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Pastors from GBA have spent the week in Israel. Left to right Chris Alexander (former pastor of White Hall) Joel Pigg (Salem) and son, Ryan, Mike Sanders (former pastor of Hickory Grove) Greg McFadden (Sugar Creek), David Powell (Smyrna) and Shawn Allred (Kenton, FBC).



Smyrna Baptist Church hosted the GBA Pastors and Wives Christmas Dinner on Dec 6th. The annual event was well attended.



BERTIE THOMPSON SCHOLARSHIP FORMS

Applications are available for this \$ 500 scholarship. Applicants must be a full time college student with a GPA of 2.5 on a 4—point scale, be an active member of a GBA church and preparing for Christian Ministry.

The applications must be submitted by May 1, 2019. Come by the GBA office for an Application Form or download a form at our website, gbalife.org. Click “downloads”; documents and then forms.



Darla Richardson spoke at the Winter WMU meeting at New Bethlehem on January 17th. She spoke on Love is Kind Outreach: Ministering to Muslim Refugees.



Cory Whitaker was ordained as a deacon at Salem. Pictured left to right are Tracy King (Chairman of Deacons), Courtney & Cory Whitaker and Bro. Joel Pigg, Pastor

The Vision

Gibson Baptist Association

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A Missionary View



We are off to a busy and cold new year and winter. I pray your holidays were fruitful and enjoyable.

The Rio de Janeiro Baptist Association has asked that our Association partner with them in holding a crusade in April. The dates for the trip are April 22-30, 2019. We are busy putting together this special request trip and recruiting volunteers. We will need a minimum of five (5) pastors to preach and a total of twenty (20) volunteers to help in evangelism for the week. We will have an interest meeting for this trip on January 29, 6:30 pm, at the GBA office. I would strongly encourage you to attend if you have any interest in participating in this trip and crusade. Pastors, we have special funds to help you make this trip. Contact the office for details on funds for pastors. We need to purchase our airline tickets fairly soon. Also, if you do not have a passport, apply now at the local post office. For more information, contact the GBA office.

The annual “Jerry Legg Volunteer Missions Banquet” will be held at Fruitland Baptist Church this year, 6:30 pm. The banquet is named in honor of Bro. Jerry Legg. We will recognize the GBA Volunteer of the Year. The WMU will provide cornbread and beans for our meal. We need you to register so that we have a head count for the food. Call (731) 855-1202 or e-mail dklutts@gbalife.org, or rdstacy@gbalife.org.

I am so proud of all of our bivocational pastors in GBA. This year we will have seven (7) couples attending the Tennessee Baptist Convention’s Bivocational Pastors & Wives Retreat in Pigeon Forge. Through the Strengthen Team of GBA, funds were approved to provide scholarships for these couples to attend.

The quarterly GBA Executive Board meeting will be Monday evening, January 28, 2019. We will have a guest speaker from Birth Choice to give an update and share information on the ministry. We will also have another special guest for the evening and a special program. If you are a pastor or elected board member for your church, let me encourage you to attend. The meeting is open to anyone desiring to attend.

We will be leading a group of thirty-four (34) people to the Holy Land the week of February 18-27. Members of this group are from GBA churches in our association. A group of pastors just returned from Israel and several of our GBA pastors participated in this trip of a lifetime. We hope to take another group next year to Israel (Holy Land).

We are putting together another Thrive group with pastors. We have four pastors signed up at the moment. We will meet monthly to pray together, provide training and help pastors lead their churches in Thrive. If interested, you may contact the office.

Our associational Vacation Bible School training clinic will be held at Salem Baptist Church. We had to move the date back to April 2 (Tuesday). Registration begins at 6:00 pm, and training will follow at 6:30 pm. Karen Cowen from Chapel Hill, is our VBS Director again this year. She put together a great team and training event last year. This year will be even better.

Once again we will have our associational Bible Drills at White Hall Baptist Church on April 8 (Monday), 6:30 pm. Rhonda Poore and the Strengthen Team will be working to make this another great event.

Here are some important upcoming opportunities and events:

- Executive Board Meeting, January 28, 7:00 pm
- January 29, 2019, interest meeting for the Rio Crusade Brazil mission trip.
- Volunteer of the Year Missions Banquet, Fruitland, February 7, 6:30 pm
- GBA Vacation Bible School Clinic, April 2, 2019, Salem Baptist Church
- GBA Bible Drills, White Hall, April 8, 2019

Rutherford FBC has called Zachery McCain as pastor. West Side has called Stephen Powell as interim pastor. Dr. Larry Gilmore has been called as interim of Milan FBC. The following churches are without a pastor: Dyer FBC, Fruitland, Laneview Kenton, Milan FBC, West Side, and White Hall.

Your Missionary, Bro. Roger

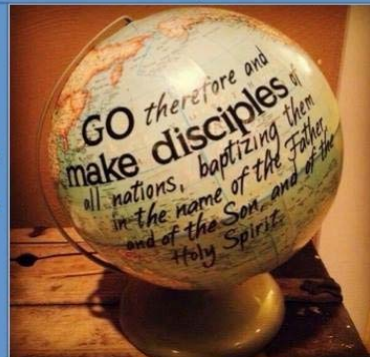
GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT
 The Gibson Baptist Association exists to actively assist churches accomplish The Great Commission.

WMU EVENT

Volunteer Missions Banquet

February 7, 2019
6:30 pm
Fruitland Baptist Church

Recognition of the "Volunteer of the Year" Award to be given!



WMU Annual Cornbread & Beans Supper Served!

William Burton missionary speaker

Please make reservations for the meal by February 4th by calling GBA #855-1202

There will not be a charge for this meal but donations will be accepted for the WINGO offering. If you would be willing to bring beans, cornbread, sides (onions, pickles, slaw) or dessert, please contact:

SHEILAH SPANGLER #414-9292
MINDY SUMMAR #431-3904
PENNY STACY #487-3276

Sponsored by GBA SEND Team & GBA WMU M&M Team

BIRTH CHOICE

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BIRTH CHOICE IS CELEBRATING 30 YEARS THIS YEAR! We have updated our website. Please go to birthchoice.biz and check it out. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram as well.

Come by for a clinic tour individually or with a group

EVENTS:

*February/May/October – Client Advocate Training
*April – Annual Banquet- new location this year; (First United Methodist, Jackson) be a table host or reserve your seating by calling Tiffany at 664.8443 or email at tiffany@birthchoice.us

WAYS TO BECOME INVOLVED:

*Pray
*Volunteer- Office, Client-Advocate, Support Nurse, Ultrasound Nurse, Fundraisers
*Become a monthly donor

NEEDS FOR THE BUILDING:

*Painting on the building is underway; we could use your help to get this done-volunteer to paint a room or two.

NEEDS FOR RESOURCE ROOM:

Diapers sizes 2-6; wipes; bath supplies; NB, 0-3 boys and girls clothing; high chairs (with all straps/parts if used), car seats (can be used if they are within 5 years old), baby beds (without the pull down side); bouncy seats; swings; play mats; bath tubs; diaper rash ointment; any small items such as thermometers, pacifiers, etc.

Exciting News: Birth Choice is in the process of going mobile! If you would like to know more or how you can be involved contact Kelly or Brent. Kelly@birthchoice.us or brent@birthchoice.us

Thank you for all your support and prayers

Kelly

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2019 Vacation Bible School

"In The Wild"

GBA VBS Clinic

April 2, 2019

6:00 PM—8:00 PM

Salem Baptist Church



It's time to begin preparing for your church's VBS. Make plans to attend the clinic.

GBA Bible Drill

April 8, 2019

6:30 PM

White Hall Baptist Church

Please call GBA (855-1202) with the names, grades of those from your church who will be participating. by April 3rd.

Senior Adults MARK your Calendars for

April 16, 2019 5:30 PM

That is the date set for the next Senior Adult Banquet at New Hope.

STRENGTH TO STAND TOUR

The Church at Sugar Creek March 8 and 9th.
For Students 6th grade—12th grade.

Scott Dawson Evangelistic Association
Worship: By Rush of Fools
Call Sugar Creek for more information

Christian Women's Job Corps/"Twice Blessed"

We are off to a good start with efforts to be more organized and productive at Twice Blessed. Volunteers have been very gracious as they came and worked a couple of days during the holidays to pack up Christmas and sort the new donations. I cannot thank you enough for giving of your precious life hours to the ministry of CWJC.

We continue to make progress at the store with volunteers working overtime hanging rods and shelving and moving boxes to get us better organized in our sorting room. We could use the help of a plumber to improve our bathroom facilities. Also, we welcome any male volunteers to help with heavy projects.

The jail ministry continues with big classes of 20 and more. The annual training for attending classes should be coming up soon. Please let me know if you would like to be involved in the jail ministry. The ladies need much prayer and support.

Christy Skelton, Site Coordinator

February Birthdays & Anniversary: Pastors & Wives

BIRTHDAYS

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| 1 | Rev Michael McEwen, Pastor | Hickory Grove |
| 2 | Mrs Denise Coleman, Pastor's Wife | New Bethlehem |
| 5 | Rev Mike Kemper, Interim Pastor | Dyer, FBC |
| 8 | Mrs Vickie Criswell, Pastor's Wife | Midway |
| 9 | Mrs Kaye Fields, Retired Pastor's Wife | Keely Mill |
| 10 | Rev Bryan Morris, Pastor | New Hope |
| 13 | Mrs Gail Branscum, Pastor's Wife | Idlewild |
| 14 | Rev Tony Crossnoe, Pastor | Calvary-H |
| 15 | Rev Joey Hufstedler, Pastor | Poplar Grove |
| 17 | Rev Nickey McMinn, Pastor | Laneview-T |
| 20 | Mrs Patricia Brown, Pastor's Wife | Emmanuel |
| 24 | Rev Billy Criswell, Pastor | Bethel-Y |
| 27 | Rev Joel Pigg, Pastor | Salem |
| 27 | Rev Jason Bowen, Pastor | Trenton, FBC |

ANNIVERSARIES

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| 6 | Rev/Mrs Tony Crossnoe, Pastor & Wife | Calvary—H |
| 20 | Rev/Mrs Johnny Criswell, Pastor & Wife | Midway |

CHURCH NEWS

Fellowship has called Ron Harper as minister of music. Bro. Larry Gilmore has been called as Interim Pastor of **Milan, FBC**. Bro. Bill Rice has been called as Interim Pastor at **Oak Grove**. **Rutherford, FBC** has called Zachery McCain as pastor. **West Side** has called Stephen Powell as their interim pastor.

Congratulations to Bro. Michael and Jade McEwen on the birth of their daughter on January 10th. He is pastor of **Hickory Grove**.

Brazil Interest Meeting
January 29 2019
6:30 PM

This is the for the Mission Trip scheduled for April 22-30, 2019. If you are interested in this trip or any other mission trip to Brazil please come to this information meeting.

Antioch will have their annual Quail Supper on February 4th at 6:30 PM. Former US Attorney Hickman Ewing will be the speaker.

West TN Men's Bible Conference
February 22-23

Oakfield Baptist Church
Contact William Smith (661-1846)
Randel Blankenship (614-8439) for information.

New Hope is seeking a part time/bivocational youth minister. Please contact Bro. Bryan Morris as bryan_morris@ymail.com or call at 901-860-3252.

White Hall Baptist Church is seeking a full time pastor. Please send letter of interest, resume and references to Pastor Search Committee, 384 Concord Cades Rd, Trenton TN 38382, or whbcsearch2018@gmail.com

West Tennessee Evangelism Rally
March 3 3-8 PM
Union University

Break out sessions, Tracks for Students, Women
Deadline for Registration
Sunday Feb 24. www.uu.edu/events/wter

October 1, 2018— January 22, 2019

Church	Total Receipts	Current Receipts
Antioch	\$.00	\$.00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	743.49	275.21
Bethel-Humboldt	.00	.00
Bethel-Yorkville	872.00	288.00
Bethpage	391.38	.00
Bradford, FBC	870.00	290.00
Calvary-H	86.86	33.31
Calvary-R	226.27	226.27
Center	150.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	5,498.86	2,163.15
China Grove	152.24	34.45
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Connect	166.91	.00
Dyer, FBC	1,300.26	478.50
Eldad	456.12	.00
Emmanuel	691.09	192.16
Fellowship	677.37	275.58
Fruitland	.00	.00
Gibson	453.00	178.00
Hickory Grove	.00	.00
Idlewild	574.82	315.55
Immanuel-T	360.00	190.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	5,226.68	2,108.03
Laneview-K	300.00	100.00
Laneview-T	175.30	72.00
Latham's Chapel	450.00	150.00
Lavinia	1,646.00	640.00
Maranatha	569.00	204.00
Medina, FBC	900.00	900.00
Midway	212.97	.00
Milan, FBC	1,753.00	587.00
Mt. Pisgah	508.41	190.59
Mt. Pleasant	3,477.35	1,469.66
New Bethlehem	2,021.44	1,489.21
New Haven	450.00	250.00
New Hope	788.71	788.71
Northern's Chapel	100.00	50.00
Northside	572.54	140.96
Oak Grove	202.70	66.98
Oakwood	287.08	92.43
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	781.42	179.33
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford, FBC	442.00	184.00
Salem	936.94	356.18
Smyrna	678.09	174.19
Spring Hill	278.00	110.00
The Church/Sugar Creek	4,073.17	2,118.45
The Rock	513.92	346.28
Trenton, FBC	1,875.00	625.00
Walnut Grove	250.00	250.00
West Carroll Unity	175.20	.00
West Side	83.00	.00
White Hall	1,344.95	549.51
Designated	4,032.08	.00
TBMB/Interest, etc.	2,779.31	926.42
Total Receipts	\$ 51,549.93	\$ 20,293.57

2018-2019 Wingo Goal is \$ 22,500

Received to date: \$ 6,069.62