

2023 Book of Reports

GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



ISAIAH 39
1 PETER 3:15-16

Assessing 100 Years... not how much time was spent, but THE ONE for whom we spent our time!"

GBA Annual Meeting

October 23, 2023
First Baptist Church, 97 Milan Hwy, Medina TN

GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL SESSION – OCTOBER 23, 2023

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Officers

Moderator, James Rogers	Mike Kemper, Association Missions Strategist
Ministry Specialist, Grace Gentry	Assistant Moderator, Johnny McCartney
Treasurer, Jim Acree	Clerk, Leann Cherry
	Assistant Treasurer, Joel Pigg

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James Rogers, Moderator, Pastor: Oakwood

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Mike Kemper, Association Missions Strategist

Benediction

Wingo Offering will be received at the exits.

Next year’s Annual Meeting will be our 100th Annual Meeting.

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	
Beech Grove	233 Old Dyersburg Road, Dyer 38330 (Mail: 45 Cotham Rd, Trenton)	
Bethel-H	85 Bethel Road, Humboldt 38343	
Bethel-Y	12 Baseline Road, Yorkville 38389	643-6597
Bethpage	59 Bethpage Road, Kenton (Mail: T Griggs 202 Will Fowler Rd)	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 (PO Box 382), 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 38233	414-6252
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	
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	
Gibson	302 US Hwy 79 North, Humboldt (PO Box 7, Gibson 38338)	787-6755
Hickory Grove	229 Old Trenton-Eaton Road, Trenton 38382	661-9164
Idlewild	48 Idlewild Hollyleaf Road, Bradford 38316 (PO Box 158, Idlewild 38346)	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 S 2 nd 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	692-3594
New Haven	4045 Graball Drive (PO Box 674), Milan 38358	613-2482
New Hope	132 New Hope Road, Dyer 38330	
Northern's Chapel	122 Northern's Chapel Road, Rutherford 38369 (Mail: 107 Joe Lumpkin)	665-6354
Northside	5001 Patton Street, Milan 38358	686-1291
Oak Grove	134 Oak Grove Road, Milan 38358	
Oakwood	21 Oakwood Road, Milan 38358	
Old Bethlehem	86 Old Bethlehem Road, Rutherford 38369	
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 (PO Box 346), 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 Rd, Kenton 38233 (Mail: B Keathley 219 Joe Penn)	
West Carroll	110 Front Street (PO Box 24), Trezevant 38258	669-3703
Westside	301 Factory Street (PO Box 438), Trenton 38382	
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	731-618-6060
Avondale	Howard Avery	3115 Harts Bridge Rd, Jackson 38301		931-206-8967
Beech Grove	(I) Kenny Vaughn	21 Trenton Hwy, Dyer 38330		731-414-4735
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	(I) Mike Sanders	241 Edison Frogjump Rd, Trenton 38382	673-4494	731-695-4800
Bradford, First	Kelvin Moore	PO Box 206, Bradford 38316	742-3343	731-217-3426
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	(I) Keith Runyon	100 Heritage Sq, Medina 38355	686-0414	731-307-0138
China Grove	Michael Roberson	413 Parkview Dr, Dyer 38330		731-414-6252
Clear Creek				
Dyer, First	Lane Self	199 W Maple St, Dyer 38330		731-514-8282
Eldad	Jonathan Criswell	8 Nelson Cove, Milan 38358	855-1932	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			686-0492	
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	18 Broadfield Manor, Trenton 38382		731-695-0827
Idlewild	Robert Talbott	83 Vick Rd, Bradford 38316	742-3305	314-775-5896
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	(I) Stephen Powell	236 W Broad St, Dyer 38330	749-5780	731-414-0253
Laneview-K	(I) Barry Capps	453 Stella Ruth Rd, Martin 38237		731-819-2021
Laneview-T	Nickey McMinn	1006 South Main St, Dyer 38330		731-613-8487
Latham's Chapel	Steve Hemann	1113 Thomas St, Milan 38358		731-487-0983
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	Josh Siquefield	2000 S 2 nd St	686-3385	901-619-9283
Mount Pisgah	Dennis Williams	24 Goldmyth Cove, Jackson 38305		731-431-4191
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	Joey Hufstedler	876 N Main St, Dyer 38330		731-267-9602
Northerns Chapel	Dillard Lykins	11 Majestic Oak Cove, Humboldt 38343		731-394-2850
Northside	(I) Michael Spain	5369 Storeline Dr, Milan 38358	686-1291	731-686-1372
Oak Grove	(I) Richard Bray	11 Ellis Cove, Medina 38355		731-602-2828
Oakwood	James Rogers	6090 Manner Frank Rd, Milan 38358		731-420-9510
Old Bethlehem	Eddie Hayes	48 Reynolds Rd, Bradford 38316		731-487-3943
Poplar Grove	(I) Justin King	366 Gibson Wells Brazil Rd, Trenton 38382	559-4635	731-661-6454
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	(I) Wayne Foropolous	16 Dollar Road, Humboldt 38343	787-7257	731-571-8888
Spring Hill			559-4755	
Sugar Creek	Greg McFadden	3400 Mitchell, Humboldt 38343	784-1883	731-414-0000
Trenton, First	Brad Patterson	401 S High St, Trenton 38382	855-9321	731-879-6789
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	(I) Mark McSwain	19 Forest Edge Cv, Jackson 38305		731-616-1482
White Hall			855-2018	

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 99th annual session of the Gibson Baptist Association and that we adopt the program as printed in the Book of Reports with any corrections as needed during the proceedings of this annual meeting, October 23, 2023.

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, 2022.

New Pastors

Beech Grove(I) Rev. Kenny Vaughn
 Bethpage.....(I) Rev. Mike Sanders
 Chapel Hill.....(I) Rev. Keith Runyon
 IdlewildDr. Robert Talbott
 Kenton FBC(I) Rev. Stephen Powell
 Latham's ChapelRev. Steve Hemann
 Milan FBC.....Rev. Josh Siquefield
 New HopeRev. Joey Hufstedler
 Northside(I) Dr. Michael Spain
 Poplar Grove(I) Rev. Justin King
 Smyrna.....(I) Rev. Wayne Foropolous
 Trenton FBC.....Dr. Brad Patterson
 West Side.....(I) Dr. Mark McSwain

Other Ordained Ministers

Dyer FBC Rev. Daymond Duck, Retired Rev. Jason Griggs, Evangelist Rev. Bob Hill, Retired Rev. Stephen Lacy Latham Chapel Baptist Church Rev. William A. Mitchell, Retired Medina FBC Dr. Richard Bray Rev. Ted Wimbeley, Retired Milan FBC Rev. Kevin Mullins Northside Baptist Church Rev. Jimmy Sorrell, Retired Rutherford FBC Rev. Marlon Stephens, Retired	Salem Baptist Church Rev. Todd Kirk Rev. Stephen Powell Smyrna Baptist Church Rev. James Brown, Retired The Church at Sugar Creek Dr. Bob Agee, Retired Rev. Steve Babcock, Retired Rev. Robert "Bob" Benedict Rev. Andy Clenney Rev. Jerry Coln Rev. Kevin Hamilton Rev. Mark Jenkins Rev. Mike Kemper Rev. Mark McSwain Rev. Mike Sanders Rev. Christian Shipman	Trenton FBC Rev. Matt Dunagan West Carroll Unity Baptist Church Rev. David Moncrief
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MEMORIAL REPORT

Antioch

None Listed

Avondale

Mr. Terry Hopkins
Mr. Charles Trimmer

Beech Grove

None Listed

Bethel – Humboldt

Mr. Glen Campbell

Bethel – Yorkville

Mr. Mike Milligan
Mr. Steve Sanders
Mr. Butch Ladd
Mrs. Shirley Aldridge
Mr. John Higdon

Bethpage

Dr. Garry Burkacki *

Bradford, First

None Listed

Calvary – Humboldt

Mr. Roger Hopper

Calvary – Rutherford

Mr. Vince Hardwick
Mr. Ted Draper

Center

Mrs. Clarice Moss
Mrs. Shirley Seavers

Chapel Hill

None Listed

China Grove

None Listed

Clear Creek

None Listed

Dyer, First

Mrs. Gwynne Morris
Mr. Jackey Nolen
Mr. Jerry Hubble
Mrs. Bitsy Gilliland
Mr. Bo Booth
Mrs. Alice Ernest

Eldad

Mr. Charles Moore

Elevate

Mr. Don Hale **

Emmanuel

Mr. M. E. Tosh
Mrs. Joan Kennon
Mrs. Polly Gibson
Mrs. Paulette Heilman
Mrs. Helen Burkett

Fellowship

Mr. Larry Wilson
Mr. Lynn Worrell
Mr. Don Kernodle

Fruitland

Mrs. Barri Jo Glover
Mr. John Glover

Gibson

Mrs. Cathy Fly

Hickory Grove

None Listed

Idlewild

None Listed

Immanuel – Trenton

Mr. James Harrington

Keely Mill

None Listed

Kenton, First

Mrs. Frances Glisson
Mrs. Wanda Tate
Mr. Ken Allred, Sr.
Mrs. Beverly Taylor
Mrs. Faye Cooper
Mrs. Carrie Davis

Laneview – Kenton

Mr. Harold Kemp **

Laneview – Trenton

Mrs. Bonnie Campbell

Latham's Chapel

Rev. William A. Mitchell
Mrs. Jane Stutts
Mrs. Diane Burress

Lavinia

Mr. Wilburn Hays
Mr. Muriel Hicks

Medina, First

Mr. Billy Pruett
Mr. Bobby Wiggins, Sr.
Mr. Dudley Bynum
Mr. Michael Spencer

Midway

Mrs. Ellen Shanklin

MEMORIAL REPORT

Milan, First

Mr. Buford Robinson
Mr. Andy Leach
Mr. Gene Scott
Mr. Tom Chester
Mr. Rex Ferrell
Mrs. JoAnn Pickard
Mr. Joseph Launsby

Mount Pisgah

Mr. Wayne Carr**
Mr. John W. Galey (Butch)
Ms. Shirley Tubbs

Mount Pleasant

Mr. Fern Cates
Mr. Nathan Sellers
Mrs. Glenda Lockard
Mrs. Dorothy Cash
Mr. Kelvin Whitney
Mrs. Brenda Curtis
Mrs. Pam Dowland

New Bethlehem

Mrs. Shirley Ramey
Mrs. Louise Flowers
Mrs. Betty Graves
Mrs. Dorothy Carson
Mrs. Kay Elliott
Mr. Johnny Battle

New Haven

Mrs. Phyllis Boling

New Hope

None Listed

Northerns Chapel

Mrs. Dayle Montgomery

Northside

Mr. Franklin Rauchle **
Mr. Don Farmer
Mr. Zach Glisson
Mrs. Lavern Smith
Rev. Eric McLemore *
Mrs. Helen Replogle
Mrs. Naomi Isbell
Mrs. Judy Burrows

Oak Grove

Mrs. Joyce Brown
Ms. Sue Anderson

Oakwood

Mrs. Diane Williams

Old Bethlehem

Mrs. Linda Stephens

Poplar Grove

Ms. June Parks

Poplar Springs

Mr. Bobby Mayo

Rutherford, First

Mrs. Betty Bryant
Mrs. Shirley Bell
Mrs. Helen Ruth McCall
Mr. Bob Wilson

Salem

None Listed

Smyrna

Mr. Terry Carter
Mrs. Melvina Brasher

Spring Hill

None Listed

Sugar Creek

Mrs. Martha Barker
Mr. George Braddy
Mr. Tom Campbell **
Mr. Eugene Carnal
Ms. Lareada Johnson
Mr. Herman Lewis
Mrs. Lori Reeves
Mr. Tony Reeves
Ms. Arriean Schemer
Mrs. Lanell Sims
Mr. Pete Stricklin

Trenton, First

Mrs. Martha A. Jones
Mrs. Martha L. Treadwell
Miss Jackie McCall
Mrs. Freida Neill
Mr. H. Caleb Jones, II
Mr. Javier Lopez

Walnut Grove

None Listed

West Carroll Unity

Ms. Gail Mayo

West Side

None Listed

White Hall

None Listed

*Pastor

**Deacon

***Charter Member

Executive Board Report

The Executive Board of the Association 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.

January 2023 highlights:

Moderator James Rogers recognized new pastor of Idlewild Baptist Church, Brother Robert Talbott. Jim Acree reported that “our expenditures were less than what we took in.” Mike Kemper reported that there were 12 churches seeking a pastor. Sheila Spangler reported about the Volunteer Banquet held at Salem Baptist Church on February 9 and that the WMU was collecting memories for the devotional book to be printed related to 100th year celebration of our WMU. A strategy plan was presented and approved for Hispanic Church Plants. John Coleman, member of the DOM Search Team, reported that “they had narrowed the search to 1, but he decided to stay where he was”.

February 28 Special Called Meeting highlights:

Moderator James Rogers called the special meeting held at the White Hall Baptist Church to order. Motion was made by the DOM Search Team to hire Bro. Mike Kemper as Director of Missions. The ballot vote was unanimous to approve the motion.

April 24 highlights:

Jim Acree, treasurer reported “we continue to be doing well, spending less than we take in, but we are still behind the budgeted amount.” Mike Kemper announced that previous attempts to initiate Hispanic Church plants had failed to materialize but that we continue to seek the Lord’s direction in that need. Kemper also mentioned plans to re-equip the Disaster Trailer not only with chain saw equipment, but also utility tools and equipment which would allow churches to utilize the trailer and equipment for either disaster or ministry projects. John Coleman, member of the Send Team, recommended changes to the International and North America Mission Projects section of the Wingo Guidelines. The motions passed unanimously.

July 24 highlights:

Jim Acree, treasurer, reported that finances continue to run a bit behind budget but that we have spent less in general than budgeted. Mike Kemper talked about the need for pastors in 16 of our churches. Sheila Spangler spoke about the National Day of Prayer and about on-going projects such as Isaiah 117. Christy Skelton talked about the need for more volunteers at the Twice Blessed Thrift Store in Trenton. Jim Acree made a motion to have the tree that was down on our property removed at a cost of \$1,100. Motion passed.

Association Missions Strategist (AMS) Report

What a tremendous blessing for me to be back in the Gibson Baptist Association again! Though the Lord has given Kathy and I several different assignments which have been very fulfilling, none more than this association of churches and people! As we assess and get ready to celebrate 100 years of Kingdom service it is amazing and humbling to see what God has done among Gibson Baptist churches and people! In preparing this report I began to be curious about the number of baptisms our churches have recorded over these past 99 years! So, I dug through the mountain of GBA Annual Minute Books and tallied it up. I didn't find a baptism number for 1924 and couldn't find a Minute Book for 1938, but from all the other reports, including this year, for 99 years we have had 36,681 baptisms which is an average of 370 per year! Praise the Lord for the increase this year over last year and the most since 2017!

I am so thankful for every GBA church and every church member! Praise the Lord for all those who serve as Pastor, Staff, Deacon, Teacher, Officer, Auxiliary, Missionary, Volunteer! Praise the Lord for every Christian witness and example! Our churches and people in every area of our county are salt and light, like Kingdom Outposts amid lostness and darkness. Day by day, week by week, month by month, year by year, living, working, serving, doing, giving, going, carrying the Gospel to our neighborhood, community, county, across the state, and around the world! Gibson Baptists are on mission with the King's Business!

As we seek the Lord's directives we praise the Lord for outreach ministries that help us show the love, power, and the redemption of our Lord Jesus through Birth Choice; Twice Blessed Thrift Store, Hope House; and we rejoice that we are also now partnering with CEF (Child Evangelism Fellowship); Isaiah 117 (children's transition to Foster Care); FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes); "Why Not" community kitchen; and community food closet in Trenton (FBC). Also, many of our churches are connected and working in various other ministries across our county! Let us continue to pray, contribute, and volunteer in these life changing Kingdom opportunities! And yet, there is obvious need to continue to reach farther into lostness with possibility of establishing Christian Men's Job Corp; Addiction Recovery; and Hispanic ministry in our county. For several years now we have sought a path forward reach into these strata of our population. Please join us in praying, establishing, and reaching deeper and deeper into the lost recesses of our county? If we accomplish anything in these areas, it will be by the power of the Lord and the willingness of His people to plow the ground, sow the seeds, and work the fields!

I am thankful I had the opportunity to go back to Romania the 29th through Oct. 7 with the Team from The Church at Sugar Creek! I am also going to Columbia, South America tomorrow morning, Oct. 24 - 31 with the goal investigate and possibly establish a partnership with our IMB missionaries reaching into the Choco Province of Columbia with Bible Storying among oral learning indigenous Indian tribes where there are jungles, mountains, rivers, and no roads.

Bold Mission Envisioning from your DOM/AMS...

- 343 more baptisms resulting in more people set on the road to discipleship...
- more Kingdom workers, more preachers, more pastors, more Kingdom Advance...
- more and more effective stewardship of all the resources God provides
- realization of Hispanic Outreach
- developing of Breakthrough (Addiction Recovery) Ministry
- establishment of CMJC (Christian Men's Job Corp)
- Romania Partnership with Refugee Baptist Church/Peter Rong
- Panama/Columbia Partnership with IMB Missionaries Kenny and Cheryl Morris
- Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) partnership with Randy Nicholas
- Isaiah117

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 2023	6	Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer	6:00 PM	White Hall
	12-15	TBC Summit		Chattanooga
	13-20	OCC Shoebox Collection Week		
	23	Thanksgiving Day		
December	3-10	Wk of Prayer for Int'l Missions/LMCO		
Jan 2024	18	WMU Association Wide Quarterly Meeting	10:00 AM	New Bethlehem
	22	GBA Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM	GBA Office
	25-27	Bi-vocational Ministers/Wives Retreat		Pigeon Forge
February	8	GBA Volunteer Missions Banquet	6:00 PM	Rutherford FBC
	18	Focus on WMU Sunday		
March	3-10	Wk of Prayer for N American Missions/AAEO		
	12	GBA Sr Adult Banquet	6:00 PM	Milan FBC
	31	Easter		
April	11-13	WMU Missions Get-Together		Brentwood
	15	GBA Bible Drills	6:30 PM	
	20	GBA WMU 100 th Anniversary	10:00 AM	Sugar Creek
	22	Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM	GBA Office
	27	Regional Bible Drills		Milan FBC
May	2	National Day of Prayer		
	12	Mother's Day Offering for Children's Homes		
	27	Memorial Day		
June	9-12	SBC Annual Meeting		Indianapolis
	16	Father's Day, Offering for TN Adult Homes		
July	4	Independence Day		
	18	WMU Association Wide Quarterly Meeting	10:00 AM	Laneview, K
	22	Executive Board Meeting	7:00 PM	GBA Office
	28	Wingo Offering Sunday		
August	25	Global Hunger Sunday		
September	5	Deacons' Meetin'	5:30 PM	
	8-15	Week of Prayer for State Missions/GOTM		
	12	GBA Sr Adult Banquet	6:00 PM	Dyer FBC
	19	WMU Association Wide Quarterly Meeting	10:00 AM	Idlewild
	28	GBA Missions Day		
	29	GBA Missions Day Rally		
	25	See You at the Pole		
October		GBA Annual Meeting		

Financial Reports October 2022 - September 2023

General Fund Summary

Balance on Hand, October 1, 2022: -----	\$ 134,558.81
Transfer to Contingency Reserve: -----	<u>\$ 27,206.00</u>
Balance: -----	\$ 107,352.81
Receipts: Budget-\$203,233.63 + Designated-\$32,309.28-----	\$ 235,542.91
Expenditures: Budget-\$170,657.26 + Designated-\$52,020.90 -----	<u>\$ 222,678.16</u>
Balance on Hand Sept 30, 2023: Budget-\$82,576.79 + Designated-\$37,640.77 -----	<u>\$ 120,217.56</u>

Total Budgeted Receipts: \$203,233.63 - Total Budgeted Expenditures: \$170,657.26 = 32,576.37

Receipts

Church	Gifts	Church	Gifts
Antioch-----	\$.00	Midway -----	2,266.48
Avondale-----	.00	Milan, FBC-----	10,008.00
Beech Grove -----	1,285.89	Mount Pisgah-----	1,755.54
Bethel-Humboldt-----	.00	Mount Pleasant-----	18,334.58
Bethel-Yorkville -----	3,071.00	New Bethlehem-----	6,901.88
Bethpage -----	1,049.78	New Haven-----	4,000.00
Bradford, FBC-----	4,095.00	New Hope -----	4,302.36
Calvary-Humboldt-----	372.00	Northerns Chapel-----	350.00
Calvary-Rutherford-----	3,341.76	Northside-----	2,606.70
Center -----	600.00	Oak Grove -----	941.79
Chapel Hill-----	16,757.12	Oakwood -----	2,958.47
China Grove-----	217.95	Old Bethlehem -----	.00
Clear Creek-----	.00	Poplar Grove-----	1,631.24
Dyer, FBC -----	6,604.28	Poplar Springs -----	.00
Eldad-----	4,157.53	Rutherford, FBC-----	1,482.82
Elevate -----	4,896.00	Salem -----	5,932.87
Emmanuel-----	4,407.67	Smyrna -----	2,147.08
Fellowship-----	3,725.70	Spring Hill-----	944.54
Fruitland -----	968.55	The Church at Sugar Creek ----	15,812.49
Gibson-----	2,845.65	Trenton, FBC-----	7,500.00
Hickory Grove -----	1,300.00	Walnut Grove-----	1,000.00
Idlewild-----	1,403.15	West Carroll-----	1,383.32
Immanuel-Trenton -----	1,432.00	West Side-----	1,600.00
Keely Mill -----	.00	White Hall -----	4,906.34
Kenton, FBC-----	17,833.13		
Laneview-Kenton -----	.00		
Laneview-Trenton -----	788.20	Total Inc. from Churches---	\$ 193,705.46
Lathams Chapel -----	1,800.00	TBMB -----	9,528.17
Lavinia-----	7,181.00	Designated Receipts -----	<u>32,309.28</u>
Medina, FBC -----	4,805.60	Total Receipts -----	<u>\$ 235,542.91</u>

Year to Date Expenditures

October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

Ministry Item	Budget	Expenses	Receipts	Balance
101 - Project Ministries	\$ 325.00	\$ 325.00	.00	\$.00
102A - Men's Ministry Conf/Fellowship	1,250.00	414.06	.00	835.94
102B - Men's Ministry FCA	3,000.00	3,000.00	.00	.00
103 - Senior Adult Ministries	2,500.00	2,500.00	.00	.00
104A - Youth Ministry Leadership	600.00	361.43	.00	238.57
104B - Youth Ministry Students	2,250.00	2,250.00	.00	.00
112 - Bi-Vocational Pastors	1,500.00	1,000.00	.00	500.00
113 - Deacon Ministry	2,000.00	1,698.00	.00	302.00
114A - Pastors' Conference	2,000.00	1,421.70	.00	578.30
114B - Pastors/Staff/Wives Retreat	1,250.00	1,250.00	.00	.00
114C - Pastors Growth & Renewal	250.00	.00	.00	250.00
120 - Softball	50.00	50.00	.00	.00
201 - Volunteer Missions Banquet	300.00	300.00	.00	.00
202 - Baptist Collegiate Ministry	3,000.00	.00	.00	3,000.00
204 - WMU	2,000.00	1,645.70	.00	354.30
301 - Vacation Bible School	1,200.00	55.33	.00	1,144.67
302 - Evangelism	2,000.00	551.50	.00	1,448.50
303 - Gibson County Fair Ministry	1,500.00	1,231.57	.00	268.43
304 - Local Festivals	1,000.00	.00	.00	1,000.00
501 - Salary (DOM)	42,600.00	38,949.96	.00	3,650.04
502 - Housing Allowance (DOM)	10,900.00	6,358.31	.00	4,541.69
503 - DOM Search	3,500.00	3,514.11	.00	-14.11
504 - Convention, Conferences (DOM)	3,000.00	2,573.49	.00	426.51
505 - Mileage/Ministry Reimburse (DOM)	5,500.00	2,918.11	.00	2,581.89
507 - Retirement (DOM)	18,000.00	10,500.00	.00	7,500.00
508 - Professional Expense (DOM)	13,000.00	13,000.00	.00	.00
515 - Associational Ministry Specialist	27,077.00	27,077.00	.00	.00
516 - Social Security (Ministry Specialist)	2,101.00	2,262.69	.00	-161.69
518 - Retirement (Ministry Specialist)	1,545.00	1,545.00	.00	.00
525 - Part Time Ministry Assistant	2,100.00	1,861.00	.00	239.00
530 - Staff Christmas Gifts	1,600.00	1,600.00	.00	.00
702 - Office Utilities	10,500.00	9,047.20	.00	1,452.80
705 - Printing, Office Supplies, Postage	6,500.00	5,656.86	.00	843.14
706 - Book of Reports, Minutes, Clerk	850.00	411.22	.00	438.78
710 - Maintenance of Office Copier	500.00	494.24	.00	5.76
711 - Office Equipment (Office Copier)	10,000.00	10,000.00	.00	.00
715 - Insurance: Building/Workers Comp	6,670.00	5,916.98	.00	753.02
716 - Building Maintenance	750.00	750.00	.00	.00
717 - Kitchen & Janitorial Supplies	400.00	400.00	.00	.00
720A - Custodial Service	3,380.00	3,380.00	.00	.00
720B - Lawn Service	2,760.00	2,556.56	.00	203.44
725 - Audit	1,050.00	1,100.00	.00	-50.00
728 - Online Transaction Fee	400.00	289.28	.00	110.72
730 - Miscellaneous	500.00	440.96	.00	59.04
Budgeted	\$ 203,158.00	170,657.26	.00	32,500.74
731 - Contingency Reserve Transfer		27,206.00		
801 - Designated Funds	\$ 57,352.39	<u>52,020.90</u>	32,309.28	37,640.77

Total Expenditures as of September 30, 2023

249,884.16

Explanation of Designated Funds

October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

	Beginning Balance Oct 1, 2022	Designated Receipts	Expenditures	Ending Balance Sept 30, 2023
Connect	11,820.96		6,550.36	5,270.60
Continued Education	2,746.43		300.00	2,446.43
Deacons' Meetin'	571.10	629.00		1,200.10
Disaster Relief	6,143.40	1,500.00	6,643.40	1,000.00
Evangelism	25.00	20.00		45.00
Maranatha	21,432.60		1,084.75	20,347.85
Men/Boys	3,477.35	2,824.88	3,000.00	3,302.23
Pastors Fund	177.00	186.00	275.00	88.00
Pastors/Staff/Wives Retreat		1,250.00		1,250.00
Reimbursed Misc. Expenses	2,665.58	2,703.40	4,160.56	1,208.42
Senior Adult Events	112.09	3,991.00	3,988.35	114.74
Softball	962.54	1,075.00	778.33	1,259.21
Wingo/Special Funds	7,218.34	14,530.66	21,749.00	.00
WMU Events	.00	3,599.34	3,491.15	108.19
Total	57,352.39	32,309.28	52,020.90	37,640.77

Special Funds Account Summary

October 1, 2022 – September 30, 2023

Wingo Receipts

Beech Grove	400.00	Medina FBC	96.16
Bethel, Y	1,024.00	Milan FBC	975.00
Bethpage	625.00	New Bethlehem	500.00
Calvary, H	372.00	New Hope	2,602.00
Calvary, R	500.00	Northside	200.00
Dyer FBC	1,386.00	Rutherford FBC	50.00
Eldad	500.00	Salem	2,000.00
Emmanuel	1,010.00	Smyrna	600.00
Hickory Grove	325.00	Sugar Creek	1,017.76
Kenton FBC	1,500.00	W Carroll Unity	135.00
Lavinia	1,340.00		
Total from Churches			17,157.92
Gifts/Memorials			1,531.30
Interest			<u>253.12</u>
Total Wingo Receipts as of September 30, 2023			\$18,942.34

Wingo Funds

International Mission Partnership

Balance on Hand October 1, 2022	\$ 59,779.37
Allocation of 2021/22 Wingo Gifts	10,089.50
Expenditures	<u>17,400.00</u>
Balance on Hand September 30, 2023	\$ 52,468.87

Disaster Relief

Balance on Hand October 1, 2022	\$ 14,514.82
Allocation of 2021/22 Wingo Gifts	720.67
Expenditures	<u>.00</u>
Balance on Hand September 30, 2023	\$ 15,235.49

North American TBMB/GBA Partnership

Balance on Hand October 1, 2022	\$ 46,307.16
Allocation of 2021/22 Wingo Gifts	3,603.39
Expenditures	<u>2,650.00</u>
Balance on Hand September 30, 2023	\$ 47,260.55

Total Available for Wingo Funds: \$ 133,907.25

Other Funds

Bertie Thompson Scholarship Fund

Balance on Hand October 1, 2022	\$ 1,846.07
Receipts.....	239.27
Expenditures	<u>.00</u>
Balance on Hand September 30, 2023	\$ 2,085.34

Block Party Wagon

Balance on Hand October 1, 2022	\$ 1,796.84
Receipts.....	574.00
Expenditures	<u>559.58</u>
Balance on Hand September 30, 2023	1,811.26

Brazil Mission Trip/Projects

Balance on Hand October 1, 2022	\$ 3,570.71
Receipts.....	29,774.50
Expenditures	<u>32,185.06</u>
Balance on Hand September 30, 2023	\$ 1,160.15

Disaster Relief Trailer

Balance on Hand October 1, 2022	\$ 11,142.54
Expenditures	<u>3,409.95</u>
Balance on Hand September 30, 2023	\$ 7,732.59

GOTM/GBA

Balance on Hand October 1, 2022	\$ 13,977.91
Receipts.....	7,369.69
Expenditures	<u>1,302.31</u>
Balance on Hand September 30, 2023	\$ 20,045.29

Hispanic Ministry

Balance on Hand October 1, 2022	\$ 2,176.17
Balance on Hand September 30, 2023	\$ 2,176.17

Romania Mission Trips

Balance on Hand October 1, 2022	\$ 1,175.00
Expenditures	<u>8.50</u>
Balance on Hand September 30, 2023	\$ 1,166.50

Total Available for Other Funds: \$ 36,177.30

Special Funds Checking Account Balance as of September 30, 2023: \$ 170,084.55

Contingency Reserve Fund

Balance on Hand October 1, 2022	\$ 9,116.71
Receipts (Over 50,000 General Fund Transfer)	27,206.00
Receipts (Interest).....	32.58
Expenditures	<u>6,100.00</u>
Contingency Reserve Fund Balance on Hand September 30, 2023:	\$ 30,255.29

Explanation of the Use of Wingo Funds in 2022-2023

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	Received NAMB Wingo Funds
Beech Grove	400.00		
Bethel-Y	1,024.00		
Bethpage	625.00		
Calvary-H	372.00		
Calvary-R	500.00		
Dyer FBC	1,386.00	1,000.00	
Eldad	500.00		
Emmanuel-H	1,010.00		
Hickory Grove	325.00		
Immanuel-T		1,500.00	
Kenton FBC	1,500.00	1,000.00	
Lavinia	1,340.00	500.00	
Medina, FBC	96.16	2,300.00	
Milan FBC	975.00		
New Bethlehem	500.00	400.00	
New Hope	2,602.00	1,500.00	650.00
Northside	200.00		
Oakwood		1,400.00	
Rutherford FBC	50.00		2,000.00
Salem	2,000.00	1,900.00	
Smyrna	600.00	400.00	
Sugar Creek	1,017.76	4,300.00	
Trenton FBC		1,200.00	
West Carroll Unity	135.00		
Totals:	17,157.92	\$ 17,400.00	\$ 2,650.00

We also received \$1,784.42 in interest, gifts, and memorials.

Total Receipts: \$18,942.34

2023-2024 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

Gibson Baptist Association (GBA) Volunteers and churches participating in international mission projects are eligible for financial assistance from the Wingo International Fund account. Scholarships from this account primarily seek to encourage and help GBA Churches and Volunteers (ages 15 and older or a student who has completed 9th grade) to participate in mission projects. The following guidelines apply:

- A. **Individual:** Funds are available to assist GBA "lay" persons who participate in their very first international project/trip. First time mission volunteers are eligible for a scholarship of up to \$600. GBA "lay" persons who participate in subsequent international projects/trips are eligible for a scholarship of up to \$500. (once per calendar year).
- B. **GBA Church Scholarship:** If a GBA Church coordinates and plans in consultation with GBA on an international mission project, that church is eligible for Church scholarship up to \$4,000 maximum. (Individual scholarships would not apply, however, the church must utilize stated formulas per volunteer, once per calendar year, GBA Volunteer requirements apply). Example: A church taking 4 lay people and a senior pastor on a subsequent mission project would receive up to \$2,800.
- C. **GBA Multiple Church:** Multiple GBA Churches which coordinate and plan together in consultation with GBA, are eligible for scholarship up to \$5,000 maximum. (Individual scholarships would not apply, however, they must utilize the stated formulas per volunteer, once per calendar year, and GBA Volunteer requirements apply).
- D. **Senior Pastor:** A GBA Senior Pastor who has never participated in an International Mission Project/trip is eligible for a scholarship up to \$1,200. A "first time" Senior Pastor Scholarship does not impact scholarship maximum amounts stated above. Subsequent international project/trip for Senior Pastor are eligible for scholarship of up to \$800. (once per calendar year and is included in maximum scholarship amounts stated above).
- E. **Ministerial Staff:** GBA Ministerial Staff (other than the Senior Pastor), who has never participated in a International Project/trip is eligible for scholarship up to \$800. A "first time" Ministerial Staff scholarship does not impact scholarship amounts listed above. Subsequent international project/trip are eligible for scholarship up to \$600 (once per calendar year and is included in maximum amounts stated above).
- F. Individuals and Churches requesting Wingo Funds must complete an application which is available from the GBA office, in a timely fashion.
- G. Special requests not addressed in these guidelines may be submitted to the Send Team for consideration.

- H. GBA churches are also encouraged to support their members financially as they feel led to participate in International Mission Projects.

DISASTER RELIEF PROJECTS

- A. 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.
- B. Matching funds from the local church is encouraged.
- C. The maximum total contribution to volunteers from a single church for any specific project/trip travel assistance is \$2,000.
- D. 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.
- E. 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

Gibson Baptist Association (GBA) Volunteers and churches participating in North America Mission Projects/trips are eligible for financial assistance from the Wingo North American Fund account. Scholarships from this account primarily seek to encourage and help GBA churches and Volunteers (ages 13 and older or a student who has completed 7th grade) to participate in mission projects which require travel away from home/overnight. The following guidelines apply:

- A. **Individual:** Funds are available to assist “first time” North America volunteers (senior pastor, ministerial staff, or lay people). A scholarship of up to \$250 is available. In addition, if air travel is required up to \$250 is also available. Funds are available for volunteers who participate in subsequent North America projects/trips. These volunteers are eligible for up to \$200. scholarship. In addition, if air travel is required, up to \$200. is also available. The amount available is once per calendar year, per individual volunteer, GBA requirements apply.
- B. **A GBA Church** which plans & coordinates in consultation with GBA for a North American Mission project, is eligible for scholarship up to \$2,000. (Utilizing stated formulas per volunteer, which is the maximum amount available for North America Project, per church, once per calendar year, GBA requirements apply, individual scholarships would not apply).
- C. **GBA Multiple Church:** Multiple GBA churches who plan together on a North America Mission project, in consultation with GBA, are eligible for scholarship up to \$2,500. (Utilizing the stated formulas per volunteer, which is the maximum amount available for a North America Project, per church, once per calendar year, GBA requirements apply, individual scholarships would not apply).
- D. Individuals and Churches requesting Wingo Funds must complete an application which is available from the GBA office, in a timely fashion.
- E. Special requests not addressed in these guidelines may be submitted to the Send Team for consideration.
- F. GBA churches are also encouraged to support their members financially as they feel led to participate in North American mission projects.

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 2023-2024 Associational Budget

The Budget & Finance Committee recommends the adoption of the 2023-2024 budget as printed below.

<u>2022-2023 (Amended)</u>	
<u>Strengthen Team</u>	
101 Project Ministries.....	\$ 325
102A Men's Ministry-Conf. & Fellowship.....	1,250
102B Men's Ministry-FCA.....	3,000
103 Senior Adult Ministries	2,500
104A Youth Ministry Leadership	600
104B Youth Ministry-Students	2,250
112 Bi-vocational Pastors.....	1,500
113 Deacon Ministry.....	2,000
114A Pastors Conference	2,000
114B Pastors, Staff, and Wives Retreat	1,250
114C Pastors Growth and Renewal.....	250
120 Softball	50
<u>Send Team</u>	
201 Volunteer Missions Banquet.....	300
202 Baptist Collegiate Ministry	3,000
204 WMU.....	2,000
<u>Seek Team</u>	
301 Vacation Bible School.....	1,200
302 Evangelism	2,000
303 Gibson County Fair Ministry	1,500
304 Local Festivals	1,000
<u>Administrative</u>	
501 Salary (DOM).....	42,600
502 Housing/Utility Allowance (DOM).....	10,900
503 DOM Search	3,500
504 Conventions, Conferences (DOM)	3,000
505 Mileage/Ministry Reimb (DOM)	5,500
507 Retirement (DOM)	18,000
508 Professional Expense	13,000
515 Associational Min. Specialist.....	27,077
516 Social Security (Min. Specialist)	2,101
518 Retirement (Ministry Specialist)	1,545
525 Part Time Ministry Assistant	2,100
530 Staff Christmas Gifts	1,600
<u>Office Expenses</u>	
702 Office Utilities	10,500
705 Printing, Office Supplies, Postage	6,500
706 Book of Reports, Minutes, Clerk	850
710 Maintenance of Office Copier.....	500
711 Copier Rental	10,000
715 Insurance: Bldg/Workers Comp	6,670
716 Building Maintenance	750
717 Kitchen & Janitorial Supplies.....	400
720A Custodial Service	3,380
720B Lawn Service	2,760
725 Audit.....	1,050
728 Online Transaction Fee	400
730 Miscellaneous	500

GBA Budget Total \$ 203,158

<u>2023-2024</u>	
<u>Strengthen Team</u>	
101 Project Ministries.....	\$ 325
102A Men's Ministry-Conf. & Fellowship.....	1,000
102B Men's Ministry-FCA.....	3,500
103 Senior Adult Ministries	2,500
104A Youth Ministry Leadership	600
104B Youth Ministry-Students	2,250
112 Bi-vocational Pastors.....	1,650
113 Deacon Ministry.....	2,300
114A Pastors Conference	2,000
114B Pastors, Staff, and Wives Retreat	1,250
114C Pastors Growth and Renewal.....	250
120 Softball	150
Compassion Ministry	150
<u>Send Team</u>	
201 Volunteer Missions Banquet.....	600
202 Baptist Collegiate Ministry	1,700
204 WMU.....	2,200
<u>Seek Team</u>	
301 Vacation Bible School.....	500
302 Evangelism	2,500
303 Gibson County Fair Ministry	1,000
304 Local Festivals	500
<u>Administrative</u>	
501 Salary (DOM).....	43,000
502 Housing/Utility Allowance (DOM).....	11,000
503 DOM Search	0
504 Conventions, Conferences (DOM)	3,000
505 Mileage/Ministry Reimb (DOM)	4,000
507 Retirement (DOM)	23,000
508 Professional Expense	9,000
515 Associational Min. Specialist.....	28,512
516 Social Security (Min. Specialist)	2,182
518 Retirement (Ministry Specialist)	1,627
525 Part Time Ministry Assistant	2,400
530 Staff Christmas Gifts	1,800
<u>Office Expenses</u>	
702 Office Utilities	11,000
705 Printing, Office Supplies, Postage	6,500
706 Book of Reports, Minutes, Clerk	1,020
710 Maintenance of Office Copier.....	0
711 Copier Rental	10,200
715 Insurance: Bldg/Workers Comp	9,416
716 Building Maintenance	1,300
717 Kitchen & Janitorial Supplies.....	450
720A Custodial Service	3,640
720B Lawn Service	2,800
725 Audit.....	1,100
728 Online Transaction Fee	400
730 Miscellaneous	500

GBA Budget Total \$ 204,772

Gibson Baptist Association – 2023 Digest of Letters

Church	Baptisms	Membership	SS Average	Receipts	Coop. Prog.	Missions
Antioch	25	575	193	\$683,610	\$0	\$15,036
Avondale	0	146	24	41,710	0	0
Beech Grove	0	171	7	48,633	4,148	7,370
Bethel-H	0	139	10	29,421	240	7,281
Bethel-Y	5	114	61	125,513	11,023	25,932
Bethpage	1	159	30	275,809	12,764	25,056
Bradford First	6	301	92	256,536	18,000	26,735
Calvary-H	0	302	8	44,151	4,092	6,951
Calvary-R	0	15	9	54,257	8,023	19,527
Center	1	44	11	25,140	420	1,320
Chapel Hill	22	454	172	606,310	3,500	25,290
China Grove	1	13	11	12,489	218	850
Clear Creek	1	30	14			
Dyer First	7	637	70	470,797	30,821	65,208
Eldad	0	200	0	191,879	7,664	14,641
Elevate	14	225	87	260,350	4,516	11,598
Emmanuel	0	351	32	123,264	7,619	19,592
Fellowship	0	251	25	130,552	8,762	31,129
Fruitland	0	175	8	27,129	1,001	2,802
Gibson	11	409	0	254,017	10,235	32,399
Hickory Grove	9	164	30	73,497	6,319	10,574
Idlewild	0	168	14	47,081	5,455	15,838
Immanuel	7	150	45	86,351	3,418	6,973
Keely Mill						
Kenton First	3	398	76	394,694	50,334	96,311
Laneview-K	0	396	35	99,698	0	11,120
Laneview-T	1	74	10	60,275	1,969	3,372
Latham's Chapel	2	209	27	88,307	4,500	12,505
Lavinia	3	310	33	153,500	7,248	21,814
Medina First	1	435	83	323,352	20,918	42,518
Midway	0	36	17	73,791	7,555	14,344
Milan First	11	2,226	242	1,492,664	71,500	153,670
Mount Pisgah	1	81	23	63,027	4,089	8,218
Mount Pleasant	7	465	71	289,591	26,594	71,140
New Bethlehem	11	512	150	391,578	38,855	66,611
New Haven	14	185	52	248,010	17,000	54,344
New Hope	9	100	30	246,031	12,700	19,661
Northerns Chapel	0	27	12	32,157	100	5,448
Northside	1	90	34	146,530	10,653	22,122
Oak Grove	0	85	18	60,120	476	7,022
Oakwood	2	97	44	77,317	5	4,863
Old Bethlehem	0	40	9	17,481	0	0
Poplar Grove	0	194	32	116,657	10,851	21,823
Poplar Springs	0	100	10	34,500	50	5,801
Rutherford First	5	187	71	225,171	13,469	21,576
Salem	19	660	138	740,443	58,763	111,242
Smyrna	0	138	18	78,636	1,071	4,625
Spring Hill	0	65	13	52,511	4,615	6,838
Sugar Creek	27	928	457	1,584,744	123,198	189,487
Trenton First	3	448	123	344,145	12,000	58,729
Walnut Grove	0	82	0	49,505	1,000	5,360
West Carroll Unity	4	42	12	38,337	752	3,454
West Side	0	41	12	32,764	0	7,283
White Hall	9	189	45	228,800	31,401	54,318
Totals	243	14,033	2,850	\$11,652,832	\$679,904	\$1,477,721

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 2022-2023 and the percentage of undesignated receipts that each church gives to GBA annually.

Church	Undesignated Receipts	Association Contributions	% to GBA
Antioch	\$565,069.00	\$-	0.00%
Avondale	\$41,473.00	\$-	0.00%
Beech Grove	\$43,961.00	\$1,285.89	2.93%
Bethel-H	\$28,818.00	\$-	0.00%
Bethel-Y	\$109,182.00	\$3,071.00	2.81%
Bethpage	\$83,485.00	\$1,049.78	1.26%
Bradford, First	\$223,557.00	\$4,095.00	1.83%
Calvary-H	\$37,200.00	\$372.00	1.00%
Calvary-R	\$53,634.00	\$3,341.76	6.23%
Center	\$24,432.00	\$600.00	2.46%
Chapel Hill	\$520,817.00	\$16,757.12	3.22%
China Grove	\$12,489.00	\$217.95	1.75%
Clear Creek	\$-	\$-	0.00%
Dyer, First	\$307,003.00	\$6,604.28	2.15%
Eldad	\$130,891.00	\$4,157.53	3.18%
Elevate	\$246,014.00	\$4,896.00	1.99%
Emmanuel-H	\$110,777.00	\$4,407.67	3.98%
Fellowship	\$124,190.00	\$3,725.70	3.00%
Fruitland	\$24,327.00	\$968.55	3.98%
Gibson	\$188,867.00	\$2,845.65	1.51%
Hickory Grove	\$70,542.00	\$1,300.00	1.84%
Idlewild	\$45,331.00	\$1,403.15	3.10%
Immanuel-T	\$73,123.00	\$1,432.00	1.96%
Keely Mill	\$-	\$-	0.00%
Kenton, First	\$353,188.00	\$17,833.13	5.05%
Laneview-K	\$92,801.00	\$-	0.00%
Laneview-T	\$56,466.00	\$788.20	1.40%
Latham's Chapel	\$75,297.00	\$1,800.00	2.39%
Lavinia	\$144,370.00	\$7,181.00	4.97%
Medina, First	\$298,823.00	\$4,805.60	1.61%
Midway	\$69,348.00	\$2,266.48	3.27%
Milan, First	\$1,399,157.00	\$10,008.00	0.72%
Mount Pisgah	\$61,990.00	\$1,755.54	2.83%
Mount Pleasant	\$218,451.00	\$18,334.58	8.39%
New Bethlehem	\$313,971.00	\$6,901.88	2.20%
New Haven	\$234,616.00	\$4,000.00	1.70%
New Hope	\$219,994.00	\$4,302.36	1.96%
Northern's Chapel	\$26,709.00	\$350.00	1.31%
Northside	\$130,433.00	\$2,606.70	2.00%
Oak Grove	\$55,000.00	\$941.79	1.71%
Oakwood	\$73,340.00	\$2,958.47	4.03%
Old Bethlehem	\$17,481.00	\$-	0.00%
Poplar Grove	\$108,572.00	\$1,631.24	1.50%
Poplar Springs	\$28,000.00	\$-	0.00%
Rutherford, First	\$182,156.00	\$1,482.82	0.81%
Salem	\$593,286.00	\$5,932.87	1.00%
Smyrna	\$76,001.00	\$2,147.08	2.83%
Spring Hill	\$46,151.00	\$944.54	2.05%
Sugar Creek	\$1,229,887.00	\$15,812.49	1.29%
Trenton, First	\$275,163.00	\$7,500.00	2.73%
Walnut Grove	\$43,545.00	\$1,000.00	2.30%
West Carroll	\$29,689.00	\$1,383.32	4.66%
Westside	\$27,858.00	\$1,600.00	5.74%
White Hall	\$193,254.00	\$4,906.34	2.54%
Total	\$9,740,179.00	\$193,705.46	1.99%

Nominating Committee 2023-2024

Officers

Moderator - Johnny McCartney, Mt Pleasant
Assistant Moderator - Randy Pool, Medina FBC
Clerk - Leann Cherry
Treasurer - Jim Acree, Dyer FBC
Assistant Treasurer - Joel Pigg, Salem

Budget & Finance Committee

Joey Hays (2024), New Hope - Chair
Terry Tyree (2025), Spring Hill
Steve Babcock (2026), Sugar Creek
Chairman of Personnel Committee
Treasurer

Constitution & Bylaws Committee

Joel Pigg (2024), Salem
Tony Parks (2024), Trenton FBC
Stan Cates (2025), Fellowship
Eston Hurst (2025), New Bethlehem
Sherry Scruggs (2026), Hickory Grove

Credentials Committee

Andy Rice (2024), Walnut Grove - Chair
Tyler Scott (2025), Trenton FBC
Steve Skelton (2026), Immanuel Trenton

Nominating Committee

Mike Farrar (2024), Kenton FBC
Steve Hemann (2025), Clear Creek
Doug Duncan (2026), Dyer FBC

Personnel Committee

Charles King (2024), Dyer FBC - Chair
Susan McCullar (2025), Rutherford FBC
Josh Sinuefield (2026), Milan FBC

Trustees Committee

Lanny Taylor (2024), White Hall - Chair
Kelvin Moore (2025), Bradford FBC
Guy Maxwell (2026), Midway

Send Team

Joey Hufstedler (2024) Poplar Grove - Team Leader
John Coleman (2025), New Bethlehem
Lisa Howard (2025), Kenton FBC
Brad Gray (2026), Sugar Creek
Sheilah Spangler – WMU (Ex-officio), Salem

Seek Team

Johnny McCartney (2024), Mt Pleasant
Cathy Farrar (2024), Kenton FBC
Andy Mayfield (2024), Rutherford FBC
Brad Patterson (2026), Trenton FBC
Tony Moore (2026), Fruitland

Strengthen Team

Randy Pool (2025), Medina FBC – Team Leader
Mike Sanders (2024), Sugar Creek
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

The new committee and team members are in bold print, a year following the name indicates when the term ends.

Time, Place, & Resolutions Committee Report

Recommendation 1. We recommend that the 2024 annual meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association be held on October 21, 2024, and that the host church be the First Baptist Church of Milan.

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

RESOLUTION I Expressing Appreciation To Medina First Baptist Church

WHEREAS, the messengers of the 2023 annual meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association are meeting at The First Baptist Church of Medina on October 23, 2023 to conduct the business of the Association; and

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

WHEREAS, we further acknowledge Pastor Randy Pool and the ministerial staff at Medina First Baptist Church along with the many Medina First 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 Medina First 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 Missions Strategist Bro. Mike Kemper

WHEREAS, Bro. Mike Kemper serves the Churches of the Gibson Baptist Association faithfully as Association Missions Strategist;

WHEREAS, Bro. Mike labors to sustain, nurture, and safeguard the many pastors, ministerial staff, and churches of his Gibson Baptist mission field; and

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 2023 Annual Meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association express our profound gratitude and appreciation for his dedicated service to our Association and wish to extend our prayers and support for his continued ministry.

RESOLUTION III
Expressing Appreciation to the Gibson Baptist Association Ministry Specialist
Mrs. 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 23, 2023

Place: First Baptist Church, Medina TN

Time, Place, and Resolutions Committee

Joey Gowan, Pastor: Center – Committee Chair

Robert Talbott, Pastor: Idlewild

Mike Sanders, (I) Pastor: Bethpage

James Rogers, Moderator (Ex-officio), Pastor: Oakwood

SEND TEAM REPORTS

The Send Team makes the following recommendations:

1. The SEND Team recommends that the Wingo Offering goal for 2023/2024 be \$20,000.
2. The SEND Team recommends that the Wingo Offering allocations be: 70% international, 25% North American, and 5% disaster relief.

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. Judy Cantrell for her dedicated mission service over the years. We are so grateful for her commitment and sacrifice.

We also planned and coordinated our 2nd annual 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 New Hope Baptist Church to have a meal and worship rally/celebration. It was truly an awesome night. Bro. Kevin Hamilton did an excellent job leading us in music. Adam Winters, an IMB missionary, brought an amazing message.

We are still working towards planting two Hispanic churches in our association. This is a necessary work and need in our area. We covet your prayers as we continue to seek out a church planter/missionary for this work.

2022/2023 North American Missions: \$2,650.00 / International: \$17,400.00

Serving Him,
Bro. Joey Hufstedler

Wingo Fund Report

This year the Wingo offering goal was set at \$23,500. Our GBA churches and individuals gave a total of \$18,942.34. Last year our churches gave \$14,413.56. 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 thirty (30) individuals from twelve (12) churches receive Wingo scholarships that helped with the cost of their mission trips to six (6) countries. Last year eleven (11) volunteers from three (3) churches received Wingo funds to travel to two (2) countries.

The total GBA/IMB scholarships distributed this past year was \$17,400. The following is a list of those receiving funds and the country in which they served.

Brazil:	Shawn Allred, Shelia Bell, Lauren Conner, Aaron Foster, Glynn Reynolds, Micaiah Rogers, Will Rogers, Steve Skelton
Honduras:	Christina Armacost, Rita Carp, Luke Davenport, Isabel Foster, Penny Graves, Robin Odom, Cindy Pool, Randy Pool, Neil Spangler, Sheilah Spangler, Stacy West
Panama:	Charles King, Brett London
Southeast Asia:	Hayden Sullivan
North Africa & Middle East:	Kara Scott
Romania:	Cynthia Cole, Beckett Giles, Laura Giles, Ryland Giles, Elijah Morris, Gabe Scott, Greg Scott

This year we helped 8 individuals from Rutherford FBC go to Albuquerque NM using the NAMB Wingo Funds. They received a total of \$2,000 to help with their expenses. The Ocoee Outreach received \$650.

New Mexico:	Wanda Belew, Edward Bell, Andy Mayfield, James McCullar, Ben Russell, Brett Russell, Nathan Russell, Sandra Simpson
Ocoee:	Joey Hufstедler

WMU ANNUAL REPORT 2022-2023

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

Pastor Matthew Nance, retired IMB missionary, was the speaker for the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer at Emmanuel, Humboldt in November. 39 women attended.

Our quarterly meetings averaged 35. We heard from speakers about SEND Relief in the Ukraine (Sep 2022), World Crafts, "Fightin for Joy in Ministry", Isaiah 117 house and "Compassionaries" (Sep 2023). Host churches were Whitehall, Chapel Hill, FBC Kenton, Keely Mill and Antioch. My thanks go to the women of these churches who hosted these 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 Dyer FBC. Approximately 59 people attended. The WMU Leadership Team planned and conducted the National Day of Prayer observance, a county wide event in May at the Trenton Agri-plex. Trenton mayor Tony Burriss spoke to the approximately 40 attendees. In August the WMU women prepared the food for the Missions rally that concluded the GBA's first Missions weekend.

During 2023, the WMU Leadership Team continued planning for the 100-year anniversary of GBA WMU which will be held at Sugar Creek April 20, 2024. The WMU is publishing a 100-day remembrance/devotion guide in honor of the April 2024 anniversary which will be available at the 2024 anniversary celebration at Sugar Creek. Sugar Creek, formerly Humboldt FBC, hosted the first GBA meeting in January of 1924.

In 2024 I'll be asking the WMU Leadership Team to consider what WMU should look like in the future. Times have changed and so must WMU in Gibson Baptist Association.

Respectfully submitted,
Sheilah Spangler
Director, GBA WMU

SEEK TEAM REPORT

The primary responsibility of the Seek Team is to create and promote evangelistic training and evangelistic opportunities for churches of the Gibson Baptist Association. This year was a fruitful year and we want to take the time and share with you a little about what it looked like.

The SEEK team's efforts this year began with VBS training in Jackson. Churches were encouraged this past church year and still encouraged this year, if in need of help getting VBS started, to contact the Gibson Baptist Association SEEK team who is prepared and willing to assist where possible. VBS continues to be one of the most important outreach ministries for the local church and will remain a Mission Object for the SEEK team this church year.

Without exception, the Gibson County Fair Ministry was the greatest endeavor by the SEEK Team to provide evangelistic opportunities to churches within the Gibson Baptist Association. Over 15 churches utilized the opportunity to engage their county for the purpose of prayer and evangelism. Sunday Night the 27th of August, churches of GBA served a meal to around 70 carnival workers. Pastor Steve Skelton preached The Gospel and two were born again that night! Monday through Saturday each evening two churches hosted the prayer tent from 6pm to 9pm. Each evening, leaders of churches reported very fruitful conversations. They also reported that this opportunity had challenged their church members to be more on mission daily. Overall, this week was very fruitful.

One of the Ministry Plans for the Seek Team is to provide gospel tracts and the same Prayer Tent Setup as was present at this years Gibson County Fair. We would like to encourage churches to contact their local festival hosts about the possibility of utilizing these resources during the local festivals depending on the time of year it begins. Some of these include the Teapot, Strawberry, Dyer Station, Kenton White Squirrel, Bradford Doodle Soup, Davy Crockett Days, and Milan Dawg Daze.

We would like to say thank you to those churches and leaders who volunteered this year and encourage others to continue laboring in the work of evangelism. The entire SEEK team would like to say thank you for the privilege of serving and that we look forward to providing more training and opportunities in the future.

Chairman of the Seek Team,
Lane Self
Pastor, Dyer First Baptist Church

Evangelism

Thirty-two (32) GBA churches reported baptizing two hundred forty-three (243) people this year. Last year twenty-nine (29) GBA churches reported baptizing one hundred ninety-nine (199) people. We baptized forty-four (44) more people this year.

Vacation Bible School

This year thirty (30) GBA churches held a Vacation Bible School. There was an enrollment of 1,951 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 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

Pastors, Staff, & Wives Christmas Dinner

Bi-vocational Pastors & Wives Retreat

Ministries Needs in Encouraging Pastors, Welcoming New Pastors, and Benevolent Requests

Men's Fellowships

Fields of Faith at Trenton Peabody High School Football Field & Courts for Christ at Gibson County High School (GBA & FCA Partnering Together)

Youth Team Leadership Fellowships

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

Continuing Education Scholarships

Pastors Growth & Renewal Ministry

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

GBA Strengthen Leadership Team

Bible Drills Report

The 2022-2023 Associational Bible Drills were held on Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at Whitehall-Trenton. We had 9 children, and 3 youth drillers participate. The majority of these drillers proceeded to Regional/State Drills on April 29th.

Following are the churches and children/youth who participated.

FBC-Milan had 6 children:

Barrett Spencer	5th Grade, 2nd year for State
Ben Kimmer	5th Grade, 1st year for State
Kinley Bryowsky	5th Grade, 2nd year for State
Mercy Wolfe	5th Grade, 1st year for State
Silas Tatum	4th Grade, 1st year for State
Turner Sims	5th Grade, 2nd year for State

FBC-Kenton had 3 children:

Hannah Davidson	4 th Grade, 2 nd year for State
Owen Forbes	4 th Grade, 2 nd year for State
Anna Ciaramitaro	5 th Grade, 2 nd year for State

FBC-Kenton had 2 youth:

Conner Forbes	8 th Grade, 2 nd year for State
Conner Simpson	7 th Grade, 1 st year for State

Macedonia-Kenton had 1 youth:

Parker Julian	7 th Grade, 1 st year for State
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Congratulations to all of them for their hard work & dedication!

Rhonda Poore
Bible Drills Director

Birth Choice Report

As I ponder all “the things” I have the great opportunity to watch how our staff and volunteers pour into the lives of those that come into our door and how they, too, are changed because of how they serve God at Birth Choice. I get to watch how God provides over and over and over for us to minister life to this community; we will never know, this side of Heaven, all the lives that have been touched and changed through Birth Choice and legacy of life that is being built. You all are a part of that anytime you give, pray, volunteer for Birth Choice! Thank you for all your support and prayers, we truly could not do this without you!

STATS (January - October 9, 2023):

59 - New Clients, 356 - Total Visits, 10 - Male Clients, with several taking the Fatherhood Classes – this is amazing, we have not had this in the years past!

161 – Ultrasounds, 6 High Risk Clients – 4 of these changed their minds!!

Gospel Shared 117 times with clients, family of clients and friends of clients.

FUNDRAISING 2023:

- Annual Fundraising Banquet raised \$250,940
- Walk for Life raised \$7,432 (Gibson Co.) – Grand total – \$82,607 (as of October 9th)
- Madison/Gibson County and Mobile Medical Unit “Change for Life Baby Bottles” raised \$131,968.28 (Gibson Co. \$22,132.79 with 37 churches participating).

VOLUNTEER:

We always need more volunteer client advocates and volunteer nurses at our Gibson County office! If you are interested in learning more about how you can pour into the lives of women facing tough life decisions, call the office at 731-855-2900 or email kelly@birthchoice.us.

Nurses contact Guinda at guinda@birthchoice.us.

TRAINING DATES:

Choose ONE training seminar. Training dates are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Winter: Feb. 6th, 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th, 22nd, 27th, & 29th

Spring: May 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 28th, & 30th

Fall: Oct. 1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd, & 24th

HOLIDAY MEAT SALE:

Thanksgiving – orders open October 18 to November 20 place orders at birthchoice.biz, pick up November 22nd at Jackson office location.

Christmas – orders open November 24 to December 20 place orders at birthchoice.biz, pick up December 23rd at Jackson office location.

HELP US KEEP THE RESOURCE ROOM STOCKED:

Baby Shampoo/Bath/Wash*, Baby Formula-Similac, Diaper Rash Ointment, Play Yards,

Clothes – Girl-sizes 12-18 months, 18-24 months and 2T*, Onesies- Girl -All sizes up to 2T*

Sleepers – Girl and Boy, all sizes, 0-2T

Highchairs, Strollers, Crib Sheets, Bouncy Seats, Bottles

Block Party Wagon Report

The Block Party Wagon is a valuable tool for evangelism. In 2022-2023 twelve churches used the BPW a total of thirteen times during Vacation Bible School, Fall Events, and other outreach ministries.

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

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

We have survived and thrived another year for the benefit of women in the ministry of Gibson County CWJC. Twice Blessed has exploded with an abundance of donations, and our House of Hope is currently running smoothly with our new house manager and 2 residents. At Twice Blessed, we processed 45 applications for utility assistance through the ministerial alliance and 58 applications for clothing and food assistance. It has been 20 years ago since our first site coordinators were certified, and God continues to bless and use us for His glory.

Some accomplishments this year include: Two 15 week Powered for Life classes completed in the Spring and the Fall both at Twice Blessed and at the Gibson County Correctional Facility; this included 9 total graduates, customer appreciation day with hotdogs and drinks, 2 attendees for WMU Get-Together in Brentwood, Brenda Taylor recognized as our "Joyce Brown Volunteer of the Year", debit/credit machine installed at Twice Blessed, a large new sign on the awning of Twice Blessed and another successful fundraiser.

We are overjoyed when the ladies at our House of Hope get saved and rededicate their lives. We have had 7 women come to the house and spend some time during the past year, and 5 have either gotten saved and baptized or rededicated their lives. We graduated one in January, and plan to graduate another this November. They graduate after finding a job, getting licenses reinstated, paying fines, and obtaining dependable transportation and a safe place to live.

We are grateful to all of the churches, organizations and individuals who continue to show their support of the ministry. We received two allotments from the GOTM, monetary support from our churches and individuals, gifts of supplies for the house, gifts of labor to provide lunches for the volunteers, repairs and upkeep of our home and volunteers who give of their time throughout the year at the store and in our classes. Our need for volunteers continues to be great, but we trust God to send the help. Thank you for your consideration of investing in the Gibson County Christian Women's Job Corp.

Christy Skelton
Site Coordinator

Deacons' Meetin' Report

GBA's Annual Deacons' Meetin' was held at White Hall Baptist Church who graciously hosted and served those that attended on Thursday evening, September 7, 2023. This year's theme was Serving Faithfully and Finishing Well.

A special thank YOU to JB Brandon Catering who provided the meal and the wonderful ladies of White Hall who provided drinks, desserts, and childcare. We had 123 people who enjoyed the meal and fellowship!!!

Our worship began with Songs of Praise by New Bethlehem Baptist Church Praise & Worship Team. Bro. Mike Kemper, GBA Director of Missions spent some valuable time with encouragement of How to Care for Your Pastor. Our guest speaker was Dr. Ray Van Neste, Union University. We were encouraged to be faithful servants of our LORD JESUS CHRIST and strive to finish well in HIS ministry!!! GOD'S people responded to the challenge from GOD'S WORD!!! Worship attendance was 159 people!!!

We are looking forward to next year's Deacons' Meetin' which will be September 5, 2024.

Discipleship Training Report

Discipleship Training increased this year from last year. This year fifteen (15) of our churches reported a total enrollment of 650 in Discipleship Training. Last year eleven (11) churches reported an enrollment of 569. The enrollment increased by 81 members.

Men's Ministry Report

Softball:

The softball league ended with Sugar Creek winning 2 of 3 in the best of 3 games over Whitehall in the Co-ed division.

New Bethlehem beat Kenton Laneview to secure victory in the men's division.

Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA):

We had a beautiful evening for our Fields of Faith. T. J. Gilliam was our speaker, and our music was provided by the Rock Church. We had between 650-750 people attend. There were student testimonies given and had a huge impact on our youth. T J delivered a timely message that I later found out, touched the hearts of many adults in attendance. We had over 40 decisions and had a report of 10 from one of our local GBA churches. I also had reports of others who did not come forward but revealed at a later date that they had made a decision for Christ. I am so appreciative of what our churches are doing to support youth in Gibson and surrounding counties. It is your giving and support that makes this possible. We spend 7-10 thousand dollars to have this event. Thank you to each and every one who donated, assisted, and prayed for this event. I hope we can make next year bigger and better and reach more youth for Christ.

CMJC:

We were able to send a couple of volunteers to Nashville for training to support the future of a men's ministry that we hope to put in place soon.

Shed Project:

Some volunteers were able to assist in getting the roof on the shed for the trailers. Many thanks to the volunteers who came and shared their gifts and crafts to further this project along.

Bob Moore,
Men's Ministry Director

Pastor's Conference Report

Fellowship is key to survival for the Christian. For Pastors, fellowship among each other is vital for survival. I don't know what I would do if it were not for my brothers who challenge me, support me, cheer for me and cry with me. I am thankful to know that I am not out on an island by myself. Instead, I am one of many men that are in the trenches together, loving on the saints, and taking the Gospel to a lost world. Our Monday mornings together provide me the boost I need to make it another week.

We had a wonderful year in our Monday Morning Pastor Conferences. We heard from Pastors throughout the Association, as well as guests from our community, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and Beyond. Hearing from all of the great people that have come into share has been wonderful. However, my favorite part of pastors conference this year is the time of celebration we had each week of what God is doing in our association. I am thankful for the encouragement I received each week from the joy of pastors who had led people to Jesus, baptized believers, had folks join their churches and all the other milestones we celebrated together. God is working in our communities, and we need to celebrate him first and foremost. I also enjoyed the opportunities that we had to voice concerns. When our hearts are burdened it is important that we can express those burdens and pray together. Another aspect that I really enjoyed this year was the opportunities to ask questions and hear knowledge from men that have been serving for much longer than myself. I learned more from you than I did in college of Seminary. IT was a great year and I look forward to our new leadership and the times we will have together.

Thank you, Brothers, for all that you do for the Kingdom and that you do for each other.

Johnny McCartney

Pastors Conference President 2022-2023

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.

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.

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, and Stephen Lacy.

The Continuing Education Scholarship 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.

Senior Adult Report

The Spring Event was held March 16, 2023, at New Bethlehem Baptist Church in Dyer at 6:00 P.M. The entertainment was a Bluegrass band featuring Kurt and Andrea Stephenson, Curtis Mann, and Jeff Smith. We had 196 in attendance. Door prizes were given. The food was catered by the "Why Not Food Ministry" with Brian Griffith as the chief cook. Everyone enjoyed the delicious food and entertainment.

The Fall Event was held September 30, 2023, at Salem Baptist Church in Trenton at 6:00 P.M. The entertainment was Kenny Evans, an evangelist, entertainer, and sportsman. We had 141 in attendance. Door prizes were given. 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 2022/23 show that Sunday School enrollment showed a slight decrease again. Our churches reported a Sunday School enrollment of 4,413 which is a decrease of 4 from last year's enrollment of 4,417. However, our Sunday School average attendance increased by 130 people with the 2021/22 average attendance at 2,720 and the 2022/23 average attendance at 2,850.

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 however, we did not receive any reports from churches about decisions made. The event used local speakers and music leaders (Joey Hufstedler from New Hope Baptist Church spoke and Matt Dunagan from Sugar Creek Baptist Church led worship). The extra budgeted funds for this event were used to purchase part of a sound system to be used for Student Night at the Fair this year, future years at the fair, and is available from the GBA office to churches to use other times as needed.

The second event was a Student Leader fellowship. Multiple leaders were able to attend several events hosted by leaders from different churches (one event hosted by New Bethlehem Baptist Church and one by leaders from The Church at Sugar Creek) as well as one funded wholly by the GBA Student Leader Fellowship Fund. We budgeted for three to four fellowships for the 2022-2023 budget calendar. The next fellowship will be tentatively planned for the holiday season (Nov.-Jan.) of 2023-2024. The GBA Youth Team will be seeking a church/student leader to host the next fellowship.

Todd Kirk, GBA Youth Director

UNION UNIVERSITY REPORT

Over the past year, Union University had the opportunity to celebrate its bicentennial and reflect on 200 years of God's faithfulness. What a history! The Lord has provided for Union time and time again and poured out blessing upon blessing as we have equipped thousands of students to serve the church and society. Generations of Union alumni have taken their gospel witness into all the world, making a difference for Christ in their families, their churches, their workplaces, and their communities.



As we have looked back on our past, we have also dreamed about what God will do through Union in the future. Union trustees in December approved a strategic plan entitled *Protinus* that will guide the university's operational goals and planning over the next five years. *Protinus* is a Latin word that means "to move immediately, forward, continuously, uninterruptedly, as from the very first."

Protinus includes four major themes – advancing Christ-centered higher education, pursuing faithful innovation throughout and across campuses, continuing to solidify and develop Union's financial position and enhancing Union's culture of shared life and commitment to one another's flourishing.

Each theme includes several goals for the university to accomplish by 2027. For example, the theme of advancing Christ-centered higher education includes such goals as focusing each department and athletic team on intentional student discipleship and providing leadership to kindred Christ-centered institutions of higher education.

Another goal in the plan is the completion of a comprehensive fundraising campaign. Union launched "Union 200: Tradition. Truth. Transformation." in September with an \$80 million goal. About \$38 million has been given and pledged toward that goal thus far.

Other highlights from the past year:

- Plans are underway for a new academic building on campus that will house the McAfee School of Business and the departments of computer science and engineering.
- In partnership with the TBMB, Union hosted its first youth apologetics conference, EQUIP!, with more than 260 attendees.
- The Union debate team won another national championship, and the Cardinal & Cream was named the best college magazine in the South for the second straight year.
- The College of Pharmacy's class of 2022 scored a 92 percent pass rate on the NAPLEX, the highest rate in the state and the 12th highest nationally.

None of this would be possible without the Lord's provision and without the support of Tennessee Baptists. We are grateful for your friendship, and we ask that you would continue to pray for Union as we seek to be faithful to our mission.

Gratefully,

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



Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes, Inc.

Our Baptist Village Humboldt ministry remains in the construction phase. We had high hopes of finishing the first phase that includes the first two duplex units by the spring of 2023. However, there have been various issues, mostly related to the availability of building supplies, that have caused some significant delays. So, we are a bit cautious about making predictions about when this ministry will be available. That said, we have a measured degree of confidence that these first two duplexes will be completed before the end of 2023. When the entire Baptist Village Humboldt project is completed, there will be 10 duplexes serving 20 financially needy retired pastors and missionaries.

The SOAR fund (Supplying Ongoing Aid to Residents) that was established through the Tennessee Baptist Foundation in 2019 has suffered significant losses, just as all investments everywhere over these past four years. Because of these investment losses and the rate of inflation over the past 2 years, we were forced to invade the SOAR fund in order to keep operating our group homes and to continue our development of Baptist Village Humboldt. Our financial losses, since the dissolution of our nursing home about 8 years ago, have placed us in a position of needing additional funding in the very near future. This circumstance has created the need for us to seek additional funding from the Cooperative Program. Your gifts to the Cooperative Program and to the Father's Day Offering will allow us to stop spending our quickly dwindling reserves and to continue providing a Christian home for the men and women in our six group homes.

Speaking of our Father's Day Offering, receipts are pretty much on target to come in at a rate consistent with previous years. Now more than ever, however, we are hopeful that we will far surpass previous years and even exceed our goal. Again, exceeding our FDO goal along with an increase in Cooperative Program funding will allow us to avoid using any further reserves.

We reported last year that after having to cancel Special Friends Camp for three years in a row (2020-2021-2022) due to our inability to find Counselors. The result of those cancellations is that TBAH has determined that we will not seek to have Special Friends Camp for the foreseeable future and possibly ever again.

Thank you, Tennessee Baptists, for your prayers and your financial support!
Thank you for ***Showing What Love Is!***

Sincerely,

Mark Anderson, President/Treasurer

Baptist Memorial Health Care System-Memphis, TN-Jason Little, President & CEO

Baptist Memorial Health Care began as a 150-bed hospital in downtown Memphis in 1912. It was formed by the Southern Baptist Conventions of Tennessee, Mississippi, and Arkansas because they recognized a tremendous need for a health care facility in this part of the country. The hospital's early days were rough – at one point, it almost closed – but eventually it grew to become the largest private hospital in the world. The hospital played a very important role in the history of health care in the 20th century, celebrating many firsts along the way.

The Baptist Memorial Health Care system was created in 1981 to provide an integrated health care delivery system offering a full continuum of care to communities throughout the Mid-South. Today, a total of 22 hospitals in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Mississippi; an 800-member physician group; and dozens of other entities are affiliated with Baptist.

Baptist Memorial Health Care's staff chaplains are a part of the health care team. Patients, family members or employees know that they can ask for a chaplain at any time to augment our health care with spiritual or emotional care. In our hospitals, our chaplains represent their own faith but often deal with spiritual issues that transcend denominational lines.

The Rev. Jimmy Terry Preaching Series, hosted by Baptist's Pastoral Care Department, observed its sixth anniversary this year. The series, named in memory of a beloved member of Baptist's Board of Trustees and the founder of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Clarksville, Tennessee, welcomes a speaker – usually an ordained Baptist minister – each month to deliver an evangelical message to employees, physicians, patients and visitors from Baptist's flagship hospital. The message is broadcasted live to all 22 Baptist hospitals. Video recordings of each event on our Facebook page have been viewed more than 166,900 times and have reached 170,300 people in the past year.

In January, Baptist Memorial Health Care celebrated the grand opening of our new Baptist Arlington Emergency Department in Arlington, Tennessee. The \$16 million facility measures 35,000 square feet and offers eight patient rooms and CT scan, X-ray and ultrasound imaging technology. A Baptist Medical Group primary care office, an imaging center and a helipad are also located on the campus.

Baptist Health Sciences University welcomed newly named president Hampton Hopkins, Ed.D., who will oversee the opening of the university's new College of Osteopathic Medicine, which earned pre-accreditation this year. It's the first school of its kind in the Mid-South and will welcome its first class of medical students for the 2024-25 academic year. A special event to commemorate the beginning of construction on the Baptist University College of Osteopathic Medicine building took place in June, during which a Bible was placed in a capsule in the facility's foundation.

Baptist played a significant role in the aftermath of a destructive tornado in Tipton County in March. Despite damage to Baptist Memorial Hospital-Tipton's roof and canopy, and personal property damage and loss for many of our team members, the staff at Baptist Tipton performed heroically, even delivering a baby during the storm. Baptist Ambulance provided 911 ambulance service and routed ambulances from nearby counties to help with the disaster response.

In April, Baptist held a dedication and ribbon cutting for Dorothy's Cottage, a 4,100-square-foot expansion of Baptist Centers for Good Grief. Named in honor of Dorothy Lee Wilson, wife of Holiday Inn founder and entrepreneur Kemmons Wilson, Dorothy's Cottage provides a safe environment for grieving children, teens and adults to explore and express grief for the loss of a loved one.

The Jackson Clinic, one of the largest physician practices of its kind, and Baptist Memorial Health Care held a topping out ceremony and beam signing last July to celebrate a major milestone for a new outpatient medical campus in Jackson, Tennessee. The event marked the placement of the topmost beam on a 134,966-square-foot, \$62 million, two-story medical office building, which will be located on the campus. Baptist will lease approximately 40,000 square feet of the building for an outpatient surgery center that will include eight operating rooms and four procedure rooms. The Jackson Clinic will lease approximately 70,000 square feet and offer diagnostic imaging, laboratory, pharmacy, and specialty services.

In January, Baptist Union City celebrated the opening of its new, \$10 million physician office building in Union City, Tennessee. It will serve as the home of the newly named Baptist Medical Group-Women's Health Center of Union City. The clinic has 18 exam rooms, two procedure rooms, two ultrasound suites, a lab, and a large conference room.

The Leapfrog Group recently awarded "A" Hospital Safety Grades to Baptist Union City and Baptist Carroll County to recognize their achievements in protecting patients from harm and error in the hospital.

Baptist Booneville and Baptist Union City both earned a five-star rating in the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services' Overall Hospital Quality Star Ratings for 2022. Only 429 hospitals nationwide were given this rating.

Baptist Union City was awarded a three-year, \$1.5 million grant by the Health Resources & Services Administration's Rural Public Health Workforce Training Network Program for education, training and employment opportunities for community paramedics/emergency medical technicians and respiratory therapists. Baptist was also awarded \$5.5 million to expand the critical care unit at Baptist Collierville and received \$3.5 million to purchase an autonomous nursing robot that can be controlled from a central hub at our corporate offices.