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Notes from the DOM Desk...

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is November 30-December 7. The month of December is also the month we give to international missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. There are billions of people who live on the international mission fields who are lost in sin. A portion of our weekly church offerings go to the international mission field, but the entirety of our Lottie Moon Offering goes directly to the work of our missionaries on the field. I hope you will give generously.

Since this newsletter covers both December and January, let me remind you of some important things coming up in January. January Bible Study this year is entitled: "John: Knowing Jesus Through the I Am statements." Sanctity of Human life is January 18. Our international mission trip to Oaxaca, Mexico is January 24-31. The TBMB Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat is January 29-31 in Pigeon Forge, TN.

Susan and I, along with Jerry and Tera, wish to thank you for our Christmas bonuses and time off during the holidays. It is a joy to serve Weakley County Baptists.

Laborers Together,

Bro. Phil

Happy Birthday December

7th	Gene Price	Tumbling Creek
9th	Mike Brown	Corinth
10th	Fay Ott	Union Grove
11th	Jeri Springer	Ralston
15th	Trish Price	Tumbling Creek
28th	Patricia McClure	Union Grove
29th	Jackie Carr	Long Heights

Happy Anniversary December

11th	Josh & Meagan Carden	The Shepherd's Field
28th	Gene & Trish Price	Tumbling Creek
28th	Michael & Melissa Rust	Victory
30th	Mark & Susan Warren	Bethel, Greenfield

Happy Birthday January

4th	Beth Collins	Davis Memorial
5th	Pete Staples	Liberty
8th	Sonya Reagan	Moore's Chapel
11th	Tena Moody	Beech Springs
12th	Austin Travis	Bethel, McKenzie (I)
30th	Keith Sumner	Central (Associate)

Happy Anniversary January

22nd	Don & Sherryl McCulley	Dresden FBC
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WMU Quarterly Meeting -
Tuesday, January 20th • 7:00 pm
Venue: TBD

November 2025

17th-24th	Operation Christmas Child collection dates @ Bible Union and Bethel in Greenfield.
27th-28th	Thanksgiving Holiday— 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

January 2026

4th-11th	Jan. Bible Study-John: Knowing Jesus Through the I Am Statements
18th	Sanctity of Life Sunday
24th-31st	January Mission Trip to Oaxaca, Mexico
27th	WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conf @ Corinth @ 6:30 pm
29th-31st	TBMB Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat, Pigeon Forge

WCBA Budget Status

(As of October 31, 2025)

Actual FY Income to Date:
\$22,467.84

Actual FY Expenses to Date:
\$18,686.38

Yearly Budget Expense/Income:
\$185,588.00

Next Meeting Dates:

Executive Board—March 12, 2026 at
6:30 pm @ WCBA

ALT—May 14, 2026 at 6:00 pm @
WCBA

ALT MEETING NEWS:

Our associational leadership team met November 13th where members voted to allot \$5,000 for the January mission trip construction materials and to accept an enclosed trailer donated to the association by Dresden FBC. There was also discussion of a petition by Broadway Baptist Church to join our association and discussion of previously donated property now released to us clear of all restrictions. A committee will be put in place to discuss this issue further.

Merry Christmas & Happy New Year! - WCBA Staff

*"And she shall bring forth a son,
and thou shalt call his name JESUS:
for he shall save his people from their sins."
Matthew (1:21)*



May the miracle of Christmas touch your life!

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING

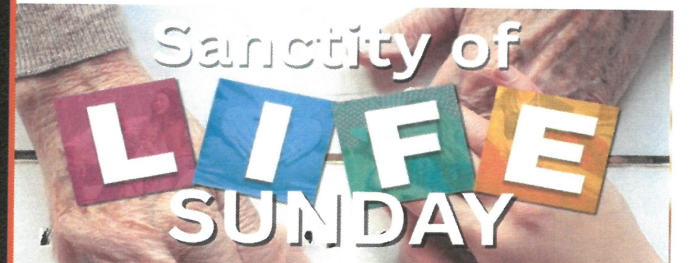
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TOGETHER

visit uisbc.org/stewardship to download resources



Together, we find the lost, give help to the hurting, share the hope of Christ, and witness God grow His Church around the world. Your generosity today changes lives.



Sunday, January 18th

Valuing life from every stage, tribe, nation, and tongue!

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: Our Annual Christmas Dinner is now open to all Pastors and Wives, Supply Pastors and Wives, as well as any church staff member and their spouse. We need you to RSVP by November 21st though as that is our catering deadline. The dinner will be Friday, October 5th @ Oak Grove @ 6:00 pm. A reminder: We have partnered with CarePortal as a way to get local churches and the community involved in meeting the needs of families in our area. More information can be found on our website and Facebook pages. The next edition of The Advance will not be printed until around January 20th. Please submit news by Friday, January 16th.

Bethel, Greenfield: December 7th @ 5:30 pm Adult Christmas Program, Bethel Choir. December 14th Children's Christmas Program, Bethel Children's Choir @ 6:00 pm, followed by Happy Birthday Jesus Party. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 5:00 pm. Pastor: Mark Warren

Bethlehem: We look forward to our annual Thanksgiving meal, Sunday, November 23rd. You are invited to join us for Sunday School at 10:00 am, worship at 11:00 am with a meal to follow. Bro. Derrell and our choir are working very hard on our Christmas Cantata, as are the young people for their Christmas presentations. You are always welcomed at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Pastor: Jim Garner

Bible Union: OCC Drop Off Dates: November 17th-22nd 11:00 am-5:00 pm, 23rd 12:00 pm-4:30 pm, 24th 7:00 am-9:00 am. Pastor: Mark Dowdy

Dresden FBC: Our senior adult group is enjoying several Christmas musicals with Christmas at The Dixie and Bethel's Renaissance Christmas this month. Our Men's Breakfast will meet at Kountry Korner for breakfast December 6th at 8:00 am. Our Sew Faithful ministry will break for December and meet again January 3rd. Our Christmas Children's Musical "In A Galilee Far Away" is December 7th at 6:00 pm. The Christmas Adult Choir Cantata "All Is Well" will be presented December 14th at 10:45 am. JOY will gather Tuesday, December 16th, at 11:30 am with Bro. Don leading the devotion and Kevin Hamilton bringing a Christmas program. Our TeamKID will dismiss for winter break December 24th-January 7th. Pastor: Don McCulley

Gleason FBC: There are 27 Youth and Chaperones attending Hearts on Fire in Pigeon Forge November 21st-23rd. Community Thanksgiving Service will be at the Gleason Methodist Church Sunday, November 23rd, at 6:00 pm. Men's Breakfast will be Sunday morning, November 30th, at 7:00 am. Come worship and serve with us. Pastor: Bro. Bill Ellis

Long Heights: Blessings upon Blessings! We welcomed 12 new members to our church recently. We are excited to see how we grow together to serve our Lord. The annual Harvest Day/Thanksgiving fellowship was November 16th. It was a joy to fellowship together and give back to Him from all He provides. Operation Christmas Child packing party was November 19th. We felt led as a church to provide The Shoe That Grows (expands up to 5 sizes and lasts for years) in each shoebox. Our goal was to pack 350 boxes. Praise Him, our God provided 372 pairs of shoes!! We are also celebrating two of our young men who recently signed up and completed boot camp in the Marines. OORAH Ethan Harwell and Hunter Frazier, both from the same family! Pastor: Kenny Carr

Oak Grove: October 29th, we had a wonderful time of food and fellowship at our Fall-O-Ween gathering. November is the month where thankfulness is talked about and preached from the pulpit across the land, so we want to say our hearts are full of gratitude for our Interim Pastor and his wife. We, as a church family, know that they were sent by God to us at the exact time we needed them. Bro Jerry and Mrs. Ora Lee have been faithful and dedicated to God and our church and its needs for the last three and a half years. So, as we gather for Thanksgiving and thank God for his blessings in our lives, Bro. Jerry and Mrs. Ora Lee Powell will be at the top of our list. 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: Ralston will be celebrating Thanksgiving with regular church services on Sunday November 23rd Then we will have lunch immediately following. After lunch we will have a note burning and other activities. Sunday morning November 30th. our His Plans Our Hands puppets will be bringing in the Christmas season with a concert at Broadway Baptist Church during their Sunday School time. Our choir will have special music on Sunday morning December 21st. The puppets will be performing the musical, "Happy Birthday Jesus," that same morning at 9:45 am. We will have a Christmas Eve candlelight service at 5:00 pm. Pastor: Kenneth Springer

Thompson Creek: We hosted a Harvest Festival November 1st. Despite the rain, we had a good time in fellowship and crowned a new Corn Hole champion, James Barnhart. On Sunday, November 16th, we joined with neighboring churches and community members for a Community-Wide Thanksgiving Celebration. During our time of prayer and patience for receiving the man God has selected as our new full-time pastor, we have been blessed with thoughtful and encouraging messages from various pulpit supply preachers.

New Home is prayerfully seeking a Minister of Music.
There would be some compensation for this service.
Please call Bro. Randy Potts, pastor, at (731) 514-3620 with any further questions.

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.

JOBS: Ministry openings can be found at wcbatoday.com

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

WEAKLEY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

GREAT COMMISSION FUND OFFERING
Given to Date: \$15,114.47
May 2025 to April 2026

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 or other items in the trailer. Thanks!



Moore's Chapel Baptist Church
920 Moore's Chapel Road - Greenfield, Tennessee

The Gospelaires will be singing.

Service starts at 10am with potluck meal to follow at noon.



CHRISTMAS Puppet Show
November 30th
Show at 10
Meal to follow service
Broadway Baptist Church
Haygood Rd Martin TN.



BIBLE UNION 2852 Bible Union Rd, Martin

 **Samaritan's Purse TWO CHOICES!**

November 17-22: 11:00 am-5:00 pm, 23rd Noon-4:30 pm, 24th 7:00-9:00 am
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BETHEL 1546 GREENFIELD HIGHWAY 54, GREENFIELD

Nov. 17th - 8:30-10:30am • 18th - 10:00 am-noon • 19th - 1:00-3:00 pm • 20th - 4:30-6:30pm • 21st - 11:30am to 1:30pm • 22nd - 10:30am -1:30pm • 23rd - 3:00-5:00 pm • 24th - 10:00 am-noon
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WCBA Equipping the Saints Class



Evangelism: The Practical Way
Taught by: Bro. Jackie Vaughan

Monday Nights 6:00-7:30 PM January 26th-March 9th, 2026

WCBA Mission Center
195 Hunt St, Dresden, TN 38225
*There may be a textbook fee. No fees otherwise.

The Adult Choir of First Baptist Greenfield presents

Christmas is Jesus



Sunday, December 14, 2025 at 6 o'clock in the evening.
Please join us as we celebrate what Christmas is all about - **Jesus!**
Free admission.
Join us afterwards for refreshments!

First Baptist Greenfield - 3127 N. Meridian Street, Greenfield, TN 38230 - 731-235-3365

CHRISTMAS EVE Candlelight SERVICE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 AT 05:00PM
AT RALSTON BAPTIST CHURCH
640 LACKEY RD, MARTIN



COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

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

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.

 Dresden First Baptist Church
November 13 at 11:25 AM

Community Wide Thanksgiving Service

November 23 at 6 PM
at Dresden First United Methodist Church
Refreshments after Service

