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Notes from the DOM Desk...

“Easter Sunday” is April 20. This is the Sunday that many churches set aside to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This is a good day to invite family and friends to church who may not attend on a regular basis. Of course, the church meets every Sunday to celebrate the resurrection. I hope April 20th will be a great day in your church.

A special thanks to all of you who take leadership roles in our association. I appreciate you taking your responsibilities so seriously and doing your best to plan and promote your events. I realize that each one you has key roles in your local church, but you are still able to faithfully serve our association.

Our summer mission trip is scheduled for July 12th-18th. Our Executive Board has also voted to sponsor a mission trip to Honduras. All the details have yet to be worked out, but the date is sometime in June. We will publish the information as soon as we get it.

Laborers Together,
Bro. Phil

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

Happy Birthday April

3rd	Patty Ross	Thompson Creek
3rd	Brenda Scott	Public Well
5th	Jim Garner	Bethlehem
13th	Tina Brewer	Jolley Springs

Happy Anniversary April

11th	Ronnie & Patricia McClure	Union Grove
18th	Keith & Tina Sumner	Central-Associate
24th	Wayne & Linda Perkins	

March 2025
22nd TN Baptist Disaster Relief Training @ Dresden FBC @ 7:30 am
25th Monthly Ministers & Wives Conf @ 6:30 pm @ WCBA

April 2025
4th-5th Missions Get-Together, Dickson FBC, Dickson, TN
8th West TN Pastors Conf, Union University @ 10:00 am
18th Good Friday - WCBA Office Closed
18th Passion Play @ Greenfield FBC @ 6:30 pm
18th Gleason FBC: Multiple services beginning at 9:00 am
19th-20th Passion Play @ Bethel, Greenfield 6:00 pm nightly
20th EASTER!
22nd WMU Quarterly Mtg, Venue TBD
29th Monthly Ministers & Wives Conf @ 6:30 pm @ WCBA

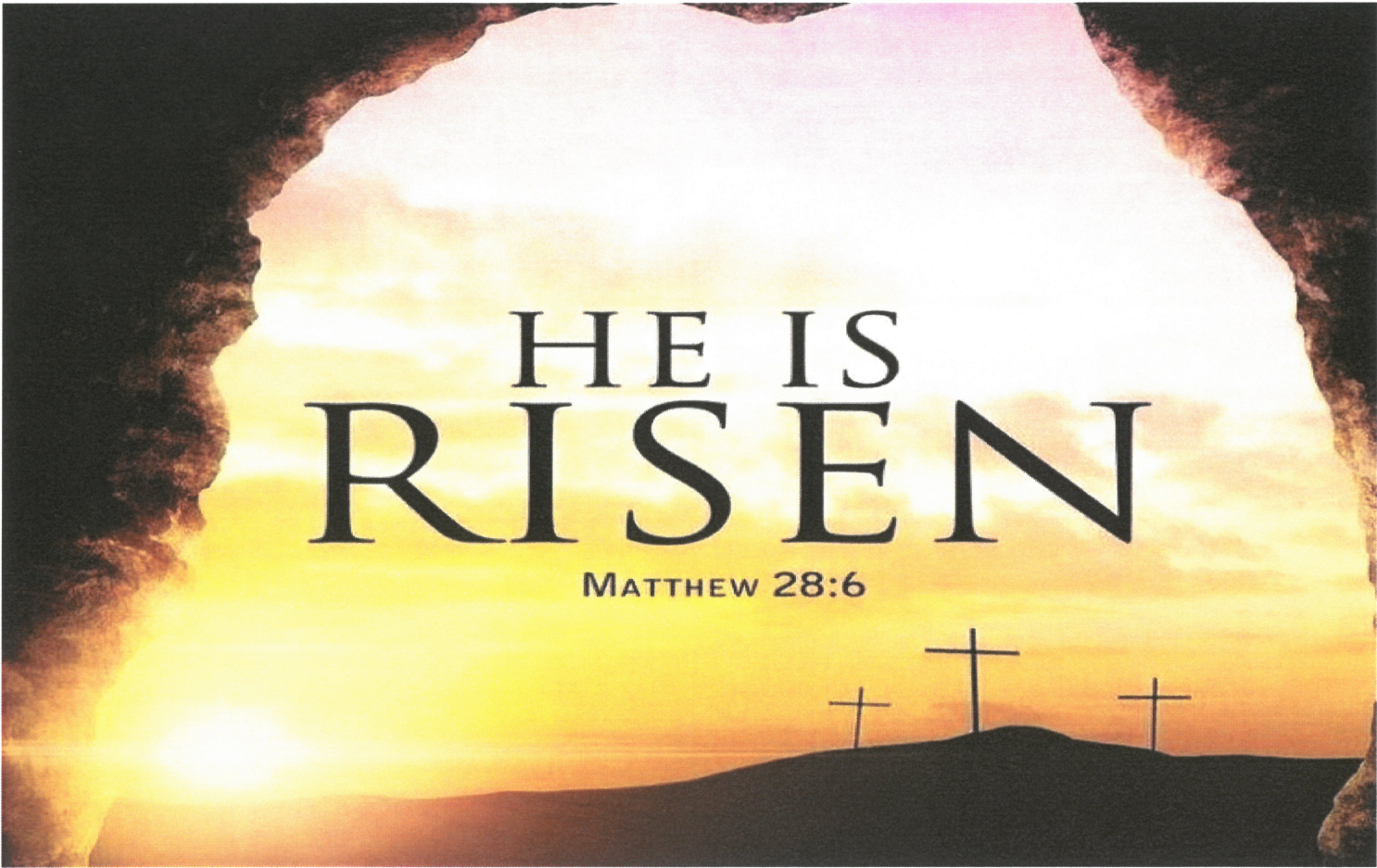
May 2025
6th West TN Pastors Conf, Union University @ 10:00 am
15th ALT Meeting @ WCBA Mission Center @ 6:00 pm
27th WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conference @ 6:30 pm

The 2024 Annual Fall Conference Book of Minutes is ready at the WCBA office. We would love to have someone from Adams Chapel, Calvary, Davis Memorial, Eastside, Jolley Springs, New Hope, New Salem and Ralston call or come by and see us for your copies!

WCBA Budget Status
(As of February 28, 2025)
Actual FY Income to Date: \$80,048.34
Actual FY Expenses to Date: \$60,437.30
Yearly Budget Expense/Income: \$180,372.00

Next Meeting Dates:
ALT—May 15, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Executive Board—September 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm

DALLAS
SBC
PRE-REGISTER
APP MESSENGERS EVENTS EXHIBITORS CONTACT ROAD TO DALLAS VOLUNTEER
ANNUAL MEETING
★ 2025 ★
JOIN US JUNE 8-11 FOR THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING & PASTORS' CONFERENCE



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 Prospect, New Salem, Oak Grove (I), Sidonia (I)

Dresden FBC: The Men's Monthly Breakfast will be Saturday, April 5th, at 8:00 am. All men are invited for food & fellowship. Our Sew Faithful will also meet Saturday, April 5th, from 9:00 am to noon for sewing & non-sewing mission projects. Helping hands are always welcome. JOY for senior adults 55+ will gather Tuesday, April 15th at 11:30 am for devotion, meal, and program by professional gospel singer Joan Jones Gregory. Call the church office by April 10th to RSVP. Our Children's Ministry will host a Community Wide Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 19th, starting at 10:00 am at Wilson Park. Our Adult Easter Cantata Choir will present By His Stripes We Are Healed Sunday morning, April 20th, during the Easter Celebration service. Our TeamKID Closing Ceremony will be Wednesday, April 30th, at 6:00 pm in the worship center. All family & friends of TeamKID participants are invited. Pastor: Don McCulley

Gleason FBC: Bethel University Renaissance Bluegrass will be at FBC Sunday, April 13th, at 10:30 am. Children's Eggstravaganza will be April 16th. Good Friday services will be at 9:00 am, noon, 3:00 pm, 6:00 pm with guest speakers and musicians. It will be a day of fasting and worship. Join us in celebration during this Easter season. Pastor Bill Ellis

Greenfield FBC: Spring work day at FBC is set for Saturday, April 5th, beginning at 8:00 a.m.. Our Senior Saints will be providing a delicious soup lunch for the workers that day. The Hem of His Garment sewing ministry continues to meet on the second Saturday of the month, which will be April 12th, from 9:00 am - noon. They have had requests from area nursing homes for additional adult bibs. Our seamstresses continue to make quilted prayer squares, quilts, and crocheted items. The group keeps the sewing machines humming and are showing the love of Christ with the items that are stitched with love. An egg hunt will be held at the church on April 12th from 2:00-4:00 pm. FBC's music ministry will present their annual Passion Play at 6:30 p.m., Good Friday, April 18th, with a finger food fellowship will follow. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. This is a free event. Pastor: James Hazlewood

Pleasant Grove: On Sunday, March 16th we enjoyed a soup and sandwich fellowship meal after morning service that included a Surprise Grandparent Shower for Bro Tony and Mrs. Tommie Sue. They are so excited to be expecting their first grandchild, a sweet baby boy, to arrive soon in Hawaii. They were presented with gifts for baby Tate and also some special items just for the future Pop Pop and Glammie. Congratulations are wished to the whole Terrell family!

Ralston: Please join us at Ralston Baptist Church for the Ladies of Grace Women's Conference. It will be April 12th with check-in beginning at 8:00 am. A continental breakfast will be available. Our speaker will be Cherry Heines, from Second Baptist Church, on the theme "Joy for the Journey." Lunch will be served. This is free of charge, but space is limited. For more information or to register, go to our website www.ralstonbaptist.org. Don't forget our 5th Sunday night Singing, March 30 @ 6:00 pm. Pastor: Bro. Kenneth Springer

WCBA MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITIES:

We will be participating in TWO mission trips this summer. In addition to our regularly scheduled WCBA Mission Trip planned for July 12th-18th, most likely somewhere in Tennessee, there will also be a trip to Honduras sometime in June. The Honduras trip will consist of constructing the 2nd story of a church and will only need a very small group of volunteers due to space constraints. Further details for both of these will be forthcoming as we have them.



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)

SPECIALIZED



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

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.

Use this link to find the forms:

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

WCBA Ministers & Wives Monthly Conference

Tuesday, March 25th, 6:30 pm @ WCBA Mission Center

Please contact the office with the dish you are bringing so we can ensure an entrée is available.



Gleason FBC will be having Good Friday services throughout the day on April 18th.

9:00AM Randy Potts
Pastor, New Home, Martin

12:00Noon Billy Ross
Pastor, Thompson Creek, Como

3:00PM John Ott
Interim Pastor, Sidonia Church, Sharon

6:00PM Bill Ellis
Pastor, FBC Gleason



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.

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

GRIEF SHARE

Grief Support Group

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



March 22nd, 2025
Prayer & A Cookie
Where: Wilson Park in Dresden, TN
10 AM-1:00 PM

If you need prayer, come. If you want to share your testimony, come. If you have a question about the Bible, come!

LADIES OF GRACE

Women's
CONFERENCE

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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 pearctruckandauto@yahoo.com
(performances and loan outs)

"ONCE UPON A CROSS"

April 19th & 20th @ 6:00 pm nightly

We invite you to join us as we celebrate the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ!

(A full Music/Drama Easter Presentation)

Bethel Baptist Church – 1546 Hwy 51, Greenfield

****Nursery will be available.****



Cans For Kids Sold a load of cans for \$630 in March for a total of \$1170 in 2025 so far! 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. Thanks!