

# The Vision

## Gibson Baptist Association

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### GBA Calendar

#### May

29: Memorial Day

#### June

4: Disaster Relief Sunday  
11-14: SBC Annual Meeting  
18: Happy Father's Day!  
25: Mission: Dignity Sunday

#### July - WINGO OFFERING MONTH

2: Religious Liberty Sunday  
4: Independence Day  
20: WMU Qtrly Meeting  
24: GBA Executive Board Mtg  
30: Wingo Offering Sunday

#### August

28-Sept 2: Gibson Co Fair

#### September

7: Deacons Meetin'  
10-17: Week of Prayer for State Missions - GOTM  
13: Fields of Faith  
21: WMU Qtrly 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, summertime is officially here! Summer allergies, school is taking a break, graduations being celebrated, family time, vacations planned, VBS time, mission trips on the schedule, and all those other "good intentions!" But before we become overcome with the joys and busyness of summertime, a word of caution, be determined to "keep the main thing, the main thing!" There is a distinct difference between the tyranny of the urgent and what is important! The "urgent" can keep you hopping just trying to "keep up!" And often the urgent will cause us to sacrifice what is important! Believe me, I speak from experience! So, "note to self...Prioritize: (God, Family, Ministry, Community & Country)!"

Happy Memorial Day! Memorial Day (May 29) is set aside for us to honor and remember all U.S. military personnel who have died while serving in the U. S. armed forces. Enjoy the day, but also remember and give thanks!

The Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting will take place June 11-14 in New Orleans. Several of our GBA pastors, staff and church members will be attending. Pray for this important gathering of our Convention, our leaders, and all the messengers. Pray for unity and renewal. Pray that the discussions, actions, and results of this gathering will bring glory to our Lord!

It's VBS time! Although VBS requires much planning and preparation, be sure to immerse your VBS in sincere prayer! Consider that VBS is our best extended Bible Study time with our young folks, and when you also consider that 2/3rds of Christians come to faith in Jesus before the age of 18, then we can clearly see and know that our efforts are well worth the time, expense and our BEST! We will pray for you, call on us if we can assist or point you in a direction where you can get what you need! Then, we will rejoice with you! Be sure to send us a note, a picture or two, and a report on your VBS!

I am available to assist and support pastors and churches! My desire is to be in every GBA church this year, and if I receive an invitation for a Sunday evening or Wednesday night, I would like to visit and present the Vision, Mission, and Purpose of our Gibson Baptist Association. It is a high privilege and blessing for me to be your DOM/AMS! Thank you for your participation and support of our Kingdom work together!

Brother Mike



June 11-14, 2023

### Father's Day Offering 2023 Goal — \$500,000

Sponsored by the TBMB, the "Father's Day Offering for TN Baptist Adult Homes" provides additional funds to assist in caring for senior adults & adults with exceptional needs. This offering undergirds the entire ministry of TN Baptist Adult Homes in order to provide affordable care and services for residents including assisting those with limited financial resources.

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



**Pastors Conference - Mondays at 10am at the Gibson Baptist Association Office**

**Isaiah 117**

GBA churches can help get this much needed home up and running by helping us collect the following items to be brought to the GBA office throughout the month of June.

- Storage totes
- Bibles- all ages
- Diapers- all sizes
- Baby Wipes/ Desitin
- Local food Gift Cards
- Receiving blankets
- Bath Toys
- Baby Lotion/Shampoo
- Backpacks/Diaper Bags
- Sock Buddy Donations
- Baby Bottles/Sippy Cups
- Teen Hygiene Kits
- Kid Hygiene Kits
- Pajamas – all ages (boys & girls)
- Socks – all ages/sizes (boys & girls)
- Underwear- all sizes (boys & girls)



**Dyer Station Celebration - Bible Reading**

June 28—July 4 / Contact Michael or Cindy Roberson for more information.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

**Kenton FBC, June 4-8 6-8:30pm**

**Gibson, Twists & Turns, June 4-8**

Sunday Sign-up rally 4-6 w/ Hamburgers & Games  
Sunday VBS is 6-7, Monday to Thursday VBS 6-8:15

**Oakwood, June 5-9, 6-8:30pm**

Kick-off/Registration on the 4th from 3-5pm

**Sugar Creek, June 5-9, 9-12:00**

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

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

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



Our Client Advocates have the incredible opportunity to help women facing unplanned and sometimes unwanted 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 to train for support nurses and ultrasound nurses; we can use LPNs for support nurses.

SAVE THE DATES!!!

Baby Bottles Fundraising Campaign runs to Father's Day – return your bottles at the Trenton Office, starting June 18th.

OPPORTUNITIES:

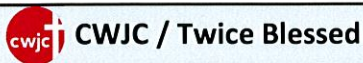
\*HELP WITH SOME LIGHT YARD WORK AND CLEANING/ORGANIZING SHED

\*HELP TO FINISH PAINTING ROOMS-4 LEFT

\*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.

HELP US STOCK THE RESOURCE ROOM

Baby Shampoo/Bath/Wash-URGENT, Wipes, Baby Formula-Similac, Clothes –Girl-size 12-18 mo., 18-24 mo. & 2T, Onesies- Girl -All sizes up to 2T



We had a good turnout for Customer Appreciation Day on May 6th. Over 100 gospel tracks were passed out as well as hot dogs, cookies and drinks. Several entertained us with song, and a good time was had by all.

We have a lot of good summer sales going on at Twice Blessed. There is a good selection of summer clothing, swimsuits and housewares. Now is a good time to shop for school uniforms for the best selection. We hope you will stop in and shop or purchase a gift card for someone in need. We now have a debit/credit card machine for more convenient shopping.

We are beginning to plan for our annual fundraiser which will be on September 26th this year. It is difficult to believe that this year will soon be half over. Please keep us on your prayer list for decisions that we need to make and especially for our House of Hope.

We continue to be grateful for those of you who are helping with lunches for our volunteers and your donations which help make it possible for us to pay our bills. Volunteers are always needed. Contact me to discuss ways you can use your gifts for God's kingdom work.

Christy Skelton, (731) 414-2795



**Pastors and Wives  
June Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

5 Mrs Doris Hanks, Pastor's Wife	West Carroll Unity
9 Rev Bill Rice, Retired Pastor	Antioch
16 Dr Richard Bray, Interim Pastor	Oak Grove
17 Mrs Wendy Jewell, Pastor's Wife	Beech Grove
18 Mrs Cindy Roberson, Pastor's Wife	China Grove
20 Mrs Teresa Maxwell, Pastor's Wife	Midway
28 Mrs Laurie Beals, Pastor's Wife	New Haven

**Anniversaries**

3 Dr/Mrs Roger Stacy, Retired DOM & Wife	Mississippi
6 Rev/Mrs Mike Kemper, DOM & Wife	Sugar Creek
11 Dr/Mrs Greg McFadden, Pastor & Wife	Sugar Creek
25 Rev/Mrs James Rogers, Pastor & Wife	Oakwood

**Church News**

**Bethel Baptist Church, 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 Baptist Church in Humboldt** is searching for our next Music Ministry Director. This is a bi-vocational position. Our church typically sings traditional hymns from the hymnal, but we are open to being gently led into a more blended time of music during the worship service. We are emphasizing 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 welcomed new pastor Josh Sinquefield May 14th.**

**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 welcomed new pastor Joey Hufstedler April 30th.** They are now seeking a bi-vo Minister of Music Director with leadership skills in directing traditional/blended worship services. Contact Johnny Alford: [jkjalford@hotmail.com](mailto:jkjalford@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 resume 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 Baptist Church** is a multigenerational church prayerfully seeking a bi-vocational music leader. Candidates should be 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](mailto:WHBCstuff@gmail.com) or mailed to 671 Concord Cades Road, Trenton, TN 38382.

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

**October 1, 2022 - April 30, 2023**

Church	Year to Date Receipts	April Receipts
Antioch	\$ .00	\$ .00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	885.81	100.65
Bethel-H	.00	.00
Bethel-Y	2,055.00	278.00
Bethpage	429.30	.00
Bradford FBC	2,520.00	630.00
Calvary-H	209.50	31.73
Calvary-R	2,022.93	.00
Center	350.00	100.00
Chapel Hill	3,757.12	.00
China Grove	139.02	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	4,076.57	1,085.92
Eldad	2,855.83	839.95
Elevate	2,786.00	830.00
Emmanuel	2,466.01	372.56
Fellowship	2,115.98	331.03
Fruitland	564.81	110.85
Gibson	1,675.55	337.94
Hickory Grove	975.00	325.00
Idlewild	784.31	112.16
Immanuel-T	735.00	138.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	11,983.16	1,729.62
Laneview-K	.00	.00
Laneview-T	506.40	61.50
Latham's Chapel	.00	.00
Lavinia	5,097.00	1,823.00
Medina, FBC	2,648.86	375.12
Midway	508.95	.00
Milan, FBC	5,838.00	834.00
Mt. Pisgah	1,041.30	301.80
Mount Pleasant	11,889.10	1,750.65
New Bethlehem	4,137.46	512.71
New Haven	2,250.00	350.00
New Hope	1,666.64	.00
Northerns Chapel	150.00	.00
Northside	1,663.30	213.22
Oak Grove	597.56	94.94
Oakwood	1,709.14	302.27
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	1,015.39	146.15
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford FBC	882.24	228.39
Salem	3,358.12	473.30
Smyrna	1,507.84	145.49
Spring Hill	574.40	78.30
The Church at Sugar Creek	10,402.63	2,616.73
Trenton, FBC	5,000.00	625.00
Walnut Grove	500.00	.00
West Carroll Unity	306.61	.00
West Side	1,200.00	400.00
White Hall	<u>2,978.37</u>	<u>379.63</u>
<b>Undesignated</b>	110,816.21	\$19,065.61
<b>Designated</b>	9,654.26	
<b>TBMB</b>	<u>5,618.17</u>	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$ 126,088.64	

**2022-2023 Wingo Goal: \$23,500**

**Received to Date: \$9,096.63**

*Thank you for generously giving to Wingo!*



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**Pictured Below:** Left - Twice Blessed Community Day / Right - Pastors Conference **Pictured Above:** National Day of Prayer



Can we serve your church this summer? Child Evangelism Fellowship will help you with a fun and meaningful VBS program... interested, keep reading.

Trained leaders will come to your church, neighborhood park, or home with a team of trained young people and do the Bible teaching, singing, scripture memorization, and present the Gospel to the children of the community you serve. You invite the children, provide the location, and maybe do some crafts and snacks. Are you interested?

Child Evangelism Fellowship is a world-wide ministry that has been partnering with West Tennessee churches to share the Gospel with children for more than 10 years. We would like to partner with your church this summer.

Don't give up on VBS. Let's partner to share the Gospel with the children of your community. Take note of the following points and call us for scheduling availability. Yes, this is a free ministry to your church, provided by CEF of Greater Jackson.

We have limited team availability, so check with us soon before our calendar fills up. Also, you must be in our immediate service area. Naturally, we can only drive reasonable distances. Basics: we provide the program; you provide the location and invite the children. Questions? Call us at 731-736-2786. Randy Nicholas, Executive Director -with our CEF Staff and local Ministry Committee

**Bethel Baptist Church, Yorkville has a copier for sale.** Contact Lou Criswell at 731-676-4464 for more info.

**Boones Creek Baptist Church in Johnson City TN has 20 or so free pews available.** These pews have a padded bottom, oak backs, 12ft long. They are offering the pews due to recent storms in the western part of TN and would like to find a church that needs pews. Please email [boonescreekbaptistchurch@gmail.com](mailto:boonescreekbaptistchurch@gmail.com) if your church, or if you know of a church, that could use these. Thanks!

**CARSON SPRINGS**  
3-DAY CAMP: JUNE 30-JULY 2

**LINDEN VALLEY**  
3-DAY CAMP: JUNE 9-11  
5-DAY CAMP: JUNE 12-16

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**JOURNEY**  
Camp

**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.