

# The Vision

## Gibson Baptist Association

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### A Missionary View

With funds given to GBA due to the transition of the former "Connect" church, to the "Elevate" church, we have repaved our parking lot and are in the process of constructing a 24'X24' shed (with help from volunteers) for our Block Party trailer and our Disaster/Ministry Trailer. Additionally, with the remaining funds in this account, we are planning to renovate and update the GBA sign in front of our property.

As the previous effort to begin a Hispanic initiative did not develop, we are now in the process of praying and pursuing a new Hispanic possibility, in partnership with TBMB, The Church at Sugar Creek, and Fruitland Baptist Church. Thanks for praying and supporting this effort!

As, you may remember, the Disaster Trailer had been stolen from our property with our DR chain saws and equipment inside the trailer. Later, the trailer was recovered, but the equipment was never recovered. The trailer has been empty since that time. We are in the process of re-equipping the trailer. Our discussion is that we would utilize the trailer for a dual purpose, DR equipment (i.e. chain saws, generator, tarps, etc.), and Project/Ministry equipment (i.e. shovels, rakes, ladders, power saws, saw horses, small project equipment, etc.). Thus, we will be equipped with DR and Ministry Project items. The trailer would be available to our churches for projects like "fix up," ramp construction, painting, yard projects, gutter cleaning, for ministry projects organized by youth groups, men's ministry, etc. We already have some of the equipment and we will be gathering other items soon. We will be working on guidelines and requirements for use of the DR & Ministry Trailer.

**Together** we have loved, worshipped and served our Lord! **Together** we have loved, nurtured, and served people in our neighborhood, community, state and around the world in the name of Jesus Christ! **Together** we have developed and supported leaders with Evangelism Training, Deacons Meeting, Pastor's Conference, Retreats & Fellowship, WOM and WMU! **Together** we have prayed for and ministered to young folks with VBS, Youth Night at the Fair, BCM ministry at Dyersburg State Community College, FCA "Fields of Faith" rally in Trenton. **Together** we are sending volunteer missionaries near and far with Gibson County Fair Ministry, GBA Missions Weekend, Wingo Funds and Volunteer Missions Banquet! **Together** we are nurturing and supporting Senior Adults! **Together** we are fighting to protect life and supporting our Birth Choice Ministry! **Together** we are helping those who need a "hand up instead of a hand out" with CWJC, Twice Blessed Ministry, and the Hope House! Indeed, we can do so much more **Together** than we ever could do all alone! This is what Gibson Baptist Association is all about, and every one of our churches matter! All people matter! And everything we do **Together** matters!

Thank You Gibson Baptist Churches for faithfully supporting Kingdom work and missions, our joint efforts **Together**! Join us at The Church at Sugar Creek for our Annual Meeting where we will share a meal, worship our Lord, and Celebrate everything the Lord has done through our efforts **TOGETHER**! Yes indeed, "these bones...live!" (Ezekiel 37:3)

Bro. Mike



### GBA Annual Meeting

The Church at Sugar Creek- Oct 24th- 5pm Meal, 5:45 Mtg

*"Can These Bones Live?" / Ezekiel 37:3 ESV*

#### KEY DATES

##### October

24: GBA Annual Meeting  
24-26: Backpack Collection

##### November

7: Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer  
13-16: TBC Summit  
14-21: OCC Shoebox Collection Week  
24: Happy Thanksgiving!

##### December

4-11: Wk of Prayer for International Missions/LMCO  
25: Merry Christmas!

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



**SEND GOOD NEWS  
AND GREAT JOY**

**PACK A  
SHOEBOX!**

**NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK: Nov 14-21, 2022**



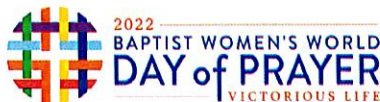
### Tennessee's 2022 Goal: 7,000 backpacks

Backpacks will be collected  
across TN, Oct 24-26.

Gibson Baptist Church  
is a drop-off location again this year.

Find everything you need to know about  
donating Christmas Backpacks at  
[www.tnbaptist.org/backpacks](http://www.tnbaptist.org/backpacks).

Or call Beth Moore at 423-440-6225.



*Joining with other women all over the  
world for "A Global Prayer Movement".*

**Monday, November 7th at 10 AM**

**Emmanuel Baptist Church  
1102 N 22nd Street, Humboldt**

Guest Speaker: Cheryl Nance  
Retired IMB missionary to Asia

**Bring your favorite salad & plan to stay for lunch!**

### **2023 Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat**

THEME: "Stand Firm" Eph 6:13  
Pigeon Forge, TN - January 26-28, 2023

- GBA will cover the cost of the retreat for 6 couples.
- Contact the GBA office to register (731) 855-1202 before November 10.



**Thank You!** (You gave \$14,415.04 for KY Disaster Relief!) Pike Association of Southern Baptists in Kentucky sent a letter of thanks for "your generous donation to our Flood Relief and Recovery efforts"....."You may never fully understand the impact that your love and support have made in the lives of these families, but you can trust that God has been glorified by your generosity."....  
-Jason Lowe, AMS



### **CWJC / Twice Blessed**

Once again we had a great turnout for our annual fund raiser. Not only did we have a lively crowd, but great entertainment, great food, a great MC and speaker and a great return for our labor. Our pastors and staff were especially appreciated as they served us with efficiency and smiles. We raised over \$10,000 for our transition house. This is greatly needed to help with utilities, food, gas for our van and salary for our House Manager. Many thanks to all who helped to make this year's event a big success.

Our House of Hope was one of the sites on the Gibson County Leadership tour in September. We also hosted a chamber meeting in September and served breakfast to all the chamber members. Many have expressed their lack of knowledge about the Gibson County CWJC.

We have great blessings of donations at Twice Blessed every day. However, there are not enough volunteers to properly sort and display our merchandise to keep things as neat and orderly as we would like. If anyone would have a couple hours a week or more to volunteer, we could use you. I am praying that God will lead someone out there to come and be on mission here at Twice Blessed. You will also have the opportunity to witness and pray for those who come here. Please feel free to contact me with any questions about the many ways you might serve.

**Christy Skelton, 731-414-2795**



### **BIRTH CHOICE**

### **BATTLE CONTINUES FOR LIFE STAY IN THE FIGHT WITH US, JOIN THE FIGHT WITH US**

Please know that the abortion fight is not over, and we have a wonderful opportunity to minister more and better with the programs we have, and you all are a part of that!

Thank you to everyone who supported the Walk for Life: Gibson County raised \$11,499, Jackson raised \$93,322 - GRAND TOTAL – \$104,821

**SAVE THE DATES!!!**

**THANKSGIVING MEAT SALE:** order October 28 to November 22. Pick up on Nov. 24. Order at [www.birthchoice.biz](http://www.birthchoice.biz).

**CHRISTMAS MEAT SALE:** order November 26 to December 20. Pick up on Dec. 23. Order at [www.birthchoice.biz](http://www.birthchoice.biz).

#### **MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:**

1. First training of 2023 will start in February contact Kelly Wall for information at [kelly@birthchoice.us](mailto:kelly@birthchoice.us) or 731-855-2900.
2. Become a "Lifesaver" with Birth Choice by being a monthly donor.
3. We are seeking Board Members from Gibson County, if you would be interested contact Kelly, [kelly@birthchoice.us](mailto:kelly@birthchoice.us) or 731-855-2900 for more information.

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

Baby Beds, Baby Formula, BIG need for car seats – we can only take new, Clothes – Girl-sizes 12-18 months, 18-24 months and 2T, Onesies- Girl -All sizes up to 2T, Highchairs, Strollers, Diaper Rash Ointment

Any baby items will be appreciated big and small, you can donate monetarily to the resource room as well.

## Pastors and Wives November Birthdays and Anniversaries

### Birthdays

2 Mrs Rachel Morris, Pastor's Wife	New Hope
4 Rev Guy Maxwell, Pastor	Midway
9 Mrs Diane Zeiss, Pastor's Wife	Poplar Springs
15 Mrs Leigh Ann Espy, Pastor's Wife	Antioch
23 Rev Andy King, Pastor	Fruitland
25 Mrs Melinda Lou Criswell, Pastor's Wife	Bethel, Yorkville
27 Mrs Tonya Fields, Pastor's Wife	Keely Mill
28 Mrs Dana Capps, Interim Pastor's Wife	Laneview, Kenton
28 Rev Dillard Lykins, Pastor	Northern's Chapel
28 Mrs Kathy Kemper, Interim DOM's Wife	GBA

### Anniversaries

3 Rev/Mrs Billy Criswell, Pastor and Wife	Bethel, Yorkville
6 Rev/Mrs James Brown, Retired Pastor and Wife	Smyrna
9 Rev/Mrs Scott Jewell, Pastor and Wife	Beech Grove
22 Dr/Mrs Michael McEwen, Pastor and Wife	Hickory Grove
24 Rev/Mrs Randy Pool, Pastor and Wife	Medina FBC

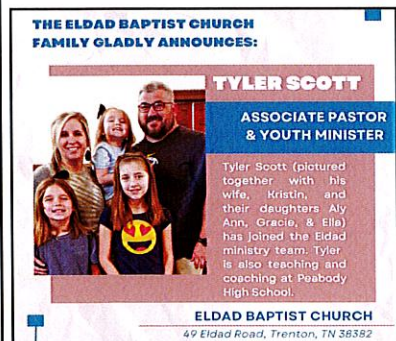
### GBA Pastors Conference

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

## Church News

### Bethel Baptist Church, Yorkville

is searching for a bi-vocational music director/worship leader.



### 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. Send resume to the address above or email fellowshipbc.milan@gmail.com.

### Kenton FBC

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

### Laneview Baptist Church Trenton

invites you to Homecoming, Oct 30th at 10AM. **A special 100 year celebration!**



### Latham's Chapel

announces the retirement of pastor Tommy Stutts. Dr. Roger Ellsworth will be interim pastor beginning Nov. 6.

### Milan FBC

welcomes interim pastor, Dr. Matthew Nance.

### 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. This is a part time / bivocational 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 at: 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.

## Churches Seeking a Pastor

Bradford FBC, Gibson, Idlewild, Laneview-K, Latham's Chapel, Milan FBC, Oak Grove, Spring Hill, Trenton FBC, West Side

## October 1, 2021 - September 30, 2022

Church	Year to Date Receipts	September Receipts
Antioch	\$ 4,725.50	\$ 4,725.50
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	1,655.72	86.79
Bethel-H	.00	.00
Bethel-Y	3,361.00	252.00
Bethpage	802.96	.00
Bradford FBC	3,465.00	315.00
Calvary-H	495.28	39.39
Calvary-R	1,370.19	.00
Center	600.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	14,592.43	1,282.13
China Grove	699.47	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	6,176.36	595.32
Eldad	2,177.93	.00
Elevate	5,272.00	850.00
Emmanuel	4,054.46	675.16
Fellowship	3,683.79	314.25
Fruitland	1,173.65	134.70
Gibson	2,447.30	202.24
Hickory Grove	1,300.00	.00
Idlewild	1,219.51	94.08
Immanuel-T	1,799.00	264.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	19,330.54	1,259.10
Laneview-K	200.00	.00
Laneview-T	993.70	32.00
Latham's Chapel	1,800.00	1,800.00
Lavinia	6,483.00	491.00
Medina, FBC	3,974.89	354.31
Midway	2,172.99	876.81
Milan, FBC	9,992.00	833.00
Mt. Pisgah	1,929.70	270.66
Mount Pleasant	24,714.03	1,610.90
New Bethlehem	6,337.69	370.35
New Haven	3,000.00	250.00
New Hope	4,095.39	.00
Northerns Chapel	300.00	75.00
Northside	3,066.35	226.91
Oak Grove	905.59	79.90
Oakwood	3,084.02	220.50
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	1,843.35	118.41
Poplar Springs	125.00	125.00
Rutherford FBC	1,304.77	126.90
Salem	4,543.68	405.10
Smyrna	2,264.37	152.58
Spring Hill	1,015.66	65.22
The Church at Sugar Creek	14,428.75	1,187.95
Trenton, FBC	7,500.00	625.00
Walnut Grove	1,000.00	250.00
West Carroll Unity	985.67	.00
West Side	800.00	.00
White Hall	5,126.38	426.45
<b>Undesignated</b>	194,389.07	\$22,113.61
<b>Designated</b>	117,782.42	
<b>TBMB</b>	10,187.87	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 322,359.36</b>	

## Wingo Fund

2021-2022 Wingo Goal: \$23,500  
Received to Date: \$14,413.56

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**Attention Harvest Field 1 Pastors** On the Tuesday morning of Summit, November 15, Love Worth Finding (Teaching Ministry of Dr. Adrian Rogers) is inviting our pastors and wives to a breakfast at 7:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall at Bellevue. Here is the link to sign up for the event-<https://www.lwf.org/tbmb-welcome-breakfast-rsvp>.

### NIGHT of HOPE



Night of Hope Speaker: Major Phillip Kemper,  
MC: Mike Kemper, Music: Jared Poore

### FIELDS of FAITH

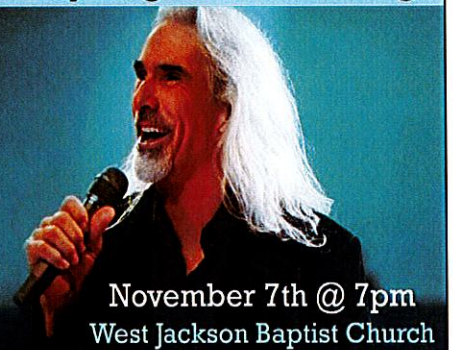


**Pictured at Fields of Faith:** Dr. Steve Gaines, Keri Lannom, Bob Moore, Roger & Penny Stacy, Georgia Lannom, Paeton Denton

### CEF® - Faith & Family Night - Featuring

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November 7th @ 7pm  
West Jackson Baptist Church

## AN EVENING OF PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

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**Sunday, November 20, 2022 - 6:00 P.M.**

the church at sugar creek in humboldt  
3400 mitchell street | phone: 731-784-1883

A freewill offering will be received  
All proceeds go to Child Evangelism Fellowship®

Bro. Mike Kemper will be in Revival at White Hall  
November 6-9.

Sunday at 6pm, Monday-Wednesday at 7pm