

The Vision

Gibson Baptist Association

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GBA Calendar

February

- 26: Softball Meeting
- 28: Special Called Executive Board Meeting

March

- 3-4: West TN Youth Evangelism Conference
- 5-12: Week of Prayer - N American Missions / AAEO
- 9: "IGNITE" Evangelism Rally - Salem
- 12: Daylight Saving Time Begins
- 14: W TN Pastors Conf - UU
- 16: Senior Adult Event - Bluegrass
- 16-18: WMU Get-Together

April

- 9: Easter
- 11: W TN Pastors Conf - UU
- 11: GBA Bible Drills
- 20: WMU Quarterly Mtg
- 20: Birth Choice Banquet
- 24: GBA Exec Board Mtg
- 29: Regional Bible Drills

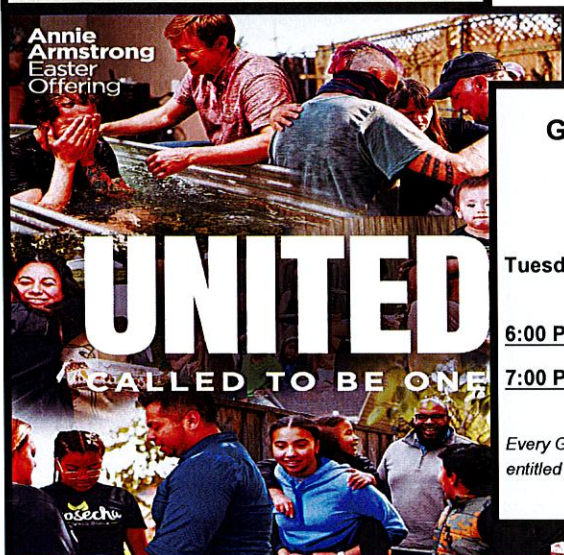
May

- 4: National Day of Prayer
- 14: Mother's Day
- 29: Memorial Day

A Missionary View

When your DOM Search Team contacted me back in June asking if I would consider serving GBA as Interim DOM, I was at that time an Interim Pastor of a church in Jackson. And though doing both interim responsibilities simultaneously would be challenging, my thought was "this is GBA, how can I say no?" and Kathy and I began feeling the Lord was leading, I was honored to accept the challenge. It has indeed been a blessing to be in this position since July! I have been prayerful and supportive as the Search Team did their work. It wasn't on my radar or in my mind that the Team would come to me to say, "would you pray about being our next DOM" But, that indeed is what happened! Kathy and I talked and prayed. I fully intended to continue "interim" roles the Lord might provide and wanted to stay active in ministry. So, when the team asked, I thought "I'm planning to continue ministry somewhere, if the association wants us to do ministry here...why not! We do love the churches, pastors, and people of Gibson County Baptist Association. I have said, "The best place in the world to be is right where God wants you to be!" And if the Lord reveals this to you, the GBA family, then we will be delighted to serve here again as DOM/AMS (Association Missions Strategist).

Blessings,
Bro. Mike



Gibson Baptist Association Special Called Executive Board Meeting

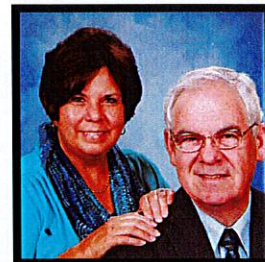
The GBA DOM Search Committee will be presenting Bro. Mike Kemper to be voted on as our next Director of Missions.

Tuesday, February 28th at White Hall Baptist Church-Fellowship Hall

6:00 PM: Meet and Greet Reception with Mike and Kathy Kemper

7:00 PM: GBA Special Called Meeting to Vote By Secret Ballot

Every GBA pastor is automatically an executive board member and each church is entitled to elect one lay person to serve as an executive board member.



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and strengthen churches.*

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The next WMU Quarterly Meeting is 10am, April 20th at Kenton FBC. Bring a salad to share.

Softball Team Meeting

February 26th - 2pm - GBA Office

Please join us at this meeting if your church is interested in having a team this year.

Overflowing Hope

MISSIONS
GET-TOGETHER

March 16-18, 2023

BRENTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH
BRENTWOOD, TN



March 16 / 6 PM / New Bethlehem
Sign up & Pay by March 6 / Meal: \$11

Entertainment

Kurt & Andrea Stephenson
Bluegrass Band

Menu: Grilled Pork Chops, Baked Ham,
Sweet Potato Casserole, Corn Casserole,
7 Layer Salad, Rolls, Tea,
Chocolate Cake, Banana Pudding



Ignite - Evangelism Rally

Led by Roc Collins and Mark Miller - TBMB
Everyone is encouraged to attend!

March 9th, 6:30pm at Salem Baptist Church

Pastors, Staff and Spouses are invited to a meal at Salem before the rally, 5:30pm. Please let us know by Wed, March 1st at Gibson Baptist Association (731) 855-1202 if you plan to be at the meal.

GBA Bible Drills

April 11 / 6:30pm / White Hall

Call GBA (855-1202) with the names & grades of those participating from your church, by April 4.
Regional Bible Drills are April 29 at FBC Milan.

Executive Board Meeting: April 24 / 7pm / GBA Office - The 2022 Minute Book is available for pick up for your church.

Birth Choice, as a whole, is up to ten babies saved in 2023. Thank you for supporting us and praying for our staff, volunteers, and clients. You truly are a lifesaver.



Next training starts in May! Please join us in praying that God will send us the volunteers we need in 2023. Specifically, we need more Client Advocates and medical personnel at all our locations. If you would like to learn more, please contact me.

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 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 along with RN's.

SAVE THE DATES!!!

Annual Fundraising Banquet – April 20th with Speaker Tony Perkins
Baby Bottles Fundraising Campaign runs Mother's Day to Father's Day

RESOURCE ROOM NEEDS, WE NEED EVERYTHING BABY UP TO 2T:

Baby Formula-Similac, Car seats – we can only take new, Baby Beds, 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, Any baby items will be appreciated big and small, you can donate monetarily to the resource room as well.

CWJC / Twice Blessed



If you are tired of your winter attire as I am, now is the time to discard and restock. All of our winter clothes are 5 pieces for \$10, and we have some really nice things. Also, if you have children or grandchildren, now would be a good time to stock up on some items for next year as our children's winter bag sale is \$5. A special thank you to all of you who clean out and help keep our inventory fresh with new items.

Please remember our Hope House in your prayers as these girls have many needs and issues to be resolved. Also, if your WMU group or church would like to help with ongoing supply needs, this would help save money for our ministry. Our house manager keeps a list of supplies needed. Please contact me if you are interested in helping out.

We continue to have need of volunteers. Again, if your church or youth group needs a project, there is always work to be done. The profit from Twice Blessed provides our primary means of support. In order to maximize profits, clothes have to be continually sorted and rearranged. Other merchandise must be evaluated and displayed.

Thank you always for your consideration.

Christy Skelton, (731) 414-2795

Bertie Thompson Scholarship: Scholarship available to members of GBA churches. It provides financial help for students who sense a calling to serve in some aspect of Christian ministry & maintain a certain grade point average. Application available on the GBA Website, www.gbalyfe.org - deadline May 20.

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

**Pastors and Wives
March Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Birthdays

| | | |
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| 4 | Rev Jonathan Criswell, Pastor | Eldad |
| 8 | Dr Garry Burkacki, Pastor | Bethpage |
| 8 | Rev Marlon Stephens, Retired Pastor | Rutherford FBC |
| 16 | Mrs Stephanie Allred, Pastor's Wife | Kenton FBC |
| 27 | Rev James Brown, Retired Pastor | Smyrna |
| 28 | Rev Kevin Mullins, Pastor | White Hall |

Anniversaries

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| 12 | Rev/Mrs Joel Pigg, Pastor & Wife | Salem |
| 12 | Rev/Mrs Guy Maxwell, Pastor & Wife | Midway |
| 15 | Rev/Mrs Barry Capps, (I) Pastor & Wife | Laneview, K |

GBA Pastors Conference

Pastors meet Mondays at 10am at the Gibson Baptist Association office for a time of fellowship and inspiration.

Church News

Piano Player Needed: If you are interested in playing the piano each week during a morning worship service, please contact the association office (855-1202).

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

Bradford FBC called Dr. Kelvin Moore as pastor January 22, 2023.

Idlewild needs extra instruments/resources for our worship school. Please contact pastor Robert Talbott if you or your church has extra equipment (instruments, sound system, microphones, cables, etc.) that you're willing to donate. For contact info: robert.talbott@gmail.com or 314-775-5897 (text/call)

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/ bivo position. Resumes to johnny.mccartney@yahoo.com.

New Hope Baptist Church-Dyer is seeking a bi-vocational Minister of Music Director 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

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 - January 31, 2023

| Church | Year to Date Receipts | January Receipts |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| Antioch | \$.00 | \$.00 |
| Avondale | .00 | .00 |
| Beech Grove | 536.16 | 166.53 |
| Bethel-H | .00 | .00 |
| Bethel-Y | 1,205.00 | 641.00 |
| Bethpage | 429.30 | 214.65 |
| Bradford FBC | 1,260.00 | 315.00 |
| Calvary-H | 109.36 | 85.00 |
| Calvary-R | 1,362.73 | .00 |
| Center | 200.00 | 50.00 |
| Chapel Hill | 3,757.12 | .00 |
| China Grove | 139.02 | 77.67 |
| Clear Creek | .00 | .00 |
| Dyer, FBC | 1,873.13 | 435.86 |
| Eldad | 2,015.88 | 859.95 |
| Elevate | 1,151.00 | 361.00 |
| Emmanuel | 1,333.19 | 238.91 |
| Fellowship | 1,090.62 | 272.85 |
| Fruitland | 227.01 | 52.20 |
| Gibson | 653.84 | .00 |
| Hickory Grove | 650.00 | 325.00 |
| Idlewild | 464.18 | 107.05 |
| Immanuel-T | 335.00 | 102.00 |
| Keely Mill | .00 | .00 |
| Kenton, FBC | 6,893.75 | 1,934.53 |
| Laneview-K | .00 | .00 |
| Laneview-T | 247.80 | 77.60 |
| Latham's Chapel | .00 | .00 |
| Lavinia | 2,197.00 | 474.00 |
| Medina, FBC | 1,531.66 | 376.02 |
| Midway | 508.95 | 508.95 |
| Milan, FBC | 3,336.00 | 834.00 |
| Mt. Pisgah | 433.71 | 93.36 |
| Mount Pleasant | 6,754.00 | 2,043.60 |
| New Bethlehem | 1,967.65 | 419.49 |
| New Haven | 1,200.00 | 350.00 |
| New Hope | 833.30 | .00 |
| Northerns Chapel | 150.00 | 75.00 |
| Northside | 971.55 | 254.64 |
| Oak Grove | 348.04 | 111.76 |
| Oakwood | 898.96 | 240.43 |
| Old Bethlehem | .00 | .00 |
| Poplar Grove | 525.60 | 134.27 |
| Poplar Springs | .00 | .00 |
| Rutherford FBC | 431.13 | 89.89 |
| Salem | 1,306.42 | .00 |
| Smyrna | 1,002.49 | 396.75 |
| Spring Hill | 346.80 | 96.50 |
| The Church at Sugar Creek | 5,497.43 | 2,032.83 |
| Trenton, FBC | 2,500.00 | 625.00 |
| Walnut Grove | 250.00 | 250.00 |
| West Carroll Unity | 306.61 | .00 |
| West Side | 800.00 | .00 |
| White Hall | 1,669.28 | 295.60 |
| Undesignated | 61,700.67 | \$16,018.89 |
| Designated | 5,292.11 | |
| TBMB | 3,272.17 | |
| Total Receipts | \$ 70,264.95 | |

2022-2023 Wingo Goal: \$23,500

Received to Date: \$4,671.73

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FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
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Pictured Above:

- WMU Quarterly Meeting, Speaker: Rhonda Poore, Host Church: Chapel Hill
- 2023 Mission Volunteer of the Year: Judy Cantrell, Host Church: Dyer FBC
- Jack Woods has just been licensed into the Gospel Ministry by Smyrna Baptist Church. Seen with him is his wife Carol and presenting the certificate is Pastor David Powell.



Bodkin Funeral Home Obituary

Bro. Eric Ryne McLemore passed away on February 17, 2023 at Milan General Hospital at the age of 34. He was born on April 18, 1988 in Jackson to Joe and Donna Gail Kee McLemore. Bro. Eric attended Liberty High School in Jackson, answered the Lord's call to preach the Word, and upon graduation continued his education at Union University in Jackson. In between high school graduation and attending Union University, he attended Bethel University in McKenzie and played baseball for the Wildcats. Eric was the pastor of the Northside Baptist Church in Milan for the past six years.

He wore many hats in serving his Milan community. Bro. Eric was the president of the Milan Ministerial Association, worked as a funeral assistant with Bodkin Funeral Home and helped the Bradford High School Baseball team as an assistant coach. However, two things were apparent in his life. His love for his wife and three children and his love for his church and the calling God had placed on his life.

Bro. Eric is survived by his wife Leah Stout McLemore, three daughters Virginia McLemore, Layla McLemore and Charlotte McLemore all of Milan, his mother Gail McLemore of Medina, and two brothers Chris McLemore (Jennifer) of Medina and Daniel McLemore of Boston, MA. He was preceded in death by his father Joe McLemore.

Bro. Eric McLemore will be greatly missed by Gibson Baptist Association. Our hearts and prayers are with his family, friends, and Northside Baptist Church.