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Six of our GBA pastors attended the Prayer March 2020 in Washington. Pictured Below - 1st picture, Left to Right: James Rogers, David Powell, Roger Stacy, Bryan Morris, Joel Pigg, Kevin Mullins - 2nd Picture, Left to Right: Roger Stacy, Bryan Morris, Kevin Mullins, Joel Pigg, David Powell



Pictured above: Outgoing pastor's conference president Steve Littleton and new president Shawn Allred.



**Mark Your Calendar**

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| <b>October 22</b><br>Special Called Executive Board Meeting | <b>November 16-23</b><br>Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Week    |
| <b>October 26-28</b><br>Christmas Backpack Collection       | <b>November 25</b><br>Pastors/Staff Christmas Dinner Registration Deadline    |
| <b>November 1</b><br>Daylight Saving Time                   | <b>November 26</b><br>Happy Thanksgiving!                                     |
| <b>November 2</b><br>Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer    | <b>November 29-December 6</b><br>Wk of Prayer for International Missions/LMCO |
| <b>November 10</b><br>TN Baptists Virtual Summit            | <b>December 1</b><br>GBA Pastors, Staff, & Wives Christmas Dinner             |
| <b>November 10</b><br>CWJC Facebook Live Auction            | <b>December 8</b><br>West TN Pastors Conference                               |

Pictured Right:

Mr. Glynn Reynolds and his son took hurricane relief supplies to the Mobile, Alabama area. Also pictured far right is camp director, Gil Johnson.

Joey Hays owner of Foodrite, churches, and individuals donated supplies.



# The Vision

## Gibson Baptist Association

Steve Littleton, Moderator  
 Jim Acree, Treasurer  
 Grace Gentry, Ministry Specialist

Roger Stacy, Director of Missions

Shawn Allred, Assistant Moderator  
 Joel Pigg, Assistant Treasurer  
 Leann Cherry, Clerk

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Please join us on Facebook Live, Thursday, October 22 at 6:30pm for a special called Executive Board meeting. If you are not a part of our Closed Group on Facebook, request to join now at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/181472341980317>.

**Program Outline**

- Call to Order - 6:30 PM
- Welcome and Prayer
- Financial Reports
- Nominating Committee Report
- Budget Committee Report
- Miscellaneous Business
- Seek Team Report
- Strengthen Team Report
- Send Team Report
- WMU Report
- Election of Officers
- Time, Place, Resolutions Report
- Director of Missions Report
- Recognition of New Pastors
- Wingo Offering
- Benediction

**Transition to the following recordings at approximately 7:15:**

- Theme Interpretation Wingo Video
- Theme Interpretation Special Music
- Theme Interpretation Rio Video
- Moderator's Message
- Memorial Recognition



**A Missionary View**  
 Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family!

Our annual meeting of our churches was canceled this year due to the Covid-19 pandemic. We will come together on Thursday evening, October 22, at 6:30 pm, at the Kenton First Baptist Church for a special called Executive Board meeting. We will livestream (Facebook) the meeting. We will do the essential business of the association by adopting a budget, approving our nominating committee report, hearing our financial report, receiving reports from our priority teams and my annual report. We will transition to a virtual second half of our meeting via the GBA Facebook Closed Group page. We will hear the theme interpretation sermons, Wingo videos, and the moderator's message. If you are not a part of our Closed Group on Facebook, here is the link to request to join: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/181472341980317>

I want to highlight a few items from our Annual Church Profile of our churches this year. Our baptisms were down this year from last year. Twenty-seven (27) of our churches reported baptisms this year. This means about half of our churches reported no baptisms. We had 135 total baptisms, whereas, last year thirty-three (33) churches reported 163 baptisms. The bottom line is we baptized 28 fewer people this year. However, this was a most unusual year with most of our churches not having Vacation Bible Schools or revivals. Many of our churches did not even meet in-person for several months. I am grateful that we had 135 souls enter the Kingdom of God and I believe this is encouraging in light of this difficult year. We did miss our Wingo goal for missions by about \$2,150.00. Again, in light of the shut down due to Covid-19, I am pleasantly surprised that we did so well with this offering.

The Budget & Finance committee recommended that we seek to reduce the cost of mailing the Vision newsletter. We are asking if you would be willing to receive the Vision in a digital format, to share your e-mail with us so that we can send you the link each month. This will cut down on the cost of ink, paper and postage. We are happy to continue mailing the Vision if you prefer to receive it in the mail.

We asked our churches to bring items to be donated to the Hurricane relief in the Lake Charles area of Louisiana. Many responded with donations and some gave a financial gift. We were asked to divert the donations from Louisiana to the Mobile, Alabama area. We want to give a special thanks to Mr. Glynn Reynolds and his son for taking the trailer and donations to Mobile.

Our annual Pastors, Staff and Wives Christmas dinner will be December 1, 6:00 pm, at White Hall Baptist Church. We will have a free catered meal and entertainment. The registration deadline for the meal is November 25. We will provide childcare. Please, let us know if you will need childcare so that we can make adequate provisions.

FBC Rutherford has called Bro. Mike Kemper as interim pastor. Mt. Pleasant has called Bro. Johnny McCartney as pastor. Avondale Baptist has called Bro. Bob Dennison as pastor. Mt. Pisgah has called Bro. Roger Ellsworth as interim pastor. Pray for our churches seeking a pastor: Chapel Hill, China Grove, Clear Creek, Fruitland, Idlewild, Laneview-Kenton, Milan FBC, Mt. Pisgah, and Rutherford FBC.

Your Missionary,  
 Bro. Roger

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

To reduce the cost of the *Vision* newsletter we are asking that if you are willing to receive a link to the *Vision* by e-mail each month (instead of a hard copy) to please send your name, mailing address, church name, & your e-mail address to [gbams1@gbalife.org](mailto:gbams1@gbalife.org).



for children and teens in Tennessee

The GBA Missions & Ministry Team invites you to help us provide Christmas Backpacks for children & teens!

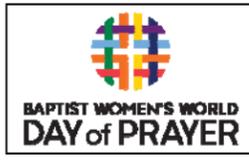
Collection dates are Oct.26-28  
Collection Site: Gibson Baptist Church, 302 US-79, Gibson, TN  
Contact Person: Steve Littleton #931-221-9851

Tennessee Baptists are challenged to provide 6,500 backpacks for children living in poverty regions in Tennessee. Churches and associations will partner with ministries in these regions to impact the lives of children and their families with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For more information and resources, visit: [tnbaptist.org/backpacks](http://tnbaptist.org/backpacks)



Share a gift of LOVE and the GOSPEL with a child in need

Salem - November 2 - 10am

CWJC On-Line Auction



Twice Blessed Facebook Page  
November 10 from 6-8pm

GBA Annual  
Pastor, Staff, and Wives  
Christmas Dinner



White Hall Baptist Church  
December 1 at 6pm

Free Catered Meal & Entertainment  
Registration Deadline: November 25  
GBA Office: 855-1202

We will provide childcare.  
Please, let us know if you will need childcare so that we can make adequate provisions.



Operation Christmas Child Collection Week November 16-23  
Curbside Shoebox Drop Off  
Trenton, First - Carol Weems 414-7673 & Milan, First - Jere Cox 352-3510

The GA e-scavenger hunt was a great success! Sixty girls and several leaders participated. Thank you to everyone for time well spent!



**Planned Parenthood isn't stopping and neither are we!**  
Thank you to all who supported our Annual Walk for Life!  
Total raised **\$85,743** God is so good!!!!  
Be looking for Holiday Meat Sale information to come.

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

Our winter training dates will be February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup> 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.

We need client advocates, nurses, and some who want to work only with parenting sessions/classes with our clients. **Request an application today!**  
Contact our clinic director: **Kelly Wall at 855-2900 or [Kelly@birthchoice.us](mailto:Kelly@birthchoice.us)**

- Looking for a Fall project! We need tree trimming, gutter cleaning, pressure washing the building and cleaning out flower beds.
- We are in need of a couple people, who can team up and volunteer to help us keep our building clean.
- We are looking for volunteers to work in our resource room either on a regular basis (one day a week) or be on an on-call list as we need people.
- If you would be interested in helping contact Kelly at 855-2900 or [Kelly@birthchoice.us](mailto:Kelly@birthchoice.us)

Follow us on Facebook & Instagram for up to date info & stories.  
Thank you for your continued support and prayers.



Opportunities to be a bold witness and servant unto our Lord are forever around us. CWJC is a non-denominational ministry which provides varied positions of service for those of you in our community. We invite you to serve alongside of us as we serve the needs of others.

We would like to thank our latest volunteers for replacing bulbs and ballasts and providing lunches for our volunteers. We would also like to thank Fellowship Baptist Church for setting up on our 1st Saturday of October in front of the store and providing free popcorn while witnessing and getting needs assessments from our customers. We invite others to take advantage of this great way of witnessing here in Gibson County. We are especially thankful for all the volunteers who continue to come out during this pandemic.

We are blessed to have in our Transition House a missionary family from South Asia during this interim of finding a house manager. We consider this precious time is needed for working out all the fine details of a home for women who require further assistance integrating back into society successfully. While we are especially thankful that we are able to serve this family, we remain focused on the goal of housing women and adequately ministering to their needs.

Summer is fading out at Twice Blessed. Come and see us for warm weather needs. We have a great selection of winter merchandise and an abundance of children's jackets in all sizes. We also have lots of camouflage for men.

Don't forget our online Auction on November 10th from 6-8pm. We will have further details on our Twice Blessed facebook pg a little later.

Thanks, Christy Skelton  
414-2795

Pastors and Wives  
November Birthdays & Anniversaries

**Birthdays**

2	Mrs Rachel Morris, Pastor's Wife	New Hope
9	Mrs Diane Zeiss, Pastor's Wife	Poplar Springs
15	Mrs Leigh Ann Espy, Pastor's Wife	Antioch
23	Rev Andy King, Interim Pastor	Fruitland
25	Mrs Melinda Lou Criswell, Pastor's Wife	Bethel - Y
25	Rev Don Dyer, Pastor	Bradford, FBC
27	Mrs Tonya Fields, Pastor's Wife	Keely Mill
28	Rev Dillard Lykins, Pastor	Northern's Chapel
28	Mrs Kathy Kemper, Retired DOM' Wife	Rutherford FBC

**Anniversaries**

3	Rev/Mrs Billy Criswell, Pastor & Wife	Bethel - Y
6	Rev/Mrs James Brown, Retired Pastor/Wife	Smyrna
9	Rev/Mrs Scott Jewell, Pastor & Wife	Beech Grove
22	Rev/Mrs Frank Bowling, Pastor & Wife	Medina, FBC
22	Rev/Mrs Michael McEwen, Pastor & Wife	Hickory Grove

**CHURCH NEWS**

**Avondale Baptist Church** called Rev. Bob Dennison as pastor October 18.

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

**Fellowship, Milan** welcomes Danny King as interim Music Director.

**Mount Pisgah Baptist Church:** Please send resumes to Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, in care of the Pastor Search Committee, 87 Mt. Pisgah Road, Bradford, TN 38316.

- Bro. Roger Ellsworth has been asked to serve as interim pastor at Mt. Pisgah. His first Sunday as interim was October 18.

**Mount Pleasant Baptist Church** welcomes Rev Johnny McCartney as Pastor.

**FBC, Rutherford** called Bro. Mike Kemper as interim pastor.

**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](http://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](mailto:brojoelpigg@gmail.com). Or call 731-695-5321.

**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](mailto:WHBCYAC@gmail.com).

**Churches Seeking a Pastor:** Chapel Hill, China Grove, Clear Creek, Fruitland, Idlewild, Laneview-Kenton, Milan FBC, Mt. Pisgah, and Rutherford FBC.

October 1, 2019 - October 15, 2020

Church	Total Receipts	Current Receipts
Antioch	\$ 4,253.93	\$ .00
Avondale	.00	.00
Beech Grove	2,901.41	214.20
Bethel-Humboldt	.00	.00
Bethel-Yorkville	3,223.00	162.00
Bethpage	958.43	199.68
Bradford, FBC	3,730.00	315.00
Calvary-H	411.17	.00
Calvary-R	954.86	250.49
Center	600.00	50.00
Chapel Hill	16,728.29	1,349.24
China Grove	183.97	.00
Clear Creek	.00	.00
Connect	1,781.33	.00
Dyer, FBC	5,988.19	458.66
Eldad	3,096.69	1,778.52
Elevate	500.00	500.00
Emmanuel	2,829.05	.00
Fellowship	3,037.59	.00
Fruitland	153.62	.00
Gibson	1,714.00	.00
Hickory Grove	1,300.00	1,200.00
Idlewild	1,280.84	79.74
Immanuel-T	1,552.00	.00
Keely Mill	263.26	.00
Kenton, FBC	22,485.35	1,791.21
Laneview-K	200.00	.00
Laneview-T	636.32	.00
Latham's Chapel	1,650.00	.00
Lavinia	6,875.00	489.00
Maranatha	1,013.00	.00
Medina, FBC	2,718.00	200.00
Midway	2,457.29	211.53
Milan, FBC	8,594.28	584.00
Mt. Pisgah	1,949.70	153.30
Mt. Pleasant	14,105.33	1,286.47
New Bethlehem	6,850.55	400.63
New Haven	3,000.00	250.00
New Hope	3,206.71	428.04
Northern's Chapel	300.00	25.00
Northside	2,273.62	226.07
Oak Grove	746.21	68.56
Oakwood	1,921.05	127.26
Old Bethlehem	.00	.00
Poplar Grove	2,007.03	169.72
Poplar Springs	.00	.00
Rutherford, FBC	1,286.19	95.00
Salem	4,095.91	315.40
Smyrna	2,463.97	193.65
Spring Hill	1,000.77	71.51
The Church/Sugar Creek	13,381.20	1,105.14
Trenton, FBC	7,500.00	625.00
Walnut Grove	1,000.00	.00
West Carroll Unity	1,163.55	206.81
West Side	637.00	.00
White Hall	5,204.91	443.80
Designated	12,732.11	.00
TBMB/Interest, etc.	10,203.70	\$16,024.63
Total Receipts	\$ 201,100.38	

**2019-2020 Wingo Goal is \$ 23,000**  
**Received to Date: \$20,849.39**

Thank you for faithfully giving to the Wingo Fund.