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**GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
 SENIOR ADULT EVENT
 AUGUST 8, 2019
 5:30 PM**

The Church at Sugar Creek
With entertainment from:



Meal: \$ 10.00
Grilled Chicken Breast
Tenderloin
Baked Beans, Baked Potato Salad
Banana Pudding, Pecan Cobbler
Rolls, Tea

**Please sign up by JULY 29TH. You can mail your
 paid reservations to GBA, PO Box 186, Trenton,
 38382 or stop by the GBA office on
 1275 US Hwy 45 By-Pass, N Trenton.**

ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS AND PASTORS:

**The 2019 Annual Church Profiles (ACP's) are ready in the
 GBA Office. They need to be returned here by Oct 3rd.
 Please have someone come in to pick up your
 Church's Profile.**



Rutherford, FBC celebrated 150 years of service on June 30th. Bro. Roger presented their pastor, Bro. Zach McCain, a plaque from the TBC Historical Committee. Rev. Mark Warren, a former member, preached the service.



**GOD & COUNTRY RALLY
 In Remembrance of 9/11**

**September 11th
 6:31 PM**

Gibson County Courthouse, Trenton
Guest Speaker: Michael Imhof
Former US Navy Commander & Navy Seal

**Special Recognition for Military, EMS,
 First Responders, and Chaplains.**

**Invite family members, friends
 and neighbors.**
“Bring chairs for seating at the Rally”



Current pastors & former pastors of GBA met for a meal at the SBC Annual Meeting in June in Birmingham AL. Seated to the left are Bro. Joel & Suzanne Pigg (Salem), Bro. Randy Pate, formerly of Milan, FBC, Bro. Chris Alexander, formerly of White Hall, Bro. Bryan Morris, (New Hope), Penny & Bro. Roger, and Dave Powell, (Smyrna).

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A Missionary View



In my column this month, I am going to do something that I have never done. I am going to share with you an article written by Thom Rainer that deals with pastors and interruptions they deal with when trying to take some time away with their family for vacation. My prayer is that our churches and people in the pew will read this article to gain a better appreciation of the life of a pastor and just how critical it is to allow our pastors time away with their families for vacations.

When Should Pastors Interrupt Vacations? Five considerations:

Because many schools are out most of the summer, pastors, like many families, choose to take their vacations this time of year. But many pastors are keenly aware of the risk of being called home for an emergency during their vacations. It is more common than most church members realize.

So, what should pastors do if the interruption takes place? Without giving specific details, let me share with you five considerations for pastors confronted with this reality.

Interrupted vacations should be the exception. One pastor shared with us his vacation had been interrupted seven of the eight past attempts to get away. I bluntly told him he was deeming too many things to be an emergency. I also told him he was sacrificing his family to please other church members. That brings me to the second point.

Your family remembers these interruptions. We have heard from grown pastors' kids who still remember the pain of interrupted vacations. They still remember the angst every time the phone rang on vacation. Their perception is often that they really didn't matter as much as other church members.

Pastors need a back-up plan in place. Even in small churches, you need someone to visit the hospitals and respond to emergencies. Funerals can typically be covered by a pastor of another church. Indeed, some pastors have reciprocal agreements much like physicians who need back-up plans for vacations.

Churches should consider reimbursements and re-schedules when pastors are called home from vacation. One pastor shared that it cost him over \$1,000 in travel costs to get him and his family home for a church emergency when three members died in an auto accident. But the personnel committee of the church refused to reimburse him for his travel costs, and they did not allow him to reschedule those vacation days. That's just wrong.

Some members will simply not understand. "There is no easy way to tell a grieving widow you can't come home from vacation," one pastor shared with me. "I understand. She just lost her husband. But it was one of 17 deaths in our church that year. I had to find a way to take my family on vacation."

There are some emergencies that require pastors to interrupt a vacation. One pastor was on vacation when a shooting occurred in his church. That is a clear and obvious reason to return home. But too many pastors interrupt their vacations for almost any need in the church.

It is a tough decision. Unfortunately, the pastors' family is often the one asked to make the sacrifice.

How would you respond or set guidelines for these interruptions?

Let me encourage all of our churches to consider dismissing Wednesday night services on September 11, 2019, to participate in the "God & Country Rally: Remembering 9/11". The rally will be on the courthouse steps in Trenton. Michael Imhof, former Navy Commander and Navy Seal, will be sharing his experience and the gospel.

We welcome Bro. Lane Self as the new pastor of Dyer FBC. Dr. Paul Jackson has been called at interim pastor of White Hall. The following churches are seeking a pastor: Fruitland, Idlewild, Laneview-Kenton, Milan FBC, Oak Grove, and White Hall.

Your Missionary, **Bro. Roger**



Gibson Baptist Association
Wingo Offering Sunday July 28, 2019
Celebrating 30 years of assisting GBA members
to go on Mission for the Lord

GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT
 The Baptist Association exists to actively assist churches accomplish The Great Commission.

WMU EVENT

G.L.O.W. CAMP
BEYOND
the imaginable

God's Princesses In Training
discovering truths that are unimaginable
but you must believe they're not fairy tales

AUGUST 23-24, 2019
Reelfoot Youth Camp & Retreat Center
for girls who've completed grades K-6

Registration Opens April 28th
\$50 Deposit holds your church a spot!
Send check to GSA, P.O. Box 186, Trenton, TN 38382,
and call or text Pamela Basham @ 414-2187.
Reserve your spot by June 1st for \$12 per person or
between June 2- July 27 @ \$15 per person
Max capacity is 96 so register early

SEPTEMBER 19, 2019
WMU Fall Meeting
10 AM

Immanuel Baptist Church, Trenton
Bring a Salad to Share



BIRTH CHOICE

BIRTH CHOICE IS CELEBRATING 30 YEARS!

*Baby Bottles totals are coming soon if you have not already gotten news

*Mark your calendars for Walk for Life, October 5th @ West Jackson Baptist Church

*We would love for you or for you to bring a group to tour the office and get more information more about what we offer at Birth Choice

WAYS TO BECOME INVOLVED WITH THE MINISTRY:

- *Pray
- *Become a monthly donor – Churches (if not already donating) or individually. You can donate by mail or on-line @ www.birthchoice.biz
- *Volunteer- Office, Client-Advocate, Support Nurse and/or Medical Personnel, Ultrasound Nurse/Tech, Fundraisers
- *Donate your birthday to Birth Choice on Facebook; all proceeds go directly to Birth Choice

RESOURCE ROOM NEEDS:

- Baby beds and bassinets
- Potty seats
- High chairs
- Strollers
- Bouncy seats
- Swings
- Similac formula
- Baby food
- Girls' clothing 0-24 months
- Newborn diapers
- 3-6 size diapers
- Wipes
- Rash ointment
- small items such as: pacifiers, thermometer's, brush/comb sets, nail clippers, etc.



Thank you for all your support and prayers

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Missions on the Go —
Bring your Purse!

A gathering of
Missions & Ministry Leaders
Tuesday, August 20th / 6:00 to 8:00pm

First Baptist Church, Milan

Hands-on ministry project to benefit Hope Outreach

YOUTH NIGHT:

Gibson County Fair Grounds
August 28 at 6:30 PM

In Case of a Rainout Location will be Salem Baptist Church
BRING YOUR CHURCH BULLETIN
FOR FREE ADMISSION

Deacon's Meetin'

September 5, 2019 White Hall
5:30 PM NO COST For the Meal
Standing in the Gap

Dr. Bill Oakley, Speaker
A Love Offering will be taken.
Deacons & Wives, & Pastors & Wives
mark your calendars for this event.
Please call 855-1202 for reservations by Sept 3rd.

Christian Women's Job Corps/"Twice Blessed"

We are beginning to make plans for our "Night of Hope". Please mark your calendars for November 5th at Salem Baptist for our annual fund raiser. We are trying a different approach this year. We will have a catered meal by one of our board members, and tickets will be \$20. We will again have our wonderful silent auction and fashion show and a most talented MC.

For two days in June we were able to utilize a friend's fireworks tent for our abundance of donations which proved to be very profitable. We also had a customer appreciation day on June 28th with a grill out which included cookies and watermelon. Thanks to all who came out and to all our wonderful volunteers.

We held a graduation ceremony at the Gibson County Correctional Facility on June 13th with 4 ladies who completed the 16 week Powered For Life class. The graduation was attended by 2 of our volunteers, Lieutenant Chris Combs as well as friends and family members of the ladies and myself.

We continue to be very excited about donations both monetary and in kind. We have found a home for our transitional house and are busy taking necessary steps to purchase the home. Thus far we have received a sofa and recliner, table and chairs and a set of bunk beds to furnish the house. We will need your help to not only furnish the house but to help pay for it and maintain it. We are willing to come to your church to speak on behalf of these women and this endeavor.

Summer Bible study at the jail will resume on July 15th with Powered For Life starting back in August. Please pray for these ladies that they will come to know Christ.

Christy Skelton, Site Coordinator

August Birthdays & Anniversary: Pastors & Wives

BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--|----------------|
| 3 | Rev John Coleman, Pastor | New Bethlehem |
| 6 | Mrs Candace Criswell, Pastor's Wife | Eldad |
| 12 | Mrs Frances Abbitt, Retired Pastor's Widow | Maranatha |
| 15 | Mrs Penny Stacy, DOM's Wife | Connect |
| 19 | Mrs Virginia Stephens, Ret. Pastor's Wife | Rutherford FBC |
| 20 | Mrs Dianna Rice, Pastor's Wife | Walnut Grove |
| 20 | Rev Kerry Zeiss, Pastor | Poplar Springs |
| 22 | Rev Donald Scott Pastor | Bethel-H |
| 25 | Mrs Susan Littleton, Pastor's Wife | Gibson |
| 26 | Rev Johnny Criswell, Pastor | Midway |
| 28 | Mrs Jade McEwen, Pastor's Wife | Hickory Grove |
| 29 | Rev Dale Denning, Pastor | Chapel Hill |
| 31 | Rev Richard Bragg, Pastor | Avondale |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 1 | Rev/Mrs Andy Rice, Pastor & Wife | Walnut Grove |
| 2 | Rev/Mrs Jonathan Criswell, Pastor & Wife | Eldad |
| 6 | Rev/Mrs Steve Skelton, Pastor & Wife | Immanuel |
| 11 | Rev/Mrs Josh Stone, Pastor & Wife | Mt. Pleasant |
| 13 | Rev/Mrs Jimmy Sorrell, Retired Pastor & Wife | Northside |
| 17 | Rev/Mrs Bill Rice, Interim Pastor & Wife | Oak Wood |
| 24 | Rev/Mrs Donald Scott, Pastor & Wife | Bethel-H |
| 29 | Rev/Mrs Steve Hemann, Pastor & Wife | Mt. Pisgah |

CHURCH NEWS

KNOWN REVIVALS

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|---------------|--------------|------------------------------|
| July 28-31 | Keely Mill | Dr. David Powell |
| July 28-31 | West Carroll | Rev. Matt Grimes |
| August 4-7 | Spring Hill | Dr. Todd Brady |
| August 4-7 | Mt. Pisgah | Rev. Randy Kellough |
| August 11-14 | Fruitland | Rev. Jim Martin |
| August 17-19 | Sugar Creek | Dr. Roc Collins |
| August 25 | Gibson | Dr. Roc Collins |
| Sept 8-11 | Lavinia | Rev. David Parlow |
| Sept 15-18 | New Hope | Different Evangelist Nightly |
| Sept 23-27 | Bethel-Y | Dr. Danny Sinquefield |
| Sept 27—Oct 2 | Maranatha | Rev. Joel Pigg |

We extend our sympathy to Rev. John Fields and family, on the passing of his wife, Kaye Fields.

Rev. Keith Donaldson has resigned as pastor of **Connect. Dyer, FBC** has called Rev. Lane Self as pastor. **Northside** has called Hunter Martin as minister of music. **White Hall** has called Dr. Paul Jackson as interim pastor.

Dyer, FBC has been hosting 5 Fantastic Mondays for July. For the last part of the month, Justin Heins will speak on July 22 and on July 29 Dr. Danny Sinquefield will speak.



SUMMIT

November 17-20

First Baptist Concord
Knoxville TN

October 1, 2018— August 16, 2019

Church	Total Receipts	Current Receipts
Antioch	\$ 3,784.07	\$.00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	2,134.60	225.87
Bethel-Humboldt	.00	.00
Bethel-Yorkville	2,586.00	568.00
Bethpage	571.46	.00
Bradford, FBC	2,610.00	290.00
Calvary-H	229.94	.00
Calvary-R	736.13	.00
Center	400.00	.00
Chapel Hill	15,202.14	1,638.67
China Grove	333.82	51.41
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Connect	982.27	.00
Dyer, FBC	4,191.01	.00
Eldad	2,367.13	.00
Emmanuel	2,107.43	196.40
Fellowship	1,886.97	.00
Fruitland	.00	.00
Gibson	1,340.00	168.00
Hickory Grove	.00	.00
Idlewild	1,146.67	.00
Immanuel-T	870.00	.00
Keely Mill	191.70	.00
Kenton, FBC	16,368.54	1,931.57
Laneview-K	400.00	.00
Laneview-T	468.56	45.48
Latham's Chapel	1,350.00	150.00
Lavinia	4,050.00	.00
Maranatha	1,689.00	233.00
Medina, FBC	2,400.00	.00
Midway	869.55	.00
Milan, FBC	8,257.00	1,084.00
Mt. Pisgah	1,541.36	208.38
Mt. Pleasant	10,300.84	2,402.92
New Bethlehem	4,497.92	.00
New Haven	1,950.00	250.00
New Hope	3,045.30	.00
Northern's Chapel	200.00	.00
Northside	1,791.86	176.50
Oak Grove	655.45	90.93
Oakwood	891.15	127.74
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	1,688.18	.00
Poplar Springs	.00	137.57
Rutherford, FBC	1,283.25	.00
Salem	2,856.26	365.30
Smyrna	1,918.86	222.51
Spring Hill	875.00	194.00
The Church/Sugar Creek	10,032.44	1,023.38
The Rock	513.92	.00
Trenton, FBC	5,625.00	625.00
Walnut Grove	750.00	250.00
West Carroll Unity	292.00	.00
West Side	289.00	.00
White Hall	2,894.84	423.91
Designated	13,723.47	1,125.00
TBMB/Interest, etc.	8,342.49	927.30
Total Receipts	\$ 155,482.58	\$ 15,132.84

2018-2019 Wingo Goal is \$ 22,500

WINGO CELEBRATES IT'S
30th YEAR ANNIVERSARY

JULY 28th is WINGO OFFERING SUNDAY!!
Received to date: \$ 11,039.48