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Notes from the DOM Desk...

We had a wonderful Fall Conference this past Saturday morning, October 19th. This year's conference was held at Bethel Baptist Church in Greenfield. We began at 7:30 with breakfast and then gathered together in the sanctuary at 8:30. We heard two challenging sermons and participated in the singing of hymns. We heard interesting reports from our SBC entities, as well as our TBMB and associational ministries. We appreciate our special guests who gave reports from their specific entities. The whole day was a testimony of what our churches can do as we cooperate together. A special thanks to Bethel Baptist for being such a wonderful host.

A source of information that I recommend on the upcoming presidential election comes from a sermon preached by Gary Hamrick entitled "Church, Unite for the Soul of America: Ezekiel 33:1-5." You can access this sermon through Google. It is a look at the major issues of both candidates and where each one stands.

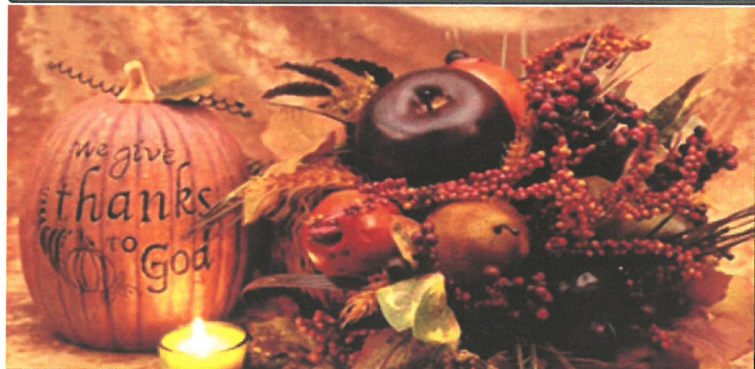
Tera and I appreciate the extra week of vacation given us during the annual conference. Our families also wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

As we labor together,
Bro. Phil

Happy Birthday November		
4 th	Misty Davidson	Adams Chapel
20 th	Lebern Allen	Eastside
21 st	Tracey Garner	Bethlehem
28 th	Susan Warren	Bethel - Greenfield
Happy Anniversary November		
15 th	Brent & Misty Davidson	Adams Chapel
26 th	Lowell & Kathy Wiley	New Prospect

October 2024	
Cooperative Program Emphasis Month	
29 th	Ministers & Wives Chili Cook-Off/Supper @ Mission Center @ 6:30 pm
November 2024	
3 rd	Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
7 th	WCBA ALT Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ Mission Center
10 th	Orphans & Widows Sunday
11 th -13 th	TBMB Summit @ Murfreesboro
12 th	WMU Quarterly Mtg @ 7:00 pm @ Bethel, Greenfield
28 th -29 th	WCBA Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!

December 2024	
International Missions Emphasis Month	
1 st -8 th	Week of Prayer and Mission Study for IMB and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
6 th	WCBA Ministers & Wives Christmas Dinner @ Bethel, Greenfield @ 6:30 pm (WCBA calendar has incorrect time)
24 th -31 st	WCBA Office Closed
January/February 2025	
Jan 11 th -17 th	WCBA Mission Trip to Hurricane-affected area
Feb 18 th	WCBA Evangelism Conference - Venue TBD



HAPPY THANKSGIVING

WMU Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2024 • 7:00 pm
@ Bethel, Greenfield
Int'l/Lottie Moon Emphasis

Next Meeting Dates:

ALT—November 7, 2024 at 6:00 pm
Executive Board—March 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm



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2025 National Mission Trip

January 11-17, 2025

Cost: Approximately \$300

(This will be based upon the final details.)

We have decided to help our neighbors this year rather than travel internationally. We aren't sure yet where we will be going, but we do have the when. We anticipate needs will primarily be construction help.

Further information will be provided as soon as we have the details.



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: Bible Union, Calvary, New Hope, New Salem, Northwestern, Oak Grove (I)

WCBA: Thank you to all who came out for Annual Meeting Saturday, October 19th! We are making plans for our January Mission trip to one of the hurricane-ravaged areas. Details to come as soon as possible. The next Ministry Assistant/Church Clerk luncheon will be November 21st @ FBC Greenfield @ noon. These are BYO lunches and we would love to see you all there! One of our favorite parts of these lunches is getting to tour our sister churches. Please let us know if you would be willing to host one of our lunches. Our Chili Cook-off and Christmas Dinner are coming up soon. See details on the next page.

Bethel, Greenfield: OCC Shoebox Collection week is November 18th-25th. Pastor: Mark Warren

Bible Union: We will be having our annual Harvest Day October 27th, with lunch after the morning service and singing by Under Grace.

Central: We will have Biblical Escape Rooms October 23rd-26th from 6:00-9:00 pm. Must make reservation by calling 731-587-5311. 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: Our annual Fall Festival will be Sunday, October 27th from 4:00-6:30 pm. There will be activities for the entire family. The Men's Ministry will have their monthly breakfast Saturday, November 2nd, at 8:00 am. All men in the community are invited. The Sew Faithful Ministry will also meet November 2nd from 9:00 am-noon for sewing & non-sewing mission projects. Helping hands are appreciated. The WC Backpack program will pack for November on Tuesday, November 5th, @ noon. Volunteers are always appreciated. Our Ladies Ministry will host the BCM Noonday meal at UTM on Thursday, November 14th. JOY for Sr. Adults 55+ will meet Tuesday, November 19th, at 11:30 am, for devotion, meal and program with guest speaker Gail Rogers from the Senior Citizens Center. Contact the church by November 14th to RSVP. All senior adults are invited. Pastor: Don McCulley

Gleason FBC: Three of our members served with the WCBA Disaster Relief Team in East Tennessee. Trunk or Treat will be in our parking lot October 31st from 5:30-8:00 pm. Our Harvest Day is Sunday, November 3rd, with former pastor Bro. Chris Ward bringing our Harvest Day message. Come worship and serve with us! Pastor: Bill Ellis

Greenfield FBC: Our Fall Revival will be held Sunday, October 20th-Wednesday, October 23rd. Monday-Wednesday services at 7:00 pm with Bro. Dennis Trull from FBC McKenzie preaching. We will host a community gospel singing as part of Greenfield's Front Street Festival October 24th at 7:00 pm. Our Children's Department will be riding on a Lego-themed float in Front Street Festival Parade Saturday, October 26th. Our Harvest Day will be Sunday, October 27th, with worship at 10:00 am and a potluck fellowship meal to follow. No evening services. Our Senior Adults will attend a luncheon at Union University November 5th, and our Children's Department will enjoy an afternoon of skating in Milan on November 9th. Parents and grandparents are invited. Our Hem of his Garment sewing ministry meets the 2nd Saturday of each month. They will be making Christmas quilt squares to be included in a food box distribution in December. We will be joining Bethel Baptist for a community-wide Thanksgiving worship service Sunday, November 24th. Our annual Give-away Day will be Saturday, December 7th, from 7:00-10:00 am. We need gently used household items or clothing and new canned goods. Pastor: James Hazlewood

Pleasant View: We had an amazing day with our Shooting Contest October 12th! We had over 30 in attendance with great fellowship and food. Mr. Larry Porter gave his testimony afterwards showing us how a thing such as hunting can be used to share Jesus with others. God blessed us with a great day and we will definitely be doing it again next year. Pastor: Ronny Glisson

Ralston: To all who celebrated our 150th Anniversary, we thank you! It was a day of worshipping God, honoring the past, and pressing on toward the future. Pastor Kenneth Springer and members of Ralston Baptist invite you to join us on this continuing journey. To God be the glory! Great things He has done! Pastor: Kenneth Springer

Sidonia: Our annual Harvest Day will be November 10th at 11:00 am with lunch to follow. Bro. Tommy Harrison will bring the message. Pastor: Doug Morris

Thompson Creek: We are saddened by the passing of one of our members in September. We surpassed our goal for the Golden Offering, which was collected in September. The WOM ladies sponsored a Ladies' Gathering with a devotion, snacks, and a craft on October 12th. For Pastor's Appreciation Day, our church gave Bro. Billy a check and Patty a large potted mum. Our Harvest Cookout for the Youth will be on October 26th at 5:00 pm. Pastor: Billy Ross

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

SUMMIT
THE GATHERING OF TENNESSEE BAPTISTS

Embassy Suites,
Murfreesboro
November 10-12, 2024

WHILE WE CAN
"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." EPHESIANS 5:16

Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat
Music Road Hotel & Convention Center
January 23-25, 2025 Register before December 8, 2024

WCBA 2024 Annual Conference

Total Attendance:	91
Messengers:	72
Visitors:	17
Churches Represented:	27

WEAKLEY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

GREAT COMMISSION FUND OFFERING
Given To Date: \$19,396.08

WCBA Budget Status
As of September 30, 2024

Actual Income to Date: \$179,532.87
Actual Expenses to Date: \$168,965.46
Yearly Budget Expense/Income: \$173,638.00

JOBS: Song Leader @ Eastside Baptist Church, Martin. 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.

Part-Time Worship Leader @ Chapel Hill Baptist, Milan. Please contact Amy Brown at sidnbethbrown@gmail.com for more information or to submit a resume.

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Ministers & Wives Chili COOKOFF & Supper
Compete or just come eat
(for all ministers and wives, not just Senior Church Pastors)

Tuesday, October 29, 2024
6:30 pm

WCBA Mission Center
*All guests not competing will be judges.

Please RSVP by October 22, 2024 to let us know if you are participating and/or joining us so that we know how much additional chili to supply.

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. Contact WCBA for appointment.

Samaritan's Purse
Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection Centers

BIBLE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
2852 Bible Union Road, Martin, TN

Operating Hours:
November 18-23: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
November 24: 12:00 pm to 4:30 pm
November 25: 7:00 am to 9:00 am

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
1546 Greenfield Highway 54, Greenfield, TN

Hours of Collection:
Nov. 18th - 8:30am to 10:30am • Nov. 19th - 10am to 12pm
Nov. 20th - 1pm to 3pm • Nov. 21st - 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Nov. 22nd - 11:30am to 1:30pm • Nov. 23rd - 10:30am-1:30pm
Nov. 24th - 3pm to 5pm • Nov. 25th - 8am to 10am

Cans For Kids Sold a load of cans for \$432 in September. That's a total of \$1681 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! Also, please help by only throwing cans, not bags or other items, in the trailer. Thank you!

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.

FALL FESTIVALS
Ruthville: Oct 19th 4:00 pm
Dresden FBC: Oct 27th 4:00-6:30 pm
Tumbling Creek: Oct 27th 5:00 pm
FBC Sharon: Oct 30th 6:00 pm
Pleasant View: Nov 2nd (Family Fun Day)

TRUNK OR TREAT
Palmer'sville: Oct 26th 5:00-7:00 pm (+Pie the Pastor)
Central, Martin: Oct 31st 6:00-8:00 pm
Gleason FBC: Oct 31st 5:30-8:00 pm
Greenfield FBC: Oct 31st 5:00-7:00 pm

HARVEST DAY
Bible Union: Oct 27th with lunch and signing by Under Grace
Greenfield FBC: Oct 27th 10:00 am
Sidonia: Nov 10th 11:00 am with Tommy Harrison

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Ministers & Wives Christmas Dinner
Friday, December 6, 2024 @ 6:30 pm

Bethel Baptist Church
1546 Highway 54
Greenfield, TN 38230

\$20 per couple
Please RSVP by December 2nd to sign up.
731-364-3739 or Weakley.Baptists@gmail.com

Greenfield Community GOSPEL SINGING
Thursday, October 24 @ 7 PM

Featuring The Chandler Family, The Phillips Family, and Other Local Singers

First Baptist Church 3127 N Meridian Street Greenfield, TN

His Plans...Our Hands

Puppet Ministry
Martin, TN

Judy Pearce
(731) 514-7772
pearcetruckandato@yahoo.com

New Harmony Baptist Church
26th Annual **Live Nativity!**
December 6th - 8th
6:00-8:00 PM

Drive through a trail of luminaries and view the living scenes depicting the birth of Christ.

Come and enjoy our free Christmas gift to the community.

7050 Hwy. 69 South Paris, TN 38242
Located 5 miles from Hwy. 218 Bypass
Call (731)593-5276 for more information.