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Notes from the DOM Desk...

May 11 is Mother’s Day this year. During the month of May, our churches are asked to give to our Tennessee Baptist Children’s Homes through what is called our “Mother’s Day Offering.” Tennessee Baptists operate three residential homes in the three regions of our state (Memphis, Brentwood & Chattanooga). Tennessee Baptists have been providing help and hope for children since 1891. In 2013, TBCH partnered with Tennessee’s Department of Children’s Services to provide certified foster families across the state for children who come into state custody. Your gifts to this ministry are greatly needed and appreciated.

Our summer mission trip is scheduled for July 12-18. We will return to East Tennessee as we will help with the rebuild after the devastating results of Hurricane Helene. The cost per person is \$150.

There is still a great need for help in flood recovery in Dyer County. There are lots of jobs to do. If you or your church can help, please contact the office.

Laborers Together,  
*Bro. Phil*

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

**Happy Birthday May**

5th	Jack Woods	Old Bethel
19th	Jackie Vaughan	Greenfield FBC Associate
24th	Stacey Staples	Liberty
28th	Larry Reagan	Moore’s Chapel
29th	Lammie Lammersfeld	

**Happy Anniversary May**

3rd	Jack & Carol Woods	Old Bethel
22nd	David & Tonia Gallimore	Ruthville
27th	Randy & Cheryl Potts	New Home

**April 2025**

29th Monthly Ministers & Wives Conf @ 6:30 pm @ WCBA

**May 2025**

1st National Day of Prayer  
3rd Outdoor Praise & Worship Service with food –Eastside  
4th SBC Seminary Sunday  
6th West TN Pastors Conf, Union University @ 10:00 am  
7th Iris Festival Pancake Supper 6:45 pm/Gospel Singing 7:00 pm  
Dresden FBC  
8th Ministry Assistant lunch @ Long Heights @ noon  
11th Mother’s Day + TN Baptist Children’s Homes Offering  
15th ALT Meeting @ WCBA Mission Center @ 6:00 pm  
18th National Day of Prayer for VBS + Children’s Ministry Sunday  
26th Memorial Day - **WCBA Office Closed**  
27th WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conference @ 6:30 pm

**June 2025**

7th-13th Honduras Mission Trip

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

**WCBA Budget Status**  
(As of March 31, 2025)  
Actual FY Income to Date: \$92,550.33  
Actual FY Expenses to Date: \$74,498.19  
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



**HAPPY MOTHER’S**

**May 11, 2025**



## Weakley County Baptist Association



### 2025 East TN Summer Mission Trip

**July 12-18, 2025**

**Cost: \$150**

We have decided to continue to help our neighbors this summer. Accommodations will again be provided by Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Jonesborough, our January mission trip host. We will be helping members of their community with various needs, including some construction projects, as well as helping with Bible Clubs for children in the area.

**We would love to have you join us!**

Deadline for the application and fee will be June 20, 2025. Applications will be available at wcbatoday.com, at the WCBA Mission Center, or they can be emailed for your convenience.

For questions, please contact us at weakley.baptists@gmail.com or (731) 364-3739.

*\*Participants must have completed the 8th grade.*



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 (I), Bible Union, Calvary, New Hope, New Prospect, New Salem, Oak Grove (I), Sidonia (I)

**WCBA:** It's sign up time for our Summer Mission Trip to East TN. Dates are July 12th-18th with a cost of \$150. The next Ministry Assistant lunch will be May 8th at noon at Long Heights. These are BYO lunches and we would love to have all church secretaries and clerks join us. Also, we plan to send countywide VBS flyers to schools this year. If you haven't provided us with your church's VBS dates & times, please do so prior to Monday, May 5th.

**Dresden FBC:** Sew Faithful will meet Saturday, May 3rd from 8:00-11:00 am for sewing/non-sewing mission projects. Helping hands are appreciated. We will honor our High School and College graduates on Sunday May 4th during the morning service. Graduates will have display tables set up in the Life Center for viewing, and we will enjoy light breakfast foods with them before and after morning classes. Our Ladies & Men's ministries will host a Pancake Supper on Wednesday, May 7th, from 5:00-6:45 pm in the Life Center. Tickets are \$5 at the door to benefit local charities. The Iris Festival Gospel Night will be May 7th at 7:00 pm in the Worship Center with a concert by The Church Sisters. Tickets are \$10 at the door. Our JOY program will gather Tuesday, May 20th, at 11:30 am. Program speakers will be Lindsey Gordon and Penny Gallimore from Security Bank & Trust. All senior adults are welcome! Pastor: Don McCulley

**Eastside:** We had one saved March 30th followed by baptism Easter Sunday! We will have an outdoor Praise & Worship Concert Saturday, May 3rd, at 4:00 pm with hamburgers and hotdogs. Our revival will be May 18th-21st, Sunday at 11:00 am, Sunday-Wednesday night at 6:30 pm. Pastor: Lebern Allen

**Gleason FBC:** Easter was a very special time for us. We now focus on our next LG Day (Loving God by Loving Gleason) on Saturday, April 26th, where we spread love in our community. We are planning a churchwide trip to Columbus-Belmont Park in May, with VBS and a time of serving at Love Packages in Decatur, AL coming up in June. Come worship and serve with us! Pastor: Bill Ellis

**Ralston:** We had a large crowd for our Ladies of Grace Women's Conference. A group from Greenfield FBC came and blessed us with special music for our 5th Sunday night service. We observed the Lord's Supper on Thursday night before Easter. Ralston is growing! We have added 21 new members this church year. What a blessing! Pastor: Kenneth Springer

**Sharon FBC:** We had a great Easter service this past week. Thanks to Bro. Tony Harrison and choir for blessing all in attendance with their cantata presentation, "Then Came the Morning." We will host the UTM BCM Impact Team April 27th for the morning service, and our Graduate Recognition Service will be Sunday, May 4th. We will celebrate mothers on Mother's Day, May 11th. Join us for VBS - Magnified, June 8th-11th, 6:00-8:00 pm! We are partnering with Sidonia Baptist Church for a community VBS camp this year! Pastor: Josh Moore

**Thompson Creek:** Allison Bowers was a special guest speaker at our evening service, Sunday, April 6th. She spoke about how God has used Psalms to speak to her through the grief of her husband's passing. On Palm Sunday, April 13th, God's Kids did a musical program, The Crucifixion of Jesus, led by Linda Davis. On Good Friday, our pastor spoke at FBC Gleason for the noon service. Our Easter Sunrise service was at 6:30 am, followed by breakfast and Sunday school. Pastor: Billy Ross

### 2025 WEAKLEY COUNTY VBS SCHEDULE

#### COMO:

**Thompson Creek:** July 6-10, Magnified from Lifeway

#### DRESDEN:

**Dresden FBC:** June 8-12, Magnified from Lifeway  
**Adams Chapel:** August 2, 2025, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

#### GLEASON:

**Beech Springs:** June 1-5  
**Tumbling Creek:** June 15-19, 6:00-8:00 pm, PreK-6<sup>th</sup> grade, True North from Group  
**Gleason FBC:** June 16-20, 6:00-8:30 pm with Family Night Friday, Wonder Junction by AIG

#### GREENFIELD:

**Bethel:** July 20-24, 6:00 – 8:00 pm, True North from Group  
**Bethlehem:** June 16-19, 6:00-8:30 pm, PreK-5<sup>th</sup>, Magnified from Lifeway  
**Greenfield FBC:** June 22-25 YeeHaw Celebrating God's Greatest Gift from Group

#### MARTIN:

**Central:** June 1-5, 6:00-8:30 pm with meals, Wonder Junction from Answers in Genesis  
**Bible Union:** June 22-26, ages 3 to adult, Wonder Junction from AIG with meal, Family Night Thursday night.  
**Ralston:** June 23-26, Magnified from Lifeway  
**Eastside:** Near end of July, Magnified from Lifeway, dates TBA with Bible Clubs to follow during school year.

#### MCKENZIE:

**Long Heights:** June 16-20, 6:00-8:00 pm, Magnified from Lifeway  
**Bethel:** July 14-18, Magnified from Lifeway

#### SHARON:

**Sharon FBC:** June 8-11, 6:00-8:00 pm, Magnified from Lifeway



### Join Us for Our Women's Ministry Event!

Featuring Special Guest:  
Carole Wolaver - "The Pottery Lady"



Beech Springs Baptist Church  
2696 Brawners Levee Road

Make your reservation now.  
731-415-2191

May 10th  
Dinner @ 6pm  
Presentation at 7pm

(Note) This is an event for all ladies, young or old.

Senior Rejuvenation  
April 27-30  
Guest Speaker: Dr. Sing Oldham  
at Central Baptist Church, Martin

April 27<sup>th</sup>: 8AM & 10:30AM Services (No Lunch Served)  
April 28-30<sup>th</sup>: 10:00-12 each day (Lunch Served at Noon)

**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 call (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.

**Song Leader & Piano Player @ Broadway Baptist Church, Martin**  
Resumes may be submitted to tandav59@gmail.com

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

His Plans...Our Hands **Puppet Ministry**, Martin, TN Offers both performances and loan outs of puppets and supplies for your church. Judy Pearce (731) 514-7772 pearcetruckandauto@yahoo.com

### The MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING



Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes

THE CHILDREN AT TBCH NEED YOU TO SUPPORT  
THE MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING.



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WEAKLEY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION  
**GCF**  
GREAT COMMISSION FUND OFFERING  
Supporting our local, national, and international mission endeavors.

Emphasis July 2025

**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!

### 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 - Christmas in August

Tuesday, August 26, 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.

### IRIS FESTIVAL PANCAKE SUPPER

May 7th 5:00—6:45 pm in the Life Center \$5 at the door

### IRIS FESTIVAL GOSPEL NIGHT

May 7th @ 7:00 pm in the Worship Center



WCBA Ministers & Wives Monthly Conference

Tuesday, April 29th, 6:30 pm @ WCBA Mission Center

**SBC DALLAS**  
ANNUAL MEETING  
★ 2025 ★

JOIN US JUNE 8-11 FOR THE 2025  
ANNUAL MEETING & PASTORS' CONFERENCE

**TBF FOUNDATION**

**Presentations at CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH**

Join us for either session to learn more about Estate Planning and Asset management offered by the TN Baptist Foundation. All ages are encouraged to attend!

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

**21 MAY** AT 6:30PM  
**22 MAY** AT 10AM

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