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HE HAS
the whole world
in HIS hands!



Four Strengthen Team members along with Bro. Roger attended the NAMB Replant training in Atlanta on March 2-3.



Barbara Jones is missions volunteer of the year. Bro. Roger Stacy and Mrs. Sheilah Spangler are presenting her with the Mission Globe Award.



Salem Baptist Church hosted the Annual Jerry Legg Volunteer Mission Banquet. Dr. Wade Akins (pictured below) was the speaker. The Beans & Cornbread Dinner was provided by the WMU.



Free Missions Discipleship Resources for Families From the WMU Team

Churches around the world have cancelled all services and classes due to the coronavirus pandemic. These are unsettling times for all of us, especially children. To help churches during this crisis, we are providing free missions learning activities you can share with your children and their families. **At least through the end of April, every Wednesday at 2:00 p.m. (CDT),** our children's consultants, Heather Keller and Zachariah Seanor, will teach a GA and RA lesson on Facebook Live, and we will provide links to downloadable activities children can do at home.

How do we get this material out to our families? Encourage your children's families to like our [GA Facebook page](#) and our [RA Facebook page](#), and to tune in at 2:00 p.m. (CDT) to participate in our live lessons.

All scheduled TBMB related events beginning March 16th through April 30th are suspended. This includes camps and conference centers.

The Vision

Gibson Baptist Association

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A MISSIONARY VIEW

Who would have thought that we would be facing a pandemic event just a month ago? So much has changed in a month, but we cling to this promise in Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever."

As the coronavirus has spread across our nation and our state, most of our churches have decided to close their doors in cooperation with the request of our president. Dr. Randy Davis, Tennessee Baptist Executive-Director, also communicated with all Directors of Missions and stated this was the wise decision for our pastors and churches. I am thankful that most all of our Gibson Baptist Association of churches have complied and closed. This has created an opportunity for our churches to find new ways to share the gospel and minister to people. I sat at home on Sunday and watched several of our pastors preach to an empty church or preach from their home office by means of Facebook.

The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) has contacted our Tennessee Baptist Convention (TBMB) and asked for our help as needs arise. The Directors of Missions across the state shared in a video conference call this past week with our TBMB leadership to discuss our association's involvement in working with CDC. We will be asking our GBA churches to help in the response to meeting local community needs when called upon by the CDC and other agencies.

As you read the Vision this month you will see that we have canceled every activity and event for the month of April. The only event that has not been canceled is the softball meeting on Sunday, April 19, at 2:00 pm. I have contacted Bob Moore our softball commissioner to see how this will be handled. Bob will be making a decision whether to meet or not and he will inform the coaches. If you have a question for Bob, his cell phone number is (731) 431-1056. The National Day of Prayer event scheduled for May 7 has also been canceled.

We have canceled all GBA mission trips scheduled for the summer. Our trip to Rio de Janeiro in June will be rescheduled for a later date. We are waiting on the Southern Baptist Convention to inform us about the scheduled convention meeting in Orlando in June.

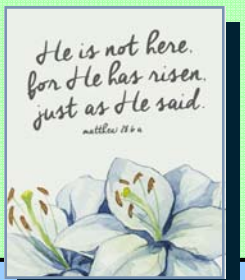
The week of March 2-3, four of our GBA pastors and I attended a training conference in Atlanta with the North American Mission Board. The Replant Conference was a two-day training of association teams to help churches facing closure. Our team is composed of Bro. Shawn Allred, Bro. Zach McCain, Bro. James Rogers and Bro. David Powell. Sadly, more and more churches across our nation will be closing and we must be prepared to help re-purpose the church buildings and re-plant a church. Thom Rainer predicts many churches across America that have closed due to the coronavirus will never open their doors again.

We welcome Bro. Jake Fry as the new pastor of Emmanuel in Humboldt. Bro. Dylan McMinn has been called as interim pastor of Mt. Pleasant. The following churches are seeking a pastor: Avondale, Chapel Hill, Connect, Fruitland, Idlewild, Laneview-Kenton, Milan FBC, and Mt. Pleasant.

Your Missionary,
Bro. Roger



AAEO National goal: \$70 million



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

CANCELLED GBA EVENTS

GBA, Regional, & State Bible Drills

Understandably, the TBMB has made the decision to **cancel regional & state Bible Drills (April 25)**. Accordingly, the GBA has decided to **cancel the associational drills (April 6)**. Obviously, it is up to each individual church to make the decision about church drills. I would like to encourage churches to have drills at some point. It can be after the pandemic has passed and services have resumed or in a small group setting (possibly even video the drills to show later.) Regardless of when churches have their drills please recognize your children & youth for all their hard work - award them in some way!

And, PLEASE report scores to the GBA. We want to forward the info to the TBMB so that drillers can be recognized as State Driller, State Winner, or State Winner Superior. Children who have drilled for 3 years (4th, 5th, & 6th) will receive a trophy. All participants will receive certificates. But we need to hear from you. If you have questions or need help knowing how to score your drills please contact Rhonda Poore #731-446-1319.

CANCELLED **Seven Sayings from the Cross**
 April 10, 2020 - 6:30 PM - Smyrna Baptist Church
Father, forgive them - Bro Lane Self, Dyer 1st
Today you will be with Me in paradise - Bro Eric McLemore, Northside, Milan
Woman, behold your son - Bro Kevin Mullins, White Hall Baptist
My God, why have You forsaken Me - Bro Joel Pigg, Salem Baptist
I thirst - Bro Bryan Morris, New Hope Baptist
It is finished - Bro David Powell, Smyrna Baptist
Father, into Your hands - Bro Shawn Allred, Kenton 1st Baptist

BIRTH CHOICE

**Just four hours of your time
 once a week can make a difference
 between life and death for an unborn child.**

Our spring training is for Support Nurses and Client Advocates (there are other areas to volunteer in as well) the dates will be

May 5th, 7th, 12th, 14th, 19th, 21st, 28th

Tuesday/Thursday evenings, 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

It's important for you to attend all sessions if possible.

Request an application today!

Contact our clinic director:

Gibson County: Kelly Wall at Kelly@birthchoice.us

Resource Room Needs:

Diapers – Size NB, 4 & 5

Wipes

Baby furniture and equipment

Bath towels and wash cloths

Baby shampoo, rash ointment, lotion, baby wash

The **Annual Fundraising Banquet** date will be decided later, for more information contact us at tiffany@birthchoice.us, or 731-453-8159.

GBA Vacation Bible School Clinic

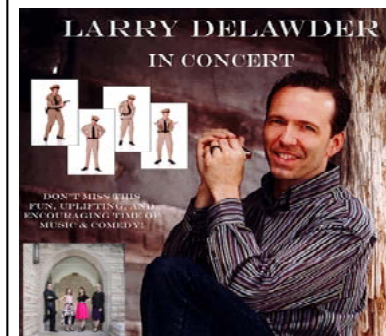
April 9, 2020
 6:00 PM - First Baptist Trenton



WMU Spring Meeting



National Day of Prayer Breakfast Cancelled



Senior Adult Event

April 21 at 6 PM

First Baptist

Meal: \$9.25

Grilled Chicken Breast

Boneless Pork Chop

Baked Beans, 7 Layer Salad

Roasted Potatoes

Chocolate Cake, Banana Pudding

Sign up & Pay by April 16



Brazil Mission Trip - June 22-30

TO BE DETERMINED

Softball Meeting

April 19, 2020 - 2:00 PM - GBA Office

April 19th is also the deadline for team registration & payment.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS / TWICE BLESSED

We are approaching our 4th week of classes both at the Gibson County Correctional Facility and in our Twice Blessed classroom. We are very excited about the number of participants in each class. We hope to match these ladies with a mentor very soon. If you have agreed to help in this part of the ministry, please contact me. Discipling is a great blessing of which much in life does not compare.

We will be having sales on winter merchandise throughout the store for the next few weeks as we get ready for spring. We hope all our volunteers will be able to help with transitioning from winter to spring.

Please join us in prayer as we continue to wait on the Lord to send us a house manager for our transition house. Our house is furnished and ready to be enjoyed. The following is a description of what we are seeking: Primary House Manager for our Women's Transitional house; can be a live in position or a minimum of 4-5 nights a week from 3pm to 9am during the week with weekend hours available. Stable, compassionate, Christian females may apply in person at Twice Blessed Thrift Store.

Christy Skelton at (731) 414-2795

APRIL BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES PASTORS AND WIVES

Birthdays

2- Mrs. Pat Lykins, Pastor's Wife Northern's Chapel
 6- Rev. Billy Hanks, Pastor West Carroll Unity
 9- Mrs. Adriane McCain, Pastor's Wife Rutherford
 18- Rev. Eric McLemore, Pastor Northside
 22- Mrs. Detria Powell, Pastor's Wife Smyrna
 26- Mrs. Jane Stutts, Pastor's Wife Latham's Chapel

Anniversaries

1- Rev/Mrs Billy Hanks, Pastor & Wife West Carroll Unity
 20- Rev/Mrs Larry Simmons, Pastor & Wife Maranatha
 24- Rev/Mrs Marlon Stephens, Retired Pastor/Wife Rutherford

CHURCH NEWS

The following churches are seeking a pastor: **Avondale, Chapel Hill, Connect, Fruitland, Idlewild, Laneview-Kenton, Milan FBC, and Mt. Pleasant.**

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church is seeking a full-time pastor. Please send resumes to Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, in care of the Pastor Search Committee, 405 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford, TN 38316.

Salem Baptist Church is seeking a full-time Associate Pastor and Student Minister. The duties are overseeing all children & teens activities and assisting the pastor as associate pastor, filling pulpit, etc. The package includes a three bedroom parsonage, rent-free. Please email your resume to Pastor Joel Pigg at brojoelpigg@gmail.com.

White Hall Baptist Church is currently seeking an intermediate youth and children's pastor or/and a full-time youth and children's pastor. Contact the search committee for details for the position via email at WHBCYAC@gmail.com.

Emmanuel Baptist Church in Humboldt has called Jake Fry as pastor. He begins on April 1.

Mount Pleasant has called Brother Dylan McMinn as interim.

Executive Board Meeting - April 15, 2020 - GBA Office

Reminder: The Gibson Baptist Association collects old Sunday School literature, it's then shipped overseas to help teach English. Thank you for your participation in this project!

Bertie Thompson Scholarship Application Forms

Applications are available for this \$500 (\$250/semester) scholarship. Contact the GBA office or download off the Association webpage. Applicant must be a full time college student with a GPA of 2.5 on a 4pt scale, be an active member of a GBA church, and be preparing for some aspect of Christian ministry. May 14 is the deadline for applications to be turned in to the GBA office.

2019 Minute Book

The 2019 Minute Book is available at the GBA Office. Each church receives a Book and DVD with the Minute Book and Stats on it. Please have someone from your church come by the office to pick it up. It is also available on the GBA website.

Church	October 1, 2019 - March 17, 2020	
	Total Receipts	Current Receipts
Antioch	\$ 1,753.31	\$.00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	1,324.85	253.32
Bethel-Humboldt	.00	.00
Bethel-Yorkville	1,556.00	311.00
Bethpage	188.83	.00
Bradford, FBC	1,525.00	315.00
Calvary-H	194.36	29.80
Calvary-R	484.37	239.46
Center	250.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	7,644.28	1,284.72
China Grove	58.77	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Connect	830.76	185.43
Dyer, FBC	2,628.22	394.78
Eldad	862.52	.00
Emmanuel	1,186.40	.00
Fellowship	1,395.81	215.85
Fruitland	.00	.00
Gibson	726.00	154.00
Hickory Grove	100.00	.00
Idlewild	483.92	.00
Immanuel-T	584.00	.00
Keely Mill	.00	.00
Kenton, FBC	9,426.22	1,529.85
Laneview-K	200.00	.00
Laneview-T	284.74	.00
Latham's Chapel	750.00	150.00
Lavinia	2,865.00	661.00
Maranatha	721.00	144.00
Medina, FBC	1,318.00	.00
Midway	1,410.95	.00
Milan, FBC	4,506.28	584.00
Mt. Pisgah	872.97	171.12
Mt. Pleasant	5,734.72	985.44
New Bethlehem	3,510.22	817.34
New Haven	1,250.00	250.00
New Hope	1,125.25	306.79
Northern's Chapel	100.00	.00
Northside	959.64	189.30
Oak Grove	293.04	71.16
Oakwood	817.96	164.24
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	690.97	111.21
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford, FBC	580.45	90.00
Salem	1,687.25	338.66
Smyrna	993.19	.00
Spring Hill	416.00	86.00
The Church/Sugar Creek	5,427.34	1,005.78
Trenton, FBC	3,125.00	625.00
Walnut Grove	250.00	.00
West Carroll Unity	307.00	.00
West Side	318.00	.00
White Hall	2,275.59	.00
Designated	6,993.38	.00
TBMB/Interest, etc.	3,710.78	.00
Total Receipts	\$ 86,698.34	\$11,714.25

2019-2020 Wingo Goal is \$ 23,000

Received to Date: \$6,052.87