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Notes from the DOM Desk...

The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is scheduled for March 2-9. As you know, this is a week that we take the opportunity to learn about our missionaries and the work they are doing right here in the United States. The prayer guides provided by NAMB are very helpful in this way. I hope your church sets a specific monetary goal and then works to reach that goal. All monies collected through the Annie Armstrong Offering go directly to the mission field.

Our VBS Clinic will be held on a Sunday afternoon this year. The date is March 16 at 2:00 p.m. at First Baptist Gleason.

I want to recommend a helpful book on studying and applying the New Testament. The book is entitled "How to Understand and Apply the New Testament" by Andrew Naselli. This book is in-depth but very practical and helpful to the serious Bible student. It is published by P&R Publishing.

Laborers Together,

Bro. Phil

***If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter, please let us know!**

Happy Birthday March

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| 4th David Gallimore | Ruthville |
| 5th Andrew Evans | Hodges Chapel |
| 12th Angie Ellis | Gleason FBC |
| 19th Phil Mitchell | DOM |
| 28th Kenny Carr | Long Heights |
| 28th Kylan Mann | Central |
| 28th Kenneth Springer | Ralston |
| 29th Ronny Glisson | Pleasant View |

Happy Anniversary March

- 22nd Billy & Patty Ross Thompson Creek



February 2025

- 23rd Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 25th WCBA Ministers & Wives Conference @ 6:30 pm @ Sharon FBC + WMU Emphasis Meeting @ 7:00 pm
- 27th Ministry Assistant/Church Clerk lunch @ noon @ Bethel, Greenfield

March 2025

- 2nd-9th Week of Prayer and Missions Study for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 4th Regional TBMB VBS Clinic @ Calvary, Jackson @ 6:15 pm
- 13th WCBA Exec Board Mtg @ 6:30 at Mission Center
- 16th WCBA VBS Clinic @ 2:00 pm. Venue TBD
- 22nd TN Baptist Disaster Relief Training @ Dresden FBC @ 7:30 am
- 25th WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conf @ 6:30 pm

April 2025

- 20th **EASTER!**

The 2024 Annual Fall Conference Book of Minutes is ready at the WCBA office. This book contains details of the conference, info about our association broadly, plus contact and church position info for all of our associational churches. We would love to have someone from each of our churches call or come by and see us for your copy!

WCBA Budget Status
 (As of January 31, 2025)
 Actual FY Income to Date: \$68,606.20
 Actual FY Expenses to Date: \$45,235.91
 Yearly Budget Expense/Income:
 \$180,372.00

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

North American Mission Board

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STEP INTO THE STORY

THE MISSION FIELD
 The North American Mission Board serves a diverse and complex region comprised of the United States, Canada, and their territories.

Population: 386 million
Languages: 350
Estimated Lost: 286 million
Unreached People Groups: 161

Statistics from U.S. Census Bureau and The Joshua Project

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: Bethel-McKenzie (I), Bible Union, Calvary, New Hope, New Salem, Northwestern, Oak Grove (I), Sidonia (I)

WCBA: The next Ministry Assistant/Church Clerk luncheon will be Thursday, February 27th @ Bethel, Greenfield @ noon. The Book of Minutes from our Annual Meeting in October is now ready to be picked up at the Mission Center. Our Executive Board will meet Thursday, March 13th @ 6:30 pm here at the Mission Center, and our Annual VBS clinic will be held Sunday, March 16th @ 2:00 pm. Location TBD.

Dresden FBC: Our Men's Ministry Breakfast will be Saturday, March 1st at 8:00 am. All are invited for food & fellowship. The men will do a few projects around the church afterwards. The Sew Faithful Ministry will also meet Saturday, March 1st from 9:00 am-noon for sewing and non-sewing mission projects. Helping hands are always welcome. The WC Backpack volunteers will meet Tuesday, March 4th at noon in the FLC. Extra volunteers are always appreciated. The Women on Mission will host the BCM Noonday at UTM on Thursday, March 13th. Our Youth will attend YEC at Union University on Saturday, March 15th. JOY for seniors 55+ will meet Tuesday, March 18th at 11:30 am. Brenda Williams with "The Bag Ladies" will be our guest program on a mat ministry for the homeless. Pastor: Don McCulley

Gleason FBC: FBC ladies have begun a book study on Revelation. The men have begun a study titled "Warrior". We invite everyone to join us as we study and fellowship Sunday nights at 5:00 pm. We look forward to participating in Secret Church in April, studying the book of Matthew. Our GROW program will kickoff once again in March as we reach out to our community. Come worship and serve with us at FBC! Pastor Bill Ellis

Greenfield FBC: Our sewing ministry, the Hem of His Garment, has produced adult bibs which have been, and will be, distributed to area nursing homes. Most recently, they delivered 50 bibs to Diversicare in Martin, TN, where Amy Vaughan played the piano for a sing-along led by Susan Kellough! The residents really enjoyed singing the familiar hymns. Our GA's will host a pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 8th from 7:00-9:00 a.m. All proceeds will go to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Y'all come! Two outreach events are scheduled in March as we work to reach our community for Christ. The FBC Seniors Saints will be heading to Linden, TN on Saturday, March 22nd to attend the Blooming Arts Festival. Our choir and musicians continue to rehearse for our Passion Play, which will be presented Friday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. Come sing with us! We rehearse most Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. Pastor: James Hazlewood

Oak Grove: We are praising God for all the work that has been completed on our new building! God is blessing the work and the workers! We have had much sickness in our congregation and ask that you pray for our church family. God has blessed us with several visitors in our services the last few weeks and we are so grateful for them. Interim Pastor: Bro Jerry Powell

Ralston: Ralston will again have our 5th Sunday night singing on March 30th at 6:00 pm. Come and worship with us through songs of praise. Our youth will be attending YEC soon. Pastor: Bro. Kenneth Springer

Thompson Creek: Several of our members are attending the classes on personal prayer taught by Dr. Rob Finley on Monday nights. Our church had a Valentine's Dinner for the adults on Saturday, February 15th. We filled baby bottles with money for Tomorrow's Hope. Some of us participated in the Helping Hand Auction on the Como/Ore Springs Day, February 18th. Eric Homer will be doing a musical presentation Sunday night, February 23rd, at 5:30 PM. Please pray for our church members. We have had so many that have been sick that we had to cancel a Wednesday night service, and we have had slim crowds on Sundays. Pastor: Billy Ross

JOBS: Bivocational Youth Pastor @ Ralston, Martin Please contact Ralston @ (657) 763-6774 for more information or send resumes to ralstonbaptist@gmail.com. Requirements: Beliefs in line with Baptist Faith and Message and use of KJV or NKJV versions of God's Word.

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.

Bivocational Pastor @ Poplar Springs Baptist, Atwood. Please send resumes to Chris Hayes at poplarspringsbaptistchurch24@gmail.com

Bivocational Pastor @ Water Valley Baptist, Water Valley, KY. Please contact David Vaughn at (270) 705-1782 for more information.

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

Cans For Kids Sold a load of cans for \$540 in January to begin 2025. 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 drink cans. No bags, cat food, aluminum foil 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, April 22, 2025 • 7:00 pm
Venue: TBD

Biblical Counseling Ministry

John Bowers, our WCBA counselor, 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.

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

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

(performances and loan outs)



If you have had Introduction to Disaster Relief and/or any specialized classes, and your class certification has expired or will expire this year, please take the opportunity and get re-certified, so that you may be able to serve when a disaster occurs. If you take Introduction to Disaster Relief, you need to recertify every 3 years, regardless of activation. To take Recertification classes, you must be an existing volunteer.

Introduction to Disaster Relief & Chainsaw Operation & Safety—Dresden (West TN)

March 22 @ 7:30 am - 12:00 pm

SPECIALIZED



March 22, 2025 – First Baptist Church, 490 Morrow St, Dresden, TN 38225. To pre-register for this class, contact Tera Lochala at (731) 364-3739 or weakley.baptists@gmail.com with your name.

Please pre-register by Thursday, March 20th, so that we can supply you with the proper training materials.

Use this link to find the forms:

<https://tndisasterrelief.org/registration-forms/>

The Girl's in Action
invite you to a

**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**

Greenfield FBC
March 8th
7-9am
Fellowship Hall

Donations will be accepted for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

WCBA Ministers & Wives Monthly Conference



Tuesday, March 25th, 6:30 pm @ TBD venue

CELEBRATING OVER 50 YEARS



YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." Romans 10:9

THREE REGIONAL YEC EVENTS IN 2025:



Hurricane Helene Relief Giving

\$24,574.46



WEAKLEY COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

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ATTENTION

WHAT: TRAINING CLASS FOR NON-FACILITY

SUPPORT PERSONNEL

WHEN: Tuesday, March 11, 2025 @ 6:00 PM

WHERE: 7951 HWY 22, DRESDEN, TN IN THE

COURT ROOM

PLEASE CALL 731-364-2206 AND ASK TO SPEAK WITH OFFICER APRIL JAGGERS.

FFO, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

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45th Anniversary Tour



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A LOVE OFFERING WILL BE ACCEPTED.

Crafting for Youth Camp Fundraiser
Saturday, March 1st
8am - 8pm
Do you love crafting but hardly have time to spend on it?
COME SPEND THE DAY WITH US AND HELP RAISE MONEY FOR YOUTH CAMP!
*Register by 2.28
Send an email to secretary@cbcmartin.org for more details.
Central Baptist

Time to Shine
John 1:3-4

You are cordially invited to
Agape House Spring Event
Featuring: Matt Hamitt

When: March 13, 2025
Location: First Baptist Church
123 University Street
Martin, TN 38237



WCBA VBS Clinic

Sunday, March 16th @ 2:00 pm.
@ FBC Gleason

GRIEF SHARE
Grief Support Group

Mondays 5:30-7:30 pm
February 10th - May 5th
Central Baptist Church

what JOY
MISSIONS GET-TOGETHER
APRIL 4-5, 2025
FIRST BAPTIST DICKSON
DICKSON, TN