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Notes from the DOM Desk...

The Golden Offering for Tennessee Baptist Missions will be received in September. The money collected through this offering is used to support mission work throughout our state. Our Golden Offering supports compassion ministries, disaster relief, new churches, college campus ministries, adoption ministries, and association work. Our association receives 15% back from the total giving of our WCBA churches. WCBA uses this 15% for local projects amidst our associational church field.

Our Fall Conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 18th. This year's conference will be held at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Greenfield. We will begin our morning with breakfast at 7:30 a.m., and the conference will begin at 8:30 a.m. This year's theme is "Evangelism" and the text is from Matthew 9:36-38. We will hear reports from various associational ministries, as well as from state and national entities. We will also sing together, fellowship together, and hear solid preaching from the Word of God! I hope that you will attend.


I want to recommend the book: "50 Days of Heaven" written by Randy Alcorn. The is a devotional type book that is enjoyable and very informative on the doctrine of Heaven.

Thank you for giving to our Great Commission offering during the months of July and August. This money will be used for WCBA mission endeavors.

Laborers Together,
Bro. Phil

Next Meeting Dates:

Executive Board—September 11, 2025 at 6:30 pm @ WCBA
Annual Meeting October 18th @ 8:30 am @ Bethlehem
ALT—November 13, 2025 at 6:00 pm @ WCBA

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

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

Happy Birthday September

3 rd	Jennifer Evans	Hodges Chapel
5 th	Don McCulley	Dresden FBC
6 th	Cheryl Potts	New Home
9 th	Ora Lee Powell	Oak Grove (I)
18 th	Jenny Allen	Eastside

Happy Anniversary September

1 st	Jeff & Tena Moody	Beech Springs
7 th	Bruce & Vicky McCartney	New Prospect
20 th	Andrew & Jennifer Evans	Hodges Chapel
20 th	Dennis & Brenda Scott	Public Well
20 th	Ronny & Gayle Glisson	Pleasant View

August 2025

21 nd	Ministry Asst/Church Clerk Lunch - Tera's house @ Noon
24 th	Global Hunger Sunday
26 th	WMU Christmas in August @ 7:00 pm @ Bible Union

Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions Emphasis Month
September 2025

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

Cooperative Program Emphasis Month
October 2025

5 th	Cooperative Program Sunday
12 th	Pastor Appreciation Day
18 th	WCBA Annual Conference @ Bethlehem, Greenfield @ 8:30 am
19 th	Day of Prayer for Associational Missions
28 th	WCBA Ministers & Wives Chili Supper @ TBD

WCBA Budget Status
(As of July 31, 2025)
Actual FY Income to Date: \$154,542.83
Actual FY Expenses to Date: \$132,969.96
Yearly Budget Expense/Income:
\$180,372.00

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

TENNESSEE MISSIONS EMPHASIS 2025-2026



together

WE PRAY. WE GIVE. WE GO.

"...striving TOGETHER AS ONE
for the faith of the gospel"
Philippians 1:27



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 for everyone picking up their ACP packets and to Hodges Chapel for already submitting theirs! The deadline to submit this information is September 12th so that we can get all of it entered prior to the annual meeting October 18th @ Bethlehem @ 8:30 am. Breakfast is at 7:30 am. Please RSVP by October 10th. 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 October 25th in Jackson. Details can be found on the next page here and on our Facebook page.

Bethlehem: Recently, two people have been saved at Bethlehem. We give God all the praise! Our homecoming will be August 24th. Sunday School is at 10:00 am, worship at 11:00, with a noon meal to follow. At 1:30 pm, LIVING TRUTH will be our featured singers. Please come out and enjoy the day with us. We congratulate one of our couples upon having just celebrated fifty years of marriage. Pastor: Jim Garner

Bible Union: We hosted the Operation Christmas Child Project Workshop August 9th. Jen McNair, MidSouth Regional Manager, led our program. Lauren Goff was introduced as our new Area Coordinator and Gwen Scarborough as Church Relations. Ruth Gray shared with us her mission trip to Ecuador.

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 Men's Ministry Breakfast will be Saturday, September 6th at 8:00 am. All men in the community are invited the first Saturday of each month. The Sew Faithful group will also meet that same day from 9:00 am to noon for sewing and non-sewing mission projects. Helping hands are always welcome. Our senior youth will be attending the Equip Conference at Union September 6th. Our children's department will have promotion Sunday September 7th by moving up to the next grade in the Sunday School classes. Our Women on Missions will focus the church on the State Missions week of prayer September 7th-14th and the offering goal. Our JOY gathering will be Tuesday, September 16th at 11:30 am with Wayne Foropoulos. All adults 55+ are invited to join the third Tuesday of each month. Pastor: Don McCulley

Long Heights: We will be having a Night of Worship Sunday, August 31st @ 6:00 pm. Bring your favorite finger foods and come join us! Pastor: Kenny Carr

Thompson Creek: Several of our members are attending the WCBA Bible study of 1 John on Monday nights. We celebrated our 194th Homecoming on Sunday, August 10th. Two people were baptized before the AM service. Bro. John Ott was our guest speaker, and we had a fellowship meal afterwards. Bro. Billy read his letter of resignation at the end of the service. On August 17th, Bro. Billy and Patty's children and their families surprised them by attending his last Sunday AM service. Several other friends attended too. The church gave Bro. Billy a plaque and a monetary gift. The WOM ladies gave Patty a gift too. Several members gave cards in appreciation of Bro. Billy's 20 years of service to TCBC. The church had a barbecue meal after the service.

Victory: We were part of getting students ready for the new year by helping to provide school supplies for 1st grade at Sharon School. We will be having our first Bible Study, Lunch & Fellowship Bike Ride to Lakeview Baptist Church at Reelfoot Lake August 23rd. Meet at noon at Victory. Wednesday night meals and Bible Study are being enjoyed by everyone. Pastor: Michael Rust

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

We are excited to welcome Bro. Bruce McCartney, along with his wife Vicky, as the new pastor of New Prospect in Greenfield.

Night of Worship
SUNDAY AUGUST 31ST
BRING YOUR FAVORITE FINGER FOODS
COME JOIN US

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

JOBS: More openings can be found at wcbatoday.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.

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

TMB Tennessee Baptist MISSION BOARD

CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

2025 Christmas Backpacks

Collection Days
Oct 20-22, 2025

ALT NEWS: The Associational Leadership Team met in August and adopted the Proposed Budget for the 2025/2026 fiscal year.

WOMEN ON MISSION CHRISTMAS
IN AUGUST

WCBA
GREAT
COMMISSION
FOCUS

BIBLE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH
TUESDAY, AUGUST 26TH @ 7:00 PM

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>

WEAKLEY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



GREAT COMMISSION FUND OFFERING
Given To Date: \$9,455.47
May 2025 to April 2026

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.

Bethlehem 2785 Kimery Store Rd, Greenfield

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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

The WCBA Mission Center will be closed September 1, 2025 for the Labor Day holiday.

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.

Please call the WCBA office at 731-364-3739 to schedule an appointment.