

The Vision

Gibson Baptist Association

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Mark Your Calendar

December

25: Merry Christmas!

January

10: W TN Pastors Conference
19: WMU Quarterly Meeting, Chapel Hill
23: Executive Board Meeting
26-28: Bivocational Pastors Retreat
29-30: Testify - Tennessee Evangelism Conference

February

5-6: Ignite
9: Jerry Legg Volunteer Mission Banquet
14: W TN Pastors/Wives Valentine Banquet at UU
19: Focus on WMU Sunday

March

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

April

11: GBA Bible Drills
20: WMU Quarterly Meeting

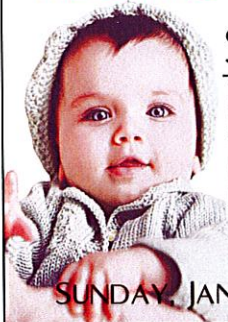
A Missionary View

As the old year ends and a new one begins, we can reflect and anticipate! In reflecting, we still have residual effects of COVID and run-a-way inflation. Political turmoil, suspicions, and war. Tornadoes, hurricanes, and fires. Deaths, suicides, addictions, and abuse. So many hurting, confused, and hopeless people! We realize, we can't change the past! But, with what we have in this moment and the anticipation for the future, we not only can survive, we can thrive! The problems and challenges of the past and today, can be our opportunity to be the overcomers we read about in God's Word! I want to be an Overcomer! We, Christ followers are not defeated! We are more than conquerors through Christ who loves us so! In anticipating a New Year, let us set our sights on things above and beyond the temporary things of this world!

Our GBA office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays December 22 until January 3. But feel free to contact me by cell during those days. Put on your calendar the annual **Volunteer Banquet, February 9 at Dyer FBC!** And **March 9 we will have an "Ignite" Evangelism Rally with Brothers Roc Collins and Mark Miller!** We are in process of constructing and parking shed for our Block Party and DR/Ministry Trailers. Help with this project is appreciated! And we are also re-equipping the DR/Ministry Trailer. If you or your church wants to help with gathering DR and small project equipment, please call the office and we will give you a list of items needed. Our Send Team will have recommendations to our **Executive Board on January 23** related to Hispanic Church Plants in our county!

Blessings,
Bro. Mike

WE STAND FOR



SANCTITY
OF
HUMAN
LIFE

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22, 2023



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

GBA Executive Board Meeting

Monday, January 23, 2023 - 7 PM - Gibson Baptist Association

WMU Winter Meeting

Thursday, January 19, 2023
Chapel Hill - 10:00 AM
Bring a salad to share for lunch.

GBA Volunteer Mission Banquet

Thursday, February 9 at 6 PM - Dyer FBC
RSVP by February 6
Corn Bread and Beans 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. **Nomination forms are due by January 9.**

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

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: January 25*

Brazil Mission Trip to Rio de Janeiro

March 20-28, 2022

- Approximate cost of the trip is \$2,000.
- Wingo Fund scholarships are available. First time volunteers \$500/others \$400.
- There will be an interest meeting for the trip on Thurs evening, Jan 5, at the GBA office.
- Bring your passport to the interest meeting. If you do not have a passport, apply immediately if you plan on traveling to Brazil.
- NO Covid vaccine shots are required to enter Brazil.
- You may download the forms for the trip at: <https://www.gbalife.org/mission-trip-forms.html>.
- For more info, contact Bro. Roger Stacy: (731) 414-9973 or rdstacy@yahoo.com

We will not be collecting used Sunday School literature for a while. The storage area in Memphis is full and the person that has been in charge of getting the material to Birmingham is no longer able to coordinate this effort. We will let you know if/when this work resumes.



BATTLE CONTINUES FOR LIFE

STAY IN THE FIGHT WITH US, JOIN THE FIGHT WITH US

Birth Choice needs several volunteers as we have many gaps in our schedules. 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 February and May trainings? We believe in the power of prayer, so we encourage you to share this prayer request with your church or small group as well!

We need to train 20 Client Advocates and 13 medical personnel for our Jackson, Gibson County, and Mobile Clinic locations. 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 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!!! *OFFICE CLOSED: Dec 19 – Jan 1

We will reopen on January 3, 2023.

*January – SOHL Sunday/week/month. Speakers are available. Contact Tiffany at 731-453-8159 or tiffany@birthchoice.us

OPPORTUNITIES:

1. First training of 2023 will start in Feb contact Kelly Wall for information at kelly@birthchoice.us or 855-2900.
2. Become a "Lifesaver" w/ Birth Choice by being a monthly donor.
3. We are seeking Board Members from Gibson County, if you would be interested contact Kelly, kelly@birthchoice.us or 855-2900 for more info.

RESOURCE ROOM NEEDS, WE NEED EVERYTHING

BABY UP TO 2T: Baby Formula-Similac, BIG need for car seats – we can only take new, Clothes – Girl- 12-18 months, 18-24 months and 2T, Onesies- Girl -All sizes up to 2T, Highchairs, Strollers, Diaper Rash Ointment, Any baby items appreciated, big & small, you can donate monetarily to the resource room as well.



CWJC / Twice Blessed

We are coming to the end of another prosperous year in the Gibson County CWJC ministry. It would not be possible without our volunteers, our churches and the generosity of the people here in Gibson County. I pray God's richest blessings on all of you.

Our store will be open through December 23rd. We will be closed through January 2nd, and reopen January 3rd. We are now open until 6pm on Fridays and Saturdays 10 – 3pm. We have lots of good sales on Christmas items and winter clothing. Please support us by shopping with us or the purchase of a gift certificate for someone in need.

We are thankful for our House of Hope and the girls there. Our new store manager and assistant at the house has been with us for one month now and has proven to be a great asset thus far. They are staying very busy with Celebrate Recovery Meetings, GED Classes, Parenting classes and community projects. Please remember these women in your prayers.

We held a graduation from Powered for Life classes for 3 inmates at the Gibson County Correctional Facility on December 6th. We have 4 that will be recognized for going through the class here at Twice Blessed on December 14th. Classes will resume in February. Please consider how you may contribute your talents by teaching, mentoring or volunteering in the store in the new year.

PLEASE HOLD ALL DONATIONS UNTIL AFTER THE 1ST OF THE YEAR.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christy Skelton
(731) 414-2795



Pictured Far Right: Twice Blessed "Powered for Life" graduation - Christy Skelton, Director, Willie Mai Hill, Kristie Vernon, Marilyn Adams, Regina Karnes, Judy Cantrell

Also Pictured:

Welcome
Tracy Milholen,
Twice Blessed store manager!



**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
14 Mrs Cheryl Nance, Interim Pastor's Wife	Milan FBC
14 Mrs Kathleen Sparkman, Past DOM Widow	Kentucky
15 Dr Greg McFadden, Pastor	Sugar Creek
21 Rev Eddie Holmes, Pastor	Fellowship
25 Mrs Sheila McFadden, Pastor's Wife	Sugar Creek
27 Rev Steve Skelton, Pastor	Immanuel

Anniversaries

19 Rev/Mrs Joey Hufstedler, Pastor & Wife	Poplar Grove
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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.

Danny Sinquefield - January 10, 10AM
Valentine's Banquet (Pepper Pratt) - Feb 14, 6PM - Carl Grant Events Center
Josh Franks - March 14 / Marty Comer - April 11

Church News

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

Bethpage Baptist Church sends a special note of thanks to the church that gave an anonymous donation to help restore their building that was lost in the Dec. 10 tornado.

Fellowship Baptist Church, 6295 Graball Rd, Milan, TN 38358, is looking for a part-time music director. No experience necessary - the pastor will train you. Send resume to the address above or email fellowshipbc.milan@gmail.com.

Kenton FBC is accepting resumes for the position of bi-vocational youth minister. Please submit resume or direct questions to broshawnallred@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/ bivocational 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 - November 30, 2022

Church	Year to Date Receipts	November Receipts
Antioch	\$.00	\$.00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	239.88	104.07
Bethel-H	.00	.00
Bethel-Y	564.00	367.00
Bethpage	214.65	214.65
Bradford FBC	630.00	315.00
Calvary-H	24.36	.00
Calvary-R	.00	.00
Center	50.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	2,591.73	1,485.56
China Grove	61.35	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	936.20	424.71
Eldad	1,155.93	.00
Elevate	475.00	.00
Emmanuel	800.46	462.02
Fellowship	552.12	326.76
Fruitland	131.10	131.10
Gibson	451.19	451.19
Hickory Grove	325.00	.00
Idlewild	238.54	138.23
Immanuel-T	149.00	149.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	3,415.31	1,612.42
Laneview-K	.00	.00
Laneview-T	130.20	67.70
Latham's Chapel	.00	.00
Lavinia	1,153.00	671.00
Medina, FBC	762.44	422.73
Midway	.00	.00
Milan, FBC	1,666.00	833.00
Mt. Pisgah	340.35	153.96
Mount Pleasant	3,165.21	1,388.62
New Bethlehem	1,073.26	650.72
New Haven	500.00	250.00
New Hope	833.30	833.30
Northerns Chapel	75.00	.00
Northside	547.55	296.25
Oak Grove	180.08	80.16
Oakwood	483.87	203.33
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	246.52	124.22
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford FBC	228.51	112.38
Salem	.00	.00
Smyrna	464.97	250.32
Spring Hill	179.66	91.02
The Church at Sugar Creek	2,424.87	1,335.36
Trenton, FBC	1,250.00	625.00
Walnut Grove	.00	.00
West Carroll Unity	306.61	.00
West Side	400.00	.00
White Hall	817.97	522.92
Undesignated	30,235.19	\$ 15,143.70
Designated	2,793.28	
TBMB	1,708.17	
Total Receipts	\$ 34,736.64	

Wingo Fund

2022-23 Wingo Goal: \$23,500 / Received to Date: \$2,133.41

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IGNITE

Testify

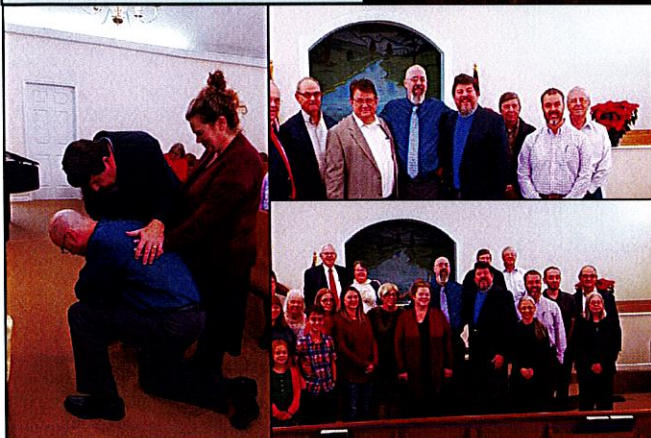
Find more info about IGNITE & TESTIFY at tnbaptist.org.



Several GBA pastors attended Summit 2022 at Bellevue.

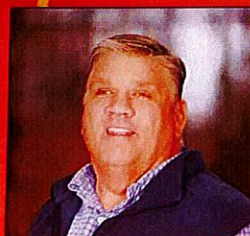


Pictured Right: Pastors, Staff, and Wives Christmas Dinner. Thank you FBC Trenton and the Second Act Theater Group from Union University! It was a wonderful night.



Pictured Above: Dr. Robert Talbott, new pastor of Idlewild Baptist Church, ordained December 4th.

NWTN FCA Courts for Christ



Guest Speaker, Lee McBride
with Souled Out Camps

Worship led by
Bradley and Lisa Roberts

- 🕒 **When:** January 11th @6:30pm
- 📍 **Where:** Gibson Co. High Gym
- 🎟️ **Free Admission**

Lee McBride travels the country as an evangelist and storyteller.

Growing up as a preacher's kid, Lee was called to preach at the ripe old age of 12. He was a youth pastor for 13 years, a pastor for three years, and for over 15 years has been a full-time missionary to the outdoorsmen of America. Lee uses humor and storytelling to evangelize and motivate people of all ages.

Lee uses real life stories to truly connect with people on a much deeper level. He's been on over 50 missions trips, has spoken at 500 wild game suppers, and preached over 100 youth camps and retreats. Every August Lee speaks to over 100 football teams in 30 days.

