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Pictured Left:
Kenny Evans sang & shared his testimony at the GBA Pastors' Conference, Nov. 23rd, which was held at Salem Baptist Church.

Maranatha Baptist Church (pictured right) closed it's doors July 26, 2020. The church is now the new Hispanic church plant.



Pictured Above: Food drive at Laneview Baptist Church in Kenton on December 12.

Pictured Below: Sylvia & the Brazilian Missionaries



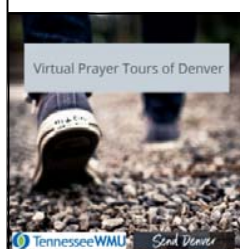
Rio Kids Update
Thank you for helping feed 150 kids in Rio! Your donations are needed and very much appreciated. If you would like to help please send checks to the GBA office marked for "Rio Kids".

WINTN Webinar - January 12, 2021

WINTN webinars are designed to help & encourage church leaders across TN. On the second Tuesday of each month at 10 AM Central, the TBMB's WINTN Team hosts a special guest to discuss issues related to evangelism and discipleship. There is no cost and the webinars are held on Zoom. Contact Steve Pearson (spearson@tnbaptist.org) for further information.

Join us for a **Virtual Prayer Tour in Denver** on Jan. 20th. We will use video conferencing to hear from different church planters and then pray for them & their families.

The prayer tour will start at **11:00 am central time** and last approximately one hour. You can stay the whole time or come in and out of the meeting as needed. After the live video conference meeting, a recorded version of the meeting will be placed online for others to view.



The Monday before the prayer tour, those who have signed up will receive the information to join the meeting using RingCentral.

Contact Vickie Anderson (vanderson@tnbaptist.org) for further information.



Join Compassion Ministry Network (Jan. 21, 10-11:00) as we discuss how to keep evangelism at the center of your compassion ministry w/ Dr. Charles Roesel.

To register, go online to: <https://tn.sbcworkspace.com/Pub/Event/Register/55232762>. You will need to input an email address in the registration in order to receive the Webinar link. For more information, contact Joe Sorah at jsorah@tnbaptist.org or 423-895-1481.



The worship consultants from the SBC state conventions across the USA are putting together another virtual conference—the Resourcing Worship Children's Worship University, especially for leaders working with children's choirs and children's worship. Never before has this caliber of training been available online. Check out the breakout sessions at <https://www.accelevents.com/e/CWU>. Tickets are only \$20 currently and include 90 days of access to all the breakout sessions. Note that the breakout sessions scroll to see all that is offered each time. Contact your leaders now and plan to attend this amazing conference!

The Vision

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Mark Your Calendar

January 1
Happy New Year!
January 17
Sanctity of Human Life Sunday



January 19
Financial Issues Facing Churches

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

April 22
Associational VBS Training - Salem

Cancellations

In light of the increased cases of Covid-19,
...the **Bivocational Pastors & Wives Retreat** scheduled for January has been canceled.

...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

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

On behalf of our staff at GBA, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Yes, a new year is fast approaching. Many are ready to say good-bye to 2020 and COVID-19. I am trusting our Father for a greater year ahead and abundant opportunities.

At our special called Executive Board meeting (Annual Meeting) on October 22, we elected new officers, committee members and team members. Our officers for 2020-2021 are: Bro. Shawn Allred, moderator; Bro. Bryan Morris, assistant moderator; Leann Cherry, clerk; Jim Acree, treasurer; and Bro. Joel Pigg, assistant treasurer.

This year we are dedicating our Minute Book of the Association to the following people: (1) In memory of Mrs. Rachel Duck, member of FBC Dyer, wife of Bro. Daymond Duck; (2) in memory of Mr. Harold Pinkley, a member of the Church at SugarCreek, and (3) in honor of Bro. Johnny Criswell, pastor of Midway Baptist Church. Bro. Johnny has pastored Midway for 28 years and is our longest serving GBA pastor.

Due to the increasing number of COVID cases, we have decided to cancel our **Jerry Legg Volunteer Missions Banquet**. Part of the reason is that this event involves a meal, and it is harder to practice social distancing in such cases.

We will have our **Financial Issues Update conference on January 19, 2021**. Salem Baptist Church will host our training event, in the sanctuary of the church, to allow for social distancing. We request that you kindly help us and wear a mask that evening. We will provide plenty of masks for you as you enter the sanctuary. Our meeting starts at 6:30 pm and will be led by Deborah Taylor from the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. Deborah served for many years with the convention and is a CPA. I want to encourage our pastors and church treasurers to attend. The meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend. One of the subjects to be covered will be new IRS requirements for churches, and other financial matters.

We will be transitioning to a digital format for the Vision newsletter. This will help us cut down on the cost of mailing. We realize that some will want to continue to receive a copy in the mail. If you want a copy mailed to you, please call our office (855-1202) or e-mail us (info@gbalife.org). We realize that some of our seniors will prefer to receive a mailed copy.

GBA will have a 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. Contact the office for more information. Registration deadline is January 25.

We are now receiving applications for the **Bertie Thompson Scholarship**. This scholarship is for students entering some form of ministry. The application can be downloaded at our website: www.gbalife.org.

We also have a continuing education scholarship available. This scholarship will provide monies for books and supplies for those taking seminary, Bible college classes, or some form of continuing education. Only two scholarships are available in the amount of \$150. Contact the office for more information and to apply.

Clear Creek called Bro. Steve Hemann as pastor. Bro. Frank Bowling has resigned FBC Medina. 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.

To reduce the cost of the *Vision* newsletter we are asking that if you are willing to receive a link to the *Vision* by e-mail each month (instead of a hard copy) to please send your name, mailing address, church name, & your e-mail address to gbams1@gbalife.org.

FINANCIAL ISSUES

Financial Issues Facing Churches

January 19 - 6:30pm - Salem Baptist Church

This meeting has been moved to Salem so that we will have plenty of room to **Socially Distance**.

We strongly suggest wearing a **Facemask**. If you do not have a mask, we will have plenty available at the meeting free of charge.

WMU Winter Quarterly Meeting

January 21 - 10am - FBC Kenton

Executive Board Meeting

January 25th - 7pm - Salem

To allow for social distancing the January Executive Board Meeting will be in the Sanctuary at Salem.



Bertie Thompson Scholarship

The scholarship is available to members of our GBA churches. The scholarship provides financial help for students who sense a calling to serve in some aspect of Christian ministry & maintain a certain grade point average. The scholarship application is available on the GBA Website, www.gbalife.org - deadline May 20.

Continuing Education Scholarship

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

WMU Scholarship

Info available at tnbaptist.org - deadline January 25

Gibson Baptist Association Pastors, Staff and Wives Retreat

February 5-6 at Linden Valley



A weekend of refreshing & reenergizing for ministry!
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



Pastors and Wives January Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

3	Mrs Charlene King, Pastor's Wife	Fruitland
3	Mrs Christy Hufstedler, Pastor's Wife	Poplar Grove
6	Mrs Tiffany Bowen, Pastor's Wife	Trenton, FBC
14	Mrs Kathleen Sparkman, Past DOM Widow	Kentucky
15	Dr Greg McFadden, Pastor	Sugar Creek
21	Rev Eddie Holmes, Pastor	Fellowship
22	Mrs Faye Sorrell, Retired Pastor's Widow	Northside
22	Rev Steve Littleton, Pastor	Gibson
25	Mrs Sheila McFadden, Pastor's Wife	Sugar Creek
27	Rev Steve Skelton, Pastor	Immanuel

Anniversaries

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

Pastors' Conference

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

GBA Pastors' Conference Schedule:

December 21:	Dr. Dub Oliver - Union University President
December 28:	No Pastors' Conference - Christmas Break
January 4:	Tiffany Dawson or Kelly Wall - Birth Choice
January 11:	Dr. Randy Davis - TBMB
January 18:	No Pastors' Conference - Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday
January 25:	Brad Oliver
February 1:	Daymond Duck - Prophecy
February 8:	Roger Stacy - GBA/DOM

Church News

Medina, FBC: Reverend Frank Bowling's last Sunday as Pastor of Medina, FBC was Sunday, November 15, 2020.

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.

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, China Grove, Fruitland, Idlewild, Laneview-Kenton, Medina FBC, Milan FBC, Mt. Pisgah, Rutherford FBC

October 1, 2020 - December 10, 2020

Church	Total Receipts	Current Receipts
Antioch	\$ 2,861.26	\$.00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	463.20	248.61
Bethel-Humboldt	.00	.00
Bethel-Yorkville	264.00	.00
Bethpage	.00	.00
Bradford, FBC	630.00	315.00
Calvary-H	68.61	.00
Calvary-R	200.00	.00
Center	50.00	.00
Chapel Hill	1,298.31	.00
China Grove	93.73	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	853.95	435.75
Eldad	.00	.00
Elevate	780.00	420.00
Emmanuel	444.73	.00
Fellowship	672.73	245.83
Fruitland	544.47	.00
Gibson	279.00	.00
Hickory Grove	.00	.00
Idlewild	78.36	.00
Immanuel-T	192.00	.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	3,086.84	1,483.62
Laneview-K	.00	.00
Laneview-T	103.52	44.00
Latham's Chapel	1,650.00	.00
Lavinia	1,059.00	617.00
Maranatha	.00	.00
Medina, FBC	400.00	.00
Midway	.00	.00
Milan, FBC	1,168.00	584.00
Mt. Pisgah	298.05	180.90
Mount Pleasant	2,438.40	1,231.97
New Bethlehem	1,051.11	381.63
New Haven	500.00	250.00
New Hope	314.58	.00
Northern's Chapel	50.00	.00
Northside	317.38	122.74
Oak Grove	59.38	.00
Oakwood	298.70	161.84
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	161.33	.00
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford, FBC	90.00	.00
Salem	746.08	408.78
Smyrna	479.73	255.51
Spring Hill	164.94	94.60
The Church/Sugar Creek	1,807.40	1,036.54
Trenton, FBC	1,250.00	625.00
Walnut Grove	.00	.00
West Carroll Unity	199.47	112.25
West Side	.00	.00
White Hall	765.50	468.50
Designated	102,790.63	.00
TBMB/Interest, etc.	<u>1,857.33</u>	<u>\$9,724.07</u>
Total Receipts	\$ 132,881.72	

2020-2021 Wingo Goal: \$ 23,500
Received to Date: \$16,483.64

Thank you for the Wingo donation given in Memory of Mrs. Judy Denning - by GBA Pastors.



Birth Choice

January is Sanctity of Human Life Month!
 Our focus this January is "Going the Extra Mile."

This year it may be more important than ever to evaluate what we are doing to protect human life in our community and country.



We have several videos featuring stories from our own clients, Bulletin Inserts, and Slide/Presentation Images that you can share with your church.

For all this and more visit birthchoice.biz. call Kelly at 731-882-7324, or email kelly@birthchoice.us, or tiffany@birthchoice.us.

Christian Women's Job Corps / Twice Blessed



As the end of the year quickly approaches, we are very busy with donations at Twice Blessed as people clean out in preparation for Christmas. We are blessing those in need as we set out free items daily and assist others with clothing and food from our pantry. Thanks to Woodmen of the World for their donation to help restock the pantry.

During these challenging times, our mission remains the same. The goal is to encourage women toward independence and self-sufficiency. Please remember us in prayer as Covid has proven to make it more difficult to reach women. We are hoping for a more productive new year.

Please remember that you can also support our ministry by purchasing gift coupons for those in need. We will be closed December 22nd and reopen January 5th. Please hold your donations until after January 5th.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from your Gibson County CWJC!