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TBMB is hosting a <u>Bivocational</u>
<u>Pastors & Wives Banquet</u> at First

Baptist Church Alamo on April 19,
6:00pm. The cost is \$15 per couple or
\$8 for an individual. GBA will cover
your registration for this banquet. Call
the GBA office to register or contact us
by e-mail (info@gbalife.org). The last
day to register is April 5. There will be
a guest speaker, a time of fellowship, a
meal, and a marriage enrichment
moment.

2021 TN Disaster Relief Regional Training

April 16-17, 2021 / Newbern First Baptist 114 W. Main St. Newbern, TN

To pre-register, contact Elizabeth Holmes at eholmes@tnbaptist or (615) 371-7926. Please pre-register by April 12, so that we can supply you with the proper training materials and/or lunch (\$6/person). The credentialing fee is \$36. This fee covers not only the cost of the ID and background check but also the cost of any basic training courses a volunteer wants to take over the next 3 years. To view the training agenda go to tndisasterre-lief.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/2021-Regional-Training-Agenda-West.

Pictured Below:

A softball team meeting was held March 7 to plan the upcoming season. Registration deadline is Apr 1, season begins Apr 24.



Pictured Right:

Oakwood Baptist Church ordained Greg Tuttle as a deacon on February 28. Brother James preached the charge.







Send Conference

June 13-14

SBC Annual Meeting

June 15-16

Register & find more info at sbcannualmeeting.net

Volunteer Opportunities

Ushers & Greeters - Sign up by

church or individual by contacting Danny Franks, 919-354-5945 or e-mail: dfranks@summitrdu.com.

Prayer Ministry - Contact Sing Oldham at 615-308-0106

CrossOver - Sign up at namb.net/crossover.

Possible Medical & Dental Units

All Nations Camp 2021 / June 7-11, 2021

Carson Springs Conference Center

For more info visit tnbaptistcamps.org/all-nations-camp/ or contact Martha Espinoza at 615-371-7916



Volunteers are needed to answer a call line for Senior Adults, giving hope and encouragement to those who are lonely, need assistance in some way, or just need to talk.

To apply, please go to: TN-Hope-Line-Volunteer-Application

Women of Joy - Womenofjoy.org or 256-355-1554

The joy of the Lord is my strength. Nehemiah 8:10

Come spend the weekend with thousands of women as we worship and find out how to embrace joy even in the midst of life's turmoil and trials.

2021 Fall Tour Dates

Indianapolis, Aug 13-14 / San Antonio, Sept 24-26 Branson, Oct 1-3 / Pigeon Forge, Oct 8-10



Gibson Baptist Association

Roger Stacy, Director of Missions

Bryan Morris, Assistant Moderator
Joel Pigg, Assistant Treasurer
Leann Cherry, Clerk

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Grace Gentry, Ministry Specialist

Shawn Allred, Moderator

Jim Acree, Treasurer

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Coming Events

<u>April</u>

- 1: Softball Registration Deadline
- 2: Seven Saying from the Cross
- 4: Easter
- 6: Holy Land Trip Interest Mtg
- 8: WMU Leadership Mtg
- 12: GBA Children's Bible Drills
- 13: Senior Adult Banquet
- 15: WMU Quarterly Meeting
- **16-17:** West TN Regional Disaster Relief Training
- 17: Tea Party
- **19:** TBMB Bivocational Pastors and Wives Banquet
- 22: GBA VBS Training
- 24: Softball Season Begins
- 26: GBA Executive Board Meeting

May

6: National Day of Prayer

<u>June</u>

13-14: Send Conference

15-16: SBC Annual Meeting

GBA 2020 Minute Book

The 2020 Minute Book is available at the GBA Office. Please have someone from your church come by the office to pick it up.

A Missionary View

It is looking like we are turning the curve on the COVID-19 virus and things are opening up again. Many of our churches are adding back services and ministries that were shut down.

The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board is hosting a series of Bivocational Banquets across

the state. A Bivocational Pastors & Wives Banquet will be held at First Baptist Church Alamo on April 19, 6:00 pm. The cost is \$15 per couple or \$8.00 for an individual. GBA will cover your registration for this banquet. Call the GBA office to register or contact us by e-mail (info@gbalife.org). The last day to register is April 5. There will be a guest speaker, a time of fellowship, a meal, and a marriage enrichment moment.

Many have responded to our request about receiving the Vision electronically. We fully understand and will accommodate anyone wishing to continue to receive the newsletter by regular mail. Let us know which is your preference. Receiving the Vision by e-mail helps reduce the cost of postage. You may call our office (855-1202) or e-mail us (info@gbalife.org).

Mrs. Bertie Thompson had a vision to help students preparing for some kind of Christian ministry. The **Bertie Thompson Scholarship** is available for students who meet the qualifications. We will award the scholarship in May, so please submit your application by the first week in May. You may download the application at our website: www.gbalife.org. We also can mail you the application.

Our Strengthen Team wanted to help pastors and lay people who desire more training. Thus, we have available a scholarship that will provide money for books and supplies for those taking seminary, Bible college classes, or some form of continuing education. You do not have to be working toward a formal degree to qualify. We have one scholarship available in the amount of \$150. Contact the office for more information and to apply.

With the diminishing number of COVID-19 cases, we plan on having our Children's Bible Drills on April 12, 6:30 pm, at White Hall Baptist Church. Rhonda Poore is our director.

The Senior Adult banquet will be April 13, Dyer FBC. Barney Fife (impersonator) will be our guest for the evening. Please, register for the banquet by April 8. The cost of the meal is \$10 per person. You will need to register and pay for the meal by April 8. Contact the GBA office for registration.

I will be leading a group to the Holy Land the week of January 31—February 9, 2022. We will have another interest meeting for this trip on April 6, 6:30 pm at the GBA office. This will be for anyone who did not attend our previous meeting and is interested in this trip. You may check out more information about the trip at the website: https://www.go-yael.com/10dayholylandtrip/. Enter the access code: 2022.

We continue to need financial assistance to feed the street children in Rio de Janeiro. We thank so many of you for your generous help. If you would like to make a donation to help feed 150 homeless street children, you can do so at our website (www.gbalife.org) or mail a check to our office.



China Grove has called Bro. Wayne Rowan as pastor. Pray for our churches seeking a pastor: Chapel Hill, Fruitland, Idlewild, Laneview-Kenton, Medina FBC, Milan FBC, and Rutherford FBC.

Your Missionary, Bro. Roger

Our Mission is to Strengthen Churches, Shape Leaders, and Share the Gospel.

Holy Land Trip - January 31-February 9 of 2022 - Interest Meeting April 6 / 6:30pm at the GBA Office

Check out more information about the trip at the website: https://www.go-yael.com/10dayholylandtrip/. Access code: 2022.

GBA Men's Ministry

Softball plans are in full swing with the season scheduled to begin April 24. All money and documents are due April 1.

We are asking 10-15 churches to give \$100 per month starting this month until September to allow us to fund a large youth *Field of Faith* event in Trenton Sept 15. We ask that you help advertise and get as many youth there as possible. This will be a total of \$700 per church. TBC will be aiding in landing & event coordinating. Also share with other denominations and surrounding counties. For more info call Bob Moore, 731-431-1056. All donations can be sent to GBA office denote *Field of Faith* donation.

Seven Saying from the Cross

April 2 - 6:30 PM - Salem Baptist Church GBA Sponsored Good Friday Service

GBA Bible Drills

April 12 / 6:30pm / White Hall Call GBA (855-1202) with the names & grades of those participating from your church, by April 5.

Senior Adult Event

April 13 - 6pm - Dyer, First Sign up & Pay by April 8 / Meal: \$10.00



Featuring Barney Fife Impersonator Larry DeLawder

Menu: Grilled Chicken Breast, Boneless Pork Chop, Baked Beans, 7 Layer Salad, Roasted Potatoes, Chocolate Cake, Banana Pudding

Tea Time

April 17 - 4:30pm

Every church in our Association is welcome to participate in the girls mission events, for girls ages 5-12, which are offered through GBA WMU. Please join us for tea time Apr. 17 at 4:30. You will only need to promote the event for your group, prepare the space for your church and provide and serve refreshments. At 5:15, join the virtual reception to enjoy games, music, and a message by a guest speaker. Contact Pamela Basham for more information and to sign up by March 25.

WMU Spring Meeting

April 15, 2021 / 10am Mount Pisgah Baptist Church



2021 Vacation Bible School Training

April 22 / 6 - 8:30pm / Salem Baptist Church

The VBS Clinic will begin at 6pm with a meal from Chick-fil-a, provided by GBA at no cost. The opening session begins at 6:30, first conference at 6:45pm.

Executive Board Meeting

April 26, 2021 / 7pm / GBA Office



"We are in great need of volunteer Client Advocates and Registered Nurses or RDMSs at our Gibson County clinic. God is doing amazing things here! Last year, we saw more women and saw more babies saved at our Gibson County Clinic than ever before. Even if you don't live in Gibson County, would you consider volunteering here?

Currently, our Trenton Director of Nursing, Guinda, is the only one who can perform those life-saving ultrasounds at our Gibson County office. This is a large load for her and we need more female nurses to be trained on ultrasound as well as support nurses. We are currently only open on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays at this office. However, if we had more volunteers, we could be open more days of the week, see more women, and save more babies!

We also accept female RDMSs and XRay Techs. Living in Gibson County is not a requirement. Our next volunteer training is in May. If interested, please email our Gibson County Clinic Director, kelly@birthchoice.us. Please share! If you are in church leadership, please share this information with your congregation."

Opportunities:

Clinic tours are available for you, your church group, civic groups, organizations, police, etc. Come by and tour the clinic and learn more about how Birth Choice benefits our community.

We are always taking baby item donations for our resource room.

If you love to work outside and have some volunteer time we will need someone to help us with the yard and building this Spring and Summer.

Be looking for banquet information coming out soon and baby bottle campaig will start on Mother's Day.

There will be a Client Advocate and Nurse training in May if you would like an application contact Kelly at the information below.

Contact our clinic director: Kelly Wall at 882-7324(direct line) or <u>Kelly@birthchoice.us</u> Follow us on Facebook, Instagram or our website birthchoice.biz for up to date information and stories. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.



Christian Women's Job Corps / Twice Blessed

As we anticipate spring, we look forward to all that lies ahead in the ministry of CWJC. The best part of ministry is when God sends workers with sincere hearts to serve and to work along side of you for the common good of those that we serve. We are pleased and very thankful that we have finally been able to hire a store manager at Twice Blessed. Please stop by and meet her and see all the changes that are taking place. Also, come by and take advantage of our winter closeout \$5 bag sale.

We are so excited to be back in the classroom with a good group of participants and their mentors. It is a great privilege to be able to teach and encourage women toward finding success and their God given purpose. Please add our class to your prayer lists and be a part of God's life changing power in the lives of women.

At Twice Blessed, we process applications for utility assistance through the Ministerial Alliance here in Trenton. It is a constant challenge to keep money in this fund and especially now with the high bills that are going out following our cold spell. If you are a church here in Trenton, please consider supporting our Ministerial Alliance. It is a great time to minister and witness to those in need. You may do so by contacting the 1st Presbyterian Church at 855-2736 or Bro. Brian Griffith at 676-2412. You may also support your local ministerial alliance in your town.

Christy Skelton, Site Coordinator



Easter Sunrise Service

Clear Creek Baptist Church / 6:30am / Followed by Breakfast

Scholarships

Bertie Thompson Scholarship- www.gbalife.org — deadline: first wk in May

Continuing Education Scholarship- For people in ministry (lay or vocational)

Applications are available at the GBA Office.

Pastors and Wives April Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdavs

Northern's Chapel

West Carroll Unity

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
24	Rev/Mrs Marlon Stephens, Ret. Pastor/Wife	Rutherford, FBC
28	Rev/Mrs Dale Denning, Pastor & Wife	Elevate

Pastors' Conference

Pastors meet Mondays at 10am at the GBA office for a time of fellowship and inspiration.

GBA Pastors' Conference Schedule:

2 Mrs Pat Lykins, Pastor's Wife

6 Rev Billy Hanks, Pastor

March 22: Vicki Hulsey - VBS via Zoom

March 29: No Pastor's Conference - Spring Break

April 5: Daymond Duck - Prophecy

April 12: Dr. Randy Adams - SBC Presidential Candidate

April 19: Will McRaney - A Way Forward in the SBC April 26: Tommy Vinson - Pastoral Leadership

May 3: Mike Stone - SBC Presidential Candidate

Church News

China Grove welcomes new pastor, Wayne Rowan. His first Sunday was March 7.

Clear Creek is having an Easter sunrise service at 6:30 Easter Sunday morning followed by breakfast.

New Bethlehem is in need of a youth minister. E-mail nbbcsearch4youth@gmail.com.

Northside Baptist Church is currently seeking a part time youth pastor. If you are interested in this position, please send your resume to the church address (5001 Patton St. Milan, TN 38358) or to milannbcsecretary@gmail.com. Please call the church at 731-686-1291 for more information.

Salem Baptist Church of Trenton, TN is seeking a bi-vocational worship leader. We prefer a leader that is comfortable leading contemporary worship songs, but also has the ability to lead a choir and interject traditional hymns. Due to Covid, Salem has one morning worship service participating with singing. However, "post" Covid restrictions, a night service may be added as well. Find us the web at www.mysalemfamily.com, Facebook, and YouTube. Salem has a morning worship attendance of 200. Please send inquiries and resumes to Pastor Joel Pigg at brojoelpigg@gmail.com. Or call 731-695-5321.

Churches Seeking a Pastor

Chapel Hill, Fruitland, Idlewild, Laneview-Kenton, Medina FBC, Milan FBC, Rutherford FBC

October 1, 2020 - March 12, 2021 Church **Total Receipts Current Receipts** \$ 4,385.88 Antioch .00 Avondale .00 126.03 Beech Grove 913.18 Bethel-Humboldt .00 .00Bethel-Yorkville 1.058.00 215.00 204.05 Bethpage .00 Bradford, FBC 1,575.00 315.00 Calvary-H 183.76 24.99 486.52 Calvary-R .00 Center 250.00 50.00 Chapel Hill 5,360.58 China Grove 134.86 .00 Clear Creek .00 .00 2,503.46 391.86 Dyer, FBC 1.009.08 Eldad 1.009.08 Elevate 2,284.75 .00 245.22 1,143.69 Emmanuel Fellowship 1,584.53 244.98 Fruitland 828.12 56.26 790.65 Gibson Hickory Grove 325.00 .00 489.05 Idlewild .00 610.00 152.00 Immanuel-T Keely Mill 00 00 Kenton, FBC 6,494.93 1.316.61 Laneview-K .00 .00 272.62 43.10 Laneview-T Latham's Chapel 1,650.00 .00 Lavinia 2,612.00 503.00 Medina, FBC 1,050.00 150.00 Midway 414.33 .00 Milan, FBC 1,092.00 3,412.00 Mt. Pisgah 699.99 110.10 Mount Pleasant 6,825,24 1,343.59 New Bethlehem 2,857.15 .00 250.00 1,250.00 New Haven 1,979.44 375.95 New Hope 100.00 Northern's Chapel .00 237.28 Northside 1,011.64 Oak Grove 424.99 170.00 Oakwood 778.65 329.31 Old Bethlehem .00 .00 733.34 .00 Poplar Grove Poplar Springs .00 .00 Rutherford, FBC 436.60 .00 1,840.37 320.74 Salem 1,171.34 Smyrna .00 Spring Hill 380.28 57.40 The Church/Sugar Creek 4,130.88 .00 1,250.00 Trenton, FBC 3,125.00 Walnut Grove 250.00 .00 West Carroll Unity 409.51 .00 West Side 300.00 .002,200.43 355.18 White Hall \$10,734.68 105,227.77 Designated TBMB/Interest, etc. 4,651.13

2020-2021 Wingo Goal: \$ 23,500 Received to Date: 18,222.45

\$ 182,809.79

Total Receipts