

The Vision

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GBA Calendar

March

25: GBA Men's Work Day

April

7: GBA Good Friday Service
9: Easter
11: W TN Pastors Conference - UU
11: GBA Bible Drills
20: WMU Quarterly Mtg
20: Birth Choice Banquet
24: GBA Exec Board Mtg
29: Regional Bible Drills

May

4: National Day of Prayer
9: W TN Pastors Conference - UU
14: Mother's Day
29: Memorial Day

A Missionary View

I have been praying, seeking, and learning as I again assume the role of Association Mission Strategist (AMS, but also still familiar as DOM)! It is a blessing to connect and re-connect with many churches, friends and colleagues! Several important needs I have quickly identified. First, it's obvious that the COVID pandemic took a toll and impacted GBA churches and families. Now, not only do we need to "recover" we need to regain and exceed previous Kingdom momentum and efforts! GBA churches, pastors and people cannot be willing to accept a "new norm" that is anything less than what is mandated by our Master. Be sure, the Lord never says, "oops" about anything, including circumstances or situations of life or the world! He's fully aware, He's still on His Throne, He has ALL power! And, until Jesus comes back, not matter the circumstances, we MUST keep the faith, and work 'til Jesus comes again! Praise the Lord for reports of revival and renewal among college students and in other places! But, the very same Holy Spirit power that is falling on "them," is the very same Holy Spirit power that dwells in us! Our prayer must be, "Lord forgive us, restore us and once again please pour out your power, grace, mercy and peace on us! If we heed 2 Chronicles 7:14 the result will be victory, including genuine worship and praise, with many coming into the Kingdom family, saved, baptized and set on the road of discipleship! So be it (amen) Lord Jesus!

Secondly, I want to have a discussion with pastors and leaders who consider that their church is a "struggling church." For whatever reason, whether numerical, financial, or any other situation. I am willing to meet individually, or set a collective meeting time! If you feel your church is in this group, please call and we will pray and seek together!

Finally, with so many of our churches currently without a pastor, realizing that we need to develop more willing workers to "fill the gaps" in various church needs, I am working to provide some on-line leadership development courses. I believe there are those among us who feel that they can do more...pastors or lay people, who with a little guidance and encouragement, can become a more

valuable resource for churches. If you are one who feels you can do more and you are interested in some on-line leadership training, call the GBA office and we will develop a plan to encourage, equip and empower you to develop your gifts.

Blessings, Bro. Mike

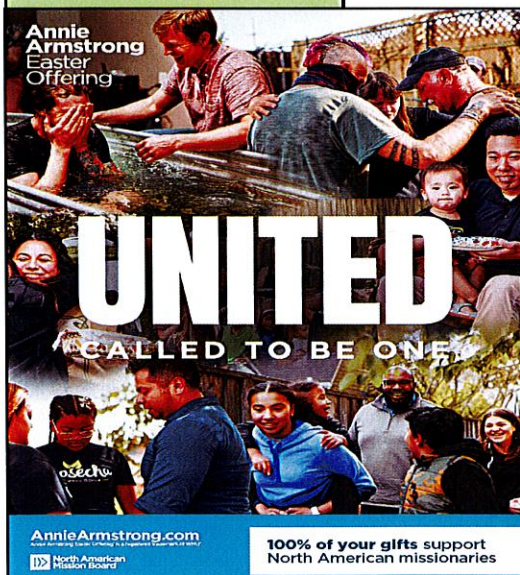
Gibson Baptist Association Good Friday Service

April 7, 6:30 at Immanuel BC, Trenton

"Jesus' Week of Passion"

5 preachers in "Rapid Fashion"

Jesus "Triumphal Entry" - John Coleman
"Passover Meal & Garden" - Joey Gowan
"Trial & Crucifixion" - Johnny McCartney
"Burial & In The Tomb" - Joel Pigg
"Resurrection" - Andy Mayfield



Our mission is to share the gospel, shape leaders, and strengthen churches.

The next WMU Quarterly Meeting is 10am, April 20th at Kenton FBC. Bring a salad to share.

GBA Bible Drills

April 11 / 6:30pm / White Hall

Call GBA (855-1202) with the names & grades of those participating from your church, by April 4.
Regional Bible Drills are April 29 at FBC Milan.



Softball

It's not too late for your church to have a softball team this year!

April 22nd - Round Robin

All league forms and fees are due.

Forms are available at the GBA office. Contact Bob Moore (731-431-1056) for more information.



Jesus' Week of Passion

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National Day of Prayer

May 4th - 10am

Followed by a catered lunch.

James 5:16B

"The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."

Gibson County Ed Jones Agri-plex
1248-1298 Manufacturers Row
Trenton TN

G.L.O.W. Camp

May 26-27 / \$30 per person

Reelfoot Youth Camp & Retreat Center
Hornbeak TN

For girls currently in grades 1-6.

Registration Deadline: April 23, 2023

The \$30 per person fee includes lodging, meals, activities, & t-shirt.

Contact Pamela Basham (731-414-2187) for more information.

VBS

We have an associational VBS team available to answer questions as you plan your VBS. We will not have a clinic this year but other available training is listed below.

- April 17, 6pm at Southside Baptist Church
505 Christie St. Dyersburg - Call Brittany Harwell (731-612-8276) to register & for more information.

Executive Board Meeting: April 24 / 7pm / GBA Office - The 2022 Minute Book is available for pick up for your church.



BIRTH CHOICE Our Client Advocates have the incredible opportunity to help women facing unplanned and sometimes unwanted pregnancies who come to our clinics for help. They share the gospel, educate our clients on life-affirming options for their pregnancies, and share the truth about the child in the womb. Our medical personnel perform our free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds that introduce women to the precious babies in their wombs. Please pray the Lord will send us godly, Christian women who have a passion for the preborn and helping other women in unplanned pregnancy situations. As for medical personnel, we need women with an RN or RDMS degree to train for support nurses and ultrasound nurses; we can use LPNs for support nurses.

SAVE THE DATES!!!

Annual Fundraising Banquet – Apr 20 with Speaker Tony Perkins-contact Tiffany to make your reservation, tiffany@birthchoice.us or 731-453-8159
Baby Bottles Fundraising Campaign runs Mother's Day to Father's Day
Next training starts in May!

HELP US STOCK THE RESOURCE ROOM

Baby Formula-Similac, Car seats – we can only take new
Baby Beds, Play Yards
Clothes – Girl-sizes 12-18 months, 18-24 months and 2T
Onesies- Girl -All sizes up to 2T
Highchairs, Strollers, Diaper Rash Ointment, Baby Shampoo/Bath/Wash

OPPORTUNITIES:

When Spring and Summer arrive we will need help with yard work, contact Kelly if you would be interested in helping:
kelly@birthchoice.us or 731-330-4072.



CWJC / Twice Blessed

Spring is in the air at Twice Blessed! Bright whites and colorful items (many that are brand new with tags attached) are coming in and replacing the winter clothing. We have Easter items and everything you can imagine for spring. Shop with us and help support the CWJC ministry and our House of Hope.

Our Mentor Coordinator along with myself recently enjoyed the WMU conference in Brentwood. We were the recipients of office supplies and other items from the get-together.

5 of us recently attended our annual training for going into the Gibson County Correctional Facility. We go in each Tuesday from 9am until 11am with Bible study and life and job skills.

Thanks to the ladies from our churches who recently signed up to bring meals for our volunteers. It is a blessing to be able to serve our volunteers and community service workers lunch when they work.

Please remember us in prayer and consider how you or your church can be of help. Volunteers are always needed in the store and for assisting with the girls at our House of Hope.

Thanks,
Christy
(731) 414-2795



Bertie Thompson Scholarship: Scholarship available to members of GBA churches. It provides financial help for students who sense a calling to serve in some aspect of Christian ministry & maintain a certain grade point average. Application available on the GBA Website, www.gbalife.org - deadline May 20.

Continuing Ed Scholarship: For people in ministry (lay & vocational) who are taking classes (Seminary, Bible College, Christian Education type courses). Applications available at the GBA Office.

**Pastors and Wives
April Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Birthdays

6	Rev Billy Hanks, Pastor	W Carroll Unity
15	Mrs Cindy Pool, Pastor's Wife	Medina FBC

Anniversaries

1	Rev/Mrs Billy Hanks, Pastor & Wife	W Carroll Unity
24	Rev/Mrs Marlon Stephens, Retired Pastor & Wife	Rutherford FBC
28	Rev/Mrs Dale Denning, Pastor & Wife	Elevate

GBA Pastors Conference

Pastors meet Mondays at 10am at the Gibson Baptist Association office for a time of fellowship and inspiration.

Church News

Piano Player Needed: If you are interested in playing the piano each week during a morning worship service, please contact the association office (855-1202).

Bethel Baptist Church, Yorkville is searching for a bi-vocational music director/ worship leader.

Keely Mill Baptist Church → REVIVAL: April 16-April 21

Evangelist: Dr. Mike Rasberry / Guest Pianist: Diane Rasberry-Special Music Nightly
 Sunday: 11am, Followed by a potluck luncheon at 12 in the FH.
 Sunday Evening: 6pm, Monday-Friday: 7pm

Kenton FBC is accepting resumes for the position of bi-vocational youth minister. Please submit resume or direct questions to broshawnallred@gmail.com.

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church is looking for our next Music Minister, someone that can lead a blended style of worship. The ability to play an instrument would be a great benefit but not a requirement. Part time/ bivo position. Resumes to johnny.mccartney@yahoo.com.

New Hope Baptist Church-Dyer is seeking a bi-vo Minister of Music Director with leadership skills in directing traditional/blended worship services. Contact Johnny Alford: jkinalford@hotmail.com or mail resume to: New Hope Baptist Church, PO Box 293, Dyer, TN 38330 attn: Johnny Alford/Music Search Committee.

Trenton First Baptist Church is seeking God's man to lead us as our new pastor. If you sense God's leading for that role, please look at our website: www.fbctrenton.net. Send resume to the church office, First Baptist Church, 401 South High Street, Trenton, TN 38382 or firstbaptisttrenton@gmail.com. We are an established Baptist Church aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention. Our Vision statement is CONNECTING ALL PEOPLE IN CHRIST.

White Hall Baptist Church is a multigenerational church prayerfully seeking a bi-vocational music leader. Candidates should be experienced in leading a choir, planning various holiday programs, and available for Sunday and Wednesday evening services. We prefer a candidate with a musical education background, but not required. We enjoy a blended style of worship which focuses on praising God. Resume may be sent to WHBCstuff@gmail.com or mailed to 671 Concord Cades Road, Trenton, TN 38382.

Thank you Dianna & I would like to express our appreciation to the GBA for sponsoring us to attend the Bivocational Minister & Wife Retreat held in Pigeon Forge this past January! It was a wonderful time of refreshing and worship with others from across our state.

Sincerely, Bro Andy Rice, Pastor, Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Kenton

Churches Seeking a Pastor

Chapel Hill, Gibson, Hickory Grove, Laneview-K, Latham's Chapel, Milan FBC, New Hope, Northside, Oak Grove, Smyrna, Spring Hill, Trenton FBC, West Side

October 1, 2022 - February 28, 2023

Church	Year to Date Receipts	February Receipts
Antioch	\$.00	\$.00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	642.69	106.53
Bethel-H	.00	.00
Bethel-Y	1,205.00	.00
Bethpage	429.30	.00
Bradford FBC	1,575.00	315.00
Calvary-H	146.55	37.19
Calvary-R	1,362.73	.00
Center	200.00	.00
Chapel Hill	3,757.12	.00
China Grove	139.02	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	2,372.20	499.07
Eldad	2,015.88	.00
Elevate	1,601.00	450.00
Emmanuel	1,771.97	438.78
Fellowship	1,520.95	430.33
Fruitland	453.96	226.95
Gibson	1,138.28	484.44
Hickory Grove	650.00	.00
Idlewild	575.18	111.00
Immanuel-T	479.00	144.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	8,992.32	2,098.57
Laneview-K	.00	.00
Laneview-T	247.80	.00
Latham's Chapel	.00	.00
Lavinia	2,819.00	622.00
Medina, FBC	1,942.93	411.27
Midway	508.95	.00
Milan, FBC	4,170.00	834.00
Mt. Pisgah	739.50	305.79
Mount Pleasant	6,754.00	.00
New Bethlehem	2,684.75	717.10
New Haven	1,550.00	350.00
New Hope	1,666.64	833.34
Northerns Chapel	150.00	.00
Northside	1,236.26	264.71
Oak Grove	435.22	87.18
Oakwood	1,150.87	251.91
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	721.36	195.76
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford FBC	653.85	222.72
Salem	2,364.13	1,057.71
Smyrna	1,183.29	180.80
Spring Hill	422.80	76.00
The Church at Sugar Creek	6,525.79	1,028.36
Trenton, FBC	3,125.00	625.00
Walnut Grove	250.00	.00
West Carroll Unity	306.61	.00
West Side	800.00	.00
White Hall	2,166.99	497.71
Undesignated	75,603.89	\$13,903.22
Designated	6,849.84	
TBMB	4,054.17	
Total Receipts	\$ 86,507.90	

2022-2023 Wingo Goal: \$23,500

Received to Date: \$7,639.09

Thank you for generously giving to Wingo!

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CHAPEL HILL WOMEN'S CONFERENCE **APRIL 22**
DINNER @ 6:00 PM
SERVICE @ 7:00 PM

TRUTH Be Told

REPLACING THE LIES OF THE ENEMY WITH THE TRUTH OF GOD'S WORD

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We invite you to join us on **April 22 at 6PM** for Chapel Hill's Truth Be Told Women's Conference. Susannah Lewis & Jenn Kish will teach how God's truth can replace the lies the enemy tells all of us. Rachel Williams & Megan Allen will lead us in worship.

Childcare not provided

DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION IS APRIL 9

Individual Tickets: \$30 (includes catered dinner)

Table Tickets (six ladies): \$150 (includes catered dinner)

Groups of 8+ contact host (Anisha Gilley)



Pictured Left: "Ignite" Evangelism challenge at Salem BC was a powerful Spirit filled evening. Great time with some of our Pastors and the Rally later with many church folks! Thanks Pastor Joel and Salem family for hosting and your Praise & worship team! Thanks Stephen & Wendy Tate for a delicious dinner



for Pastors & Wives! Roc Collins and Mark Miller (TBMB) brought a motivating evangelism challenge & powerful message! Only thing that would have made it better would have been a full house!

YOUNG ADULT CONFERENCE

WHERE: THOMPSON STATION CHURCH
WHEN: APRIL 15TH, 2023
TIME: 8:00AM-5:00PM
COST: \$5.00 PER PERSON

SPEAKERS: SHAUN PILLAY & SCOTT DAWSON
WORSHIP: ANDREW HOLT FROM 'BELONGING CO.'

REGISTRATION OPEN NOW AT: www.tnbaptist.org/event/young-adult-conference/

The Easter Experience

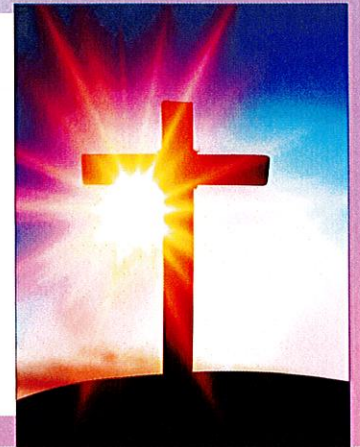
Saturday, April 8 Beginning @ 10:00 AM
FBC Trenton
Begins in Gym & Ends in Fellowship Hall

Please join us as we take a journey through the days leading up to the resurrection of Jesus Christ!

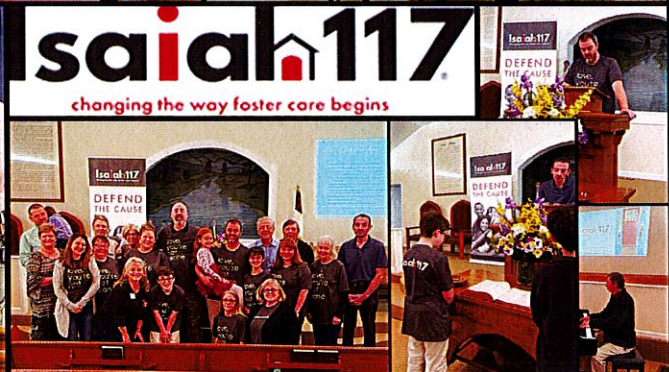
Scan the QR Code Below to Register



Church and Community Wide
Great for the Whole Family
FREE Lunch for Everyone
Treat Bags for the Children
Door Prizes



Thank you New Bethlehem and Martha Phelan for the Spring Senior Adult event. Everyone enjoyed the food & the Kurt and Andrea Stephenson Bluegrass Band!



Pictured Above Left: Deacon Ordination Service for Bro. Scott Cole and Bro. Tyler Arrington was held at Mt Pleasant Baptist Church March 5, 2023. **Pictured Middle:** Andy King, pastor Fruitland, presenting Tony Moore a certificate of License. **Pictured Above Right:** Jennifer Milam gave a presentation on the Isaiah 117 House at Idlewild Baptist Church.