

The Vision

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A Missionary View

The morning after our Annual Meeting at Medina FBC, I took a "red eye" (6 a,m), flight from Nashville to Medellin, Columbia and then the next morning a short flight from Medellin to Bahia Solano, Columbia on the Pacific coast side. The project was a "vision project" for me and a "Bible Storying" project for our IMB and Embera partners. It was indeed a productive project in every way, except for the dog bite! Evidently the village dog didn't like missionary preachers! As precaution, I have been taking the rabies shots!

For some time, we have sought, planned, and prayed that we could begin Hispanic ministry that would develop into Spanish speaking church plants in our county. Thus far, we have the vision and some resources, but we have not discovered a Spanish speaking church planter to lead this effort. I have been consulting with Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and others about our desire and vision. About a month ago as I was communicating with a friend and colleague, Luis Bruneau in Panama City, Panama, he indicated an interest in exploring the possibility that he and his wife, Jessynet, might come from Panama to lead us in the Hispanic efforts. After more praying and consulting with several pastors and leaders, I have been encouraged to investigate and explore this possibility. We have extended an invitation for them to visit us January 30-February 14 to explore, talk, and pray together. Will you and your church family join us in seeking the Lord about reaching into the growing Hispanic population of our county with the Gospel and potential church starts?

My recent mission trips (Romania and Columbia) were a personal blessing! My objective in both projects was to proclaim the Gospel to Gypsies and Embera, and to discover Kingdom mission projects and partnership possibilities for GBA churches and individuals. The Church at Sugar Creek continues to have a great partnership in Romania among Gypsies! However, there is the possibility of projects with The Spiritual Revival Baptist Church in Bucharest. This church was planted by Peter Rong, a South Sudanese refugee whom I had the privilege to baptize, nurture, see him accept God's call to preach, and ordain him to Gospel Ministry before we left Romania in 1999 to come as GBA DOM! He's still there and working hard in this refugee church where people from 14 nationalities come to worship and spread the Gospel!

Dyer FBC has been, and will continue, working in Panama in partnership with IMB missionaries to take the Gospel to indigenous Indian people beyond where the roads end and where our missionaries cannot go. Due to dangers in the jungle area, they are training indian believers with the Bible Storying method going up and down the rivers storying the Gospel. A training center has been established in Jaque, Panama, in a "safe" area of the province. The IMB Indigenous Team is desiring to expand this strategy to include the Choco Province of Columbia in similar strategy where there are no roads, up and down the rivers where our missionaries cannot go with the Bible Storying method of sharing the Gospel. We/GBA are being invited to join in this strategic effort! Thus, I am taking a "vision team" to the Apartado area of Columbia January 3-10! Pray with us, and consider how you and your church might also participate!

Blessings,
Bro. Mike



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

Gibson Baptist Association Pastors, Staff, & Wives Christmas Dinner

December 11, 2023 at 6 PM.
All pastors, staff & wives are invited.

Please call the GBA office at 855-1202 to let us know if you will be attending.

We need a head count for the meal by December 6th.



WMU Winter Quarterly Meeting

Thursday, January 18, 2024
New Bethlehem Baptist Church
10 AM
Bring a Salad to Share

TENNESSEE WMU
SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR

Applications must be completed online by
JANUARY 25, 2024

Tennessee WMU offers a variety of scholarships to students attending Tennessee colleges, universities, and Southern Baptist seminaries.

Visit tnwmu.org for more information and to apply.

MISSIONS GET-TOGETHER FOR HIS GLORY

"...so that in all things
God may be glorified
through Jesus Christ."
1 Peter 4:11c

April 11-13, 2024
Brentwood Baptist
Brentwood, TN

TennesseeWMU

Happy 100th Anniversary GBA WMU! – Save the Date: April 20, 2024

BIRTHCHOICE As I ponder all "the things" I have the great opportunity to watch how our staff and volunteers pour into the lives of those that come into our door and how they, too, are changed because of how they serve God at Birth Choice. I get to watch how God provides over and over and over for us to minister life to this community; we will never know, this side of Heaven, all the lives that have been touched and changed through Birth Choice and legacy of life that is being built in our community. You all are a part of that anytime you give, pray, or volunteer for Birth Choice! Thank you for all your support and prayers, we truly could not do this without you! Training dates are listed below if you would want to be a part of watching lives be saved and changed for the Kingdom.

Holiday Schedule – we will be closed December 18- January 1st . Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

VOLUNTEER: We always need more volunteer client advocates and volunteer nurses at our Gibson County office! If you are interested in learning more about how you can pour into the lives of women facing tough life decisions, call the office at 731-855-2900 or email kelly@birthchoice.us. Nurses contact Guinda at guinda@birthchoice.us.

TRAINING DATES: Choose ONE training seminar. Training dates are Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Winter: Feb. 6th, 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th, 22nd, 27th, & 29th

Spring: May 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 28th, & 30th

Fall: Oct. 1st, 3rd, 8th, 10th, 15th, 17th, 22nd, & 24th

HOLIDAY MEAT SALE: Christmas – orders open Nov 24 to December 20 place orders at birthchoice.biz, pick up Dec 23rd at Jackson office location.

HELP US KEEP THE RESOURCE ROOM STOCKED: Baby Shampoo/Bath/Wash*, Baby Formula-Similac, Diaper Rash Ointment, Play Yards, Clothes – Girl-sizes 12-18 months, 18-24 months and 2T*, Onesies- Girl -All sizes up to 2T*, Sleepers – Girl & Boy, all sizes, 0-2T, Highchairs, Strollers



CWJC / Twice Blessed

As we ponder on God's faithfulness through the years, we can only be grateful and acknowledge the many things we have to be thankful for in the ministry of CWJC.

Our site became certified in 2002, and is one of the longest sites still in operation. We have had the privilege of helping many through the years. While our ministry is for women, we also have the privilege of ministering to others in the community, through our food pantry, thrift store and witnessing to them about Jesus.

In 2018, God blessed us with a transitional home for women. At this home, we are able to minister to the destitute and others who have made poor choices and who are no longer able to help themselves. Today we are thankful for the five women that we have living at our home and for what each one brings to the ministry. Together we are strong and able to make a difference in the lives of women because of Jesus' calling to each of us.

Happy Thanksgiving!
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Mark Your Calendar

December

3-10: Prayer for International Missions/LMCO

11: Pastors/Staff/Wives Christmas Dinner

January

18: WMU Quarterly Meeting

22: Executive Board Meeting

February

8: Volunteer Missions Banquet

18: Focus on WMU Sunday

Pastors and Wives December Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1	Rev Johnny McCartney, Pastor	Mount Pleasant
4	Dr Roger Stacy, Retired DOM	New Albany, MS
9	Mrs Rachel Self, Pastor's Wife	Dyer FBC
10	Mrs Carolyn Williams, Pastor's Wife	Mount Pisgah
23	Mrs Chris Talbott, Pastor's Wife	Idlewild
27	Mrs Gladys Powers, Pastor's Widow	Trenton FBC
29	Mrs Sandra Rice, Retired Pastor's Wife	Antioch

Anniversaries

18	Rev/Mrs Johnny McCartney, Pastor and Wife	Mount Pleasant
26	Rev/Mrs Andy King, Pastor and Wife	Fruitland

Church News

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

Bethpage Baptist Church welcomes new pastor, Greg Lassett.

Chapel Hill Baptist Church is accepting resumes for pastor. Resumes may be sent to CHBC.PSC.RESUME@gmail.com. We are also accepting resumes for a full time secretary (administrator/accounting). Send resumes for secretary to: Hunter Williams (Personnel Chairman), (731) 234-6883, hwms2225@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 apply by December 31, 2023 to chbcyouth412@gmail.com
⇒ Deacon Ordination to ordain 3/present 4 new Deacons at Chapel Hill, Sunday Dec. 3 - Council @ 5:00, Service @ 6:00.

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.

Fellowship Baptist Church is accepting resumes for pastor. Resumes may be sent to 6295 Graball Drive, Milan TN 38358.

Latham's Chapel welcomes new pastor, Steve Hemann.

Medina FBC is looking to hire a part-time (approximately 25 hours per week) church/financial secretary. Call the church at 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.

New Hope 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.

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

White Hall is a multigenerational church prayerfully seeking a bi-vo 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, Fellowship, Gibson, Kenton FBC, LaneviewK, Northside, Oak Grove, Poplar Grove, Smyrna, Springhill, West Side, White Hall

October 1, 2023 - October 31, 2023

Church	Year to Date Receipts	October Receipts
Antioch	\$.00	\$.00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	124.62	124.62
Bethel-H	.00	.00
Bethel-Y	.00	.00
Bethpage	.00	.00
Bradford FBC	315.00	315.00
Calvary-H	25.95	25.95
Calvary-R	.00	.00
Center	50.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	.00	.00
China Grove	.00	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	.00	.00
Eldad	.00	.00
Elevate	550.00	550.00
Emmanuel	342.64	342.64
Fellowship	275.74	275.74
Fruitland	33.72	33.72
Gibson	303.63	303.63
Hickory Grove	.00	.00
Idlewild	254.56	254.56
Immanuel-T	142.00	142.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	2,825.66	2,825.66
Laneview-K	.00	.00
Laneview-T	69.14	69.14
Latham Chapel	.00	.00
Lavinia	508.00	508.00
Medina, FBC	397.15	397.15
Midway	.00	.00
Milan, FBC	834.00	834.00
Mt. Pisgah	182.64	182.64
Mount Pleasant	1,707.31	1,707.31
New Bethlehem	480.65	480.65
New Haven	350.00	350.00
New Hope	149.51	149.51
Northerns Chapel	.00	.00
Northside	156.40	156.40
Oak Grove	101.41	101.41
Oakwood	310.26	310.26
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	132.03	132.03
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford FBC	115.80	115.80
Salem	.00	.00
Smyrna	170.48	170.48
Spring Hill	95.40	95.40
The Church at Sugar Creek	1,026.60	1,026.60
Trenton, FBC	625.00	625.00
Walnut Grove	.00	.00
West Carroll Unity	.00	.00
West Side	.00	.00
White Hall	326.87	326.87
Undesignated	12,982.17	
Designated	2,120.50	\$12,982.17
TBMB	782.00	
Total Receipts	\$ 15,884.67	

2023-24 Wingo Goal: \$20,000

Received: \$ 186.74

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DECEMBER 3-10, 2023

Week of Prayer for International Missions

Southern Baptists observe a Week of Prayer for International Missions each year before the annual Lottie Moon offering emphasis. Will you join your heart with others to pray for missionaries around the world who are faithfully sharing the gospel?

Pictured Below Left

- "Bible Storying" from Bro Mike's Mission Trip to Columbia.
- Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer meeting held at White Hall - Music: Jake Fry, Speaker: Josh Sinquefield



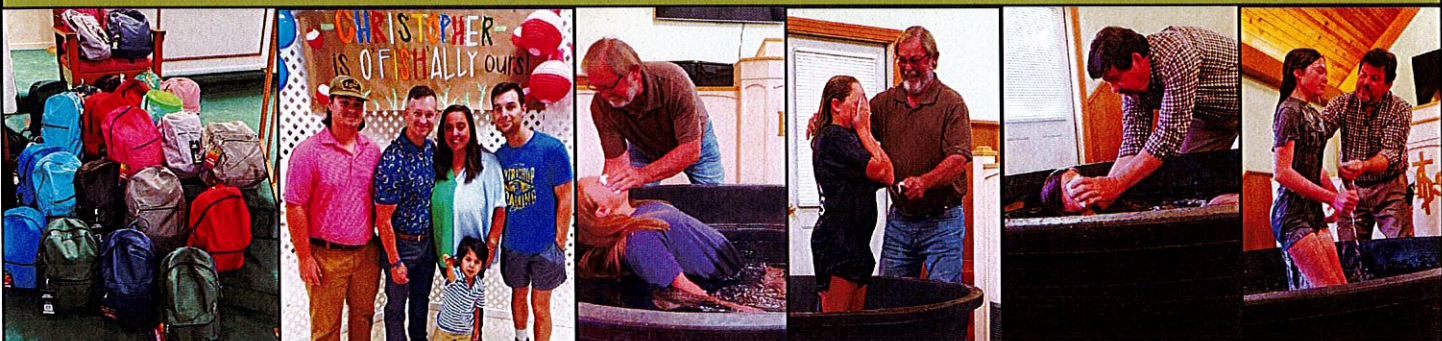
Pictured Below Right

- All Nations Choirs (Chinese & Hispanic Women) at Summit.
- Isaiah 117 House groundbreaking in Trenton.



Pictured Below Left: During October members and friends of Westside Baptist Church packed 25 backpacks for Tennessee children. Westside was also honored to baptize two people in the Lord's service.

Pictured Below Right: Bethpage welcomes new pastor & family: Bro. Greg Lasset, Jasmine, Camren, Cooper, & Christopher. Bethpage also celebrated two baptisms: Malone Littleton, baptized by her grandfather "Pop", Ricky Littleton & Oakleigh White, baptized by interim pastor Mike Sanders.



Help Wanted to maintain & stock the GBA Block Party Wagon & the Disaster Relief/Ministry trailer. (731-855-1202)