

# The Vision

## Gibson Baptist Association

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### GBA Calendar

#### March

24: Luis Bruneau Ordination at Sugar Creek  
31: Easter

*He is Risen!*

#### April

7: Baptism Sunday  
7-8: WIN TN - New Vision Baptist Church  
9: W TN Pastors Conference - UU  
11-13: WMU Get-Together  
15: GBA Bible Drills  
20: WMU 100th Anniversary Luncheon  
22: GBA Executive Board Mtg  
27: Regional Bible Drills  
27: Compassion Ministry Workshop

#### May

2: National Day of Prayer  
11: Bible Storying Training  
12: Mother's Day  
14: W TN Pastors Conference - UU  
27: Memorial Day  
28: 31-June 1: GLOW Camp

### A Missionary View

On Monday the 18th our GBA Executive Board had a "called" meeting to consider and adopt a **Hispanic Ministry Plan** that we have been working on and praying about for several years. **The Board enthusiastically voted to adopt the plan and to move forward!** Included in this plan are three partners. Our association will partner with Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and The Church at Sugar Creek to fund and guide the strategy. The strategy is to focus in two areas where the largest population of Spanish speakers live and work. We have identified these areas to be Humboldt and Trenton areas. We will be seeking "people of peace" who will participate in home Bible studies, which we pray will grow and eventually become at least two Hispanic church plants. The Church at Sugar Creek will be the "sponsor" church and give day-to-day leadership and supervision. Luis and Jessynet Bruneau are being invited to relocate to the Humboldt area from their home in Panama to become our church planters. This will involve a legal process for Luis and Jessynet which will require government "work permits." Pray with us that this process can be accomplished smoothly and quickly! Though the plan has now been established, the number one strategy will be PRAYER! Thank you for faithfully praying with us and participating together as we advance the Lord's Kingdom here in Gibson County!

Last year and this year we have had the involvement of volunteer teams in Colombia & Panama working with our IMB missionaries to **take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to indigenous Indian tribes living in dangerous, isolated areas of the Darien Province of Panama and the Choco Province of Columbia.** In these areas there are NO roads, only jungles, mountains, valleys, rivers, and ocean (Atlantic and Pacific). But progress is being made in training the indigenous to learn Bible storying with the purpose that they may take the Good News to places where missionaries and others can not go! There are many opportunities for us to be a part of taking the Gospel to isolated people, many of which have never heard the name "Jesus!" **Several of our churches are already praying, giving, and going to support this effort! We invite you, and your church to pray about joining in this strategy and these projects!** Contact me for more information!

**Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) is looking Summer ministry volunteers,** adults or teens (ages 12 through college) who would be willing to do some "hands on" ministry in the summer time. This opportunity could be likened to a traveling VBS or Back Yard Bible School where CEF partners with local churches. We are happy to partner with CEF!

As we have the desire to challenge and equip our folks to have Gospel conversations with family, friends, and neighbors, we believe Bible Storying is a method or "tool" to help! So, we have scheduled **Storying Training for Saturday, May 11 here at our GBA office from 9-11 a.m. There is no cost, but we would like to know how many to expect to have space and materials available.** Please call 731-855-1202 to let us know your intention to participate!

Blessings, Bro. Mike



The Church at Sugar Creek  
Ordination Service for Luis Bruneau  
Sunday, March 24th  
Council 3pm/Ordination Service 4

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



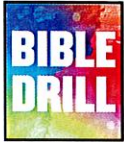
# Happy 100th Anniversary Gibson Baptist Association WMU!

April 20, 2024 - The Church at Sugar Creek - 11am

Tickets are available at the GBA office - \$20 each - Limited seating, don't wait - get your ticket today!

## Softball

If your church plans to have a softball team this year we need confirmation of team entry by 12pm, April 8. All rosters & eligibility forms must be turned in before a team is allowed to play. Forms available at the GBA office. Contact Bob Moore (731-431-1056) for more information.



**GBA Bible Drills**  
April 15 / 6pm Registration  
6:30 Drills  
Immanuel, Trenton

Please call GBA (855-1202) with names & grades of those participating from your church, by April 8.

## Regional Bible Drills

April 27 - Milan FBC

## Compassion Ministry Workshop

Saturday, April 27 / 10:00am-2:00 / GBA office

If you have ever experienced frustration, disappointment, & even "burn-out" in trying to minister to those in low-income settings, you are not alone.

### "Ministering Through a Poverty Worldview"

will help you in the area of ministry-evangelism by sharing insights pertinent to relating to those who have known poverty as a way of life.

### "Transforming Compassionate Ministry"

presents the insights & tools necessary to provide more than relief to those in need.

GBA would like to present both of these workshops in a single setting at **no cost**. The two 90-minute workshops will include a free lunch and is designed to help: Pastors; Ministry Site Leaders; Church Ministry Teams/ Leadership; Benevolence personnel; Mission Volunteers

**Registration is needed** for materials & meal. Please register with the GBA office by **April 22**.



## National Day of Prayer

May 2nd - 10am - Milan FBC  
LIFT UP THE WORD - LIGHT UP THE WORLD

Speaker: Nelson Cunningham  
Gibson County Mayor

Followed by a catered lunch.

## G.L.O.W. Camp 2024

May 31 @ 4pm through June 1 @ 4pm  
Reelfoot Youth Camp & Retreat Center

For girls completing grades K-6 in 2023/2024.  
Registration Deadline: April 14, 2024



Cost: \$45 per girl, \$35 per adult leader,  
\$25 per jr/sr high leader

Contact Pamela Basham (414-2187 or  
prbash44@gmail.com) for more information.

## Executive Board Meeting: April 24 / 7pm / GBA Office



### UPCOMING:

- Baby Bottle Campaign** kicks off in May on the 12th and ends on June 16th (Mother's Day to Father's Day) contact kelly@birthchoice.us or tiffany@birthchoice.us for more information and/or to participate.
- Annual Fundraising Banquet** April 18th with speaker Roland Warren, President of Care-Net. Contact Kelly at kelly@birthchoice.us, 731.330.4072 or Tiffany at tiffany@birthchoice.us or 731.453.8159 if you would like a seat or to host a table of 8.
- TRAINING FOR CLIENT ADVOCATES, TEACHERS, MENTORS, AND MEDICAL STAFF:** May training begins on the 7th, contact Kelly at kelly@birthchoice.us or 731.855.2900 for full training schedule and an application.

If you have good communication skills on the phone and in person, computer skills, and have a heart to serve women, we are looking for someone willing to volunteer to train as a receptionist. This will be for 3 1/2 hours on Tuesdays evenings and 4 hours on Thursday mornings and to help fill in. Contact Kelly at kelly@birthchoice.us or 731.855.2900.

### Other opportunities to volunteer:

- Volunteer one day a week to help keep our donations and resource room updated, cleaned, and organized; make up layettes bags to give to our clients; quilt hand-made bags for us to have to give to our clients for layettes (or buy bags to donate).
- Help in the yard with the flower beds
- Organize prayer walks around the building to pray for the staff and clients

Thank you for all your support and prayers!  
Kelly



Please Let Us Know VBS Dates and Curriculum if you are willing to share with Churches Whose VBS is schedule After Yours

SEEK Team  
VBS Coordinator

Cathy Farrar  
(731) 446-6978

### Not Sure Where to Start with VBS Planning?

#### SEEK Team can Help With:

- Choosing Curriculum Options
- Having a "How To Plan" for VBS
- Coordinate with Churches to pass down curriculum, materials, & Decorations
- Assist with other requests as possible

VBS time is almost here - let us know your schedule & we'll help spread the word!

Trenton FBC - Kickoff: June 2 / VBS: June 3-6 / Family Day: June 9

New Hope - July 14-18 / Theme: Jungle Journey from Answers in Genesis



## CWJC / Twice Blessed

Happy Spring! Twice Blessed is bursting with bright colors for your spring and summer wardrobes. We also have a nice assortment of Easter baskets, and lots of odds and ends. It is because of your support that we are able to bless families weekly with food and clothing and household items. Pray for us as we witness to those in need.

Pray for our House of Hope as we are once again in search of a House Manager. The girls that are living there are doing very well. One is working on her GED and another will be going to work soon.

We continue to desire to speak about the ministry and all that God is doing. Our girls are willing to come share their testimonies. Feel free to call on us to speak at your WMU meeting, special event or any other services.

Christy Skelton  
(731) 414-2795



## Pastors and Wives April Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

6	Rev Billy Hanks, Pastor	West Carroll Unity
15	Mrs Cindy Pool, Pastor's Wife	Medina FBC
15	Rev Kenny Vaughn, (I) Pastor	Beech Grove
17	Mrs Kristin Scott, Pastor's Wife	White Hall

### Anniversaries

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

## GBA Pastors Conference

Pastors meet Mondays at 10am at the Gibson Baptist Association office.

## Church News

### **REVIVAL - at Calvary Baptist Church in Humboldt**

April 7th through the 10th with Bro. Mike Kemper.

**Chapel Hill Baptist Church** is accepting resumes for pastor. Resumes may be sent to CHBC.PSC.RESUME@gmail.com.

Chapel Hill Baptist Church is accepting resumes for the position of Youth Pastor. Please submit a resume and short cover letter explaining why you believe God is calling you to chbcyouth412@gmail.com.

**Clear Creek** is accepting resumes for pastor. Resumes may be emailed to Gary Selph at selphfarms@gmail.com.

**Emmanuel, H** is searching for a bi-vo Music Ministry Director. Please send all inquiries and resumes to Bro. Jake Fry at jakefry1017@gmail.com.

**Kenton FBC** welcomes new pastor, Brandon Norton.

**Laneview Baptist Church, Trenton** invites you to a **Celebration honoring Bro Nickey McMinn's 45 years of preaching.**

**Saturday, April 27th/2:00-4:30.** Bro Joe Eaton will be preaching at 2:00 followed by a come & go reception, 3:30-4:30.

**Sunday, April 28th** will be a church celebration with Bro Nickey preaching.

**Medina FBC** is looking to hire a part-time church/financial secretary and a part-time Youth Director. Call 731-783-3222 for more information or send resume to rpool@medinafbc.org.

**Milan FBC** is seeking a full-time Worship/Communications Pastor. The full Job Description can be found at fbcmilan.org. To apply for this job please email your resume and a cover letter to milanworshipsearchteam@gmail.com.

**Mt Pleasant** is looking for a Music Minister, someone to lead a blended style of worship. Part time/bi-vo position. Send resume to johnny.mccartney@yahoo.com.

**New Bethlehem** is seeking a full-time associate pastor and a part-time secretary. Contact Tim Sullivan at 731-487-0335 or 731-692-4870 for more information.

**Oakwood Baptist Church** is seeking a bivocational pastor. Send resume to 21 Oakwood Rd, Milan TN 38358 or email to oakwoodbaptistmilan@gmail.com.

**First Baptist Church, Rutherford** is seeking a part time youth minister. Submit resume or for more info email: fbcutherford.youthminister@gmail.com.

### **The Church at Sugar Creek - Ordination Service**

Luis Bruneau to Gospel Ministry - Sunday, March 24 / 3pm Council / 4pm Service

**White Hall** is seeking a bi-vocational music leader. Send resume to: WHBCstuff@gmail.com or 671 Concord Cades Rd, Trenton, 38382.

## Churches Seeking a Pastor

Beech Grove, Chapel Hill, Clear Creek, Gibson, Laneview K, Northside, Oak Grove, Oakwood, Smyrna, Springhill, Westside

## October 1, 2023 - February 29, 2024

Church	Year to Date Receipts	Feb Receipts
Antioch	\$ 11,459.61	\$ 11,459.61
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	446.42	70.64
Bethel-H	.00	.00
Bethel-Y	1,289.00	.00
Bethpage	253.95	.00
Bradford FBC	1,575.00	630.00
Calvary-H	139.05	26.88
Calvary-R	677.41	.00
Center	200.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	.00	.00
China Grove	.00	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	2,270.42	.00
Eldad	1,664.46	.00
Elevate	2,164.00	400.00
Emmanuel	1,794.43	277.92
Fellowship	1,565.34	.00
Fruitland	275.28	22.35
Gibson	1,326.93	242.41
Hickory Grove	300.00	.00
Idlewild	1,672.04	254.48
Immanuel-T	762.00	148.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	9,573.20	1,821.76
Laneview-K	.00	.00
Laneview-T	335.44	50.90
Latham Chapel	.00	.00
Lavinia	3,191.00	491.00
Medina, FBC	1,661.19	279.41
Midway	604.01	.00
Milan, FBC	4,160.00	833.00
Mt. Pisgah	756.48	142.89
Mount Pleasant	11,739.76	1,621.88
New Bethlehem	3,165.97	1,024.40
New Haven	1,750.00	350.00
New Hope	1,767.05	833.66
Northerns Chapel	125.00	25.00
Northside	878.03	131.47
Oak Grove	387.12	71.54
Oakwood	1,396.70	530.90
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	715.40	136.88
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford FBC	521.07	.00
Salem	1,535.55	.00
Smyrna	792.11	.00
Spring Hill	318.60	.00
The Church at Sugar Creek	7,360.96	1,198.64
Trenton, FBC	3,125.00	.00
Walnut Grove	250.00	.00
West Carroll Unity	.00	.00
Westside	400.00	.00
White Hall	1,630.38	.00
<b>Undesignated</b>	87,975.36	\$ 23,125.62
<b>Designated</b>	31,083.29	
<b>TBMB</b>	3,286.00	
<b>YTD Total Receipts</b>	\$ 122,344.65	

**2023-24 Wingo Goal: \$20,000**

**Received to Date: \$ 4,906.81**

*Thank you for generously giving to Wingo!*



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**Scholarships**

**Bertie Thompson Scholarship** - *The Bertie Thompson scholarship is available to members of GBA churches. This scholarship provides financial help for students who sense a calling to serve in some aspect of Christian ministry & maintain a certain GPA. Application available at [www.gbalife.org](http://www.gbalife.org). Deadline May 18.*

**Continuing Education Scholarship** - *For people in ministry (both lay & vocational) taking classes (Seminary, Bible College, or Christian Education type courses). Application available at GBA or online at [gbalife.org](http://gbalife.org).*

**Who: HS Students with a Passion for Missions**  
We are looking for 6-8 missional students (entering grades 10-12) from across TN to participate in the 24/25 TN Yth Venture Team.

**What: 2024-2025 TN Youth Venture Team**  
Students challenged, discipled & mentored in a strategic missions lifestyle through a team retreat (July 26-27 at Carson Springs), Bible studies & mission learning experiences, & training/equipping opportunities with mission leaders & missionaries. There will also be an opportunity to join a mission trip during the summer of 2025.

**When: Applications due by May 15**  
**Term of service begins June 1**  
More info at [tnbaptist.org/tn-youth-venture-team](http://tnbaptist.org/tn-youth-venture-team).



**State Evangelism Conference**  
**NOW is the day of Salvation!**  
April 7 & 8 / New Vision Baptist Church in Murfreesboro, TN  
Registration & More Information: [www.wintn.org](http://www.wintn.org)

**A Message From Baptism-Discipleship Team Leader, Mark Miller:**  
We hope you will join us at the 2024 State Evangelism Conference!

This event is designed to help people be encouraged to share their faith and win lost souls. We have an outstanding lineup of speakers, breakout sessions, and worship that we would be honored for you to be a part of.

Objective 1: Seeing at least 50,000 Tennesseans annually saved, baptized and set on the road to discipleship by 2024.



**Plan To Do Outreach at a Local Festival?**

**SEEK TEAM can Help:**

- Provide Evangelism Materials
- Schedule Party Wagon
- Coordinate with Other Churches
- Brainstorm Outreach Ideas

**YEARLY FESTIVALS**

Teapot, Strawberry, Dyer Station, White Squirrel, Bradford Doodle Soup, Davy Crockett Days, and Milan Dawg Days

**SEEK Team Festival Coordinator**  
Lane Self (731) 514-8282

**CHBC MEN'S MINISTRY**  
**March 29, 2024**  
**Night of Encouragement**

JOIN US AT 5:30 FOR MEAL - \$10

6:30-8:00 WORSHIP AND ENCOURAGEMENT FROM THE MEN OF CHAPEL HILL

- WORSHIP: JAKE RUNYON
- SPEAKERS: JASON LEWIS AND JONATHAN STEWART

**03-29-2024**  
**5:30PM - 8:00PM**

Chapel Hill Baptist Church  
76 Chapel Hill Rd  
Milan Tn



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CHRISTIAN YOUTH IN ACTION

QR Code

Serve the Lord this year as a local summer missionary. CEF is seeking young people, 12 to early college age to serve in hands-on ministry. Call our office at 731-736-2788 or scan the QR-code to learn more.

**Work in a team to share Jesus!**

A ministry of Child Evangelism Fellowship



**Pictured Above - Top Row:** Deacon Ordination at Bethel, Yorkville - Ronny Howard, Stan Sims, Gary Nolan, James Dunagan, Jason Milligan, Allen Leatherland, Billy Criswell, and Tim Griggs / **Middle Row:** Mission Trip to Panama February 21 - March 1, 2024  
**Bottom Row:** Thank you Milan FBC & Martha Phelan for the Spring Senior Adult event. Everyone enjoyed the food & The Rainey's!  
**Bottom Right:** Prayer at the called meeting, March 18, for the GBA Hispanic Ministry Plan.