

# The Vision

## Gibson Baptist Association

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### KEY DATES

#### July

25: Executive Board Meeting  
31: Wingo Offering Sunday

#### August

12: Senior Adult Event  
18: Ignite Tennessee at Englewood  
20: GBA Missions Day  
21: GBA Missions Day Rally  
28: Global Hunger Awareness Sunday  
28-Sept 3: Gibson County Fair  
31: Student Night at the Gibson County Fair

#### September

5: Labor Day - GBA Office Closed  
7: Bart Barber - Chapel at Union University  
8: The Deacons' Meetin'  
11-18: GOTM / Week of Prayer for State Missions  
17: Children's Missions Day  
24: Youth Ministry Training at Sugar Creek  
27: Night of Hope

#### October

1: Prayer Outreach Conference 2022  
12: Fields of Faith  
24: GBA Annual Meeting

#### November

13-16: TBC Summit

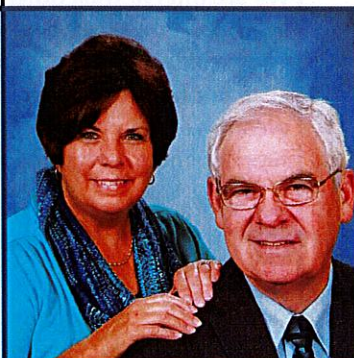
### A Missionary View

In 1981, (forty one years ago), I came to White Hall Baptist Church as pastor, and I began a special relationship with Gibson Baptist Association. Brother Ken Sparkman was the Director of Missions, he and Kathleen became special colleagues and friends. I became involved in the association serving on committees and served as Moderator. In 1982 Robert Bell and I went to what was then known as Upper Volta, Africa. At that time, my spiritual eyes were dramatically opened and my pastor heart was enlarged to a "global Kingdom heart." Little did I know during those days, and in that special relationship, God was continuing His preparation of our ministry for not only serving as pastor, but International Missionary and Director of Missions. In 1993 we were appointed by IMB to Romania. 1999 God brought us from His fields in Romania to serve in His fields here in Gibson County as Director Of Missions. We came with a specific calling and vision of mobilizing Gibson Baptist churches and volunteers in "hands on" missions involvement. During those years we did see many GBA churches and volunteers mobilized in international, national and local missions. During that time we saw God do amazing things in the association. The beginnings of CWJC, partnership with Birth Choice of Jackson, partnership missions in Romania and Mexico, Chain Saw Disaster Team, partnership with Mississippi River Ministry, Block Party Wagon. Then the Lord led us back to His international fields for 6 years in Costa Rica and Argentina. So now, 25 years as pastor; 12 years on the international mission field; 11 years as DOM (Gibson and Lawrence County); 6 years as Transition Interim in 5 churches. And now, here we are again in special relationship with Gibson County Baptists! I can testify, that no matter when, where, or what God has planned for us, He guides, He is always faithful, He provides. He enables and He empowers us for whatever His purpose is! I wouldn't take anything for my journey! Thank you Gibson Baptists for this "second blessing" allowing me to serve the churches, pastors, and the people during this transition time. I know that Brother Roger served GBA well these last 15 years. He and Penny will be greatly missed, and we continue to appreciate their service and Kingdom contributions in GBA. Grace and I stand ready to do all that we can to support, guide, and help. Partners again!

### Global Hunger Relief

August 28, 2022

Established in 1978 as the World Hunger Fund, Global Hunger Relief is an initiative of the SBC dedicated to combating hunger and sharing the Bread of Life.



We are blessed to welcome  
Bro. Mike and Kathy Kemper,  
interim DOM & wife to  
Gibson Baptist Association!

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



## Gibson Baptist Association Executive Board Meeting - July 25th, 7pm, GBA Office

### Senior Adult Event

#### *The Long Family*



Friday, August 12th at 6 PM  
New Hope Baptist Church - Dyer  
Cost: \$11 each

Sign up & pay at the GBA office by Aug 3.

Menu: Grilled Chicken or Tenderloin  
Cheesy Baked Potato Casserole, Green Beans,  
Layered Salad & Dressing, Rolls,  
Sweet & Unsweet Tea  
Banana Pudding, Peach & Strawberry Cobblers

### GBA Missions Weekend

On **August 20th**, we are encouraging all GBA churches to participate in a missions project of some kind. This could be a prayer walk in your neighborhood, a free car wash to spark gospel conversations, door to door evangelism-whatever works for your congregation and gets the Gospel out! Then on the evening of **August 21st** we will have our Missions Day Rally at Whitehall Baptist Church. A meal will be provided at 5:00pm with the rally to follow at 6:30pm.

### Student Night

*At the Gibson County Fair*  
Wednesday, August 31st / 6:30PM  
Main Stage - Speaker: Johnny McCartney  
Rain Plan: FBC Trenton

### The Deacons' Meetin'

#### *Leading with Integrity and Faithfulness*



Message:  
Dr. Clay Hallmark Jr  
*President of the TBC*

Thursday, September 8th at 5:30  
White Hall Baptist Church

Deacons, Pastors, Staff, and Wives  
\$5 each - GBA suggests each church cover the cost for their attendees. A basket will also be available for donations for childcare.

Menu: Boneless Pork Tenderloin, Chicken  
Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Salad & Dessert  
Sweet Tea, Unsweet Tea, & Coffee

RSVP for meal and/or childcare by Sept 1  
at the GBA office.

## **FIELDS OF FAITH - OCTOBER 12, 7 PM - PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL**

**MUSIC: KEN BOWMAN & JOEY SMITH - SPEAKER: DR. STEVE GAINES**



### **BIRTHCHOICE**

**ROE V. WADE OVERTURNED!!**

**WHO WOULD HAVE EVER THOUGHT! BUT GOD!**

The work is far from over, and many would say the real fight begins now!  
What an opportunity for The Church!

Should be hearing Baby Bottle totals Soon!

Information will be coming out in the months ahead for the Walk for Life that will be held on October 1st at West Jackson Baptist church, Jackson.

#### **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:**

Become a volunteer – Office, Receptionists, Client Advocate, ESTHER program, Support Nurse or Ultrasound Nurse.

Become a "Lifesaver" with Birth Choice by being a monthly donor you can donate towards our parenting classes and resource room.

Digital weight scale for our clients to weigh on or donation for this.

#### **RESOURCE ROOM NEEDS:**

Baby beds

Car Seats

Baby Formula

BIG need for car seats – we can only take new

Clothes – Boy and Girl-All sizes up to 2T

Onesies- Boy and Girl -All sizes up to 2T

Highchairs

Strollers

All things Baby!



### **CWJC / Twice Blessed**

A wise man from the 14th century by the name of Thomas Kempis who wrote "The Imitation of Christ" once said "Be not angry that you cannot make others as you wish them to be, since you cannot make yourself as you wish to be". I am wise to consider this frequently as we deal with others knowing not the path they have traveled. I appreciate very much those who consistently remember the work of the Gibson County CWJC and covet always your prayers.

The value of our volunteers in many areas of the ministry is paramount to the success of the ministry. If you love serving the Lord and need a place of service, please come and see us. I assuredly say that we have a place for you.

We are interviewing other women to be considered for our transition house as we now have beds available. Please pray for God's guidance as we choose those women for our home. Please keep our house manager in prayer as she works with them daily. We are very thankful for those bringing Bible study, transportation, supplies and monetary support.

Don't forget our annual Night of Hope which will be here soon. Tickets will go on sale in a few weeks.

Thanks, Christy

*A Night of Hope*

### **GBA Pastors Conference**

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

July 25 - Michael McEwen (B & H Academic), August 1 - Daymond Duck, August 15 - Clay Hallmark (TBC President)



**Pastors and Wives**  
**August Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

3	Rev John Coleman, Pastor	New Bethlehem
6	Mrs Candace Criswell, Pastor's Wife	Eldad
12	Mrs Frances Abbitt, Pastor's Widow	Maranatha
15	Mrs Penny Stacy, Retired DOM's Wife	Mississippi
19	Mrs Virginia Stephens, Retired 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
23	Mrs Dawn Avery, Pastor's Wife	Avondale
28	Mrs Jade McEwen, Pastor's Wife	Hickory Grove
29	Rev Lane Self, Pastor	Dyer FBC

**Anniversaries**

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
13	Rev/Mrs Jimmy Sorrell, Retired Pastor & Wife	Northside
17	Rev/Mrs Bill Rice, Retired Pastor & Wife	Antioch
24	Rev/Mrs Donald Scott, Pastor & Wife	Bethel, H
29	Rev/Mrs Steve Hemann, Pastor & Wife	Clear Creek

**Church News**

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

**Eldad Baptist Church of Trenton** is searching for a person who feels called to serve in student ministry for grades 7-12. As an added benefit of this part-time position, the youth leader may choose to live in the church parsonage. Call Personnel Chair Fred Warrington 697-8247 or Pastor Jonathan Criswell 414-4435.

**Fellowship Baptist Church**, 6295 Graball Rd, Milan, TN 38358, is looking for a part-time music director. No experience necessary - the pastor will train you. Send resume to the address above or email fellowshipbc.milan@gmail.com.

**Fruitland** is having a **REVIVAL!**

August 14th at 10:30AM - Dr. Roc Collins / August 14-17 at 7PM - Dr. Roger Stacy

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

**Medina FBC** called Rev Randy Pool as pastor, July 17, 2022.

**Mount Pleasant Baptist Church** is looking for our next Music Minister. We would like someone that can lead a blended style of worship. The ability to play an instrument would be a great benefit but not a requirement. This will be a part time/bi-vocational position. Submit resumes to johnny.mccartney@yahoo.com.

**New Hope Baptist Church-Dyer, TN** is seeking a bi-vocational Minister of Music Director with leadership skills in directing traditional/blended worship services. Contact Johnny Alford via email at: [jkinalford@hotmail.com](mailto:jkinalford@hotmail.com) or mail resumes to: New Hope Baptist Church P. O. Box 293 Dyer, TN 38330 in care of Johnny Alford/Music Search Committee.

*For the final 6 months of 2022, the IRS standard mileage rate for business travel will be 62.5 cents per mile.*

**Churches Seeking a Pastor**

Bradford FBC, China Grove, Gibson, Idlewild, Laneview-K,  
Milan FBC, Oak Grove, Spring Hill

**October 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022**

Church	Year to Date Receipts	June Receipts
Antioch	\$ .00	\$ .00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	1,332.83	110.52
Bethel-H	.00	.00
Bethel-Y	2,513.00	301.00
Bethpage	603.91	.00
Bradford FBC	2,520.00	315.00
Calvary-H	377.50	41.83
Calvary-R	1,370.19	564.72
Center	450.00	100.00
Chapel Hill	11,025.08	1,233.16
China Grove	699.47	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	4,328.04	527.02
Eldad	2,177.93	843.97
Elevate	3,922.00	891.00
Emmanuel	3,112.70	487.87
Fellowship	2,725.32	361.71
Fruitland	908.54	112.05
Gibson	1,799.47	202.58
Hickory Grove	975.00	.00
Idlewild	943.55	99.69
Immanuel-T	1,255.00	136.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	13,754.04	1,467.82
Laneview-K	200.00	.00
Laneview-T	837.00	52.50
Latham's Chapel	.00	.00
Lavinia	4,742.00	690.00
Medina, FBC	2,885.19	430.74
Midway	1,296.18	.00
Milan, FBC	7,492.00	833.00
Mt. Pisgah	1,503.49	119.45
Mount Pleasant	19,656.71	1,523.13
New Bethlehem	4,973.20	490.58
New Haven	2,250.00	250.00
New Hope	3,262.05	416.67
Northerns Chapel	225.00	75.00
Northside	2,344.76	312.41
Oak Grove	660.07	71.92
Oakwood	2,290.05	182.06
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	1,485.98	168.03
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford FBC	1,096.47	114.32
Salem	3,359.99	479.59
Smyrna	1,790.45	182.38
Spring Hill	779.94	98.54
The Church at Sugar Creek	11,005.84	1,128.85
Trenton, FBC	5,000.00	.00
Walnut Grove	750.00	250.00
West Carroll Unity	895.67	.00
West Side	800.00	400.00
White Hall	3,800.85	472.77
<b>Undesignated</b>	142,176.46	\$16,537.88
<b>Designated</b>	86,596.56	
<b>TBMB</b>	7,409.36	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$ 236,182.38	

**Thank you for generously giving to the Wingo Fund!**

2021-2022 Wingo Goal: \$23,500

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## Ignite Tennessee

August 18, 2022 / 6:30-8:00 PM / Englewood Baptist Church

Speaker: Roc Collins, Director of Strategic Initiatives - TBMB

Hosted by Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and  
Madison-Chester and Crockett Baptist Associations



## REGIONAL WORSHIP SUMMITS

### LOCATIONS/DATES

### BREAKOUT TRACKS

#### **LOWER EAST TENNESSEE**

Saturday, August 6  
Dallas Bay Church, Hixson

#### **EAST TENNESSEE**

Saturday, August 13  
First Baptist Church, Dandridge

#### **WEST TENNESSEE**

Saturday, August 20  
West Jackson Baptist Church

#### **MIDDLE TENNESSEE**

Saturday, August 27  
Grace Baptist Church, Nashville

Find details about a  
Worship Summit near you at  
[www.worshipsummits.com](http://www.worshipsummits.com)

- **Worship Leaders/Ministers of Music**  
(Full-time, Bivocational, and Volunteer)
- **Worship Bands/Worship Teams**  
(Band Members, Vocalists, and Leaders)
- **Choirs**  
(Choir Members and Directors)
- **Keyboard Ministry**  
(Pianists and Keyboardists)
- **Children's Choir**  
(Children's Choir Leaders and Helpers)
- **Audio-Visual Ministry**  
(Church Sound, Projection, and Video)
- **Creativity in Worship**

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### Children's Missions Day

Children in grades 1-6 / September 17, 2022

Join thousands of kids across the country in hands-on ministry  
in your community for Children's Missions Day!

### Sports JAM

Event kit that provides plan, ideas, tips, and instructions to help you  
have a successful missions event for the children in your church or  
community, on your chosen dates. Contact Jacki Holleman@TBMB for  
more information. [jholleman@tnbaptist.org](mailto:jholleman@tnbaptist.org).

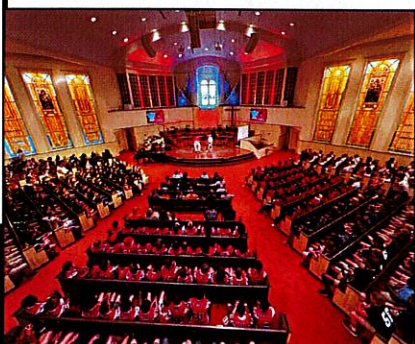
**Christmas in August** provides a simple way you can directly  
help a North American missionary. Find more information, a  
list of missionaries and the items they are in need of at  
[wmu.com/christmasinaugust](http://wmu.com/christmasinaugust).

### Connection

Missions event for girls grades 6-12 / Sevierville FBC  
[tnbaptist.org/connection](http://tnbaptist.org/connection)

**Pictured Below: Night of Champions** held at SugarCreek.

Area football teams  
seeing & hearing the  
Gospel from NFL great,  
Trey Smith. Dozens pray  
to receive Christ!  
Amazing night.



**Attention Church Clerks & Pastors: ACP Packets are available for pickup at the GBA office.  
Please return them by September 30th.**