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Notes from the DOM Desk...

This year's Annual Fall Conference is scheduled for October 18th and will be held at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Greenfield. We will start the day with breakfast at 7:30 a.m., and then we will meet in the auditorium for our meeting at 8:30 a.m. We hope our meeting will be filled with worship and information about what Weakley County Baptists, Tennessee Baptists, and Southern Baptists are doing here at home and around the world. This year's theme is "Evangelism" and comes from Matthew 9:36-38. Bro. Josh Carden will give our theme interpretation, and Dr. Don McCulley will preach the annual sermon.

Thank you so much for your faithful giving to our Great Commission Offering. This money goes to fund associational mission projects, both local and abroad. Thus far, we have collected \$13,609.47.

October 12 is designated as Pastor Appreciation Day. I encourage you to constantly support your pastor and staff. I also encourage our pastors and staff to continue to love your church and be faithful in leading them to glorify Christ.

Laborers Together,
Bro. Phil

Next Meeting Dates:

Annual Meeting October 18th @ 8:30 am @ Bethlehem
ALT—November 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm @ WCBA
Executive Board—March 12, 2026 at 6:30 pm @ WCBA

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

Happy Birthday October

9th	Bruce McCartney	New Prospect
10th	Tony Terrell	Pleasant Grove
15th	Brian Gallimore	Palmer'sville
20th	Amy Vaughan	Greenfield FBC-Associate
21st	Micayla Travis	Bethel, McKenzie (I)
23rd	Donald Doster	Sandhill
26th	Wayne Perkins	
27th	Joshua Moore	Sharon FBC
29th	Richard Brewer	Jolley Springs

Happy Anniversary October

12th	Bill & Angie Ellis	Gleason FBC
29th	Jim & Tracey Garner	Bethlehem
29th	Austin & Micayla Travis	Bethel, McKenzie (I)



WMU Quarterly Meeting -
Tuesday, November 25, 2025 • 7:00 pm
Venue: TBD

Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions Emphasis Month
September 2025

20th	Children's Missions Day
25th	WMU Council & Directors Meeting @ 2:00 pm @ WCBA
28th	Caring Well Sunday
30th	WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conf @ 6:30 pm @ Victory

Cooperative Program Emphasis Month
October 2025

5th	Cooperative Program Sunday
12th	Pastor Appreciation Day
18th	WCBA Annual Conference @ Bethlehem, Greenfield @ 8:30 am
19th	Day of Prayer for Associational Missions
20th-22nd	TBMB Christmas Backpack Collection Days
28th	WCBA Ministers & Wives Chili Supper @ TBD

November 2025

9th-11th	TBMB Summit @ Jackson
11th	WMU QTR Mtg @ 7:00 pm Venue TBD
13th	WCBA ALT Mtg @ 6:00 pm @ WCBA Mission Center
27th	Thanksgiving Day—WCBA Closed

WCBA Budget Status
(As of August 31, 2025)
Actual FY Income to Date: \$162,562.21
Actual FY Expenses to Date: \$152,512.19
Yearly Budget Expense/Income:
\$180,372.00

WCBA Ministers & Wives Monthly Conference
Tuesday, September 30th
@ 6:30 pm @ Victory

Bethlehem 2785 Kimery Store Rd, Greenfield

18
OCTOBER

Annual Fall
Conference 2025

THEME: EVANGELISM
MATTHEW 9:36-38

** EACH CHURCH IS ALLOWED 4
MESSENGERS: THE NON-PASTOR
EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBER + 3 OTHERS

*RESERVATIONS REQUIRED FOR BREAKFAST.
PLEASE RSVP BY OCTOBER 10TH (731) 364-3739
OR WEAKLEY.BAPTISTS@GMAIL.COM

7:30 AM BREAKFAST
8:30 AM 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 Salem, Oak Grove (I), Old Bethel, Sidonia, Thompson Creek
WCBA: We are so thankful that 33 of our churches have submitted their Annual Church Profile information. You guys are amazing! The deadline to submit these was Friday, September 12th, so that we can get all of this information entered prior to the annual meeting in October. If there is any way we can help with these, please let us know! The Annual Meeting is October 18th @ Bethlehem @ 8:30 am. Breakfast is at 7:30 am. Please RSVP for breakfast by October 10th. No RSVP is needed to attend just the meeting and all are welcome to see what our association has been up to this past year. The next Disaster Relief certification class is October 25th in Jackson. Details can be found at <https://tndisasterrelief.org/event>. Our January mission trip to Oaxaca, Mexico is January 24th-31st. Deadline to submit applications for this is October 15th due to various background checks, references, and trainings that need to take place before the trip. We have just signed up with CarePortal to work with Weakley County DCS as a way to get local churches and the community involved in meeting the needs of local families. Please stay tuned for further information on this.

Bethel, Greenfield: We will be having revival services September 28th-October 1st. See flyer on next page for times and speakers.

Bethel, Greenfield/Bible Union: Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop Off dates will be November 17th-24th. More detailed times will be announced next month.

Central: We will be hosting a Trunk or Treat October 31st from 6:00-8:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.

Dresden FBC: The monthly men's breakfast will be Saturday, October 4th, at 8:00 am. All men in the community are invited. Sew Faithful Ministry will meet that same day from 9:00 am to noon for sewing & non-sewing mission projects. Helping hands are always appreciated. The WC Backpack Program will pack on Tuesday, October 7th, at noon. Volunteers always welcome. Our JOY senior adult ministry will meet Tuesday, October 21st, from 11:30 am-1:00 pm. All seniors are invited. The Lively Ones group will enjoy their fall outing to Reelfoot Lake & Boyette's Saturday, October 25th. Our Annual Fall Festival is Sunday, October 26th from 4:30-6:30 pm and open to the community for family fun. Pastor: Dr. Don McCulley

Gleason FBC: Our youth are having a car wash and yard sale Saturday, September 20th. We will be having our semi-annual LG Day in September (Loving God by Loving Gleason) where we go out showing love to our community. Come worship and serve with us. Pastor: Bill Ellis

Hodges Chapel: We will be having a revival October 26th @ 5:00 pm and October 27th-29th @ 6:30 pm. Pastor: Andrew Evans

Mack's Grove: Our annual Youth Hunt will be Saturday, October 25th with breakfast at 4:00 am and lunch after the hunt. Please call Matt Owens at 731-819-7753 with questions. Pastor: Kevin Crossno

Oak Grove: God always does more than we deserve! On our very first Sunday in the new sanctuary, we baptized 3 young men who had accepted Christ as their savior! We are thrilled to be moved into our new building. September 14th, we were able to have our annual picnic in our own fellowship hall. Good food and fellowship was enjoyed by all. Pastor: Jerry Powell.

Ralston: It has been a busy summer for Ralston. We enjoyed a great 5th Sunday night singing. We were blessed by Mr. and Mrs. Lyndal Dilday who sang two songs. Our church has grown during the last church year with 30 additions to our membership. Pastor: Kenneth Springer

Thompson Creek: We held weekly revivals throughout the month of September. "Terrific Tuesday" brought five messages of revival each Tuesday in September.

Cans For Kids Sold a load of cans for \$689 in August for a total of \$2,444 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!

WMU SECRETARY/TREASURER: We would like to thank Betsy Phillips for her years of serving in this position! She will now be stepping down. Please be in prayer as we seek God's will for this position. Send your resume or letter of interest to Brenda Hornbeak, Association WMU President, 1441 Greenfield Hwy 54, Greenfield, TN 38230

JOBS: Ministry openings can be found at wcbatoday.com

*Please let us know if these positions have been filled.
Thank you!

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.

TMB Tennessee Baptist MISSION BOARD

CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS

FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

2025
Christmas Backpacks

*Collection Days
Oct 20-22, 2025*

WEAKLEY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



GREAT COMMISSION FUND OFFERING
Given To Date: \$13,609.47
May 2025 to April 2026

EXECUTIVE BOARD NEWS: The Executive Board met in September. They adopted the Proposed Budget for the 2025/2026 fiscal year, voted to reallocate remaining tornado relief donations for long-term use, and voted to house Weakley County Disaster Relief funds in the bank account previously created for Dresden Tornado Relief Funds.

Bethel Baptist Church, Greenfield

Revival September 28th—October 1st

Schedule of Events

Sunday, September 28—11am

Ryan Keaton

Discipleship with the

Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Sunday, September 28th—6 pm

Brandon Trull

Pharmacist, Pastor of Pisgah Church,

New Johnsonville, Bro. Dennis Son.

Monday, September 29—7 PM

Jeff Palmer

Director of Community Outreach,

Madison, Chester & Crockett

Baptist Associations

Tuesday, September 30—7 PM

Adam Mullinax

Pastor, First Baptist Church

Waverly

Wednesday, October 1—7 PM

Michael Norton

Pastor, Pleasant Hill Baptist Church

Martin

Please join us and invite family, friends

and neighbors.

Lord, Revive Us Again

CENTRAL CHRISTIAN ACADEMY'S

FIESTA-FUN FAMILY FALL FUNDRAISER

Saturday, October 4th
801 HARRISON RD., MARTIN, TN 38237

FIESTA MEAL AT 5:30 P.M.
CATERED BY THE FOOD GENIE

LIMITED TICKETS / \$45
RESERVE IT: 731-587-9577

COMPLIMENTARY CHILDCARE
(UP TO AGE 5)

SILENT AUCTION

7:00 P.M. CONCERT FEATURING:
THE DANIEL DOSS BAND!

October 25th, 2025 YOUTH HUNT

Mack's Grove Baptist Church

4580 Palmersville Hwy 89

Dresden, TN 38225

Breakfast 4:00 A.M.

Mack's Grove Fellowship Hall

(Depart for Deer stand between 5:00-5:30)

Deer Weigh in by Noon
at Mack's Grove

Lunch 10:00 A.M. until 12:30 P.M.

Mack's Grove Fellowship Hall

Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Chili & Trimmings

Top Three Prizes for Deer Harvested

Plus lots of Door Prizes

Must Register at Breakfast

SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL

MATT OWENS (731) 819-7753

Anyone Over 10 Years Old Must have a Hunter's Safety Class
EACH HUNTER MUST HAVE AN ADULT SIT WITH THEM IN THE STAND

You're Invited to Celebrate

BRO. WAYNE PERKINS

85TH BIRTHDAY

OCTOBER
SATURDAY | 25 | 2PM-4PM

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
FELLOWSHIP HALL
659 SHAFTER RD., GREENFIELD, TN
COME & GO / NO GIFTS PLEASE

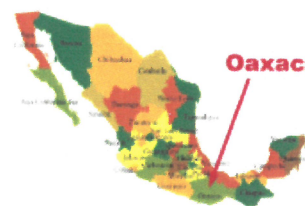
WEAKLEY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

2025 International MissionTrip

Cost
Approximately
\$1600



Volunteers will be doing some
construction/repair projects, assisting with
Backyard Bible Clubs and other Evangelism
Efforts, including helping teach English.



APPLICATION
DEADLINE OCTOBER
15, 2025

GO EXPERIENCE OAXACA
(JANUARY 2026)

📍 Oaxaca, Mexico

📅 01/24/2026 - 01/31/2026

PASSPORT AND
BACKGROUND
CHECK REQUIRED

Hodges Chapel Baptist Church Revival - October 26th - 29th, 2025

Sunday Night - Bro. Terry Hilliard @ 5:00 pm

Monday Night - Bro. Phil Mitchell @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday Night - Bro. James Hazelwood @ 6:30 pm

Wednesday Night - Bro. Brian Gallimore @ 6:30 pm

ALL ABOARD
ADVANCING TOGETHER

November 1-4, 2025
West Jackson Baptist Church
Gadsden, TN

The Summit is the annual gathering of Tennessee Baptists. You probably know it as the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The Summit includes the Pastors Conference, the annual meeting, and everything in between.

Emphasis October 12th, 2025

October is
PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

We appreciate all you do!