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Notes from the DOM Desk...

We had a productive Fall Conference on Saturday morning, October 18. This year’s conference was held at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Greenfield. The good folks at Bethlehem prepared a delicious preconference breakfast at 7:30 and our meeting began at 8:30. We had two very biblical and challenging sermons and participated in singing hymns together. Brother Derrell Cothran sang special music. We heard interesting reports from our SBC entities, as well as our TBMB and associational ministries. We appreciate our special guests who gave reports from their specific ministries. The morning was filled with testimonies and challenges in our pursuit of the Great Commission. Thank you, Bethlehem Baptist Church, for being such great hosts.

A good resource for pastors is a ministry titled “Pastor Well.” Dr. Hershel York, Dean of the School of Theology at Southern Seminary and retired pastor of Buck Run Baptist Church in Frankfort, Kentucky, is the host. This is a video driven ministry that gives instruction and encouragement in pastoral work. Each video is brief but very helpful.

Tera and I are very appreciative of the extra week of vacation given to the both of us, during the annual conference. Our families wish you and your family a Happy Thanksgiving.

Laborers Together,
Bro. Phil

Next Meeting Dates:

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 November

4th	Misty Davidson	Adams Chapel
20th	Lebern Allen	Eastside
21st	Tracey Garner	Bethlehem
26th	Vicky McCartney	New Prospect
28th	Susan Warren	Bethel-Greenfield

Happy Anniversary November

15th	Brent & Misty Davidson	Adams Chapel
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Happy Thanksgiving!
Always rejoice, constantly pray, in everything give thanks. For this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

WMU Quarterly Meeting -
Tuesday, November 11, 2025 • 7:00 pm
Venue: Thompson Creek

Cooperative Program Emphasis Month
October 2025

28th	WCBA Ministers & Wives Chili Supper @ New Home 6:30 pm
November 2025	
2nd	Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church
9th	Orphans & Widows Sunday
9th-11th	TBMB Summit @ Jackson
11th	Veteran’s Day
11th	WMU QTR Mtg @ 7:00 pm Thompson Creek
13th	WCBA ALT Mtg @ 6:00 pm @ WCBA Mission Center
27th	Thanksgiving Day— WCBA Closed
30th-7th	Week of Prayer & Mission Study for International Missions & Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
December 2025	
5th	WCBA Ministers & Wives Christmas Dinner @ Oak Grove @ 6:00 pm
23rd-31st	WCBA Office Closed for Christmas

WCBA Budget Status
(As of September 30, 2025)
Actual FY Income to Date:
\$185,758.93
Actual FY Expenses to Date:
\$176,165.45
Yearly Budget Expense/Income:
\$180,372.00

WCBA 2025 Annual Conference

Total Attendance: 94
Messengers: 58
Visitors: 34
Churches Represented: 26

ANNUAL MEETING NEWS:

Our associational annual meeting was October 18th where messengers adopted the Proposed Budget for the 2025/2026 fiscal year, voted to affirm new Associational Leadership Team members, and voted to provide both WCBA staff members with an additional week of vacation.

ALL ABOARD
ADVANCING TOGETHER
ACTS 9:31

November 9-11, 2025
West Jackson Baptist Church
Jackson, 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.

BURNOUT
HE WHO...DESIRES A GOOD WORK
1 TIMOTHY 3:1

Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat
Jan. 29–31, 2026
Pigeon Forge

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), Calvary, New Hope, New Salem, Oak Grove (I), Old Bethel, Sidonia, Thompson Creek

WCBA: The Annual Meeting was October 18th @ Bethlehem. We had a great turnout and are so thankful to Bethlehem for hosting! The next Disaster Relief certification class is October 25th in Jackson. Details can be found at <https://tndisasterrelief.org/event>. 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. More information can be found on our website and Facebook pages.

Bethlehem: Sunday, October 5th, we honored Mrs. Jeanette Floyd and Bro. Derrell Cothran for their many years of service, Mrs. Jeanette for 56 years as treasurer and Bro. Derrell for 50 years as music director! Plaques were presented to each one with a delicious meal afterwards in a beautifully decorated fellowship hall. Many family members and friends attended this surprise event for these two special people. Sunday, October 12th, special gifts were given to our pastor and his wife in honor of Pastor Appreciation Day. Pastor: Jim Garner

Bible Union: OCC Drop Off Dates: November 17th-22nd from 11:00 am-5:00 pm, 23rd from 12:00 pm-4:30 pm, 24th from 7:00 am-9:00 am. We are excited to welcome our new pastor, Bro. Mark Dowdy and his wife Sarah as of October 19th. We will have our Harvest Sunday October 26th. Pastor: Mark Dowdy

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

Dresden FBC: Our Men's Breakfast will be Saturday, November 1st at 8:00 am. All men in the community are invited for food & fellowship. The Sew Faithful ministry will also meet that same day from 9:00 am until noon for sewing/non-sewing mission projects. Helping hands are always needed. The BCM Impact Team will hold our 6:00 pm service on November 2nd. Our young ladies ministry L.I.F.T. will work on an outreach project Wednesday, November 12th. The Women on Mission will host the Noonday at the BCM on UTM campus Thursday, November 13th. Our senior adult JOY will gather Tuesday, November 18th for fellowship, food, & an informative health care program. All seniors are invited. Our churchwide OCC shoebox packing party will be Wednesday, November 19th at 6:00 pm with a devotion, pizza, & packing. The Agape Class & Deacon body will host the annual Widow/Widower luncheon on Sunday, November 30th following the morning service. Pastor: Don McCulley

Gleason FBC: A Joy in the Season Ladies Night Out was enjoyed by our ladies and guests recently. Our annual Harvest Day will be Sunday, November 2nd with Bro. Pete Tackett bringing the message and music by Mr. Charles Ross. We will receive our Harvest Day offering and enjoy Harvest Day lunch. Everyone is invited. Pastor: Bro. 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

Liberty: We will be having our annual Harvest Day Service October 26th @ 11:00 am with The Owen Family singing after a meal. Pastor: Pete Staples

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's still blessing our church! Our new driveway and parking lot are done and our pews have been padded! We had a great attendance on Friends Day. Thank you to all our friends and families who came to worship with us on this special day. We will have a "FALL-O-WEEN" meal on Wednesday evening October 29th at 6:30 pm. If your church doesn't have service on Wednesdays come join us for good food and fellowship. Interim Pastor: Jerry Powell

Pleasant Grove: We will have a community Thanksgiving Service Sunday, November 23rd @ 6:00 pm. All are invited to worship with us in a service of thanksgiving and praise to the one who is worthy to be praised. Special music presentations and congregational singing, and preaching of The Word. Pastor: Tony Terrell

Ralston: Welcome to Bro. Jimmy Jones and his wife Amanda who we have called to be our children and youth director. He has been working with the kids of our church during the summer and has led our VBS and other activities. The men of Ralston are meeting one Saturday morning a month for their fellowship breakfast. The ladies are making pillowcase dresses for missions. Pastor: Kenneth Springer

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.

We would like to extend a BIG WCBA welcome to
Bro. Mark Dowdy and his wife Sarah. Bro. Mark is the
new pastor at Bible Union as of October 19th.

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: \$15,014.47
May 2025 to April 2026



The next Lunch for All Church Ministry Assistants and Clerks (volunteer and paid): October 23, 2025 @ Greenfield FBC @ Noon. These are BYO Lunches. We would love to see any Ministry Assistant or Church Clerk there or really just any other lady that would like to participate!

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Ministers & Wives

Chili & Soup Supper

(for all ministers and wives, not just Senior Church Pastors)



Please RSVP by October 23, 2025 so New Home knows how much food to prepare.

*8401 New Home Rd, Martin
Host church providing meal

Tuesday,

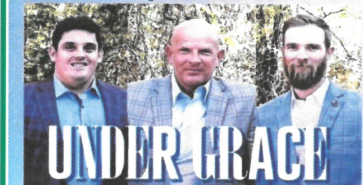
October 28, 2025

6:30 pm

New Home

Greenfield Front Street Festival

Community Gospel Singing presents



UNDER GRACE

at the First Baptist Church

3127 N. Meridian Street

Thursday, October 23 at 7 PM

Free admission!

It's
going to be
great!

REVIVAL Services

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26TH THRU
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29TH

SPEAKERS:

Bro. Terry Hilliard 26th @ 5:00 pm
Bro. Phil Mitchell 27th @ 6:30 pm
Bro. James Hazlewood 28th @ 6:30 pm
Bro. Brian Callimore 29th @ 6:30 pm

HODGES CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH

7630 Hwy 190, Palmersville, TN
Pastor - Bro. Andrew Evans

FALL FESTIVALS

25TH • 4:00 PM → PUBLIC WELLS
790 PUBLIC WELLS RD, MARTIN

25TH • 4:00 PM → RUTHVILLE
111 VAUGHN RD, MARTIN

26TH • 4:30-6:30 PM → DRESDEN FBC
490 MORROW ST, DRESDEN

26TH • 6:00-9:00 PM → TUMBLING CREEK
2535 TUMBLING CREEK RD, MCKENZIE

NOV 1ST • 5:00-7:00 PM → THOMPSON CREEK
10600 HWY 54, COMO

TRUNK OR TREAT

EVENT SCHEDULE

25TH • 4:00-6:00 PM → LONG HEIGHTS
260 OLD PARIS RD, MCKENZIE

29TH • 6:00-8:00 PM → EASTSIDE
529 K ST, MARTIN

31ST • 6:00-8:00 PM → CENTRAL
801 HARRISON RD, MARTIN

31ST • 6:00-8:00 PM → RALSTON
640 LACKEY ROAD, MARTIN

Prepare Him Room

VIRTUAL EVENT
with KELLY MINTER

Dresden FBC Ladies Ministry to host
Sun. Nov. 16, 2025 | 1:15 pm

A light lunch will be served Noon-1:00 pm followed with the virtual event. You'll be immersed in an atmosphere of worship, encouragement, and teaching that will inspire you to create room in your heart, home, and community for the transformative power of Jesus Christ. This is a free event to all ladies in the community. We do ask that you RSVP by Monday, November 10th for program and food count.
731-364-2212 fbcdresden@gmail.com

Cans For Kids

Sold a load of cans for \$374 in September for a total of \$2,818 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

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

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,
Liberty Baptist Church

HARVEST DAY

**Sunday,
October 26th**

**The Owen Family will sing
after a meal following the
morning service**

SERVICE BEGINS @ 11:00 AM

2912 LIBERTY CHURCH RD
DRESDEN, TN 38225

**October 25th, 2025
YOUTH HUNT**

Mack's Grove Baptist Church
4580 Palmersville Hwy 190
Dresden, TN 38225

Breakfast 4:00 A.M.
Mack's Grove Fellowship Hall
(Depart for Dresden and back between 6:00-6:00)

Dear 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

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

6 p.m.
November 23rd
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
296 W Mitchell Rd, Greenfield