

The Vision

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GBA Calendar

April

- 27: Regional Bible Drills
- 27: Compassion Ministry Workshop

May

- 2: National Day of Prayer
- 11: Bible Storying Training
- 12: Happy Mother's Day!
- 14: W TN Pastors Conference - UU
- 27: Memorial Day
- 31-June 1: GLOW Camp

June

- 9-12: SBC Annual Meeting

July

- 18: WMU Quarterly Meeting
- 22: GBA Executive Board Meeting

August

- 25: Global Hunger Sunday

September

- 5: Deacons Meetin'
- 8-15: Wk of Prayer for State Missions/GOTM
- 12: Senior Adult Event
- 18: Fields of Faith
- 19: WMU Quarterly Meeting
- 21: Children's Missions Day
- 25: See You At The Pole
- 28: GBA Missions Day
- 29: GBA Mission Day Rally

October

- 21: GBA Annual Meeting

A Missionary View

We currently have 11 churches seeking a Pastor. Most of these churches do have an interim pastor or a regular supply preacher. We continue to pray for and support these sister churches in their search for Pastor.

The annual children and youth association Bible Drills was hosted by Immanuel Baptist church in Trenton April 15. These young folks from four churches were amazing! Thank the Lord for willing and dedicated workers and parents who trained and encouraged them in honoring God's Word! "May their tribe increase!"

Our GBA WMU ladies had a wonderful "100th Anniversary Celebration" on April 20 at The Church at Sugar Creek. As it is truly noted and realized again, "where would we be without faithful and dedicated women" leading and challenging us onward to Kingdom Advance? "Hats off to our WMU!"

In our January GBA Executive Board meeting, several of our Pastors and a layman made a report about the mission projects in Curralau, Colombia. In this project a training camp is being developed, primarily as a place to train indigenous Indian believers who live in isolated and dangerous areas along the borders of Panama and Colombia. Jungles, mountains, valleys, and rivers, where there are NO roads. I can report to you that progress is being made in developing this training center, and many are praying and supporting this worthy effort to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to a people in isolated places where the name of Jesus has not been afore proclaimed! And two of our churches, (Salem BC and Medina FBC) have made significant financial contributions to sustaining and developing the training camp! Dyer FBC has another project trip scheduled in Panama for August, and there is potential for another project trip to Colombia before the end of this year.

Realizing the obvious need of churches in need of individuals to "step up" for pastoral and teaching leadership we have been praying and discussing the possibility of establishing our own GBA Training Center. We have qualified and willing instructors (Brothers Kelvin Moore; Richard Bray; and Randy Pool) who are ready to lead such training. Not only for potential pastors but lay leaders willing to serve as lay preachers or teachers for their local congregation. If you, or someone in your church is interested, please let us know.

We are excited about all the upcoming Vacation Bible Schools! This is our best opportunity in the whole year for extended Bible Study focus among our children. Historically, many decisions for Christ and lifelong foundations are established as the result of VBS! If you, or your church are in need of assistance of any kind related to VBS, we have a team who are ready and would be excited to provide you with tools or help that you need to have a great VBS! Call on us! And also, be sure to send GBA your VBS report so we can all celebrate the great things the Lord has done through this years' VBS!

Blessings, Mike Kemper



MOTHER'S DAY, MAY 12, IS THE PERFECT TIME TO SHOW LOVE AND SUPPORT FOR CHILDREN IN HARD PLACES. PLEASE GIVE A GIFT THIS YEAR FOR THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING!



MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING
Tennessee Baptist Children's Home

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



May 2nd - 10am - Milan FBC / Speaker: Nelson Cunningham, Gibson County Mayor
 Followed by a catered lunch. / Smothered Chicken, Salad, Veggies & Dessert / Cost: \$12 per person
 Please pay at Gibson Baptist Association by April 25, 2024.

Bible Storying Training

Saturday, May 11 / GBA Office / 9-11:00 AM

We believe that Bible Storying is a method or "tool" to challenge and equip us to have Gospel conversations with family, friends, and neighbors.



There is no cost for this training, but please call the association office at 731-855-1202 to let us know you intend to be there so that we will have space and material enough for everyone.



At Twice Blessed we are putting out new merchandise every day. We have lots of summer attire including swimwear for all ages. We are thankful to be recognized as the Best Charity/Nonprofit again this year.

We are grateful to those who made it possible for our women at the House Of Hope to attend WMU get together in Brentwood this year. They had a blast and enjoyed the camaraderie of faithful Christian women.

We are making plans for our annual customer appreciation day. This year it will be on May 18. There will be free, hotdogs and drinks and lots of good sales along with some free merchandise. Please join us as we greet and be witnesses for Christ.

We are in need of a house manager at our House Of Hope. Please inquire at the associational office or at Twice Blessed. Call with any questions.

Christy Skelton (731) 414-2795



BIRTHCHOICE

We always need more volunteer client advocates, volunteer nurses, and ESTHER Teachers and mentors at our Gibson County office! Gibson County needs volunteer receptionists, one for 3.5 hours on Tuesday nights and one for 4-5 hours on Thursday mornings; help to fill in when someone is out too; you must be 21+ years old and go through training. Our next volunteer training is in May then again in October.

If you are interested in learning more about how you can pour into the lives of women facing tough life decisions, please fill out an interest form or contact Kelly at kelly@birthchoice.us or 731.330.4072

Be looking for our next quarterly newsletter to hear about all that has been going on with Men in Ministry at Birth Choice! You can get our quarterly newsletter mailed or emailed to you or you can find it on our website.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN: MOTHER'S DAY TO FATHER'S DAY / Contact Tiffany at tiffany@birthchoice.us or 731.453.8159 or Kelly at kelly@birthchoice.us or 731.330.4072 for more information and/or your participation.

Not Sure Where to Start with VBS Planning?

SEEK Team can Help With:

- Choosing Curriculum Options
- Having a 'How To Plan' for VBS
- Coordinate with Churches to pass down curriculum, materials, & Decorations
- Assist with other requests as possible

SEEK Team VBS Coordinator

Cathy Farrar
(731) 446-6978

Please Let Us Know VBS Dates and Curriculum if you are willing to share with Churches Whose VBS is schedule After Yours

Plan To Do Outreach at a Local Festival?

SEEK TEAM can Help:

- Provide Evangelism Materials
- Schedule Party Wagon
- Coordinate with Other Churches
- Brainstorm Outreach Ideas

YEARLY FESTIVALS

Teapot, Strawberry, Dyer Station, White Squirrel, Bradford Doodle Soup, Davy Crockett Days, and Milan Dawg Days

SEEK Team Festival Coordinator
Lane Self (731) 514-8282

Vacation Bible School

White Hall - Registration June 2, 6-7pm / VBS June 3-7, 6-8pm

Theme: Breaker Rock Beach

Kenton FBC - June 2-6 / Theme: What a Mess!

Milan FBC - June 2-5 (6-8pm) / Milan City Park

Theme: Home Town Nazareth (Where Jesus was a Kid)

Trenton FBC - Kickoff: June 9@5pm / VBS: June 10-13, 6-8:30pm &

Family Day: June 16 / Theme: Breaker Rock Beach

Rutherford FBC - June 10-14 / Theme: Breaker Rock Beach

Immanuel, T - June 13-15

New Bethlehem - June 23-28 / Theme: Breaker Rock Beach

New Hope - July 14-18 / Theme: The Great Jungle Journey

Medina FBC - July 15-19 (5:15-8:30pm) / Theme: The Great Jungle Journey



Softball

Thank you to the teams that signed up to have a softball team this year. ALL paperwork must be turned in (this includes the roster & each player's liability release form) by April 29th. Schedules will then be made out to begin play mid May.

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
12	Mrs Lori Runyon, (I) Pastor's Wife	Chapel Hill
13	Rev Steve Hemann, Pastor	Latham's Chapel
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	Dr/Mrs Kelvin Moore, Pastor & Wife	Bradford FBC
19	Rev/Mrs Lane Self, Pastor & Wife	Dyer FBC

GBA Pastors Conference

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

May 13: David Allen, professor at Mid-America Seminary & candidate for President of the SBC will join us via Zoom

May 20: Randy Davis, TBMB President will join us via Zoom

Church News

Bethpage is looking to buy a good used church van or bus.

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

Chapel Hill Baptist Church is accepting resumes for the position of Youth Pastor. Please submit a resume and short cover letter explaining why you believe God is calling you to chbcyouth412@gmail.com.

Clear Creek welcomes Stephen Powell as interim pastor. Resumes for pastor may be emailed to Gary Selph at selphfarms@gmail.com.

Eldad Baptist Church of Trenton is searching for a person who feels called to serve in student ministry for grades 7-12. This is a paid part-time position. Call Troye Scarbrough, personnel committee chairman, at 731-693-7767 or Fred Warrington at 731-697-8247 to find out more information.

Emmanuel, H is searching for a bi-vo Music Ministry Director. Please send all inquiries and resumes to Bro. Jake Fry at jakefry1017@gmail.com.

Laneview Baptist Church, Trenton invites you to a *Celebration honoring Bro Nickey McMinn's 45 years of preaching. Saturday, April 27th/2:00-4:30.* Bro Joe Eaton will be preaching at 2:00 followed by a come & go reception, 3:30-4:30. **Sunday, April 28th** will be a church celebration with Bro Nickey preaching.

Medina FBC is looking to hire a part-time Youth Director. Call 731-783-3222 for more information or send resume to rpool@medinafbc.org.

Milan FBC is seeking a full-time Worship/Communications Pastor. The full Job Description can be found at fbcmilan.org. To apply for this job please email your resume and a cover letter to milanworshipsearchteam@gmail.com.

Mt Pleasant is looking for a Music Minister, someone to lead a blended style of worship. Part time/bi-vo position. Send resume to johnny.mccartney@yahoo.com.

New Bethlehem is seeking a full-time associate pastor and a part-time secretary. Contact Tim Sullivan at 731-487-0335 or 731-692-4870 for more information.

Oakwood Baptist Church is seeking a bivocational pastor. Send resume to 21 Oakwood Rd, Milan TN 38358 or email to oakwoodbaptistmilan@gmail.com.

First Baptist Church, Rutherford is seeking a part time youth minister. Submit resume or for more info email: fbcutherford.youthminister@gmail.com.

White Hall is seeking a bi-vo music leader. Send resume to: WHBCstuff@gmail.com or 671 Concord Cades Rd, Trenton, 38382.

Churches Seeking a Pastor

Beech Grove, Chapel Hill, Clear Creek, Gibson, Laneview K, Northside, Oak Grove, Oakwood, Smyrna, Springhill, Westside

October 1, 2023 - March 31, 2024

Church	Year to Date Receipts	March Receipts
Antioch	\$ 11,459.61	\$.00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	591.29	144.87
Bethel-H	.00	.00
Bethel-Y	1,543.00	254.00
Bethpage	253.95	.00
Bradford FBC	1,890.00	315.00
Calvary-H	163.29	24.24
Calvary-R	1,364.38	686.97
Center	300.00	100.00
Chapel Hill	1,210.02	1,210.02
China Grove	.00	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	3,326.09	1,055.67
Eldad	1,664.46	.00
Elevate	2,164.00	.00
Emmanuel	2,074.15	279.72
Fellowship	1,872.41	307.07
Fruitland	333.33	58.05
Gibson	1,625.44	298.51
Hickory Grove	300.00	.00
Idlewild	2,219.86	547.82
Immanuel-T	916.00	154.00
Keely Mill	50.00	50.00
Kenton, FBC	9,573.20	.00
Laneview-K	.00	.00
Laneview-T	407.46	72.02
Latham Chapel	.00	.00
Lavinia	3,191.00	.00
Medina, FBC	2,065.71	404.52
Midway	604.01	.00
Milan, FBC	4,993.00	833.00
Mt. Pisgah	920.13	163.65
Mount Pleasant	11,739.76	.00
New Bethlehem	3,165.97	.00
New Haven	2,100.00	350.00
New Hope	1,767.05	.00
Northerns Chapel	125.00	.00
Northside	1,024.27	146.24
Oak Grove	387.12	.00
Oakwood	1,742.06	345.36
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	873.35	157.95
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford FBC	645.52	124.45
Salem	1,535.55	.00
Smyrna	905.38	113.27
Spring Hill	465.92	147.32
The Church at Sugar Creek	10,264.14	2,903.18
Trenton, FBC	3,750.00	625.00
Walnut Grove	500.00	250.00
West Carroll Unity	.00	.00
Westside	400.00	.00
White Hall	1,630.38	.00
Undesignated	100,097.26	\$ 12,121.90
Designated	32,275.79	
TBMB	3,912.00	
YTD Total Receipts	\$ 136,285.05	

2023-24 Wingo Goal: \$20,000

Received to Date: \$ 5,489.47

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Scholarships

Bertie Thompson Scholarship - *The Bertie Thompson scholarship is available to members of GBA churches. This scholarship provides financial help for students who sense a calling to serve in some aspect of Christian ministry & maintain a certain GPA. Application available at www.gbalife.org. Deadline May 18.*

Continuing Education Scholarship - *For people in ministry (both lay & vocational) taking classes (Seminary, Bible College, or Christian Education type courses). Application available at GBA or online at gbalife.org.*

Off the Grid
Women's Hiking Trip
Missions and Ministry Leaders
May 17-18, 2024



Find more information at
tnbaptist.org/event/off-the-grid.

Kids Missions eXperience (KMx):

To the RescueKids Missions eXperience is a free kit to help you host a children's missions event.



This free event kit gives you everything you need to plan a fun and interactive missions learning experience for your elementary school children. This kit includes a leader guide with a Bible story, a missionary focus story and video, corresponding games and interactive activities, crafts, songs, ideas for decor, praying for missionaries, and leading your children to do their own missions outreach event locally.

This year's theme is TO THE RESCUE and focuses on Disaster Relief missions here in Tennessee and around the world! Find more information at <https://fs22.formsite.com/tnbaptist1/u0uexrctnz/index>.

Weekday Early Education Conference

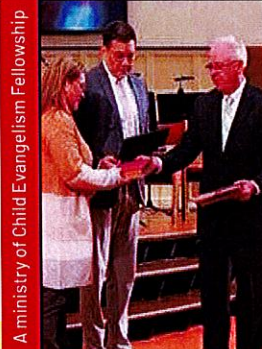
July 13, Hermitage Hills Baptist Church,
 Hermitage

Find more information at
www.tnbaptist.org/event/weekday-early-education-conference/



Serve the Lord this year as a local summer missionary. CEF is seeking young people, 12 to early college age to serve in hands-on ministry. Call our office at 731-736-2786 or scan the QR-code to learn more.

Work in a team to share Jesus!



Pictured Above Middle: Luis & Jessynet Bruneau & Dr. Greg McFadden - Luis Bruneau's Ordination, March 24th at The Church at Sugar Creek

Thank you Immanuel, T for hosting & Rhonda Poore for coordinating the GBA Bible Drills!

Pictured Above Right: Children Drillers / **Pictured Right:** Youth Drillers



Pictured Above: WMU 100th Anniversary Luncheon Celebration - *Thank you Sugar Creek and GBA WMU for a wonderful day!*