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

We are gearing up for our annual summer mission trip. As you already know, we are heading to East Tennessee to assist with rebuild efforts as a result of Hurricane Helene. We presently have 27 volunteers that will be leaving on July 12 and returning on July 18. We will be involved with construction and VBS/Backyard Bible Club. Please pray for our team!

Our Honduras mission team had a successful trip to that country. They were able to reunite with friends and fellow believers and also help construct a second story education floor for a local church. Next month's newsletter will have more details about the trip.

During the month of July, we are asking our churches to consider giving to the Great Commission Fund Offering. The GCF offering helps support our local, national, and international mission endeavors carried out through our local association. This year's goal is \$20,000.00

Laborers Together,  
*Bro. Phil*

**WCBA Ministers & Wives Monthly Conference**  
**ENJOY YOUR SUMMER -See you back August 19th!**

WCBA Finance Team Meeting  
Tuesday, August 5, 2025 @ 6:00  
pm @ WCBA Mission Center

Annual Church Profile Packets  
will be sent out soon. Be on  
the lookout for letters and  
emails. Thank you!

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

**Happy Birthday July**

2nd	James Hazlewood	Greenfield FBC
7th	Josh Carden	The Shepherd's Field
12th	Kris Gallimore	Palmer'sville
12th	Randy Potts	New Home
21st	Melissa Rust	Victory
23rd	Mark Warren	Bethel-Greenfield
24th	Kevin Crossno	Mack's Grove
29th	Sherryl McCulley	Dresden FBC
30th	Michael Rust	Victory

**Happy Anniversary July**

14th Kylan & Felecia Mann Central



**WMU Quarterly Meeting - Christmas in August**  
**Tuesday, August 26, 2025 • 7:00 pm**  
**Venue: TBD**

**June 2025**

19th Juneteenth  
20th World Refugee Day  
22nd Mission: Dignity Sunday

**WCBA Great Commission Fund Offering Emphasis Month**  
**July 2025**

4th Independence Day - **WCBA Office Closed**  
6th Religious Liberty Sunday  
7th, 14th Old Bethel Revival  
12-18th WCBA 2025 Summer Mission Trip to East TN  
21st, 28th Old Bethel Revival  
25th Pray4TN Event Venue and Time TBD

**August 2025**

5th WCBA Finance Team meeting @ 6:00 pm @ Mission Center  
7th WCBA ALT Mtg @ 6:00 pm @ Mission Center  
19th Ministers & Wives Monthly Conference @ 6:30 pm  
24th Global Hunger Sunday  
26th WMU Christmas in August @ 7:00 pm

**WCBA Budget Status**

(As of May 31, 2025)  
Actual FY Income to Date: \$120,257.66  
Actual FY Expenses to Date: \$98,418.17  
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**

Give Today to the  
WEAKLEY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



GREAT COMMISSION FUND OFFERING

Supporting our local, national, and international mission endeavors.



**Weakley County Baptist Association Goal: \$20,000**

**WCBA**



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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 Annual Church Profile time again. Be on the lookout for letters and emails in the next week or so. Ministry Assistant lunch August 14th venue TBD. Great Commission Fund offering emphasis is in July, supporting our mission endeavors. East TN Mission Trip is July 12th-18th. Equipping the Saints Classes: A study of 1 John will begin August 4th here at the Mission Center and will be taught by Dr. Phil Mitchell. Please call, come by or email us to sign up. A book will be recommended.

**Central:** We will be hosting the Kickstart to Fall Craft Fair September 13th from 10:00 am-4:00 pm. Vendors can sign up at <https://cbcmartin.org/craft-fair> Pastor: Kylan Mann  
**Dresden FBC:** Our Sew Faithful group will not meet in July. They recently took 91 hygiene kits to Jackson that will be delivered to young girls in Tanzania as their mission project they have been diligently working on for the past several months. Helping hands are always welcome on the first Saturday morning of each month from 9:00 am-12:00 pm as they begin back in August. Our Lively Ones senior adults will be attending Jackson Sings the Gospel on July 10th. Our JOY 55+ will meet Tuesday, July 15th, at 11:30 am for our monthly meal & program. County Mayor Dale Hutcherson will be guest speaker. We have 34 third to sixth grade students going to Kids Crossings July 17-20. This gospel-centered camp is always a fun favorite of the kids. The annual singing is set for Friday, July 25th, at 7:00 pm. Make plans to attend to hear some good ol' southern gospel music. Pastor: Don McCulley  
**Gleason FBC:** We had a great VBS this week! A one-day trip to serve at Love Packages in Decatur, Alabama will be June 27th. We have six planning to serve in East TN for the Summer Mission Trip. Come worship and serve with us! Pastor: Bill Ellis

**Greenfield FBC:** Wednesday, July 2nd, we will have an Independence Day celebration supper at 6:00 pm, followed by a patriotic devotion and song service at 7:00 p.m. Our church office will be closed July 4th. A group will head to Jackson July 11th for the Jackson Sings the Gospel concert with a stop for dinner on the way. Our sewing ministry, The Hem of His Garment, continues to meet on the 2nd Saturday of each month, July 12th this month. Also on that day, our Summer Mission Team will be preparing to head to Cleveland, TN, to work with Ocoee Outreach. They will leave July 13th for a week of painting, roofing, refurbishing a church, and hosting VBS. They will give testimonies during our 6:00 pm evening worship service July 20th. Our group of R.A.s will be having a "campout" July 25th-26th. For some, this may be their first camping adventure, even though it will be indoors! Pastor: James Hazlewood

**Long Heights:** We will be hosting a Night of Worship Sunday, June 29th, at 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite finger foods and come join us! Our mission trip to Trinidad will be July 11th-19th where we will assist with VBS, Awana and preaching! Pastor: Kenny Carr

**Oak Grove:** The interior of our new building is progressing nicely. We are excited to be so close to moving in! The church held a surprise celebration for Bro Jerry's 88th birthday! Bro Jerry and Mrs. Ora Lee also celebrated their 68th wedding anniversary June 16th. Our VBS will be held Saturday, June 21st, from 10:00 am-2:00 pm. Pastor: Bro Jerry Powell (I)

**Old Bethel:** We will be having revival services each Monday night of July. Speakers will be Bro. Wayne Foropoulos, Bro. Steve Heman, Bro. Roger Ellsworth and Bro. David Powell with services at 6:30 pm each night.

**Ralston:** We have had a very busy spring and are looking forward to Vacation Bible School June 23rd-26th. This will be the first year the puppet program will be available for older students to see. Each night will have a different program focus. On Monday night, all will enjoy "Sundae on Monday" for the treat. The students can build their own sundae. Our focus this year is "Magnify God". Pastor: Kenneth Springer

**Sharon FBC:** We partnered with Sidonia Baptist Church and had a great VBS June 8-11! Forty-five campers total participated and we raised over \$630 for West Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief! Thank you to all volunteers who made it happen! We will have a churchwide cookout June 29th. All are welcome to attend. Pastor: Josh Moore

**Sidonia:** We will have Friend Day Sunday, June 29th @ 11:00 am with a potluck to follow.

**Thompson Creek:** Bro. Billy Ross celebrated his 20th year as pastor of TCBC on June 1st. We had two new members join our church that same day. We recognized our fathers on Father's Day and gave each of them a small gift, and we collected money for the TN Baptist Adult Homes Offering. Our Youth Sunday will be June 29th with Bro. Alex Cserni preaching at the AM service. A fellowship meal will follow in the Malone Fellowship Hall. We will observe the Lord's Supper that evening at 5:30 pm. 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:** May was a busy month at Victory with graduation of our pastor from Liberty University. We are so proud of him. He has studied so hard. We had three additions to our church membership. Mother's Day was celebrated with gifts for each mother. A trip to the veteran's home in Humboldt with gifts for the vets, including birdseed and bird houses. Always a good visit with the vets. Wednesday night supper at 6:00 pm and Bible Study at 7:00 pm is being enjoyed by everyone. All are invited to join in the good food & fellowship. Pastor: Michael Rust

### Weakley County Baptist Association 2025 East TN Summer Mission Trip July 12-18, 2025

Please pray for our volunteers as they seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus this week!



#### 2025 WEAKLEY COUNTY VBS SCHEDULE

##### DRESDEN:

**Oak Grove:** Saturday, June 21st, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, 1011 Oak Grove Rd  
**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 – Lifeway, 4580 Palmersville Hwy 89  
**Adams Chapel:** August 2, 2025, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, 228 Adams Chapel Rd

##### GREENFIELD:

**Greenfield FBC:** June 22-25, 6:00-8:30 pm YeeHaw Celebrating God's Greatest Gift from Group, 3127 N Meridian St  
**Bethel:** July 20-24, 6:00-8:00 pm, 3 yrs to 6th grade, True North from Group, 1546 Highway 54

##### COMO:

**Thompson Creek:** July 6-10, 6:00-8:30 pm with a meal each night, Family Night Thursday night, Magnified from Lifeway, 10600 Highway 54

##### MARTIN:

**The Shepherd's Field:** Terrific Tuesdays June 24<sup>th</sup>, July 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 am -12:00 pm. July 26<sup>th</sup> Friends and Family Day 2:00-5:00 pm, 500 Fowler Rd  
**Bible Union** June 22-26, 6:00-8:30 pm, ages 3 to adult, Wonder Junction from AIG with meal, Family Night Thursday night, 2852 Bible Union Rd  
**Ralston:** June 23-26, 6:00-8:00 pm, 6:00-7:30 Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> for Family Night with a meal, Magnified from Lifeway, 640 Lackey Rd  
**Eastside:** July 21-25, 6:00-8:00 pm, Discovering Jesus from CEF with Bible Clubs to follow during school year, 529 K St

##### MCKENZIE:

**Bethel:** July 14-18, Magnified from Lifeway, 25755 Highway 22

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### Equipping the Saints

1 John

Mondays @ 6:30 August 4th-September 22nd @ WCBA Mission Center  
Taught by Dr. Phil Mitchell  
No cost (but possible book charge)



SIDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH ANNOUNCES

FRIEND DAY

**SUNDAY**  
**JUNE 29, 2025**  
**@ 11:00 AM**

**POTLUCK TO FOLLOW**

#### 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.

#### 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.

**COME JOIN US**  
**SUNDAY JUNE 29TH**  
**BRING YOUR FAVORITE FINGER FOODS**

## Night of Worship

YOU'RE INVITED

**SNACKS & FELLOWSHIP AT 6PM, MUSIC AT 630PM**  
**Long Heights Baptist Church**  
**260 old paris rd. McKenzie tn**

**Christmas IN JULY**  
Craft Booths and More

JULY  
SATURDAY **26** 9:00-4:00

2852 Bible Union Rd  
Martin, TN 38257

## REVIVAL

Services

EACH MONDAY NIGHT OF JULY @ 6:30 PM

**SPEAKERS:**

Bro. Wayne Foropoulos 7th  
Bro. Steve Heman 14th  
Bro. Roger Ellsworth 21st  
Bro. David Powell 28th

**OLD BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
9250 Hwy 89, Palmersville, TN

## CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

### Kickstart to Fall CRAFT FAIR

SEPTEMBER 13 ↔ 10:00AM-4:00PM

Vendor sign-ups and more info: <https://cbcmartin.org/craft-fair>

### Honduras Mission Trip June 7-13, 2025



History of Honduras Mission Trips



Our Team



Group of local pastors

