

# The Vision

## Gibson Baptist Association

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### GBA Calendar

#### August

- 25: Bivocational Minister & Wives Banquet
- 27: Global Hunger Relief Sunday
- 28-Sept 2: Gibson Co Fair
- 30: GBA Student Night at the Fair
- 31: Signup deadline for Deacons' Meetin'

#### September

- 7: Deacons' Meetin'
- 10-17: Wk of Prayer for State Missions
- 13: Fields of Faith
- 16: Children's Missions Day
- 21: WMU Quarterly Meeting - Antioch
- 23: 2nd Annual GBA Missions Day
- 24: GBA Missions Day Rally
- 24: Caring Well Sunday
- 26: Night of Hope
- 27: SYATP
- 28: ACP Packet Due
- 30: Senior Adult Event

#### October

- 1: CP Sunday
- 22: Day of Prayer for Associational Missions
- 23: GBA Annual Meeting-Medina FBC
- 29: Student Baptism Sunday

### A Missionary View

August and September are two of the busiest months of the year! As we finish the final quarter of our association year, thank you for the participation and financial support of all our churches and individuals! We are hoping that church clerks and church officers are working to complete the Annual Church Profile (ACP). I know it's not the most exciting activity of the year, but this important report reflects Kingdom work and advance among Gibson Baptist Churches for this year. It is our hope and desire that churches and individuals join to exalt the Savior, make disciples, and raise His banner in every area of our county, state, nation, and world! Please, please help us help churches by getting the ACP to us by Sept. 28. Thank you in advance!

Our GBA Teams, committees, and officers are working to accomplish the strategy goals for this year and planning is taking place for the next association year which will be our 100th year of Kingdom Work in Gibson County. GBA.... You're not looking so bad, especially to be 100 years young!

Here's a "fly over" of the connections and partners of GBA: -SBC: Executive Committee, International Mission Board, North American Mission Board, Send Relief, Seminaries, Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, Life-Way, Guidestone, SBC Foundation. -TBC: Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBMB), Carson Newman University, Union University, WMU, Baptist Hospitals, New Church plants, Children & Adoption Ministries, Baptist Collegiate Ministries on campuses, Compassion Ministries, Disaster Relief, Educations & Training, Adult Homes, Foundation. -GBA Ministries & Partners: 54 Baptist Churches, WMU, Birth Choice, Christian Women's Job Corp (CWJC), Twice Blessed Thrift Store, Hope House, Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF), Isaiah117, Mission Partnerships & Projects, Wingo Funds, Block Party Wagon, Ministry/Disaster Trailer & Equipment, Continuing Education support, Bertie Thompson Scholarship, Pastor's Conference, Children, Students, FCA, and Senior Adult Ministries, Christmas Shoe Box Ministry, Softball. Plus, we are praying and seeking the possibility of Christian Men's Job Corps (CMJC), Recovery Ministry.

We are planning for a great gathering of worship and celebration at the GBA Annual Meeting October 23 at Medina FBC. Very little business with inspirational worship and proclamation!

I am praying that our influence and impact for Jesus continues to grow and reach farther and farther until His light is shining brightly from here all the way around the world! Thank you Jesus, and thank you Gibson Baptist churches and individuals for all that you are doing to help us spread The Good News!!  
*-Brother Mike*



**ALL THINGS TENNESSEE** -Why does our church participate in the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions? It's simple. Because we love TN. And any way you slice it, TN is a mission field. We have to look at the needs all around us. We want to have the same heart for Tennessee that Nehemiah had for Jerusalem. "When I heard these things, I sat down and wept. For some days I mourned and fasted and prayed before the God of heaven." When we look at Tennessee, we mourn over spiritual lostness. It's the greatest problem we have, and we might be tempted to say, it's just impossible. But with God, all things are possible.

Statewide GOTM Goal: \$2,700,000  
The 2023-24 Golden Offering begins on Sept 1, 2023 & ends on August 31, 2024.

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



We are no longer collecting literature. The gentleman that did this ministry for 20 years is no longer able.

### THE DEACONS' MEETIN'

*Serving Faithfully and Finishing Well*  
2 Timothy 4:7



**Message:**  
Dr. Ray Van Neste  
Union University  
**Praise & Worship:**  
New Bethlehem

Thursday, September 7 / 5:30 PM / White Hall  
Deacons, Pastors, Staff, & Wives / \$5 per person  
GBA suggests each church cover the cost for their attendees. A basket will be available for childcare donations. **RSVP for meal & childcare by Aug 31 at the Gibson Baptist Association office.**

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

### GBA 2ND ANNUAL MISSIONS WEEKEND

September 23 & 24

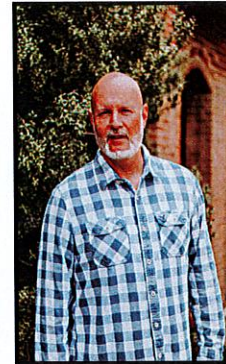
- **September 23rd** - we encourage all GBA churches to participate in a missions project of some kind. This could be a prayer walk in your neighborhood, a free car wash to spark gospel conversations, door to door evangelism-whatever works for your congregation and gets the Gospel out!
- **September 24th** - GBA Missions Rally at New Hope Baptist Church.  
Meal provided at 5pm. GBA mission teams are encouraged to set up a table at the meal. Contact Sheilah Spangler or Joey Hufstедler for more information.  
Missions Rally to Follow.

**Guest Speaker: Adam Winters, IMB Missionary**

### SENIOR ADULT EVENT

Saturday, September 30 / 6pm / Salem

**ENTERTAINMENT: KENNY EVANS**  
Evangelist - Entertainer - Sportsman



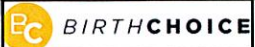
**Cost:**  
\$10 per person  
Sign up and pay at the GBA office by September 18.

**Menu:**  
BBQ, Chicken Tenders, Potato Salad, Slaw, Baked Beans, Rolls, Tea, Pecan Cobbler, Strawberry Heaven Cake

### FIELDS OF FAITH - September 13th, 7pm - Peabody HS

Music: Ken Bowman - Speaker: TJ Gilliam

**FCA at Peabody High School is looking for pastors in the area willing to occasionally do devotionals (15-20 min) on Fridays 11:55 -12:25. Contact Bob Moore (731-431-1056) for more information.**



**BIRTH CHOICE**

What is our biggest need at Birth Choice? More godly women to join our team! We need 4 medical personnel and 4 Client Advocates at the Gibson County office. Will you help us fill these empty slots in our schedules by our October training? Our Client Advocates will share the gospel, the truth about life in the womb, and other important information with our clients. Our medical personnel perform pregnancy tests and ultrasounds. Each of our volunteers gets to be the hands and feet of Jesus. For more info, please email [kelly@birthchoice.us](mailto:kelly@birthchoice.us) or for nurses [guinda@birthchoice.us](mailto:guinda@birthchoice.us).

Baby Bottle Total for Gibson Co. is \$22,132.00!!! Thank you to all of you that participated!

SAVE THE DATES!!! \*Next training starts in October! Email Kelly, [kelly@birthchoice.us](mailto:kelly@birthchoice.us) or call 731-855-2900 for more info and/or an application.

\*Walk for Life in September

**OPPORTUNITIES:** 1. Someone/s that would be interested in helping us keep our flower/plant beds cleaned up, once or twice a month or however much this person would like to work. This would be a volunteer position. / 2. Someone to help in the Resource Room one day a week, bring a friend to help you. This is a volunteer position.

**HELP US STOCK THE RESOURCE ROOM:** Baby Formula-Similac, Car seats – we can only take new, Play Yards, Clothes– Girl-sizes 12-18 months, 18-24 months & 2T, Onesies- Girl -All sizes to 2T, Highchairs, Strollers, Diaper Rash Ointment, Baby Shampoo/Bath/Wash, Crib Sheets, Bouncy Seats



### CWJC/Twice Blessed

At *Twice Blessed*, we continue to be challenged by all the clothing & merchandise donated. Please be considerate when cleaning out to be mindful of items which are saleable. We ask also that you make every attempt to drop off items between 10am & 2pm Tues. thru Sat. Also, please be aware that much of our merchandise is new/gently used that you might check with us for your family's needs.

We are expectant about the hiring of a new house manger. Please pray God's will for her & us. We expect admissions to follow as we have a few applicants. Our current resident at the House of Hope continues to work 5 nights a week as she continues on her journey of recovery. She is able to pay toward her court fees & save money for her future.

It is almost impossible to believe that our Night of Hope is near. This year it will be at 1st Baptist Trenton on Tues., Sept 26th. I hope you are making plans to attend in support of the Gibson County CWJC ministry. It is our desire to provide a safe place where women can come & attend classes for life skills, budgeting, healthy eating, Bible study & many other helps & resources. Please help us with our Night of Hope by making a donation for our silent auction which is always a big hit or donating a dessert.

It is time once again to register for Powered for Life classes. We will register ladies through the end of the month, & our first class will be Aug 30. The classes will be from 10am-12pm each Wed., lunch is provided. Please contact me with names of women who could benefit from this 15 week class.

A special thanks this month to all of you who are bringing those wonderful lunches for our volunteers. Thanks also to our new volunteers who our giving of their life hours unto the Lord. -Christy Skelton



**"Powered for Life" Graduation: Aug 9, 2023  
Congratulations to the two graduates!**

## *A Night of Hope*

**September 26th at FBC-Trenton**

*We look forward to having you join us for this annual event.*



## 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

2	Rev/Mrs Robert Talbott, Pastor & Wife	Idlewild
15	Rev/Mrs John Coleman, Pastor & Wife	New Bethlehem
16	Rev/Mrs Howard Avery, Pastor & Wife	Avondale

## Church News

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

**Bethpage Baptist Church** welcomes *interim pastor* - Mike Sanders.

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

**Emmanuel, H** is searching for a bi-vo Music Ministry Director. Our church sings traditional hymns, but we are open to being gently led into a more blended time of music during the worship service. We emphasize calling over experience. Please send all inquiries and resumes to Bro. Jake Fry at jakefry1017@gmail.com.

**Fellowship Baptist Church** is accepting resumes for pastor. Resumes may be sent to 6295 Graball Drive, Milan TN 38358.

**Fruitland Baptist Church** is having a REVIVAL: August 20-23  
Evangelist: Joey Hufstедler, Sunday - 10am & 6pm / Mon, Tues, Wed - 6pm

**Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church** (Hwy 104, Lavinia) is searching for a piano player. Please call Judy at 731-618-1782 for more information.

### Latham's Chapel Baptist Church

Happy Heart Services - Each Sunday in September at 5pm.

Sept 3: Zach & Stephanie Young / Scott Gilbert

Sept 10: Danny King / Steve Hemann

Sept 17: Floyd Cairns / James Hazlewood

Sept 24: Youth Choir of FBC Jackson

**Milan FBC** is accepting resumes for the Director of Children and Family Ministries position. Please submit a resume or direct questions to fbcmilankidspastorsearch@gmail.com.

**Mount Pleasant** is looking for our next Music Minister, someone to lead a blended style of worship. The ability to play an instrument would be a great benefit but not a requirement. Part time/bi-vo position. Send resumes to johnny.mccartney@yahoo.com.

**New Hope Baptist Church-Dyer** is seeking a bi-vo Minister of Music Director with leadership skills in directing traditional/blended worship services. Contact Johnny Alford: [jkinalford@hotmail.com](mailto:jkinalford@hotmail.com) or mail resume to: New Hope Baptist Church, PO Box 293, Dyer, TN 38330 attn: Johnny Alford/Music Search Committee.

**Northside Baptist Church** welcomes *interim pastor* - Michael Spain.

**Smyrna Baptist Church** welcomes *interim pastor* - Wayne Foropolous.

**Trenton First Baptist Church** welcomes new pastor Brad Patterson.

**White Hall** is a multigenerational church prayerfully seeking a bi-vocational music leader. Candidates should be experienced in leading choir, planning holiday programs, and be available for Sunday and Wednesday services. We prefer a candidate with a musical education background, but not required. We enjoy a blended style of worship which focuses on praising God. Resume may be sent to WHBCstuff@gmail.com or mailed to 671 Concord Cades Rd, Trenton, 38382.

**Churches Seeking a Pastor** - Beech Grove, Bethpage, Chapel Hill, Fellowship, Gibson, Kenton FBC, Laneview-K, Latham's Chapel, Northside, Oak Grove, Poplar Grove, Smyrna, Spring Hill, West Side, White Hall

## October 1, 2022 - July 31, 2023

Church	Year to Date Receipts	July Receipts
Antioch	\$ .00	\$ .00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	1,101.45	111.99
Bethel-H	.00	.00
Bethel-Y	2,798.00	743.00
Bethpage	850.95	200.50
Bradford FBC	3,465.00	315.00
Calvary-H	308.93	29.97
Calvary-R	2,674.29	.00
Center	500.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	16,757.12	13,000.00
China Grove	217.95	78.93
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	5,567.40	518.32
Eldad	4,157.53	1,301.70
Elevate	3,671.00	.00
Emmanuel	3,548.73	277.60
Fellowship	3,068.83	265.27
Fruitland	770.75	.00
Gibson	2,118.22	.00
Hickory Grove	1,300.00	325.00
Idlewild	1,123.44	101.31
Immanuel-T	1,153.00	132.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	14,956.01	1,636.16
Laneview-K	.00	.00
Laneview-T	699.20	67.00
Latham's Chapel	.00	.00
Lavinia	6,157.00	505.00
Medina, FBC	3,741.46	.00
Midway	1,432.38	.00
Milan, FBC	8,340.00	834.00
Mt. Pisgah	1,478.76	163.23
Mount Pleasant	16,810.31	1,855.05
New Bethlehem	5,711.53	451.05
New Haven	3,300.00	350.00
New Hope	2,083.31	.00
Northerns Chapel	300.00	75.00
Northside	2,220.09	175.71
Oak Grove	808.41	98.40
Oakwood	2,420.34	278.04
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	1,380.03	104.95
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford FBC	1,266.49	122.22
Salem	4,407.58	.00
Smyrna	1,866.83	99.78
Spring Hill	785.80	72.00
The Church at Sugar Creek	12,809.45	1,145.99
Trenton, FBC	6,250.00	.00
Walnut Grove	750.00	.00
West Carroll Unity	1,383.32	1,076.71
West Side	1,600.00	400.00
White Hall	4,133.69	367.26
<b>Undesignated</b>	162,244.58	
<b>Designated</b>	15,966.98	
<b>TBMB</b>	7,964.17	
<b>Total Receipts</b>	\$ 186,175.73	\$27,328.14

**2022-23 Wingo Goal: \$23,500**

Received to Date: \$ 13,561.02

Thank you for generously giving to Wingo!



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Grace's E-mail: [gbams1@gbalife.org](mailto:gbams1@gbalife.org)

## An Evening of Refreshment Bivocational Minister & Wives Banquet

Faith Baptist Church, Bartlett / August 25th, 6-8:30 pm

Questions?

Email: [caseyp@myfaithbaptist.org](mailto:caseyp@myfaithbaptist.org)

Phone: (901) 531-6802



### Global Hunger Relief Sunday

August 27, 2023 - An initiative of the SBC dedicated to combating hunger and sharing the Bread of Life.



### Gibson County Fair: Aug 28 - Sept 2

GBA Prayer Tent: Aug 28 - Sep 2

GBA Student Night: August 30, 6:30PM



### Children's Missions Day 2023

Sept 16 - Find more information at [wmu.com](http://wmu.com).



### Free Viewing! **SIGHT**

Poplar Heights Baptist Church  
1980 Hollywood Dr, Jackson  
Aug 27 - Doors open at 5pm.  
Please arrive by 5:30.  
Movie begins at 6pm.

## BIBLE DRILL

It's time to gear up for Bible Drill! If your church would like to involve your children and/or youth in Bible Drill this year, now is the time to get started. Associational & State Drills will be held in April 2024. It's a great program for helping children learn some important verses, key passages & the books of the Bible as well as becoming more confident in using & handling the Bible. For more information or help in getting started, contact Rhonda Poore #731-446-1319 / [wmulady@outlook.com](mailto:wmulady@outlook.com).

**Attention Church Clerks & Pastors:** ACP Packets are available for pickup at the GBA office. Please return by September 28th.

**VBS:** Churches, please be sure to report your VBS. Go to [vbs.lifeway.com/church](http://vbs.lifeway.com/church) reports & fill in each required field.

**Help Wanted:** to maintain & stock the GBA Block Party Wagon & the Disaster Relief/Ministry trailer. For more info please contact us at the association office 731-855-1202.



### Bus for Sale: 2008 Ford Starcraft

26 Passenger/Mileage: 32,722/Price: \$30,000

FBC Rutherford, Tn. 731-665-6159



### Help Wanted: Part-time Hospice Chaplain for Gibson, Carroll, & surrounding counties.

Apply at [careers.lhcgroup.com/careers-home/jobs/2023304670](https://careers.lhcgroup.com/careers-home/jobs/2023304670).



- **Pictured Top Left**- Deacon Ordination at Center Baptist Church for Marty Hankins. Pictured Left to Right: Robert Talbott, Earl Leeper, Marty Hankins, Joey Gowan, Mike Kemper
- **Top Middle**- Kindred Spirits Reunion at Elevate Baptist Church
- **Top Right**- Rutherford FBC - Congratulations Brother Andy, Emily, and big brother, Charlie, on the arrival of Mary Claire!
- **Bottom Left**- 2023/2024 Associational WMU Officers
- **Bottom Middle**- Prayer Walk at Medina Schools by Englewood North & Medina FBC
- Bethpage Baptist Church received approval from the state to begin rebuilding. **Pictured above (bottom right)** is the groundbreaking for the new building at 59 Bethpage Road in Kenton.