

The Vision

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Mark Your Calendar

January

- 21: GBA Work Day
- 23: Executive Board Meeting
- 26-28: Bivocational Pastors Retreat
- 29-30: Testify - State Evangelism Conference

February

- 9: Jerry Legg Volunteer Mission Banquet
- 14: W TN Pastors/Wives Valentine Banquet at UU
- 19: Focus on WMU Sunday
- 26: Softball Meeting

March

- 3-4: West TN Youth Evangelism Conference
- 5-12: Week of Prayer - N American Missions / AAEO
- 9: "Ignite" Evangelism Rally - Salem
- 14: W TN Pastors Conference - UU
- 16: SA Event - Bluegrass
- 16-18: WMU Get-Together

April

- 11: W TN Pastors Conference - UU
- 11: GBA Bible Drills
- 20: WMU Quarterly Meeting
- 20: Birth Choice Banquet
- 29: Regional Bible Drills

A Missionary View

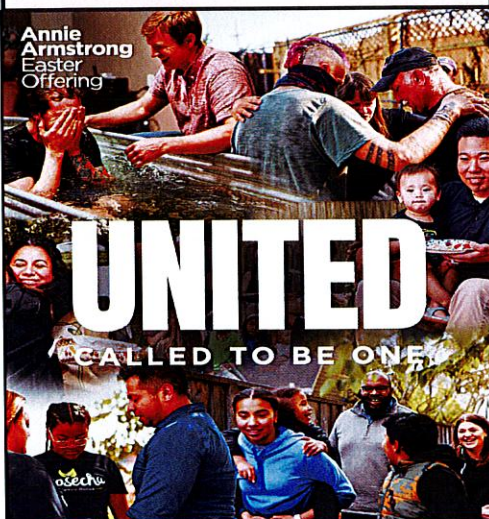
Saturday morning, January 21 we will continue work on the construction of the Trailer Shed where we will store our Block Party Wagon and Ministry Trailer. Volunteers are appreciated and needed! On Monday evening (January 23rd) we will have our first GBA Executive Board Meeting of the year at the GBA Office beginning at 7 PM. We will have some very important business to attend. In particular, our Send Team will have a recommendation about Hispanic Church Planting efforts. Other important business will be addressed. The GBA Executive Board consists of each GBA pastor and one GBA layperson. Please encourage your church representatives to attend and help us as we work together in Kingdom work!

Since leaving Costa Rica where Kathy & I served as IMB missionaries, we have not returned there to work or visit. Before coming back to GBA as Interim DOM we planned a trip back, this time for vacation. Our trip is scheduled for February 2-15.

I am very thankful for all the GBA Volunteers who have volunteered, and thankful for the encouragement and support of our GBA in supporting the Wingo Funds for International, National and local missions! The Wingo Fund has helped many individuals and churches participate in mission efforts! I know GBA volunteers have served in Africa, Mexico, France, Romania, Brazil, Ecuador, Panama, Honduras, India, Japan, Philippines, Jamaica, and Chile (I may have failed to mention all places our volunteers have served...not intentional!) That's a great list! I say all that to highlight the International contributions of the many GBA volunteers, and the Wingo Funds financial support! And, Medina, FBC, Trenton FBC, and Salem BC have volunteers going to Honduras January 31-February 7. Bro. Roger Stacy is planning a project in Brazil in March. Dyer FBC, is planning an August project in Panama. If you, or your church has an interest in one of these projects or other mission projects contact us! Thanks for praying for these mission efforts, and thanks for encouraging your church to contribute to the Wingo Fund! The Annual Jerry Legg Volunteer Missions Banquet is February 9 at Dyer, FBC!

Blessings,
Bro. Mike

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



JERRY LEGG VOLUNTEER MISSION BANQUET

Annual Cornbread and Bean Dinner

First Baptist Dyer - Thursday, February 9th at 6:00 PM - No charge, but please make reservations for meal by February 6th by calling GBA, 855-1202. Donations will be accepted for the WINGO offering.

WMU

Wanted: 100 Memories of WMU, Sunbeams, Mission Friends, GA's and RA's. Your memory or stories you heard growing up.

For: Devotion/remembrance guide to celebrate Gibson Baptist WMU 100th Anniversary.

Submit: A 6-8 sentence write-up; your name, church, phone number; a Bible verse to attach to the memory (or we will select one).

When: Not later than Jan 31 to the Association office. This is the absolute cutoff!!!

Softball Team Meeting

February 26th - 2pm - GBA Office
Please join us at this meeting if your church is interested in having a team this year.



GBA Senior Adult Event

March 16/ 6 PM / New Bethlehem

Entertainment:

Kurt & Andrea Stephenson Bluegrass Band

Menu: Grilled Pork Chops, Baked Ham, Sweet Potato Casserole, Corn Casserole, 7 Layer Salad, Rolls, Tea, Chocolate Cake, Banana Pudding



"IGNITE" Evangelism Rally

March 9 / Salem

Led by:

Roc Collins and Mark Miller

Meal for Pastors, Staff, & Wives: 5:30pm
RSVP by March 6th for the meal.

Rally for Everyone: 6:30pm

Literature pickup is back on! You may bring any **UNUSED** church literature to the association office. It is picked up here and taken to Memphis. It travels to Birmingham from Memphis and is distributed to various organizations that can use it to teach the gospel and reach those not being reached.



BIRTH CHOICE

BATTLE CONTINUES FOR LIFE - STAY IN THE FIGHT WITH US, JOIN THE FIGHT WITH US

Birth Choice has gaps in our existing schedule and would love to be open more days if we had more volunteers. Our clients and their babies need these volunteers more than we do! Would you join us in praying for God to send us the women we need by our May training? We believe in the power of prayer, so we encourage you to share this prayer request with your church or small group as well!

Our Client Advocates have the incredible opportunity to help women facing unplanned pregnancies who come to our clinics for help. They share the gospel, educate our clients on life-affirming options for their pregnancies, and share the truth about the child in the womb. Our medical personnel perform our free pregnancy testing and ultrasounds that introduce women to the precious babies in their wombs. Please pray the Lord will send us godly, Christian women who have a passion for the preborn and helping other women in unplanned pregnancy situations. As for medical personnel, we need women with an RN or RDMS degree.

Thank you for praying with us!

SAVE THE DATES!!!

Banquet – April 20th with Speaker Tony Perkins / Baby Bottles – Campaign runs Mother's Day to Father's Day

OPPORTUNITIES:

1. Become a "Lifesaver" with Birth Choice by being a monthly donor. 2. We are seeking Board Members from Gibson Co, if you are interested contact Kelly, kelly@birthchoice.us or 731-855-2900 for more information. 3. Schedule a Clinic Tour with us

RESOURCE ROOM NEEDS, WE NEED EVERYTHING BABY UP TO 2T:

Baby Formula-Similac, Car seats – we can only take new, Clothes – Girl-sizes 12-18 months, 18-24 months and 2T, Onesies- Girl -All sizes up to 2T Highchairs, Strollers, Diaper Rash Ointment - Any baby items will be appreciated big and small, you can donate monetarily to the resource room as well.

CWJC / Twice Blessed

Our annual Christmas Party was held at Crenshaw's Catfish Cookery and attended by 18 of our volunteers. Desserts were brought in by the volunteers, and Brenda Taylor was recognized as our "Joyce Brown Volunteer of the Year". (Pictured right.) Brenda has volunteered with us weekly since 2019.



New Bible study classes with our Powered for Life curriculum will start back the 2nd week of February both at Twice Blessed and at the jail. Please contact us if you know of anyone who is interested in attending the class or helping with the class at some capacity.

Please shop with us for your clothing and household needs. We have an abundance of new and gently used merchandise. The proceeds from the sales make it possible to pay \$900 monthly in rent, large utility bills, and insurance premiums as well as support our transition home.

We look forward to serving the community through our food pantry, clothing and household assistance program, and classes which qualify the participants for other resources. It is our desire to help women reach their full potential and find their purpose and place of service in God's Kingdom.

Thanks, Christy (731) 414-2795



**Pastors and Wives
February Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Birthdays

2 Mrs Denise Coleman, Pastor's Wife	New Bethlehem
5 Rev Mike Kemper, Interim DOM	Sugar Creek
8 Mrs Vicki Criswell, Pastor's Widow	Midway
14 Rev Tony Crossnoe, Pastor	Calvary, Humboldt
15 Rev Joey Hufstedler, Pastor	Poplar Grove
17 Rev Nickey McMinn, Pastor	Laneview, Trenton
18 Dr Matthew Nance, Interim Pastor	Milan FBC
19 Mrs Autumn McCartney, Pastor's Wife	Mount Pleasant
24 Rev Billy Criswell, Pastor	Bethel, Yorkville
27 Rev Joel Pigg, Pastor	Salem

Anniversaries

6 Rev/Mrs Tony Crossnoe, Pastor & Wife	Calvary, Humboldt
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GBA Pastors Conference

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

West Tennessee Pastors Conference

All meetings are on Tuesday morning at 10am on the university campus in Chapman dining Room unless otherwise noted.

Valentine's Banquet (Pepper Pratt) - Feb 14, 6PM - Carl Grant Events Center

Josh Franks - March 14, Marty Comer - April 11



Church News

Piano Player Needed: If you are interested in playing the piano each week during a morning worship service, please contact us at the association office (855-1202).

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

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

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church is looking for our next Music Minister, someone that can lead a blended style of worship. The ability to play an instrument would be a great benefit but not a requirement. Part time/ bivo position. Resumes to johnny.mccartney@yahoo.com.

New Hope Baptist Church-Dyer is seeking a bi-vocational Minister of Music Dir. with leadership skills in directing traditional/blended worship services. Contact Johnny Alford via email: jkinalford@hotmail.com or mail resumes to: New Hope Baptist Church, PO Box 293, Dyer, TN 38330 in care of Johnny Alford/Music Search Committee.

Trenton First Baptist Church recently lost our respected and loved pastor and his family to God's call to another church out-of-state. So, we are seeking God's man to lead us as our new pastor. If you sense God's leading for that role, please look at our website www.fbctrenton.net. And then after prayer you still feel led, send us your resume to the church office, First Baptist Church, 401 South High Street, Trenton, TN 38382 or firstbaptisttrenton@gmail.com. We have convened a pastor search committee and will review anything you would like us to consider including on-line material, CDs/DVDs, and recommendations. We would like to have your resume and attachments before February 1, 2023. We will assess all candidates as the resumes come in, but will not make decisions until after that date. We are an established Baptist Church aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention. Our Vision statement is CONNECTING ALL PEOPLE IN CHRIST.

Churches Seeking a Pastor

Bradford FBC, Chapel Hill, Gibson, Hickory Grove, Laneview-K, Latham's Chapel, Milan FBC, New Hope, Oak Grove, Spring Hill, Trenton FBC, West Side

October 1, 2022 - December 31, 2022

Church	Year to Date Receipts	December Receipts
Antioch	\$.00	\$.00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	369.63	129.75
Bethel-H	.00	.00
Bethel-Y	564.00	.00
Bethpage	214.65	.00
Bradford FBC	945.00	315.00
Calvary-H	24.36	.00
Calvary-R	1,362.73	1,362.73
Center	150.00	100.00
Chapel Hill	3,757.12	1,165.39
China Grove	61.35	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	1,437.27	501.07
Eldad	1,155.93	.00
Elevate	790.00	315.00
Emmanuel	1,094.28	293.82
Fellowship	817.77	265.65
Fruitland	174.81	43.71
Gibson	653.84	202.65
Hickory Grove	325.00	.00
Idlewild	357.13	118.59
Immanuel-T	233.00	84.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	4,959.22	1,543.91
Laneview-K	.00	.00
Laneview-T	170.20	40.00
Latham's Chapel	.00	.00
Lavinia	1,723.00	570.00
Medina, FBC	1,155.64	393.20
Midway	.00	.00
Milan, FBC	2,502.00	836.00
Mt. Pisgah	340.35	.00
Mount Pleasant	4,710.40	1,545.19
New Bethlehem	1,548.16	474.90
New Haven	850.00	350.00
New Hope	833.30	.00
Northerns Chapel	75.00	.00
Northside	716.91	169.36
Oak Grove	236.28	56.20
Oakwood	658.53	174.66
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	391.33	144.81
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford FBC	341.24	112.73
Salem	1,306.42	1,306.42
Smyrna	605.74	140.77
Spring Hill	250.30	70.64
The Church at Sugar Creek	3,464.60	1,039.73
Trenton, FBC	1,875.00	625.00
Walnut Grove	.00	.00
West Carroll Unity	306.61	.00
West Side	800.00	400.00
White Hall	1,373.68	555.71
Undesignated	45,681.78	\$ 15,446.59
Designated	5,070.80	
TBMB	2,490.17	
Total Receipts	\$ 53,242.75	

Wingo Fund

2022-23 Wingo Goal: \$23,500 / Received to Date: \$3,916.95

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Testify
Psalm 107:2

Let the Redeemed of the Lord Say So!

January 29-30 / New Vision Baptist Church, Murfreesboro TN
For registration details and more information, visit www.wintn.org.



GBA Bible Drills

April 11 / 6:30pm / White Hall
Please call GBA (855-1202) with the names & grades of those participating from your church, by April 4.

Regional Bible Drills

April 29th
Leawood East, Cordova

Overflowing Hope

MISSIONS
GET-TOGETHER

March 16-18, 2023

BRENTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
BRENTWOOD, TN

Registration
Now Open!



YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." (Romans 10:9)

Germantown Baptist Church, Germantown TN
Register online at www.yectn.org.

West TN
MARCH 3-4

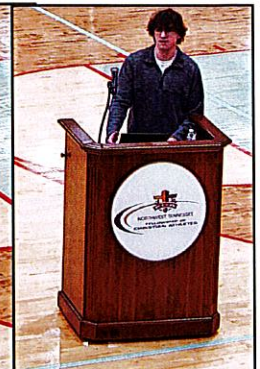
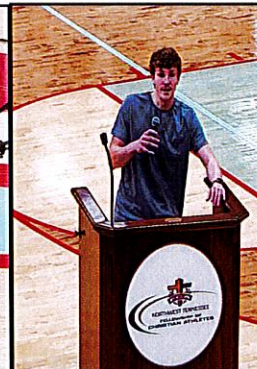


Scholarships

Bertie Thompson Scholarship - The Bertie Thompson scholarship is available to members of GBA churches. This scholarship provides financial help for students who sense a calling to serve in some aspect of Christian ministry & maintain a certain GPA. Applications available on the GBA Website, www.gbalife.org. Deadline May 18.

Continuing Education Scholarship - For people in ministry (both lay & vocational) taking classes (Seminary, Bible College, or Christian Education type courses). Application available at GBA or online at gbalife.org.

WMU Scholarship - Information available at tnbaptist.org. Deadline Jan 25



Pictured Top Left: Willie George, Deacon Ordination 1/15/23 at The Church At Sugar Creek

Center Left: Lottie Moon (Allison Matthews) visited and spoke to the children at First Baptist Milan followed by a social with Bro Matthew (interim pastor) and Cheryl Nance and members of the WMU.

Bottom: FCA's Courts for Christ at Gibson County High School