

# The Vision

## Gibson Baptist Association

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### KEY DATES

#### August

28: Global Hunger Awareness Sunday  
28-Sept 3: Gibson County Fair  
31: Student Night at the Gibson County Fair

#### September

5: Labor Day - GBA Office Closed  
7: Bart Barber - Chapel at Union University  
8: The Deacons' Meetin'  
11: West TN Evangelism Rally, Union University  
11-18: GOTM / Week of Prayer for State Missions  
15: WMU Quarterly Meeting at White Hall  
17: Children's Missions Day  
19: Who's Your One? at First Baptist Clarksville  
24: Youth Ministry Training at Sugar Creek  
27: Night of Hope  
30 - Oct. 2: Connection

#### October

1: Prayer Outreach Conference 2022  
12: Fields of Faith  
24: GBA Annual Meeting  
24-26: Backpack Collection

Nov 13-16: TBC Summit

### A Missionary View

I rejoice to have the blessing of serving our Lord and the 54 Baptist churches of Gibson County once again! We are preparing for the 99th Annual GBA Meeting, quickly approaching 100 years of serving churches and serving our Lord! A few of our churches are already 150 years old. Obviously there have been years of growth, expansion, plateau years, and honestly, lean and declining years. We individually discover in approaching our aging years, there are adjustments and maybe even lifestyle changes that we must make in order to have the energy and vitality we need or want going forward. A harsh reality, but reality none the less! Even so, in our churches and association, we come to realize the need of serious reflection and communion with our Father about necessary adjustments or lifestyle changes in order to refresh, renew, and revitalize, if we wish to continue Kingdom growth and advancement! Let's not be in denial or neglectful of what we need to do. The theme of our upcoming Annual Meeting is "Can These Bones Live?" in reference to Ezekiel 37. Our bones may be old indeed, but I believe YES they can and they must live and thrive until Jesus comes again! Come on GBA, let's allow the Lord to breathe through us, allowing Him to pull us together and to rise up for such a time as this!

Bro. Mike

To our Gibson Baptist Association family, greetings from your GBA Director of Missions Search Team. We are up and running and we cherish YOUR prayers. We wish to thank all of the GBA pastors who participated in our Pastors DOM Search questionnaire. Your input is invaluable to our search process. We must hear from you to guide our search and we are thankful for your feedback.

We will continue collecting resumes of potential qualified candidates through the end of August. Beginning in September we will begin the meticulous process of reviewing the resumes and praying over them, and (based on your questionnaire feedback) we hope to whittle down to a short list of the best possible candidates for our association. Therefore, especially during the month of September and following, we diligently ask for your prayer as we look for the very one who God has raised up for us! Thank you for joining alongside of us in this extremely important task.

Blessings!

Your GBA Director of Missions Search Team

### Attention

**Church Clerks & Pastors:**  
ACP Packets are due back to the GBA office by September 30th.

### GBA Annual Meeting

The Church at Sugar Creek- Oct 24, 2022- 5pm Meal, 5:45 Mtg

**"Can These Bones Live?"**

Ezekiel 37:3 ESV



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



**WMU Fall Meeting - September 15 - 10AM - White Hall Baptist Church - Bring a salad to share.**

**Gibson County Fair Student Night**

Main Stage - Wed., August 31st / 6:30PM  
Speaker: Johnny McCartney  
Rain Plan: FBC Trenton

GBA will have a prayer tent at the Fair all week. Thank you to all the volunteers that make this happen!



**This year's goal in TN: 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.

**The Deacons' Meetin'**

**Leading With Integrity and Faithfulness**



Message:  
Dr. Clay Hallmark Jr  
President of the TBC

Thursday, September 8th at 5:30pm  
White Hall Baptist Church

Deacons, Pastors, Staff, and Wives  
\$5 per person / RSVP & Money by Sept 1

GBA encourages each church to cover the cost for their attendees. **Please RSVP and pay at the GBA office.** A basket will be available at the banquet for childcare donations.

Menu: Boneless Pork Tenderloin, Chicken  
Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Salad & Dessert  
Sweet Tea, Unsweet Tea, & Coffee

**Fields of Faith**

Wednesday, October 12th at 7 PM  
PEABODY HIGH SCHOOL

Music: Ken Bowman & Joey Smith  
Speaker: Dr. Steve Gaines

We are asking for churches to give to help fund this large event. We need 10 donations, \$300 each. All donations can be sent to the GBA office - denote **Fields of Faith** donation.

Please help advertise & share with other denominations & surrounding counties.



**All Youth Welcome!**

For more information call Bob Moore, 431-1056.



**SEND GOOD NEWS AND GREAT JOY**

**PACK A SHOEBOX!**

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



**BIG BATTLE GOING ON FOR LIFE  
STAY IN THE FIGHT WITH US, JOIN THE FIGHT WITH US**

WOW! BABY BOTTLE TOTALS: OVER \$24,200 FOR GIBSON CO.  
(Ministry wide over \$123,000 total) THANK YOU!!

Information for the Walk for Life is coming soon.  
Walk will be **October 1st** at West Jackson Baptist church, Jackson.

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES:**

Become a volunteer – Office, Receptionists, Client Advocate, ESTHER program, Support Nurse or Ultrasound Nurse.  
Become a "Lifesaver" with Birth Choice by being a monthly donor.  
Digital weight scale for our clients to weigh on or donation for this.

**RESOURCE ROOM NEEDS:**

WE NEED EVERYTHING BABY UP TO 2T; we are updating our program and hope to serve more & more women who choose life:

- Baby beds, Car Seats, Baby Formula
- BIG need for car seats – we can only take new
- Clothes – Boy and Girl-All sizes up to 2T
- Onesies- Boy and Girl -All sizes up to 2T
- Highchairs, Strollers

Any baby items will be greatly appreciated big and small.



**CWJC / Twice Blessed**

We are always grateful for speaking engagements and reporting about how the Lord is at work in the lives of women. It was a great privilege to have our house manager and girls speak recently at one of our churches. It was also a blessing to receive the gift of supplies for the house. Thanks also to our WMU for showering us with supplies.

The fellowship at Twice Blessed continues to be sweet as we minister to the girls in our house as well as others who come in need of food and clothing. Stop in at 10am each morning for devotion, meet the girls and volunteers and join us in prayer.

We are gearing up for our Annual **"Night of Hope"** fundraiser. It will be at the Ed Jones Agri- Plex here in Trenton on Tuesday evening, September 27th. Our MC this year will be Sheriff Paul Thomas, and our entertainment will be Jared Poore. We sincerely hope you will want to join us for this special event.

Christy Skelton  
731-414-2795

**A Night of Hope**

**September 27th at the Ed Jones Agri-Plex in Trenton  
Tickets available at Twice Blessed**

- ⇒ **Children's Missions Day** - Grades 1-6 / Sept 17 / Join kids across the country in hands-on ministry in your community!
- ⇒ **Sports JAM** - Event kit that provides plan, ideas, tips, and instructions to help you have a successful missions event for the children in your church or community, on your chosen dates. Contact Jacki Holleman@TBMB for more information. [jholleman@tnbaptist.org](mailto:jholleman@tnbaptist.org).
- ⇒ **Connection** - Missions event for girls grades 6-12/Sept 30-Oct 2 Sevierville FBC / [tnbaptist.org/connection](http://tnbaptist.org/connection)



**Pastors and Wives  
September Birthdays and Anniversaries**

**Birthdays**

1	Rev Stephen Fields, Pastor	Keely Mill
8	Mrs Mary Brown, Retired Pastor's Wife	Smyrna
17	Rev Joey Gowan, Pastor	Center
20	Rev Jimmy Sorrell, Retired Pastor	Northside
23	Mrs Jessica Rogers, Pastor's Wife	Oakwood

**Anniversaries**

10	Rev/Mrs Kevin Mullins, Pastor & Wife	White Hall
15	Rev/Mrs John Coleman, Pastor & Wife	New Bethlehem
16	Rev/Mrs Howard Avery, Pastor & Wife	Avondale

**GBA Pastors Conference**

*Pastors meet Mondays at 10am at the Gibson Baptist Association office.  
No conference on Labor Day, September 5th.*

**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.



**Church News**



**Bethel Baptist Church, Humboldt** celebrated 150 years as a Tennessee Baptist Church Sunday, August 7.

**Bethel Baptist Church, Yorkville** is searching for a bi-vocational music director/worship leader.

**China Grove** welcomes new pastor, Michael Roberson.

**Eldad Baptist Church of Trenton** is searching for a person who feels called to serve in student ministry for grades 7-12. As an added benefit of this part-time position, the youth leader may choose to live in the church parsonage. Call Personnel Chair Fred Warrington 697-8247 or Pastor Jonathan Criswell 414-4435.

**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 broshawna1red@gmail.com.

**Mount Pleasant Baptist Church** is looking for our next Music Minister. We would like 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 will be a part time/bi-vocational position. Submit 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: [jkalford@hotmail.com](mailto:jkalford@hotmail.com) or mail resumes to: New Hope Baptist Church PO Box 293 Dyer, TN 38330 in care of Johnny Alford/Music Search Committee.



**Thank you for giving for KY Flood Disaster Relief!**  
Bro. Kevin Mullins took a trailer full of supplies from Gibson County. You have given \$13,177.04 to date.

**October 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022**

Church	Year to Date Receipts	July Receipts
Antioch	\$ .00	\$ .00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	1,463.75	130.92
Bethel-H	.00	.00
Bethel-Y	2,866.00	353.00
Bethpage	802.96	199.05
Bradford FBC	2,835.00	315.00
Calvary-H	414.52	37.02
Calvary-R	1,370.19	.00
Center	500.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	12,261.40	1,236.32
China Grove	699.47	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	5,156.86	828.82
Eldad	2,177.93	.00
Elevate	4,422.00	500.00
Emmanuel	3,379.30	266.60
Fellowship	2,999.16	273.84
Fruitland	1,008.35	99.81
Gibson	2,041.66	242.19
Hickory Grove	1,300.00	325.00
Idlewild	1,028.63	85.08
Immanuel-T	1,399.00	144.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	15,209.82	1,455.78
Laneview-K	200.00	.00
Laneview-T	905.00	68.00
Latham's Chapel	.00	.00
Lavinia	5,326.00	584.00
Medina, FBC	3,254.23	369.04
Midway	1,296.18	.00
Milan, FBC	7,492.00	.00
Mt. Pisgah	1,659.04	155.55
Mount Pleasant	21,698.06	2,041.35
New Bethlehem	4,973.20	.00
New Haven	2,500.00	250.00
New Hope	3,262.05	.00
Northerns Chapel	225.00	.00
Northside	2,566.40	221.64
Oak Grove	761.27	101.20
Oakwood	2,583.80	293.75
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	1,595.71	109.73
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford FBC	1,177.87	81.40
Salem	3,781.17	421.18
Smyrna	1,930.19	139.74
Spring Hill	841.08	61.14
The Church at Sugar Creek	12,095.19	1,089.35
Trenton, FBC	5,000.00	.00
Walnut Grove	750.00	.00
West Carroll Unity	985.67	90.00
West Side	800.00	.00
White Hall	4,176.55	375.70
<b>Undesignated</b>	155,171.66	\$12,995.20
<b>Designated</b>	97,582.66	
<b>TBMB</b>	8,335.53	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$ 261,089.85	

**Wingo Fund**

2021-2022 Wingo Goal: \$23,500  
Received to Date: \$11,114.44



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## Do a New Thing

### 2022-23 State Missions Emphasis Theme: Do a New Thing

Theme Verse: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up, do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland." Isaiah 43:19 NIV

Statewide GOTM Goal: \$2,400,000

The 2022-23 Golden Offering runs Sept 1, 2022 - Aug 31, 2023

Suggested Date for the Week of Prayer: Sept 11-18, 2022

2022-2023  
Tennessee  
Missions  
Emphasis



- **WEST TENNESSEE EVANGELISM RALLY**

September 11 - Union University - 3:00 Opening, 3:15-4:05 Breakout 1, 4:15-5:05 Breakout 2, 5:15-6:30 Rally  
Special Guest Speaker: TBC President, Dr. Clay Hallmark / Register at <https://tinyurl.com/wter22>

- **WHO'S YOUR ONE EVANGELISM WORKSHOP**

September 19 - First Baptist Clarksville - 8-11:30 AM

Free Registration-Reservation Required! <https://www.cvent.com/d/38qp2c>

- **PRAYER OUTREACH CONFERENCE 2022**

October 1 - Lexington FBC - 9am-3pm - No Cost. Meal included.

Led by Dwayne Moore, author of HE.WE.THEY, President of NLW International.

Register at <https://tn.sbcworkspace.com/Pub/Event/Register/55234755>



**Pictured Above Left:** Senior Adult Event with the Long Family - New Hope & Kenton FBC won the attendance trophies.

**Top Middle:** Installation of Officers at GBA's WMU Qtrly Mtg

**Right:** Bryan Morris presented Roger Stacy a plaque of appreciation for 15 years of service from GBA pastors at a recent Pastors Conference. Clay Hallmark spoke and several pastors enjoyed lunch together after.

**Bottom Middle:** 2022 GBA Champions - Men's Team, Laneview Kenton / Coed Team, Sugar Creek



**The 1st Annual GBA Mission Day & Rally (pictured above) was a huge success!**

**Saturday** GBA churches had prayer walks & evangelistic block parties, helped at Hope House, Birth Choice, & the Mustard Seed, helped with homebound & nursing home projects, and raised money for KY Flood Disaster Relief.

**Sunday was a day of celebration** held at White Hall which included a meal and worship rally with special guests, Willie McLaurin and Steve & Dottie Babcock. Thank you to everyone that participated. We are already looking forward to next year!