

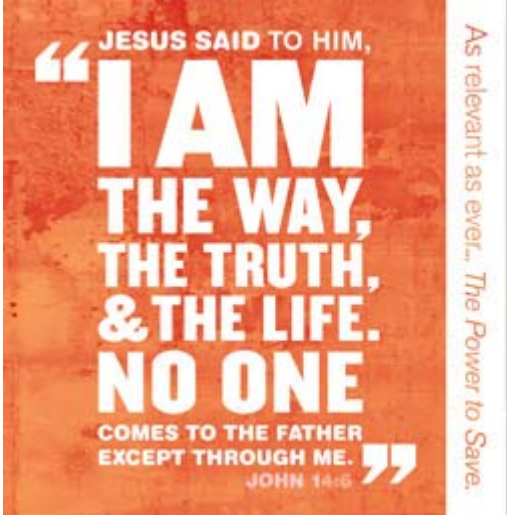
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The youth from White Hall Baptist Church served in St. Mary's and Wapakoneta in Ohio



The Reading through the Bible was held at Dyer Station Celebration in Dyer, TN. Pictured reading is Cindy Roberson, Center. She and her husband, Bro. Michael Roberson, pastor of Center, spearheaded the event.



Bro. Bill Espy spoke at the quarterly pastors and wives fellowship at Crenshaw's Catfish Restaurant.

The Vision

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A Missionary View

It is hard to believe that school is starting back and the summer is coming to an end. This means it is time to begin planning for our annual meeting of the Gibson Baptist Association. This year's meeting will be on Monday, October 23, Milan FBC. There will be two sessions. The afternoon session is from 3:45 to 5:30 pm. The evening session begins at 6:30 pm. Churches need to remember to elect messengers to attend the meeting. Any church member is encouraged to attend as well.

As we come to the final few months of the associational year, we are short of our Wingo Offering goal of \$22,500. Volunteers serving in North America or on the International mission field need these funds to help them serve. Consider establishing a percentage from your budgets or an annual offering.

As most of you know by now, Truth Baptist Church voted the last Sunday in April to close their doors and hand the property and building over to the Association. They held their last worship service on Sunday morning, May 7. During the transition time between their decision to close and the Association taking over the property, I met with the Strengthen Team and the Seek Team of the GBA to begin to put together a plan to move forward. We decided to ask Clayton Williams to be our pastor to help re-start the work. We also formed a core team to help Clayton and the GBA re-start the work. We named the new church Connect Baptist Church of Milan. There are currently Sunday morning worship services at 10:00 am, and Wednesday evening prayer services at 6:30 pm. We have been going out into the community with door-to-door survey work and evangelism. We recently set up three home Bible studies with people in the community. We continue to add to the core group of people willing to help with the re-start. We are also enlisting people to be on the intercessory prayer team to daily pray for the new church and be available to intercede by receiving text alerts or e-mail alerts. I have met with Lewis McMullen, Tennessee Baptist Convention Church Planting Specialists, to discuss financial assistance with this re-start. I have spoken with Dr. Randy Davis as well about funding. We received a \$2,000 check from the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBC) recently and they will provide further help. Several of our GBA churches have sent in a one-time offering that has helped tremendously. We have also received financial help from individuals who are giving beyond their tithes and offering to their own church to help with Connect. New Haven has offered to provide help with music each week and Northside in Milan will help with a Back to School Block Party and two-day VBS on August 4-5. If a youth group or anyone would like to help with the Block Party, your help would be greatly appreciated.

The Seek Team is encouraging our churches to take advantage of a free ministry service offered by our Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBC). We can help you with a proximity study that will look at your neighborhood around your church. We can provide you with the names of residents, whether they have children, and other valuable information to help you reach your area. If interested, contact the GBA office.

A team of 8 volunteers worked in New Bremen, Ohio, the week of July 18-21. The team was composed of team members from New Bethlehem, Gibson, and Sugar Creek. The team did survey work for a new church plant, prayer walking, and VBS. The team worked with our sister Association and the DOM, Phil de Lorme, to help them probe for a new church start.

The next trip to Brazil will be November 27—December 5, 2017. If you want to be a part of this team, begin now preparing by getting a passport if you do not have one. Also, contact the GBA office to let us know of your interest in this trip.

Our annual Deacons' Meetin' is scheduled for September 7 (Thursday), at White Hall Baptist Church. Bro. Willie McLaurin will be our guest preacher for the evening. The registration deadline is September 5. Please, call the office (855-1202) or e-mail: info@gbalife.org.

Our Seminary Extension class will begin on October 3 (Tuesday). The registration deadline is September 26. Dr. Bill Espy will be teaching the book of Nehemiah. The cost for the course is \$175.00 that includes the textbook and all materials.

We welcome Bro. Billy Crowell, Jr., as the new pastor of China Grove. Let us lift up the following churches seeking a pastor: Calvary—Humboldt; Dyer FBC, Fellowship, Fruitland, Immanuel—Trenton, New Hope, Smyrna and Spring Hill.

Your Missionary,
Bro. Roger

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Trophy: small church/highest attendance

Senior Adult Fall Event
September 19, 2017
Trenton FBC


Trophy: large church/highest attend-

“Falling in Love with Jesus”
With Rev Tony Jones, Troy First Baptist Church
Meal: \$8.50 per person
Pork Chops, Chicken Breast, Seasoned Potatoes,
Green Beans, Salads, Rolls, Peach Cobbler,
Chocolate Cake & Drinks
RSVP (paid reservations) by September 11th to GBA Office, PO

GBA Annual Deacon’s Meetin’
September 7, 2017
Speaker: Willie McLaurin, TBC
More Information later.

See You At The Pole Rally
September 24, 2017
Speaker: Jason McLeod
from “Facing the Giants” and “Fireproof”

BIRTH CHOICE



***Thank you to all those who participated in the Change For Life**
***Be looking for some new and exciting news for the Walk For Life this year, Walk will be October 7th.**

***Training will start in October for Client Advocates and Support Nurses, here are some opportunities to serve:**
1. VOLUNTEER CLIENT ADVOCATE: If you are interested in ministering one-on-one with women in unplanned pregnancies, we would love to train you to become a volunteer Client Advocate.
2. VOLUNTEER SUPPORT NURSE OR ULTRASOUND NURSE: Birth Choice is a medical clinic and we are in need of women who are licensed, medical professionals such as registered nurses, nurse practitioners, RDMS, etc., who would volunteer to assist with patients.
3. JUNIOR AND SENIOR GOOD SAMARITANS: *Junior Good Samaritan:* Boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 17. *Senior Good Samaritan:* Men and women 18 years of age and up.
4. CLERICAL OFFICE HELP: You would help with filing, mail-outs, labeling pamphlets, making telephone calls and/or other miscellaneous clerical duties. You can come in weekly, monthly, or on a call-as-needed basis.
★ **Resource Room Help:** You would help sorting, washing, and stocking maternity and baby items. This job also can be weekly, monthly, or on a call-as-needed basis.
★ **Maintenance:** You would help with various indoor/outdoor repairs, maintenance, and cleaning
★ **Fundraisers:** You would be available to assist with our major fundraisers - prep work, on site the day of the event, or clean-up afterwards.

We are in need of these items for the Resource Room:
Diapers size NB & 4-6, Wipes, Food/cereal
Small items such as: thermometers, ointments, safety items, brush/comb sets, pacifiers, nail clippers, etc. Handmade booties & blankets; Large items such as: Baby beds, walkers, high chairs, strollers, car seats, bassinets, swings, floor mats, play yards, bouncy seats

Thank you for all your donations, prayers and support
Kelly

WMU Events

For more information contact: Sheilah Spangler:
414-9292 or Rhonda Poore: 446-1319

equipped TO LEAD

Church Missions & Ministry Event

Training for Church Missions & Ministry Leaders

Saturday, August 19, 2017

9:00am to Noon

First Baptist Church

204 S Poplar Street

Kenton TN 38233

Door prizes!

Register online for important drawing.

Register/pay (\$5) on-line: www.eventbrite.com (event ID 35564841898)

Or call: Gibson Baptist Assoc. office #731-855-1202

\$8 at the door

Registration/Sign-in: 9:00—9:25am

Doughnuts/Coffee/Juice will be served

WorldCrafts Store will be open

- Conference Topics -

* MF (Mission Friends)

* GAs/CA (Girls in Action/Children in Action)

* RAs (Royal Ambassadors)

* Youth on Mission

* WOM/WMU (Women on Mission/Woman’s Missionary Union)

* Who Do You Need On Your Team?

* Missions & Ministry


* The Golden Conference

* How to Help Without Hurting

Please bring Christmas in August gifts to benefit our local pregnancy crises centers:

Diapers (sizes 3-6), Wipes, Wash, Shampoo, Lotion, Infant Car Seats (no expired seats) and Walmart cards.

Christian Women’s Job Corps/”Twice Blessed”



CHRISTIAN WOMEN’S
JOB CORPS
a ministry of WMU

Classes lead by Ms. Janice Wheatley have come to a close with several attending for the past 16 weeks. However, we only had one to complete the program for this session. We hope to have another class starting in September. We also had 5 ladies attend the training at the Gibson County Correctional Facility, and we will be taking our program into the facility once per week starting July 27th. They currently have 24 women incarcerated who will attend the class.

Other success stories include a participant who received free comprehensive dental care from Elite Dental in Trenton; Our thrift store manager, Cynthia Slates as well as Bob Howland (who is interested in starting a Christian Men’s Job Corp) attended national certification in Carson City in June and received their certification for being a Site Coordinator; Babies and Toddlers store has been furnished and is ready for business.

Volunteer appreciation breakfast held in July with 11 attending. Our volunteers are very special and dedicated to serving the Lord.

Save the date for our 5th Annual “*Night of Hope*” on October 10th at the National Guard Armory. This is a very special event in the ministry of Christian Women’s Job Corp, and much work and preparation are required for this night to be a success.

Christy Skelton, Site Coordinator

August Birthdays for Pastors & Wives

BIRTHDAYS

2 Rev Jason Bogardus, Pastor Rutherford, FBC

3 Rev John Coleman, Pastor New Bethlehem

12 Mrs Frances Abbitt, Pastor’s Widow Maranatha

15 Mrs Penny Stacy, DOM Wife Church at Sugar Creek

19 Mrs Virginia Stephens, Retired Pastor’s Wife Dyer, FBC

20 Mrs Dianna Rice, Pastor’s Wife Walnut Grove

20 Rev Kerry Zeiss, Pastor Poplar Springs

22 Rev Donald Scott, Pastor Bethel-H

26 Mrs Julie Bogardus, Pastor’s Wife Rutherford, FBC

26 Rev Johnny Criswell, Pastor Midway

29 Rev Dale Denning, Pastor Chapel Hill

31 Rev Richard Bragg, Pastor Avondale

ANNIVERSARIES

1 Rev/Mrs Andy Rice, Pastor & Wife Walnut Grove

6 Rev/Mrs Steve Skelton, Pastor & Wife Maranatha

9 Rev/Mrs Mike Sanders, Pastor & Wife Hickory Grove

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 New Hope

24 Rev/Mrs Donald Scott, Pastor & Wife Bethel-H

27 Rev/Mrs Max Walker, Retired Pastor/Wife Gibson

CHURCH NEWS

Milan, FBC has called Bill Kisner as Minister of Students/Small Groups/Senior Adults.

The Church at Sugar Creek (Humboldt, FBC) will celebrate it’s 150th anniversary on Sunday, July 30th. Midway Baptist Church will celebrate Homecoming on August 27th.

Known Revival

Fruitland July 23-26 Bro. Charles Timberlake

Mt. Pisgah August 6-9 Dr. Don Whitt

Hickory Grove September 10-13 Bro. Jason Bowen

Music Ministry Leadership Conference
August 11-12, 2017
FBC Hendersonville TN
Find more information on the TBC Website

2017 Sunday School Conferences

Measuring the Success of your Sunday School And Small Group Ministry.

August 19: Beulah Association

Second Baptist Church, Union City

9 am—noon (No Meal)

or

August 31—Madison Chester Association

Meridian Baptist Church, Jackson

5:30 Dinner—\$ 10— paid 1 week before event

6:30 Opening rally

7:00—9:00 Breakout sessions

Kenton, FBC is seeking bi-vocation youth pastor. Please send resumes to Jill Smithson (jkaasmithson@gmail.com) or to the church as FBC Kenton, PO Box 188 Kenton TN 38233.

| October 1, 2016—July 18, 2017 | | |
|---|----------------|------------------|
| Church | Total Receipts | Current Receipts |
| Antioch | \$ 500.00 | \$.00 |
| Avondale | .00 | .00 |
| Beech Grove | 1,694.83 | 177.98 |
| Bethel-Humboldt | 90.00 | .00 |
| Bethel-Yorkville | 2,785.00 | .00 |
| Bethpage | 594.93 | 182.23 |
| Bradford, FBC | 2,510.00 | 290.00 |
| Calvary-H | 320.01 | 27.15 |
| Calvary-R | 585.14 | .00 |
| Center | 450.00 | 50.00 |
| Chapel Hill | 16,897.35 | 1,628.11 |
| China Grove | 219.48 | 59.45 |
| Clear Creek | 180.00 | 180.00 |
| Connect | 210.13 | 135.90 |
| Dyer, FBC | 4,425.99 | 455.50 |
| Eldad | 2,334.26 | 464.48 |
| Emmanuel | 2,083.50 | .00 |
| Fellowship | 1,931.13 | 258.42 |
| Fruitland | .00 | .00 |
| Gibson | 1,420.00 | 136.00 |
| Hickory Grove | 1,300.00 | .00 |
| Humboldt, FBC | 10,404.69 | 1,233.47 |
| Idlewild | 1,208.89 | 114.34 |
| Immanuel-T | 798.90 | 57.90 |
| Keely Mill | 292.54 | 139.35 |
| Kenton, FBC | 16,368.50 | .00 |
| Laneview-K | 900.00 | 100.00 |
| Laneview-T | 413.68 | .00 |
| Latham’s Chapel | 1,350.00 | 150.00 |
| Lavinia | 3,885.00 | 458.00 |
| Maranatha | 1,971.00 | 205.00 |
| Medina, FBC | 1,800.00 | 400.00 |
| Midway | 930.74 | .00 |
| Milan, FBC | 5,242.00 | .00 |
| Mt. Pisgah | 1,916.16 | .00 |
| Mt. Pleasant | 11,580.77 | 1,039.20 |
| New Bethlehem | 3,856.99 | 378.90 |
| New Haven | 900.00 | 100.00 |
| New Hope | 1,500.00 | .00 |
| Northern’s Chapel | 225.00 | 50.00 |
| Northside | 1,286.36 | 122.01 |
| Oak Grove | 506.49 | 44.16 |
| Oakwood | 450.00 | .00 |
| Old Bethlehem | .00 | .00 |
| Poplar Grove | 1,537.89 | 153.00 |
| Poplar Springs | 300.00 | .00 |
| Rutherford, FBC | 980.78 | .00 |
| Salem | 2,089.72 | 242.78 |
| Smyrna | 686.33 | .00 |
| Spring Hill | 602.00 | .00 |
| Trenton, FBC | 9,045.60 | .00 |
| Walnut Grove | 750.00 | 250.00 |
| West Carroll Unity | 172.08 | 45.40 |
| West Side | 249.00 | 90.00 |
| White Hall | 4,917.23 | .00 |
| Designated | 21,676.77 | 1325.00 |
| TBC/Interest | 9,281.70 | 926.46 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 160,611.77 | \$ 11,670.19 |
| 2016-2017 Wingo Goal is \$ 22,500 | | |
| Received to date: \$ 13,123.38 | | |
| There was a Wingo gift given in Memory of Bro. Ken Sparkman and in Honor of all the mission volunteers. | | |