

The Vision

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A Missionary View

At our Executive Board meeting on February 7th, I informed the board that I will be retiring. I said that I would give them a date at the upcoming meeting on Monday night, April 25th. I have had many people ask me when my retirement date will be. I have prayed and sought God's will on this matter, and I will provide the timeframe at the board meeting.

Many of you know that Penny and I served in Brazil and Ukraine with the International Mission Board. We were the first IMB missionaries to serve in western Ukraine. We lived in the city of L'viv where you are seeing many journalists reporting on the war. Our hearts are broken for the people, pastors, and churches. Pray with us for God's protection and for the spread of the gospel in Europe.

Some have asked how they can make a donation to help with the refugees fleeing Ukraine. You may give through the Tennessee Baptist Convention (<https://www.tnbaptist.org/>) or through the Gibson Baptist Association: <https://www.gbalife.org/online-giving.html>.

We are preparing for an influx of people moving into our area due to BlueOval City (Ford Motor company) in the Brownsville area. There is a need for several Hispanic church plants on the horizon. On Sunday evening, April 10th, Fruitland Baptist Church voted to be a sponsoring church for a new Hispanic work. They have great facilities they are going to share with this new work. I met recently with Bro. Andy King, pastor of Fruitland, William Burton, language mission's specialist TBC, and Pastor Daniel the Hispanic Harvest field specialist with TBC. Gibson Baptist Association will be a part of this new work as we lend our prayers and support to the new church plant.

There will be a very important and helpful training conference lead by the Tennessee Baptist Convention entitled "**Understanding, Reaching, and Sending 20-40-year-olds**" with the gospel. This is a joint training conference with the Madison-Chester Baptist Association to be held on May 19, 6:00-8:30 pm, at North Jackson Baptist Church. Our churches must begin to address reaching Gen X and Millennials. This conference will help address this urgent need.

I want to thank Bro. Shawn Allred for serving as our VBS Director this year. We had a very good and successful VBS Training Conference on April 7. Also, I want to thank Rhonda Poore who is our Children's Bible Drill Director. She did an excellent job as well with our Bible Drills at White Hall Baptist Church.

Our **Block Party Wagon** has been completely refurbished and is ready for ministry. Charles King completely renovated our BPW. We have a new popcorn popper and a new bouncy house (jumper). I want to encourage you to take advantage of this valuable tool this year for your VBS and other evangelistic events Contact the GBA office to make your reservation (855-1202).

Here are some upcoming events:

Birth Choice Banquet – April 28

Regional Bible Drills – April 30

Day of Prayer – May 5

Bro. Darryl Marcle has been called as interim pastor of Gibson Baptist Church. Pray for our churches seeking a pastor: Gibson, Idlewild, Laneview-Kenton, Medina FBC, Midway, Milan FBC, Oak Grove, and Spring Hill.

Your Missionary, Bro. Roger

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

Looking Ahead:

April

21: WMU Quarterly Mtg
25: GBA Executive Board Mtg
28: Birth Choice Banquet
30: Regional Bible Drills

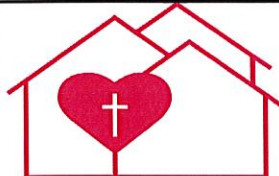
May

5: National Day of Prayer
8: Mother's Day
10: W TN Pastors Conf - UU
15: National Day of Prayer for VBS
19: Understanding, Reaching, & Sending 20-40yo
30: Memorial Day

June

6: All Nations Camp
12-15: SBC 2022 Annual Meeting
19: Father's Day

**THE MOTHER'S DAY
OFFERING**



**BENEFITTING TENNESSEE BAPTIST
CHILDREN'S HOMES**

GBA Executive Board Meeting: April 25th, 7pm at the GBA office

The National Day of Prayer for VBS is May 15, 2022.

Softball

The Season starts April 30.
The schedule will be available on the
GBA Softball Facebook page.



Exalt the Lord

Yorkville City Park - 121 Newbern Hwy - Yorkville
Thursday, May 5th at 10 AM

Speaker: Kenny Evans

Evangelist-Entertainer-Sportsman
kennyevans.org



Lunch Catered by West Tenn Smokers

Cost: \$15 per person

Bacon Wrapped Chicken Breast or Tenderloin House
Salad, Baked Potato Casserole, Green Beans
Chocolate or Strawberry Cake, Roll & Beverage

Pay/Sign up Deadline

10AM, May 1st / GBA Office: 731-855-1202

Revivals

REVIVAL at BETHEL, YORKVILLE

Evangelist, Clint Nale from FBC Ullin, IL
Sunday April 24 - Wednesday April 27

REVIVAL at WHITE HALL

James Hazelwood, pastor FBC Greenfield
Sunday April 24 - Wednesday April 27

REVIVAL at FBC KENTON

Evangelist, Kenny Evans
May 8-11, 7pm Nightly

Block Party Wagon

The Block Party Wagon has been updated!
New Jumper, New Popcorn Machine,
A Remodel of the inside of the wagon...
Come in and reserve it for your next event!

Understanding, Reaching, and

Sending 20-40-year-olds

Thurs, May 19/6-8:30 PM/North Jackson Baptist
In this training, we will look at how your church
can provide a practical ministry that will reach,
engage, disciple, and send out young adults
(Gen X and Millennials).

2022 National Day of

Volunteer Youth Ministry Training

The Church at Sugar Creek / September 24
Early Bird - \$109 (until June 1 - \$139 after)

Cost is for your whole volunteer team.

Sign up today at

[trainmyvolunteers.brushfire.com/
events/527859](http://trainmyvolunteers.brushfire.com/events/527859)

See: trainmyvolunteers.com
for more information!

DNow is postponed...watch for the rescheduled date!

TBMB - May 16-18: Pastors' Motorcycle Tour or Fly Fishing
Trip at Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center
More information at tnbaptist.org.



BRING YOUR TEAM!



SEPT 24, 2022

ALL Your Leaders for ONE Low Price!



God is doing AMAZING things!

If you have a heart to minister to women with God's Truth and Love come be a Client Advocate for Birth Choice. Even if you don't live in Gibson County, would you consider volunteering here? Our next training starts in May; another area to serve is in our Resource Room, this is an area that needs a couple ladies to work 1 day a week to keep this area nice and organized for the clients. If interested and want more information, please email our Gibson County Clinic Director, kelly@birthchoice.us or call at 731-882-7324 (leave message if no answer). If you are in church leadership, please share this information with your congregation or group.

Save the Dates:

- **Father-Daughter Ball:** June 18.

Contact Tiffany at 731-453-8159 or tiffany@birthchoice.us for more information.

- **Change for Life Baby Bottle Campaign**

(Madison and Gibson Counties) Begins on Mother's Day, May 8th and ends on Father's Day, June 19th.

Follow us on Facebook, Instagram and website, birthchoice.biz for up to date information and stories.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.



We are seeing a great reward from our classes at the Gibson County Correctional Facility as 4 ladies have made application to our House of Hope. We are waiting to find out if they will be furloughed. One of our participants has been discharged recently and is continuing her classes at Twice Blessed. We have 6 more weeks of classes for this session.

Our annual Customer Appreciation Day will be on May 14th. Free hot dogs and drinks will be served. Drawings for gift certificates at Twice Blessed will be held throughout the day. Be sure to stop in and say hello.

We continue to have needs for the ministry: someone to till a garden spot for our girls to work and someone to paint the garage and eaves at the transition house. We always need help with lunches for our volunteers. Supplies that we always need at the house include washing powders, toilet paper and paper towels.

We expect great things from our churches and community. We know God is able to supply all our needs. We are going to need a vehicle for our house in the very near future to help transport our ladies. We are hoping to speak at our churches on Wednesday or Sunday evenings this year. We will be thrilled to hear from you.

Christy Skelton
731-414-2795

Bertie Thompson Scholarship - Scholarship available to members of GBA churches. Provides financial help for students who sense a calling to serve in Christian ministry & maintain a certain gpa. Application on the GBA Website, www.gbafife.org - deadline May 20.

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

**Pastors and Wives
May Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Birthdays

1	Mrs Leah McLemore, Pastor's Wife	Northside
5	Mrs Christy Skelton, Pastor's Wife	Immanuel
13	Rev Steve Hemann, Pastor	Clear Creek
27	Rev John Fields, Retired Pastor	Keely Mill
27	Rev Andy Rice, Pastor	Walnut Grove

Anniversaries

16	Rev/Mrs Jake Fry, Pastor & Wife	Emmanuel, H
19	Rev/Mrs Lane Self, Pastor & Wife	Dyer FBC
28	Rev/Mrs Eric McLemore, Pastor & Wife	Northside
28	Dr/Mrs David Powell, Pastor & Wife	Smyrna

GBA Pastors Conference

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

Currently scheduled:

April 25-Daymond Duck, May 2-Randy Davis, May 9-Roc Collins
May 16-Orchard House, May 23-Mark Miller, May 30-No Conference (Memorial Day)

Church News

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

Eldad Baptist Church of Trenton is searching for a person who feels called to serve in student ministry for grades 7-12. As an added benefit of this part-time position, the youth leader may choose to live in the church parsonage.
Call Personnel Chair Fred Warrington (731) 697-8247 or Pastor Jonathan Criswell (731) 414-4435.

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.
No phone calls, please. Send resume to the address above or email fellowshipbc.milan@gmail.com.

FBC Kenton is accepting resumes for the position of bi-vocational youth minister. Please submit resume or direct questions to broshawna11red@gmail.com.

Gibson Baptist Church called Darryl Marcle as interim pastor April 3, 2022.

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church is looking for our next Music Minister. We would like someone that can lead a blended style of worship. The ability to play an instrument would be a great benefit but not a requirement. This will be a part time/bi-vocational position. Submit resumes to johnny.mccartney@yahoo.com.

New Hope Baptist Church-Dyer, TN is seeking a bi-vocational Minister of Music Director with leadership skills in directing traditional/blended worship services. Contact Johnny Alford via email at: jkinalford@hotmail.com or mail resumes to: New Hope Baptist Church P. O. Box 293 Dyer, TN 38330 in care of Johnny Alford/Music Search Committee

First Baptist Church of Rutherford is prayerfully searching for a part-time Ministry Assistant. If you are interested in this position please submit your resume to andymayfield1@gmail.com or get in touch for more information.

White Hall is celebrating its 80th year of ministry April 21st with a special service Sunday, April 24th at 9:30am.

Churches Seeking a Pastor

Gibson, Idlewild, Laneview-K, Medina FBC, Midway,
Milan FBC, Oak Grove, Spring Hill

October 1, 2021 - March 31, 2022

Church	Year to Date Receipts	March Receipts
Antioch	\$.00	\$.00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	908.53	315.87
Bethel-H	.00	.00
Bethel-Y	1,607.00	270.00
Bethpage	603.91	190.50
Bradford FBC	1,890.00	315.00
Calvary-H	256.02	40.55
Calvary-R	276.18	.00
Center	250.00	.00
Chapel Hill	7,609.92	1,125.50
China Grove	453.47	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	2,610.74	602.51
Eldad	1,333.96	462.50
Elevate	2,181.00	400.00
Emmanuel	1,584.06	.00
Fellowship	1,846.86	439.29
Fruitland	625.34	80.49
Gibson	1,157.96	199.57
Hickory Grove	650.00	.00
Idlewild	636.45	83.28
Immanuel-T	833.00	142.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	9,283.66	1,324.35
Laneview-K	200.00	.00
Laneview-T	332.50	43.30
Latham's Chapel	.00	.00
Lavinia	2,830.00	524.00
Medina, FBC	1,694.78	342.16
Midway	307.62	.00
Milan, FBC	4,993.00	833.00
Mt. Pisgah	1,038.93	165.51
Mount Pleasant	14,705.81	3,249.47
New Bethlehem	3,090.98	474.84
New Haven	1,500.00	250.00
New Hope	2,428.71	416.67
Northerns Chapel	150.00	50.00
Northside	992.15	.00
Oak Grove	436.81	72.94
Oakwood	1,614.42	217.06
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	1,004.46	160.21
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford FBC	764.05	98.21
Salem	2,079.16	439.79
Smyrna	1,246.73	137.52
Spring Hill	514.04	80.26
The Church at Sugar Creek	7,090.73	1,056.59
Trenton, FBC	3,750.00	625.00
Walnut Grove	500.00	250.00
West Carroll Unity	453.59	219.32
West Side	400.00	.00
White Hall	2,907.43	871.13
Undesignated	93,623.96	\$16,568.39
Designated	81,601.72	
TBMB	4,630.85	
Total Receipts	\$ 179,856.53	

2021-2022 Wingo Goal: \$23,500

Received to Date: 6,517.23

Thank you for generously giving to Wingo!

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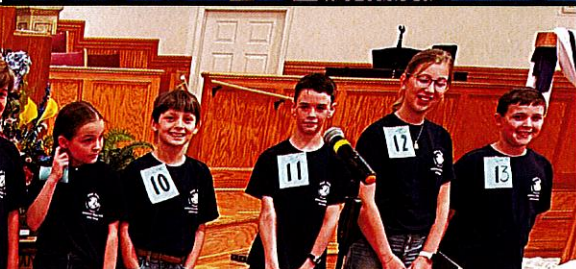
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Pictured Right:
Mr. Hardy Key was
ordained as a deacon at
Hickory Grove Baptist
Church on March 27, 2022.
Pictured standing left to
right is Pastor Michael
McEwen and Mr. Hardy, his
wife, Theresa, and Blake
Elliott a deacon.



Pictured Above: Children's Bible Drill
FBC Milan, FBC Kenton, New Bethlehem, Dyer First Assembly of God

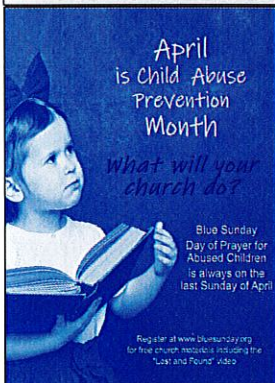
Pictured Right: Youth Bible Drill
FBC Kenton, Macedonia from Beulah Association and New Bethlehem



Pictured Above: Elvis showed up and showed out at the Senior Adult Banquet.
Congratulations to New Bethlehem (large church) and Oak Grove (small church) for
bringing the most to the banquet.



VBS Training



We are asking Gibson Co. churches to pray and to consider a one-time love offering on Blue Sunday that will go directly to Gibson County children and families.

April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, and to remember the millions of children who are victims of abuse/neglect, Blue Sunday Child Abuse Prevention is asking the faith community to pray on Sunday, April 24, 2022.

Who: The faith community
What: A day to pray for the millions of victims of child abuse and for those who rescue them
Where: Churches across our nation
When: Sunday, April 24, 2022
Why: April is Child Abuse Prevention Month.

For more information please visit www.bluesunday.org

Respectfully, *Bett Jewell, LMSW*
Director, Gibson Co Carl Perkins Center for the Prevention of Child Abuse



Seven Sayings from the Cross pictured above.



JUNE 6-10, 2022 "All Nations Camp" is for elementary through high-school aged students of ethnic congregations of the Tennessee Baptist Convention!
Carson Springs Conference Center - 1120 Carson Springs Road | Newport, TN 37821
For more information & registration, visit tnbaptistcamps.org/all-nations-camp/.