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**Notes from the DOM Desk...**

Our associational mission team had a great trip to East Tennessee during the week of January 12-17. We assisted with work due to the results of Hurricane Helene back in September. Make sure you read about the specific work done in another part of this newsletter. All money given and goods donated toward the relief effort is greatly appreciated.

Our Equipping the Saints class for the spring will be taught by Dr. Rob Finley. His subject will be prayer. It will go for seven weeks and will be held here at the association office. It begins February 3.

Our annual Evangelism Conference will be held at New Home Baptist Church on February 18. David Evans, pastor of Springfield Baptist Church in Middle Tennessee, will be our preacher. Four people from your church are invited to the preconference meal beginning at 6:00 pm. The service will begin at 7:00 pm. I hope many from your church will attend.

A good book for your consideration is "Ask Pastor John." This is a book that records 750 Bible answers to life's most important questions as recorded from John Piper's many years of pastoral ministry.

Laborers Together,  
*Bro. Phil*

**Happy Birthday February**

2nd	Tommie Sue Terrell	Pleasant Grove
11th	Gayle Glisson	Pleasant View
14th	Tera Lochala	WCBA Ministry Asst
18th	Susie Hazlewood	Greenfield FBC
27th	Brent Davidson	Adams Chapel

**Happy Anniversary February**

5th	Jackie & Amy Vaughan	Greenfield FBC (Associate)
14th	Lebern & Jenny Allen	Eastside
21st	Kenny & Jackie Carr	Long Heights

**January 2025**


23rd-25th TBMB Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat, Pigeon Forge  
 28th WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conference @ Thompson Creek @ 6:30 pm

**February 2025**

2nd George Liele Church Planting, Evangelism, & Missions Sunday  
 16th Focus on WMU Sunday  
 17th Presidents' Day - WCBA Office Closed  
 18th WCBA Evangelism Conference @ New Home @ 7:00 pm  
 23rd Racial Reconciliation Sunday  
 25th WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conference @ 6:30 pm @ Sharon FBC  
 25th WMU Emphasis Meeting @ 7:00 pm @ Sharon FBC

**Next Meeting Dates:**

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

 Next Lunch for All Church Ministry Assistants and Clerks (volunteer and paid): January 30, 2025 @ WCBA Office @ Noon. These are BYO Lunch. We would love to see any Ministry Assistant or Church Clerk here!

The WCBA Mission Center will be closed February 17, 2025 for Presidents' Day.

**Weakley County Baptist Association**

**Evangelism Conference**

**Tuesday, February 18, 2025**  
**6:00 pm @ New Home Baptist Church**  
**8403 New Home Rd**  
**Martin, Tennessee 38237**



Bro. David Evans, Senior Pastor at Springfield Baptist Church and former Evangelism Director at TBMB will be the speaker.

Our associational evangelism conference will be held on Tuesday night, February 18, 2025 @ New Home Baptist Church in Martin. We will have dinner at 6:00 pm. Pastors and wives are invited, along with two other members of your church. Our conference will then begin at 7:00 pm.

Join us for a night of worship and inspiration!  
 \*The deadline for reservations for the dinner is February 10, 2025.

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

## CHURCH NEWS



**Pastorless Churches:** Bethel-McKenzie, Bible Union, Calvary, New Hope, New Salem, Northwestern, Oak Grove (I), Sidonia  
**WCBA:** The next Ministry Assistant/Church Clerk luncheon will be January 30, 2025 @ the WCBA Mission Center @ noon.

**Dresden FBC:** Men's Breakfast will meet Saturday, February 1, at 8:00 am for food & fellowship. All men are invited. The Sew Faithful group will also meet Saturday, February 1, from 9:00 am - noon for sewing and non-sewing mission projects. Helping hands are always appreciated. The Senior Adult group JOY will meet Tuesday, February 18, at 11:30 am for devotion, meal, & program. Keith Dunning, Veterans Service Officer for Weakley County, will be our program guest. We will start a new Bible Study class for our Young Adults 18-25 on February 2. Pastor: Don McCulley

**Greenfield FBC:** We've been blessed with a fresh start. In January, we held a 4-session class, "Prayer Revived in '25", led by our own Bro. Jackie Vaughan. It was a blessing. As we move into February, we have an outreach event planned for Saturday, February 1st. The next event on the calendar will be our members' annual Valentine Banquet February 8th. Entertainment will be provided by Karen Hicks of Ralston. The Hem of His Garment sewing ministry continues to meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month. The ladies are producing some lovely items, such as quilted prayer squares, as well as crocheted baby blankets, which are distributed both near and far. Pastor: James Hazlewood

**Long Heights:** We had 26 youth and adults attend Strength to Stand in Pigeon Forge this weekend. They are on their way back as I type, but the word so far is that two of the youth accepted The Lord as their Savior! In other news, our Senior Adult Ministry—we call it Sam's Club—is having our first meeting January 25th. Pray with us that this ministry will help us grow in faith, fellowship and following Christ. Pastor: Kenny Carr

**Thompson Creek:** We had our Hanging of the Greens Service December 1st. Our WOM ladies ate at Tom's Steakhouse in Paris and played games December 4th while the men ate their Christmas dinner at Sirlon Stockade in Murray, KY. Our children, directed by Linda Davis, presented "Red Letter Christmas" and Barrs Chapel's choir sang some songs at our Christmas program December 22nd. We surpassed our goal of \$2,500 for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. The WOM Blessing Box has been used several times by those in need. Our adults celebrated with a New Year's Eve party at Ore Springs Fire Department December 31st. Larry and Vanice Parker went on the WCBA Mission Trip to East TN the week of January 12th-17th. We will be filling the baby bottles for Tomorrow's Hope this year. Bro. Billy and Mrs. Patty will be going to the TBMB Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat in Pigeon Forge January 23rd-25th. Our Youth Director, Alex Cserni, will preach the two services on Sunday, January 26th. Our church will host both the WMU Quarterly meeting January 21st and the WCBA Ministers & Wives Conference January 28th. Pastor: Billy Ross

**JOBS: Associate Pastor, Music Director, & Musicians @ Victory Baptist, Sharon** Please contact Victory @ (731) 247-6016 for more information.

**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

### 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 Emphasis Meeting**  
Tuesday, February 25, 2025 • 7:00 pm  
Venue: Sharon FBC

### Biblical Counseling Ministry

John Bowers, certified counselor with the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors, is available for counseling on Fridays currently.

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

### His Plans...Our Hands Puppet Ministry Martin, TN

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

(performances and loan outs)

Two WCBA churches served as collection centers for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. They report the following total shoeboxes collected as of 11/25/24:



Bible Union - 3,781  
Bethel Greenfield - 2,751

**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!

**TAX NOTE:** The IRS has announced standard mileage rates for 2025 have increased to 70¢ per mile.

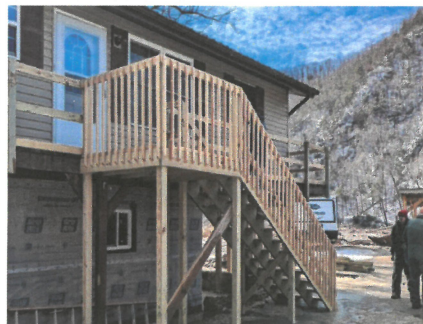
**WCBA Budget Status**  
(As of December 31, 2024)  
Actual FY Income to Date: \$53,853.97  
Actual FY Expenses to Date: \$33,597.76  
Yearly Budget Expense/Income: \$180,372.00



## Weakley County Baptist Association 2025 January Mission Trip



Thirty-two volunteers spent time in East Tennessee January 12th-17th to take part in disaster recovery efforts following the devastating damages caused by Hurricane Helene. Mount Zion in Jonesborough graciously provided accommodations for our team. Projects were in Embreeville, Hampton, Elizabethton, and Mountain City and included sheetrock and tile tear outs, sheetrock installation, sheetrock mudding, building staircases and ramps, plumbing and electrical help, chainsaw work, and the feeding of the volunteers.



### Weakley County Baptist Association

### Equipping the Saints

### Presents a Study on

### Prayer for Personal Spiritual Growth

With Dr. Rob Finley

Co-founder and President of Prayer Resources, Inc.

Phone: (270) 838-6870

www.prayerresources.org

Prayer For Personal Spiritual Growth is a seminar designed to produce new spiritual growth for both layman and minister through the discovery of the Biblical principles of prayer. The seven-week seminar provides an evaluation of where we are, where we should be, and how we can get there in both our personal and our church prayer life.

Topics include:

- Spiritual Disciplines – Monday, February 3
- Levels of Prayer – Monday, February 10
- Organizing Prayer – Monday, February 17
- Scripture-Praying – Monday, February 24
- Misplaced Ministry of the Church – Monday, March 3
- Travailing for the Lost – Monday, March 10
- Biblical Pattern of Revival – Monday, March 17

The end of all things is near; therefore be self-controlled so that you can pray. – 1 Peter 4:7 (BV)

Monday Nights • 6:30 pm • Beginning February 3, 2025

WCBA Mission Center

Cost: \$10 for book

### WCBA Ministers & Wives Monthly Conference

Tuesday, January 28th @ Thompson Creek @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, February 25th @ Sharon FBC @ 6:30 pm

Please RSVP to these for meals.

### Hurricane Helene Relief Giving

\$24,574.46