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Pictured Left:
Dr. Dub Oliver speaking at the pastor's conference, December 21st.
Breakfast was served as well - pictured below.



Pictured Right:
Dr. Nick Ellis shared in a meeting with members of the Strengthen Team.



Pictured Left:
Christy Skelton and Lisa Massengill at Christmas Party for Twice Blessed.

*For God so loved the World,
that he gave his only begotten Son,
that whosoever believeth in him should not perish,
but have Everlasting Life*
John 3:16

The Resale Shop at Helping Hand of Humboldt is currently seeking to hire a Resale Shop Manager. Please help advertise this position and pray that the new employee will be perfectly suited to become a member of their ministry team.
Resale Shop Manager at Helping Hand of Humboldt

- 25-30 hours per week
- strong leadership skills
- past experience in a retail environment
- strong customer service and organizational skills
- phone Sharon at 731-824-1757 for more info
- or submit a brief resume to shartig@helpinghandofhumboldt.com

CHILDREN'S MISSIONS DAY 2021
Suggested Date: February 13, 2021
For ideas order the "Unstoppable" promotion pack.
wmu.com



VIRTUAL GET-TOGETHER & CONNECTION
March 19-20, 2021

Get-Together - a missions event for women of all ages.
Connection - a missions event for girls in grades 7-12.

The Vision

Gibson Baptist Association

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Mark Your Calendar

- January 21**
WMU Winter Quarterly Meeting
- January 25**
Executive Board Meeting - Salem
- February 5-6**
Pastors/Wives Retreat at Linden Valley
- February 9**
W. TN Pastors, Staff & Wives Valentine's Banquet at UU
- February 13**
Children's Missions Day
- February 23**
Holy Land Trip Interest Meeting
- February 28**
Softball Meeting
- March 7-14**
Suggested Dates for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering/Week of Prayer for N. American Missions
- March 19-20**
Virtual Get-Together/Connection
- April 12**
Children's Bible Drills - White Hall
- April 13**
Senior Adult Banquet - Dyer, FBC
- April 22**
Associational VBS Training - Salem

Cancellations

In light of the increased cases of Covid-19,

...the **GBA Volunteer Missions Banquet** (Corn Bread and Beans Dinner) scheduled for February 18 has been canceled.

...the **West TN Evangelism Rally** at Union University scheduled for February 28 has been canceled.

A Missionary View

As we are now in the new year, COVID-19 continues to prevent most of our churches from returning to the pre-COVID ministry. It appears that most churches are at least offering a Sunday morning in-person worship service. Across the Tennessee Baptist Convention, more than 400 pastors, wives or staff have been infected with the COVID-19 virus.

We have canceled our annual **Jerry Legg Volunteer Missions Banquet**. This is out of caution with the high COVID numbers.

As a reminder, we are transitioning to a digital format for the Vision newsletter. We are more than happy to continue sending a copy of the Vision in the mail for those who do not want the digital copy. If you want a copy mailed to you, please call our office (855-1202) or e-mail us (info@gbalife.org).

We are still planning to have a GBA pastors, staff and wives retreat at Camp Linden Valley on February 5-6. Dr. Joe Wright and his wife will lead the weekend. Scholarship funds are available. The registration fee is \$40 per couple. Contact the office for more information. Registration deadline is January 25.

The **Bertie Thompson Scholarship** is designed to help students entering some form of Christian ministry. The application can be downloaded at our website: www.gbalife.org.

Our Strengthen Team has worked to provide a continuing education scholarship. This scholarship will provide monies for books and supplies for those taking seminary, Bible college classes, or some form of continuing education. We have one scholarship available in the amount of \$150. Contact the office for more information and to apply.

We are planning on having our Children's Bible Drills on April 12, 6:30 pm, at White Hall Baptist Church. Should the number of COVID cases force us to cancel, we will notify you. Rhonda Poore is our director.

We still have scheduled our Senior Adult banquet for April 13, Dyer FBC. We will monitor the situation in light of COVID and make a final decision to cancel or not cancel.

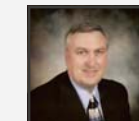
We are planning on a Holy Land Trip the week of January 31 - February 9, 2022. There will be an interest meeting on February 23, 6:30 pm, at the GBA office. You are encouraged to attend to hear more details about the cost of the trip. You may check out more information about the trip at the website: <https://www.go-yael.com/10dayholylantrip/>. Enter the access code: **2022**.

The West Tennessee Pastor's Conference will have its Valentine Banquet on February 9, 6:00 pm. The banquet is open to all pastors, staff and wives. The cost per person is \$14.00. Dr. Tommy Vinson will be the guest speaker. Union University will host the event on their campus.

We continue to financially support the street children's ministry in Rio de Janeiro. Your donations have made it possible to feed 150 children. We are low on funds and can only provide food for one more month. If you or your church would like to help, it will make a huge difference in this ministry. Send designated funds to GBA and mark them for Rio Kids.

Bro. Chuck Williams has been called as interim pastor of FBC Milan. Bro. Steve Hemann has been called as pastor of Clear Creek. Pray for our churches seeking a pastor: Chapel Hill, China Grove, Fruitland, Idlewild, Laneview-Kenton, Medina FBC, Milan FBC, Mt. Pisgah, and Rutherford FBC.

Your Missionary,
Bro. Roger



Our Mission is to Strengthen Churches, Shape Leaders, and Share the Gospel.

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Executive Board Meeting

January 25th - 7pm - Salem
 To allow for social distancing the January Executive Board Meeting will be in the Sanctuary at Salem.

GBA Pastors, Staff & Wives Retreat

February 5-6 at Linden Valley
Registration Deadline: January 25
 \$40.00 Registration Fee (per couple)
 Limited spots available. Call 855-1202, e-mail info@gbalife.org, or text 731-414-9973 to register.



West TN Pastors, Staff & Wives Valentine's Banquet

February 9 at Union University

Holy Land Trip Interest Meeting

February 23rd - 6:30pm - GBA Office
 There will be an interest meeting on February 23, for a trip to the Holy Land. The meeting will be at the Gibson Baptist Association office at 6:30pm.
 → Please, note that the trip is in 2022! ←
 The dates for the Holy Land trip are Jan 31-Feb 9, 2022.



Softball Team Meeting

February 28th - 2pm - GBA Office
 Please join us at this meeting to discuss the future of the league and how we want to proceed this year.

GBA Bible Drills

April 12 / 6:30pm / White Hall
 Please call GBA (855-1202) with the names & grades of those participating from your church, by April 5.

2021 Vacation Bible School Clinic

April 22 / 6 - 8pm / Salem
 It's time to begin preparing for your church's VBS.



Scholarships

Bertie Thompson Scholarship

Bertie Thompson Scholarship information & application available on the GBA Website, www.gbalife.org — deadline May 20.

Continuing Education Scholarship

For people in ministry (both lay & vocational) taking classes (Seminary, Bible College, Christian Education type courses) - Applications are available at the GBA Office.

Pastors and Wives February Birthdays and Anniversaries

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, Retired DOM | Rutherford, First |
| 8 | Mrs Vicki Criswell, Pastor's Wife | Midway |
| 10 | Rev Bryan Morris, Pastor | New Hope |
| 14 | Rev Tony Crossnoe, Pastor | Calvary - H |
| 15 | Rev Joey Hufstедler, Pastor | Poplar Grove |
| 17 | Rev Nickey McMinn, Pastor | Laneview - T |
| 19 | Mrs Autumn McCartney, Pastor's Wife | Mount Pleasant |
| 24 | Rev Billy Criswell, Pastor | Bethel - Y |
| 27 | Rev Joel Pigg, Pastor | Salem |
| 27 | Rev Jason Bowen, Pastor | Trenton, FBC |

Correction to January birthdays & apology to Mrs. Faye Sorrell-retired pastor's wife.

Anniversaries

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| 5 | Rev/Mrs Jackie Vaughan, Pastor & Wife | Idlewild |
| 6 | Rev/Mrs Tony Crossnoe, Pastor & Wife | Calvary - H |
| 20 | Rev/Mrs Johnny Criswell, Pastor & Wife | Midway |

Pastors' Conference

Pastors meet Mondays at 10am at the GBA office for a time of fellowship and inspiration.

GBA Pastors' Conference Schedule:

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| January 25: | Brad Oliver - Church Security |
| February 1: | Daymond Duck - Prophecy |
| February 8: | Roger Stacy - GBA/DOM |
| February 15: | No Meeting - President's Day |
| February 22: | Matt Tullos - TBMB |

Church News

Milan, FBC: Minister of Music, Austin Clark, resigned Sunday, December 20.

Mount Pisgah Baptist Church: Please send resumes to Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, in care of the Pastor Search Committee, 87 Mt. Pisgah Road, Bradford, TN 38316.

New Bethlehem is in need of a youth minister. E-mail nbbsearch4youth@gmail.com.

Salem Baptist Church of Trenton, TN is seeking a bi-vocational worship leader. We prefer a leader that is comfortable leading contemporary worship songs, but also has the ability to lead a choir and interject traditional hymns. Due to Covid, Salem has one morning worship service participating with singing. However, "post" Covid restrictions, a night service may be added as well. Find us the web at www.mysalemfamily.com, Facebook, and YouTube. Salem has a morning worship attendance of 200. Please send inquiries and resumes to Pastor Joel Pigg at brojoelpigg@gmail.com. Or call 731-695-5321.

Churches Seeking a Pastor

Chapel Hill, Fruitland, Idlewild, Laneview-Kenton, Medina FBC, Milan FBC, Mt. Pisgah, Rutherford FBC

October 1, 2020 - January 13, 2021

Church	Total Receipts	Current Receipts
Antioch	\$ 2,861.26	\$.00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	600.21	137.01
Bethel-Humboldt	.00	.00
Bethel-Yorkville	568.00	304.00
Bethpage	.00	.00
Bradford, FBC	945.00	315.00
Calvary-H	68.61	.00
Calvary-R	486.52	286.52
Center	150.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	2,545.78	.00
China Grove	134.86	41.13
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	1,569.07	715.12
Eldad	.00	.00
Elevate	1,664.75	884.75
Emmanuel	649.03	.00
Fellowship	672.73	.00
Fruitland	599.79	.00
Gibson	604.13	169.50
Hickory Grove	.00	.00
Idlewild	206.14	.00
Immanuel-T	334.00	.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	3,086.84	.00
Laneview-K	.00	.00
Laneview-T	155.52	52.00
Latham's Chapel	1,650.00	.00
Lavinia	1,524.00	465.00
Maranatha	.00	.00
Medina, FBC	750.00	150.00
Midway	414.33	414.33
Milan, FBC	1,744.00	576.00
Mt. Pisgah	390.30	92.25
Mount Pleasant	3,851.04	1,412.64
New Bethlehem	2,206.90	1,155.79
New Haven	750.00	250.00
New Hope	941.63	.00
Northern's Chapel	100.00	50.00
Northside	774.36	207.12
Oak Grove	254.99	195.61
Oakwood	298.70	.00
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	520.91	158.68
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford, FBC	206.60	.00
Salem	1,070.30	324.22
Smyrna	773.01	293.28
Spring Hill	239.86	74.92
The Church/Sugar Creek	1,807.40	.00
Trenton, FBC	1,250.00	.00
Walnut Grove	250.00	.00
West Carroll Unity	295.51	96.04
West Side	.00	.00
White Hall	1,289.25	523.75
Designated	103,080.64	.00
TBMB/Interest, etc.	2,788.87	\$9,394.66
Total Receipts	\$ 147,124.84	

2020-2021 Wingo Goal: \$ 23,500
Received to Date: \$17,445.66

Thank you for the following Wingo donations:
 given in Memory of Mrs. Judy Denning & Mrs. Jean Chestnutt - by GBA Pastors
 Gift Given by Kathleen Sparkman



Christian Women's Job Corps / Twice Blessed

This year will be the 20th anniversary of 9/11, nearly 3,000 people died in that tragedy. 3,000 babies die every day from abortion. Could you imagine having 9/11 every day for over 48 years? Would you consider standing with Birth Choice, those of you who don't already, in the fight for life and we can build a community for life together. This could mean volunteering for a position I have listed below, financial support or committing to pray for Birth Choice.

Volunteer Training Opportunities:

Just four hours of your time once a week can make a difference between life and death for an unborn child.

Our winter training dates will be

February 2, 4, 9, 11, 16, 18, & 23 from 6 – 9pm.
 This training is for client advocates, nurses, and anyone who wants to only volunteer with our parenting classes. Request an application today! Contact clinic director: Kelly Wall, 855-2900 or Kelly@birthchoice.us.

More Volunteer Opportunities:

-A couple people, who can team up and volunteer to help us keep our building clean.
 -Help in our resource room and/or office on a regular basis (one day a week) or be on an on-call list as we need people.

If you would be interested in helping contact Kelly, direct line 731-882-7324 or Kelly@birthchoice.us.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram or our website birthchoice.biz for up to date information and stories. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

As the New Year marches on, we are reminded that our lives are just a vapor which appears for a little while and then vanishes away. Even more we must spur one another on toward love and good deeds as we see the day approaching. There is much work to be done, and I pray you have found your place of service. If not, come to Twice Blessed and use those talents which the Lord has blessed you with. Some ways that you can serve are mentoring, teaching, merchandising, feeding our volunteers, and office work. We welcome youth groups, SS classes, college students needing community service hours and others needing projects or desiring to serve our Gibson County community.

We emptied out our food pantry and gave away toys and other items before Christmas. The GEMC brought in several boxes of canned goods as requested by Dan Rodamaker for his Christmas in memory of Joyce Brown to help restock our pantry. Donations have been coming in steadily since Christmas, and our volunteers have been showing up to pack up Christmas and get the store presentable for reopening. We changed our reopening date at Twice Blessed to January 19th in compliance with the governor's orders. We look forward to opening back up on the 19th.

We are grateful to those who made monetary contributions and blessed some of our participants and others with Christmas helps for their families this year. We also appreciate our volunteers, WMU, and churches in the community for their ongoing support of the Gibson County CWJC.

Our volunteer Christmas Party was held at Crenshaw's Catfish Cookery and attended by 11 volunteers. A fun time was had by all as games were played, and homemade desserts made by our volunteers were served. Judy Warren was chosen as our "Joyce Brown Volunteer of the Year". Judy has been a volunteer for about 4-1/21 years and volunteers two days per week, the first Saturday of each month and as needed. We hope to start a new Powered for Life classes around the first of February. This will be a small class, no more than 5 so that social distancing may be practiced. Please contact me with referrals or questions.

Christy Skelton, Site Coordinator
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