

GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

2021 Book of Reports



**“For if you keep silent at this time,
relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place,
but you and your father’s house will perish. And who knows whether
you have not come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”**

Esther 4:14 ESV

GBA Annual Meeting
New Bethlehem Baptist Church, Dyer TN
October 25, 2021



GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
98th Annual Session – October 25, 2021

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Officers

Moderator, Shawn Allred	Assistant Moderator, Bryan Morris
Ministry Specialist, Grace Gentry	Clerk, Leann Cherry
Treasurer, Jim Acree	Assistant Treasurer, Joel Pigg

GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

“For Such A Time As This!” Esther 4:14

Call to Order	Shawn Allred, Moderator, Pastor: Kenton FBC
Welcome and Prayer	John Coleman, Pastor: New Bethlehem
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Recognition of New Pastors	Roger Stacy, Director of Missions
Wingo Video	
Benediction	
Wingo Offering will be received at the exits.	

Gibson Baptist Association Churches

<u>Church</u>	<u>Church Address</u>	<u>Phone</u>
Antioch	425 Antioch Rd, Humboldt 38343	783-5330
Avondale	1900 Hwy 45 By-Pass, Humboldt 38343	784-3981
Beech Grove	233 Old Dyersburg Road, Dyer 38330	686-3596
Bethel-H	85 Bethel Road, Humboldt 38343	784-0830
Bethel-Y	12 Baseline Road, Yorkville 38389	643-6597
Bethpage	59 Bethpage Road, Kenton	673-4494
Bradford, First	126 Church Street (PO Box 68), Bradford 38316	742-3343
Calvary-H	2925 Carriage Lane (PO Box 67), Humboldt 38343	784-2343
Calvary-R	142 Calvary Road, Rutherford 38369	
Center	262 Edison Frog-Jump Road, Trenton 38382	855-0135
Chapel Hill	76 Chapel Hill Road	686-0414
China Grove	1 China Grove Rd, Rutherford (Mail: 508 N Trenton, Rutherford 38369)	665-6273
Clear Creek	505 Old Dyersburg Road, Dyer 38330	
Dyer, First	198 W. College Street, Dyer 38330	692-2549
Eldad	49 Eldad Road, Trenton 38382	787-6189
Elevate	9000 W Van Hook St (PO Box 183), Milan 38358	
Emmanuel-H	1102 N. 22nd Avenue, Humboldt 38343	784-4410
Fellowship	6295 Graball Drive (Hwy 187), Milan 38358	686-0492
Fruitland	59 Fruitland Road, Humboldt 38343	784-2436
Gibson	302 Hwy 79 North, Gibson 38338	787-6755
Hickory Grove	229 Old Eaton-Trenton Road, Trenton 38382	855-3444
Idlewild	48 Idlewild Hollyleaf Road, Bradford 38316	742-3305
Immanuel-T	1001 S. College, Trenton 38382	855-1066
Keely Mill	204 Madison Street, Dyer 38330	693-3511
Kenton, First	204 South Poplar (PO Box 188), Kenton 38233	749-5780
Laneview-K	158 Old Rutherford-Kenton Rd, Kenton 38233	665-6696
Laneview-T	46 Laneview-Concord Rd, Trenton 38382	855-1550
Latham's Chapel	135 Latham's Chapel Road (PO Box 69), Medina 38355	783-1093
Lavinia	4200 Hwy 220, Lavinia 38348	783-5100
Medina, First	97 Milan Hwy, Medina 38355	783-3222
Midway	860 Old Dyersburg Rd, Dyer (Mail: 644 S Trenton St, Rutherford 38369)	643-6638
Milan, First	2000 Second Street, Milan 38358	686-3385
Mt. Pisgah	87 Mt. Pisgah Road, Bradford 38316	742-3879
Mt. Pleasant	395 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford 38316	742-3503
New Bethlehem	159 New Bethlehem Rd (PO Box 76), Dyer 38330	692-3594
New Haven	38 Graball Drive (PO Box 674), Milan 38358	613-2482
New Hope	132 New Hope Road, Dyer 38330	665-7107
Northern's Chapel	122 Northern's Chapel Road, Rutherford 38369	665-6354
Northside	5001 Patton Street, Milan 38358	686-1291
Oak Grove	134 Oak Grove Road, Milan 38382	
Oakwood	21 Oakwood Road, Milan 38358	686-8755
Old Bethlehem	86 Old Bethlehem Road, Rutherford 38369	665-7245
Poplar Grove	366 Gibson Wells Brazil Rd, Trenton	559-4635
Poplar Springs	39 Poplar Springs Road, Atwood 38220	
Rutherford, First	301 W Main Street, Rutherford 38369	665-6159
Salem	199 Neal Kinsy Rd, Trenton 38382	855-2520
Smyrna	16 Dollar Road, Humboldt 38343	787-7257
Spring Hill	80 St Route 188, Trenton 38382	559-4755
Sugar Creek	3400 Mitchell, Humboldt 38343	784-1883
Trenton, First	401 S High St, Trenton 38382	855-9321
Walnut Grove	12 Walnut Grove Church Road	665-7328
West Carroll	110 Front Street, Trezevant 38258	669-3703
Westside	301 Factory Street (PO Box 438), Trenton 38382	855-9091
White Hall	671 Concord Cades Rd, Trenton 38382	855-2018

Gibson Baptist Association Pastors

<u>Church</u>	<u>Pastor</u>	<u>Pastor's Address</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Home</u>
Antioch	Bill Espy	136 Duffey Dr, Medina 38355	783-5330	731-783-0326
Avondale				731-784-3981
Beech Grove	Scott Jewell	217 N Poplar, Dyer 38330		731-692-4541
Bethel-H	Donald Scott	2890 E Main St, Humboldt 38343	784-0830	731-234-3712
Bethel-Y	Billy Criswell	886 Torrey Pine Cv, Newbern 38059	643-6597	731-676-4446
Bethpage	Garry Burkacki	211 Hillside St, Kenton 38233	673-4494	901-355-2444
Bradford, First	Don Dyer	PO Box 68, Bradford 38316	742-3343	731-784-1555
Calvary-H	Tony Crossnoe	1019 Oakcrest Farm, Bells 38006	784-2343	731-663-2480
Calvary-R	Sammy Dowland	536 Trezevant Rd, Bradford 38316		731-571-2713
Center	Joey Gowan	145 Gowan Lane, Atwood 38220		731-415-1954
Chapel Hill	Todd Brady	104 Greenbriar Ln, Jackson 38305	686-0414	270-564-1379
China Grove	Wayne Rowan	26 Yergin Rd, Kenton 38233		931-589-5152
Clear Creek	Steve Hemann	1113 Thomas Dr, Milan 38358		731-487-0983
Dyer, First	Lane Self	PO Box 290, Dyer 38330		731-514-8282
Eldad	Jonathan Criswell	8 Nelson Cove, Milan 38358	787-6189	731-414-4435
Elevate	Dale Denning	10 Trenton Hwy, Bradford 38316		731-234-8487
Emmanuel-H	Jake Fry	16 Denim Cove, Jackson 38305	784-4410	731-695-3954
Fellowship	Eddie Holmes	226 Maddox, Jackson 38305		731-217-6276
Fruitland	Andy King	125 New Hope Rd, Dyer 38330		731-234-8332
Gibson	Steve Littleton	304 US Hwy 79 N, Humboldt 38343	787-6755	931-221-9851
Hickory Grove	Michael McEwen	26 Broadfield Manor, Trenton 38382		731-695-0827
Idlewild				731-742-3305
Immanuel-T	Steve Skelton	29 Broadfield Manor, Trenton 38382	855-1066	731-618-7799
Keely Mill	Stephen Fields	107 S Peck Switch Cv, Dyer 38330		731-487-3449
Kenton, First	Shawn Allred	PO Box 188, Kenton 38233	749-5780	731-415-2472
Laneview-K	(I) Barry Capps	453 Stella Rum Rd, Martin 38237	665-6696	731-456-2978
Laneview-T	Nickey McMinn	1006 South Main St, Dyer 38330	855-1550	731-613-8487
Latham Chapel	Tommy Stutts	269 Hwy 412 E, Jackson 38305	783-1093	731-424-4003
Lavinia	Stephen Osborne	86 Oak Grove Rd, Milan 38358	783-5100	731-343-4529
Medina, First	(I) Randy Pool	1 Ira Falls Road, Trenton 38382	783-3222	731-431-7101
Midway	John Criswell	4078 Stinson St, Milan 38358	643-6638	731-723-3698
Milan, First	(I) Chuck Williams			731-686-3385
Mount Pisgah	(I) Dennis Williams	24 Goldmyth Cv, Jackson 38305	742-3879	731-424-9888
Mount Pleasant	Johnny McCartney	405 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford 38316	742-3503	731-414-7719
New Bethlehem	John Coleman	PO Box 76, Dyer 38330	692-3594	731-692-2030
New Haven	Randy Beals	PO Box 674, Milan 38358		731-414-5689
New Hope	Bryan Morris	876 N Main St, Dyer 38330	665-7107	901-860-3252
Northern Chapel	Dillard Lykins	11 Majestic Oak Cv, Humboldt 38343		731-394-2850
Northside	Eric McLemore	5009 Patton St, Milan 38358	686-1291	731-694-7341
Oak Grove	Tim Newby	8005 S 1st St, Milan 38358		256-520-2940
Oakwood	James Rogers	6090 Manner Frank, Milan 38358		731-420-9510
Old Bethlehem	Eddie Hayes	48 Reynolds Rd, Bradford 38316		731-414-8213
Poplar Grove	Joey Hufstedler	366 Gibson Wells Brazil, Trenton 38382		731-267-9602
Poplar Springs	Kerry Zeiss	155 Peggy Lane, Atwood 38220		731-415-4827
Rutherford, First	Andy Mayfield	105 Hadley Dr, Rutherford 38369	665-6159	731-618-1245
Salem	Joel Pigg	PO Box 346, Trenton 38382	855-2520	731-695-5321
Smyrna	David Powell	10060 Trimble St, Trimble 38259	787-7257	731-445-0897
Spring Hill		80 St Route 188, Trenton 38382	559-4959	
Sugar Creek	Greg McFadden	3400 Mitchell, Humboldt 38343	784-1883	
Trenton, First	Jason Bowen	401 S High St, Trenton 38382	855-9321	501-650-0176
Walnut Grove	Andy Rice	815 Mary Key, Humboldt 38343	665-7328	731-618-0236
West Carroll	Billy Hanks	39 Poplar Springs, Atwood 38220	571-3808	
West Side	Stephen Powell	236 West Broad St, Dyer 38330	414-0253	
White Hall	Kevin Mullins	669 Concord Cades Rd Trenton, 38382	855-2018	901-482-9481

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 98th 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 25, 2021.

Recognition of New Pastors and Church Staff

We welcome the following pastors and staff members who moved into our association or changed from one position to another within this association since October 1, 2020.

New Pastors

Chapel Hill.....	Dr. Todd Brady
China Grove	Rev. Wayne Rowan
Clear Creek	Rev. Steve Hemann
Elevate	Rev. Dale Denning
Fruitland	Rev. Andy King
Medina FBC	(I) Rev. Randy Pool
Milan FBC.....	(I) Rev. Chuck Williams
Mount Pisgah.....	(I) Rev. Dennis Williams
Rutherford FBC.....	Rev. Andy Mayfield

Other Ordained Ministers

Bradford FBC

Dr. Kelvin Moore

Chapel Hill

Rev. Mark Brown
Rev. Ben Hearn
Rev. Billy Robinson
Rev. Mike Sellers

Dyer FBC

Rev. Daymond Duck, Retired
Rev. Jason Griggs
Rev. Bob Hill

Fruitland Baptist Church

Dr. Roger Stacy

Rutherford FBC

Rev. Marlon Stephens, Retired

Salem Baptist Church

Rev. Randy Pool, Retired

Smyrna Baptist Church

Rev. James Brown

Church at Sugar Creek

Dr. Bob Agee, Retired
Rev. Matt Arnold
Rev. Steve Babcock
Rev. Bob Benedict
Rev. Andy Clenney
Rev. Jerry Coln
Rev. Kevin Hamilton
Rev. Mark Jenkins
Rev. Mike Kemper
Rev. Mark McSwain
Rev. Mike Sanders

Trenton FBC

Rev. N. Tyler Scott

West Carroll Unity

Rev. David Moncrief

MEMORIAL REPORT

Antioch

Mrs. Gertrue Barr
Ms. Kay Hamm
Mr. Billy Paul Warrington
Mr. Jimmy Hill
Mr. Keenan Luckey
Mrs. Kayla Hudgins

Avondale

None Listed

Beech Grove

Mrs. Evelyn Wyrick
Mrs. Bonnie McDaniel
Mr. James Robert Cooper
Mr. Mark Rector

Bethel – Humboldt

None Listed

Bethel – Yorkville

None Listed

Bethpage

Mrs. Joyce Brown

Bradford, First

Mr. Alex Steele
Mrs. Judy Denning
Mrs. Malidean Hensley

Calvary – Humboldt

Sheila Haynes
Dennis Barger**

Calvary – Rutherford

Mary Evelyn "Sis" Wilson***

Center

Mr. William Coble**
Mrs. Joy Koffman

Chapel Hill

Miss Gladys Qualls
Ms. Kitten Darland
Ms. Shirley Bray
Ms. Vennie Lloyd
Mr. Vonnice Parrish
Mr. Bryan Russell

China Grove

None Listed

Clear Creek

None Listed

Dyer, First

Mrs. Margaret Bell McCaslin
Mrs. Judy Barron
Mrs. Lou Dycus
Mrs. Una Barron
Mrs. Wanda Adams
Mr. Orval Comstock
Mr. Ed Pratt

Eldad

Mrs. Edna Blankenship
Mrs. Phyllis Blankenship

Emmanuel

Ms. Hilda Stanley
Mr. Charles Heglar
Ms. Becky Cash
Ms. Reba Burroughs

Fellowship

Jimmy McMinn

Fruitland

Mr. Michael Privett
Mrs. Wanda Privett

Gibson

Mr. Leonard Brown**
Mr. Bob Kirtner
Mrs. Carolyn Bryant

Hickory Grove

None Listed

Idlewild

Mr. Phillip Carruth

Immanuel – Trenton

None Listed

Keely Mill

None Listed

Kenton, First

Mrs. Barbara Perryman
Mrs. Nelda Stratton
Mrs. Pat Hurt Smith
Mrs. Frances Williamson
Mr. V. L. Williamson
Mr. Finley Penny
Mr. Joe Stephens
Mr. Steve Dawson
Mr. Ricky Joe Davis

Laneview – Kenton

None Listed

Laneview – Trenton

None Listed

Latham Chapel

Mrs. Nancy Reece
Mrs. Sue Black
Mr. Wayne Goodrich

Lavinia

Mrs. Tina Smith
Mr. Danny McMinn**
Mr. Weldon Winberry

Maranatha

None Listed

Medina, First

Ms. Rachel Sanders
Ms. Marie Isbell
Mr. Charles Parrett
Ms. Achele Parrett

Midway

Bobby Joe Criswell

MEMORIAL REPORT

Milan, First

Van Mayfield
Dorothy Moseley
Dorothy Houston
Peggy Holbrook
Terry Hancock
Julia Butler
Julia Morris
Jere Cox
Jerry Stinson
Edna Duncan
Cooper Norris
Joe Gordon
Shirley Bray
Cody Conley
Don Pike

Mount Pisgah

Donnie Hood
Bishop Lewis
Danny Marcle
James Graves**

Mount Pleasant

Linda Arrington
Renee Arrington
Calvin Rutherford
Kenard Sellers
Kristy Johnston
Eunice Sellers

New Bethlehem

Mrs. Martha Denton
Mr. Jack Davidson
Mrs. Rose S. Whitley
Mr. Billy Gately
Mr. Clarence Davidson
Mrs. Demetra Garner
Mrs. Marie J. Echols
Mr. John Blake
Mr. Joshua Hayes

New Haven

Mr. James Neal**

New Hope

Darlene Owens
Ken Williams

Northerns Chapel

Mrs. Patricia Lykins*

Northside

Mr. Vester Tate
Ms. Helen Hanna
Ms. Margie Holt
Mrs. Carol Badgett
Ms. Linda Denton

Oak Grove

Mr. Gary Scott
Mr. Ken Nolan

Oakwood

None Listed

Old Bethlehem

None Listed

Poplar Grove

Mrs. Marie Adams
Mr. Jimmy Dabbs
Mr. Milbourne Rice

Poplar Springs

None Listed

Rutherford, First

Mr. Shane Landrum
Mr. Billy Joe Eakes
Mrs. Marie King
Ms. Leah Matthews
Mr. Ben Earls
Mr. Roger Dale White

Salem

Mrs. Patricia Pool
Mrs. Teresa Jewell
Mrs. Jeanell Burress
Mrs. Peggy Parks

Smyrna

Mrs. Pam Goslee
Mr. Doug Porter**
Mr. Harold Hammonds**

Spring Hill

None Listed

Sugar Creek

Ms. Mildred Droke
Ms. Leona DeBerry
Mr. Curtis King
Mr. Bill Hopkins
Mrs. Mary Mathews
Ms. Michelle Reed
Mr. Bobby Yeager
Mr. Chuck Samples
Ms. Billie Hazlewood
Ms. Betty Noble
Ms. Starr McCorkle
Ms. Hellen Robinson
Ms. Candice Williams
Mr. Bud Uselton
Mrs. Teresa Morris
Mr. Don Graves
Ms. Gale Parks

Trenton, First

Mrs. Dot Hockaday
Mrs. Paula Summers
Mr. Raymond Harper
Mrs. Nancy McCaul
Mrs. Estelle Mays
Mr. Leland Starnes
Mrs. Faye Lynn Hartfield

Walnut Grove

Mrs. Charlene Yarbro
Mrs. Voinda Johnson
Mrs. Reba Yergin
Mr. Donald Cunningham

West Carroll Unity

None Listed

West Side

Mr. Rickey Wright
Mr. David Summars
Mrs. Sharon Summars
Mrs. Betty Jo Owens

White Hall

Larry Coffman
Ieland Starnes
Gary Fowler
Brian Keith Allen

*Pastor's Wife

**Deacon

***Charter Member

EXECUTIVE BOARD REPORT

The Executive Board has as its purpose to conduct the business of the association between annual meetings. The Board 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:

Nineteen members were present representing eleven churches. Bro. Roger Stacy reminded the board that he was elected fourteen years ago at the January meeting. Many churches have canceled services and have gone virtual due to COVID-19. Kelly Wall from Birth Choice shared a number of statistics. There were 140 babies saved from abortion and 896 gospel presentations were made to clients. The mobile unit is being utilized five days a week. Sheilah Spangler, WMU Director, shared that the WMU Get-Together would be virtual due to COVID. Pastor Isaac Solis, pastor of Iglesia Baptista Maranatha (Maranatha Baptist Church) was present along with Bro. Greg McFadden. Pastor Isaac shared that the new work would be launched on January 31. SugarCreek is the sponsoring church, and GBA is also a sponsor of the work.

April Executive Board Meeting highlights:

Bro. Roger shared about the 48 Gibson County jail mates that were baptized in the Gibson County Lake. He was present for the dedication of the new ultrasound machine at Birth Choice, along with Dr. Randy Davis. He asked the board for authorization to move the checking account from BancorpSouth to Security Bank & Trust Company. A motion was made and approved to make the transfer. Sheilah Spangler, WMU Director, called attention to the 100th celebration of the GBA WMU in 2024. She shared that plans are being made now for the celebration. Christy Skelton, director of CWJC, shared that they are still needing house manager for the Transitional Home. Bro. Steve Littleton, Seek Team Leader, shared that the team is planning three evangelistic events for the Gibson County Fair: Evangelism training, August 20 & 21; Feeding of the Carnival works on Sunday afternoon when workers arrive; a prayer tent during the fair. Bob Moore, Men's Ministry leader informed the board about "Fields of Faith" occurring on September 15 at 7:00 at Peabody High School

July Executive Board Meeting highlights:

Bro. Roger promoted the mission trip to Brazil the week of September 27—October 5, 2021. He shared a vision of developing the vacant lot between the GBA office and Carey Counseling. He shared that he would like to see a pavilion with a stage area, picnic tables, grills, and a play area for games. Churches could use the facilities as well as groups in the association. The board approved the Leadership Team to appoint a committee to study the feasibility of the idea. Bro. Roger shared about the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF). This is affordable legal representation for churches should they be sued. The Tennessee Baptist Convention has partnered with ADF. Sheilah Spangler, WMU director, gave an update on plans for the 100th Anniversary of the GBA WMU celebration. Bro. Bryan Morris, member of the Seek Team, updated the board on the plans for the Gibson County Fair and the evangelism training at White Hall Baptist Church in August. Bob Moore, Men's Ministry leader, gave an update on the softball season and announced the winners of the tournament. He also shared about the Fields of Faith event in September at the Peabody High School. TJ Gilliam a nationally known speaker will be the speaker. This event is for teenagers across the county and across denominations also surrounding counties are invited. Tony Moore with the agency "Touching Hearts at Home" shared about an upcoming event at Whitehall Baptist Church on September 23rd for Senior Adults and families.

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT

(ASSOCIATIONAL MISSIONARY)

We have had a busy associational year despite the continuing plague of the COVID-19 virus. Every year I meet with our team leaders of our three priority teams to plan the Ministry Plan for the new associational year. We were able to see many of our ministry plans implemented this year, in contrast to the previous year. Our teams have worked hard to envision a strategy to strengthen churches and reach the lost with the gospel this coming year.

We have purchased the equipment to livestream on our Facebook closed group. We have approximately 950 members in our group. We are now livestreaming our Executive Board meetings and other events.

Last year I reported that our Budget & Finance committee asked us to work toward going digital with the Vision newsletter. We slowly made the transition this year. We currently mail only a little over 200 newsletters to those who prefer to receive the vision by regular mail, or who receive the Vision digitally.

This year we set up online giving on our GBA website to make it convenient for churches or individuals to send contributions. Our website is: gbalife.org.

Our Minute Book this year is dedicated to the following people: (1) in memory of Mrs. Patricia Lou Lykins, member of Northern Chapel, wife of Bro. Dillard Lykins; (2) in memory of Mrs. Joyce Brown, a member of Bethpage Baptist Church, faithful to WMU and CWJC and (3) in honor of Mr. Jim Acree, member of First Baptist Church, Dyer.

I attended the Replant Conference once again this year. This training is provided by the North American Mission Board in Alpharetta, Georgia. Southern Baptist are seeking to equip associations to address the continuing decline of many churches through church revitalization.

Our Block Party Wagon has a new jumper (bouncy house) that we purchased this year. Our old jumper was not in good shape to pass state inspection. We are awaiting the state inspector to give us the approval and certification necessary to begin using it.

I want to thank you for your continued gifts to meet the needs of our ministry with street children in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. COVID-19 has made it difficult for the children to receive basic food needs, but your gifts have fed the children the past year.

I am thankful for the tremendous response from our churches and individuals in giving to the Waverly Disaster Relief Fund. We were able to send a check to the local association in the amount of \$42,000. These funds will help homeowners who lost everything and do not have insurance or federal assistance to rebuild.

For the first time in my tenure with GBA, we had a ministry presence at the Gibson County Fair. Volunteers served in our Prayer Tent. Prior to the fair, we offered evangelism training at White Hall Baptist Church with breakout sessions.

We were able to have our annual Deacons' Meetin' this year. Dr. Randy Davis, Executive Director of TBC brought a challenging message.

GBA was one of the sponsors of "Fields of Faith" on September 15, at the Peabody High School. There were 23 professions of faith and 11 other decisions recorded.

We partnered with the Tennessee Baptist Convention to offer a training conference entitled, *"Winning Our Harvest Field"*. Win Tennessee (WinTN) is an evangelism initiative of the convention. Eldad Baptist Church hosted the training.

Due to COVID-19, we have been unable to lead mission teams to Ohio or Brazil. However, September 27-October 5, we took a mission team to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. Churches were strengthened and there were 214 professions of faith, and several discipleship Bible studies conducted.

I will complete my fifteenth (15th) year as your associational missionary (DOM) on March 1, 2022. April 15 will mark my 25th year as a Director of Missions in Tennessee. I am thankful for what God has done over these years, and I am confident God will continue to bless this great association of churches.

Financial Reports

September 2021

General Fund Summary

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2020: -----	\$ 45,432.14
Receipts: Budget - \$195,176.62 + Designated - \$226,031.31 -----	\$ <u>421,207.93</u>
Total Available for the General Fund by September 30, 2021: -----	\$ 466,640.07
Expenditures: -----	\$ <u>330,973.07</u>
Balance on Hand September 30, 2021: -----	\$ <u>135,667.00</u>

Receipts

Church	Gifts	Church	Gifts
Antioch-----	\$ 6,431.49	Midway -----	1,071.84
Avondale-----	.00	Milan, FBC-----	9,250.00
Beech Grove -----	2,099.56	Mount Pisgah-----	1,969.84
Bethel-Humboldt-----	.00	Mount Pleasant-----	16,300.91
Bethel-Yorkville -----	2,959.00	New Bethlehem-----	7,043.12
Bethpage -----	607.03	New Haven-----	3,000.00
Bradford, FBC-----	3,780.00	New Hope -----	4,782.28
Calvary-Humboldt-----	411.45	Northern Chapel-----	300.00
Calvary-Rutherford-----	1,215.73	Northside-----	2,514.92
Center -----	600.00	Oak Grove -----	1,021.63
Chapel Hill-----	14,643.85	Oakwood -----	1,783.11
China Grove-----	865.48	Old Bethlehem -----	.00
Clear Creek-----	.00	Poplar Grove-----	1,957.68
Dyer, FBC -----	6,784.14	Poplar Springs -----	.00
Eldad-----	2,702.42	Rutherford, FBC-----	1,261.60
Elevate -----	6,314.75	Salem -----	4,710.72
Emmanuel-----	2,900.29	Smyrna -----	2,651.27
Fellowship-----	3,409.34	Spring Hill-----	1,033.80
Fruitland -----	1,153.32	The Church at Sugar Creek ----	11,983.77
Gibson-----	2,322.74	Trenton, FBC-----	6,875.00
Hickory Grove -----	975.00	Walnut Grove-----	1,000.00
Idlewild-----	1,336.98	West Carroll-----	1,088.01
Immanuel-Trenton -----	1,584.00	West Side-----	1,100.00
Keely Mill -----	.00	White Hall -----	5,649.16
Kenton, FBC-----	17,696.45		
Laneview-Kenton -----	1,000.00	Total Inc. from Churches---	\$ 183,087.30
Laneview-Trenton -----	713.62	Interest-----	49.11
Latham's Chapel -----	3,450.00	TBMB -----	12,040.21
Lavinia-----	6,832.00	Designated Receipts -----	<u>226,031.31</u>
Medina, FBC -----	1,950.00	Total Receipts -----	\$ 421,207.93

Year to Date Expenditures
October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

Ministry Item	Budget	Expenses	Balance
101 - Project Ministries	\$ 200.00	\$ 200.00	\$.00
102 - Men's Ministries	2,000.00	1,094.41	905.59
103 - Senior Adult Ministries	1,200.00	1,157.96	42.04
104 - Youth Ministries	1,500.00	900.00	600.00
110 - Continuing Education	100.00	.00	100.00
112 - Bi-Vocational Pastors	1,350.00	100.00	1,250.00
113 - Deacon Ministry	1,200.00	921.85	278.15
114 - Pastors' Conference	1,750.00	1,520.77	229.23
120 - Softball	50.00	50.00	.00
125 - Financial Update Conference	250.00	250.00	.00
201 - Volunteer Missions Banquet	300.00	.00	300.00
202 - Baptist Collegiate Ministry	3,000.00	.00	3,000.00
204 - WMU	1,900.00	1,883.44	16.56
301 - Vacation Bible School	1,000.00	517.63	482.37
302 - Evangelism	3,000.00	883.68	2,116.32
501 - Salary (DOM)	35,500.00	35,500.00	.00
502 - Housing Allowance (DOM)	25,876.00	25,876.00	.00
504 - Convention, Conferences (DOM)	2,000.00	1,128.22	871.78
505 - Mileage/Ministry Reimburse (DOM)	6,200.00	6,200.00	.00
506 - Life Insurance/Medical (DOM)	7,582.00	7,582.00	.00
507 - Retirement (DOM)	17,080.00	17,080.00	.00
508 - Professional Expense (DOM)	6,700.00	6,700.00	.00
515 - Associational Ministry Specialist	25,245.00	25,245.00	.00
516 - Social Security (Ministry Specialist)	1,980.00	1,931.26	48.74
517 - Insurance (Ministry Specialist)	176.00	176.00	.00
518 - Retirement (Ministry Specialist)	1,500.00	1,500.00	.00
525 - Part Time Ministry Assistant	1,800.00	1,536.00	264.00
530 - Staff Christmas Gifts	1,600.00	1,600.00	.00
702 - Office Utilities	8,600.00	8,069.31	530.69
705 - Printing, Office Supplies, Postage	7,500.00	7,514.45	-14.45
706 - Book of Reports, Minutes, Clerk	1,000.00	805.83	194.17
710 - Maintenance of Office Copier	1,450.00	848.02	601.98
711 - Office Equipment (Office Copier)	10,500.00	8,723.98	1,776.02
715 - Insurance: Building/Workers Comp	5,280.00	6,669.35	-1,389.35
716 - Building Maintenance	1,100.00	977.04	122.96
717 - Kitchen & Janitorial Supplies	400.00	293.21	106.79
720A-Custodial Service	2,860.00	2,915.00	-55.00
720B-Lawn Service	3,000.00	1,963.74	1,036.26
725 - Audit	950.00	975.00	-25.00
730 - Miscellaneous	<u>500.00</u>	<u>129.00</u>	<u>371.00</u>
Total Budgeted Receipts/Expenditures	\$ 195,179.00	181,418.15	13,760.85
801 - Explanation of Designated Funds	\$ 9,281.89	<u>149,554.92</u>	226,031.31 85,758.28
Total Expenditures September 30, 2021		330,973.07	

Explanation of Designated Funds

October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

	Beginning Balance Oct 1, 2020	Designated Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance Sept 30, 2021
Continued Education	3,046.43	.00	300.00	2,746.43
Disaster Relief	.00	42,301.00	42,026.00	275.00
Evangelism	2,000.02	.00	2,000.02	.00
Men/Boys	345.53	6,600.00	5,500.00	1,445.53
Pastors Fund	109.00	223.00	200.00	132.00
Reimbursed Misc. Expenses	1,544.62	134,624.59	56,395.18	79,774.03
Senior Adult Events	172.00	3,780.00	3,740.00	212.00
Softball	1,014.32	935.07	992.00	957.39
Wingo/Special Funds	.00	34,565.65	34,467.65	98.00
WMU Events	1,049.97	3,002.00	3,934.07	117.90
Total	9,281.89	226,031.31	149,554.92	85,758.28

Special Funds Account Summary

October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2021

Wingo Receipts

Beech Grove	400.00	Medina FBC	137.40
Bethel-Y	988.00	Milan FBC	217.00
Bethpage	375.00	Mount Pleasant	617.00
Calvary-H	411.45	New Bethlehem	1,000.00
Calvary-R	200.00	Northside	200.00
Dyer FBC	1,347.00	Oak Grove	300.00
Eldad	500.00	Poplar Springs	313.00
Elevate	220.00	Rutherford FBC	235.00
Emmanuel-H	327.00	Salem	999.96
Fruitland	400.00	Smyrna	600.00
Hickory Grove	50.00	Sugar Creek	992.79
Kenton	1,500.00	White Hall	1,250.00
Lavinia	1,298.00		
Total from Churches			14,878.60
Gifts/Memorials			15,525.00
Interest			<u>246.27</u>
Total Wingo Receipts as of September 30, 2021			\$30,649.87

Wingo Funds

International Mission Partnership

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2020 -----	\$ 34,585.69
Distribution of 2019/20 Wingo Gifts -----	14,594.57
Receipts from Annual Meeting Offering-----	144.20
Expenditures-----	<u>6,100.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2021 -----	\$ 43,224.46

Disaster Relief

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2020 -----	\$ 12,156.14
Distribution of 2019/20 Wingo Gifts -----	1,042.47
Receipts from Annual Meeting Offering-----	10.30
Expenditures-----	<u>.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2021 -----	\$13,208.91

North American TBMB/GBA Partnership

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2020 -----	\$ 33,780.84
Distribution of 2019/20 Wingo Gifts -----	5,212.35
Receipts from Annual Meeting Offering-----	51.50
Expenditures-----	<u>.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2021 -----	\$39,044.69

Total Available for Wingo Funds: \$ 126,127.93

Other Funds

Bertie Thompson Scholarship Fund

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2020 -----	\$ 2,378.47
Receipts -----	251.85
Expenditures -----	<u>500.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2021 -----	\$ 2,130.32

Block Party Wagon

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2020 -----	\$ 4,152.94
Receipts -----	100.00
Expenditures -----	<u>136.32</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2021 -----	4,116.62

Brazil Mission Trip/Projects

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2020 -----	\$ 25,680.69
Receipts -----	114,988.45
Expenditures -----	<u>135,220.40</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2021 -----	\$ 5,448.74

Disaster Relief Trailer

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2020 -----	\$ 11,142.54
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2021 -----	\$ 11,142.54

GOTM/GBA

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2020 -----	\$ 8,519.33
Expenditures -----	<u>3,434.79</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2021 -----	\$ 5,084.54

Hispanic Ministry

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2020 -----	\$ 2,176.17
Receipts -----	6,000.00
Expenditures -----	<u>6,000.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2021 -----	\$ 2,176.17

Romania Mission Trips

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2020 -----	\$ -325.22
Receipts -----	5,618.07
Expenditures -----	<u>2,250.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2021 -----	3,042.85

Total Available for Other Funds: \$ 33,141.78

Special Funds Checking Account Balance as of September 30, 2021: \$ 159,269.71

Contingency Reserve Fund

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2020 -----	\$ 9,097.52
Receipts (Interest) -----	9.10
Expenditures -----	<u>.00</u>
Balance on Hand September 30, 2021 -----	\$ 9,106.62

Explanation of the Use of Wingo Funds in 2020-2021

The following churches contributed to the Wingo Fund and/or went on Mission Trips and used Wingo Funds.

Church	Gave to Wingo Fund	Received IMB Wingo Funds
Beech Grove	\$ 400.00	
Bethel-Y	988.00	
Bethpage	375.00	
Calvary-H	411.45	
Calvary-R	200.00	
Dyer FBC	1,347.00	1,000.00
Eldad	500.00	
Elevate	220.00	300.00
Emmanuel-H	327.00	
Fruitland	400.00	1,000.00
Hickory Grove	50.00	
Kenton FBC	1,500.00	1,000.00
Lavinia	1,298.00	
Medina, FBC	137.40	
Milan FBC	217.00	
Mount Pleasant	617.00	
New Bethlehem	1,000.00	300.00
New Haven		1,000.00
Northside	200.00	
Oak Grove	300.00	
Poplar Springs	313.00	
Rutherford FBC	235.00	
Salem	999.96	300.00
Smyrna	600.00	300.00
Sugar Creek	992.79	300.00
Trenton FBC		600.00
White Hall	1,250.00	
Totals:	\$ 14,878.60	\$ 6,100.00

We also received \$15,771.27 in interest, gifts, and memorials. Total Receipts: \$30,649.87

2021-2022 GUIDELINES FOR WINGO MISSION FUNDS

To receive Wingo Funds for any mission trip or project, all volunteers must undergo a background check with the GBA. This requirement follows the 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 complete, 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 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+ or a student who has completed 9th grade) to participate in a 'first time' mission trip. The following guidelines apply for use of Wingo Funds:

- 1) Funds are designed to assist volunteers who participate in an official IMB trip/project. First time international mission volunteers are eligible for a scholarship of **\$500**.
- 2) Volunteers who have previously participated in an official IMB project/trip are eligible for a **\$400** 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 per calendar yr.
 - A multiple scholarship is designated when a group of volunteers from a single church participate in same project/trip.
 - A multiple scholarship amount will be limited to \$3,000 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 guidelines) 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 \$500 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, 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) To help and encourage pastors who have never participated in an IMB international mission trip while serving as a GBA pastor, a \$ 1,000 pastor's scholarship will be available for five pastors each year (first come, first serve basis). To qualify, this must be the pastor's first IMB international mission trip as a GBA pastor. The pastor will still be eligible to receive Wingo funds for first-time mission volunteers along with this scholarship. It must be an official trip of the International Mission Board and be in compliance with all guidelines for Wingo mission funds.

DISASTER RELIEF PROJECTS

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

NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS PROJECTS

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

- 1) Funds are designed to assist volunteers who participate in an official GBA, TBC, or NAMB trip/project more than 200 miles round trip from the Gibson Baptist Association Office out of state. First Time North American mission volunteers are eligible for a scholarship of \$150.
- 2) Volunteers who have previously participated in an official North American Mission project/trip are eligible for a \$100 scholarship once per associational calendar year, if it is a North American Mission project/trip.
- 3) Churches may request a multiple scholarship for volunteer team members of same church once in the calendar year.
 - A multiple scholarship is designated when a group of volunteers from a single church participate in the same project/trip.
 - A multiple scholarship amount will be limited to \$1,000 for the project/trip.
 - Only one multiple scholarship can be granted to a single church in the calendar year.
 - Additional scholarships may be awarded to other individuals of a church that has received a multiple scholarship (under existing guideline) up to \$375 over and above the multiple scholarship.
 - Scholarship requests that exceed the \$1,375 limit for a church may be considered by the Send Team.
 - It is encouraged that first time volunteers be distributed their full \$150 scholarship from this amount, if possible.
- 4) Volunteers (first time or otherwise) not participating in a multiple scholarship project/trip with their church are still eligible for an individual scholarship once during the association calendar year.
- 5) Volunteers requesting funds must complete an application which is available at the GBA office or by e-mail.
- 6) Wingo funds will be disbursed as early as possible with adequate notice prior to the date of the project/trip. Special considerations may be submitted to GBA.
- 7) Any special requests/needs for funds not addressed in these guidelines may be addressed to the necessary channel of the Send Team.

WINGO OFFERING

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

Proposed 2021-2022 Associational Budget

The Budget & Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the 2021-2022 budget
as printed below, a 2.99% increase.

<u>2020-2021</u>	
Strengthen Team	
101	Project Ministries \$ 200
102	Men's Ministries.....2,000
103	Senior Adult Ministries.....1,200
104	Youth Ministries1,500
110	Continuing Education100
112	Bi-vocational Pastors.....1,350
113	Deacon Ministry1,200
114	Pastors Conference1,750
120	Softball50
125	Financial Update Conf. for Churches....250
Send Team	
201	Volunteer Missions Banquet.....300
202	Baptist Collegiate Ministry3,000
204	WMU1,900
Seek Team	
301	Vacation Bible School.....1,000
302	Evangelism3,000
Administrative	
501	Salary (DOM)35,500
502	Housing/Utility Allowance (DOM)...25,876
504	Conventions, Conferences (DOM).....2,000
505	Mileage/Ministry Reimb (DOM).....6,200
506	Life Insurance/Medical (DOM)7,582
507	Retirement (DOM)17,080
508	Professional Expense.....6,700
515	Associational Ministry Specialist.....25,245
516	Social Security (Min. Specialist).....1,980
517	Insurance (Ministry Specialist)176
518	Retirement (Ministry Specialist).....1,500
525	Part Time Ministry Assistant1,800
530	Staff Christmas Gifts.....1,600
Office Expenses	
702	Office Utilities.....8,600
705	Printing, Office Supplies, Postage7,500
706	Book of Reports, Minutes, Clerk1,000
710	Maintenance of Office Copier.....1,450
711	Office Equipment (Copier Rental) ...10,500
715	Insurance: Bldg/Workers Comp5,280
716	Building Maintenance1,100
717	Kitchen & Janitorial Supplies.....400
720A	Custodial Service2,860
720B	Lawn Service.....3,000
725	Audit.....950
730	Miscellaneous..... <u>500</u>
GBA Budget Total.....\$ <u>195,179</u>	

<u>2021-2022</u>	
Strengthen Team	
101	Project Ministries.....\$ 300
102	Men's Ministries2,500
103	Senior Adult Ministries1,400
104	Youth Ministries.....3,500
110	Continuing Education.....100
112	Bi-vocational Pastors1,350
113	Deacon Ministry1,500
114	Pastors Conference2,200
120	Softball50
125	Financial Update Conf. for Churches00
Send Team	
201	Volunteer Missions Banquet.....300
202	Baptist Collegiate Ministry.....2,200
204	WMU2,000
Seek Team	
301	Vacation Bible School.....1,200
302	Evangelism2,500
Administrative	
501	Salary (DOM).....36,300
502	Housing/Utility Allowance (DOM) ..25,876
504	Conventions, Conferences (DOM)2,000
505	Mileage/Ministry Reimb (DOM)6,200
506	Life Insurance/Medical (DOM).....8,001
507	Retirement (DOM)17,880
508	Professional Expense6,700
515	Associational Min. Specialist.....26,288
516	Social Security (Min. Specialist)2,040
518	Retirement (Ministry Specialist)1,500
525	Part Time Ministry Assistant1,800
530	Staff Christmas Gifts1,600
Office Expenses	
702	Office Utilities9,600
705	Printing, Office Supplies, Postage7,500
706	Book of Reports, Minutes, Clerk1,020
710	Maintenance of Office Copier.....900
711	Copier Rental9,000
715	Insurance: Bldg/Workers Comp6,670
716	Building Maintenance750
717	Kitchen & Janitorial Supplies.....400
720A	Custodial Service3,120
720B	Lawn Service2,600
725	Audit.....975
728	Online Transaction Fee600
730	Miscellaneous <u>500</u>
GBA Budget Total.....\$ <u>200,920</u>	

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Church	Baptisms	Membership	SS Average	Receipts	Coop. Prog.	Missions
Antioch	18	551	129	\$541,052	\$43,442	\$70,986
Avondale	0	400	20	\$27,000	0	0
Beech Grove	0	178	12	\$78,062	\$6,793	\$18,509
Bethel-H	0	142	14	\$29,972	\$240	\$1,295
Bethel-Y	1	262	40	\$114,391	\$10,405	\$25,891
Bethpage	2	155	50	\$117,603	\$18,184	\$27,523
Bradford, First	4	289	77	\$252,443	\$18,000	\$30,142
Calvary-H	0	305	10	\$43,010	\$4,526	\$7,214
Calvary-R	1	18	12	\$50,653	\$7,645	\$17,436
Center	0	46	10	\$24,219	\$420	\$1,320
Chapel Hill	7	1,472	192	\$862,852	\$21,371	\$58,328
China Grove	0	148	9	\$27,237	\$838	\$1,676
Clear Creek	0	100	15	\$22,574	0	\$900
Dyer, First	3	640	70	\$408,624	\$33,984	\$65,872
Eldad	0	200	47	\$136,212	\$5,400	\$12,822
Emmanuel-H	1	367	33	\$139,688	\$8,772	\$18,753
Fellowship	0	253	20	\$105,190	\$7,339	\$18,730
Fruitland	0	177	0	\$34,023	\$842	\$2,591
Gibson	0	374	0	\$163,497	\$6,466	\$14,170
Hickory Grove	0	153	30	\$62,163	\$6,216	\$9,417
Idlewild	2	165	0	\$47,399	\$5,527	\$10,564
Immanuel-T	3	116	35	\$72,679	\$2,888	\$8,510
Keely Mill	0	59	12	\$27,550	\$250	\$840
Kenton, First	7	408	59	\$378,384	\$48,699	\$90,732
Laneview-K	3	400	40	\$115,984	0	\$1,000
Laneview-T	0	65	0	\$54,783	\$1,804	\$3,228
Latham's Chapel	1	208	16	\$54,982	\$4,500	\$11,800
Lavinia	6	304	26	\$140,838	\$6,292	\$29,209
Medina, First	6	438	85	\$310,926	\$29,124	\$38,580
Midway	0	51	16	\$49,787	\$4,598	\$10,747
Milan, First	11	2,239	227	\$1,283,036	\$68,000	\$127,653
Mt. Pisgah	0	94	28	\$63,787	\$4,600	\$9,397
Mt. Pleasant	15	410	68	\$277,711	\$26,103	\$64,460
New Bethlehem	8	498	106	\$382,176	\$36,083	\$52,356
New Haven	0	170	64	\$253,039	\$15,000	\$46,786
New Hope	4	100	72	\$149,003	\$14,864	\$24,003
Northerns Chapel	0	29	14	\$38,555	\$100	\$3,644
Northside	0	133	44	\$134,596	\$10,060	\$27,221
Oak Grove	0	85	18	\$50,850	\$450	\$4,015
Oakwood	3	89	36	\$73,878	\$1,910	\$5,180
Old Bethlehem	0	48	11	\$20,659	0	0
Poplar Grove	3	207	41	\$154,302	\$14,381	\$25,656
Poplar Springs	0	20	8	\$11,659	0	\$4,472
Rutherford, First	1	176	56	\$203,279	\$9,214	\$13,706
Salem	22	590	110	\$664,029	\$46,929	\$86,036
Smyrna	0	171	26	\$90,311	\$1,330	\$6,108
Spring Hill	0	70	13	\$54,970	\$5,157	\$8,593
Sugar Creek	20	895	286	\$1,812,026	\$104,711	\$167,440
Trenton, First	13	455	91	\$461,308	\$12,000	\$56,753
Walnut Grove	0	106	0	\$57,187	\$1,000	\$6,010
West Carroll	2	15	5	\$33,912	\$1,200	\$5,326
West Side	1	40	0	\$46,625	\$978	\$5,608
White Hall	2	192	55	\$270,978	\$39,162	\$78,359
Totals	170	15,276	2,458	\$11,081,653	\$717,797	\$1,437,567

This document shows each church's undesignated receipts recorded from the Annual Church Profiles, GBA records of what each church gave to GBA General Fund in 2020-2021 and the percentage of undesignated receipts that each church gives to GBA annually.

Church	Undesignated Receipts	Association Contributions	% to GBA
Antioch	\$447,309.00	\$6,431.49	1.44%
Avondale	\$27,000.00	0	0.00%
Beech Grove	\$71,754.00	\$2,099.56	2.93%
Bethel-H	\$29,099.00	0	0.00%
Bethel-Y	\$104,164.00	\$2,959.00	2.84%
Bethpage	\$82,527.00	\$607.03	0.74%
Bradford, First	\$226,078.00	\$3,780.00	1.67%
Calvary-H	\$41,145.00	\$411.45	1.00%
Calvary-R	\$50,653.00	\$1,215.73	2.40%
Center	\$23,904.00	\$600.00	2.51%
Chapel Hill	\$799,652.00	\$14,643.85	1.83%
China Grove	\$27,237.00	\$865.48	3.18%
Clear Creek	\$21,574.00	0	0.00%
Dyer, First	\$348,452.00	\$6,784.14	1.95%
Eldad	\$103,805.00	\$2,702.42	2.60%
Emmanuel-H	\$125,541.00	\$2,900.29	2.31%
Fellowship	\$98,866.00	\$3,409.34	3.45%
Fruitland	\$32,713.00	\$1,153.32	3.53%
Gibson	\$142,919.00	\$2,322.74	1.63%
Hickory Grove	\$62,163.00	\$975.00	1.57%
Idlewild	\$45,835.00	\$1,336.98	2.92%
Immanuel-T	\$67,676.00	\$1,584.00	2.34%
Keely Mill	\$16,400.00	0	0.00%
Kenton, First	\$336,250.00	\$17,696.45	5.26%
Laneview-K	\$106,984.00	\$1,000.00	0.93%
Laneview-T	\$51,485.00	\$713.62	1.39%
Latham's Chapel	\$54,929.00	\$3,450.00	6.28%
Lavinia	\$134,496.00	\$6,832.00	5.08%
Medina, First	\$291,139.00	\$1,950.00	0.67%
Midway	\$45,982.00	\$1,071.84	2.33%
Milan, First	\$1,133,876.00	\$9,250.00	0.82%
Mount Pisgah	\$62,418.00	\$1,969.84	3.16%
Mount Pleasant	\$203,575.00	\$16,300.91	8.01%
New Bethlehem	\$292,659.00	\$7,043.12	2.41%
New Haven	\$234,034.00	\$3,000.00	1.28%
New Hope	\$125,000.00	\$4,782.28	3.83%
Northerns Chapel	\$34,911.00	\$300.00	0.86%
Northside	\$125,746.00	\$2,514.92	2.00%
Oak Grove	\$48,000.00	\$1,021.63	2.13%
Oakwood	\$72,378.00	\$1,783.11	2.46%
Old Bethlehem	\$20,659.00	0	0.00%
Poplar Grove	\$146,312.00	\$1,957.68	1.34%
Poplar Springs	\$-	0	0.00%
Rutherford, First	\$185,302.00	\$1,261.60	0.68%
Salem	\$469,260.00	\$4,710.72	1.00%
Smyrna	\$84,165.00	\$2,651.27	3.15%
Spring Hill	\$51,565.00	\$1,033.80	2.00%
Sugar Creek	\$1,044,362.00	\$11,983.77	1.15%
Trenton, First	\$351,931.00	\$6,875.00	1.95%
Walnut Grove	\$48,941.00	\$1,000.00	2.04%
West Carroll	\$29,998.00	\$1,088.01	3.63%
Westside	\$41,622.00	\$1,100.00	2.64%
White Hall	\$222,420.00	\$5,649.16	2.54%
Total	\$9,046,865.00	\$176,772.55	1.95%

Nominating Committee 2021-2022

Budget & Finance Committee

Greg Pillow (2022), Midway – Chair

Terri Messer (2023,) Fellowship

Joey Hays (2024), New Hope

Chairman of Personnel Committee

Treasurer

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Tommy Griggs (2022), Bethpage – Chair

Steven Osborne (2022), Lavinia

Stephen Powell (2023), West Side

Joel Pigg (2024), Salem

Tony Parks (2024), Trenton FBC

Credentials Committee

Shawn Allred (2022), Kenton FBC – Chair

Jack Woods (2023), Fellowship

Andy Rice (2024), Walnut Grove

Nominating Committee

Eddie Holmes (2022), Fellowship – Chair

Sherry Scruggs (2023), Hickory Grove

Mike Farrar (2024), Kenton FBC

Personnel Committee

Steve Hemann (2022), Clear Creek – Chair

Jearod Flowers (2023), New Bethlehem

Charles King (2024), Dyer FBC

Trustees Committee

Eston Hurst (2022), New Bethlehem – Chair

Tim Ingram (2023), Poplar Grove

Lanny Taylor (2024), White Hall

Send Team

Joey Hufstedler (2024) Poplar Grove – Team Leader

Barbara Jones (2022), Salem

Jake Fry (2024), Emmanuel Humboldt

Boo Sellers (2023), Chapel Hill

Sheilah Spangler – WMU (Ex-officio), Salem

Seek Team

Kevin Mullins (2023), White Hall – Team Leader

Lane Self (2023), Dyer FBC

Johnny McCartney (2024), Mount Pleasant

Cathy Farrar (2024), Kenton FBC

Andy Mayfield (2024), Rutherford FBC

Strengthen Team

Bryan Morris (2024), New Hope – Team Leader

Wendy Tate (2022), Salem

John Coleman (2022), New Bethlehem

Hunter Martin (2023), Northside

Mike Sanders (2024), SugarCreek

Strategic Leadership Team

Director of Missions – Team Leader

Moderator

Assistant Moderator

Seek Team Leader

Send Team Leader

Strengthen Team Leader

New Committee and Team members are in bold print, a year following the name indicates when the term ends.

Associational Calendar

The Pastors Conference meets Mondays at 10AM, except for holidays, and weeks of the GBA Annual Meeting, TBC Summit, and SBC Convention. Listed below are known associational and denominational events. Other calendar events will be announced in the Vision.

Nov 2021	1	Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer	10:00 AM	Milan
	9	West TN Pastors Conference	10:00 AM	Union University
	14-17	TBC Summit		Brentwood
	15-22	OCC Shoebox Collection Week		
	25	Thanksgiving Day		
	28-Dec 5	Wk of Prayer for Int'l Missions/LMCO		
December	7	Pastors/Staff/Wives Christmas Dinner	6:00 PM	
	14	West TN Pastors Conference	10:00 AM	Union University
Jan 2022	11	West TN Pastors Conference	10:00 AM	Union University
	20	WMU Association Wide Quarterly Meeting	10:00 AM	Bethel, Yorkville
	22	GBA Men's Conference		
	24	GBA Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM	GBA Office
	27-29	Bivocational Ministers/Wives Retreat		Pigeon Forge
	30-31	WinTN Evangelism Conference		Murfreesboro
February	8	Pastors/Wives Valentine's Banquet	6:00 PM	Union University
	17	GBA Missions Banquet	6:00 PM	Trenton FBC
	20	Focus on WMU Sunday		
March	8	West TN Pastors Conference	10:00 AM	Union University
	8	GBA Mission Training	6:30 PM	
	24	GBA Sr Adult Banquet	6:00 PM	Dyer FBC
April	1-3	WMU Get-Together & Connection		Gatlinburg
	11	GBA Bible Drills	6:30 PM	White Hall
	12	West TN Pastors Conference	10:00 AM	Union University
	17	Easter		
	21	WMU Association Wide Quarterly Meeting	10:00 AM	Mount Pleasant
	25	Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM	GBA Office
	30	Regional Bible Drills	10:00 AM	
May	8	Mother's Day, Offering for Children's Homes	10:00 AM	Union University
	10	West TN Pastors Conference	10:00 AM	Union University
	30	Memorial Day		
June	12-15	SBC Annual Meeting		Anaheim CA
	19	Father's Day, Offering for TN Adult Homes		
July	4	Independence Day		
	21	WMU Association Wide Quarterly Meeting	10:00 AM	Rutherford FBC
	25	Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM	GBA Office
	31	Wingo Offering Sunday		
August	9	WMU Leadership Team Annual Planning	9:30 AM	GBA Office
	12	GBA Senior Adult Fall Banquet	6:00 PM	New Hope
	28	Global Hunger` Sunday		
September	8	WMU Leadership Team Meeting	10:00 AM	GBA Office
	11-18	Week of Prayer for State Missions/GOTM		
	15	WMU Association Wide Quarterly Meeting	10:00 AM	White Hall
	15	Deacons' Meetin'	5:30 PM	White Hall
	17	Children's Missions Day		
	28	See You at the Pole	7:00 AM	
October	24	GBA Annual Meeting		

TIME, PLACE, AND RESOLUTIONS

Location and Date for the 2022 Annual Meeting

2021-2022 Officers

Moderator

Assistant Moderator

Clerk

Treasurer

Assistant Treasurer

Time, Place, & Resolutions Committee Report

Recommendation 1. We recommend that the 2022 annual meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association be held on October 24, 2022, and that the host church be The Church at Sugar Creek.

Recommendation 2. We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions.

RESOLUTION I Expressing Appreciation To New Bethlehem Baptist Church

WHEREAS, the messengers of the 2021 annual meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association are meeting at New Bethlehem Baptist Church on October 25, 2021 to conduct the business of the Association; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge the kind hospitality of the people of New Bethlehem Baptist Church for opening their facilities for our meeting; and

WHEREAS, we further acknowledge Pastor John Coleman and the ministerial staff at New Bethlehem Baptist Church along with the many New Bethlehem Baptist Church volunteers who have worked so diligently to make our meeting a success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HERE RESOLVED that the messengers of the Gibson Baptist Association express our profound gratitude and appreciation to the Lord for the people of New Bethlehem Baptist Church for opening their doors and welcoming us for the purpose of conducting the business of the Gibson Baptist Association.

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, March 1, 2022, will complete Dr. Stacy's 15th year as Director of Missions for the Gibson Baptist Association.

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; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Stacy expresses his vision of missions by leading others to embrace personal involvement in missions both home and abroad;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the messengers 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. Grace Gentry

WHEREAS, Mrs. Grace Gentry, continues to serve the Gibson Baptist Association faithfully as Ministry Specialist; and

WHEREAS, we acknowledge her dedication to the Gibson Baptist Association and is committed to excellence in all she does, and has been gracious and hospitable during this season;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the messengers of the Gibson Baptist Association extend our gratitude, prayers, and expectancy for God's continued blessings upon Grace's service and ministry to the Association.

RESOLUTION IV
Affirming the SBC Resolution on Abuse & Pastoral Qualifications
Adopted at the 2021 Annual Meeting

WHEREAS, Scripture says that pastors, elders, and overseers are to be "above reproach" (1 Timothy 3:2) and "blameless" (Titus 1:6); and

WHEREAS, The Baptist Faith and Message says that pastors should be "qualified by Scripture"; and

WHEREAS, Sexual abuse is an action repugnant to the teachings of Scripture and reprehensible even to those who are not believers;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the messengers of the Gibson Baptist Association at the annual meeting held at New Bethlehem Baptist Church on October 25, 2021, affirm this resolution passed by the messengers to the Southern Baptist Convention, meeting in Nashville, Tennessee, June 15-16, 2021, believing that any person who has committed sexual abuse is permanently disqualified from holding the office of pastor; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we recommend that all our affiliated churches apply this standard to all positions of church leadership.

RESOLUTION V
Regarding the North American Mission Board

WHEREAS, the North American Mission board exists because of the sacrificial giving to the Cooperative Program by Southern Baptists; and

WHEREAS, the Southern Baptist Convention has a set of governing documents that all entities are to follow; and

WHEREAS, the governing documents of the Southern Baptist Convention, Article 14, paragraph 2, was amended and approved by the messengers of the Southern Baptist Convention while in session at the annual meeting on June 15-17, 1993, in Houston, Texas; and

WHEREAS, Article 14, paragraph 2, of the Southern Baptist Convention Business and Financial Plan, part of the governing documents, states: *"Members of cooperating Southern Baptist churches shall have access to information from the records of Southern Baptist Convention entities regarding income, expenditures, debts, reserves, operating balances, and salary structures;"* and

WHEREAS, the North American Mission Board has chosen to violate the governing documents by not producing their salary structure when asked by a member of a cooperating Southern Baptist Church

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the messengers of the Gibson Baptist Association at the annual meeting held at New Bethlehem Baptist Church on October 25, 2021, call upon the North American Mission Board to adhere to the governing documents of the Southern Baptist Convention; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these same messengers call on the North American Mission Board to be fully transparent in all their activities that Southern Baptists give to so sacrificially; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these same messengers call on the North American Mission Board to cooperate with state conventions and local associations for the furtherance of the Gospel of Jesus Christ; and be it further

RESOLVED, that these same messengers call on the North American Mission Board, its trustees, and its President, Dr. Kevin Ezell to do all that can be done to restore the relationships that have been injured by the actions of the North American Mission Board and Dr. Kevin Ezell.

Signed,
Joey Hufstедler, Pastor of Poplar Grove Baptist Church

Time: Monday, October 25, 2021

Place: New Bethlehem Baptist Church, Dyer, TN

Time, Place, and Resolutions Committee

Garry Burkacki, Pastor: Bethpage – Committee Chair

Jason Bowen, Pastor: Trenton FBC

Johnny McCartney, Pastor: Mount Pleasant

RESOLUTION VI
Resolution on the Denouncement of Plagiarism

WHEREAS, plagiarism is the act of using another person's words or ideas without giving credit to that person: the act of plagiarizing something¹ (Ex. 20:15); and

WHEREAS, pastors, teachers, and other church leaders are held to a higher standard in handling the holy word of God (James 3:1); and

WHEREAS, this has been a recent issue in Southern Baptist life as the current president of the SBC has been accused, and sufficient proof provided, that he did indeed plagiarize other pastors' sermons;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Gibson Baptist Association denounce plagiarism in any form and regard it as deception/and or stealing by the using of someone else's words and or ideas as your own without the proper recognition given to the original author; and be it further

RESOLVED, that we do hereby call upon the current SBC president to repent and to plead for forgiveness for his acts of plagiarism and to reconsider his role as SBC president given the embarrassment and shame placed upon the entire SBC by his actions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that as pastors, teachers, and other church leaders charged with the handling of God's word we will seek to honor our calling by sufficiently studying the scriptures and seeking a fresh word from the Lord through the leading of His Holy Spirit (John 16:13, Col. 3:16); and be it finally

RESOLVED, that we will hold ourselves, and those who lead us, to account for the handling of God's Holy Word with the expectation that when found guilty of the sin of plagiarism there should be immediate and sincere repentance and a pleading for forgiveness.

Mover: Shawn Allred- 731-415-2472

¹ Merriam-webster.com/dictionary/plagiarism

SEND TEAM REPORTS

The Send Team makes the following recommendations:

1. We recommend that the Wingo Offering goal for 2021-2022 be \$23,500 with the distribution of funds as follows:
70% IMB Projects, 25% North American/TBMB/GBA Projects, and 5% Disaster Relief.
2. We recommend that the International Missions Projects & Trips be increased as follows:
First-time volunteers from \$400 to \$500 and repeat volunteers from \$300 to \$400.

Wingo Fund Report

This year the Wingo offering goal was set at \$23,500. Our GBA churches and individuals gave a total of \$30,649.87. Last year our churches gave \$20,849.39, plus another \$206.00 received during the Annual Meeting, bringing the grand total to \$21,055.39. The Wingo funds are used to assist volunteers in participating in mission projects and trips during the year. We are thankful for our churches and individuals who give faithfully to support missions and the Wingo offering.

Wingo Funds were used this past year to help thirteen (13) individuals from ten (10) churches receive Wingo scholarships that helped with the cost of their mission trips to three (3) countries. Last year eighteen (18) volunteers from thirteen (13) churches received Wingo funds to travel to three (3) countries.

The total GBA/IMB scholarships distributed this past year was \$6,100. The following is a list of those receiving funds and the country in which they served.

Brazil:	Shawn Allred, Randy Beals, Shelia Bell, Isabel Foster, Glynn Reynolds, Roger & Penny Stacy
Panama:	Doug Duncan, Charles King, Larry Tilley
Honduras:	Christina Armacost, Cynthia Pool

Brazil Mission Report

Our mission trips to Brazil have been limited this past year. Brazil has been devastated with the delta variant of the coronavirus. This has prevented our teams from traveling to Brazil. With the recent outbreak of the delta variant in the United States, we have had to back off our planned trips.

A team of thirteen volunteers did work in an area of Rio de Janeiro the week of September 27-October 5, 2021. The team worked in an area known as Chapadão. Volunteers shared the gospel door-to-door and conducted several discipleship Bible studies with new believers. There were 214 recorded professions of faith. Our team was able to do immediate follow-up discipleship Bible studies with new converts.

We will be praying and planning on leading missions to Brazil in the coming year. The harvest is white, and the laborers are few.

Prayerfully consider joining with us to share the gospel in Brazil this coming year.

Ohio Mission Report

Our ministry and mission work with the West Central Baptist Association in Piqua, Ohio continues to be hindered due to the COVID-19 virus. We were not able to take any teams once again this year for this reason.

We continue to pray for the work in Ohio. 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.

We have focused on working with the association in the towns of Minister and New Bremen to help plant a church. There are other churches and needs where we have worked in previous years that still need mission teams. Our hope is that we can meet these needs soon.

While we are not able to do the normal mission work in our sister association, we can pray for the pastors, churches, and the lost in Ohio. We encourage our churches to pray for the cities of Minister and New Bremen specifically, that God would speak to a person of peace or many persons who are key to reaching the area.

BCM Report

We were not able to meet in person on campus this past year due to COVID-19. Our plans and ministry have been shut down with no possibility of continuing a presence and contact with the students.

I would like to give a big thank you to all the churches that helped us in previous years with the preparation meals and other ministry contacts.

We are hopeful that this year we will be able to return to campus. If your church would like to help us with the meals or be involved in our ministry, contact the GBA office or call my cell phone. The number is 731-267-9602.

Thank you so much for all the help you have provided for this ministry.

WMU 2020-2021 Annual Report

God is good. All the time, God is good. Though we had some challenges as we recovered from Covid concerns, this year has been a good one.

In November, at the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, missionary April Bunn shared about the importance of prayer and how it has operated in her life.

We had an average attendance of 25 at each of the 4 quarterly meetings this year. In January we heard about mission work in South Asia. CR (name withheld) spoke about her family's mission work in the South Asia area. She also shared their challenges getting out of Asia during Covid with a sick child. In April, Dr Windal Walker told of his experiences in Uganda. In July, Cindy Pool and her daughter Christine Armacost talked about how the simplest acts of kindness can open the door to gospel conversations. At our September meeting, Adam Winters shared about the wonders of Java; he spoke of the challenges of evangelizing amongst Muslims and other religions. As always, the speakers brought home to us the importance of supporting missions through prayer, action, and monetary support. If you are not contributing to the Cooperative Program, the Golden Offering for TN missions, the Lottie Moon or the Annie Armstrong offerings, you are hindering the spread of the gospel in TN, in North America and throughout the world. Please consider supporting these offerings as well as praying for missions and volunteering in local mission efforts.

The Jerry Legg Volunteer Missions Banquet was cancelled due to concerns about Covid and because no mission trips were conducted in 2020.

The National Day of Prayer was observed in May at the Gibson County Emergency Management Complex. Michael Imhof, former Navy Seal, spoke of the need to implore God to restore the United States to its former reliance on Himself.

Gibson Baptist Association WMU will celebrate 100 years of missions in 2024. In preparation for the celebration, the Leadership Team would like to publish a 100-day devotional guide to commemorate the anniversary. We are looking for memories and stories related to WMU from all ages. We hope to have a minimum of 100 stories or memories about what involvement in WMU programs and activities has meant to you. We are looking for memories and stories from those who are currently involved in mission education activities or those who remember a parent or grandparent's involvement. We are especially interested in stories or memories from the association's early history. Please contact me if you can provide a story or memory or someone to contact for one.

Sheilah Spangler
Director, WMU
Gibson Baptist Association

SEEK TEAM REPORTS

GBA Churches were invited to participate in evangelism training held at White Hall Baptist Church on August 20 and 21st. We called it ***The Great Commission Conference-Going Beyond the Walls***. The training was well attended and prepared participants for our other evangelistic outreach at the Gibson County Fair. The Prayer Tent was a great effort to reach out to those who attended the annual event and allowed our Association to have a presence that has not been there in recent years. Also, at the Fair this year, we fed and ministered to the migrant workers here on work visa. John Coleman and the Praise Team from New Bethlehem did an excellent job leading in worship and a clear presentation of the Gospel. The hope is that these events will become an annual part of our evangelism efforts providing the opportunity for our church members to get involved. Thank you to all who took part and worked so hard to make them a success!

Speaking of success, baptism numbers are up this year! God has been moving in Gibson County! I would like us to celebrate by recognizing the churches that reported the most baptisms. I ask that a representative from the church please stand when I call the church name and remain standing.

- **Milan FBC** **11**
- **Trenton FBC** **13**
- **Mount Pleasant** **15**
- **Antioch** **18**
- **Sugar Creek** **20**
- **Salem** **22**

And newly formed church **Elevate** reported **19** baptisms! Let's give God the praise for what He is doing!

Evangelism

Twenty-seven (27) GBA churches reported baptizing one hundred seventy (170) people this year. Last year twenty-seven (27) GBA churches reported baptizing one hundred thirty-five (135) people. We baptized thirty-five (35) more people this year.

GBA VBS Training Report

It was great to see so many churches back to having in-person, traditional VBS's during 2021. If we know anything about VBS we know that trained leaders equate to professions of faith during VBS. As a matter of record, for every trained leader there is one profession of faith among those attending. That is an awesome example of the impact training can and does have on our VBS's. It is this statistic that drives our association to want to promote training among our church VBS leaders.

I am happy to report that many of our churches took this statistic seriously and sent their leaders to our VBS training that was held April 22, 2021. We had 10 churches represented and 48 VBS leaders attend the training. Our clinic leaders did a wonderful job helping those who attended and taught various topics (7 total) some of these included evangelism, follow through, music, youth, and missions. One of the major format changes we made this year was to make all the sessions generic in nature, meaning that none of the sessions were based on any one curriculum. This means that all the sessions are applicable to every church that attends no matter what VBS material they choose to utilize.

I want to thank Salem Baptist Church and their Pastor Bro. Joel Pigg for hosting this year's VBS clinic and Mrs. Grace Gentry for her help with registration and promotion. Also, a big thanks goes to all those who prepared and led so well training our leaders. I have heard some wonderful reports of numerous salvation decisions that have come from our churches having VBS this year. Hearing these reports makes the all the planning and execution of VBS more than worth the effort. Make plans to attend our training in 2022 and let us plan to see more boys and girls saved by God's amazing grace.

In His Service,
Shawn Allred
Associational VBS Director

Vacation Bible School

This year twenty-four (24) churches held a Vacation Bible School. There was an enrollment of 1,617 on the churches campuses.

STRENGTHEN TEAM REPORTS

We had a very successful and blessed year. Our ministries under our responsibility were able to complete their ministry plans despite the lingering coronavirus impeding some of plans.

The Christian Women's Job Corps ministry celebrated the opening of the Transition House (House of Hope) this year. The Night of Hope was also a tremendous success once again.

The GBA Youth Leadership Team held the annual Student Night at the Gibson County Fair. Ryan Keaton, TBC, was the guest speaker. Chapel Hill praise team led in worship. The attendance for the event was over two (200) hundred people. The Youth Team has many more plans for the coming year.

The annual Deacons' Meetin' was held at White Hall Baptist Church with an attendance of around 130 people. Dr. Randy Davis, Executive Director of the TBC, was the speaker. Dyer FBC praise and worship led in worship. Next year's event will be on September 15 at White Hall.

The Men's Ministry highlight was the Fields of Faith event held at the Peabody High School. There were over 500 students in attendance, with 23 registered professions of faith. Several other denominations were supportive and in attendance. Steve Cothran from Elevate Church led in worship. The program also featured testimonies from students.

The Senior Adult ministry is led by Martha Phelan. FBC Dyer hosted the spring event and featured Larry DeLawder as "Barney Fife." There were around 170 in attendance. The fall event was hosted by Salem Baptist Church. The Scott Shepherd family was the entertainment. There were around 175 in attendance.

Our Block Party Wagon has been used less the past two years due to the coronavirus. This year we upgraded our bouncy house (jumper). The one we were using is more than twenty years old. This new bouncy house will allow us to now receive our state certificate of inspection and use it in ministry.

We continue to see a steady drop in attendance in Sunday School in our association and across the Southern Baptist Convention. We decreased by 675 from last year's enrollment. Our Sunday School average decreased by 830 over the previous year. Some of this is due to COVID. The same decreases are also reflected in Discipleship Training.

Rhonda Poore is our Bible Drills director, and she continues to do an excellent work. The Bible Drills were held at White Hall. Church participation has decreased to only three churches having Bible Drillers. Eighteen drillers participated with eleven children qualifying for the Regional (State) drills.

Christian Women's Job Corps Report

Our journey together continues as we touch and become intertwined in the lives of others who need direction and encouragement. We consider the work in the ministry of CWJC to be an awesome and great privilege and continue to be amazed at all the ways that God is at work. During this past church year, we processed 53 applications for food and clothing, 27 applications for utility assistance through the Ministerial Alliance and witnessed to numerous others who came into the thrift store.

The community continues to shower us with great blessings. Some of those ways include: Woodmen of the World stocking our pantry with canned goods, additional canned goods came from Dan Rodamaker, President & CEO of GEMC in memory of our dear volunteer Joyce Brown, Sheriff's Dept. providing the mowing at our Transition House, piano donated to the house from the estate of Margaret Mitchell, Computer donated and setup by Bro. Eddie and Jack of Fellowship, new refrigerator and AC donated to the house by Barbara and Jerry Jones, food cards from local grocery merchants for our house, patio furniture donated by Sheila Bell and cameras donated and installed by Stacy Miller. Laquita Clark from UT Ext., which provides real life solutions and free research-based information to the community through agricultural programs, 4H and Family Consumer Science programs which include education programs that pay for all qualified individuals to go to college teaching a portion of our PFL classes. Another blessing came from our GOTM offering which was used to purchase cameras for the store.

Despite covid, the ministry has continued to thrive. We were privileged to have missionaries move into our Transition House where they remained until the end of April. We held our annual Christmas Party at Crenshaw's and recognized Judy Warren as our volunteer of the year. We utilized our shutdown time in January for packing up Christmas and organizing the store. We added two new members to our board in January, the Honorable Mark Johnson and Stacy Miller, CEO of W. Tenn. Correctional Services. Fellowship Baptist Church set up in front of the store giving out free popcorn and witnessing and the Customer Appreciation Event registered over 50 for hot dogs and drinks and handing out Bibles and tracts. Our Powered for Life class started with 5 participants and graduated 2. Graduation ceremony was attended by 21, and a catered meal was provided by Bro. Brian Griffith, our Chairman of the Board. We started a new class this August with several in attendance. We hired a new store manager who has made great improvements to the store. We updated our by-laws and policies and procedures. We were able to go back into the Jail for 5 weeks of classes until covid shut us down once again.

Finally, our Transition House is open! Our house manager started August 1st, and soon after we welcomed 2 residents. We appreciate all our volunteers helping with transportation, mentoring, purchase of groceries and other goods and Bible study as well as other classes.

Please mark your calendars for our Night of Hope on October 12th with doors opening at 5:30. We plan once again to have dinner, a silent auction and fashion show. This year it will be at the Roosevelt Hall here in Trenton. Please make reservations early as there will be limited seating.

Christy Skelton,
CWJC Site Coordinator

Birth Choice Report

First of all, praise Jesus because we know of 108 BABIES SAVED, as of 9/13/21, from abortion so far this year at Birth Choice, and as of June 2021 the Gospel was shared 510 times! Wow! God is doing so much, we as a staff just sit in awe of how God is going before us, preparing the way and making provision. We could not do this without you!! You are part of the Legacy.

Our 2nd Mobile Unit Clinic is on the road and we have 2 Ultrasound rooms going at our Jackson Clinic!

And to make all this possible, to save more babies and reach more women considering abortion, churches in Madison and Gibson Counties raised \$84,473.26 and Mobile Unit counties raised over \$26,000 during our campaign from Mother's Day through Father's Day! This has been our biggest year for bottles in the history of Birth Choice! Thank you to everyone who gave.

Gibson County:

Amount Raised: \$18,938.06

Number of Churches: 28

Save the Date for our Walk for Life! It will be October 2nd at West Jackson Baptist Church. This year's goal is to raise \$80,000 to help our growing ministry reach more women and save more babies!

Hey guys, did you hear about the new law banning most abortions in Texas? The good news is that it could affect many other states, including Tennessee! This fall when the Supreme Court hears the abortion-related case from Mississippi - Dobbs v. Jackson Women's Health Organization - it could affect Roe v. Wade! And if Roe v. Wade were overturned, Tennessee's "trigger law" would ban abortion when a heartbeat is detected. There is a common myth that if Roe v. Wade were overturned, pro-life pregnancy centers like ours won't be needed. But that's not the case. If a pregnant woman can't turn to an abortion clinic for help, where can they turn? Why to us, of course! We could be seeing hundreds of more clients per year.

"We could use you in the battle for life"! If you have a heart to minister to women with God's Truth and Love come be a volunteer Client Advocate, Nurse, or work in the Resource Room for Birth Choice. Last year, we saw more women and saw more babies saved at our Gibson County Clinic than ever before. If interested and want more information, please email Kelly at, kelly@birthchoice.us Please share! If you are in church leadership, please share this information with your congregation."

Thank you for your continued support and prayers,
Kelly

Youth Team Report

The Strengthen Team is responsible for the development of youth Ministry in the Gibson Baptist Association. The Strengthen Team is restructuring the GBA Youth Leadership Team which right now is composed of Todd Kirk, James Rogers (Strengthen Team Leader), and Roger Stacy (DOM). The GBA Youth Ministry Team was responsible for planning and coordinating the Youth Night event at the Gibson County Fair and developing community among the youth leaders in the association.

The Gibson County Fair allowed the Association, Bro. Roger Stacy, DOM, to organize another youth night event at the Gibson County Fair this year (2021) after the 2020 fair was cancelled. The GBA Youth Leadership Team planned and coordinated a Youth Night event at the Fair on Wednesday, September 1, 2021. Worship was led by the Chapel Hill Baptist Church Praise Team and the special speaker was Ryan Keaton, Emerging Generations Specialist at Tennessee Baptist Mission Board.

Again, this year, an associational “See You at the Pole” event was not held in leu of the Youth Night at the fair and another youth event, Fields of Faith, planned and coordinated by Bob Moore and the GBA on September 15, 2021. After the fair event, a GBA Youth ministry Facebook group was set up to better facilitate the dissemination of future event information and to help foster fellowship and communication among the youth leaders in the association.

Todd Kirk, GBA Youth Director

Deacons’ Meetin’ Report

Our annual Deacons’ Meetin’ was a tremendous blessing this year. Last year due to COVID-19 we were not able to meet.

The first annual Deacons’ Meetin’ was held in 2007 at White Hall. This meeting was the dream of Mr. Kenneth Brown, a deacon at White Hall. Mr. Brown had a dream for the ministry born out of a burden to see the men of the church step up and lead the work of the church for Christ.

This year’s meeting was moved back a week due to the conflict with the Gibson County Fair. Over 100 people registered for the meal. Attendance was a little less this year due to the recent outbreak of the delta variant of COVID-19. There were approximately 130 in attendance for the program.

The program featured the Praise & Worship team from Dyer First Baptist Church. Our guest speaker was Dr. Randy Davis, the Executive Director of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Bro. Randy’s message was timely and addressed the need to be deacons and pastors not concerned with a title but take up the towel of service.

We express our gratitude and thanks to the ladies of White Hall Baptist Church for providing the drinks and desserts.

Next year’s Deacons’ Meetin’ will be September 15, at White Hall Baptist Church.

Men's Ministry Report

Softball:

The year started off with the uncertainty of a softball season. After enduring the Covid and wet weather we managed to have a complete season. In the Co-Ed division Whitehall/Beech Grove won the regular season and won the tournament over First Baptist Trenton. In the men's division New Bethlehem won the regular season. Laneview defeated New Bethlehem in the tournament. We had a very safe and uneventful season considering all the obstacles that we had to overcome. Eric Patton did a great job keeping things in line.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA):

We partnered with several GBA Churches Elevate, Salem, FBC Kenton, FBC Dyer, FBC Bradford and FBC Trenton to sponsor the FCA Fields of Faith held at Peabody High School. This event allows to spread the gospel to our youth in a school setting without repercussion. We had TJ Gilliam speak and Steve Cothran lead the music along with several area students. The attendance was over 500 people present for the evening. We registered 23 professions of faith. There were 11 decisions made to make a commitment to grow in their faith and relationship in Christ. We also had churches from other denomination participate in sponsoring. First Methodist Trenton and First Presbyterian Trenton. The GBA Youth Directors, leaders, and Pastors, and FCA representatives voted to make this an annual event.

Bob Moore,
Men's Ministry Director

Senior Adult Report

The seniors were excited to get together again in 2021 to have our meetings for encouragement, fellowship, and ministry. The senior events last year had been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Spring Event was held April 13th at First Baptist Church in Dyer at 6:00 P.M. The entertainment was "A Mayberry Fun Night" with Larry DeLawder as "Barney Fife" impersonator, and his family. We had 168 in attendance. Salem and Oak Grove won the trophies. Two door prizes were given. The food was provided by the "Why Not Food Ministry" with Brian Griffith as the chief cook.

The Fall Event was held August 24th at Salem Baptist Church in Trenton at 6:00 P.M. The entertainment was "An Awesome Night of Bach, Bluegrass & Blessings" presented by the Shepherd Family from Paris, Tennessee. We had 174 in attendance. Kenton and Mount Pleasant won the trophies. Two gift cards were given for door prizes. The food was provided by the Tate Family and the assortment of desserts was furnished by the ladies of Salem Baptist Church.

Martha Phelan,
Senior Adult Director

Pastors Conference Report

What a great year we have had in our GBA pastor's conference. It has been a great joy and a great challenge to lead this much needed ministry to our pastors.

During this year's pastor's conference, we heard from over thirty different speakers. The topics were as varied as those who spoke to us. Some of those who spoke were Tennessee Baptist Mission Board leaders including Dr. Randy Davis, Bro. Scott Shepherd. We had representatives from our colleges and seminaries including Dr. Dub Oliver from Union University and Dr. Lee Brand from Mid-America Seminary. We were informed about church security by Investigator Brad Oliver of the Gibson County Sheriff's Dept. Other topics included prophecy, preaching, marriage, bivocational ministry, pastoral etiquette, benevolence ministry, online ministry, vacation bible school, and several others. We also had the privilege to host and to hear from two of the candidates for president of the Southern Baptist Convention.

As a conference we also took the opportunity for some fellowship time. The pastor's and wives were invited to the Allred home for a cookout in July and a wonderful time was had by everyone. Also, the group took a trip in August to Lambert's café in Sikeston, Missouri.

If you are not involved in the pastor's conference held on Monday's at 10 AM at the GBA office let me encourage you to come and partake of some awesome teaching and even greater fellowship. We also live stream the meetings on the GBA Pastor's Facebook page for those who cannot attend in person.

It's been a great joy to serve my fellow pastors in this role and it is only equal to the joy that someone else is now leading us.

In His Service
Pastor Shawn Allred
2020-2021 Pastors Conference President

Continuing Education Report

Continuing education is under the responsibility of the Strengthen Team of GBA.

We are working with the Tennessee Baptist Convention in the hopes that educational opportunities will be provided through Bible Institutes across the state. There is a great need for training and equipping lay people and pastors. Dr. Roger (Sing) Oldham is working to facilitate continuing education across the state.

For many years we provided training through the Seminary Extension Center at the GBA office. Over the years this ministry saw a drop off in attendance and we had to discontinue the training. Our six Southern Baptist Seminaries provide this course of study.

Bertie Thompson Ministry Scholarship Report

Mrs. Bertie Thompson wanted to see that future generations had the opportunity to receive training and an education for the Lord's work. She generously gave of her resources to establish the Bertie Thompson Scholarship.

Members of our GBA churches are eligible to apply for the scholarship and receive financial help. The scholarship is designed for those who sense a calling to serve in some aspect of Christian ministry and who maintain a certain grade point average. Many in our churches are not aware that this resource is available. We want to encourage you 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 are happy to report that this year the scholarship was awarded to Bro. Randy Beals, pastor of New Haven Baptist Church in Milan. Bro. Randy is pursuing further studies to enrich and equip his call to ministry.

The Bertie Thompson application form and requirements are on the GBA website at www.gbalife.org, or individuals may request a copy to be sent to them by regular mail or e-mail.

Block Party Wagon Report

The Block Party Wagon is a valuable tool for evangelism. Many of our churches use the BPW during Vacation Bible School, Fall Events, and other outreach ministries.

Due to the COVID-19 situation, very few churches have used the BPW this year. We are slowly seeing churches book the wagon again.

The state of Tennessee implemented new rules and regulations for the use of jumpers (bouncy houses) a couple of years ago. We have not been able to use our bouncy house due to the fact that our jumpers are old and not able to pass inspection.

We have recently purchased a new bouncy house. We have contacted the state for an inspection and are awaiting approval and certification to 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.

Sunday School Report

For the last several years, the Annual Church Profiles show that Sunday School attendance and enrollment continue to drop. The annual church profiles for 2020/21 show that Sunday School enrollment decreased again. Our churches reported a Sunday School enrollment of 4,727 which is a decrease of 675 from last year's enrollment of 5,402. Our Sunday School average attendance decreased by 830 people with the 2019/20 average attendance at 3,288 and the 2020/21 average attendance at 2,458.

Discipleship Training Report

Discipleship Training decreased this year from last year. This year eleven (11) of our churches reported a total enrollment of 450 in Discipleship Training. Last year nineteen (19) churches reported an enrollment of 1,128. The enrollment decreased by 678 members.

Bible Drills Report

In recent years, we've had several churches that have participated in Bible Drills. Sadly, in 2020-2021 we had dwindled down to three churches that participated in Children's Bible Drills. We did not have any participate in Youth Drills.

The participating churches were, FBC-Milan, FBC-Kenton, and New Bethlehem-Dyer. On the associational level, we had 18 drillers participate in Children's Bible Drills. Eleven children passed to Regionals (State). Seven children were in 3rd grade and were not eligible to proceed to the State level since Children's Bible Drill is for children in 4th through 6th grades. We appreciate Whitehall Baptist Church for hosting the associational drills.

Rhonda Poore
Bible Drills/Youth Speaker Director

UNION UNIVERSITY REPORT

Union University is pleased and honored to call Tennessee Baptist churches our partners as we seek to be faithful to the mission that continues to fuel our work: Union University provides Christ-centered education that promotes excellence and character development in service to Church and society.

That mission means that Union is an institution committed to the authority of Scripture, to serving the local church, and to the preparation of young adults for a lifetime of service and leadership. 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 Lord has been faithful to Union for almost 200 years, and we are looking forward to celebrating our bicentennial during the 2022-2023 academic year. Not many universities are able to celebrate 200 years. Fewer still are able to remain faithful to their mission over such a lengthy span. We give thanks to God for His faithfulness to us as we look forward to what He will do in the future.

God's providence was certainly evident at Union over the past year, as we were able to complete a year of on-campus, face-to-face instruction in the midst of a global pandemic. While other institutions chose to limit their offerings to online delivery, Union successfully delivered a superior education to students by providing the in-person instruction that we think is so important, all while keeping our community as safe as possible.

Other highlights from the past year included:

- Another national championship from the Union debate team.
- A 98 percent pass rate from Union pharmacy students on the NAPLEX, the top performance in Tennessee and the eighth highest in the nation.
- The announcement of a new academic building on the Great Lawn that will house the McAfee School of Business and the departments of computer science and engineering.
- Several new programs that have been started to meet the needs of students, such as a Master of Music in music technology degree, a Bachelor of Science in Christian Leadership degree for adult students, as well as new majors in criminal justice, forensic science, and cybersecurity.
- A new track in biblical counseling in the School of Theology and Missions, thanks to a \$250,000 gift from an anonymous donor.

We are so thankful for the encouragement of Tennessee Baptists, without which stories like these would not be possible, and we value their ongoing prayers and support as we seek to exalt Christ through our work. Thank you for partnering with us.

Gratefully,



Samuel W. "Dub" Oliver
President

