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Notes from the DOM Desk...

The Golden Offering for Tennessee Baptist Missions will be received in September. The money collected through this offering is used to support mission work throughout our state. Our Golden Offering supports compassion ministries, disaster relief, new churches, college campus ministries, adoption ministries, mission discipleship and associational missions. Our association receives 15% back from the total giving of our WCBA churches. WCBA uses this 15% for local projects amidst our associational church fields. I hope your church will give to this special offering.

Our Fall Conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 19th. This year's conference will be at Bethel Church in Greenfield. We will begin our morning with breakfast at 7:30 a.m., and the conference will start at 8:30 a.m. This year's theme is "Being Steadfast in the Work" and the text is from Nehemiah 6:3. We will hear reports from various associational ministries, as well as from state and national entities. Everyone is invited to attend this exciting day of information and worship.

Laborers Together,



Bro. Phil

Happy Birthday September		
1st	Billy Ross	Thompson Creek
3rd	Kathy Wiley	New Prospect
3rd	Jennifer Evans	Hodges Chapel
5th	Don McCulley	Dresden FBC
6th	Cheryl Potts	New Home
9th	Ora Lee Powell	Oak Grove (I)
18th	Jenny Allen	Eastside
27th	Terry Richie	Calvary
Happy Anniversary September		
1st	Jeff & Tena Moody	Beech Springs
20th	Andrew & Jennifer Evans	Hodges Chapel
20th	Dennis & Brenda Scott	Public Well
20th	Ronny & Gayle Glisson	Pleasant View

August 2024	
25th	Global Hunger Sunday
27th	WMU Christmas in August @ 7:00 pm @ Gleason FBC
27th	Bivocational Conference @ 6:30 pm @ New Home
September 2024	
2nd	Labor Day - WCBA Office Closed
5th	WMU Council & Directors Meeting @ 2 pm @ WCBA
12th	WCBA Executive Board Meeting @ 6:30 pm at Mission Center
21st	Children's Missions Day
24th	Bivocational Conference @ 6:30 pm @ Gleason
29th	Caring Well Sunday
October 2024	
6th	Cooperative Program Sunday
6th	Ralston 150 Years Celebration
13th	Pastor Appreciation Day
19th	WCBA Annual Conference @ 8:30 am @ Bethel-Greenfield
20th	Day of Prayer for Associational Missions

Attention Church Clerks & Pastors
 Thank you for picking up your 2024 Annual Church Profile Packets!
 Deadline to return your information is **September 13th** as we need much of this information to plan for our Annual Meeting in October. Thank you!

Christmas in August
 Tuesday, August 27, 2024 • 7:00 pm
 @ Gleason First Baptist Church

Next Meeting Dates:
 Executive Board—September 12, 2024 at 6:30 pm
 Annual Meeting—October 19, 2024 @ 8:30 am @ Bethel Gr
 ALT—November 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm

"LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS, BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL THINGS."
 1 CORINTHIANS 13:7

ALL THINGS TENNESSEE

ANY WAY YOU SLICE IT...TENNESSEE IS A MISSION FIELD.

2024-2025 TENNESSEE MISSIONS EMPHASIS



Send your church news
by the 15th of each month to:
Weakley.Baptists@gmail.com; newsletter prints on/around the 20th

CHURCH NEWS



Pastorless Churches: New Hope, New Salem, Northwestern, Oak Grove (I), Ruthville

WCBA: Annual Church Profile submission deadline is September 13th. *Reminder: We do have an after-hours Drop Box for drop off We also have Who's Your One kits here at the Mission Center for any church that would like to go through this program.

Beech Springs: We will be having a Revival August 25th-28th, Sunday 11:00 am & 6:00 pm, Monday-Wednesday @ 7:00 pm. Guest Evangelist will be Bob Pitman from Muscle Shoals, AL. Pastor: Jeff Moody

Central: We will be having a Craft Fair September 21st from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm. Booths are \$20-\$30. Contact secretary@cbcmartin.org for more information. Our GriefShare Grief Support Group meets Mondays from 5:30 to 7:30 pm, August 12th-November 11th. Anyone can join at any time. Pastor: Kylan Mann

Dresden FBC: The Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Saturday, September 7th, at 8:00 am. All men in the community are invited for food & fellowship. The Sew Faithful Ministry will also meet that day from 9:00 am-noon for sewing & non-sewing mission projects. Helping hands are appreciated. We will observe the Week of Prayer for TN Missions and the Golden Offering September 8th-15th. JOY for Sr. Adults 55+ will meet Tuesday, September 17th, from 11:30 am-1:00 pm for a time of fellowship, a catered meal (\$5), and program by Dresden Police Chief Bryan Chandler speaking about the DARE program for senior adults. All senior adults are invited. RSVP by September 12th. The youth will participate in See You at the Pole and Saw You at the Pole on September 25th. The annual Jack Gallimore Foundation Benefit will be Saturday, September 28th starting at 5:00 pm at DFBC. Pastor: Don McCulley

Gleason FBC: Ms. Bobbye Robison was recently honored for 75+ years of serving as piano player and organ player at FBC. Bethel's Renaissance will be performing at FBC on Sunday, August 25th at 6:00 pm as part of Tater Town Festival week. WMU Christmas in August is Tuesday, August 27th, here at 7:00 pm. Wednesdays at noon, beginning September 4th, we will host a Warren Wiersbe study on the book of Daniel. Come worship and serve with us! Pastor: Bill Ellis

Greenfield FBC: September 1st, we will start having two morning worship services. The first will begin at 8:30 a.m. and the second will begin at 11 a.m. There will be Connection Time in the Fellowship hall after the first service so that members can visit before Sunday School. We will have a night of Old-Fashioned Gaither-Style singing September 29th. Rehearsal will be at 5:00 p.m. and the service will start at 6 p.m. We're encouraging all singers in the community to join us! Pastor: James Hazlewood

Long Heights: Greetings from Long Heights! We are thankful and excited how the LORD worked during our mission trip to Trinidad last month. Our team of 14 youth and adults assisted in VBS in the mornings -- attended by over 200 children! -- and Revival in the evenings. Praise God for the multiple confessions of faith that were made. What a blessing for the team to watch 18 adults and children follow the LORD in Believers Baptism in the Caribbean Sea! Next month, we begin our third year of holding the Good News Club. God has opened the doors to allow us to meet at the McKenzie Elementary School one day a week for GNC, where we are able to share the Gospel with Kindergarten through 4th grade. Last year's attendance averaged 80-100+ students per week. Amazing what God is doing. Pray with us as the Holy Spirit continues to draw these precious souls to Him. We pray that God will be glorified, that the Holy Spirit will give us the ability to speak in a manner that each child will be able to understand, and that many come to know Him. Pastor: Kenny Carr

Oak Grove: Our hearts were saddened in the past weeks with the passing of Ms. Suzanne Nanney. Please pray for her family and ask God to give them strength during this time. This is a great loss to our church. We celebrate with our pastor in his faithfulness as a minister of God for the past 66 years. He is truly a dedicated servant of God! God's blessings are continuing as our van ministry is increasing and the work on our building continues to progress. Pastor: Jerry Powell (I)

Palmersville: We will be having a Park Day, Sunday, August 25th. Our parking lot devotion begins at 10:00 am, then we will head to the park. Bring your own lunch. You are welcome to bring extra. Pastor: Brian Gallimore

Ralston: We are excited to announce that Ralston is celebrating 150 years of service to our Lord! You are invited to join us Sunday, October 6th, to help us celebrate as we gather together to praise God for the work He has done through the ministry of Ralston. Morning worship service begins at 9:45 am, with a 10:45 am music celebration with the group Living Truth. A noon luncheon will follow with food and beverages provided by the church, then a time of celebration and testimonies from special guests will take place. Your presence will make this anniversary a success. We are looking forward to seeing your smiling face! We have also set up a Blessing Box outside our church, with a dedication last Sunday, In Memory Of Pam Dyer. Pastor: Kenneth Springer

Thompson Creek: We had a revival every Monday night in July with different guest speakers. Several came to the altar for prayer, one for rededication, and one young man surrendered to the ministry. A man stayed after the revival on July 15th to talk with our pastor about being saved, and he accepted Jesus as his Master and Savior. On July 7th, the boy who had been saved after our VBS was baptized. He was the first one to be baptized in our new rubber watering trough that we put in our old baptistry. A young lady, who is one of our members, was not sure of her salvation and accepted Jesus as her Savior and Lord. She was baptized July 21st. The man who was saved July 15th joined our church July 21st and was baptized July 28th. Three of our members worked during the week of the WCBA Summer Mission Trip. Gideon Bibles were purchased and cards of thanks were sent to WCBA and to the workers from East Tennessee. During the month of July, our pastor encouraged our members to fast and pray for Tennessee. The Lord richly blessed us in the month of July. Pastor: Billy Ross

150 YEARS of GOD'S STORY
est. 1874
TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION
Planting for tomorrow, today.

SUMMIT
THE GATHERING OF TENNESSEE BAPTISTS

**Embassy Suites,
Murfreesboro
November 10-12, 2024**

WCBA Bivocational Minister's Conference:
August 27, 2024 @ 6:30. We will meet at New Home in Martin for a time of fellowship, food, and encouragement from God's Word! All pastors are welcome. We look forward to seeing you there!

ALT News:
At their August meeting, the Associational Leadership Team voted to adopt the Proposed Budget for the 2024/2025 fiscal year with an amendment to include \$1000 in annual support for Central Christian Academy.

WEAKLEY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

GCF
GREAT COMMISSION FUND OFFERING
Given To Date: \$13,193.93

The WCBA Mission Center will be closed September 2, 2024 in observance of Labor Day.

WCBA Budget Status
As of July 31, 2024
Actual Income to Date \$151,194.78
Actual Expenses to Date \$134,557.66
Yearly Budget Expense/Income \$173,638.00

Everyone is invited to join us for a **Revival**

Guest Evangelist: **Bob Pitman**
of Bob Pitman Ministries, Muscle Shoals, AL

Where:
Beech Springs Missionary Baptist Church
2696 Brawners Levee Road
Gleason, TN
Information: 731-413-2191

Aug 25th - 28th
Sunday, Aug. 25th - 11:00am & 6:00pm
Monday - Wednesday - 7:00pm
*Come and join us and be revived!

CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

T-M Tennessee Baptist MISSION BOARD

Deadline: **October 21-23**
Tnbaptist.org/backpacks

Dresden FBC collection thru Oct. 20, 2024

EQUIP 09.07.24

YOUTH APOLOGETICS CONFERENCE 10AM-5PM \$25

Registration, Lunch, & T-shirt

What should I do with my doubts and questions? Is the Bible true? Who's right about gender and sexuality?

JAY BARBER Youth Ministry Specialist, TBMB
DR. JUSTIN BARBARO Professor of Philosophy
DR. PHIL DAVENON Associate Professor of Sociology
SHANE PRUITT National Next Gen Director, NAMB

W.D. POWELL THEATRE UNION UNIVERSITY JACKSON, TN

Chaperones are not required but may register at the reduced rate of \$15. Questions? Email: equip@equip.org
To register, scan code or visit: equip.org/equip24

GRIEF SHARE
Grief Support Group

Mondays 5:30-7:30 pm
August 12th - November 11th
Central Baptist Church
Anyone can join at any time.

Eastside Baptist Church, Martin is currently accepting resumes for a song leader. Some experience necessary. Resumes may be submitted by mail to: Eastside Baptist Church, c/o Kristy Matheny, 2540 Ralston Rd, Martin, TN, 38237 or by email to eastsidebaptistchurch1971@gmail.com.

Next Lunch for All Church Ministry Assistants and Clerks (volunteer and paid): August 22, 2024 @ Central, Martin @ Noon BYO Lunch and September 12, 2024 @ Gleason FBC @ Noon

Monday Morning Pastor's Conference Beginning at 10 am

Join us for preaching, praying and old time fellowship and worship. You don't have to be a preacher to attend— Come join us every Monday at 10 a.m.

Minister's Wives
On the first Monday of each month Minister's Wives will meet beginning at 10 am for prayer and devotion time.

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ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE

Theme: **Being Steadfast in the Work**
Scripture: **Nehemiah 6:3**

Saturday, October 19, 2024
Bethel Baptist Church
1546 Highway 54, Greenfield, TN
8:30 a.m. - Conference
7:30 a.m. - Breakfast

*Reservations required for breakfast. RSVP by October 11th (731) 364-3739

**Each Church is allowed 4 messengers: The non-pastor Executive Board member and 3 others.

Cans For Kids Sold a load of cans for \$450 in May. That's a total of \$1249 for 2024 so far. Wow! Proceeds benefit activities for the children of Tennessee Baptist Children's Home. Collection trailer is on the parking lot of Mathis Battery in Dresden. Drop your cans off to make a difference in the lives of children served by these homes!

Global Hunger Relief

Global Hunger Sunday

AUGUST 25, 2024

Join the movement as we tackle hunger in the United States and around the globe.

GlobalHungerRelief.org

Gleason Gazelles Present

Bethel Renaissance

Gleason First Baptist Church
August 25, 2024
6 PM

A Love Offering will be collected

Biblical Counseling Ministry
John Bowers, certified counselor with the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors, is available for counseling on Mondays.

The Associational Churches cover the cost of these services, but services are by appointment only.

Please call the WCBA office at 731-364-3739 to schedule an appointment.