

THE VISION - 109-950 Published monthly by GBA,  
 mailed second class at PO Box 186, Trenton TN 38382  
 GBA OFFICE PHONES: Office: 731-855-1202  
 FAX: 731-855-9846  
 WEB SITE: www.gbalife.org  
 E-Mail: rdstacy@gbalife.org  
 dklutts@gbalife.org



**Senior Adult Event**

Pictured left to right, Bob Hill accepted the trophy on behalf of **Dyer, FBC** for largest attendance of a large church, and Bro. James Taylor accepted the trophy on behalf of **Oak Grove** for the largest attendance of a smaller church. The Senior Adult event was hosted at Trenton, **First Baptist Church**. The speaker was Rev. Tony Jones. It was well attended.



Monday, October 16th, 29 pastors attended a focus group meeting with TBMB. They provided up to date information regarding Cooperative Program funding of our International Mission Board, North America Mission Board and other convention ministries. They challenged pastors to increase their churches Cooperative Program giving.



Bro. Randy Pate preached the sermon for the Constitution of **Connect Baptist Church of Milan** on September 17, 2017. **Milan, FBC** was the sponsor church for the relaunch of the work. Also on the program was Bro. Chris Alexander, Moderator for GBA, and Bro. Mike Sanders, Seek Team Leader for GBA.

**Bivocational Ministers and Wives Retreat**

**January 25 -27, 2018**

**We have funds available to help cover the cost. We must know by November 10.**

**Please contact Bro. Roger if interested.**



The Pastors' & Wives Quarterly Fellowship was held at Majestic on September 25th.

Pictured are Bro. Billy Hanks, **West Carroll Unity**, Bro. Keith Donaldson, associate pastor at **Salem**, and President of the Pastor's Conference, and Bro. Billy Criswell, **Bethel-Y**.



**The Vision**  
 Gibson Baptist Association

Roger Stacy, Director of Missions

Chris Alexander, Moderator

Jim Acree, Treasurer

Dianne Klutts, Ministry Specialist

David Powell, Assistant Moderator

Pat Riley, Assistant Treasurer

Leann Cherry, Clerk

Volume 46 November 1, 2017 Trenton, Tennessee 38382 109-950 Number 11

**Missionary View**

We are looking forward to our annual meeting of the association this Monday at Milan FBC. Join us for a time of fellowship, inspiration and challenging messages. I am rejoicing that our churches and individuals set a record for giving to the Wingo offering this year. **Our total was \$27,756.32.** I want to encourage your church to either take an offering or give a percentage from your budget monthly to help our volunteers serve in missions.



Connect Baptist Church of Milan was constituted as a church on September 17. Bro. Randy Pate, sponsoring church pastor of Milan FBC, brought the message. A total of 11 people became charter members. The church thanks all who have contributed to re-open this work and re-establish the church. All property and documents are now officially transferred into the name of Connect Church.

We have two teams serving this month on the international mission field. Pray for the Romania team the week of November 10-18. Also pray for the Brazil team the week of November 27-December 5 as they work with Pastor Flávio to help establish a new work. The next Brazil trip will be March 12-20. If you are interested in this trip, contact the GBA office.

I will be leading a team of 5 people from our association to Puerto Rico the week of November 11-17. Conditions are very primitive and the work will be a challenge. Pray for our safety and our health as we seek to help the victims of hurricane Maria. We hope to be taking more volunteers to Puerto Rico with more trips. You do not have to be credentialed as a Disaster Relief volunteer for these future trips. Non-credentialed volunteers will need to take the Introduction to Disaster Relief training. If you are interested in a future trip, contact the GBA office.

We will be offering **Introduction to Disaster Relief at the GBA office on Thursday evening, November 2, 6:30 pm.** Please, sign up through the GBA office (855-1202) or by e-mail: [info@gbalife.org](mailto:info@gbalife.org). If you want to take the training in order to be credentialed, the cost is \$36. If you just want to take the course in order to be a non-credentialed volunteer for future trips with GBA, there is no cost. Please, fill out the registration forms and bring to the meeting. You may download these forms at: <http://tndisasterrelief.org/registration-forms/>.

As you may recall, our association is in partnership with the West Central Baptist Association in Ohio. We are helping the association plant a church in New Bremen/Minster. Teams are needed to do VBS work, surveys and other kinds of evangelism and ministry projects this coming year. Would your church begin now to plan on a summer mission trip to this area of Ohio? If you need more information, contact the office.

Thank all of you for your contributions and buckets for Texas in response to Hurricane Harvey. Our offering that we received for disaster relief was \$10,148.05. If you did not prepare a bucket and still would like to do so, buckets are still being received. You may drop the bucket off at the office.

We had a great annual Deacons' Meetin' at White Hall Baptist Church on September 7. Bro. Willie McLaurin brought a tremendous message that was very powerful and challenging. Jared Poore from New Bethlehem and others from the church did a tremendous job with the music for the evening.

Each year our associational youth team has the See You At The Pole Rally at Pedestrian's Park in Trenton. I have just received a report that at least one of the youth attending the event made a profession of faith. There may have been other decisions, but it is worth our investment for this one decision alone!

I want to invite our pastors and any layperson to attend the **January Bible Study preview** with Dr. Jere Phillips here at the GBA office. Dr. Phillips will be with us on Monday morning, **October 30, from 10:00 am -12:00 noon.**

Bro. Mike Sanders has resigned as pastor of Hickory Grove. The following churches are without a pastor: Dyer FBC, Fruitland, Hickory Grove, Maranatha, New Hope, Smyrna, and Spring Hill.

Your Missionary, **Bro. Roger**

**GIBSON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION MISSION STATEMENT**  
 The Gibson Baptist Association exists to actively assist churches accomplish The Great Commission.

**WMU Events**

**Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer**  
 November 6, 2017  
 White Hall Baptist Church  
 6:30 PM

**We appreciate our Gibson County Sheriff's Department**

*The M&M project for this Fall is to show appreciation for our Sheriff and his staff*

Don't forget to drop your gift basket off at the GBA office soon. We just need a few more baskets to make sure that each staff will receive one.

Fill them with things like: Small individual packages of tissue, band-aids, small hand sanitizers, small lotions, chap-sticks, car fresheners, "we're praying for you" cards, bottled water, Gatorade- small bottles or individual packets, individual packets of instant coffee, microwave tubs of oatmeal, any type of snack foods- for example- protein or granola bars, individual packages of cheese/crackers or peanut butter/crackers, candy, candy bars, etc. These are just some ideas.

If you have a question contact:

Mindy Summar 431-3904 summarm@click1.net  
 Penny Stacy 487-3276 cafezinho54@yahoo.com  
 Sheilah Spangler 414-9292  
 Sheilah.spangler@yahoo.com

**BIRTH CHOICE**



**\*Training will start in February for Client Advocates.** For information or to get an application contact our office at 855-2900. There are other ways to volunteer as well, give us a call.

**We are in need of these items for the Resource Room:**

- Diapers size NB & 4-6
- Wipes
- Food/cereal
- 12, 18, 24 sizes of girls winter outfits and sleepers
- Small items such as: thermometers, ointments, safety items, brush/comb sets, pacifiers, nail clippers, etc.
- Handmade booties & blankets
- Large items such as: Baby beds, walkers, high chairs, strollers, car seats, bassinets, swings, floor mats, play yards, bouncy seats

**Get your orders in for the Thanksgiving Meat Sale-Pick up will be November 22<sup>nd</sup> at our Jackson office from 8am-12 noon; if we can get enough orders for Gibson Co. you can pick up at the Trenton office. You can order on-line at [birthchoice.biz](http://birthchoice.biz), [deb-bie@birthchoice.us](mailto:deb-bie@birthchoice.us), or call either office at 855-2900 or 664-8443.**

Thank you for all your donations, prayers and support, Kelly

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**"I AM THE WAY, THE TRUTH, & THE LIFE. NO ONE COMES TO THE FATHER EXCEPT THROUGH ME."**  
 As relevant as ever... The Power to Save.  
 Nov. 12-15, 2017  
 First Baptist Church  
 Hendersonville, TN  
 For more information, visit [www.tbcs Summit.org](http://www.tbcs Summit.org)  
**SUMMIT**  
 THE GATHERING OF MISSIONARIES  
 T&M: *Jesus' Faith, Mission, Power*

**The Good Cup 1-4 PM**  
**November 13, 2017**

The speaker will be Dana James.  
 This is open to all pastors' wives during the Pastors' conference at the "Summit". Light refreshments will be served.

2017

**PASTORS CONFERENCE**

November 13, 2017 | First Baptist Church | Hendersonville, Tennessee

*To All the World...*

**1:00 – 9:30 PM**

**Christian Women's Job Corps/"Twice Blessed"**



Thanks to over 300 who came out for our 5th Annual "Night of Hope"! I hope you enjoyed the evening and will plan to come again next year. **We raised \$4,783.00**, and it continues to be a great blessing to witness the support of our Gibson County community and churches.

Please continue to pray for us as we strive to reach women for Christ in our community and in the Gibson County Correctional Facility. Thanks to each of the prayer team members who are so faithful to come to our monthly prayer meetings.

We currently have need of some mentors for our new class participants. If you have a couple of hours to spare, please come and join us in class on Wednesdays from 10 - 12pm. Volunteers are always welcome in our thrift store. Also, we feed the participants and volunteers each Wednesday and appreciate any help with that endeavor. Water and snacks are always appreciated for our volunteers as well as food for our food pantry.

Bob Howland who attends Eldad Baptist Church has been certified for Christian Men's Job Corp. and would appreciate all prayers and support for this much needed ministry. Please welcome him as he desires to speak at your churches.

May God bless each of you for your support of the CWJC ministry.

Christy Skelton, Site Coordinator

**November Birthdays & Anniversary: Pastors & Wives**

**BIRTHDAYS**

- |    |   |                   |
|----|---|-------------------|
| 5  | Rev Ed Marbury, Retired Pastor          | Fellowship        |
| 9  | Mrs Diane Zeiss, Pastor's Wife          | Poplar Springs    |
| 15 | Mrs Leigh Ann, Pastor's Wife            | Antioch           |
| 23 | Rev Andy King, Interim Pastor           | Fruitland         |
| 25 | Mrs Melinda Lou Criswell, Pastor's Wife | Bethel-Y          |
| 25 | Rev Don Dyer, Pastor                    | Bradford, FBC     |
| 27 | Mrs Tonya Fields, Pastor's Wife         | Keely Mill        |
| 28 | Mrs Kathy Kemper, Interim Pastor's Wife | Smyrna            |
| 28 | Rev Dillard Lykins, Pastor              | Northern's Chapel |

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- |    |  |             |
|----|--|-------------|
| 3  | Rev/Mrs Billy Criswell, Pastor & Wife      | Bethel-Y    |
| 6  | Rev/Mrs James Brown, Retired Pastor & Wife | Smyrna      |
| 8  | Dr/Mrs Chris Alexander, Pastor & Wife      | White Hall  |
| 9  | Rev/Mrs Scott Jewell, Pastor & Wife        | Beech Grove |
| 22 | Rev/Mrs Frank Bowling, Pastor & Wife       | Medina, FBC |
| 24 | Rev/Mrs Bill Brown, Pastor & Wife          | Emmanuel-H  |

**CHURCH NEWS**

Rev. Mike Sanders has resigned as pastor of **Hickory Grove**. Congratulations to Bro. Clayton & Stacia Williams, **Connect Church**, in the birth of their 3rd child, Zoe Mae born September 28th.

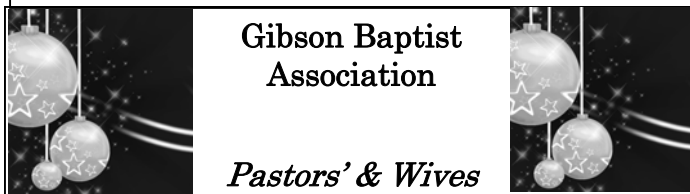
**Milan FBC** would like to invite you to their church on Wednesday October 25 at 6 PM to hear Dr. Steve Gaines, President of the Southern Baptist Convention.

**Dyer, FBC** is seeking an interim music director. Please contact the church at 692-2549 for information.

**Maranatha Baptist Church** is accepting resumes for a Bi-vocation Pastor. Please submit resume to MBChumboldt@gmail.com

**Smyrna Baptist Church, Humboldt**, is seeking a piano player for their church services. Please contact Eddie Long, Minister of Music, at 571-8782 if you can help them.

**Clear Creek Baptist Church**  
**Annual Community Thanksgiving Service**  
**November 18, 6 PM**  
**Speaker: Bro. Joel Pigg**  
**Music: Jared Poore**



**Gibson Baptist Association**

**Pastors' & Wives Christmas Dinner**

**December 12, 2017**

**6:00 PM**

**Location and cost to be announced in December's Newsletter**

**RSVP to 855-1202 by December 5th**

**October 1, 2016—October 18, 2017**

Church	Total Receipts	Current Receipts
Antioch	\$ 4,121.60	\$ .00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	2,637.12	499.68
Bethel-Humboldt	90.00	.00
Bethel-Yorkville	3,635.00	291.00
Bethpage	792.65	197.72
Bradford, FBC	3,380.00	290.00
Calvary-H	388.30	.00
Calvary-R	800.45	16.00
Center	600.00	.00
Chapel Hill	22,248.39	1,682.43
China Grove	219.48	.00
Clear Creek	180.00	.00
Connect	404.88	74.75
Dyer, FBC	5,723.10	378.58
Eldad	3,067.77	733.51
Emmanuel	2,806.74	225.75
Fellowship	2,609.74	387.06
Fruitland	354.72	.00
Gibson	2,044.00	296.00
Hickory Grove	1,304.00	.00
Idlewild	1,476.39	98.64
Immanuel-T	953.90	66.00
Keely Mill	292.54	.00
Kenton, FBC	24,041.89	1,897.99
Laneview-K	1,100.00	100.00
Laneview-T	533.88	39.34
Latham's Chapel	1,800.00	150.00
Lavinia	5,346.00	437.00
Maranatha	2,569.00	351.00
Medina, FBC	2,400.00	200.00
Midway	1,228.43	.00
Milan, FBC	6,991.00	583.00
Mt. Pisgah	2,488.59	183.90
Mt. Pleasant	15,259.38	1,160.61
New Bethlehem	5,250.95	853.73
New Haven	1,100.00	100.00
New Hope	2,800.00	.00
Northern's Chapel	310.00	35.00
Northside	1,672.05	119.71
Oak Grove	731.29	59.20
Oakwood	650.00	100.00
Old Bethlehem	240.00	240.00
Poplar Grove	2,024.40	132.57
Poplar Springs	542.00	82.00
Rutherford, FBC	1,385.94	168.00
Salem	2,803.80	249.71
Smyrna	909.37	69.75
Spring Hill	832.00	83.00
The Rock	747.00	250.00
The Church/Sugar Creek	14,975.47	868.97
Trenton, FBC	10,920.60	.00
Walnut Grove	1,004.00	254.00
West Carroll Unity	290.02	.00
West Side	335.00	86.00
White Hall	6,569.91	478.59
Designated	58,633.34	.00
TBC/Interest	12,376.47	2,164.74
<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>\$ 256,992.51</b>	<b>\$ 16,736.93</b>

**2016-2017 Wingo Goal is \$ 22,500**

**\*\*\*Received to date: \$ 27,756.32 \*\*\***  
**GBA is thankful to everyone for helping us go over the goal.**

**Wingo gifts were given in Memory of Bro. Ken Sparkman and in Honor of all the mission volunteers, and in Honor of Bro. Bill Rice, Bro. Jerry Summers, and Bro. Josh Stone.**