# **GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

2022 Book of Reports

# "Can These Bones Live?"



And he said to me, "Son of man, can these bones live?"

And I answered, "O Lord GOD, you know."

Ezekiel 37:3 ESV



GBA Annual Meeting - The Church at Sugar Creek - October 24, 2022

### **GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

# 99th Annual Session – October 24, 2022

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### **Officers**

Mike Kemper, Interim Associational Missionary

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

# **GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING**

# "Can These Bones Live?" Ezekiel 37:3

5:00	Meal Served	
5:45	Call to Order Welcome and Prayer Adoption of Program/Seating of Messengers	Bryan Morris, Moderator, Pastor: New Hope
5:55	Congregational Song	Sugar Creek
6:00	Financial Reports Pages 10-14	Jim Acree, Treasurer, Member: Dyer FBC
6:05	Nominating Committee Report Page 21	Eddie Holmes, Chair, Pastor: Fellowship
6:10	Budget Committee Report Page 18	Greg Pillow, Chair, Member: Midway
6:15	<ul><li>Miscellaneous Business</li><li>DOM Search Committee Report</li></ul>	Bryan Morris, Moderator, Pastor: New Hope Joel Pigg, Chair, Pastor: Salem
6:20	Send Team Recommendation Page 25, (Wingo Guidelines p16)	Joey Hufstedler, TL, Pastor: Poplar Grove
6:25	WMU Report Page 27	Sheilah Spangler, WMU Dir., Member: Salem
6:30	Congregational Song	Sugar Creek
6:35	Moderator's Message	Bryan Morris, Pastor: New Hope
7:05	Election of Moderator & Assistant Moderator	
7:10	Time, Place, Resolutions Report Pages 23-24	Joey Gowan, Chair, Pastor: Center
7:15	Interim Director of Missions Report Pages 7-8	Mike Kemper, Interim Director of Missions
7:25	Congregational Song	Sugar Creek
7:30	Missionary Message	Dr. Danny Sinquefield Harvest Field Leader for Field 1, TBMB
8:00	Wingo Video	
8:05	Memorial Recognition Pages 4-5	Bryan Morris, Moderator
8:10	Recognition of New Pastors Page 3	Mike Kemper, Interim Director of Missions
	Presentation of Moderator's Plaque	Mike Kemper, Interim Director of Missions
8:15	Benediction	

Wingo Offering will be received at the exits.

# **Gibson Baptist Association Churches**

<u>Church</u>	Church Address	<u>Phone</u>
Antioch	425 Antioch Rd, Humboldt 38343	783-5330
Avondale	1900 Hwy 45 By-Pass, Humboldt 38343	
Beech Grove	233 Old Dyersburg Road, Dyer 38330	
Bethel-H	85 Bethel Road, Humboldt 38343	
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	
Calvary-R	142 Calvary Road, Rutherford 38369	514-6483
Center	262 Edison Frog-Jump Road, Trenton 38382	855-0135
Chapel Hill	76 Chapel Hill Road, Milan	686-0414
China Grove	1 China Grove Church Rd, Kenton/Mail: 508 S Trenton, Rutherford 38369	
Clear Creek	505 Old Dyersburg Road, Dyer 38330	692-3399
Dyer, First	198 W. College Street (PO Box 290), 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	1101 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, Humboldt (PO Box 7, Gibson 38338)	787-6755
Hickory Grove	229 Old Trenton-Eaton Road, Trenton 38382	855-3444
Idlewild	48 Idlewild Hollyleaf Road, Bradford 38316/Mail: POB 158, Idlewild 3834	6 742-3305
Immanuel-T	1001 S. College, Trenton 38382	855-1066
Keely Mill	204 Madison Street, Dyer 38330	693-3511
Kenton, First	204 South Poplar, Kenton 38233	749-5780
Laneview-K	158 Old Rutherford-Kenton Rd (PO Box 183), Kenton 38233	
Laneview-T	46 Laneview-Concord Rd, Trenton 38382	
Latham's Chapel	135 Latham's Chapel Road, Milan 38358	783-1093
Lavinia	4200 Hwy 220, Lavinia 38348	783-5100
Medina, First	97 Milan Hwy, Medina 38355	783-3222
Midway	840 Old Dyersburg Rd, Dyer/Mail: 20 Sims Rd, Dyer TN 38330	643-6638
Milan, First	2000 Second Street, Milan 38358	686-3385
Mt. Pisgah	87 Mt. Pisgah Road, Bradford 38316	
Mt. Pleasant	405 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford 38316	742-3503
New Bethlehem	159 New Bethlehem Rd (PO Box 76), Dyer 38330	692-2030
New Haven	4045 Graball Drive (PO Box 674), Milan 38358	613-2482
New Hope	132 New Hope Road, Dyer 38330	665-7107
Northern's Chapel	122 Northerns Chapel Road, Rutherford 38369	665-6354
Northside	5001 Patton Street, Milan 38358	686-1291
Oak Grove	·	5-520-2940
Oakwood	21 Oakwood Road, Milan 38358	420-9510
Old Bethlehem	86 Old Bethlehem Road, Rutherford 38369	665-7245
Poplar Grove	366 Gibson Wells Brazil Rd, Trenton	559-4635
Poplar Springs	39 N Poplar Springs Road (PO Box 9), Atwood 38220	783-9956
Rutherford, First	301 W Main Street (PO Box 277), 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 (Mail: J. Jarnigan 989 Dyersburg Hwy)	559-4755
Sugar Creek	3400 Mitchell St, Humboldt 38343	784-1883
Trenton, First	401 S High St, Trenton 38382	855-9321
Walnut Grove	3 Walnut Grove Church Road, Kenton 38233	660 2702
West Carroll	110 Front Street, Trezevant 38258	669-3703
Westside	301 Factory Street (PO Box 438), Trenton 38382	055 2010
White Hall	671 Concord Cades Rd, Trenton 38382	855-2018

# **Gibson Baptist Association Pastors**

<u>Church</u>	Pastor	Pastor's Address	Office	<u>Home</u>
Antioch	Bill Espy	136 Duffey Dr, Medina 38355	783-5330	731-783-3008
Avondale	Howard Avery	3115 Harts Bridge Rd, Jackson 38301		931-206-8967
Beech Grove	Scott Jewell	217 N Poplar, Dyer 38330	692-4511	731-414-4511
Bethel-H	Donald Scott	2890 E Main St, Humboldt 38343		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	(I) Kelvin Moore		742-3343	731-742-3099
Calvary-H	Tony Crossnoe	1019 Oakcrest Farm, Bells 38006		731-676-5734
Calvary-R	Sammy Dowland	538 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford 38316	742-2542	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	Michael Roberson	413 Parkview Dr, Dyer 38330		731-414-6252
Clear Creek	Steve Hemann	1113 Thomas Dr, Milan 38358		731-487-0983
Dyer, First	Lane Self	199 W Maple St, Dyer 38330		731-514-8282
Eldad	Jonathan Criswell	8 Nelson Cove, Milan 38358	787-6189	731-414-4435
Elevate	Dale Denning	5013 Stinson St, Milan 38358		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	(I) Darryl Marcle	1258 Us Highway 45 Byp N, Trenton	787-6755	731-414-0597
Hickory Grove	Michael McEwen	26 Broadfield Manor, Trenton 38382		731-695-0827
Idlewild				
Immanuel-T	Steve Skelton	29 Broadfield Manor, Trenton 38382	855-1066	731-618-7799
Keely Mill	Stephen Fields	107 S Peck Switch Cove, 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		731-819-2021
Laneview-T	Nickey McMinn	1006 South Main St, Dyer 38330		731-613-8487
Latham's 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	Randy Pool	1 Ira Falls Road, Trenton 38382	783-3222	731-431-7101
Midway	Guy Maxwell	20 Sims Rd, Dyer 38330	643-6638	731-234-6295
Milan, First	(I) Matthew Nance	3105 Rock Springs Ext Rd, Union City	686-3385	405-240-0906
Mount Pisgah Mount Pleasant	Dennis Williams	24 Goldmyth Cove, Jackson 38305	742 2502	731-424-9888 731-414-7719
New Bethlehem	Johnny McCartney John Coleman	405 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford 38316	742-3503 692-3594	731-692-2030
		PO Box 76, Dyer 38330 PO Box 674, Milan 38358	092-3394	731-414-5689
New Haven New Hope	Randy Beals Bryan Morris	876 N Main St, Dyer 38330	665-7107	901-860-3252
Northerns Chapel		11 Majestic Oak Cove, Humboldt 3834		731-394-2850
Northside	Eric McLemore	5009 Patton St, Milan 38358	686-1291	731-694-7341
Oak Grove	(I) Richard Bray	11 Ellis Cove, Medina 38355	000 1231	731-602-2828
Oakwood	James Rogers	6090 Manner Frank Rd, 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 3838	2	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		,	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		731-618-0236
West Carroll	Billy Hanks	39 Poplar Springs, Atwood 38220		731-571-3808
West Side	-	· · ·		
White Hall	Kevin Mullins	669 Concord Cades Rd., Trenton 38382	2 855-2018	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 99<sup>th</sup> 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 24, 2022.

# **Recognition of New Pastors**

We welcome the following pastors who moved into our association or changed from one position to another within this association since October 1, 2021.

### **New Pastors**

Bradford FBC	Avondale	Rev. Howard Avery
Gibson(I) Rev. Darryl Marcle Medina FBCRev. Randy Pool MidwayRev. Guy Maxwell Milan FBC(I) Dr. Matthew Nance	Bradford FBC	(I) Rev. Kelvin Moore
Medina FBC	China Grove	Rev. Michael Roberson
Midway	Gibson	(I) Rev. Darryl Marcle
Milan FBC(I) Dr. Matthew Nance	Medina FBC	Rev. Randy Pool
• •	Midway	Rev. Guy Maxwell
Oak Grove(I) Dr. Richard Bray	Milan FBC	(I) Dr. Matthew Nance
	Oak Grove	(I) Dr. Richard Bray

### **Other Ordained Ministers**

Dyer FBC	Church at Sugar Creek
Rev. Daymond Duck, Retired	Dr. Bob Agee, Retired
Rev. Jason Griggs	Rev. Steve Babcock, Retired
Rev. Bob Hill	Rev. Andy Clenney
Rev. Stephen Lacy	Rev. Mark Jenkins
	Rev. Mike Sanders
Medina FBC	Rev. Kevin Hamilton
Dr. Richard Bray	Rev. Mike Kemper
Rev. Ted Wimberley	Rev. Jerry Coln
	Rev. Robert "Bob" Benedict
Rutherford FBC	Rev. Matt Arnold
Rev. Marlon Stephens, Retired	Rev. Mark McSwain
	Rev. Christian Shipman
Salem Baptist Church	
Rev. Jacob Edwards, Evangelist	Trenton FBC
Rev. Todd Kirk	Rev. N. Tyler Scott
Smyrna Baptist Church	White Hall
Rev. James Brown. Retired	Jim Criswell, Minister of Music

### MEMORIAL REPORT

### Antioch

None Listed

### **Avondale**

Mrs. Sheila Haynes Mrs. Marie Evans Mrs. Valeria Rutherford Mrs. Carrie Robinson Mrs. Cathy Reeves Mr. Roger Reeves

#### **Beech Grove**

Mr. Kenneth McCaig Mrs. Bettye Brown Mrs. Pat Saffell Gerald Cotham Margaret Cotham Hazel Jones

### Bethel - Humboldt

None Listed

#### Bethel - Yorkville

Mr. Briggs Sanford Mrs. Theresa Hodge

### **Bethpage**

Mr. Ron Sellers

### Bradford, First

None Listed

### **Calvary – Humboldt**

Mr. Frank James\*\* Mr. Jackie Mason

### Calvary - Rutherford

Mr. Richard Kail Mrs. Ann Abbott

#### Center

None Listed

### **Chapel Hill**

Mrs. Naomi Darby Miss Betty Easley Mrs. Janet McEwen Mr. Paul Henry

### **China Grove**

Mrs. Betty Qualls Mrs. Marion Tosh Mr. Wayne Charles Gammons

### **Clear Creek**

None Listed

### Dyer, First

Mr. Dan McBeth Mr. Willis Mack Becton

### **Eldad**

None Listed

#### **Elevate**

None Listed

### **Emmanuel**

Ms. Lillie Bufford Mrs. Maribelle Laster Mrs. Kay Schang Mrs. Hilda Stanley Mr. Caleb Warrington

### **Fellowship**

Mrs. Christine Brisentine

#### Fruitland

Mr. Fred Privett

### Gibson

Mrs. Barbara Morris Mrs. Ava Kent

### **Hickory Grove**

Amanda Elliott Bobbie Jean Wuerchel

### Idlewild

None Listed

### Immanuel - Trenton

Mr. Billy Stephens Miss Irene Butler

### **Keely Mill**

None Listed

### Kenton, First

Mrs. Carole Jean Lane Mrs. Brenda Campbell Mrs. Paula West Mr. Jaxon Jones

#### Laneview – Kenton

None Listed

### Laneview - Trenton

None Listed

### Latham's Chapel

Mrs. Mary Vaughn Mr. David Cosmeano Mr. Gene Wilson Mr. Bradley Coleman Mrs. Elizabeth Coleman

#### Lavinia

Mr. David Hays Mr. Earl Jarrett

### Medina, First

Achele Parrett
Shannon (Bishop) Price
Evelyn Barnes
Harold Davidson
Peggy Spencer
Faye Pruitt
Rebecca LaRocque

### Midway

Rev. Johnnie Criswell\* Louise Garner

### MEMORIAL REPORT

### Milan, First

Mr. Joe Dionne Mr. Don Mayo\*\* Mrs. Sharon Coleman

Mrs. Imogene Cantrell

Mrs. Wilma Mayo Mr. Tim Warren

Mr. James Duncan\*\*

Mrs. Martha Thomas Mr. Jeremy Wilson

Mrs. Carolyn Harrison Mrs. Dorothy Crenshaw Mrs. Imogene Phelps

Mr. Buford Robinson

### **Mount Pisgah**

Mr. Roger Johnson\*\* Mrs. Lydia Johnson Mrs. Robbie Marcle Mr. Leon Sutton\*\*

### **Mount Pleasant**

John Dowland Mr. Frank Lockard Mr. Kenny Hampton Mrs. Sherry Lowery Mrs. Diane Freeman

### **New Bethlehem**

Mr. Doug Jones Mrs. Anita Jones Mr. Wayne Shanklin Mrs. Margaret McNeeley Mr. Robert Flowers Mr. Stephen Glenn Bond Mr. Tommy Smith

### **New Haven**

None Listed

# **New Hope**

None Listed

### **Northerns Chapel**

Mr. Harrel Swindle\*\*

### **Northside**

Mrs. Carol Badgett
Ms. Donna Brashier
Mr. Jerry Smith
Mr. Guy Taylor\*\*\*
Mr. Jim Kaler
Mrs. Faye Sorrell
Mrs. Billie Marie Tharp

#### **Oak Grove**

Mrs. Joyce Brown

#### **Oakwood**

None Listed

### **Old Bethlehem**

None Listed

### **Poplar Grove**

None Listed

### **Poplar Springs**

Mrs. Sharon Berkey

### Rutherford, First

Mrs. Mary Jane Smith Mrs. Frances Emerson Mr. Dennis Keathley Mrs. Mary Evelyn Wilson Mrs. Josephine Beard Mrs. Armelia Phelan

### Salem

Mrs. Bonnie Cunningham Mr. Bill Parks

### **Smyrna**

Bettie Talley Mitch Carnell

#### **Spring Hill**

Mrs. Betty Pinkerton Mr. Dan Petty

### **Sugar Creek**

Mrs. Bobbie Dennison Mrs. Martha Barker Mrs. Jane Blankenship Mr. E. J. "Pete" Stricklin Mrs. Lori Reeves Mrs. Billie Pearson Mr. Herman Lewis Mr. Bobby Matthews Mrs. Eula Cannon Mrs. Lanell Sims

### Trenton, First

Mr. Lee Hayes Mr. William Odle Mrs. Berlynne Holman Dr. Ray Adams

### **Walnut Grove**

Mrs. Lennell Jones Mrs. Juanita Sweatt

### **West Carroll Unity**

None Listed

### **West Side**

Mrs. Mary Nell Leonard Miss Ann McComb Mr. Marty Little

### White Hall

Mr. Danny Howell Mrs. Linda Lancaster Mr. Nickey Howell Mrs. Shirley Canada Mr. John Thomas Ashley Mr. Bud Taylor

<sup>\*</sup>Pastor

<sup>\*\*</sup>Deacon

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>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.

### **February Executive Board Meeting highlights:**

Due to COVID concerns, the regular January board meeting was delayed until February 7. Bro. Roger announced his intentions to retire as DOM and stated he would give a date for retirement at the April board meeting. Bro. Roger shared an idea for developing the vacant lot between the GBA building and Carey Counseling. His idea was to form a study committee to look at developing an area for grills, picnic tables, play area, and a pavilion for outdoor events. The special projects committee selected were as follows: Bob Moore (chairman), Tracy King, Frank West and Charles King. Churches of the GBA responded to the tornado in Kenton and Bethpage area with generous offerings. Love offering totals were \$51,480.85. Nearly \$13,000 was given to Bethpage. The annual Jerry Legg Volunteer Missions Banquet was held on February 17<sup>th</sup> at Trenton First Baptist Church. Shelia Bell, member of Smyrna, was recognized as the mission volunteer of the year. The Senior Adult banquet was held at Dyer First Baptist Church on March 24<sup>th</sup>. Some of our bivocational pastors and wives attended the Bivocational Pastors & Wives Retreat in Pigeon Forge on January 27-29. GBA scholarships those who attend.

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

Jim Acree, treasurer, reported that the Association was doing well financially. Bro. Roger informed the Board of his timeline for his retirement. He shared that his last day will be June 30, 2022. He announced that he will be moving to New Albany, Mississippi to be close to his children and grandchildren. The nominating committee presented the names of members to serve on the DOM Search Committee: Joel Pigg, chairman, John Coleman, Sheilah Spangler, Dale Denning and Mike Sanders. Alternates to serve: Scott Jewell, Joey Hufstedler and Joey Hays. Bro. Roger shared needs he felt needed to be addressed in the future: Resurface the parking lot, build a building to protect the Block Party Wagon and Ministry Trailer, develop the property next to the office, and replace the dishwasher in the kitchen. The annual association "Seven Sayings From The Cross" was held on Good Friday at Salem. Sheilah Spangler gave the WMU report and shared that they would be publishing a remembrance guide for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration of the GBA WMU. The National Day of Prayer was held on May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Yorkville Park with Kenny Evans the speaker. VBS training was held on April 7 at Salem Baptist Church. April 11th, Bible Drills were held at White Hall. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Jake Fry, member of the Send Team, that the Gibson Baptist Association support and partner with Fruitland Baptist Church and the TBMB in the new Hispanic Church plant in Fruitland.

### **May Special Called Executive Board Meeting:**

The nominating committee, at the request of the DOM Search Committee, presented the names of two additional members to serve: Shelia Bell and Emily Mayfield. The Board also approved up to \$5,000 for expenses incurred by the DOM Search Committee. Bro. Mike Kemper, former DOM of GBA, was elected to serve as the interim Director of Missions beginning on July 1, 2022.

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

Twenty-one board members were present, representing 16 GBA churches. Brother Joey Hufstedler, chairman of the Send Team, talked about the GBA Mission Weekend to be held August 20 and 21 in every GBA church. He challenged each church to plan and carry out a "mission project" in their church field on the 20th and then we would come together Sunday night the 21st at White Hall Baptist Church to worship and celebrate what God had done among us! Brother Mike Sanders, chairman of our Strengthen Team, reported that there are 5 scholarships available each semester for lay people and pastors. He encouraged these resources to be used. The Special Projects committee (a sub-committee of the Strengthen Team) consisting of Bob Moore, Charles King, Tracy King, and Andy King, brought a motion to our Board to use funds on hand from the Connect Church/Elevate Baptist Church to; re-pave the parking lot, construct a 24'X24' shed for our two trailers, and refurbish our sign out in front of our property. The motion passed unanimously. Brother Joel Pigg, asked for prayer for the DOM Search Team as they are receiving resumes until the end of August.

# **Interim Association Missions Strategist (AMS) Report**

(Known as DOM and/or Associational Missionary)

Brother Roger Stacy served our Lord and the Gibson Baptist Association faithfully for 15 years! Earlier this year Brother Roger and Penny retired and have now relocated in Mississippi. We are extremely thankful for his leadership and dedication through our association. Under Brother Roger's leadership, great Kingdom Advance in our association has been made. This year our Annual Minute Book will be dedicated to honor Roger and Penny Stacy. It is my privilege to again serve the Lord and the association in this transition/interim time.

The three ministry teams have worked to complete their Ministry Plans for 2021-2022, and, for the most part they have accomplished their strategy plans. They have also met, prayed and planned their Ministry Plans for 2022-2023. We are thankful for every Team and Committee member from across our association for their faithful service.

We continue to be blessed and challenged by the annual "Deacon's Meeting" at White Hall Baptist Church. This year we were blessed with Brother Clay Hallmark (current TBC President and pastor of Lexington, FBC) as our speaker. And, for the first time, we had a "GBA Missions Weekend & Missions Rally." On that Saturday many of our churches had mission projects in their church field and then on Sunday evening we came together to worship and to celebrate what God has done! Steve and Dottie Babcock spoke about their recent work with Ukraine Refugees in Romania. We were also excited to have Brother Willie McLaurin (current SBC Executive Committee President) to speak. He challenged us to "get outside the walls of our churches!" GBA along with several churches partnered with Fellowship of Christian Athletes again this year for the annual "Fields of Faith." The inclement weather caused the gathering to be moved inside the gym, but a really good crowd of young folks and leaders were blessed and challenged by Brother Ken Bowman's praise team and Brother Steve Gaines (pastor of Bellevue BC) as our speaker. There were 8 professions of faith and many other decisions for Christ!

Our presence at the Gibson County Fair and Youth Night at the Fair was a tremendous effort again this year. All Fair goers passed by our Prayer Tent with our volunteers ready and eager for Gospel conversations! An unknown amount of Gospel seeds were sown! We continue to rejoice at the decision by the Supreme Court to Protect Life and we realize that it is VERY important to continue our support of our Birth Choice Ministry! "The Battle Continues For Life, stay in the fight...!" Poverty and Addiction, are major people enemies in our area and across our nation! Our efforts with Christian Women's Job Corp, Twice Blessed Ministry, and our Hope House are changing lives and making a difference! Praise the Lord for these Kingdom ministries!

The Block Party Trailer continues to be a valuable resource for our churches and is utilized regularly.

There were several "disasters" this past year that our association responded to with prayer and with resources. A total of \$80,288.39 was given for disasters with floods in Waverly, TN, and Kentucky, the refugees in the Ukraine, and tornado relief in Kenton and Bethpage Baptist Church. Praise the Lord for an amazing and wonderful response by Baptist folks in our association.

Our Wingo funds supported GBA volunteers internationally in Romania and Panama. And, here in the States Wingo funds supported volunteers in Townsend, Tennessee.

With funds given to GBA due to the transition of the former "Connect" church, to the "Elevate" church, we have repaved our parking lot, and we are planning, very soon, to construct a 24'X24' shed (with help from volunteers), for our Block Party trailer and our Disaster Trailer. Additionally with the remaining funds in this account, we are planning to renovate and update the GBA sign in front of our property.

As a previous effort to begin Hispanic initiatives did not develop, we are now in the process of praying and pursuing a new Hispanic ministry possibility, in partnership with Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, The Church at Sugar Creek, and Fruitland Baptist Church.

A while ago as, you may remember, the Disaster Trailer was stolen from our property with our DR chain saws and equipment inside the trailer. Later, the trailer was recovered, but the equipment was never recovered. The trailer has been empty since that time. We are in the process of re-equipping the trailer. However, our

discussion and intent is that we would utilize the trailer for a dual purpose, DR equipment (i.e. chain saws, generator, tarps, etc.), and Project/Ministry equipment (i.e. shovels, rakes, ladders, power saws, saw horses, small project equipment, etc.). Thus, we will be equipped with DR and Ministry Project items. The trailer would be available to our churches for projects like "fix up," ramp construction, painting, yard projects, gutter cleaning, for ministry projects organized by youth groups, men's ministry, etc. We already have some of the equipment and we will be gathering other items soon. Also, we will be working on guidelines and requirements for use of the DR & Ministry Trailer.

Several years ago, in the association's "policy and procedures" manual a policy was established which states that at the end of each annual meeting of the association, if there is a "carry over" balance of more than \$50,000. any amount above that \$50,000. would be transferred into the Contingency Reserve Fund account. Due to that policy and due to the balance on hand in the General Budget funds account being \$77,206.42, a transfer of \$27,206. will be made immediately. Thus, the General Fund account will begin the 2022-2023 association year with a balance carried forward of \$50,000. Thank You Gibson Baptist Churches for faithfully supporting local missions and our joint efforts together!

# **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 2022	7	Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer	10:00 AM	Emmanuel, H
	13-16	TBC Summit	201007	Bellevue
	14-21	OCC Shoebox Collection Week		Delievae
	24	Thanksgiving Day		
December	4-11	Wk of Prayer for Int'l Missions/LMCO		
Jan 2023	19	WMU Association Wide Quarterly Meeting	10:00 AM	Chapel Hill
	23	GBA Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM	GBA Office
	26-28	Bivocational Ministers/Wives Retreat		Pigeon Forge
	29-30	Testify – Win TN State Evangelism Conf.		Murfreesboro
February	9	GBA Volunteer Missions Banquet	6:00 PM	Dyer FBC
	19	Focus on WMU Sunday		
March	5-12	Wk of Prayer for N American Missions/AAEO		
	16	GBA Sr Adult Banquet	6:00 PM	New Bethlehem
	16-18	WMU Get-Together		Brentwood
April	9	Easter		
	11	GBA Bible Drills	6:30 PM	White Hall
	20	WMU Association Wide Quarterly Meeting	10:00 AM	Kenton FBC
	24	Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM	GBA Office
	29	Regional Bible Drills		Cordova
May	4	National Day of Prayer		
	14	Mother's Day Offering for Children's Homes		
	29	Memorial Day		
June	11-14	SBC Annual Meeting		New Orleans
	18	Father's Day, Offering for TN Adult Homes		
July	4	Independence Day		
	20	WMU Association Wide Quarterly Meeting	10:00 AM	Keely Mill
	24	Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM	GBA Office
	30	Wingo Offering Sunday		
August	4-5	GLOW Camp at Camp Clark Williamson		
	27	Global Hunger Sunday		
September	10-17	Week of Prayer for State Missions/GOTM		
	14	Deacons' Meetin'	5:30 PM	White Hall
	21	WMU Association Wide Quarterly Meeting	10:00 AM	Antioch
	23	GBA Missions Day		
	24	GBA Missions Day Rally		
	27	See You at the Pole	7:00 AM	
	30	GBA Sr Adult Banquet	6:00 PM	Salem
October		GBA Annual Meeting		

# **Financial Reports September 2022**

# **General Fund Summary**

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2021:\$	135,667.00
Receipts: Budget-\$204,576.94 + Designated-\$117,782.42\$	322,359.36
Total Available September 30, 2022:\$	458,026.36
Expenditures: Budget-\$177,279.24 + Designated-\$146,188.31\$	<u>323,467.55</u>
Balance on Hand Sept. 30, 2022: Budget-\$77,206.42 + Designated-\$57,352.39\$	134,558.81

Total Budgeted Receipts: \$204,576.94 - Total Budgeted Expenditures: \$177,279.24 = 27,297.70

# Receipts

Church	Gifts	Church Gifts
Antioch	\$ 4,725.50	Midway2,172.99
Avondale	.00	Milan, FBC9,992.00
Beech Grove	1,655.72	Mount Pisgah1,929.70
Bethel-Humboldt	.00	Mount Pleasant 24,714.03
Bethel-Yorkville	3,361.00	New Bethlehem6,337.69
Bethpage	802.96	New Haven3,000.00
Bradford, FBC	3,465.00	New Hope4,095.39
Calvary-Humboldt	495.28	Northerns Chapel 300.00
Calvary-Rutherford	1,370.19	Northside 3,066.35
Center	600.00	Oak Grove 905.59
Chapel Hill	14,592.43	Oakwood3,084.02
China Grove	699.47	Old Bethlehem
Clear Creek	.00	Poplar Grove1,843.35
Dyer, FBC	6,176.36	Poplar Springs 125.00
Eldad	2,177.93	Rutherford, FBC1,304.77
Elevate	5,272.00	Salem4,543.68
Emmanuel	4,054.46	Smyrna 2,264.37
Fellowship	3,683.79	Spring Hill1,015.66
Fruitland	1,173.65	The Church at Sugar Creek 14,428.75
Gibson	2,447.30	Trenton, FBC7,500.00
Hickory Grove	1,300.00	Walnut Grove1,000.00
Idlewild	1,219.51	West Carroll 985.67
Immanuel-Trenton	1,799.00	West Side 800.00
Keely Mill	.00	White Hall5,126.38
Kenton, FBC	19,330.54	
Laneview-Kenton	200.00	
Laneview-Trenton	993.70	Total Inc. from Churches \$ 194,389.07
Lathams Chapel	1,800.00	TBMB 10,187.87
Lavinia	6,483.00	Designated Receipts <u>117,782.42</u>
Medina, FBC	3,974.89	Total Receipts \$ 322,359.36

# **Year to Date Expenditures**

October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

Ministry Item	Budget	Expenses	Receipts	Balance
101 - Project Ministries	\$ 300.00	\$ 232.54	.00	\$ 67.46
102 - Men's Ministries	2,500.00	2,500.00	.00	.00
103 - Senior Adult Ministries	1,400.00	1,400.00	.00	.00
104 - Youth Ministries	3,500.00	851.86	.00	2,648.14
110 - Continuing Education	100.00	.00	.00	100.00
112 - Bi-Vocational Pastors	1,350.00	750.00	.00	600.00
113 - Deacon Ministry	1,500.00	1,500.00	.00	.00
114 - Pastors' Conference	2,200.00	993.64	.00	1,206.36
120 - Softball	50.00	50.00	.00	.00
201 - Volunteer Missions Banquet	300.00	300.00	.00	.00
202 - Baptist Collegiate Ministry	2,200.00	800.00	.00	1,400.00
204 - WMU	2,000.00	1,986.58	.00	13.42
301 - Vacation Bible School	1,200.00	876.64	.00	323.36
302 - Evangelism	2,500.00	1,498.25	.00	1,001.75
501 - Salary (DOM)	36,300.00	40,842.16	.00	-4,542.16
502 - Housing Allowance (DOM)	20,876.00	21,563.30	.00	-687.30
503 - DOM Search	5,000.00	418.00	.00	4,582.00
504 - Convention, Conferences (DOM)	2,000.00	290.61	.00	1,709.39
505 - Mileage/Ministry Reimburse (DOM)	6,200.00	3,861.69	.00	2,338.31
506 - Life Insurance/Medical (DOM)	8,001.00	4,933.70	.00	3,067.30
507 - Retirement (DOM)	17,880.00	14,108.30	.00	3,771.70
508 - Professional Expense (DOM)	6,700.00	5,138.94	.00	1,561.06
515 - Associational Ministry Specialist	26,288.00	26,288.00	.00	.00
516 - Social Security (Ministry Specialist)	2,040.00	2,011.08	.00	28.92
518 - Retirement (Ministry Specialist)	1,500.00	1,500.00	.00	.00
525 - Part Time Ministry Assistant	1,800.00	1,348.28	.00	451.72
530 - Staff Christmas Gifts	1,600.00	1,600.00	.00	.00
702 - Office Utilities	9,600.00	9,302.95	.00	297.05
705 - Printing, Office Supplies, Postage	7,500.00	5,794.67	.00	1,705.33
706 - Book of Reports, Minutes, Clerk	1,020.00	702.06	.00	317.94
710 - Maintenance of Office Copier	900.00	198.45	.00	701.55
711 - Office Equipment (Office Copier)	9,000.00	9,835.65	.00	-835.65
715 - Insurance: Building/Workers Comp	6,670.00	6,263.97	.00	406.03
716 - Building Maintenance	750.00	327.30	.00	422.70
717 - Kitchen & Janitorial Supplies	400.00	295.18	.00	104.82
720A-Custodial Service	3,120.00	3,120.00	.00	.00
720B-Lawn Service	2,600.00	2,360.00	.00	240.00
725 - Audit	975.00	1,050.00	.00	-75.00
728 - Online Transaction Fee	600.00	146.00	.00	454.00
730 - Miscellaneous	500.00	239.44	.00	260.56
Budgeted 801 - Designated Funds Total Expenditures September 30, 2022	\$ 200,920.00 \$ 85,758.28	177,279.24 146,188.31 323,467.55		23,640.76 57,352.39

# **Explanation of Designated Funds**

October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

	Beginning Balance Oct 1, 2021	Designated Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance Sept 30, 2022
Continued Education	2,746.43			2,746.43
Deacons' Meetin'	.00	616.10	45.00	571.10
Disaster Relief	275.00	80,288.39	74,419.99	6,143.40
Evangelism	.00	25.00		25.00
Men/Boys	1,445.53	3,300.00	1,268.18	3,477.35
Pastors Fund	132.00	245.00	200.00	177.00
Reimbursed Misc. Expenses Connect Maranatha	2,550.47 54,798.96 22,424.60	4,976.13	4,861.02 42,978.00 992.00	2,665.58 11,820.96 21,432.60
Senior Adult Events	212.00	4,027.00	4,126.91	112.09
Softball	957.39	1,040.00	1,034.85	962.54
Wingo/Special Funds	98.00	18,430.30	11,309.96	7,218.34
WMU Events	117.90	4,834.50	4,952.40	.00
Total	85,758.28	117,782.42	146,188.31	57,352.39

# **Special Funds Account Summary**

October 1, 2021 – September 30, 2022

# **Wingo Receipts**

Beech Grove Bethel, Y Bethpage Calvary, H Calvary, R Dyer FBC Elevate Emmanuel, H Kenton FBC Laneview, K	400.00 1,120.00 500.00 495.28 500.00 1,976.00 110.00 450.00 1,500.00 77.00	Lavinia Medina FBC Milan FBC Northside Rutherford FBC Salem Smyrna Sugar Creek Trenton FBC	1,392.40 120.02 1,057.00 200.00 20.00 333.32 600.00 1,300.85 350.00		
Total from Churches Gifts/Memorials Interest			12,501.87 1,657.00 <u>254.69</u>		
Total Wingo Receipts as of Septembe	r 30, 2022		\$14,413.56		
Wingo Funds					
International Mission Partnership Balance on Hand, October 1, 2021 Distribution of 2020/21 Wingo Gifts Expenditures			\$ 43,224.46 21,454.91 4,900.00		
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2022  Disaster Relief			\$ 59,779.37		
Balance on Hand, October 1, 2021  Distribution of 2020/21 Wingo Gifts  Expenditures  Balance on Hand, September 30, 2022			\$ 13,208.91 1,532.49 226.58 \$ 14,514.82		
North American TBMB/GBA Partnershi Balance on Hand, October 1, 2021 Distribution of 2020/21 Wingo Gifts Expenditures Balance on Hand, September 30, 2022			\$ 39,044.69 7,662.47 400.00 \$ 46,307.16		
Total Available for Wingo Funds:			\$ 135,014.91		

# **Other Funds**

Bertie Thompson Scholarship Fund	
Balance on Hand, October 1, 2021	\$ 2,130.32
Receipts	215.75
Expenditures	<u>500.00</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2022	\$ 1,846.07
Block Party Wagon	
Balance on Hand, October 1, 2021	\$ 4,116.62
Receipts	700.00
Expenditures	<u>3,019.78</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2022	1,796.84
Brazil Mission Trip/Projects	
Balance on Hand, October 1, 2021	\$ 5,448.74
Receipts	49,830.55
Expenditures	<u>51,708.58</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2022	\$ 3,570.71
<u>Disaster Relief Trailer</u>	
Balance on Hand, October 1, 2021	\$ 11,142.54
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2022	\$ 11,142.54
GOTM/GBA	
Balance on Hand, October 1, 2021	\$ 5,084.54
Receipts	13,163.47
Expenditures	4,270.10
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2022	\$ 13,977.91
Hispanic Ministry	
Balance on Hand, October 1, 2021	\$ 2,176.17
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2022	\$ 2,176.17
Romania Mission Trips	
Balance on Hand, October 1, 2021	\$ 3,042.85
Expenditures	<u>1,867.85</u>
Balance on Hand, September 30, 2022	\$ 1,175.00
Total Available for Other Funds:	\$ 35,685.24
Special Funds Checking Account Balance as of September 30, 2022:	\$ 170,700.15
Contingency Reserve Fund	
Delever on Head Ortoková 2024	¢ 0 400 00
Balance on Hand, October 1, 2021	\$ 9,106.62 10.09
Contingency Reserve Fund Balance on Hand September 30, 2022:	
Contingency reserve rund balance on riand september 30, 2022	7 J,110./1

# **Explanation of the Use of Wingo Funds in 2021-2022**

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

	Gave to	Received	Received
Church	Wingo Fund	IMB Wingo Funds	NAMB Wingo Funds
Beech Grove	\$ 400.00		
Bethel-Y	1,120.00		
Bethpage	500.00		
Calvary-H	495.28		
Calvary-R	500.00		
Dyer FBC	1,976.00	1,300.00	400.00
Elevate	110.00		
Emmanuel-H	450.00		
Kenton FBC	1,500.00	800.00	
Laneview-K	77.00		
Lavinia	1,392.40		
Medina, FBC	120.02		
Milan FBC	1,057.00		
Northside	200.00		
Rutherford FBC	20.00		
Salem	333.32		
Smyrna	600.00		
Sugar Creek	1,300.85	2,800.00	
Trenton FBC	350.00		
Totals:	\$ 12,501.87	\$ 4,900.00	400.00

We also received \$1,911.69 in interest, gifts, and memorials.

Total Receipts: \$14,413.56

### 2022-2023 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.
- 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**

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

#### **NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS PROJECTS**

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

- 1) Funds are designed to assist volunteers who participate in an official GBA, TBC, or NAMB trip/project more than 200 miles round trip from the Gibson Baptist Association Office out of state. First Time North American mission volunteers are eligible for a scholarship of \$150.
- 2) Volunteers who have previously participated in an official North American Mission project/trip are eligible for a \$100 scholarship once per associational calendar year if it is a North American Mission project/trip.
- 3) Churches may request a multiple scholarship for volunteer team members of 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/offerings 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 2022-2023 Associational Budget**The Budget & Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the 2022-2023 budget as printed below, a 4.3% increase.

	20:	21-2022			2022-2023
Stren	gthen Team		Stren	gthen Team	
101	Project Ministries	\$ 300	101	Project Ministries	\$ 325
102	Men's Ministries	2,500	102A	Men's Ministry-Conf. & Fellowship	1,250
103	Senior Adult Ministries	1,400	102B	Men's Ministry-FCA	3,000
104	Youth Ministries	3,500	103	Senior Adult Ministries	2,500
110	Continuing Education	100	104A	Youth Ministry Leadership	600
112	Bi-vocational Pastors	1,350	104B	Youth Ministry-Students	2,250
113	Deacon Ministry	1,500	112	Bi-vocational Pastors	1,500
114	Pastors Conference	2,200	113	Deacon Ministry	2,000
120	Softball	50	114A	Pastors Conference	2,000
			114B	Pastors, Staff, and Wives Retreat	1,250
Send	<u>Team</u>		114C	Pastors Growth and Renewal	250
201	Volunteer Missions Banquet	300	120	Softball	50
202	Baptist Collegiate Ministry	2,200	Send	Team	
204	WMU		201	Volunteer Missions Banquet	300
			202	Baptist Collegiate Ministry	
Seek	Team		204	WMU	
301	Vacation Bible School	1,200	Seek '	Team	,
302	Evangelism	•	301	Vacation Bible School	1.200
	3 0 3	,	302	Evangelism	,
Admi	nistrative		303	Gibson County Fair Ministry	
501	Salary (DOM)	.36.300	304	Local Festivals	
502	Housing/Utility Allowance (DOM)	-		nistrative	
504	Conventions, Conferences (DOM)		501		36.300
505	Mileage/Ministry Reimb (DOM)		502	Housing/Utility Allowance (DOM)	-
506	Life Insurance/Medical (DOM)		504	Conventions, Conferences (DOM).	
507	Retirement (DOM)		505	Mileage/Ministry Reimb (DOM)	
508	Professional Expense		506	Life Insurance/Medical (DOM)	
515	Associational Ministry Specialist		507	Retirement (DOM)	
516	Social Security (Min. Specialist)	-	508	Professional Expense	
518	Retirement (Ministry Specialist)		515	Associational Min. Specialist	
525	Part Time Ministry Assistant	-	516	Social Security (Min. Specialist)	
530	Staff Christmas Gifts		518	Retirement (Ministry Specialist)	
330	Stair Cillistillas Girts	1,000	525	Part Time Ministry Assistant	
Office	e Expenses		530	Staff Christmas Gifts	
	Office Utilities	0.600			1,600
		•		<u>Expenses</u>	10 500
705	Printing, Office Supplies, Postage		702	Office Utilities	,
706	Book of Reports, Minutes, Clerk		705	Printing, Office Supplies, Postage	
710	Maintenance of Office Copier		706	Book of Reports, Minutes, Clerk	
711	Office Equipment (Copier Rental)		710	Maintenance of Office Copier	
715	Insurance: Bldg/Workers Comp		711	Copier Rental	
716	Building Maintenance		715	Insurance: Bldg/Workers Comp	
717	Kitchen & Janitorial Supplies		716	Building Maintenance	
720A	Custodial Service	•	717	Kitchen & Janitorial Supplies	
720B	Lawn Service	•		Custodial Service	-
725	Audit		720B		,
728	Online Transaction Fee		725	Audit	
730	Miscellaneous	500	728	Online Transaction Fee	
			730	Miscellaneous	500
GBA I	Budget Total <u>\$</u>	200,920	GBA I	Budget Total	<u>\$ 209,615</u>

# **Gibson Baptist Association – 2022 Digest of Letters**

Church Bap	tisms	Membership	SS Average	Receipts	Coop. Prog.	Missions
Antioch	10	555	175	\$514,436	\$0	\$9,881
Avondale	3	148	20	81,440	0	0
Beech Grove	0	172	6	62,526	5,053	10,151
Bethel-H	0	140	12	34,470	240	6,881
Bethel-Y	7	111	62	126,415	11,199	28,810
Bethpage	0	156	0	254,315	20,407	34,790
<b>Bradford First</b>	7	296	80	277,622	18,000	34,882
Calvary-H	0	303	10	50,563	5,470	8,995
Calvary-R	0	17	11	48,145	7,205	18,622
Center	0	45	9	24,814	420	1,320
Chapel Hill	5	1513	227	727,069	22,002	50,904
China Grove						
Clear Creek	0	100				
Dyer First	4	646	72	407,694	33,465	67,912
Eldad	0	200	45	147,613	4,356	8,904
Elevate	13	111	87	292,181	5,766	14,371
Emmanuel	0	353	35	149,445	9,306	35,593
Fellowship	0	253	25	141,787	9,211	35,869
Fruitland	0	177	0	27,623	1,314	4,728
Gibson	12	393	0	187,156	8,051	16,640
Hickory Grove	0	153	30	67,284	6,468	12,618
Idlewild	1	166	14	41,474	5,037	12,931
Immanuel	4	130	40	81,864	3,350	18,699
Keely Mill	4	65	12			
Kenton First	6	393	71	507,546	49,079	97,794
Laneview-K	3	397	40	115,984	800	3,155
Laneview-T	0	65	10	73,049	2,484	4,868
Latham's Chapel	0	206	18	63,442	4,500	10,800
Lavinia	3	309	25	158,384	7,021	27,036
Medina First	4	448	90	306,333	23,171	45,254
Midway	0	34	16	65,526	6,218	11,432
Milan First	7	2223	225	1,407,365	61,331	112,835
Mount Pisgah	0	88	23	66,234	4,550	13,923
Mount Pleasant	11	410	70	512,499	28,151	69,652
New Bethlehem	8	505	115	360,146	32,980	64,377
New Haven	6	170	55	261,531	15,000	38,854
New Hope	6	0	50	285,463	14,079	30,027
Northerns Chapel	0	27	12	31,872	100	2,758
Northside	2	98	39	174,505	12,265	24,049
Oak Grove	0	90	25	50,521	437	5,022
Oakwood	1 0	89 45	36 12	92,082	5 0	7,116
Old Bethlehem	4			24,656		0
Poplar Grove		206	30	131,030 35,503	11,818	23,177
Poplar Springs Rutherford First	0 7	20 177	15 67	207,125	257 12,362	1,822
Salem	12	606	115	660,357	44,916	16,168
Smyrna	0	156	24	83,760	1,149	95,955 5,404
Spring Hill	0	67	13	56,277	5,122	6,690
Sugar Creek	36	860	332	1,526,557	115,430	194,900
Trenton First	10	456	148	391,564	12,000	53,251
Walnut Grove	0	103	0	58,139	1,000	5,600
West Carroll Unity		15	7	35,749	634	3,050
West Side	0	43	0	50,693	1,520	8,673
White Hall	2	198	65	247,586	32,970	70,342
Totals	199	14,707	2,720	\$11,787,414	\$677,670	\$1,487,484
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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 2021-2022 and the percentage of undesignated receipts that each church gives to GBA annually.

Church	Undesignated Receipts	Association Contributions	% to GBA
Antioch	\$469,821.00	\$4,725.50	1.01%
Avondale	\$81,400.00	\$-	0.00%
Beech Grove	\$56,289.00	\$1,655.72	2.94%
Bethel-H	\$33,749.00	\$-	0.00%
Bethel-Y	\$111,984.00	\$3,361.00	3.00%
Bethpage	\$82,240.00	\$802.96	0.98%
Bradford, First	\$237,482.00	\$3,465.00	1.46%
Calvary-H	\$49,638.00	\$495.28	1.00%
Calvary-R	\$48,145.00	\$1,370.19	2.85%
Center	\$23,599.00	\$600.00	2.54%
Chapel Hill	\$694,386.00	\$14,592.43	2.10%
China Grove	\$-	\$699.47	
Clear Creek	\$-	\$-	
Dyer, First	\$333,438.00	\$6,176.36	1.85%
Eldad	\$133,967.00	\$2,177.93	1.63%
Elevate	\$288,971.00	\$5,272.00	1.82%
Emmanuel-H	\$129,794.00	\$4,054.46	3.12%
Fellowship	\$132,865.00	\$3,683.79	2.77%
Fruitland	\$25,233.00	\$1,173.65	4.65%
Gibson	\$160,069.00	\$2,447.30	1.53%
Hickory Grove	\$63,906.00	\$1,300.00	2.03%
Idlewild	\$39,264.00	\$1,219.51	3.11%
Immanuel-T	\$66,365.00	\$1,799.00	2.71%
Keely Mill	\$-	\$-	
Kenton, First	\$344,210.00	\$19,330.54	5.62%
Laneview-K	\$106,984.00	\$200.00	0.19%
Laneview-T	\$68,107.00	\$993.70	1.46%
Latham's Chapel	\$57,170.00	\$1,800.00	3.15%
Lavinia	\$143,383.00	\$6,483.00	4.52%
Medina, First	\$292,356.00	\$3,974.89	1.36%
Midway	\$62,179.00	\$2,172.99	3.49%
Milan, First	\$1,215,274.00	\$9,992.00	0.82%
Mount Pisgah	\$65,101.00	\$1,929.70	2.96%
Mount Pleasant	\$428,963.00	\$24,714.03	5.76%
New Bethlehem	\$319,314.00	\$6,337.69	1.98%
New Haven	\$234,995.00	\$3,000.00	1.28%
New Hope	\$172,463.00	\$4,095.39	2.37%
Northern's Chapel	\$29,114.00	\$300.00	1.03%
Northside	\$153,322.00	\$3,066.35	2.00%
Oak Grove	\$46,600.00	\$905.59	1.94%
Oakwood	\$72,337.00	\$3,084.02	4.26%
Old Bethlehem	\$24,656.00	\$-	0.00%
Poplar Grove	\$124,940.00	\$1,843.35	1.48%
Poplar Springs	\$24,117.00	\$125.00	0.52%
Rutherford, First	\$187,418.00	\$1,304.77	0.70%
Salem	\$487,284.00	\$4,543.68	0.93%
Smyrna	\$74,091.00	\$2,264.37	3.06%
Spring Hill	\$51,222.00	\$1,015.66	1.98%
Sugar Creek	\$1,153,253.00	\$14,428.75	1.25%
Trenton, First	\$344,682.00	\$7,500.00	2.18%
Walnut Grove	\$51,924.00	\$1,000.00	1.93%
West Carroll	\$35,749.00	\$985.67	2.76%
Westside	\$42,020.00	\$800.00	1.90%
White Hall	\$236,795.00	\$5,126.38	2.16%
Total	\$9,912,628.00	\$194,389.07	1.96%

### **Nominating Committee 2022-2023**

### **Budget & Finance Committee**

Terri Messer (2023,) Fellowship - Chair Joey Hays (2024), New Hope **Terry Tyree (2025), Spring Hill** Chairman of Personnel Committee Treasurer

### **Constitution & Bylaws Committee**

Stephen Powell (2023) – Chair Joel Pigg (2024), Salem Tony Parks (2024), Trenton FBC Stan Cates (2025), Fellowship Eston Hurst (2025), New Bethlehem

### **Credentials Committee**

Jack Woods (2023), Smyrna – Chair Andy Rice (2024), Walnut Grove **Tyler Scott (2025), Trenton FBC** 

### **Nominating Committee**

Sherry Scruggs (2023), Hickory Grove – Chair Mike Farrar (2024), Kenton FBC Steve Hemann (2025), Clear Creek

### **Personnel Committee**

Jearod Flowers (2023), New Bethlehem - Chair Charles King (2024), Dyer FBC Susan McCullar (2025), Rutherford FBC

### **Trustees Committee**

Tim Ingram (2023), Poplar Grove – Chair Lanny Taylor (2024), White Hall **Kelvin Moore (2025), Bradford FBC** 

#### **Send Team**

Joey Hufstedler (2024) Poplar Grove – Team Leader Boo Sellers (2023), Chapel Hill John Coleman (2025), New Bethlehem Lisa Howard (2025), Kenton FBC Sheilah Spangler – WMU (Ex-officio), Salem

### **Seek Team**

Lane Self (2023), Dyer FBC–Team Leader Johnny McCartney (2024), Mount Pleasant Cathy Farrar (2024), Kenton FBC Andy Mayfield (2024), Rutherford FBC

### **Strengthen Team**

Bryan Morris (2024), New Hope – Team Leader
Mike Sanders (2024), Sugar Creek
Randy Pool (2025), Medina FBC
Beverly Prince (2025), Emmanuel
Lauren Tate (2025), New Bethlehem
Todd Kirk – Youth Ministry (Ex-officio), Salem
Bob Moore – Men's Ministry (Ex-officio), Elevate
Martha Phelan – SA Ministry (Ex-officio), Salem

### **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.

# **Time, Place, And Resolutions**

# **Location and Date for the 2023 Annual Meeting**

2022-2023 Officers
Assistant Moderator
Clerk
CICIK
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer

# **Time, Place, & Resolutions Committee Report**

**Recommendation 1.** We recommend that the 2023 annual meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association be held on October 23, 2023, and that the host church be the First Baptist Church of Medina.

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

# RESOLUTION I Expressing Appreciation To The Church at Sugar Creek

**WHEREAS**, the messengers of the 2022 annual meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association are meeting at The Church at Sugar Creek on October 24, 2022 to conduct the business of the Association; and

**WHEREAS,** we acknowledge the kind hospitality of the people of The Church at Sugar Creek for opening their facilities for our meeting; and

**WHEREAS,** we further acknowledge Pastor Greg McFadden and the ministerial staff at The Church at Sugar Creek along with the many Sugar Creek 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 The Church at Sugar Creek 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 Retired Gibson Baptist Association Director of Missions Dr. Roger Stacy

**WHEREAS**, Dr. Roger Stacy, throughout his ministry in Gibson Baptist Association, did faithfully labor, sustain, and nurture our pastors, churches, and church staff; and

**WHEREAS,** Dr. Stacy has now completed his ministry in GBA and is now continuing to faithfully serve our Lord and His churches in Mississippi; and

**WHEREAS**, Gibson Baptist Association will forever be thankful for Dr. Stacy's vision and leadership among us;

**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 Interim Gibson Baptist Association Director of Missions Bro. Mike Kemper

**WHEREAS**, Bro. Mike Kemper has served the Churches of the Gibson Baptist Association faithfully as interim Director of Missions;

**WHEREAS**, Bro. Mike 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 IV**

# 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 is gracious and hospitable;

**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.

Time: Monday, October 24, 2022

Place: The Church at Sugar Creek, Humboldt TN

### <u>Time, Place, and Resolutions Committee</u>

Joey Gowan, Pastor: Center – Committee Chair

Todd Kirk, Associate Pastor: Salem David Powell, Pastor: Smyrna

Bryan Morris - Moderator (Ex-officio), Pastor: New Hope

# **SEND TEAM REPORTS**

### The Send Team makes the following recommendations:

- 1. We recommend that the Wingo Offering goal for 2022-2023 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 as follows: First-time volunteers \$500 and repeat volunteers \$400.

### **SEND Team Report**

The SEND team got a great deal of work done this past year. We had another great volunteer mission's banquet in February. We honored Mrs. Sheila Bell for her dedication to mission service over the years. We are so grateful for her commitment and sacrifice.

We also planned and coordinated our first ever GBA Mission's Day and rally. We encouraged every church to take part in a mission's activity in their local context. We then gathered at Whitehall Baptist Church to have a meal and worship rally/celebration. It was truly an awesome night. David Draper and Jennifer Walls did an excellent job leading us in music. Steve and Dottie Babcock shared with us some of their experiences in ministering to Ukraine refugees this past summer, and Bro. Willie McLaurin brought an amazing message.

We are currently in the early stages of planting two Hispanic churches in our association. We have had a couple of vision meetings and hope that we have this task well into its beginning stages over the course of the next year.

Serving Him, Bro. Joey Hufstedler

## **BCM Report**

There is not much to report this year. Last fall I was able to have a message and a meal with the students twice due to classes mostly meeting virtually. In the spring I was not able to have any messages and meals with the students for the same reason. I am holding out hope that will change and I will, once again, be able to meet with the students on a regular basis.

Serving Him, Bro. Joey Hufstedler

### **Brazil Mission Report**

COVID restrictions have finally ended for the most part. Some countries such as Brazil still require either proof of vaccination or a negative COVID test. This means we will be able to resume mission trips to Brazil in the future.

DOM, Roger Stacy, traveled to Brazil with Earl Barr at the invitation of two churches in Cascavel, Paraná. Over the years GBA volunteers have worked in two mission points to help plant churches in the city. The Mount Moriah Baptist Church held a dedication for their new church building. Bro. Roger was invited to preach the dedication sermon. This was a special service held on Saturday night with guests from the local association and other churches attending. On Sunday, Earl and Bro. Roger preached at the Mount Sinai Baptist Church. This is another church plant where volunteers from GBA have served. The church dedicated their new education facility and sanctuary renovation.

Brazil mission teams will be serving during the year in Rio de Janeiro and Cascavel, Paraná. Pray about joining one of the teams this year.

### **Wingo Fund Report**

This year the Wingo offering goal was set at \$23,500. Our GBA churches and individuals gave a total of \$14,413.56. Last year our churches gave \$30,649.87. 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 eleven (11) individuals from three (3) churches receive Wingo scholarships that helped with the cost of their mission trips to two (2) countries. Last year thirteen (13) volunteers from ten (10) churches received Wingo funds to travel to three (3) countries.

The total GBA/IMB scholarships distributed this past year was \$4,900. The following is a list of those receiving funds and the country in which they served.

**Panama:** Charles King, Brett London, Larry Tilley

Romania: Cynthia Cole, Laura Giles, Ryland Giles, Lisa Howard, Kevin Kail, Lisa Kail,

Brad Lindsey, Rhonda Poore

This year we helped 4 individuals from Dyer FBC go to Townsend TN using the NAMB Wingo Funds. They received a total of \$400.00 to help with their expenses.

**Townsend:** Jimmy Butler, Melanie Butler, Jeff Emerson, Robbie Emerson

# WMU Annual Report 2021-2022

The Associational WMU has had a very good year. We conducted 4 quarterly meetings, two prayer services, a service project and assisted with three Association events.

Gaye Coleman, career missionary, was the speaker for the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer Milan FBC in November. Twenty- six women attended.

In January Michael Dennison, chaplain at Baptist Hospital in Union City, spoke to the leadership team about his role at the hospital which includes ministry and service to the staff as well as the patients. He challenged us to partner with Second Baptist Church, Union City in doing something for the nurses at the hospital during National Nurses Week. After consultation with the WMU Director at Second Baptist, we decided that the ladies in Gibson Baptist Association would honor the nurses at Milan Hospital and Second Baptist would honor the nurses at Baptist Hospital, Union City. We asked for 53 treat bags for the nurses at the Milan Hospital from the ladies in the WOM/WMU and received 176! Several women from various churches were able to bless staff at several nursing homes, doctor's offices, and clinics in addition to the hospital on National Nurses Day, May 12. For their contribution, Kenton FBC presented several baskets of treats to Baptist Hospital, Union City.

Our quarterly meetings averaged 27. We heard from speakers about missions work in Korea, China, North Korea, renovations at the Baptist Conference Centers, and relief work at the Ukrainian/Romanian border. Host churches were Bethel-Yorkville, Mt Pleasant, Rutherford FBC, and Whitehall. My thanks go to the women of these churches who hosted the meetings.

The WMU/WOM women also assisted with Association and county-wide events. They provided the food for the Sixth Annual Jerry Legg Volunteer Mission Banquet at Trenton FBC. Approximately 59 people attended. The WMU Leadership Team planned and conducted the National Day of Prayer observance in May at the Yorkville Community Center in conjunction with Bethel-Yorkville. Kenny Evans spoke to the approximately 50 attendees. In August the WMU assisted with the Missions rally that concluded the GBA's first Missions weekend.

In June, the WMU decorated the conference room and provided the refreshments for Bro Roger's farewell reception. He has been a strong supporter of WMU; we are sorry to see him leave the Association.

During 2022, the WMU Leadership Team began planning for a significant anniversary and will continue to do so in 2022-2023. GBA WMU ladies will be preparing for the 2024, 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the GBA WMU. This is also the 100<sup>th</sup> year anniversary for the GBA. The WMU is publishing a 100-day remembrance/devotion guide in honor of the April 2024 anniversary which will be available in September 2023. We have already agreed that donations received for the guide will be used to purchase a brick on the national WMU Walk of Faith in Birmingham, AL and contribute toward the construction of Legacy Hall at Linden Valley Conference Center. Many ideas are in the talking stages, but the culminating event will be a tea at The Church at Sugar Creek (formerly named Humboldt FBC); they hosted the first WMU meeting in April of 1924. The theme of the tea is "Hats off to the next 100 years!"

Respectfully submitted, Sheilah Spangler Director, GBA WMU

# SEEK TEAM REPORTS

The primary responsibility of the Seek Team is to create and promote evangelistic training and evangelistic opportunities for churches of the Gibson Baptist Association. The biggest evangelistic opportunity every church has each year is VBS. Shawn Allred has done a fantastic job in setting up and leading VBS training in the past. You will read his report on the training that took place this year in this book of reports.

Our biggest project this year was our involvement with the Gibson County fair. Again this year we provided a meal for the workers on Sunday evening. Understanding the language barrier we faced last year, we invited Jesus Gomez from Memphis, to come and share a message in Spanish. After the service we know of at least one gospel conversation that took place and a very special prayer request that we were able to follow up with throughout the week.

On Monday through Saturday nights we manned a prayer tent just inside the gates of the fairgrounds. I know of several Gospel conversations that took place, many were able to prayer walk during the fair, and there many requests for prayer. I want to share one of the prayer requests I received. On the first night of the prayer tent I was approached by a lady named Janet. She shared with me that her grandson, Levi, would be having an EEG that Wednesday. Levi was having seizures and they were trying to determine the cause of those seizures. I was able not only to pray with Janet but also share with her that my son also had a seizure disorder. In 2 Cor. 1:3-4 Paul speaks of how God will comfort us in our times of tribulation so that we in turn can offer comfort to others. It was a blessing for me to share with this grandmother during a time of uncertainty that God has a greater plan. We struggled when Kamrin was first diagnosed with his seizure disorder but God comforted us, and I was able to share with this grandmother that God would also comfort her. God will use us in ways we could never imagine if we will just make ourselves available.

We have a good relationship with the fair committee and look forward to many years serving in this capacity. I want to personally thank everyone that gave of their time to serve this year.

Chairman of the Seek Team Kevin Mullins Pastor White Hall Baptist Church

### **Evangelism**

Twenty-nine (29) GBA churches reported baptizing one hundred ninety-nine (199) people this year. Last year twenty-seven (27) GBA churches reported baptizing one hundred seventy (170) people. We baptized twenty-nine (29) more people this year.

### **GBA VBS Training Report**

VBS continues to be a great way to evangelize in our communities. Many churches have returned to having in-person VBS events and for that, we can be grateful. It is also good for us to remember that trained workers make a difference for VBS. Statistics tell us that for every trained leader there is over one profession of faith recorded among those attending. Training focuses leaders on the main thing which is seeing boys and girls and their families come to saving faith in Jesus Christ.

Our associational VBS training was held on April 7, 2022, at Dyer FBC. We had a total of 38 attend the training event representing only 9 of the 54 churches in our association. I would encourage all our churches to seek some type of training for VBS. Our associational VBS training would be the first opportunity to consider and if unable to attend that training, then churches could do their own training focusing on evangelism. Pastor, let me encourage you to lead your people to be trained by attending with them. Out of the 9 churches that were represented only 3 pastors attended the training. The important matter here is that everyone is trained so the harvest of souls can have the greatest impact in the communities where God has placed us.

I want to thank Dyer FBC and Pastor Lane Self for hosting this year's VBS training along with Grace Gentry who helped with the planning and promotion. Also, a big thanks go to those who faithfully prepared and led the various clinics.

Make your plans now to attend a VBS training for 2023 and get ready to see a great harvest of souls for the Kingdom of God!

In Christ, Shawn Allred Associational VBS Director

### Vacation Bible School

This year twenty-seven (27) GBA churches held a Vacation Bible School. There was an enrollment of 1,906 on the churches campuses.

# STRENGTHEN TEAM REPORTS

The Strengthen Team would like to thank the Churches of GBA for the privilege of serving YOU through the love of our LORD JESUS CHRIST!!! With great joy our team and the numerous volunteers enjoyed ministering to many people as well as having great fellowship with believers in our association of churches. Many souls were saved and we give GOD all the glory!!!

Following are ministries that were held:

Weekly Pastor Conference at GBA Office

Fields of Faith at Trenton Peabody High School (GBA & FCA Partnering Together)

Pastors, Staff, & Wives Christmas Dinner

Men's Conference at Salem Baptist Church

**Bivocational Pastors & Wives Retreat** 

Spring & Fall Senior Adults Ministries

**GBA Softball League** 

Student Night at the Gibson County Fair

Annual Deacons' Meetin' for Pastors, Deacons, Staff, & Spouses at White Hall Baptist Church

Project Ministries Paved the GBA Parking Lot

Youth Team Leadership Fellowship Dinner

Building a 24'x24' open carport for GBA Block Party Wagon and Disaster Relief/Ministry Wagon

Our Strengthen Team desires to continually grow stronger ministries each and every year!!! We are looking forward to next year's ministry plan!!!

GBA Strengthen Leadership Team

We look forward to next year with the expectation of seeing the power of GOD.

### **Bible Drills Report**

For 2021-2022 we had 16 drillers participate in the GBA Bible Drills. Thirteen drillers participated in Children's Bible Drill and 3 drillers participated in Youth Drill. These drillers were from 5 churches - 3 GBA churches, plus we welcomed 2 drillers who were actually from churches outside our association.

The participating churches were, FBC-Milan, FBC-Kenton, New Bethlehem-Dyer, Macedonia-Kenton, and Dyer First Assembly of God.

Following are the 3 youth and 12 children who passed to the Regional Drills.

#### YOUTH:

Conner Forbes Jules Poore Davis Taylor	7 <sup>th</sup> grade 7 <sup>th</sup> grade 7 <sup>th</sup> grade	FBC-Kenton New Bethlehem-Dyer Macedonia-Kenton
CHILDREN:		
Owen Forbes	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	FBC-Kenton
Conner Simpson	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	Dyer First Assembly of God
Micah Poore	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	New Bethlehem-Dyer
Nathan Brown	6 <sup>th</sup> grade	FBC-Milan
Ben Kimmer	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	FBC-Milan
Ansleigh Sims	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	FBC-Milan
Barrett Spencer	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	FBC-Milan
Kinley Bryowsky	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	FBC-Milan
James Driver	5 <sup>th</sup> grade	FBC-Milan
Nicholas Brown	4 <sup>th</sup> grade	FBC-Milan

Congratulations to all these young people!

We appreciate Whitehall Baptist Church for hosting the associational drills.

Rhonda Poore Bible Drills Director

# **Birth Choice Report**

Birth Choice continues to minister to clients facing unplanned pregnancies throughout West Tennessee. Sadly, women are still seeking abortions in our state and Google is doing its best to keep women from finding our services on the Internet, but we continue to find new ways to advertise and reach women when they need help the most. We are also excited about the development of new programs to further meet the needs of the community and hope to announce these in the coming months. Recently, our parenting class teachers began using a new curriculum that is very engaging and fun for our students. So far this year, over 100 babies have been saved from abortion at all our locations, including several since the overturning of Roe v. Wade. Please pray for our volunteers and staff as we continue to share Christ's love to families in our area.

Tiffany Dawson
Director of Development
Birth Choice

### **Block Party Wagon Report**

The Block Party Wagon is a valuable tool for evangelism. In 2021-2022 eleven churches used the BPW a total of fourteen times during Vacation Bible School, Fall Events, and other outreach ministries.

We have a new popcorn popper, a new bouncy house, corn hole boards, tables, tents, and Charles King completely remodeled the inside of the wagon. There is a place for everything. Please be sure to strap all the equipment in properly before transporting. There is a banner inside the Wagon that shows how the equipment should be stored.

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.

## **Christian Women's Job Corps Report**

It has been a very busy and productive year for your Gibson County Christian Women's Job Corps ministry. Our Twice Blessed thrift store continues to be busy with lots of donations and good sales which help to support the community through food assistance and household and clothing assistance as well as our transition home. At Twice Blessed we also screen applicants for utility assistance for our Ministerial Alliance and hold Powered for Life classes supplemented by classes from the UT Ext. office for 16 weeks twice per year. We hold these classes each year simultaneously at the Gibson County Correctional Facility.

The blessings have continued to come as we have seen several at the jail accept Christ as their Savior. We have added new members to our board. Since our last report, we have had two successful fundraisers. We awarded our "Joyce Brown" Volunteer of the year to Margie Wollam in December. We were recognized for the second year in a row as "Best of the Best" Charity/Non-Profit. We were nominated by the Chamber for best business of the year. We experienced a record sales month in November 2021.

Our House of Hope continues to thrive as we have had 11 different women admitted since August 1<sup>st</sup> of 2021. A few have stayed with us long term and others have left prematurely. We can only hope that we have touched all of them for Christ. We currently have 3 ladies plus our House Manager at the house. The girls attend Celebrate Recovery classes weekly, participate in community projects and work at the thrift store.

The blessings have come to the girls at the house in many ways this past year also. The churches, WMU groups, civic organizations and individuals have provided them with food and hygiene products. They have been the recipient of a team who painted the house and manicured the bushes and trees. The First Presbyterian Church of Trenton donated a van for transporting the women.

To God be the glory for all that HE has done!!

Christy Skelton Site Coordinator

# **Deacons' Meetin' Report**

GBA's Annual Deacons' Meetin' was at White Hall Baptist Church who graciously hosted served those that attended on Thursday evening, September 8, 2022. This year's theme was Leading with Integrity and Faithfulness.

A special Thank YOU to JB Brandon Catering who provided the meal and the wonderful ladies of White Hall who provided the drinks, desserts, and child care. We had (125) people who enjoyed the meal and desserts!!!

Our worship began with Songs of Praise by Elevate Church Praise & Worship Team. Our guest speaker was Dr. Clay Hallmark Jr., President of TBC. We were encouraged to be faithful in serving JESUS CHRIST as Men & Women who are believers and leaders in the Church!!! Many people responded to THE HOLY SPIRIT by coming to the altar in prayer!!! Worship attendance was (155) people!!!

We are looking forward to next year's Deacons' Meetin' which will be September 14, 2023.

### **Discipleship Training Report**

Discipleship Training increased this year from last year. This year eleven (11) of our churches reported a total enrollment of 569 in Discipleship Training. Last year eleven (11) churches reported an enrollment of 450. The enrollment increased by 119 members.

# **Men's Ministry Report**

### Softball:

The softball league got back in full swing this year (no pun intended) Sugar Creek had a clean sweep in the best of 3 games over Whitehall in the Co-ed division.

Laneview had to beat New Bethlehem twice to secure the victory in the men's division. Whitehall finished third in this division. This is their third year in a row to win the championship on the road to beat out New Bethlehem's 6 year in a row record. Also New Bethlehem has been in the finals since 2006.

### Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA):

We had 11 churches donate \$300.00 plus our budget to have Dr. Steve Gaines deliver a powerful message and Ken Bowman and his band provided an outstanding worship experience. We had to move indoors because of the weather but God's Spirit was in the gym. It was estimated we had over 600 people attend. We will begin the process of planning for next year and, we will have a Courts for Christ sometime in January. We had 8 youths give their heart to Christ and many others rededicate their lives. Thank you to all that helped make an eternal difference in these lives.

Bob Moore, Men's Ministry Director

## **Pastor's Conference Report**

Each Monday morning at 10AM the pastors of the Gibson Baptist Association are invited to come to the GBA Pastor's Conference at the GBA office for a time of encouragement and fellowship. I was honored to serve as president of the Pastor's Conference this past year. As always, we had a wide variety of speakers. Over the past year, we heard from local pastors, TBMB President Randy Davis, TBMB Harvest Field 1 Team Leader Danny Sinquefield, TBMB Evangelism Director Roc Collins, TBC President Clay Hallmark, Camp Linden Director, FCA director, IMB missionaries, NAMB missionaries, past and present GBA DOMs, and an editor from B&H Publishing. I'm sure there are some I left out, but I hope this list will encourage you to get involved with the pastor's conference if you are not. As a bonus we generally all go out to lunch at a local restaurant where we spend more time building relationships with our fellow soldiers for Christ.

I do want to apologize to the bi-vocational pastors. I found out late that in the past there have been some meetings scheduled in the evenings during the year. I was not able to schedule anything, but I know our new president would appreciate any help or input on getting something on the calendar this year.

It has been a blessing serving this year and getting to pray for and with my brothers in Christ. This is a much-needed ministry in our association. If you are not able to make it out on Monday mornings and find yourself needing someone to talk to please reach out to one of your fellow pastors that is what the Pastor's Conference is all about, not just meeting on Monday's, but being an ear to listen and a shoulder to cry on.

In His service, Kevin Mullins 2021-22 Pastor's Conference President

### **Scholarship Reports**

### **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 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 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 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 <a href="www.gbalife.org">www.gbalife.org</a>, or individuals may request a copy to be sent to them by regular mail or e-mail.

### **Continuing Education Scholarship:**

This scholarship provides money for books and supplies for those taking seminary, Bible college, or Christian education type courses.

We are happy to report that this year the scholarship was awarded to Randy Beals, Nathaniel Guinn, Micaiah Rogers, and Will Rogers.

The Continuing Education Scholarship application form and requirements are on the GBA website at <a href="https://www.gbalife.org">www.gbalife.org</a>, or individuals may request a copy to be sent to them by regular mail or e-mail.

## **Senior Adult Report**

The seniors were excited to get together again after the COVID pandemic.

The Spring Event was held March 24, 2021, at the First Baptist Church in Dyer at 6:00 P.M. The entertainment was "A Shake Rattle Roll" night with Brian Howell as an "Elvis" impersonator. We had 200 in attendance. New Bethlehem church and Oak Grove Church won the trophies. Door prizes were given. The food was catered by the "Why Not Feed Ministry" with Brian Griffith as the chief cook. He served an "Elvis" cake along with many other delicious foods.

The Fall Event was held August 12, 2022, at the Kenton First Baptist Church at 6:00 P.M. The entertainment was "The Long Family" with a night of gospel music. We had 135 in attendance. Kenton First Baptist Church and New Hope Church won the trophies. Door prizes were given along with two CD's that the Long Family donated. The delicious food was catered by the Tate Family.

Martha Phelan, Senior Adult Director

## **Sunday School Report**

For the last several years, the Annual Church Profiles show Sunday School attendance and enrollment decreasing. The annual church profiles for 2021/22 show that Sunday School enrollment decreased again. Our churches reported a Sunday School enrollment of 4,417 which is a decrease of 310 from last year's enrollment of 4,727. However, our Sunday School average attendance increased by 262 people with the 2020/21 average attendance at 2,458 and the 2021/22 average attendance at 2,720.

# **Youth Team Report**

The Youth Team sponsored two events this year.

The first event was the "Student Night at the Fair" which took place at the Gibson County Fair's Main Stage. The event was well attended and at least three decisions were made by young people to follow Christ among other decisions. The event used local speakers and music leaders (Johnny McCartney from Mt Pleasant Baptist Church spoke and Matt Dunagan from Sugar Creek Baptist Church led worship) so the extra budgeted funds for leader travel did not need to be used. At the event the sound system had issues due to its required wifi connectivity, so the decision was made to add funds to the budget for next year to rent a sound system.

The second event was a Student leader fellowship. Ten leaders (five couples) were able to attend the event which was hosted at Salem Baptist Church. We budgeted for three to five fellowships but took too long to get the fellowship organized and communicated to allow multiple fellowships in the 2021-2022 budget calendar. The next fellowship should be easier to organize now that momentum has begun and is planned for January of 2023. Student Leaders from New Bethlehem Baptist Church have offered to host the next fellowship.

Todd Kirk, GBA Youth Director

# <u>UNION UNIVERSITY REPORT</u>

We are thrilled at Union University to celebrate our bicentennial during the 2022-2023 academic year. For 200 years, Union University has been renewing minds, shaping hearts and transforming lives. Many schools have come and gone over the last two centuries. Other schools, founded upon a commitment to the truth of God's Word, have long since abandoned that commitment.



But not Union University. Union remains as resolute and committed to its biblical foundation as ever. At Union, we believe God has spoken to us through the Scriptures. We believe the Bible is trustworthy, reliable and true. We believe Jesus Christ is our only hope for salvation. And we believe that pursuing Him and loving Him with our hearts, souls, minds and strength is what God has called us to do.

Without the support of Tennessee Baptists, Union would not be celebrating this momentous occasion. We are honored to be partners with Tennessee Baptist churches as we provide Christ-centered education that promotes excellence and character development in service to Church and society.

In addition to our upcoming bicentennial celebration, allow me to highlight a few items of significance in the life of Union University in recent days:

- The *Cardinal & Cream*, our student magazine, was named Best College Magazine at the annual Southeast Journalism Conference.
- The debate team won a season-long championship for the third straight year and the national tournament championship for the second straight year.
- The Memphis College of Urban and Theological Studies celebrated 20 years of providing sound theological education to students in the Memphis area.
- Jan Wilms, university professor and computer science department chair, received a Fulbright scholar grant to help develop cybersecurity programs at the University of Da Nang in Vietnam this fall.
- The LifeShape Scholarship is a major gift to Union that will help recruit some of the brightest students in the humanities and social sciences.
- In September, we will break ground on a new academic building that will house the McAfee School of Business in addition to our engineering and computer science departments.

We are so grateful for our Tennessee Baptist friends and their encouragement to us in our work. We ask for your continued prayers as we seek to provide students with an excellent, Christ-centered education.

The Lord has been kind and faithful to Union for two centuries. His providence has strengthened us and sustained us, and His care will continue to guide us as we embark upon our third century as an institution.

Gratefully,

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



# Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes, Inc. Report to Associations, 2022

I am happy to report that we have had only a few infections of Covid-19 in our homes. That is because of the faithful men and women who serve as direct care providers in our six group homes. As always, I remain grateful and appreciative for their diligence and vigilance as they joyfully "Show What Love Is." As of this date (July 21, 2022), Tennessee has the fifth lowest rate of vaccination, has a 25% infection rate, has a death rate from Covid that is double the national rate and we are again considered "high risk." So, we will remain vigilant as we continue to ride the roller coaster that is Covid-19.

The SOAR fund (Supplying Ongoing Aid to Residents) that was established through the Tennessee Baptist Foundation in 2019 has suffered losses, just as everyone who has investments anywhere. It is our hope and prayer that we will not need to invade the SOAR fund as we continue our development of Baptist Village Humboldt. Baptist Village Humboldt is well underway, and we are getting excited about opening our first two buildings in the coming months. When completed, Baptist Village Humboldt will have 10 duplex buildings (a total of 20 units) for financially needy seniors. We will give priority of placement in these units to retired Baptist pastors and missionaries.

We have had to cancel Special Friends Camp now for three years in a row due to our inability to find Counselors. Evidently, most camps everywhere are having the same difficulty in finding young people for staff. Due to these losses, TBAH has determined that we will not seek to have Special Friends Camp for the foreseeable future and possibly ever again.

Our Father's Day Offering receipts are pretty much on target to come in at a rate consistent with previous years. As always, we are hopeful that we will exceed our goal and avoid using any further reserves, thus allowing us to fund deferred maintenance projects at our locations.

Thank you, Tennessee Baptists, for your prayers and your financial support! Indeed, thank you for

Showing What Love Is!

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Sincerely,

Mark Anderson, President/Treasurer