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**BIVOCATIONAL MINISTERS & WIVES RETREAT**  
MUSIC ROAD HOTEL & CONVENTION CENTER  
PIGEON FORGE, TN | JAN 26-28, 2017

Contact Bro. Roger if you are interested in attending this event. Each year several of GBA bivocational ministers and wives attend this event. GBA will be able to offer scholarships for 5 pastors and their wives to attend this event. Must know by 11/10.

**LOVING GOD  
LOVING FAMILY  
LOVING COMMUNITY**

MATTHEW 22:37-39



Bro. James Rogers, pictured to the left, pastor of **Oakwood**, presents a certificate of deacon ordination to Seth Kenyon (standing with his wife, Hannah). Seth was ordained on October 2nd. .



Tracy King was ordained as a deacon at Salem on September 18th. Left to right: Keith Donaldson, associate pastor, Stephanie King, Tracy King and Joel Pigg, pastor.



**Night of Hope** was September 27. It was held at the National Guard Amory. This is the annual fundraiser for Twice Blessed (CWJC) in Trenton.

Over 300 women (and men) came from across the county to help support CWJC. There was a silent auction, a fashion show and a wonderful meal prepared by many volunteers.



# The Vision

Gibson Baptist Association



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## A Missionary View



As you read this article, we are approaching our annual meeting scheduled for Monday, October 24. We will gather at Trenton FBC for an afternoon and evening of challenging messages and activities. Dr. John Butts will be our missionary speaker. John served as a missionary in Brazil and now is pastor of Sidney Baptist Church in Sydney, Ohio. We are connected with Brother John through our partnership with the West Central Baptist Association. He will be sharing and challenging us about the work in Ohio and missions in general.

For several months we have been planning the **Mid-South Small Church Celebration Conference** on the campus of Mid-America Seminary the weekend of October 28-29. There is no charge for the conference. The conference will focus on effective biblical preaching with special guest speakers such as Dr. Bob Agee, Dr. Jere Phillips, Dr. Tim Seal and our own Dr. Dale Denning from Chapel Hill. The first breakout session is Friday at 3:30. The Friday evening sessions begin at 6:30 pm. For those who can only attend on Saturday, the sessions begin at 9:00 am and conclude at 12:15 pm. There will also be a special track for minister's wives led by Melanie Redd.

We are engaged in the five objectives of the Tennessee Baptist Convention through the leadership of our Seek Team of GBA. I am pleased to report an increase in baptisms over last year. This year 307 souls professed faith in Jesus Christ and followed in baptism.

Our Strengthen Team is working with a couple of our churches in the area of revitalization. We need to pray for these churches that are struggling financially and in terms of loss of members. We have several churches in similar situations. This struggle is also reflected all across the Southern Baptist Convention.

As you know by now, this summer we began a counseling ministry in the office of the association. Dr. Bob Rouse from Jackson is available on Tuesdays for counseling sessions. Churches and pastors now have a great local resource for referring their members who need professional counseling. To help people needing counseling and who cannot afford the \$75 fee, churches might consider including funds in their budgets. You may call the office to refer someone or to make an appointment.

A team of GBA volunteers will be traveling to **Brazil** the week of November 28—December 6. The team will be working with a local church planter in the city of Curitiba to help plant a new church. The next Brazil trip is planned for March 13-21. If you are interested in a mission trip, contact our office. We also want to pray for a team led by Bro. Andy Rice that is going to Romania the week of November 3—13. Lisa and Kevin Kail will also be on this team.

It is hard to believe that we are already talking about Thanksgiving and Christmas. However, it is time once again for our annual **Pastors, Staff & Wives Christmas Dinner**. This year we will meet at Crenshaw's Catfish Cookers at 6:00 pm. You will have a choice of catfish or chicken tenders with tea and desert. We need to ask you to call, text or e-mail us to register for the meal in order to have an accurate count. Due to the fact that we are not meeting at a church location this year, we will need you to help with the cost of the meal by paying \$5.00 a person. The association will pay the difference for the meal. Please, register and make your payment by Monday, December 5. Here is the contact information for registering: (855-1202. [dklutts@gbalife.org](mailto:dklutts@gbalife.org). or [rdstacy@gbalife.org](mailto:rdstacy@gbalife.org)).

Bro. Jerry McDivitt has resigned as pastor of Fruitland Baptist Church. Also, Bro. Eddie Holmes has resigned at Northside. The following churches are seeking a pastor: Center, China Grove, Fruitland, Gibson, Laneview-Kenton, New Hope, Northside, Smyrna and West Side.

Your Missionary,  
**Bro. Roger**



**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**  
National Goal:  
**\$ 155,000,000**  
Week of Prayer  
for International Missions is  
**December 4-11, 2016**



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

**WMU EVENT**

**Baptist Women's World Day Of Prayer**  
**November 7, 2016**  
**6:30 PM**  
**Dyer, FBC**

**BIRTH CHOICE**

Let the Holy Smokers help you with your Thanksgiving and Christmas meal preparation. We will have Smoked or Fried Turkeys, Smoked Hams, Boston Butts, Pork Loins, and Chickens for sale.

**Thanksgiving Meat Sale: Deadline to order is Friday, November 18<sup>th</sup> with the pickup day being Wednesday, November 23<sup>rd</sup> (Pick up time to be announced) at the Birth Choice Clinic in Jackson. Christmas Meat Sale: Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup> (orders due by Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>).** Orders can be picked up at the Birth Choice clinic in Jackson between 8:00 am and 12:00 noon on Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup>. The deadline to order is Friday December 23<sup>rd</sup> at noon so don't wait...order TODAY! All proceeds will benefit the Birth Choice Ministry. Visit [birthchoice.biz](http://birthchoice.biz) for more details. Call 731-664-8443 to place your order or email LaShon Hawks at [lshon@birthchoice.us](mailto:lshon@birthchoice.us).

We are in need of these items for the Resource Room:  
 Girl's sleepers-NB, 0-3, 3-6 Boy's sleepers-NB, 0-3, 3-6  
 Diapers size NB, 3-6 Wipes Sippy Cups Crib Sheets  
 Diaper bags-store bought or handmade Burp Cloths  
 Handmade Bottles and/or blankets  
 Formula/Food/cereal Socks-girl and boy Bath towels/cloths  
 Small items such as: thermometers, ointments, safety items, brush/comb sets, pacifiers, nail clippers, etc.  
 Handmade booties, blankets to give to clients with their layette items  
 Large items such as: Baby beds, high chairs, stroller, car seats, bassinets, swings, bouncy seats, floor mats, play yards (play pens)

Thank you for all your donations, prayers and support  
 Kelly

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

Another month gone by; how can it be!

**Night of Hope** was a great success with good entertainment from Kevin Hamilton from First Baptist, Humboldt, Brent Croom, Auctioneer and our volunteers who modeled in our fashion show. Donations for the event were down considerably, but spirits were high, food was abundant, and we had 325 + ladies and gentlemen present for the big event. Thank you for coming out and for your contribution to the ministry.

We recently celebrated the graduation of 2 graduates from our "Powered for Life" program. 15 came out on Wednesday, October 12th for the celebration. Among those present were board members, mentors, and volunteers.

Thanks for opportunity to speak recently at Antioch and Oak Grove on behalf of CWJC and the GOTM.

Please stop by and meet our new store manager, Cynthia Slates. She is a graduate of our program, and is doing a wonderful job merchandising; you will find her delightful. Try volunteering at our store for a special blessing.

**GBA CALENDAR OF EVENTS**



**NOV. 13-17, 2016**  
**SEVIERVILLE CONVENTION CENTER, SEVIERVILLE**

2016

**PASTOR'S CONFERENCE**

November 14, 2016 • Sevierville Convention Center • Sevierville, Tennessee



**The Good Cup**  
 November 14, 2016 | 1:00-4:00  
 Sevierville Convention Center, Ballroom D  
 Doors open at 12:30 with program starting at 1:00  
 COST: FREE - NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED  
 Light refreshments, coffee, tea, and water will be served

*A meeting place for ministers and wives*


**SPEAKER:** Carol Anderson Shores  
[www.actsofrenewal.com](http://www.actsofrenewal.com)

**MUSIC:** Lauren Talley  
[www.laurentalley.com](http://www.laurentalley.com)

For more information contact Lana Rose at [lrose@tnbaptist.org](mailto:lrose@tnbaptist.org) or by calling 615-714-0142.  
[www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org)

GBA Office will be closed November 24th for the Thanksgiving Holiday.

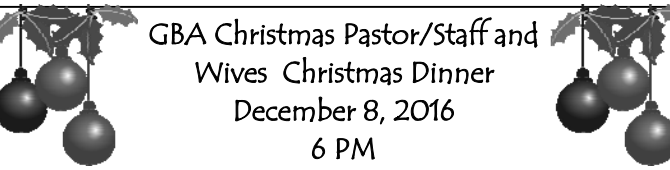
Please be in prayer for the Brazil Mission Trip  
 November 28—December 6, 2016.



**Samaritan's Purse**  
**Operation Christmas Child**

**National Collection dates are**  
**November 14-21.**

**Drop off Locations:**  
**Trenton, FBC**  
**Milan, FBC**



GBA Christmas Pastor/Staff and Wives Christmas Dinner  
 December 8, 2016  
 6 PM  
 Crenshaws Catfish Cookers

Cost \$ 5.00 per person (GBA will pay the difference)  
 Please make your reservations and payment by Dec 5th.

**November Birthdays for Pastors & Wives**

**BIRTHDAYS**

5	Rev. Ed Marbury, retired pastor	Fellowship
6	Rev. Mike Sanders, pastor	Hickory Grove
9	Mrs. Diane Zeiss, pastor's wife	Poplar Springs
15	Mrs. Leigh Ann Espy, pastor's wife	Antioch
20	Mrs. Bonnie Moore, pastor's wife	Fellowship
23	Rev. Andy King, retired pastor	New Hope
25	Mrs. Lou Criswell, pastor's wife	Bethel-Y
25	Rev. Don Dyer, pastor	Bradford, FBC
27	Mrs. Tonya Fields, pastor's wife	Keely Mill
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**

**Eldad** is seeking a minister to youth. Submit resume & cover letter to Eldad Baptist Church, 49 Eldad Road, Trenton 38382 or [criswellemail@gmail.com](mailto:criswellemail@gmail.com).

**Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church** is seeking a Minister of Music. Please send resume to ATTN: MMSC, 395 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford TN 38316.

**Avondale Baptist Church** has a Praise & Worship Team that is available for special events, revivals, etc. Please contact Bro. Richard Bragg, pastor, at 731-343-0862 for more information.

**Trenton First Baptist Church** is in need of items for their food pantry. They serve the people in Gibson County and their supply has run low. Please call the church at 855-9321 for more information.

Bro. Jerry McDivitt has resigned as pastor of **Fruitland Baptist Church**. **New Bethlehem** has called Jared Poore as minister of music. Bro. Eddie Holmes has resigned as pastor of **Northside Baptist Church**.

**Dyer, First Baptist Church** is accepting resumes for a part time youth minister. Please send resume to DeeLeah Sullenger at [office@firstbaptistdyer.com](mailto:office@firstbaptistdyer.com).

Antioch Baptist Church will celebrate their 185th anniversary as a church during the month of November.

- On November 6th Dr. Randy Davis, Executive Director of the TBC, will preach the morning service.
- On November 13th, Dr. Bill Espy, pastor, will preach. There will be a catered dinner following the morning service. Everyone is invited to the meal, just call the church at 783-3008 to let them know how many are coming.
- On November 20th, Dr. Samuel (Dub) Oliver, President of Union University, will be the guest speaker. They welcome everyone to come celebrate with them.

**October 1, 2015—October 18, 2016**

Church	Total Receipts	Current Receipts
Antioch	\$ 2,000.00	\$ .00
Avondale	317.00	.00
Beech Grove	2,757.14	.00
Bethel-Humboldt	390.00	60.00
Bethel-Yorkville	3,252.00	330.00
Bethpage	784.34	218.61
Bradford, FBC	3,120.00	480.00
Calvary-H	462.53	87.72
Calvary-R	726.25	.60.10
Center	550.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	23,791.42	2,309.86
China Grove	713.91	23.03
Clear Creek	370.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	6,353.12	469.00
Eldad	2,367.69	215.89
Emmanuel	2,901.82	.00
Fellowship	2,485.35	345.87
Fruitland	.00	.00
Gibson	1,578.00	131.00
Hickory Grove	1,307.50	7.50
Humboldt, FBC	14,264.78	1,061.61
Idlewild	1,400.58	126.54
Immanuel-T	1,176.00	73.00
Keely Mill	460.41	.00
Kenton, FBC	24,753.13	1,666.37
Laneview-K	1,000.00	.00
Laneview-T	554.38	15.00
Latham's Chapel	1,800.00	150.00
Lavinia	5,462.00	404.00
Maranatha	3,261.00	200.00
Medina, FBC	2,600.00	325.46
Midway	1,500.25	.00
Milan, FBC	8,382.00	.00
Mt. Pisgah	2,038.71	199.92
Mt. Pleasant	15,408.85	.00
New Bethlehem	5,021.98	500.80
New Haven	1,200.00	100.00
New Hope	4,566.14	.00
Northern's Chapel	330.00	55.00
Northside	2,267.24	157.53
Oak Grove	722.67	58.10
Oakwood	600.00	50.00
Old Bethlehem	240.00	.00
Poplar Grove	2,002.25	191.43
Poplar Springs	110.14	.00
Rutherford, FBC	1,490.13	115.15
Salem	3,190.70	295.26
Smyrna	844.90	88.00
Spring Hill	1,006.00	.00
Trenton, FBC	11,708.73	.00
Truth	300.00	.00
Walnut Grove	1,005.00	5.00
West Carroll Unity	454.70	.00
West Side	402.00	127.00
White Hall	6,776.73	.00
Designated	36,317.82	140.00
TBC/Interest	11,118.47	926.17
LifeWay Commission	118.43	.00
Total Receipts	\$ 232,084.19	\$ 11,828.92

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

**In 2015-2016 we received \$ 18,731.16 from churches and individuals.**  
**Memorials were given in memory of Bro. Don Cooper, Bro. Jerry Legg, Bro. Ken Sparkman, and Ms. Gloria Johnson.**  
**Thank you for your gifts to the Wingo Fund.**