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Notes from the DOM Desk...

Our summer mission trip this year is July 12-18. We will be traveling again to East Tennessee to participate in the rebuild efforts due to Hurricane Helene. The cost per person is \$150.00. We will be staying at the Mt. Zion Baptist in Jonesborough, TN. Our team will be involved in construction and VBS.

The following are some special events occurring during June. June 1 is Disaster Relief Sunday. We hope to have a video available for that Sunday that explains DR. The SBC annual meeting is in Dallas on June 10-11. Father’s Day and the Tennessee Baptist Adult Home Offering is scheduled for June 15. June 22 is Mission Dignity Sunday. This is a ministry that helps financially support retired minsters and/or their wives.

I will be teaching our next Equipping the Saints Class beginning in August. This class will be a study of I John. We will meet on Mondays from 6:30 -8:00 p.m. We will begin on August 4 and go through September 22.

Laborers Together,
Bro. Phil

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

Happy Birthday June

1st	Meagan Carden	The Shepherd’s Field
2nd	Ronnie McClure	Union Grove
4th	Dennis Scott	Public Well
4th	Tonia Gallimore	Ruthville
9th	Linda Perkins	
11th	Jerry Powell	Oak Grove (I)
14th	Felecia Mann	Central
20th	John Ott	Sidonia (I)
20th	Bill Ellis	Gleason FBC
22nd	Tracey Crossno	Mack’s Grove
23rd	Susan Mitchell	DOM Wife
25th	Tina Sumner	Central - Associate
30th	Jeff Moody	Beech Springs

Happy Anniversary June

5th	Richard & Tina Brewer	Jolley Springs
8th	Kenneth & Jeri Springer	Ralston
8th	Larry & Sonya Reagan	Moore’s Chapel
11th	James & Susie Hazlewood	Greenfield FBC
12th	Albert & Beth Collins	Davis Memorial
16th	Jerry & Ora Lee Powell	Oak Grove (I)
18th	Phil & Susan Mitchell	DOM
19th	Tony & Tommie Sue Terrell	Pleasant Grove

May 2025

22nd Estate Planning & Asset Management Workshop @ Central @ 10:00 am
26th Memorial Day - **WCBA Office Closed**
27th WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conference @ 6:30 pm @ Mission Center
31st Ralston School’s Out Bash @ 2:00 pm

June 2025

1st Disaster Relief Sunday
7th-13th Honduras Mission Trip
8th Bible Union Homecoming Service @ 10:45 am
8th-9th National WMU Missions Adventure & Celebration in Dallas
10th-11th SBC Annual Meeting in Dallas
15th Father’s Day
15th TN Baptist Adult Homes Offering
19th Juneteenth
20th World Refugee Day
22nd Mission: Dignity Sunday

July 2025

4th Independence Day - **WCBA Office Closed**
12-18th WCBA 2025 Summer Mission Trip to East TN
31st WCBA Finance Team meeting @ 6:00 pm @ Mission Center

WCBA Budget Status
(As of April 30, 2025)
Actual FY Income to Date: \$109,189.06
Actual FY Expenses to Date: \$86,457.44
Yearly Budget Expense/Income: \$180,372.00

Next Meeting Dates:

ALT—August 7, 2025 at 6:00 pm
Executive Board—September 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm

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 13, 2025 so we have time for our t-shirts to be made. 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 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)

WCBA: It's sign up time for our Summer Mission Trip to East TN. Dates are July 12th-18th with a cost of \$150. Ministry Assistant lunch June 12th at noon at Central. We distributed county-wide VBS flyers in most of our county elementary schools. Great Commission Fund emphasis in July, supporting our mission endeavors. Equipping the Saints Classes: A study of 1 John will begin August 4th here at the Mission Center. Please call, come by or email us to sign up. A book may be required.

Beech Springs: We will be hosting a Men's Conference Saturday, June 14th, with guest speaker Clay Dyer. Meal will be at 6:00 pm with event to follow. Pre-register by June 7th by calling or texting 731-415-2191. Pastor: Jeff Moody

Central: We will be hosting Tod Tanner from the TN Baptist Foundation Wednesday, May 21st, @ 6:30 pm and Thursday, May 22nd, @ 10:00 am. This will be a presentation about Estate Planning and Asset Management. These sessions are identical. Pastor: Kylan Mann

Dresden FBC: DFBC is honored and blessed to have Bro. Don McCulley (& family) serving as our pastor and preacher for 36 years June 4th. Other staff anniversaries in June include our custodian Lisa Harris, 18 years; our ministry assistant Janet Robinson, 18 years; and our nursery director Becky Anderson, 7 years. The Sew Faithful ministry will meet June 6th & 7th from 9:00 am-noon. Helping hands are appreciated. Our Magnified VBS will be the week of June 8th-12th from 6:00-8:30 each night. The men's ministry breakfast will be June 14th at 8:00 am. All are welcome. Our Young Adult group will begin a summer study "Together - Acts 2" on Monday June 16th at 6:00 pm with a meal before the study. All aged 18-25 are invited. Sr. Adult JOY will meet Tuesday, June 17th, at 11:30 am for a meal & program. Larry Morgan will be our guest performer. Pastor: Don McCulley

Gleason FBC: We will have a churchwide School's Out cookout Wednesday, May 21st. Plans are underway for a great VBS June 16th-20th. Family Night is Friday with special guest Barry Mitchell and his pals. A one-day trip to serve at Love Packages in Decatur, Alabama will be June 27th. Come worship and serve with us! Pastor: Bill Ellis

Greenfield FBC: Bro. James and Mrs. Susie will attend the SBC Annual Meeting June 8th-11th with a representative from The Gideons International speaking during our Sunday morning service. We're hosting FBC Jackson's Youth Choir Wednesday, June 11th @ 7:00 pm. Our sewing ministry was blessed with fabric donations in May and has been making adult bibs and prayer quilt squares. Our Senior Adults will be heading to Boyette's June 10th. Our VBS will be Sunday-Wednesday, June 22nd-25th from 6:00-8:30 pm. Our Sunday-night kickoff will include inflatables, games, songs and Bible truths plus some fine vittles with hamburgers and hot dogs on the grill! Pastor: James Hazlewood

Long Heights: Our youth will be at camp in Gulf Shores May 26th-30th. We are excited to be having VBS June 16th-20th from 6:00-8:30 pm, Magnified! Our mission trip to Trinidad will be July 11th-19th where we will assist with VBS, Awana and preaching! Pastor: Kenny Carr

Oak Grove: We are truly being blessed at Oak Grove. God has given us three professions of faith in the last month! Our church completion is getting very close and our excitement continues to build. We are eagerly awaiting the installation of our baptistry as we await our first baptism in the new building. VBS will be held Saturday, June 7th, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Our theme will be "Magnified" Seeing God in the small things! Pastor: Bro Jerry Powell (I)

Ralston: We will be hosting a School's Out Bash Saturday, May 31st, from 2:00 pm until after dark with food, activities and a movie. Pastor: Kenneth Springer

Sharon FBC: We are looking forward to the summer months! Gideon Speaker, Bob Hathcock, May 25th. VBS Magnified at FBC, partnering with Sidonia Baptist Church, June 8th-11th, 6:00-8:00 pm. Pre-K through 5th grade invited to attend! Father's Day Service June 15th. Independence Day church-wide cookout June 29th at 6:00 pm. All invited! Pastor: Josh Moore

Thompson Creek: On Mother's Day, we gave all the mothers a gift and a rose. We have three high school seniors who graduated this year. We gave each of them a card and a gift May 18th. Rudy and Rose French are missionaries that we support. They gave a report and showed slides of their recent trips at the PM service on May 18th. We took up a love offering to help with Bro. Rudy's recent heart procedure that he had while he was in South Korea. Pastor: Billy Ross

Tumbling Creek: Luke Hughes preached at our 9:00 am service May 4th. We later recognized Luke for 20 years as youth minister and presented him with a plaque and a gift certificate. Pastor: Gene Price

Victory: We will have a Spring Fling Saturday, May 24th from 2:00-6:00 pm with food, games and a movie. All are invited! Pastor: Michael Rust

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

FATHER'S DAY OFFERING 2025



VISIT OUR
WEBSITE:



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

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Emphasis July 2025



Cans For Kids Sold a load of cans for \$585 in May for a total of \$1755 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!

IN LOVING MEMORY OF CHARLES OGG
April 29, 1933—May 13, 2025

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.

June 1st
Disaster Relief
Sunday

How you can help:

Pray
Volunteer
Give



WCBA Ministers & Wives Monthly Conference

Tuesday, May 27th, 6:30 pm @ WCBA Mission Center
Spring Cookout - Bring sides and desserts

2025 WEAKLEY COUNTY VBS SCHEDULE

DRESDEN:

Oak Grove: June 7, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Magnified!
Dresden FBC: June 8-12, 6:00-8:30 pm with light meal each night, Magnified!
Mack's Grove: July 20-25, 5:00-7:00 pm Sunday, 6:00-8:00 pm Monday-Friday, Classes for all ages, even adults, Magnified!
Adams Chapel: August 2, 2025, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

GLEASON:

Beech Springs: June 1-5, 6:00-8:30 pm, Wonder Junction
Tumbling Creek: June 15-19, 6:00-8:30 pm, PreK-6th grade, True North
Gleason FBC: June 16-20, 6:00-8:30 pm with Family Night Friday, Wonder Junction, Classes for kids and adults

SHARON:

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



GREENFIELD:

Bethlehem: June 16-19, 6:00-8:30 pm, PreK-5th, Magnified
Greenfield FBC: June 22-25, 6:00-8:30 pm YeeHaw Celebrating God's Greatest Gift
Bethel: July 20-24, 6:00-8:00 pm, 3 yrs to 6th grade, True North

MARTIN:

Central: June 1-5, 6:00-8:30 pm with meals, Wonder Junction
Bible Union: June 22-26, 6:00-8:30 pm, ages 3 to adult, Wonder Junction with meal, Family Night Thursday night
Ralston: June 23-26, 6:00-8:00 pm, Family Night Thursday, the 26th, with a meal, Magnified
Eastside: July 21-25, 6:00-8:00 pm, Discovering Jesus from CEF with Bible Clubs to follow during school year

MCKENZIE:

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

COMO:

Thompson Creek: July 6-10, 6:00-8:30 pm with meals, Family Night Thursday, Magnified!

LET'S CELEBRATE HAPPY
FATHER'S DAY

A father is neither an anchor to hold us back
nor a sail to take us there. But a guiding light
whose love shows us the way.



Christmas
IN JULY
Craft Booths and More

JULY
SATURDAY 26 9:00-4:00
2852 Bible Union Rd
Martin, TN 38237

SBC
DALLAS
ANNUAL MEETING
★ 2025 ★

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

731-364-3739
weakley.baptists@gmail.com

Equipping the Saints Classes

A study of 1 John

Mondays @ 6:30 August 4th-September 22nd
@ WCBA Mission Center
No cost (but possible book charge)