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Note: from the DOM Desk...

A total of 29 Weakley County Baptists made the trip to East Tennessee for our summer mission trip on July 12-18. We had a tremendous week, accomplishing almost all the jobs given us. We had delicious meals provided by our cook team and were faithfully led by our mission team leaders, Tommy and Karen Wilson. We hope we were able to visibly share the love of Jesus and bring some peace to those whom we served.

Thank you to our churches and individuals for giving through our Great Commission Fund Offering. Some churches received special offerings. Others may have the money budgeted. Still, other churches gave their VBS offerings to the fund. Thank you for your financial contributions to help with WCBA mission endeavors.

A special thank you to the faithful members of WCBA for having such a mission mindset. Your giving, praying and encouragement is a testimony to your faith. We have a wonderful group of faithful churches.

Laborers Together,

Bro. Phil

WCBA Ministers & Wives Monthly Conference

Thursday, August 19th @ 6:30 pm @ WCBA

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

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

Happy Birthday August

6th	Albert Collins	Davis Memorial
12th	Halina Brown	Corinth

Happy Anniversary August

3rd	John & Fay Ott	Sidonia (I)
8th	Kevin & Tracey Crossno	Mack's Grove
10th	Brian & Kris Gallimore	Palmersville
12th	Pete & Stacey Staples	Liberty
16th	Mike & Halina Brown	Corinth



WMU Quarterly Meeting - Christmas in August

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 • 7:00 pm
Venue: Bible Union

WCBA Great Commission Fund Offering Emphasis Month July 2025

25th Pray4TN Event @ Noon @ Dresden FBC

August 2025

4th	Pastors Conf plus Insurance speaker (lunch provided-must RSVP)
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 @ WCBA
22nd	Ministry Asst/Church Clerk Lunch - Venue TBD @ Noon
24th	Global Hunger Sunday
26th	WMU Christmas in August @ 7:00 pm @ Bible Union

Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions Emphasis Month September 2025

1st	Labor Day-WCBA Office Closed
5th	WMU Council & Directors Meeting @ 2:00 pm (tentative)
11th	WCBA Executive Board Mtg @ 6:30 pm @ Mission Center
20th	Children's Missions Day
28th	Caring Well Sunday
30th	WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conf @ 6:30 pm

WCBA Budget Status (As of June 30, 2025)

Actual FY Income to Date: \$132,197.92
Actual FY Expenses to Date: \$116,824.28
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

East TN Mission Trip July 12-18, 2025



[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), Old Bethel, Sidonia (I)

WCBA: We have all but two ACP packets picked up, so thank you for that! The next Ministry Assistant lunch is August 14th, venue TBD. 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. An \$8 book is recommended. For non-trained disaster relief volunteers, you are welcome to go out on a callout as long as you are with someone who is certified and you fill out a DR application with us prior to deployment in case we need a background check. The next certification class is in October in Jackson. Details can be found here and on our Facebook page.

Bethlehem: We are thankful for all the children and workers who attended our VBS this summer. Magnified was a wonderful selection. One young lady from our church worked in East TN last week on the WCBA Mission Trip. We appreciate her so much. Wednesday nights Bro. Jim is teaching the book of Romans. The Lord has blessed us with being able to build a new kitchen addition and remodel the old one. Pastor: Jim Garner

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: 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: What a great week serving in East Tennessee for six of our church family. Blessing of the Backpacks will be Sunday, August 3rd with a Prayer Walk around Gleason School. Bethel's "Renaissance" will be performing at FBC Sunday night August 24th. Come worship and serve with us! Pastor Bill Ellis

Long Heights: We had a great time at VBS last month. Average attendance each evening was 70 kids with 65 Volunteer Workers. Best of all, we had four children accept Jesus as their Savior! A team of eight members has gone to Trinidad to help with VBS and Summer Revival, and one member has gone with WCBA to East Tennessee. Christmas in July this month starts out our collecting for Operation Christmas Child. Kids Camp at Jonathan Creek begins the week of July 28th-31st. August 3rd is our "Wear Your Backpack to Church" day. They will be prayed over during Children's Chapel, as well as prayers for the families and school staff. The Back to School Bash will be that afternoon from 5:00-7:00 pm with a waterslide, food truck and other fun activities. Pray with us for those saved during our ministries here, as well as in Trinidad, and for all the seeds that have been planted. Glory to God our Father! 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)

Ralston: We had 61 children registered this year for VBS. We are now having a Youth class each Sunday at 5:00 pm and Wednesday at 6.30 pm. It includes a light meal, games, Bible study, and fun for all ages. Our puppet team presented our Patriotic program: "United We Stand" to our children's church attendees Sunday morning, July 13th, during worship time. Pastor: Kenneth Springer

Sharon FBC: We are finishing up the church year with a number of events and new ministries! August 6th we are beginning our Kids Club for pre-K through 5th Grade students. It will be Wednesdays 6:00-7:30 pm and will run throughout the School Year. Our Middle School and High School Youth Group will meet at this time each week as well. Come join us! Youth will have a trip to Six Flags Saturday, August 16th. Some of our women will be attending the Favored Women Conference in Gatlinburg, September 19th-21st. Pastor: Josh Moore

Thompson Creek: Our Vacation Bible School theme was "Magnified." We met July 6th-10th from 6:00-8:30 pm, Sunday through Thursday, with Family Night being on the last night. Three of our church members worked during the WCBA Summer Mission Trip to East Tennessee, July 12th-18th. On Sunday, July 27th, we will have two IMB missionaries as our guest speakers. They will talk about their mission work overseas. There will be a fellowship meal afterwards. Pastor: Billy Ross

FBC MARTIN: MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: Meet with our local DCS office to help meet needs and minister to families in our county. This would be a cooperative opportunity for all of our churches so that the load would not be on any one church. You can do as much or as little as you would like. There will be an informational meeting at First Baptist Martin on Thursday, August 14th, at 12:00. Lunch will be provided. You will learn more about the ministry opportunity and have the chance to ask any questions you may have. Please email Ron Graves at rgraves@fbcmartin.org if you plan to attend so that we know how many to prepare for.

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!

CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS



2025
Christmas Backpacks

[Collection Days](#)
[Oct 20-22, 2025](#)

If you haven't already done so, please let us know if you will join us by signing up to donate backpacks. When you do, we will send you copies of "The Christmas Story" to insert in each backpack. These will be mailed in mid-September. The backpacks will be collected at various sites across the state between **October 20-22, 2025**. You can find out everything you need to know about donating Christmas Backpacks at www.tnbaptist.org/backpacks. If you have questions, call Beth Moore at 423-440-6225.

Tennessee Baptist Church giving through the Cooperative Program and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions make TBMB ministries possible. Thank you for your willingness to consider joining us in the important work of reaching children with the gospel.

Weakley County Baptist Association

Equipping the Saints Class

A Study of 1 John

Mondays @ 6:30
August 4th-September 22nd
@ WCBA Mission Center
Taught by Dr. Phil Mitchell
\$8 Book Charge for
"1, 2, 3 John and Jude
Established in Truth...Marked By Love"

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Pleasant Hill –Martin

REVIVAL

August 3-6; 6:30pm nightly
The Mission of the Church

Sunday AM--IMB Missionary, PM--Phil Mitchell--DOM, WCBA
Monday PM--Marshall Key--DOM, Beulah Baptist Association
Tuesday PM--Scott Penick--Pastor, New Harmony Baptist Church,
Benton, KY
Wednesday PM--Mark Warren, Pastor, Bethel Baptist Church,
Greenfield

Jeff Perkins, Minister of Music, Bethel Baptist Church, will be leading our music.

Pleasant Hill is located south of Martin, one mile west of Highway 45 on Old Troy Road. Michael Norton, pastor

2025 WEAKLEY COUNTY VBS SCHEDULE

DRESDEN: Adams Chapel: August 2, 2025, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, 228 Adams Chapel Rd

MARTIN: The Shepherd's Field: July 26th Friends and Family Day 2:00-5:00 pm, 500 Fowler Rd

SPECIALIZED



Introduction to Disaster Relief, Chainsaw, Flood Recovery, Mass Feeding, and Rebuild – Jackson (West TN)

October 25, 2025 – Englewood Baptist Church, 2239 N. Highland Avenue, Jackson, TN 38305. To pre-register for this class, contact Elizabeth Holmes at eholmes@tnbaptist.org with your names and classes desired.

Please pre-register by Monday, October 20, so that we can supply you with the proper training materials and/or lunch count on Saturday.

The credentialing fee is \$40. This fee will cover not only the cost of the ID, hat, background check, and membership pin, but also the cost of any of the basic training courses a volunteer wants to take over the next 3 years.

Please visit <https://tndisasterrelief.org/event> for all scheduled trainings.

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.

CENTRAL BAPTIST CHURCH

Kickstart to Fall CRAFT FAIR

SEPTEMBER 13 \longleftrightarrow 10:00AM-4:00PM

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

Greenfield FBC

Deacon Ordination Service

Sunday, August 17th

Council meeting at 4:00 pm

Service begins at 6:00 pm

All ordained men are invited to the council meeting with everyone invited to the service.