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New Bethlehem honors the flag July 4th.

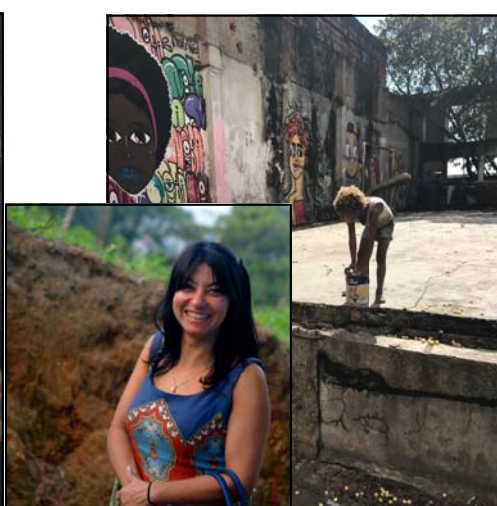


Ladies from Gibson County completed a 9 week Bible study, July 14th led by Christy Skelton & Lisa Massengill at Immanuel Baptist, Trenton. The study was based on a book by David Nasser, "A Call To Die". Two others attended but are not pictured.



Jerry Jeter, state of TN chaplain for FAITH Riders led the "West TN" prayer rumble June 27th. Several area churches & law enforcement were prayed for.

A picture is worth a thousand words...



Thank you for giving generously (\$5,581 to date) so that Silvia Crespo is able to continue feeding over 120 street kids in Rio who literally have no home. If you or your church would like to help, you may send funds to GBA designated for Rio Children.



Featuring: Matt Redman, Heather Sorenson, Keith Getty, Shelly Johnson, Matt Boswell, Mike Harland, Veritas, Vernon Whaley, & over 50 additional clinicians! *Breakout Sessions for Worship Leaders, Worship Bands, Choir Directors, Student Choir Leaders, Pianists/Keyboardists, A/V Teams and more!*

Sat., Aug. 1, 8:30am-4pm (CDT) \$15/person (\$10/person for groups of 5 or more!) More Info: www.resourcingworship.com or contact Scott Shepherd at sshepherd@tnbaptist.org.



Baptist and Reflector B&R Day 2020 Sunday, August 23

The *Baptist and Reflector* is your Baptist state paper. Their staff is dedicated to producing a paper (both in print and on the B&R website) that tells what our churches and convention are doing to share the Good News of Jesus Christ in today's increasingly secular society. We are also committed to printing articles that will shape a Christian worldview. The B&R is on mission to assist our associations and churches in reaching the lost of Tennessee!!

We are asking you to help us promote B&R Day. The *Baptist & Reflector* is in the process of "increasing our subscribers" so that we can continue to provide "positive news" as well as telling the stories of our churches. We will have copies of the Baptist & Reflector at the Association Office. Please stop by and pick up a few copies so that you can make them available at your church August 19.

The Vision

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Wingo Offering Day
 2020 Goal: \$23,000



Celebrating 31 years of assisting GBA members to go on Mission for the Lord!



A Missionary View

This is an unusual summer for our churches and ministry. Covid-19 continues to ramp up and surge in the number of cases. Some of our churches returned to online worship services and some that had added additional services have cut those back to only a Sunday morning worship. A few of our churches have never ceased to have all of their regular services.

Last month I shared that we have face masks available for our churches through the gracious gift of Tennessee Baptist Convention Disaster Relief. If your church would like to have some of the face masks, you may pick them up at the GBA office. We have plenty on hand to meet your needs.

Our Executive Board meeting will be on Monday evening, 7:00 pm, at the GBA office. We were unable to meet in April due to the lockdown. We will do our best to make this meeting as safe as possible. Each church is allowed two Executive Board members (the Pastor and one lay member). We are requesting that your church send only ONE member to the meeting. We will practice social distancing during the meeting. We are asking Executive Board members to wear a face mask (not mandatory). We will provide face masks for anyone who needs one for the meeting.

The GBA annual meeting is scheduled for October 26, 2020. Antioch Baptist Church will host our meeting. At this point we have planned for our regular schedule for the meeting. As we monitor the Covid-19 situation, these plans may need to change. One association in our area is already planning to not have an in-person annual meeting. We will keep you updated as we near the time of our annual meeting.

I want to thank our churches for taking an offering during July for the Wingo mission fund. If your church did not take an offering during July, would you still consider doing so to help us meet our goal of \$23,000? Wingo funds are used to help mission volunteers from our GBA churches serve at home and around the world in missions.

Due to Covid-19, our mission trips to Brazil have been suspended. As a result, one of the ministries we help in Rio is facing a real crisis. We work with Silvia Crespo who helps with our logistics. She has a tremendous ministry to street kids who literally have no home. These children do not even have birth certificates as they are "throwaways." Silvia contacted me for financial help to buy these children food. I asked volunteers who have been to Brazil to ask their churches to take an offering to feed over 120 children. We received to date \$5,581! If you or your church would like to help, you may send funds to GBA designated for Rio Children.

Lift up these churches seeking a pastor: Avondale, Chapel Hill, Clear Creek, Connect, Fruitland, Idlewild, Laneview-K, Maranatha, Milan FBC, and Mt. Pleasant.

Your Missionary,
 Bro. Roger

KEY DATES

- July 26: Wingo Offering Day
- July 27: GBA Executive Board Meeting
- August 9: BCM Collegiate Day of Prayer
- August 15: G.L.O.W. Camp
- August 19: B & R Day
- September 2: Yth Night - Gibson Co. Fair
- September 3: Deacons' Meetin'
- September 13-20: Week of Prayer for State Missions
- September 18: Night of Hope Online Auction
- September 26: JAM
- October 3: Walk for Life
- October 11: Global Hunger Sunday
- October 16-18: Royal Ambassadors Camp-O-Ree
- October 18-24: Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations
- October 26: GBA Annual Meeting
- November 8-11: Summit at Brentwood Baptist Church
- November 29-December 6: Week of Prayer for International Missions/LMCO


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

GBA

Executive Board Meeting - July 27 - 7PM - GBA Office


Due to the coronavirus epidemic we will implement the following precautions:

- We ask that only 1 Executive Board Member from each church attend.
- We will follow social distancing guidelines.
- Masks will be available & wearing one is highly recommended.



Deacons' Meetin'
 "Brothers in Arms...Standing Firm"
 Ephesians 6:13

September 3, 2020 @ White Hall Baptist Church
 Meal: 5:30 / Service 6:30 / Nursery Provided
 Call 855-1202 to Register / Reg. Deadline: Aug. 31




Kingdom Quest - Carrying on the Torch
An Olympic Themed Experience

G.L.O.W. 2020

All Day Camp @ Reelfoot Youth Camp & Retreat Center - Saturday, August 15, 9AM -5PM - For girls who have completed grades K-6
 \$15 at the door includes everything - Must complete registration by August 6th.
 Request registration form by contacting Pamela Basham @ 414-2187 or prbash44@gmail.com.

Meals - Lunch & grab-to-go supper plus an afternoon snack - Adults can purchase meals for \$4 per meal.
Missionary Meets, Music & More Fun - Swimming, craft, recreation plus extras
Canteen will be open 8:15-9 AM for purchase of breakfast items & 1:30-4 PM for purchase of drinks only.



Attention Church Clerks and Pastors

The 2020 Annual Church Profiles (ACPs) are ready in the GBA Office. They need to be returned to us by October 1st.
 Please have someone come by to pick up your Church's packet. Thank you!!!

Due to the Coronavirus, we are postponing the August Senior Adult Event with the Shepherd Family.

BIRTH CHOICE

Summer is here and that means outside projects! We need tree trimming, gutter cleaning, pressure washing the building, and cleaning out flower beds. Contact Kelly at 855-2900 or Kelly@birthchoice.us if you would be interested.

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



Just three or four hours of your time once a week can make a difference between life and death for an unborn child.
 Our fall training dates will be
 October 6th, 8th, 13th, 15th, 20th, 22nd, 29th, 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: **Kelly Wall at Kelly@birthchoice.us**

SAVE THE DATE: Annual Walk for Life will be **October 3rd** as planned. More information will be coming for that event. Follow us on Facebook and Instagram for information and story updates.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S JOB CORPS / TWICE BLESSED


The mission for Gibson County CWJC remains the same during these uncertain days. The signs of the times increase the urgency to reach women for Christ and set them on a path not only of self sufficiency, but more importantly, newness in Christ Jesus.

The plan is to start our "Powered for Life" (class) Both in our classroom and at the jail on August 12th at 10:00 AM. Our classes include Bible study, life skills, job skills, healthy eating and planning through the UT extension office, as well as other benefits. Please come by the store to register or call me personally with any questions.

Twice Blessed has been especially busy since our reopening. The hours that we are open are Tuesday through Friday from 10 AM until 2 PM and the first Saturday of each month from 10 until two. Our summer sale includes buy one summer item and get one free.

We continue to covet your prayers as we remain faithful to God for the mission of CWJC.

Thanks,
 Christy
 731-414-2795



**Pastors and Wives
 August Birthdays and Anniversaries**

BIRTHDAYS	
3 Rev John Coleman, Pastor	New Bethlehem
6 Mrs Candace Criswell, Pastor's Wife	Eldad
12 Mrs Frances Abbitt, Pastor's Widow	Maranatha
15 Mrs Penny Stacy, DOM's Wife	Connect
19 Mrs Virginia Stephens, Retired Pastor's Wife	Rutherford, FBC
20 Mrs Dianna Rice, Pastor's Wife	Walnut Grove
20 Rev Kerry Zeiss, Pastor	Poplar Springs
22 Rev Donald Scott, Pastor	Bethel - H
25 Mrs Susan Littleton, Pastor's Wife	Gibson
26 Rev Johnny Criswell, Pastor	Midway
28 Mrs Jade McEwen, Pastor's Wife	Hickory Grove
29 Rev Lane Self, Pastor	Dyer, FBC

ANNIVERSARIES	
1 Rev/Mrs Andy Rice, Pastor/Wife	Walnut Grove
2 Rev/Mrs Jonathan Criswell, Pastor/Wife	Eldad
6 Rev/Mrs Steve Skelton, Pastor/Wife	Immanuel
13 Rev/Mrs Jimmy Sorrell, Retired Pastor/Wife	Northside
17 Rev/Mrs Bill Rice, Retired Pastor/Wife	Antioch
24 Rev/Mrs Donald Scott, Pastor/Wife	Bethel - H
29 Rev/Mrs Steven Hemann, Pastor/Wife	Mt. Pisgah

CHURCH NEWS

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

Clear Creek Baptist Church: Send resumes to Gary Selph at 72 Horseshoe Loop, Dyer TN 38330.

Mount Pleasant Baptist Church: Please send resumes to Mount Pleasant Baptist Church, in care of the Pastor Search Committee, 405 Trezevant Hwy, Bradford, TN 38316.

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.

Lavinia Baptist Church
 Deacon Ordination for Michael Sullivan, Sunday, August 2nd. Council at 2pm, Ordination at 2:30pm.

Sunday School Literature

The Gibson Baptist Association collects old Sunday School literature, it's then shipped overseas to help teach English.

Thank you for participating in this project!

Please submit the **2020 VBS report** for your congregation at vbs.lifeway.com/churchreport.



Church	October 1, 2019 - July 13, 2020	
	Total Receipts	Current Receipts
Antioch	\$ 4,253.93	\$.00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	2,264.51	265.08
Bethel-Humboldt	.00	.00
Bethel-Yorkville	2,340.00	277.00
Bethpage	519.82	.00
Bradford, FBC	2,785.00	315.00
Calvary-H	350.31	28.27
Calvary-R	704.37	.00
Center	450.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	13,014.43	1,434.53
China Grove	183.97	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Connect	1,436.33	339.51
Dyer, FBC	4,523.80	412.99
Eldad	1,318.17	.00
Emmanuel	1,977.85	.00
Fellowship	2,521.14	236.46
Fruitland	78.84	.00
Gibson	1,380.00	216.00
Hickory Grove	100.00	.00
Idlewild	910.47	.00
Immanuel-T	1,086.00	.00
Keely Mill	263.26	.00
Kenton, FBC	17,430.59	1,598.89
Laneview-K	200.00	.00
Laneview-T	509.34	49.00
Latham's Chapel	1,200.00	.00
Lavinia	5,330.00	570.00
Maranatha	826.00	.00
Medina, FBC	1,918.00	.00
Midway	1,865.09	.00
Milan, FBC	6,842.28	584.00
Mt. Pisgah	1,485.84	191.16
Mt. Pleasant	10,589.21	1,185.21
New Bethlehem	5,076.86	.00
New Haven	2,250.00	250.00
New Hope	2,077.34	316.86
Northern's Chapel	225.00	125.00
Northside	1,384.80	.00
Oak Grove	556.30	99.26
Oakwood	1,461.72	140.58
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	1,449.00	181.57
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford, FBC	1,002.19	100.00
Salem	3,087.68	335.92
Smyrna	1,902.13	278.10
Spring Hill	763.88	105.94
The Church/Sugar Creek	10,385.91	1,333.63
Trenton, FBC	5,625.00	625.00
Walnut Grove	750.00	.00
West Carroll Unity	652.22	345.22
West Side	637.00	319.00
White Hall	3,697.21	.00
Designated	7,398.38	.00
TBMB/Interest, etc.	8,346.86	.00
Total Receipts	\$ 149,388.03	\$12,309.18

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 Received to Date: \$9,232.61