

# The Vision

## Gibson Baptist Association

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### GBA Calendar

#### June

25: Mission: Dignity Sunday

#### July is GBA's

#### Wingo Offering Month

2023 Goal: \$23,500

*Celebrating 34 years of assisting GBA members  
to go on Mission for the Lord!*

#### July

2: Religious Liberty Sunday

4: Independence Day

20: WMU Quarterly Meeting

24: GBA Executive Board Mtg

30: Wingo Offering Sunday

#### August

28-Sept 2: Gibson Co Fair

#### September

7: Deacons' Meetin'

10-17: Wk of Prayer for State Missions -GOTM

13: Fields of Faith

21: WMU Quarterly Meeting

23: 2nd Annual GBA Missions Day

24: GBA Missions Day Rally

26: Night of Hope

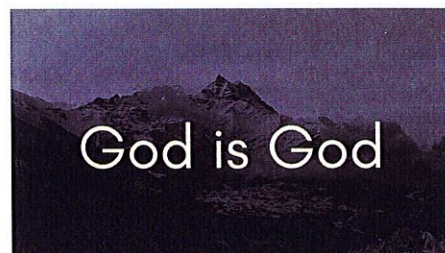
27: SYATP

30: Senior Adult Event

### A Missionary View

So much confusion & debates going on. social, political, cultural, environmental, spiritual. I think these questions and/or debates are not really the key issues. I believe current cultural and moral debates have a much deeper root. It's not simply "is this right or wrong?"; "is this good or bad?"; "is this better or worse?"; "normal or not normal?" Whatever? I believe these questions, debates, or confusion goes all the way back to Genesis 1 "In the beginning God..." Did God? People must settle in their minds & hearts... "God!" Some are saying, about current issues, "that was then, this is now, things have changed." "Things have definitely changed, But, God has NOT changed! Not at all! God is the immutable, unchanging, creator, sustainer, God of the universe! From the very foundations of the world/universe, He has never and will never change. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever!" If it was good, bad, wrong, right, normal, not normal, then, it is good, bad, wrong or right today! Wrong will never be right! Some may say: "I'm trying to decide about all these cultural, or morale issues and debates." We can debate, rationalize, try to justify on and on! But what God has already spoken, no matter what men may say, no matter what governments may say, no matter what politicians or activists say, where God has spoken the debate is futile. Like it or not! Every person or nation decides one way or the other about God! Obey, submit, or rebel, disobey! The foolish say, "there is no God" The foolish have no reverence or respect of God. The truth is this; He has, He is, and He will do everything that He says He will do! The good news is that God is Just, and He is also at the same time Merciful! He gives Grace, mercy, and peace to those who seek Him, know Him, reverence Him! God is a Rewarder of those who seek Him! Good advice, don't oppose God! "Trust and Obey for there is NO other way, to be happy in Jesus, but to Trust and Obey!"

Brother Mike



**Attention Church Clerks & Pastors:** ACP Packets are available for pickup at the GBA office.

Please return by September 30th.

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

**WMU QUARTERLY MEETING - THURSDAY, JULY 20 / 10 AM at KEELY MILL - Bring a salad to share for lunch.**

**READING of the BIBLE**

Dyer Station Celebration  
6th Annual Community Event

June 28, Wednesday 6AM to 7PM  
June 29, Thursday 6AM to 7PM  
June 30, Friday 6AM to 7PM  
July 1, Saturday 6AM to 7PM  
July 2, Sunday 6AM to 7PM  
July 3, Monday 6AM to 7PM  
July 4, Tuesday 6AM to ???

*We need 250 volunteers for 20 minute time slots at the Boy Scout Building in Dyer. Call or text to schedule times or ask questions: Michael Roberson at 731-414-6252 or Cindy Roberson at 731-225-6220. If you leave a message we will return your call.*

**GBA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**  
**MONDAY, JULY 24TH—7PM**

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**White Hall, June 23rd, 6-9/24th, 9-4**  
Closing the 25th at 5pm

**Medina FBC, June 26-30**  
*Keepers of the Kingdom / 9-3 each day*  
For all children who have completed K-6th grade.

**Trenton FBC, Kickoff July 9, 6pm**  
July 10-13, 6-8:30

**Antioch, July 10-14, 6-8:30**  
Ages 4 (preschool) -5th grade

**New Bethlehem, July 9-14**

**Laneview Trenton, July 12-15**

**New Hope, Stellar, July 16-20**

**Idlewild, July 16-20, 6-8pm**

**Milan FBC, Twists & Turns**  
July 17-21, 6-8:30pm

**Rutherford FBC, Twists & Turns**  
July 17-21, 5:30-8pm

**THE DEACONS' MEETIN'**

***Serving Faithfully and Finishing Well***

Message: Dr. Ray Van Neste, Union University  
Praise & Worship: New Bethlehem

Thursday, September 7 / 5:30 PM / White Hall  
Deacons, Pastors, Staff, & Wives / \$5 per person

GBA suggests each church cover the cost for their attendees. Basket available for childcare donations. RSVP for meal &/or childcare by Aug 31 at the GBA.

**FIELDS OF FAITH**

September 13, 7pm - Peabody HS  
Music: Ken Bowman - Speaker: TJ Gilliam

**GBA 2ND ANNUAL MISSIONS WEEKEND**

**SEPTEMBER 23RD & 24TH**

**GBA Missions Rally the 24th at New Hope**

**Speaker: Adam Winters, IMB Missionary**

GBA mission teams are encouraged to set up a table at the meal. Contact Sheilah Spangler or Joey Hufstedler for more information.

**SENIOR ADULT EVENT - ENTERTAINMENT: KENNY EVANS - SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 30 / 6 PM / SALEM**



What is our biggest need at Birth Choice? More godly women to join our team! We need 7 medical personnel and 14 Client Advocates across our ministry, including in Jackson, Gibson County, and most of our Mobile Clinic locations. Will you help us fill these empty slots in our schedules by our October training? Our Client Advocates will share the gospel, the truth about life in the womb, and other important information with our clients. Our medical personnel perform pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. Each of our volunteers gets to be the hands and feet of Jesus. For more information, please respond to this email or watch the video.

Thank you to The Gathering Rutherford for hosting a community wide Baby Shower!

**SAVE THE DATES!!!**

\*Next training starts in October! Email Kelly, [kelly@birthchoice.us](mailto:kelly@birthchoice.us) or call 731-855-2900 for more information and/or an application.

\*Walk for Life in September

**HELP US STOCK THE RESOURCE ROOM**

Baby Formula-Similac, Car seats – we can only take new, Play Yards, Clothes – Girl-sizes 12-18 months, 18-24 months and 2T, Onesies- Girl -All sizes up to 2T, Highchairs, Strollers, Diaper Rash Ointment, Baby Shampoo/Bath/Wash, Crib Sheets, Bouncy Seats



Summertime and vacations and warm weather chores keep us all on the move. At Twice Blessed the workload is heavier as we get lots of leftovers from garage sales. While we are grateful to have plenty to do, sometimes the work before us is overwhelming. If your SS class or youth need a project, we have work to be done for the ministry of CWJC.

We are continuing to make plans for our annual fundraiser. It will be at 1st Baptist, Trenton this year on Tuesday evening, September 26th. Our new county mayor will be our MC. If you would like to make a basket or other donation to our silent auction or bake a cake, please let me know. Again, we appreciate any help that you may offer. It is all to benefit women that we minister to.

Our yard at the House of Hope is quite large and we can always use help with lawn work. Thanks to all of you for your service unto our Lord.

There will be another training for going into the jail this Saturday, June 24th. Please contact me if interested.

We are in need of a Hope House Manager or anyone that might be interested in shift work at our Transition Home here in Trenton. This opening will become available on July 1st. Please contact me with questions or to submit an application.

Christy Skelton, (731) 414-2795

**GBA Pastors Conference**

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

**Pastors and Wives July Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

1	Mrs Emily Mayfield, Pastor's Wife	Rutherford FBC
2	Mrs Bonnie Scott, Pastor's Wife	Bethel, H
3	Mrs Christi Denning, Pastor's Wife	Elevate
5	Rev Howard Avery, Pastor	Avondale
6	Mrs Denise Dyer, Retired Pastor's Wife	Bradford FBC
6	Mrs Dianne Yarbrough, Pastor's Widow	White Hall
7	Mrs Janet Hemann, Pastor's Wife	Clear Creek
7	Rev Stephen Osborne, Pastor	Lavinia
8	Rev Shawn Allred, Pastor	Kenton FBC
11	Rev Andy Mayfield, Pastor	Rutherford FBC
24	Mrs Jane Crossnoe, Pastor's Wife	Calvary, H
31	Rev James Rogers, Pastor	Oakwood
31	Rev Dennis Williams, Pastor	Mt. Pisgah

**Anniversaries**

3	Dr/Mrs Richard Bray, Interim Pastor & Wife	Oak Grove
6	Rev/Mrs Shawn Allred, Pastor & Wife	Kenton FBC
6	Rev/Mrs Mike Kemper, DOM & Wife	GBA
10	Rev/Mrs Stephen Fields, Pastor & Wife	Keely Mill
17	Rev/Mrs Randy Beals, Pastor & Wife	New Haven
20	Rev/Mrs Michael Roberson, Pastor & Wife	China Grove
22	Rev/Mrs Kerry Zeiss, Pastor & Wife	Poplar Springs
27	Dr/Mrs Bill Espy, Pastor & Wife	Antioch
28	Rev/Mrs Andy Mayfield, Pastor & Wife	Rutherford FBC

**Church News**

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

**Chapel Hill Baptist Church** is accepting resumes for pastor. Resumes may be sent to CHBC.PSC.RESUME@gmail.com.

**Emmanuel, H** is searching for a bi-vo Music Ministry Director. Our church sings traditional hymns, but we are open to being gently led into a more blended time of music during the worship service. We emphasize calling over experience. Please send all inquiries and resumes to Bro. Jake Fry at jakefry1017@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.

**Milan FBC** is accepting resumes for the Director of Children and Family Ministries position. Please submit a resume or direct questions to fbcmilankidspastorsearch@gmail.com.

**Mount Pleasant** is looking for our next Music Minister, someone to lead a blended style of worship. The ability to play an instrument would be a great benefit but not a requirement. Part time/bi-vo position. Send resumes to johnny.mccartney@yahoo.com.

**New Hope Baptist Church-Dyer** is seeking a bi-vo Minister of Music Director with leadership skills in directing traditional/blended worship services. Contact Johnny Alford: [jkinalford@hotmail.com](mailto:jkinalford@hotmail.com) or mail resume to: New Hope Baptist Church, PO Box 293, Dyer, TN 38330 attn: Johnny Alford/Music Search Committee.

**Trenton First Baptist Church** is 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](http://www.fbctrenton.net). Send resumes to the church office, First Baptist Church, 401 South High Street, Trenton, TN 38382 or [firstbaptisttrenton@gmail.com](mailto:firstbaptisttrenton@gmail.com). We are an established Baptist Church aligned with the Southern Baptist Convention. Our Vision statement is CONNECTING ALL PEOPLE IN CHRIST.

**White Hall** is a multigenerational church prayerfully seeking a bi-vo music leader. Candidates s/b experienced in leading a choir, planning various holiday programs, and available for Sunday and Wednesday evening services. We prefer a candidate with a musical education background, but not required. We enjoy a blended style of worship which focuses on praising God. Resume may be sent to WHBCstuff@gmail.com or mailed to 671 Concord Cades Rd, Trenton, 38382.

**Churches Seeking a Pastor** - Beech Grove, Bethpage, Chapel Hill, Gibson, Laneview-K, Latham's Chapel, Northside, Oak Grove, Poplar Grove, Smyrna, Spring Hill, Trenton FBC, West Side

**October 1, 2022 - May 31, 2023**

Church	Year to Date Receipts	May Receipts
Antioch	\$ .00	\$ .00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	945.51	59.70
Bethel-H	.00	.00
Bethel-Y	2,055.00	.00
Bethpage	650.45	221.15
Bradford FBC	2,835.00	315.00
Calvary-H	254.00	44.50
Calvary-R	2,022.93	.00
Center	400.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	3,757.12	.00
China Grove	139.02	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	4,076.57	.00
Eldad	2,855.83	.00
Elevate	2,786.00	.00
Emmanuel	2,983.03	517.02
Fellowship	2,463.20	347.22
Fruitland	708.71	143.90
Gibson	1,883.13	207.58
Hickory Grove	975.00	.00
Idlewild	901.01	116.70
Immanuel-T	883.00	148.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	11,983.16	.00
Laneview-K	.00	.00
Laneview-T	560.30	53.90
Latham's Chapel	.00	.00
Lavinia	5,097.00	.00
Medina, FBC	3,106.38	457.52
Midway	508.95	.00
Milan, FBC	6,672.00	834.00
Mt. Pisgah	1,163.73	122.43
Mount Pleasant	13,375.38	1,486.28
New Bethlehem	4,785.48	648.02
New Haven	2,250.00	.00
New Hope	2,083.31	416.67
Northerns Chapel	225.00	75.00
Northside	1,868.88	205.58
Oak Grove	661.24	63.68
Oakwood	1,921.18	212.04
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	1,167.40	152.01
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford FBC	1,003.30	121.06
Salem	3,358.12	.00
Smyrna	1,673.79	165.95
Spring Hill	651.60	77.20
The Church at Sugar Creek	10,402.63	.00
Trenton, FBC	5,000.00	.00
Walnut Grove	500.00	.00
West Carroll Unity	306.61	.00
West Side	1,200.00	.00
White Hall	3,766.43	788.06
<b>Undesignated</b>	<b>118,866.38</b>	<b>\$8,050.17</b>
<b>Designated</b>	<b>13,343.59</b>	
<b>TBMB</b>	<b>6,400.17</b>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 138,610.14</b>	

**July is Wingo Offering Month**

**2022-23 Wingo Goal: \$23,500 / Received to Date: \$ 9,428.84**

*Thank you for generously giving to Wingo!*

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**Pictured Above Left- SBC Pastors conference: Chip Luter**

**Pictured Above Right- SBC Annual Meeting: Jake Fry, Steve & Christy Skelton, Shawn Allred, Joel Pigg, Mike & Kathy Kemper, Jessica & James Rogers, Bryan Morris** (Not Pictured: Randy & Laurie Beals, Brad & Dee Gray, Joey & Joseph Hufstedler, Stephen Lacy & family, Kevin Mullins & family, Lane Self & family)

**Right- Mike & Kathy Kemper with Jennie Hatchal, Former fellow servant in Romania**

**Pictured Below- Baptism at Immanuel Baptist, Trenton**

**Side by Side**  
Steadfast and Immovable  
1 COR. 15:58

**CHATTANOOGA CONVENTION CENTER**  
**NOVEMBER 12-15, 2023**



**Brazil Mission Trip**

September 11-19, 2023 / Cascavel, Paraná, Brazil  
This is near the border with Argentina & Paraguay.

Approximate Cost: \$2,200

Contact GBA or Bro. Roger if interested  
[rdstacy@yahoo.com](mailto:rdstacy@yahoo.com) or 731-414-9973.

**Revival**

Gann Community Church / July 9th-12th  
Evangelist: Steven Spires  
Sunday Service - 6pm / Mon, Tues, Wed - 7pm

**SUMMIT**  
THE GATHERING OF TENNESSEE BAPTISTS

**Piano Available for a Good Church Home**

Contact Carol Cunningham (731-414-1978) for more information.

**Help Wanted:** We are looking for someone to maintain and stock our Block Party Wagon and Disaster Relief/Ministry Trailers. If interested please contact us at the association office, 731-855-1202.