

The Vision

Gibson Baptist Association

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A Missionary View -Being back in this important position I have felt God speaking to me and showing me a multitude of opportunities, He has planned for Gibson Baptists! I must admit to being, at times, overwhelmed at all the challenges to keep up with God's directives for me, for our churches, and for all our neighbors! But, I am sure that "where God leads God provides!" Let's make sure we are prayed up, studied up, and ready for what He has in store for us! It seems that we are looking at where we are these days and saying "O me, so much needs to be done, where do I begin? Maybe His plan is right in front of us, and we are distracted by the so called "urgent" while we allow the "important" things to be left for a later time...maybe never!

-I was blessed to be called on to be the time-keeper for the association Bible children and youth Bible Drills this week! Two of our churches are to be commended for their willingness to invest in children and youth discipleship! It was blessing to see these young folks and their leaders demonstrate their love for the Bible! Some of us have given up on discipleship training and then we are saying, where are our children and our youth? Listen, if you have one, two or only three children, is there anything better that you or your church could do than to disciple and train children & youth in learning the books of the Bible and memorizing scripture, and learning to use the Bible? "O, that would require work and we just don't have time or interest!" "Houston, we have a problem" or more importantly, "Lord, we have a problem!"

-It's almost time for VBS and I'm sure our churches are planning and working toward a great VBS! If you need assistance or if you have questions, we have a team of trained and experienced VBS volunteers who can help! If you need their assistance, call the GBA office!

-In another area, I rejoice to see some churches "plowing and sowing seeds, watering and preparing for the harvest and realizing a harvest." The reality is that there are some churches struggling in different areas. Several churches searching for pastor, youth leader, music & worship leader; or having no baptisms, or "struggling" with attendance, finances or with disunity! If your church feels that your church is one of those "struggling" churches, I don't have all the answers, but the One who established His churches and who is the Chief Cornerstone of His church and the One who sustains His church, He does have the answers and the power! I want you to know that as your Association Missions Strategist (AMS), I feel your burden I am here for you, and your church! I would like to visit all the GBA churches and have an opportunity to "share the vision and purpose" of our association. I have been asked, "what does the association do?" and "what do you do as DOM/AMS? I would like to try to answer that question in your church. There may be a need for some Sister Church to Sister Church Partnerships! Please call on me, let's talk and pray seeking the Lord's directives for the journey ahead. Be assured that "you're not alone!"

-We have a volunteer team serving in Brazil this week, thanks for prayers for this team of brothers and sisters from various GBA churches. A team of volunteers is being organized for a mission project with Ocoee Ministries in the Ocoee River area July 8-14. Another team is preparing to go to Panama August 1-11. Yet, another team is being organized to go to Columbia, South America September 12-22. We have received a volunteer request from Hawaii (no, not for vacation, but for an important mission project) with a date yet to be decided! We are also considering a mission project in the Appalachia area of Kentucky. There is room for

more volunteers for these strategic mission projects. If you, or someone from your church is interested in one of these projects, please call the GBA office to express your interest.

I give thanks for our opportunities with our Partners at Birth Choice, WMU, CWJC, Twice Blessed, House of Hope, Isaiah117, Gideons, SBC, TBMB, IMB, NAMB! Working together for Kingdom Building and Expansion!

Blessings, Bro. Mike

GBA Calendar

April

- 20: WMU Quarterly Mtg
- 20: Birth Choice Banquet
- 24: GBA Exec Board Mtg
- 29: Regional Bible Drills

May

- 4: National Day of Prayer
- 9: W TN Pastors Conference - UU
- 14: Mother's Day
- 29: Memorial Day

We invite you to come have a seat at our table by giving generously to the Mother's Day Offering.



"And they will come from east and west and from north and south and will recline at the table in the Kingdom of God."
- Luke 13:29

THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING
IN SUPPORT OF TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES
Donate at TennesseeChildren.org or scan the QR code

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

WMU Quarterly Meeting / 10am, April 20th at Kenton FBC / Bring a salad to share for lunch.



Thursday, May 4, 2023 at 10:00am
Speaker: Tony Burriss

Followed by Catered Lunch - \$14 per person
Location: Gibson County Agri-plex
1248-1298 Manufacturers Row
Trenton, TN 38382

Hamburger Steak, Grilled Chicken Breasts, Seven Layer Salad
Creamed Potatoes with Gravy, Broccoli & Cheese Casserole
Dinner Rolls, Banana Pudding, Chocolate Cake
Tea, Coffee, Lemonade or Water

**Reservation for lunch can be made and paid at
Gibson Baptist Association.**
1275 US 45 Bypass N - Trenton
No later than Monday, May 1st - Cost: \$14.00
Mail: GBA, PO Box 186, Trenton, TN 38382

G.L.O.W. Camp

May 26-27 / \$30 per person
Reelfoot Youth Camp & Retreat Center Hornbeak TN

For girls currently in grades 1-6.
Registration Deadline: April 23, 2023

The \$30 per person fee
includes lodging, meals, activities, & t-shirt.

Contact Pamela Basham (731-414-2187)
for more information.

Vacation Bible School

*We will not have a VBS clinic this year but you are welcome to attend the training at **West Jackson Baptist Church** - May 1st - 6-8:30. Please call Madison/Chester Baptist Association to register 731-668-5690. They need the names of people coming, your church, and what area they will be serving in (example: Preschool).*

We do have an associational VBS team available to answer questions as you plan your VBS.

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



BIRTH CHOICE

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 Mother's Day to Father's Day - pick up your bottles at the Trenton Office, starting May 1st, we can drop off and pick up as well. Let us know at 731-855-2900 or Tiffany at 731-453-8159.

Next training starts in May! Email Kelly, kelly@birthchoice.us or call 731-855-2900 for more information and/or an application.

HELP US STOCK THE RESOURCE ROOM

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



CWJC / Twice Blessed

At Twice Blessed we are looking forward to our customer appreciation day on Saturday, May 6th. We will have free hot dogs, chips, drinks and cookies. Come out and take advantage of our sales and hourly drawings for free merchandise.

At Twice Blessed we have a large selection of good books for your reading pleasure. We have Authors such as Max Lucado, David Jeremiah and Charles Stanley as well as a good selection of devotionals and a good variety of other books. Hardbacks are only \$2 and paper backs are \$1 and 2 for \$1.

The girls at our house continue to be busy helping Why Not Ministry with food distribution on Mondays, Celebrate Recovery classes, Bible study and Powered for Life classes. If your church would be interested in hearing a testimony or being a part of our Gibson County CWJC, please contact me at (731) 414-2795.

Christy Skelton,
Site Coordinator



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.gbalife.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
May Birthdays and Anniversaries**

Birthdays

1	Mrs Leah McLemore, Pastor's Widow	Northside
5	Mrs Christy Skelton, Pastor's Wife	Immanuel, T
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

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.

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.

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 welcomes 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 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. Send resume to the church office, First Baptist Church, 401 South High Street, Trenton, TN 38382 or 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 or mailed to 671 Concord Cades Road, Trenton, TN 38382.

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

October 1, 2022 - March 31, 2023

Church	Year to Date Receipts	March Receipts
Antioch	\$.00	\$.00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	785.16	142.47
Bethel-H	.00	.00
Bethel-Y	1,777.00	572.00
Bethpage	429.30	.00
Bradford FBC	1,890.00	315.00
Calvary-H	177.77	31.22
Calvary-R	2,022.93	660.20
Center	250.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	3,757.12	.00
China Grove	139.02	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	2,990.65	618.45
Eldad	2,015.88	.00
Elevate	1,956.00	355.00
Emmanuel	2,093.45	321.48
Fellowship	1,784.95	264.00
Fruitland	453.96	.00
Gibson	1,337.61	199.33
Hickory Grove	650.00	.00
Idlewild	672.15	96.97
Immanuel-T	597.00	118.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	10,253.54	1,261.22
Laneview-K	.00	.00
Laneview-T	444.90	197.10
Latham's Chapel	.00	.00
Lavinia	3,274.00	455.00
Medina, FBC	2,273.74	330.81
Midway	508.95	.00
Milan, FBC	5,004.00	834.00
Mt. Pisgah	739.50	.00
Mount Pleasant	10,138.45	3,384.45
New Bethlehem	3,624.75	940.00
New Haven	1,900.00	350.00
New Hope	1,666.64	.00
Northerns Chapel	150.00	.00
Northside	1,450.08	213.82
Oak Grove	502.62	67.40
Oakwood	1,406.87	256.00
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	869.24	147.88
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford FBC	653.85	.00
Salem	2,884.82	520.69
Smyrna	1,362.35	179.06
Spring Hill	496.10	73.30
The Church at Sugar Creek	7,785.90	1,260.11
Trenton, FBC	4,375.00	1,250.00
Walnut Grove	500.00	250.00
West Carroll Unity	306.61	.00
West Side	800.00	.00
White Hall	2,598.74	431.75
Undesignated	91,750.60	
Designated	7,779.12	\$16,146.71
TBMB	4,836.17	
Total Receipts	\$ 104,365.89	

2022-2023 Wingo Goal: \$23,500

Received to Date: \$8,082.70

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MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR

GBA BIBLE DRILLS

Tuesday, April 11 we held associational Bible Drills. There were 9 children and 3 youth who participated. The majority of these drillers will proceed to participate in the Regional/State Drills on April 29th.

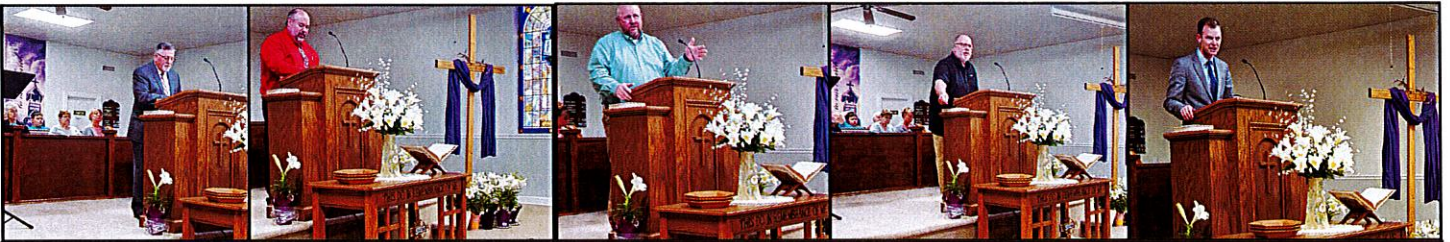
Congratulations to all of them for their hard work & dedication!

If your church is

interested in starting Bible Drill, please contact the GBA office or Rhonda Poore #731-446-1319 / wmulady@outlook.com.



Thank you Rhonda Poore for leading and White Hall Baptist Church for hosting GBA Bible Drills!



Thank you John Coleman, Joey Gowan, Johnny McCartney, Joel Pigg, Andy Mayfield, Steve Skelton and Immanuel Baptist Church for a great **Good Friday service!**



Pictured Left:

Builders on Mission and Carpenters for Christ have been working at First Baptist Church, Dyer building a Student Life Center. The church teams have done an excellent job of hosting and the church will finish the rest of the building soon!

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