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Notes from the DOM Desk...

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is December 1-8. The month of December is also the month we give to international missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. There are still billions of people internationally who are lost in sin. Along with our churches giving weekly to missions, we also have the opportunity during the Christmas season to do extra by giving through the LMCO. This money goes directly to the mission field, supporting the families that are actually in the trenches. I hope your churches will be generous.

Since this newsletter covers both December and January, let me remind you of some important things that are happening in January, 2025. January Bible Study will be in Joshua. Our January mission trip is scheduled for January 11-17. The Sanctity of Human Life Sunday is January 19. The Bivocational Ministers and Wives Retreat in Pigeon Forge is January 23-25.

Susan and I, along with Jerry and Tera, wish you and your church a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Thank you for all you do in and through your church.

Laborers Together,
Bro. Phil

Happy Birthday December		
7th	Gene Price	Tumbling Creek
9th	Mike Brown	Corinth
10th	Fay Ott	Sharon FBC (Associate)
11th	Jeri Springer	Ralston
15th	Trish Price	Tumbling Creek
28th	Patricia McClure	Union Grove
28th	Doug Morris	Sidonia
28th	Rylan Hoots	New Hope
29th	Jackie Carr	Long Heights

Happy Anniversary December		
11th	Josh & Meagan Carden	The Shepherd's Field
28th	Gene & Trish Price	Tumbling Creek
28th	Michael & Melissa Rust	Victory
30th	Mark & Susan Warren	Bethel, Greenfield

Happy Birthday January		
4th	Beth Collins	Davis Memorial
5th	Pete Staples	Liberty
8th	Sonya Reagan	Moore's Chapel
11th	Tena Moody	Beech Springs
26th	Casey Hoots	New Hope
30th	Keith Sumner	Central (Associate)

Happy Anniversary January		
22nd	Don & Sherryl McCulley	Dresden FBC

November 2024	
28th-29th	WCBA Office Closed - Happy Thanksgiving!

December 2024	
International Missions Emphasis Month	
1st-8th	Week of Prayer and Mission Study for IMB and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
6th	WCBA Ministers & Wives Christmas Dinner @ Bethel, Greenfield @ 6:30 pm
24th-31st	WCBA Office Closed
25th	Merry Christmas!

January 2025	
1st-3rd	WCBA Office Closed - Happy New Year!
5th-12th	January Bible Study - Joshua
11th-17th	WCBA Mission Trip to Hurricane-affected area
19th	Sanctity of Life Sunday
21st	WMU Quarterly Meeting @ 7:00 pm
23rd-25th	Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat, Pigeon Forge
28th	WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conference @ Thompson Creek @ 6:30 pm

February 2025	
Feb 18th	WCBA Evangelism Conference - Venue TBD

Next Meeting Dates:
Executive Board—March 13, 2025 at 6:30 pm
ALT—May 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm

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OF YOUR GIFT TO THE
LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING*
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INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

JOIN THE GREAT PURSUIT THROUGH YOUR GENEROUS GIFT TODAY

OUR CHURCH GIVING GOAL
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lottie-moon.com



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 Salem, Northwestern, Oak Grove (I)

WCBA: A new ministry openings board and monthly calendars can be found on our website. We still have 2024-25 calendars available at the office. Our Pastors & Wives Christmas Dinner is coming up soon. See details on the next page. The next Ministry Assistant/Church Clerk luncheon will be in January. We still need a host church for this! We are looking forward to the upcoming holidays. Thank you for allowing us to serve you!

Bethel, Greenfield: OCC Shoebox Collection week is November 18th-25th, our Adult Christmas program December 8th @ 5:30 pm, Children's Program December 15th @ 5:00 pm with a Happy Birthday Jesus party following the program, and a Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 5:00 pm December 24th. Pastor: Mark Warren

Dresden FBC: Saturday, December 7th: The Men's Ministry will have their monthly breakfast at 8:00 am at Kountry Korner. All men in the community are invited. The Sew Faithful Ministry will meet from 9:00 am-noon for sewing & non-sewing mission projects, and the Lively Ones group will be attending the Gaithers concert in Paducah that same night. Our Christmas musical "Carol & the Belles," performed by our children, youth & adult drama teams, will be Sunday, December 8th at 6:00 pm. Our Christmas Cantata "Gloria -The Wonders of His Love," performed by our adult Christmas choir, will be Sunday, December 15th at 10:45 am. JOY 55+ ministry will meet Tuesday, December 17th, at 11:30 am. The Goodtime Singers will be our guest program. All senior adults are invited. Pastor: Don McCulley

Gleason FBC: We hosted our Community Thanksgiving service and meal Sunday, November 17th, with many in attendance. Praise the Lord! Our youth and chaperones will be attending Hearts on Fire in Pigeon Forge this weekend. Our Men's and Women's Fellowships will meet December 1st. All are welcome to come worship and serve with us! Pastor: Bill Ellis

Greenfield FBC: Our annual Give-Away Day is Saturday, December 7th, from 7:00-11:00 am. This is a free event to help those less fortunate in our community. There will be gently used toys, household items, clothing, furniture, as well as new toys and pantry goods available on a first-come, first-served basis. Our Children's Ministry Christmas party is also December 7th from 2:00-4:00 pm. The Children's Ministry will then present a Christmas musical Sunday, December 8th, at 6:00 pm, followed by a finger-food fellowship. Saturday, December 14th, our Genesis Sunday School Class members will assemble and deliver food boxes to our homebound members and the less fortunate in the community. Our Adult Choir will present a Christmas Cantata Sunday, December 15th, at 6:00 pm with a finger-food fellowship afterwards. Our office will be closed December 24th, 25th, 30th and January 1st. Have a blessed and Merry CHRISTmas! Pastor: James Hazlewood

Long Heights: We had our Annual Harvest Day and Thanksgiving Fellowship meal November 17th. Operation Christmas Child packing party will be November 30th. The Women's Ministry is hosting a Christmas Banquet December 8th, with a catered meal and a guest speaker, as an outreach to our community women. The Children's Ministry will be having their Christmas Program December 22nd. The Missions Ministry has been assembling bags of items and church information to be handed out to new neighbors and persons not currently attending church. Following the example of Central in Martin, we have begun mailing out weekly bulletins to our shut-ins to help them feel connected. Coming Soon—LHBC website is being updated by Jason Allison, Executive Student Pastor. Pastor: Kenny Carr

Oak Grove: Our new building is getting its roof put on! We are so thankful for God's blessings! We lost another dear member in October. Ms. Norma Franks went to be with the Lord October 17th. We ask that you continue to remember her family in prayer. We will also be having our Thanksgiving celebration Wednesday, November 20th at the Purple Iris in Dresden. Pastor: Jerry Powell

Ralston: We have recently added 5 to our church roll. We celebrated Veteran's Day with a puppet program Sunday night, a performance at VanAyer nursing home Sunday, and another performance at the Veteran's home in Humboldt on Saturday. We are busy filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. Pastor: Kenneth Springer

Thompson Creek: Two of our missionaries that we support spoke to us November 3rd. One person joined our church November 10th. We packed 95 OCC shoeboxes and had a blessing over them November 17th. That afternoon, we joined several other churches for a community-wide Thanksgiving Service and Fellowship Meal at Jolley Springs Baptist Church. Dr. Morgan Owen was the guest speaker. Rudy and Rose French will be our guest missionary speakers November 24th. Our mid-week service will be Tuesday, November 26th, not Wednesday. We have a Blessing Box on the east side of our church for those who may need items. Happy Thanksgiving to all! Pastor: Billy Ross

Printing Schedule Change: Due to the upcoming holidays, The Advance will not be printed in December. The next Advance is scheduled for January 2025. Deadline for your church news is January 17, 2025. Thank You!



Mission Trip
Weakley County Baptist Association
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. Please visit the office or wcbatoday.com for applications. December 31, 2024 application deadline.

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

WCBA 2024 Annual Conference

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

As of October 27th, we are very excited to welcome the new pastor of New Hope, Bro. Rylan Hoots, along with his wife Casey.

WCBA Budget Status

(As of October 31, 2024)
Actual Income to Date: \$27,755.15
Actual Expenses to Date: \$8,226.74
Yearly Budget Expense/Income: \$180,372.00

JOB: **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.

Pastor @ Bible Union Baptist Church, Martin. Resumes may be submitted by mail to: Bible Union Baptist Church, c/o Dennis Dunday, 2852 Bible Union Rd., Martin, TN, 38237. Contact Dennis at 731-819-7461 or Caleb at 731-819-1240 for more information or visit wcbatoday.com and look for Ministry Openings under Resources for the full ad.

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

SERVICES: I am providing Sunday night, Wednesday night, & special occasion **piano services** (Ex: Christmas programs/revivals). Cheryl Cheatham (731) 234-4038

ALT News:

At their November meeting, the Associational Leadership Team voted to allocate \$10,000 for the East TN Mission Trip in January.

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

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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. 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.



WMU Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2025 • 7:00 pm
Venue: TBD



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Ministers & Wives Christmas Dinner

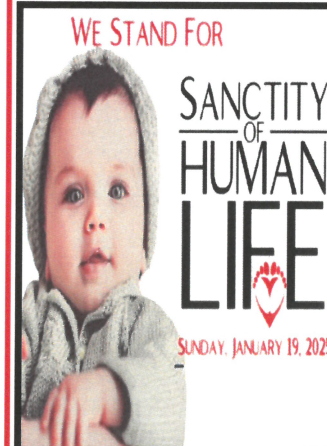
Friday, December 6, 2024
@ 6:30 pm

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



His Plans...Our Hands

Puppet Ministry
Martin, TN

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

New Harmony Baptist Church
presents the
Live Nativity

DECEMBER 6-8 6-8 PM
7050 Hwy 69S Paris, TN 38242