

The Vision

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Mark Your Calendar

September

- 2: Labor Day - GBA office closed
- 5: Deacons Meetin'
- 8-15: Wk of Prayer for State Missions/GOTM
- 10: W TN Pastors Appreciation Banquet - UU
- 12: Senior Adult Event
- 14: GBA Men's Breakfast
- 18: Fields of Faith at Peabody High School
- 19: WMU Quarterly Meeting - Idlewild
- 21: Children's Missions Day
- 25: See You At The Pole
- 28: GBA Missions Day
- 29: GBA Mission Day Rally
- 30: ACP Information Due

October

- 6: Cooperative Program Sunday
- 10: World Mental Health Day
- 13: GBA Evangelism Conference
- 14: CEF Faith & Family Night
- 20: Day of Prayer for Associational Missions
- 21: GBA Annual Meeting
- 22: "Why Not" Food Ministry's 1st Annual Gala

November

- 3: Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
- 4: Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- 9: TBC Loves Murfreesboro
- 10-12: Summit - Murfreesboro

GBA Annual Meeting

First Baptist Church, Milan TN

Monday, October 21

Meal: 5pm, Meeting: 5:45

Church Clerks & Pastors

Information has been emailed to those of you doing your ACP digitally. Churches requesting paper packets - please pick them up ASAP at the GBA office. All info due by **September 30th**. Please call with questions. Thank you so much for gathering & reporting this information!

A Missionary View

We have exciting news to share! As you know for several years many of us and many of our churches have been sure the Lord is leading us into Hispanic Outreach Ministry here in our county. We have been prayerful, and we have actively ventured forward together to discover the Lord's path to reach Spanish speakers for Christ here at home. Thank you for being faithful to pray and seek the Lord's provision and directive to reach this substantial people group in our area! The Lord, several months ago, led us to Luis and Jessynet Bruneau, from Panama, and we prayed and talked and decided that the Lord was indeed leading us to come together with them to relocate here to work with us in Hispanic Ministry. Thus, we organized and established a partnership between our association churches, The Church at Sugar Creek, and the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. The Church at Sugar Creek embraced a leading role, and we began seeking the legal path for a Work Permit to allow them to relocate here. This legal process has been costly, complicated and time consuming, while we have tried to wait patiently, praying all along the way! AND I am excited to announce that the wait is coming to an end! **We have received word that the Bruneau's have been approved by U.S. immigration to come live and work with us!** They now will have a personal interview in Panama at the U.S. Embassy where they will receive the permit and then they will be travelling here in the next couple of weeks! They will be living in a Mission House in Humboldt! There are still a couple things we would like to update in the house, and one of our pastors has offered a temporary automobile for their use. September will be a time for them to settle in and adjust to their new culture and begin to bring the Vision the Lord has for them into up-close focus! Thanks for praying, for giving, and supporting this Kingdom advancement endeavor!



Luis & Jessynet Bruneau

Please note all the **exciting events** and opportunities in our association **in September and October!** Please join us as we experience Kingdom life, work, and Kingdom blessings right here in Gibson County! Obviously, God is at work in wonderful ways across our county through our churches and in our communities!

Especially, remember the **100th Annual GBA meeting** October 21 at Milan FBC! Bro. Roger Stacy & Bro. Johnny McCartney will be preaching!

Blessings, Bro. Mike



2024-2025
TENNESSEE
MISSIONS
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Our mission is to share the gospel, shape leaders, and strengthen churches.

FIELDS OF FAITH - September 18, 2024 - 6PM - Peabody High School Football Field

THE DEACON'S MEETIN'

"Equipped To Serve"

Acts 6:23

The Program will consist of a panel of Deacons & Pastors from various Gibson County churches that will share ideas of Deacon responsibilities & ministry opportunities for churches.



New Bethlehem Baptist Church
 Thursday, Sept 5, 2024 / 5:30 - 8:00pm
 Meal: Boneless Pork Tenderloin, Chicken, Potato Casserole, Green Beans, Salad, & Dessert.
 Tea - Sweet and Unsweet & Coffee

There will be no charge for the meal. Please remember we still cover the cost if you make a reservation and do not come. Childcare will be provided. A basket will be available to donate money for Childcare. Let us know how many children will attend so that we can provide adequate workers.

RSVP for Meal/Childcare by August 29 (855-1202).

**GBA 3rd ANNUAL
MISSIONS WEEKEND**

September 28 & 29

- **September 28th** - 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 29th** - GBA Missions Rally at Mount Pleasant 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.

SENIOR ADULT EVENT

Thursday, September 12 / 6pm / Dyer FBC

ENTERTAINMENT:

Tony Burriss & Kim Rodamaker



Cost: \$10 per person

Sign up and pay at the GBA office by September 4.

Menu: Grilled Pork Chops, Grilled Chicken, Rolls, New Potatoes, Lima Beans, Corn, 7 Layer Salad, Tea, Elvis Presley Cake, Chocolate Cake

GBA MEN'S BREAKFAST

Sept 14, 8-10AM / Salem Baptist Church

Speaker: Bert Harper - *Cohost of Exploring the Word & Exploring Missions heard on American Family Radio, Author of "100 Bible Questions and Answers" and "100 Bible Questions and Answers for Families"*

No Cost-Sign up at the association by Sept 5.

WMU Fall Meeting - September 19 / 10AM / Idlewild Baptist Church / Bring a salad to share.

GIBSON COUNTY CWJC / Twice Blessed

The eight key elements for the Christian Women's Job Corp ministry are as follows: (1) Certified Site Coordinator, (2) Advisory Board (3) Mentors, (4) Needs Assessments, (5) Evaluations, (6)Networking, (7) Covenants, and Bible study.

We have abided by these for approximately 22 years. Classes and prayer meetings with Bible study leaders have been held throughout the years both at our homes, at our churches, in our classroom at Twice Blessed and at the Gibson county correctional facility.

God has blessed us exceedingly, abundantly more than we could ever ask or imagine and continues to do so.

Let us continue to support this great ministry to help women. Thank you for those who continue to pray and send donations, both monetary and in kind.

Please contact us for how you might best help us. As you might guess, the workers are few.

Thank you, Christy

BIRTH CHOICE

UPCOMING:

Thank you to all the churches that supported this year in the Baby Bottle Campaign! Total Raised for Gibson Co. to date is \$33,866.48!

TRAINING FOR CLIENT ADVOCATES, TEACHERS, MENTORS, AND MEDICAL STAFF:

October 2024 contact Kelly at kelly@birthchoice.us or 731.855.2900 for information, full training schedule and an application.

These are some urgent positions to fill: LPN's or RN's for Support Nurse volunteer positions; if you speak English and fluent Spanish we can use you for volunteer advocates, we recently had to turn a couple away because they did not want to go to Jackson. We need volunteers in the office ready to meet any client need that we are able to when they come in. These are one 4 hr. shift a week and filling in. Email Kelly at, kelly@birthchoice.us or call at 731.855.2900.

Other opportunities to volunteer:

- * Help in the yard with the flower beds-keeping weeds pulled, bushes trimmed/pruning and watering
- *Resource Room needs: Baby Shampoo, Baby lotions, Diaper Rash Ointment, strollers, car seat (have to be new), Bottles, anything baby up to 2T.

Thank you for all your support and prayers!
 Kelly



Dear Gibson Baptist Association:

We want to express our overwhelming gratitude for the purchase and replacement of the roof for the Gibson County Birth Choice office. We could never thank you enough for all your support and prayers that allow us to continue to serve the Lord together in our community.

Sincerely,
 Kelly Wall, Clinic Director
 Brent Lambert, Founder & CEO

Pastors and Wives September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

1 Rev Stephen Fields, Pastor	Keely Mill
2 Rev Barry Capps, Interim Pastor	Laneview, K
4 Mrs Tracy Patterson, Pastor's Wife	Trenton FBC
8 Mrs Mary Brown, Retired Pastor's Wife	Smyrna
17 Rev Joey Gowan, Pastor	Center
20 Rev Jimmy Sorrell, Retired Pastor	Northside
25 Rev Brandon Norton, Pastor	Kenton FBC
27 Dr Mark McSwain, Pastor	Fellowship
27 Rev Tyler Scott, Pastor	White Hall

Anniversaries

2 Rev/Mrs Robert Talbott, Pastor & Wife	Idlewild
10 Rev/Mrs Kevin Mullins, Pastor & Wife	Oakwood
15 Rev/Mrs John Coleman, Pastor & Wife	New Bethlehem
16 Rev/Mrs Howard Avery, Pastor & Wife	Avondale
24 Dr/Mrs Brad Patterson, Pastor & Wife	Trenton FBC

2025 Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat

THEME: "While We Can" Eph 5:16/Pigeon Forge, TN - January 23-25, 2025

GBA will cover the cost of the retreat for 6 couples.

Contact the GBA Office to Register (731) 855-1202.



Church News

Chapel Hill Baptist Church welcomes Youth Pastor Mike Sellers. Resumes for pastor may be sent to CHBC.PSC.RESUME@gmail.com.

Clear Creek resumes for pastor may be emailed to selphfarms@gmail.com.

Eldad Baptist Church of Trenton is searching for a person who feels called to serve in student ministry for grades 7-12. Paid part-time position. Call Troye Scarborough at 731-693-7767 or Fred Warrington at 731-697-8247 for more info.

Emmanuel, H is searching for a bi-vo Music Ministry Director. Please send all inquiries and resumes to Bro. Jake Fry at jakefry1017@gmail.com.

Lavinia Baptist Church invites you to **REVIVAL**. September 22-25, 2024

Sunday 11am & 6pm and Mon-Wed at 7pm.

Evangelist: Bro. Darrell Ridgely / Song Leader: Bro Mike McMinn

Mt Pleasant is looking for a Music Minister, someone to lead a blended style of worship. Part time/bi-vo position. Send resume to johnny.mccartney@yahoo.com.

New Bethlehem is seeking a full-time associate pastor and a part-time secretary. Contact Tim Sullivan at 731-487-0335 or 731-692-4870 for more information.

Oakwood Baptist Church welcomes pastor Kevin Mullins.

First Baptist Church, Rutherford is seeking a part time youth minister.

Submit resume or for more info email: fbcrutherford.youthminister@gmail.com.

White Hall is prayerfully seeking a **bi-vo Minister of Music or combined position of Minister of Music, Youth, & Children**. We are seeking the leader that God has begun preparing for this position that is called to lead our congregation into regular praise & worship under guidance of the Holy Spirit. The candidate would be skilled in leading blended worship with ability/interest in leading a choir as well as potentially developing & leading a praise & worship band. The ability to play an instrument is a plus. If the potential candidate also feels called to serve in youth & children ministry, a dual position that could become full-time can be discussed. Interested candidates send resume to whbcstuff@gmail.com or contact Tyler Scott, Sr Pastor, at 731-855-2018.

GBA Churches Seeking a Pastor: Beech Grove, Chapel Hill, Clear Creek, Gibson, Laneview K, Smyrna, Springhill, Westside

October 1, 2023 - July 31, 2024

Church	Year to Date Receipts	July Receipts
Antioch	\$ 13,352.61	\$.00
Avondale	700.00	300.00
Beech Grove	952.28	200.04
Bethel-H	.00	.00
Bethel-Y	2,367.00	.00
Bethpage	723.82	227.15
Bradford FBC	2,835.00	315.00
Calvary-H	286.64	62.68
Calvary-R	2,071.74	.00
Center	450.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	3,574.68	633.16
China Grove	.00	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Dyer, FBC	4,660.43	475.79
Eldad	3,153.65	.00
Elevate	4,012.00	500.00
Emmanuel	3,602.45	372.48
Fellowship	3,539.57	467.08
Fruitland	630.18	68.40
Gibson	2,420.82	298.68
Hickory Grove	950.00	325.00
Idlewild	3,953.31	482.26
Immanuel-T	1,569.00	152.00
Keely Mill	50.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	17,655.79	3,322.95
Laneview-K	.00	.00
Laneview-T	609.56	93.20
Latham Chapel	.00	.00
Lavinia	5,934.00	705.00
Medina, FBC	3,014.58	338.51
Midway	1,425.03	259.95
Milan, FBC	8,325.00	1,666.00
Mt. Pisgah	1,468.62	303.51
Mount Pleasant	18,857.53	1,898.71
New Bethlehem	5,745.95	565.60
New Haven	3,500.00	700.00
New Hope	6,640.24	286.06
Northerns Chapel	225.00	.00
Northside	1,747.97	160.78
Oak Grove	788.16	176.34
Oakwood	2,877.68	246.54
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	1,471.88	148.85
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford FBC	1,058.43	100.69
Salem	4,619.72	993.94
Smyrna	1,418.38	111.50
Spring Hill	768.34	167.50
The Church at Sugar Creek	14,021.19	1,248.89
Trenton, FBC	6,250.00	625.00
Walnut Grove	750.00	.00
West Carroll Unity	991.76	.00
Westside	800.00	.00
White Hall	4,326.21	491.14
Undesignated	171,146.20	\$ 19,540.38
Designated	42,343.56	
TBMB	6,416.00	
YTD Total Receipts	\$ 219,905.76	

Wingo

2023-24 Wingo Goal: \$20,000 / Received to Date: \$ 8,051.24

Thank you for generously giving to Wingo!

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Celebrate 150 Years of God's Story online through these unique online-streamed events coming in 2024 culminating at the Summit in Murfreesboro November 10-12.

- October 1 Together as One, Chattanooga: Connect with the unity found in Christ.
- November 9 TBC Loves Murfreesboro:* Gather to minister and share the gospel. (*in-person event, not online)

VBS Material: Laneview Baptist Church in Kenton has VBS material from previous years to give away. Contact Barry Capps at barrycapps07@gmail.com for more information.

VBS is so much FUN!!!
 Please report your vbs at vbs.lifeway.com/church-reports.

Music: FBC Newbern has sheet music for anthems and cantatas, music boxes, robes, and choir folders to give away. Any song leader interested in more information can contact Christi Allen at chralen@hotmail.com or 731-297-4946.

Save the Dates:

October 14: Child Evangelism Fellowship PRESENTS Faith & Family Night
 October 22: "Why Not" Food Ministry's 1st Annual Gala



Pictured Far Right: Oakwood VBS

Pictured Right: GBA Pastors Conference **Speakers:** Morgan Owen, BCM at UT Martin, Dinah Hufstедler, & Dr. Richard Bray

Pictured Middle Far Right:

Westside Homecoming
 Guest Speaker: Stephen Powell
 Music: Amy Powell & Tony Jones

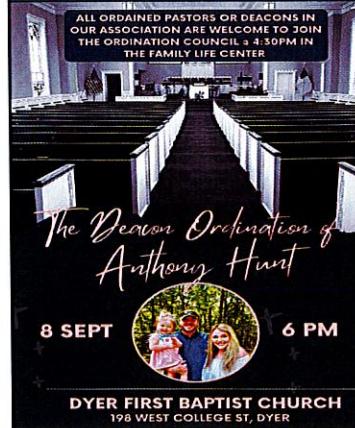
Pictured Middle Right: Sheila Spangler, GBA WMU Director with Aubrey Wilson and former & current RAs taught by Mr. Aubrey

Pictured Bottom Right: Dr. Brad Whitt, Joel Pigg, & Kenny Vaughn at the Mid-America Adrian Rogers Preaching Conference

Pictured Bottom Middle: White Hall Deacon Ordination Service for Mickey Coffman, Ricky Tucker, Bryan Criswell, Jason Wheeler



Thank you Mr. Aubrey Wilson for 50 years of service & dedication to the RAs!



Please let the TBMB know if you will join them by signing up to donate backpacks. When you do, they will send you copies of "The Christmas Story" to insert in each backpack. These will be mailed in mid-September. The backpacks will be collected at various sites across the state (including Gibson Baptist Church in Humboldt) between October 21-23, 2024. You can find out everything you need to know about donating Christmas Backpacks at www.tnbaptist.org/backpacks. If you have questions, call Beth Moore at 423-440-6225.