	\$ .00
102 - Men's Ministries	2,000.00	2,000.00	.00	.00
103 - Senior Adult Ministries	1,200.00	1,200.00	.00	.00
104 - Youth Ministries	2,700.00	2,052.68	.00	647.32
110- Continuing Education	200.00	.00	.00	200.00
112 - Bi-Vocational Pastors	1,350.00	1,350.00	.00	.00
113 - Deacon's Ministry	1,200.00	1,200.00	.00	.00
114 - Pastor's Conference	1,000.00	376.00	.00	624.00
120 - Softball	50.00	48.89	.00	1.11
201 - Volunteer Missions Banquet	300.00	296.07	.00	3.93
202 - Baptist Collegiate Ministry	3,000.00	2,910.31	.00	89.69
203 - Mississippi River Ministry	1,500.00	1,500.00	.00	.00
204 - WMU	2,000.00	1,998.96	.00	1.04
301 - Vacation Bible School	1,000.00	1,026.09	.00	(26.09)
302 - Evangelism	500.00	500.00	.00	.00
501 - Salary (DOM)	35,340.00	35,340.00	.00	.00
502 - Housing Allowance (DOM)	25,876.00	25,876.00	.00	.00
504 - Convention, Conferences (DOM)	2,000.00	2,000.00	.00	.00
505 - Mileage/Ministry Reimbursement	7,200.00	7,150.00	.00	50.00
506 - Life Insurance (DOM)	5,892.00	7,284.48	.00	(1,392.48)
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	27,210.94	.00	1,813.06
516 - Social Security (Ministry Specialist)	2,172.00	2,081.68	.00	90.32
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	2,912.00	.00	(207.00)
530 - Staff Christmas Gifts	1,410.00	1,410.00	.00	.00
531 - Bonus	1,000.00	1,000.00	.00	.00
702 - Office Utilities	8,500.00	8,645.68	.00	(145.68)
705 - Printing, Office Supplies, Postage	7,200.00	7,182.96	.00	17.04
706 - Book of Reports, Minutes, Clerk	1,000.00	910.75	.00	89.25
710 - Maintenance of Office Copier	1,250.00	1,306.85	.00	(56.85)
711 - Office Equipment (Office Copier)	10,265.00	10,302.22	.00	(37.22)
715 - Insurance: Building/Workers Comp	5,120.00	5,061.19	.00	58.81
716 - Building Maintenance	1,000.00	1,000.00	.00	.00
717 - Kitchen & Janitorial Supplies	400.00	400.00	.00	.00
720A-Custodial Service	2,860.00	2,860.00	.00	.00
720B- Lawn Service	2,970.00	3,030.00	.00	(60.00)
725 - Audit	950.00	950.00	.00	.00
730 - Miscellaneous	500.00	500.00	.00	.00
<b>Total: Budgeted Receipts/Expenditures \$</b>	<b>197,591.00</b>	<b>196,459.87</b>		<b>1,131.13</b>
<b>801 - Explanation of Designated Funds \$</b>	<b>12,115.41</b>	<b>26,207.37</b>	<b>21,874.09</b>	<b>7,782.13</b>
<b>Total Expenditures: September 2019</b>		<b>222,667.24</b>		

**EXPLANATION OF DESIGNATED FUNDS**

**OCTOBER 1, 2018 - SEPTEMBER 30, 2019**

<b>Designated Account</b>	<b>Beginning Balance Oct 1, 2018</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Ending Balance Sept 30, 2019</b>
Connect Church Gifts	\$ .00	500.00	500.00	.00
Evangelical Events	2,027.89	750.00	777.87	2,000.02
Men Events	1,171.05	.00	825.52	345.53
Office Equipment	2,590.22	.00	2,590.22	.00
Pastors' Fund	42.00	16.00	25.00	33.00
Reimbursed Misc Expense	1,618.42	6,477.73	6,275.29	1,820.86
Seminary Extension	2,296.43	.00	.00	2,296.43
Senior Adult Events	.00	4,368.50	4,368.50	172.00
Softball	1,924.33	1,460.00	2,370.01	1,014.32
Wingo/Special Funds	.00	4,493.36	4,493.36	.00
WMU Events	445.07	3,637.33	3,982.10	99.97
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 12,115.41</b>	<b>\$ 21,874.09</b>	<b>\$ 26,207.37</b>	<b>\$ 7,782.13</b>

***SPECIAL FUNDS ACCOUNT SUMMARY***

October 1, 2018 - September 30, 2019

**Wingo Receipts**

Beech Grove	\$ 00.00	Maranatha	\$ 300.00
Bethel-Yorkville	1,162.00	Medina, FBC	116.54
Bethpage	1,125.00	Mt. Pleasant	544.00
Calvary -H	314.13	New Bethlehem	500.00
Calvary-R	200.00	Northside	200.00
Connect	500.00	Oak Grove	350.00
Dyer, FBC	1,200.00	Salem	916.63
Eldad	500.00	Smyrna	625.00
Emmanuel	414.00	Sugar Creek	1,708.04
Hickory Grove	1,350.00	Trenton, FBC	1,020.00
Immanuel	500.00	Gifts/Memorials	3,974.00
Kenton, FBC	1,500.00	Interest	556.32
Lavinia	1,246.00	Service Charge - New Checks	<u>-97.27</u>
<b>Total Wingo Receipts as of September 30, 2019</b>			<b>\$ 21,744.39</b>

**Memorial Gifts: Mrs. Opal Rushing and Rev. Kenneth Sparkman**

**WINGO FUNDS**

**International Mission Partnership**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2018	\$ 43,394.15
Expenditures	<u>13,500.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2019	\$ 29,894.15

**Disaster Relief**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2018	\$ 11,361.17
Expenditures	<u>.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2019	\$ 11,361.17

**North American TBC/GBA Partnerships**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2018	\$ 29,999.76
Expenditures	<u>750.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2019	\$ 29,249.76

**Total available for Wingo Funds: \$ 92,249.47**

**OTHER FUNDS**

**Back Pack Ministry**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2018	\$ .00
Receipts	5,280.00
Expenditures	<u>5,280.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2019	.00

**Bertie Thompson Scholarship Fund**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2018	\$ 2,297.48
Receipts (Interest)	345.86
Expenditures	<u>500.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2019	\$ 2,259.57

**Block Party Wagon**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2018 .....	\$	4,332.48
Receipts .....		50.00
Expenditures .....		<u>228.59</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2019 .....	\$	4,153.89

**Brazil Mission Trip/Projects**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2018 .....	\$	1,089.22
Receipts .....		57,570.80
Expenditures .....		<u>35,930.52</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2019 .....	\$	22,909.50

**Disaster Relief Trailer**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2018 .....	\$	11,142.54
Expenditures .....		<u>.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2019 .....	\$	11,142.54

**GOTM/GBA**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2018 .....	\$	10,192.55
Receipts .....		4,623.05
Expenditures .....		<u>10,192.55</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2019 .....	\$	4,623.05

**Hispanic Ministry**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2018 .....	\$	2,176.17
Receipts .....		<u>.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2019 .....	\$	2,176.17

**Israel**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2018 .....	\$	.00
Receipts .....		3,800.00
Expenditures .....		<u>3,800.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2019 .....	\$	.00

**Romania Mission Trips**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2018 .....	\$	19,001.40
Receipts Designated .....		7,368.64
Expenditures .....		<u>26,370.04</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2019 .....	\$	.00

**Total available for Other Funds: \$ 47,264.72**

**Total Special Funds Checking Account Balance as of September 30, 2019: \$ 139,514.19**

**CONTINGENCY RESERVE FUND**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2018 .....	\$	9,057.17
Receipts (Interest) .....		22.73
Expenditures .....		<u>.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2019 .....	\$	9,079.90

**Total Available for Contingency Reserve: \$ 9,070.90**



## EXPLANATION OF THE USE OF WINGO FUNDS IN 2018-2019

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	\$ .00	\$ .00
Bethel-Y	1,162.00	.00	.00
Bethpage	1,125.00	.00	.00
Calvary- H	314.13	.00	.00
Calvary - R	200.00	.00	.00
Center	500.00	.00	.00
Chapel Hill	.00	2,000.00	.00
Connect	620.00	600.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	1,200.00	.00	750.00
Eldad	500.00	.00	.00
Emmanuel	414.00	.00	.00
Hickory Grove	1,350.00	.00	.00
Immanuel	500.00	1,400.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	1,500.00	2,000.00	.00
Lavinia	1,246.00	.00	.00
Maranatha	300.00	.00	.00
Medina, FBC	116.54	.00	.00
Mt. Pleasant	544.00	.00	.00
New Bethlehem	500.00	3,500.00	.00
New Haven	.00	900.00	
Northside	200.00	.00	.00
Oak Grove	350.00	.00	.00
Salem	916.63	1,600.00	.00
Smyrna	625.00	300.00	.00
Sugar Creek	1,708.04	600.00	.00
Trenton, FBC	1,020.00	300.00	.00
Walnut Grove	.00	300.00	.00
Totals:	\$ 17,311.34	\$ 13,500.00	\$ 750.00

We also received \$ 4,433.05 in interest, gifts and memorials. And at the 2019 Annual Meeting the Wingo Offering total was \$ 911.00 bringing the total offering for 2019 to: \$22,655.39.

The goal was \$ 22,500.00

## **2019-2020 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.

(8) Churches participating in a mission trip other than a GBA led trip, shall conduct the background screening as outlined above. All background screening forms shall be maintained on file with the church. GBA will make available online background checks for churches. When a church has completed the background screening, an authorized representative of the church must sign a declaration statement provided by GBA, verifying that the background screening has been completed for every mission volunteer receiving Wingo Funds. Background screenings are valid for four years. In cases where a church receives a Church Scholarship (Multiple Scholarship), the same procedures must be followed along with a signed declaration statement to the GBA. Wingo funds will not be granted until such procedures are completed.

### **INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS PROJECTS**

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

1) Funds are designed to assist volunteers who participate in an official IMB trip/project. First time international mission volunteers are eligible for a scholarship of \$400.

2) Volunteers who have previously participated in an official IMB project/trip are eligible for a \$300 scholarship once per associational calendar year, if it is an IMB project/trip.

3) Churches may request a multiple scholarship for volunteer team members of the same church once in the calendar year.

\* A multiple scholarship is designated when a group of volunteers from a single church are participating in the same project/trip.

\* A multiple scholarship amount will be limited to \$2,000 for the project/trip.

\* Only one multiple scholarship can be granted to a single church in the calendar year.

\* Additional scholarships may be awarded to other individuals of a church that has received a multiple scholarship (under existing guideline) up to \$1,000 over and above the multiple scholarship.

\* Scholarship requests that exceed the \$3,000 limit for a church may be considered by the 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 7<sup>th</sup> grade) to participate in a 'first time' mission trip. The following guidelines apply for use of Wingo Funds:

- 1) Funds are designed to assist volunteers who participate in an official GBA, TBC, or NAMB trip/project more than 200 miles round trip from the Gibson Baptist Association Office out of state. First Time North American mission volunteers are eligible for a scholarship of \$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

- 1) The Wingo Offering is named in honor of Rev. Charles Wingo, the first Director of Missions of the Gibson Baptist Association.
- 2) Wingo Funds exist to encourage volunteers and church participation.
- 3) The Send Team will annually recommend to the Annual Meeting of the GBA the Wingo offering goal for the year.
- 4) Gifts from churches or individuals for the Wingo offering are welcomed during the budget year.
- 5) The recommended date for receiving the Wingo Offering in the churches will be the last Sunday of July of each year.
- 6) The Send Team shall recommend to the Annual Meeting of the GBA the allocation of Wingo funds (International, North American, Disaster Relief).

## THE SEND TEAM RECOMMENDS

- 1). 2019-2020 Wingo Fund Goal of \$ 23,000.
- 2). The distribution of the 2018-19 Wingo gifts of \$ 21,744.39 will be as follows:
  - \$ 16,308.80 IMB Projects (75%);
  - \$ 4,348.88 North American/TBC/GBA Projects (20%);
  - \$ 1,087.12 Disaster Relief (5 %)

## 2019-2020 Associational Budget

<b>Strengthen Team</b>	<b>2019-2020</b>
101 - Project Ministries . . . . .	\$ 200
102 - Men's Ministries . . . . .	2,000
103 - Senior Adult Ministries . . . . .	1,200
104 - Youth Ministries . . . . .	1,500
110 - Continuing Education . . . . .	100
112 - Bi-vocational Pastors . . . . .	1,350
113 - Deacon's Ministry . . . . .	1,200
114 - Pastors Conference . . . . .	1,000
120 - Softball. . . . .	50
<b>Send Team</b>	
201 - Volunteer Missions Banquet . . . . .	300
202 - Baptist Collegiate Ministry . . . . .	3,000
203 - Mississippi River Ministry . . . . .	1,000
204 - WMU . . . . .	2,000
<b>Seek Team</b>	
301 - Vacation Bible School . . . . .	1,000
302 - Evangelism . . . . .	500
<b>Administrative</b>	
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) . . . . .	7,582
507 - Retirement (DOM) . . . . .	16,930
508 - Professional Expense . . . . .	6,000
515 - Associational Ministry Specialist . . . . .	28,219
516 - Social Security (Min. Specialist). . . . .	2,159
517 - Insurance (Ministry Specialist) . . . . .	220
518 - Retirement (Ministry Specialist) . . . . .	2,070
525 - Part Time Ministry Assistant. . . . .	1,000
530 - Staff Christmas Gifts . . . . .	1,410
<b>Office Expenses</b>	
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 . . . . .	1,350
711 - Office Equipment (Copier Rental). . . . .	10,300
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. . . . .	3,170
725 - Audit . . . . .	950
730 - Miscellaneous . . . . .	500
<b>GBA BUDGET TOTAL . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 194,756</b>

## ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR FOR 2019 - 2020

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

### JANUARY 2020

1 Office Closed, New Year's Day  
9 WMU Quarterly Planning 10 AM  
16 WMU Mtg, Sugar Creek, 10 AM  
23-25 Bi-Vocational Pastors Retreat  
27 Executive Board Mtg, 7 PM

### FEBRUARY

3-11 Brazil Mission Trip  
15 Children's Ministry Day  
20 Annual Mission Volunteer Banquet  
Salem, 6:30 PM Cornbread/Bean  
28 Annual Girls' Sleep over at Lavinia Baptist  
Church \$12 Register by Feb 7.

### MARCH

20-22 WMU Get Together, Gatlingburg

### APRIL

6 GBA Bible Drill, White Hall  
9 WMU Quarterly Planning, 10 AM  
16 WMU Spring Meeting, 10 AM Mt. Pisgah  
21 Senior Adult Event, 6:00 PM  
25 Regional Bible Drill, Milan FBC, 10 Am  
27 Executive Board 7 PM

### MAY

3 WT TN Strawberry Prayer Breakfast  
7 National Day of Prayer  
25 Memorial Day, Office Closed

### JUNE

7-10 SBC Pastors' Conference/Annual Mtg  
22-29 Brazil Mission Trip

### JULY

9 WMU Quarterly Planning, 10:00 AM  
16 WMU Meeting, Salem, 10 AM  
26 Wingo Offering Sunday  
27 Executive Board, 7 PM

### AUGUST

4 Senior Adult Event, 5:30 PM  
11 WMU Annual Planning, 9:30 AM  
14 Glow camp  
26 GBA Youth Night at the Fair

### SEPTEMBER

3 Deacons' Meetin', White Hall  
7 Labor Day, Office Closed  
10 WMU Quarterly Planning, 10 AM  
17 WMU Mtg, Trenton, FBC, 10 AM  
26 JAM

### OCTOBER

26 GBA Annual Meeting, Antioch, Humboldt

# GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION REPORTS

## SEND TEAM REPORTS

### WINGO FUND REPORT

In 2018 - 2019 GBA churches and individuals gave \$ **21,744.39** towards the 2018-19 Wingo offering goal of \$22,500. This assists a variety of mission projects during the year. This amount was \$ **755.61 short** of the goal. Last year our churches gave \$ 18,133.12 toward the 2017-18 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 2018-19 Wingo Funds were used to help forty (40) individuals from twelve (12) GBA churches receive scholarship assistance through the Wingo Funds to help them bear the cost of their mission trip to three (3) different countries. Last year sixty (60) individuals from fourteen (14) churches used the Wingo Funds to help go to three (3) countries.

The total GBA /IMB scholarships distributed this past year was \$13,500. The following is a list of those receiving funds and the country in which they served.

This year we helped 5 individuals from Dyer, FBC go to Townsend TN using the NAMB Wingo Funds. They received a total of \$ 750.00 to help with their expenses

**BRAZIL:** Randy Beals, Sheila Bell, Mark Brown, John Coleman, Isabel Foster, Tracy Garner, Barbara Jones, Janice Moore, Garner Perkins, Joel Pigg, Mike & Boo Sellers, Steve Skelton, Beverly Spellings, Roger Stacy,

**JAMAICA:** Denise Coleman, Emily Cooper, Christina & Garrett Doss, Stacy & Britton Mann, Thomas & Ashley O'Daniel, Daltea Pierce, Megan Poore, Glynn & Retta Reynolds, Debbie Richardson, Alvin Rickman

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

**TOWNSEND:** Jimmy & Melanie Butler, Robbie & Jeff Emerson, Bett Jewell

## BRAZIL MISSION REPORT

The Gibson Baptist Association continues working with the International Mission Board to reach Brazilians with the gospel, plant churches, and develop disciples of Jesus Christ. Another aspect of what we do is to strengthen mission congregations that are struggling to grow and reach the point of becoming an organized New Testament Church. Brazil is also putting a heavy emphasis on church revitalization and our association has served alongside churches in Brazil to help in this area.

The week of November 3—December 01, 2018, a team of volunteers worked in Rio de Janeiro. The team did door-to-door evangelism with a heavy emphasis on discipleship for the new converts. There were 123 professions of faith in Christ for the week. One of the highlights was working in a favela (slum area) called “Mangueira” (Water hose) where 150 children live. Most parents are involved in drugs and prostitution. The Home Mission Board of Brazil has a couple working to rescue these kids from the streets, feed them, cloth them, and help them get their birth certificates. It costs about \$50 a month to help one child. The mission team shared the gospel with their parents and some made professions of faith.

The trip in April (22-30) was to conduct a crusade in Rio de Janeiro. The team of pastors worked with Pastor Douglas Xavier da Silva and preached in churches in the city for the week. There were a total of 334 professions of faith for the week. Again, the team focused on discipleship Bible studies to help new converts grow in their faith. The team engaged many armed young men selling drugs and protected by a drug lord. Some of the young men were saved, but most were afraid to betray the drug lord and risk death. These young men are lucky to make it to age 25, and if one of them reaches 30, he is called “grandpa.” Our team saw a spiritist come to faith in Christ.

The week of June 17-25, a team worked in another area of Rio with two churches. Both were struggling churches with one of them having closed its doors, but reopened. Part of our team was unable to make connections due to the weather and did not make the trip. This left our team with only five members instead of thirteen for the week. God blessed and sixty-four professions of faith were recorded for the week. We continue to hear how God is blessing these two churches and bringing new life because of the work of our team. The discipleship Bible studies continue on that our team started with new believers and there have been baptisms of new converts.

Pastor Douglas in Rio de Janeiro is putting together another crusade (simultaneous revivals) in Rio the first week in February 2020. Our goal is to take twelve (12) preachers to preach in twelve churches, along with a lay person for each church.

Thanks to the Wingo funds we are able to help a pastor who is new to our association or a pastor who has never been on an international trip under the umbrella of the Association.

Pray about joining us as we continue to reach Brazilians with the gospel in 2019-2020.

## OHIO MISSION REPORT

The West Central Baptist Association in Ohio is our sister association and we continue our relationship with them. This is a vast area to be reached with only a handful of churches in the association. The association covers ten (10) counties with over 550,000 residents. There are only 14 Southern Baptist Churches in these ten counties that compose the association.

The GBA has partnered with the West Central Association to help plant a church in the cities of Minster and New Bremen. We have had a team to work in the area previously and we need more teams to help.

One of the tools we are currently using is praying for the lost and for an openness to the gospel so that we can find a person of peace or people of peace. The goal is to find this person of peace to begin a home Bible study.

The Hillcrest Baptist Church in the West Central Association is the sponsoring church of this new work.

Pray about taking a team to this area of Ohio this year.

## GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION WMU

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

**Prayer meetings** - (organized and conducted by the GBA WMU Prayer Support Coordinator)  
Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer was cancelled due to severe weather.

National Day of Prayer at the Humboldt Medical Center Conference Center included a catered lunch and was attended by 70 residents of the county. "Cowboy" Dan Harrell spoke.

**Annual Jerry Legg Volunteer Missions Banquet** – (a joint event with the GBA Send team)  
Over 70 people attended at Fruitland Baptist Church. William Burton, TBC, spoke. Bro. Andy King, pastor of Fruitland Baptist, was recognized as 'Volunteer Missionary of the Year'.

**Quarterly meetings** – (organized by GBA WMU Area Directors)  
Approximately 130 women from churches across the association attended the associational WMU meetings this year. Speakers were:  
September at FBC-Dyer, Bo Booth, Ecuador  
January at New Bethlehem, Darla Richardson, ministry to Muslim women  
April at Poplar Springs, Windall Walker, Trinidad  
July at Bethpage, Jim and Barbara Turner, Belize

**"Missions on the Go: Bring Your Purse" missions and ministry leader training** – (a joint event with Weakley Baptist Association)  
Conducted every two years by associational WMUs, this event was held at FBC-Milan, in August. Over 100 women from more than 20 churches heard Brenda Means, of Martin, speak about "WMU, Then and Now". Her presentation was based on remarks by Sandy Wisdom-Martin, National WMU Executive Director. Brenda's humorous presentation was broken up frequently by various "commercial sponsor" actors from area churches. Brian Gallimore, Hope Outreach Ministry, also spoke about the Dresden women's shelter. Over 100 purses were filled with necessities for the women from donations brought to the meeting. Vickie



Anderson, TN WMU Executive Director, closed the program.

**Girls Living Out the Word (G.L.O.W.) Camp** – (organized by the GBA WMU GA consultant)

The annual camp for 1<sup>st</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade girls took place at Reelfoot Retreat Center Aug 23-24. Sixty five girls from 10 churches attended the event organized by Pamela Basham.

**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. Four paid registrations, including one for a pastor's wife, were donated by the GBA WMU to encourage attendance at the conference.

*“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  
Gibson Baptist Association

## **BAPTIST COLLEGIATE MINISTRY REPORT**

We had a great year working with the Dyersburg State Trenton Campus this past year. We had meals prepared by local churches every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month during the fall and 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday 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 this 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**

Our GBA SEEK Team's overall strategic goal is to assist the churches in the GBA 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. For the GBA this will mean reaching at least (385) Tennesseans in 2019/2020 annually, for churches of the GBA this will mean reaching at least (7) individuals per church annually. Our prayer is that we will see this goal accomplished collectively!!!

Following are the goals that The SEEK Team set for GBA in 2019/2020:

1. To assist churches in the GBA in fulfilling the Great Commission. We will have three crusade events to be held in three different regions of our association with locations to be determined. The crusade events will take place during the month of September 2020. We will ask our (55) churches to participate. The anticipated expenses for the crusade events will be \$2,000 per event. These funds will be used to provide for the expenses of setup, guest preachers, musicians, and groups, promotional flyers, advertisements, fees for clean up after the events, and other expenses. We will ask churches in their regions to contribute to the cost of the crusade events.

2. To assist churches in the GBA fulfill the Great Commission, we will continue to work with Bro. William Burton, Hispanic Strategist of the TBC to provide a strategy to start a new Hispanic work in our Gibson Baptist Association. We suggest that The Church at Sugar Creek, the sponsoring church, provide a written ministry plan as part of that engagement with our Gibson Baptist Association. The SEEK Team will use Golden Offering funds to support the Hispanic ministry (designated funds) which will be available by the end of September 2019.

We continue to pray together for churches in the 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-three (33) GBA churches reported baptizing one hundred sixty-three (163) people this year. Last year thirty-four (34) GBA churches reported baptizing 225 people. We baptized sixty-two (62) less people this year.

## **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

We would like to encourage all of our churches to have a Vacation bible School this next year. If we do not reach children and youth with the gospel through VBS we will perhaps never reach them as adults. VBS is the most effective tool the church has to reach the lost. Here are some helpful facts about Vacation Bible School based upon research from LifeWay.

- 25% of Baptism reported by the Southern Baptist Convention come 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.

Our Association Vacation Bible School team attended the training led by the Tennessee Baptist Convention at West Jackson Baptist Church.

This year our Association held our training at the Salem Baptist Church in Trenton. The clinic was held on Tuesday evening, April 2, 2019. There were approximately 50 to 60 present for the training with representation from several of our GBA churches. The theme this past year was “In the Wild: Amazing Encounters With Jesus.” The 2020 theme will be “Concrete and Cranes - Building on the love of Jesus and showing kids the foundation that lasts!.” You can check out the them and other resources at the following website: <https://vbs.lifeway.com/>.

This year thirty-two (32) GBA churches held a Vacation Bible School. There was an enrollment of 2,330 on the churches campuses.

## **STRENGTHEN TEAM REPORTS**

I am pleased to report that we have experienced a very good year in the Strengthen Team of the Gibson Baptist Association. These are a few of the highlights:

Christian Women’s Job Corps. As a result of being in the Gibson County Correctional facility this year, 13 ladies have openly accepted Christ as their Savior, and another 15 rededicated their lives. Through many generous donations, equipment and supplies were purchased in order to further the kingdom growth by the sharing of His word.

God really has provided this year by arranging the purchase of a transitional home for ladies coming out of incarceration which will provide mentoring for the ladies and programs for advancing their independence.

Men’s Ministry Report. This year the focus of the Men’s Ministry has been on partnering with our sister churches of the association. The Strengthen Team is responsible for oversight and assistance in the men’s ministry.

Our Youth team was once again active this year. We held a youth rally at the Strawberry Festival and another at the Gibson County fair. These evangelism events saw many come to Jesus in repentance and faith.

The Deacons’ Meetin’ was a huge success. It is held annually at White Hall Baptist. There were approximately 250 in attendance and they heard a powerful sermon from Dr. William Oakley. Kelly Sorrell and the Antioch Baptist Church did a great job in leading in worship.

Our GBA Pastor’s Conference is a weekly opportunity for our pastors to come together and fellowship, learn, discuss, vent and praise our Savior for His goodness. This is an event that if it were to be discontinued, the entire association would feel the repercussions. We pastors are so blessed to have a Associational Missionary that supports this effort.

Our Senior Adult events were once again well constructed and well attended. They were both “packed out” with the “well seasoned” members of GBA. Everyone had a great time of food, fun and fellowship and we are all anxiously awaiting the next event!

One of the ministries most actively overseen by the Strengthen team is softball. This year we appointed a new Commissioner, Mr. Bob Moore and a new co-Commissioner, Mr. Eric Patton. We revamped the rules to

ensure an “even playing field” and that everyone involved knew and understood the rules. It was a great season with 8 men’s teams and 4 co-ed teams.

The Bertie Thompson Ministry scholarship went to a deserving young man by the name of Thomas Littleton. Thomas is attending seminary in order to be prepared to pursue God’s call for his life. Congratulations Thomas!

The GBA Strengthen team is considering the possibility of offering courses through our own Bible Institute in order to help our pastors to answer the call that God has given them in His ministry. Pray for us as we move forward with continuing education. It has been a busy year and with God’s help and blessing, 2020 will be even more fruitful!!

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

In reflection, GOD continues to do a mighty work as we serve the community of Trenton and Gibson County. We continue to pray and serve and trust God as HE leads us. We dare not take credit for what HE alone can do.

As a result of being in the Gibson County Correctional facility this year, 13 ladies have openly accepted Christ as their Savior, and another 15 rededicated their lives. Our first class this year resulted in 5 ladies completing the 16 week "Powered for Life" class in May. Two of those graduates currently volunteer in the store and are in line for our dental program through Agape Smile and Elite Dental. Our second class started on August 13th with 17 enrolled. Classes also started once again in our classroom at Twice Blessed on August 14th.

In addition to the abundance of blessings through all of your donations both in-kind and monetary and the prayers and support of wonderful volunteers, we received \$500 from the GOTM for the purchase of a new laptop. We also received \$350 from Mississippi River Ministry for shelving in our sorting room at Twice Blessed. We reflect with pride regarding the 20 plus volunteers who attended annual training for Gibson County Correctional Facility. We are grateful that we continue to be able to provide food and clothing to the community, and we consider it our greatest privilege to minister and witness to those who come to our thrift store.

The purchase of a transitional home for ladies coming out of incarceration very quickly became a reality this year. The work of bringing all of this together will require even greater support from our churches and community. We were able to make a sizable down payment on the house, but will have salaries and a mortgage payment along with liability and property insurance, utility bills and general maintenance. We anticipate having ladies in the home as early as November. Please join us in praying for a Facility Manager and volunteers for transporting and mentoring the ladies and programs for advancing their independence.

Our 7th Annual "Night of Hope" this year will be at Salem Baptist Church at 199 Neal Kinsy Rd. in Trenton on November 5th. We hope that you will be able to join us for this important fundraising event in the ministry of CWJC.

Christy Skelton, Site Coordinator

## BIRTH CHOICE

I wanted to do something a little different with this annual report, yes we always have needs and you all are so gracious to meet those needs, but I wanted to share what happens when those needs are met with some stories for you all.

1. Anna (name changed to protect privacy) came to us; she was very upset. She had recently broken up with her longtime boyfriend who was the father of her other child as well. She was also upset knowing that she was even considering aborting her child. Anna knew abortion was wrong, but she feared being a single mom of two.

But when Anna had her ultrasound, she saw she had a big, 20 week baby that “melted my heart.” She chose life and said “I’m so relieved the baby is so big that the choice was taken out of my hands.” Since she was so far along Anna asked our volunteer nurse, “Why didn’t I know I was pregnant?” The nurse replied, “Because God revealed it to you in His time, so the decision could be out of your hands.” The nurse prayed with her, and afterward Anna told her she planned to use the ultrasound picture to tell her mom she is pregnant! Before she left, Anna turned to the nurse and said, “all of my fear is gone!”

2. When Tammy (not her real name) first came to us she already had more than one child and was still young. Sexually abused as a child, she struggled with drug addiction and her boyfriend was a known drug dealer. All these issues helped her make up her mind to abort her baby. But after meeting with our client advocate and seeing her baby on ultrasound she decided to give life to her child. Fast forward a few years, Tammy came back to see us and was pregnant yet again. After spending time in prison and being drug free for many months she had turned her life around and seemed to have given her heart to Christ. She was scared of many things. She was still trying to navigate changing the many obstacles she faced based on a lifetime of bad choices. Again, she was abortion-minded, but she didn’t really want to abort this child. However, she was concerned about how she would care for the baby

God addressed that concern when she joined our E.S.T.H.E.R. parenting program and learned about caring for children, making better life choices, and much more! She also earned “mommy money” to spend on several needed items in our baby boutique. The baby she was pregnant with is now several years old!

3. Some years ago Debbie (not her real name) called and told us that she had to have an abortion. Our receptionist tried very hard to get the 21-year-old woman to come in, but Debbie finally blurted out, “but you don’t understand. I’m an exotic dancer and there is no way I can have a baby.” She did come in, however, and met with a wonderful young client advocate who committed to listen to Debbie’s story. When Debbie finished talking, the client advocate asked if she could read something to her from Scripture that may help. Agitated, she replied, “I didn’t come here for any of your religious stuff, I just want to know if I’m pregnant.” The client advocate said that she understood, but before Debbie left the young volunteer asked one thing of Debbie: “May I give you a hug before you go?” “Yes, get it over with,” she replied. As the client advocate hugged her, Debbie's heart melted and she broke down in tears. Debbie confessed to the young volunteer, “You are the only person that has ever touched me without requiring something in return.” Debbie had been literally thrown onto the streets of Dallas TX at age 14 to fend for herself. Debbie not only decided to give life to her child but to give her heart to Christ as well. She promptly left her job as a stripper and went to the police to expose all the illegal activity that was going on in Jackson’s once infamous strip club industry. Debbie is a major reason that Jackson has no more strip clubs because the police and courts CLOSED THEM ALL.

4. One day, a client and her boyfriend were visiting Jackson on vacation. Knowing she was pregnant, they Googled "abortion" and Birth Choice popped up. They didn’t call for an appointment; they just walked in off the street.

The couple was determined to have an abortion when they came in, but after speaking with our client advocate and receiving an ultrasound she changed her mind and chose life. They were also very interested

to hear about God, His Son, and the price Christ paid for mankind's sin. Neither of them had ever heard the gospel before and both decided to give their hearts to Christ!

Countless lives are being saved and reached for Christ not only at our offices but through our outreach programs of 'Real Talk' that we take into the schools, the 'Stone Covenant' that we take into our church youth groups, and our post-abortion outreach currently called M.E.R.C.Y; but will take on a new name for the new year. Whenever you give, volunteer and pray you become a part of what God is doing in our community.

**EXCITING NEWS: The mobile medical unit is scheduled to be here in January! We are so excited to be able to reach more that are seeking abortion as a solution and to reach more with the Gospel!**

Thank you for your part in the Kingdom work and for your support

## **MEN'S MINISTRY REPORT**

This year the focus of the Men's Ministry has been on partnering with our sister churches of the association. We have supported financially some of the men's events our churches have provided this year.

Many of our churches provide valuable and effective ministries to men such as car shows, wild gam suppers, etc. The Strengthen Team is responsible for oversight and assistance in the men's ministry.

## **BLOCK PARTY WAGON**

We are grateful for the Block Party Wagon (BPW) ministry. Fewer churches have used the BPW this year to reach their communities for Christ. When the state of Tennessee passed a law governing the use of jumpers (bouncy houses), many associations ceased to have block party wagons. This has also affected the use of our Block Party Wagon. We are currently working with the state on certification so that we can once again use the bouncy house.

The Block Party Wagon (BPW) is available for any GBA Church on a first-come-first-serve basis. The restriction is that it must be used in some form of evangelism outreach.

## **YOUTH TEAM REPORT**

This year the Youth Team held two events. During the West Tennessee Strawberry Festival in May, there was a youth rally that was held at the Church at Sugar Creek in Humboldt. The group TruStory, a praise and worship band from Union City led the youth in worship. Bro. Travis Ellis, youth pastor at FBC Kenton, was the speaker for the evening.

The Gibson County Fair once again 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 28, 2019. Worship was led by 40Save1, and the special speaker for the evening was T.J. Gilliam from Alabama. T.J. is a poplar youth speaker and is well known. There was approximately 350-400 in attendance with several professions of faith.

## DEACON'S REPORT

The Deacons' Meetin' was born in the heart of the late Kenneth Brown, a deacon at White Hall Baptist Church. Mr. Brown had a burden to see the men of the church step up and lead the work of the church for Christ. The first meeting was held in 2007 at White Hall, and we continue seeing this event grow in strength and number. This year we had a record number to register for the meal and attend the meeting. There were 176 registered for the meal and the attendance for the worship service was about two hundred fifty (250).

We met again this year on September 5. 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' and once again led the service.

The theme for the meeting this year was "Standing In The Gap" based upon Ezekiel 22:30, "*And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and **stand in the gap** before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none.*"

Dr. Bill Oakley, retired pastor of FBC Trimble and current pastor of Enon Baptist Church in Halls, was the keynote speaker for the evening. Kelly Sorrell, minister of music at Antioch 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 2020 Deacons' Meetin' will be September 3 at White Hall Baptist Church.

We are grateful to the ladies at White Hall for their help each year in preparing our desserts, and for all of their help to make this meeting a success.

## PASTORS' CONFERENCE REPORT

This year has been a wonderful year for our pastor's conference. We have had many opportunities to grow as pastors of local churches, and as men of God. Monday mornings have been filled with men of God teaching pastors in various areas such as: church growth, discipleship, evangelism, and working through relevant issues in today's churches. GBA Pastors have been challenged to grow deeper in their personal faith and walk with Jesus. We have met approximately 40 times over this past year in learning, experiencing fellowship, and most importantly having times of iron sharpening iron in the name of Jesus.

In order to have fellowship with pastors who cannot attend the Monday morning conference, and to provide pastor's wives an opportunity to have time together, we had quarterly meetings in the evenings.

I would like to encourage all 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 full unity.

Blessings, Pastor Bryan Morris, New Hope Baptist Church,

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 New Hope Baptist Church in Dyer with a senior adult “luau”. The entertainment was Brian Lee Howell as an “Elvis” impersonator. There were almost 200 in attendance to hear Elvis. Everyone had a great time. Dyer First Baptist won the trophy for the largest attendance for the large church. New Hope won the trophy for the small church. Everyone enjoyed the Hawaiian food catered by Tate’s Kwik Stop in Dyer.

Our fall meeting was hosted by The Church at SugarCreek on August 8, 2019. The entertainment was the “Son Shiners” singing spirituals. Everyone enjoyed the singing and fellowship. There were 230 people in attendance. Salem Baptist Church won the trophy for the large church with 28 people. Oak Grove won the trophy for the small church attendance with 24 present. Everyone enjoyed the food catered by Tate’s Kwik Stop in Dyer.

Respectfully,

Martha Phelan

## **SOFTBALL**

In the spring/summer of 2019, eight (8) local churches played in the GBA Softball League. There were 8 Men’s teams and (4) Co-Ed Softball teams. The eight (8) GBA churches involved in the program were: Antioch, Beech Grove, Bradford, FBC, Laneview-K, Medina, FBC, New Bethlehem, The Church at Sugar Creek, and Trenton FBC/Salem

Laneview-K won the first-place trophy in the Men’s Tournament defeating New Bethlehem breaking a 6-year tournament winning streak. New Bethlehem did win the regular season play. For the Co-Ed Tournament, Beech Grove won the first-place trophy and, New Bethlehem placed second. Beech Grove also won the regular season. What a great season of fellowship and hard played games despite the weather and other usual summer activities.

The commissioner for 2019 was Bob Moore and Co-Commissioner was Eric Patton. Churches are encouraged to consider playing softball next year as a great outreach and fellowship with other churches. We are also considering opening the league to other churches outside the association. We will be having meetings in February to plan the 2020 season. Have a great fall/winter and spread the word we want all the teams we can get to participate. Thanks to all the teams for a great year!

## **BERTIE THOMPSON MINISTRY SCHOLARSHIP**

Some years ago, Mrs. Bertie Thompson had a burden to encourage and support those serving in some area of Christian ministry. She wanted to provide a way to help those pursuing ministry.

Thomas Littleton, a member of Gibson Baptist Church, was awarded the Bertie Thompson Scholarship this year. 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](http://www.gbalife.org) or individuals may request a copy to be sent to them by regular mail or e-mail.



## **CONTINUING EDUCATION REPORT**

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

The 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.

Another option for continuing education is Seminary Extension. These courses are available online for anyone desiring to receive credit for study or to study without seeking any degree. Our six Southern Baptist Seminaries provide this course of study.

## **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 2018/19 shows that Sunday School enrollment decreased again. Our churches reported a Sunday School enrollment of 5,567 which is a decrease of 606 people from last year's enrollment of 6,173. Our Sunday School average attendance also decreased by 299 people with the 2017/18 average attendance at 3,912 and the 2018/19 average attendance at 3,613.

GBA has 30 churches reporting between 1-50 in average Sunday School attendance, 9 churches reporting from 50 -100 in attendance and 16 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 twenty-two (22) of our churches reported a total enrollment of 1,081 in Discipleship Training. Last year seventeen (17) churches reported an enrollment of 1,090. The enrollment decreased by 9 members.

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

The Gibson Baptist Association Bible Drills were held on April 8 2019 at White Hall in 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:**

SALEM: Carlye Thompson - 3<sup>rd</sup> year trophy

WHITE HALL: Tucker Wheeler

### **CSB - Winners**

ANTIOCH: Walker Droke; Mary Miller

MEDINA FBC: Eliza Bowling, - 3<sup>rd</sup> year trophy; Max Roe - 3<sup>rd</sup> year trophy

KENTON FBC: Kailey Davidson - 3<sup>rd</sup> year trophy; Jules Poore; Conner Forbes

MILAN, FBC: Addie Ruth Reed - 3<sup>rd</sup> year trophy; Caroline Hurt - 3<sup>rd</sup> year trophy; Piper Lawson; Tara Neely; Claira Reed; Maddie Sims

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.

The GBA Bible Drills will be held at White Hall Baptist Church on April 6, 2020. Regional Drills will be held on

# TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION REPORTS

## TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Over 8,000 children in Tennessee need a safe place to call home. The heroes who support TBCH through prayer, service and gifts, enable us to welcome as many of these children as we can with the love of Christ.

Join us in praising the Lord for the 13 children in our care who have been born again during the last nine months while on our campuses or in one of our foster homes! Not every child in our care accepts Christ, but all of them hear the Gospel and see it lived out through the faithful service of our staff, our foster families, our volunteers and in the churches that our children attend. By God's grace an eternal impact is being made on these precious lives.

In 2019 we have cared for 104 different children in our on-campus homes through the **Residential Care** program. While many of these children still reside on one of our three campuses, 26 children have been successfully reunited with their families, and seven children have been adopted and placed in a forever family! We continue to assist ten of our residents who are transitioning out of our care into adulthood as they attend college or are learning a trade. Last December, we celebrated with one of our young men as he graduated with his bachelor's degree from East TN State University. And more recently, one of our young men enlisted in the armed services where he desires to serve our country and expand his options for the future.

TBCH's **George Shinn Foster Care** program has served 149 children and has had 40 Christian parents commit to providing a Christian home for children in foster care. There are currently 16 of these children in "Foster to Adopt" situations that we are praying will result in each of them having a permanent family. It has been our goal to serve 100 foster children at any one time by 2020. In June 2019 we were serving that many children – 6 months ahead of schedule!

We plan to have the Kingsport foster home up and running in 2020 and are searching for Christian parents who might have the heart for fostering but who might not have the home. This will expand our ministry presence back into the northeast section of our state which we have been desiring to do for several years. Through the **Family Care** program TBCH sponsored three Empowered to Connect conferences for fostering or adoptive families, as well as professionals who serve children. This partnership with churches and local agencies resulted in 50 people being trained in the principles of Trust Based Relational Intervention. We continue to network with families, churches and other organizations to enable them to be successful in caring for children who come from hard places.

This great work would not be possible without the faithful support of Tennessee Baptists. Nearly 1700 volunteers have served on our campuses! Thank you for supporting the Cooperative Program, participating in the Mother's Day Offering or giving us a slice of your World Missions Offering. All of these directly bless 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. You may recall that we sold the Baptist Health Care Center in Lenoir City in 2016. 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 would have required monumental expenditures to make it compatible with the newer codes and standards for Skilled Nursing (SNF).

Related to the sale of BHCC, the TBAH Board of Directors made the tough decision this year to discontinue the development of Williams Ferry Pointe in Lenoir City. This independent senior living community was to be the third and final part of a Continuing Care Retirement Campus (CCRC). Since the other two parts of the CCRC, the nursing home and assisted living wing of Baptist Health Care Center, are no longer functioning, pursuing the development of Williams Ferry Pointe was outside the mission of TBAH.

Baptist Village of Johnson City now continues to provide low-income housing for financially needy seniors. 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.

Funded primarily by the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions, Special Friends Camp ministers in at least three ways; 1) it provides a week of activities for the campers with intellectual and physical disabilities, 2) it allows a week of respite for the families of the campers who provide care day in and day out at home, and 3) it provides 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. Special Friends Camp experienced a lower number of attendees this year due to difficulty in finding young people to serve as Counselors. Please direct any high school and college students to [specialfriendscamp.org](http://specialfriendscamp.org) for information on how to apply to be a Counselor for Special Friends Camp.

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

**Thank you for "Showing What Love Is!"**

Mark Anderson, President/Treasurer



*Serving Tennessee  
Baptists Since 1938*

**2019 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 \$ 153 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\_2018-19 thus far. The Foundation is please 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 that include 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, associations 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: \$ 153,326,766 (as of June 30, 2019)
- New fund additions as of June 30, 2019: \$ 2,109,553 (11 new funds)
- Educational grants and scholarships: 220 - totaling \$ 244,275 for 2019-2020 academic year (Over \$ 5.6 million in scholarships since 1987)
- Special Project Grants: \$ 41,525 distributed to assist 11 ministry projects thru June 30, 2019
- Cooperative Program: \$ 325,884 as of June 30, 2019: Projected to give over \$ 500,000 by year end.
- Baptist and charitable causes: \$ 2,043,810 as of June 30, 2019. 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

## 2019 Annual Report

In 2018-19, Tennessee WMU focused on encouraging and equipping Tennessee Baptists to know God more, show His love unconditionally, and make disciples who make disciples. This report shares information about some of the state events, ministries, and initiatives that have taken place.

### EVENTS

**Equipping Missions & Ministry Leaders** – In August 2018, 226 new and experienced church leaders from 65 churches attended three regional Equipping Missions & Ministry Leaders events for fellowship, updates, and training. The theme was *Unshakable Pursuit* and leaders heard about avenues to help others know God more, show His love unconditionally, and make disciples who make disciples.

**JAM** – Last fall 658 children and leaders attended three regional JAMs, a missions event for children in grades 1-6 and leaders. Children learned about racing to make Christ known, met missionaries from around the world, and collected ministry project supplies. Over 900 hygiene bags were packed to be used by homeless ministries across the state.

**RA Camp-O-Ree** – Over 450 boys and leaders attended the 2018 RA Camp-O-Ree at Linden Valley Baptist Conference Center on October 19-21. This missions camping event for boys grades 1-12 is hosted by Mid-South Royal Ambassadors and Tennessee WMU. Boys participated in a multitude of activities, challenges, and crafts while enjoying the great outdoors, meeting missionaries, and enjoying two action packed worship services.

**RA Wilderness Challenge** – Over 100 RAs and leaders attended the 2019 RA Wilderness Challenge, a missions camping event for boys in grades 1-12 hosted by Nashville Baptist Association and Tennessee WMU, held April 12-14, 2019 at Boxwell Reservation, Lebanon. Boys competed in various skill elements and competitions, learned about Bible Telling, and enjoyed two worship services.

**Get-Together & Connection** – Get-Together, a missions event for women, and Connection, a missions event for girls in grades 7-12, were held on April 5-7, 2019 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center. The 1,557 women, girls, and personnel attending the events participated in four worship sessions, a missions fair with over 40 exhibitors, and eight conferences. Participants donated over 22,000 washcloths, toiletry items, toilet paper, and feminine hygiene products to be given to Tennessee ministries serving refugees.

### Tennessee WMU Annual Meeting

The 2019-20 Tennessee WMU officers and promotion directors were elected during the 131<sup>st</sup> Tennessee WMU Annual Meeting on April 6, 2019 in Gatlinburg:

**Officers:** President - Martha Pitts, Recording Secretary - Charlyene Couey, Vice President West - Jeanette West, Vice President Middle - Colleen Richardson, Vice President East – Sheila Hall

**Regional Promotion Directors:** Northeast - Glenda Roach, East - Bobby Turner, Central – Phyllis Cobb, South Central - Linda Robbins, Northwest - Rhonda Poore, Southwest – Diane Sorrell, Southeast – Judy Luck, North Central - Open

## **MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES**

### **Literacy Missions**

Literacy Missions ministries are helping bring Tennesseans to Christ. There are 63 “registered” churches/associations English as a Second Language (ESL), Adult Reading & Writing (ARW), or Tutoring Children & Youth (TCY) ministry sites. These sites reported having participants from more than 25 countries, speaking 11 different languages who are being taught English and are engaged with the gospel. We have seven state trainers available to lead workshops to equip ministry leaders.

### **Reaching Refugees in Tennessee**

The WMU social issue for 2018-22 is Project HELP: Refugees. A Reaching Refugees in Tennessee Task Force was formed and began meeting to identify specific needs of refugees in Tennessee, resources that are available and others that are needed, ministries that are already serving refugees in Tennessee, and materials to develop to educate churches and associations about needs/ways to serve and pray.

### **Christian Women’s/Men’s Job Corps**

Christian Women’s Job Corps and Christian Men’s Job Corps are ministries of WMU that seek to help men and women break the cycle of poverty through job and life skill classes, Bible study, and mentoring. Last year the 25 sites in Tennessee reported serving 688 participants, with an additional 3,510 participating while incarcerated. There were 121 men and women who completed the program and 53 recorded professions of faith.

### **Children’s Missions Day**

Eight Tennessee churches and associations reported participating in the national Children’s Missions Day in February 2019. Children’s missions groups shared God’s love through a wide range of projects including: serving in retirement homes, visiting neighborhoods, creating blessing bags for nurses and community helpers, making cards and cookies for nursing home residents, baking cookies for local emergency personnel, and serving the homeless population in communities across the state.

## **MISSIONARY CARE**

### **Missionary Parents Fellowship**

On September 7-8, 2018, 16 parents of IMB missionaries gathered with program personnel for fellowship, information, prayer, and encouragement at Immanuel Baptist Church in Lebanon. Special guests included Sharon Pumpelly, IMB Alumni and Parents of Field Personnel Mobilization Team, and David & Laura Dawkins, IMB missionaries serving in Europe, and their three sons.

### **Christmas Checks**

In December 2018, Tennessee WMU mailed Christmas Checks, on behalf of Tennessee Baptists to missionary kids and retired missionaries.

Checks for \$150 were sent to 24 missionary kids whose parents serve with IMB and are from Tennessee.

Checks for \$50 were sent to 99 retired IMB missionaries who were born in Tennessee.

These gifts are made possible through an allocation from the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions for nurturing Tennessee missionaries and their families.

## **MK Re-Entry Retreat**

Six missionary kids from Tennessee were provided travel assistance funds to attend the MK Re-Entry Retreat August 6-9, 2019 hosted by Louisiana WMU and the International Mission Board.

## **ADDITIONAL AREAS OF EMPHASIS**

### **Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions**

The theme for the 2018-19 Tennessee Missions Emphasis was “Pursue the One.” The suggested dates for the Week of Prayer for State Missions were September 9-16, and the goal for the 2018-19 Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions was \$2,100,000. As of July 24, 2019, the total amount given to the 2018-19 Golden Offering is \$1,827,473.18. The offering year goes from September 1 – August 31.

### **The LINK**

As of September 2018, the Tennessee WMU newsletter, *The LINK*, is a digital-only publication and is delivered directly via email. This allows anyone to receive the latest news and happenings in Tennessee WMU, and not just church and associational WMU leaders. This change also allows funds traditionally used for printing and postage to be used for other WMU ministries.

### **State Acteens Advisory Panel**

Each year Tennessee WMU selects three to six outstanding high school girls to serve on the state panel to assist with planning Connection, write articles for Tennessee WMU publications, and aid with other state events throughout their year of service. The members of the 2018-19 State Acteens Advisory Panelists are Grace Clouse, Cookeville; Amanda Huggins, Erwin; SandiGlen Jones, Sevierville.

### **Scholarships**

In April 2019, \$39,200 in scholarships were awarded to 38 students attending graduate school, seminary, as well as, undergraduate schools in Tennessee during the 2019-20 school year. These scholarships are funded through endowments, invested funds, and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.

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

For we are laborers together with God,  
M artha Pitts, President

# 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 transformational 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 2018-2019 academic year saw a number of accomplishments and evidences of God’s faithfulness on the Union campus. Our School of Education was rated in the highest possible category on the Tennessee State Board of Education’s report card on the effectiveness of teacher training programs for the third year in a row. We celebrated the 10-year anniversary of the launch of Union University Hendersonville. Our debate team won the IPDA national championship for the sixth time, and the *Cardinal & Cream*, Union’s student news publication, was named the best college magazine in the Southeast.

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 Jenaye White, a 2015 Union graduate who is a senior publicist for B&H Publishing Group.

Jenaye says her time at Union allowed her to take ownership of her faith and think about what following Jesus should look like in her career. Union gave her a tight-knit community, challenging academics, a commitment to a biblical worldview, and instruction on how to apply that worldview. Her life was transformed at Union University, and thousands of others can say the same.

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Dub Oliver". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Samuel W. “Dub” Oliver, President



## BAPTIST & REFLECTOR

The *Baptist and Reflector* continues to strive to produce articles and columns that impact Tennessee Baptist Convention churches. A major emphasis this year has been a focus on state laws regarding abortion and sanctity of life issues. The paper provided extensive coverage of the I Stand for Life Initiative launched by the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board in July.

Also in 2019, the *B&R* ran stories on how churches can minister to families with special needs children and articles and columns on the increasing need of ministry to families affected by Alzheimer's disease or dementia. The paper also has emphasized the ministry of bivocational pastors and Vacation Bible School.

The *B&R* is mailed to more than 19,500 homes 26 weeks a year, reaching nearly 50,000 readers.

In addition, the *B&R* website has grown steadily since it was introduced in late 2015. From January through mid-July of this year we have had 132,750 sessions with 83,680 visitors and 211,650 page views, all up significantly over the same time frame last year.

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 2019 such as Twitter. Editor Lonnie Wilkey regularly writes a blog that provides information for Tennessee Baptists between print issues.

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. The Church Trial Plan has been reintroduced. 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

## IMB Report

2019

At the IMB, we believe every church—regardless of size, location, or resources—plays a vital role in taking the gospel to every nation.

*That includes yours.*

Because of your churches and the cooperative work of Southern Baptists, gifts to the IMB through the Cooperative Program and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are up this year. Currently, there are more fully-funded open missionary positions than candidates in the pipeline. We are excited to partner with churches to fill every open position and create many more.

When you partner with the IMB, you do more than make it possible to send missionaries. You're part of the team that goes. We provide opportunities for your church to:

### Pray

Join the critical work of praying for unreached peoples.

### Give

Empower IMB missionaries to make disciples.

### Go

Explore opportunities to take the gospel to the nations.



100+ East Asian groups now have access to heart language Scripture resources.



An initiative in the Americas to engage 100 unreached peoples and places by the end of 2020 is over 50% to its goal.




10 new Baptist churches are being prayerfully planned in Kralow, Poland, a city where 99.8% of the people don't have a personal relationship with the Lord.



1550 former Muslims were baptized and over 100 new churches were started in Central Asia, the least evangelized part of the world.


**YOU ARE HELPING PLANT CHURCHES AND MAKE DISCIPLES AROUND THE WORLD. HERE'S THE WORK YOU'VE BEEN A PART OF DURING THE LAST YEAR.**



God saved the first believer from the Mwani people group in Mozambique.



100+ short-term mission teams were sent out by Chinese churches in partnership with IMB missionary teams in 2019, engaging 38 unreached people groups.



2,724 national partners within Chinese churches received cross-cultural missionary training.



154 unengaged unreached people groups in East Asia have now been engaged through an evangelism and church planting strategy.

Let's talk about how your church can play a role in reaching the nations.

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## **NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD (NAMB)**

Everything we do at the North American Mission Board (NAMB) is about sending the hope of the Gospel. We want to celebrate the remarkable way God provided through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Southern Baptists gave a record \$61.1 million to the offering, an all-time high.

NAMB launched a new Evangelism and Leadership group in 2018 designed to equip and encourage pastors as they mobilize their churches and take the hope of the gospel to the world around them. This group is led by long-time pastor Johnny Hunt. 2018 was marked by tragedy for many in North America who were impacted by hurricanes, floods, fires and other disasters.

NAMB—under our ministry assignment to coordinate disaster relief on behalf of Southern Baptists at the national level—supported dozens of state convention disaster relief units as they mobilized thousands of Southern Baptist Disaster Relief-trained volunteers and hundreds of pieces of equipment.

In addition, NAMB's Send Relief ministry is continuing to resource those who send help and send hope. Our Puerto Rico rebuild effort has hosted hundreds of volunteers as residents continue to recover from Hurricane Maria which struck in 2017.

In addition to crisis response, Send Relief is giving churches the opportunity to serve in areas such as poverty, refugees and internationals, adoption and foster care, human trafficking and more. There are currently five Send Relief ministry hubs (Appalachia, Atlanta, Las Vegas, New Orleans, New York and Puerto Rico) that are meeting needs in specific regions and giving Southern Baptists from all over North America opportunities to serve in long- or short-term settings. To learn more about Send Relief, view video [here](#).

Through Send Network, NAMB helps Southern Baptists plant churches everywhere for everyone in North America. We have a special focus outside the South, where Southern Baptists are weakest, and in our cities where more than 80 percent of North Americans live. Planting evangelistic churches is the best way to introduce people to Jesus and grow them strong in their faith. Southern Baptists need to start about 1,200 churches annually to keep up with population growth and offset churches that are dying.

- Thanks to Southern Baptist giving, we are able to resource and support more than 5,200 missionaries.
- Southern Baptists added 975 new congregations in 2017, the most recent year for which data is available. This includes 691 new church starts and 284 new affiliations.
- Our goal is healthy, evangelistic church plants and the data points to success. As a whole, church plants are running 67 percent ahead of established churches in attendee to baptism ratio. In Canada, 71 percent of all baptisms came from churches started since 2010.
- Our Disciple-making Task Force reported its findings at SBC 2018 in Dallas. You can view the team's report and recommendations [here](#). In addition, we are embracing recommendations made by members of the Evangelism Task Force as they were adopted by messengers at the SBC Annual Meeting in Dallas.

Kevin Ezell President North American Mission Board



MISSISSIPPI RIVER  
MINISTRY (MRM)

Mississippi River Ministry (MRM) is one of three arms of the Compassion Ministry outreach of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. During this past year, Over \$12,700 of GOTM funds were channeled into five different West Tennessee associations to assist churches with projects and ministries designed to impact lostness by touching poverty. I conducted thirteen (13) training events for over 625 participants in poverty training. Over 1,250 Christmas backpacks were collected and distributed to ministry sites in West Tennessee.

Tennessee responded well to the collection and distribution of Christmas backpacks last year. This year, the emphasis received additional attention at the WMU Gatlinburg Get-Together with the promotion of Tennessee’s own video. Last year, a goal of 2,000 backpacks was exceeded and over 3,500 were received. And yet, we distributed over 15,000 Christmas Backpacks having received most of them from other states. This year our goal is 5,000 and many churches are beginning to join in the effort. These backpacks stay in Tennessee and touch of lives of needy children in our own communities. 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.

Randy Pool  
Coordinator for the Mississippi River Ministry

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