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The Christian Women's Job Corp's (Twice Blessed) Night of Hope was very well attended. It was held on October 23rd.



While on their Mission trip to Romania, Rhonda Poore and Cathy Farrar met Cameron, Jessica & Sarah Armstrong. In November they were the featured IMB missionaries from Bucharest that the GA's, RA's and Mission Friends studied about.



The Summit, TBMB, was held at West Jackson Baptist Church on November 12-14th. Standing in the main lobby in the picture to the left are David Powell, Smyrna; Joel Pigg, Salem with Drake Denning, new youth minister at Salem, and Jim Acree of Dyer, FBC.



Pictured in the picture on the right is Keith Donaldson, Connect; Steve Littleton, Gibson; Andy King, Fruitland; and Jason Bowen, Trenton, FBC.

The Vision

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A Missionary View

When you receive this newsletter, we will be days away from Christmas. On behalf of our staff, let me wish you a Merry Christmas! As we come to the close of another year we look forward to a new year working together for the Kingdom of God! Happy New Year!



On October 29th, we celebrated together at our annual meeting of our churches. Once again, the GBA was recognized by the Tennessee Baptist Convention as the largest contributor among associations in Northwest Tennessee to the Golden Offering for missions. I congratulate our pastors and churches for your sacrificial giving to reach our state. The credentials committee reported to our annual meeting that The Rock Church in Trenton has withdrawn their request to become a member of our association. The Budget & Finance Committee reported that due to a shortfall in budget receipts, the budget must be reduced. Julie Griggs, chairperson, challenged the churches to prayerfully consider giving more to support the GBA mission and evangelism efforts. Since the annual meeting, we have received notice that some churches have stepped up and increased their monthly contributions to GBA. It was also reported that we fell short of our Wingo mission goal of \$22,500. These funds help volunteers to serve in missions in North America and internationally.

A mission team worked in a Favela (shanty-town) in Rio de Janeiro the week of November 23—December 1. There were 123 professions of faith registered and several discipleship Bible studies taught to new believers.

The GBA has been asked by the association in Rio de Janeiro to lead a crusade the week of April 21—27, 2019. There will be an interest meeting for this trip on January 8, 6:30 pm, at the GBA office. We will work with five churches in the association for a week and have a huge victory celebration on Saturday night of that week as the association comes to together in celebration. We need five (5) pastors to preach during the crusade and 15 lay people to participate as well. For those pastors who have never been on a mission trip with GBA, there are special scholarship funds available through the Wingo Offering to help you go. You may contact the office for more information on the scholarships and the crusade (855-1202, rdstacy@gbalife.org).

Our annual GBA Volunteer Missions Banquet is scheduled for February 7, 2019, 6:30 pm. We will gather at the Fruitland Baptist Church to recognize the volunteer of the year. We are requesting nominations be submitted to the Send Team by January 10. The nomination forms are available at the GBA office. We are also able to e-mail you the form if you will contact the office (dklutts@gbalife.org; rdstacy@gbalife.org). You may also download the form at our website: <http://www.gbalife.org/general-information.html>

This is the season for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. As one who has benefited by these offerings when we served with IMB, let me encourage you to personally give so that our missionaries are able to share the gospel. Every dollar makes a difference!

Here are some important upcoming opportunities and events:

- January 8, 2019, interest meeting for next Brazil mission trip.
 - Executive Board Meeting, January 28, 7:00 pm
 - GBA Vacation Bible School Clinic, April 4, 2019, Salem Baptist Church
 - Bivocational Pastors/Wives Retreat, Pigeon Forge, TN, January 24-26
 - Volunteer of the Year Missions Banquet, Fruitland, February 7, 6:30 pm
 - GBA Bible Drills, White Hall, April 8, 2019
- Rio de Janeiro Crusade, April 21-27, 2019

Ben Lownsdale has resigned as pastor of Laneview Kenton. We welcome Bro. Andy Mayfield as the new pastor of Spring Hill Baptist Church. Salem Baptist has called Drew Denning as associate pastor/youth pastor. The following churches are without a pastor: Dyer FBC, Fruitland, Laneview Kenton, Milan FBC, Rutherford FBC, West Side, and White Hall.

Your Missionary, Bro. Roger



Sanctity of Human Life

January 20, 2019

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

WMU EVENT

January 17, 2019
 WMU Winter Quarterly Meeting
 New Bethlehem Baptist Church 10-AM
 Bring a Salad to Share

WMU wants to encourage these students in their academic and ministry pursuits by providing various scholarships.

Undergraduate (for students attending Tennessee colleges)
 Graduate (for students with Tennessee Baptist ties attending graduate school)
 Seminary (for graduate students attending SBC seminaries)

Information can be found on the TN WMU website:
www.tnwmu.org

Completed Scholarship applications must be postmarked by January 25, 2019.

GBA EXECUTIVE BOARD

January 28, 2019
 7:00 PM

Please mark your calendar for this date.

Birth Choice

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

BIRTH CHOICE IS CELEBRATING 30 YEARS THIS YEAR!

We have updated our website go to birthchoice.biz and check it out. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram as well.

EVENTS:

- *January – SOHL
- *February - Training
- *April - Banquet

Ways to become involved:

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

NEEDS:

- *Painting on the building is underway; we could still use your help
- *Gutters cleaned out
- *Trees trimmed

Exiting 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

GBA VOLUNTEER MISSION BANQUET


February 7 at 6:30 PM

Fruitland Baptist Church
 Corn Bread and Bean Dinner

Mission Volunteer of the Year

Nomination Forms are available at the GBA office. If there is someone in your church that volunteers to go on missions trips—either state side or overseas we would love for you to nominate them.

Please call us and we can email you a form or you can stop in and pick one up.



2019 Vacation Bible School
 "In The Wild"
 GBA VBS Clinic
 April 4, 2019
 Salem Baptist Church

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

Christian Women's Job Corps/"Twice Blessed"

Each day that we arise is an opportunity for a new start. I pray that your New Year is off to a good start. As we approach the new year, we believe that God has great things in store for CWJC. If you are not a part of this ministry, you certainly can be. The prayers carry us and are vital to our ministry. Praying, volunteering at the store, donating of your extra blessings, being involved in the jail ministry, mentoring and teaching are just a few of the ways you can be involved.

In reflection, it has been a great year for our ministry. Thanks to all of you who work so hard to keep things moving forward and supporting the ministry in so many special ways. Come and see us in the new year. You will be amazed at all the blessings and work going on to make it possible for us to help women and others in our community.

Christy Skelton, Site Coordinator

Senior Adults MARK your Calendars for April 16, 2019
 That is the date set for the next Senior Adult Banquet.

January Birthdays & Anniversary: Pastors & Wives

BIRTHDAYS

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|----|--|--------------|
| 03 | Mrs Charlene King, Interim Pastor's Wife | Fruitland |
| 03 | Mrs. Christy Hufstedler, Pastor's Wife | Poplar Grove |
| 06 | Mrs. Tiffany Bowen, Pastor's Wife | Trenton, FBC |
| 07 | Rev. Stephen Fields, Pastor | Keely Mill |
| 14 | Mrs. Kathleen Sparkman, Past DOM Widow | Kentucky |
| 15 | Dr. Greg McFadden, Pastor | Sugar Creek |
| 18 | Rev. Bill Brown, Pastor | Emmanuel |
| 21 | Rev. Eddie Holmes, Pastor | Fellowship |
| 22 | Rev. Steve Littleton, Pastor | Gibson |
| 22 | Mrs. Faye Sorrell, Retired Pastor's Wife | Northside |
| 25 | Mrs. Sheilia McFadden, Pastor's Wife | Sugar Creek |
| 25 | Mrs. Peggy Donaldson, Pastor's Wife | Connect |
| 27 | Mrs. Steve Skelton, Pastor | Immanuel-T |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|----|--------------------------------------|-------------------|
| 16 | Rev/Mrs Dillard Lykins, Pastor/Wife | Northern's Chapel |
| 19 | Rev/Mrs Joey Hufstedler, Pastor/Wife | Poplar Grove |
| 29 | Rev/Mrs Bryan Morris, Pastor/Wife | New Hope |
| 29 | Rev/Mrs Keith Donaldson, Pastor/Wife | Connect |

CHURCH NEWS

Bro. Ben Lownsdale has resigned as pastor of Laneview-K.

Dyer, FBC is seeking a part time ministry assistant. Please send a resume to ATTN: Personal Committee, PO Box 290, Dyer FBC, 38330.

Thank You

Dr. John Adams wanted to Thank the GBA for dedicating the 2018 Minute Book in his honor and also for dedicating it in memory of Bro. Max Walker, a great personal friend of his.

GBA Bible Drill

April 8, 2019
 6:30 PM

White Hall Baptist Church

Brazil Interest Meeting

January 8, 2019
 6:30 PM

This is the for the Mission Trip scheduled for April 21-27, 2019. These are tentative dates for the next trip. If you are interested in this trip or any other mission trip to Brazil please come to this information meeting.

BCM

The BCM meals have resumed on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of each month. Please let Joey Hufstedler (267-9602) know if your church group can help him out with this ministry. He could use help in churches/groups providing the meals or giving donations to help him provide the meals.

October 1, 2018— December 12, 2018

| Church | Total Receipts | Current Receipts |
|------------------------|----------------|------------------|
| Antioch | \$.00 | \$.00 |
| Avondale | .00 | .00 |
| Beech Grove | 471.28 | 235.12 |
| Bethel-Humboldt | .00 | .00 |
| Bethel-Yorkville | 283.00 | .00 |
| Bethpage | 203.92 | .00 |
| Bradford, FBC | 580.00 | 290.00 |
| Calvary-H | 53.55 | 27.11 |
| Calvary-R | .00 | .00 |
| Center | 100.00 | 50.00 |
| Chapel Hill | 3,335.71 | 1,624.87 |
| China Grove | 80.05 | 36.00 |
| Clear Creek | .00 | .00 |
| Connect | 166.91 | 166.91 |
| Dyer, FBC | 821.76 | 406.00 |
| Eldad | 456.12 | 199.12 |
| Emmanuel | 498.93 | 205.04 |
| Fellowship | 401.79 | 192.27 |
| Fruitland | .00 | .00 |
| Gibson | 275.00 | 133.00 |
| Hickory Grove | .00 | .00 |
| Idlewild | 259.27 | .00 |
| Immanuel-T | 170.00 | 88.00 |
| Keely Mill | .00 | .00 |
| Kenton, FBC | 3,118.65 | 1,396.35 |
| Laneview-K | 200.00 | 100.00 |
| Laneview-T | 103.30 | 45.30 |
| Latham's Chapel | 300.00 | 150.00 |
| Lavinia | 1,006.00 | 388.00 |
| Maranatha | 365.00 | 365.00 |
| Medina, FBC | .00 | .00 |
| Midway | .00 | .00 |
| Milan, FBC | 1,166.00 | 583.00 |
| Mt. Pisgah | 317.82 | 171.63 |
| Mt. Pleasant | 2,007.69 | 1,095.31 |
| New Bethlehem | 527.23 | .00 |
| New Haven | 200.00 | 100.00 |
| New Hope | 00 | .00 |
| Northern's Chapel | 50.00 | 50.00 |
| Northside | 431.58 | 136.35 |
| Oak Grove | 135.72 | 72.76 |
| Oakwood | 194.65 | 88.34 |
| Old Bethlehem | .00 | .00 |
| Poplar Grove | 602.09 | 129.90 |
| Poplar Springs | .00 | .00 |
| Rutherford, FBC | 258.00 | 163.00 |
| Salem | 580.76 | 279.84 |
| Smyrna | 503.90 | 185.23 |
| Spring Hill | 168.00 | 87.00 |
| The Church/Sugar Creek | 1,954.72 | 1,026.14 |
| The Rock | 167.64 | 167.64 |
| Trenton, FBC | 1,250.00 | 625.00 |
| Walnut Grove | .00 | .00 |
| West Carroll Unity | 97.60 | .00 |
| West Side | 83.00 | .00 |
| White Hall | 795.44 | 383.85 |
| Designated | 3,228.86 | 2,758.86 |
| TBMB/Interest, etc. | 926.72 | .26 |
| Total Receipts | \$ 28,897.66 | \$ 14,202.20 |

2018-2019 Wingo Goal is \$ 22,500

Received to date: \$ 4,299.69