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# THE ADVANCE

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**Note: from the DOM Desk...**

As I am writing this article, we are preparing to travel to Oaxaca, Mexico. There are 16 volunteers from Weakley County getting ready to fly out of Memphis on Saturday, January 24 (weather permitting). We will be working alongside two SBC International Missionaries who have been in the area for several years. We will be evangelizing, doing light construction, teaching adult classes, and helping students with learning English. Your prayers are appreciated.

Our Equipping the Saints Class begins on Monday evening, January 26 and goes through March 9. This semester's subject is "Evangelism" and will be taught by Jackie Vaughan from First Baptist Greenfield. The classes will begin at 6:00 p.m. and go through 7:30 p.m. They will be held at the mission center.

Laborers Together,

*Bro. Phil*

**Happy Birthday February**

<b>2nd</b>	Tommie Sue Terrell	Pleasant Grove
<b>11th</b>	Gayle Glisson	Pleasant View
<b>14th</b>	Tera Lochala	WCBA Ministry Asst
<b>18th</b>	Susie Hazlewood	FBC Greenfield
<b>27th</b>	Brent Davidson	Adams Chapel

**Happy Anniversary February**

<b>5th</b>	Jackie & Amy Vaughan	Greenfield FBC—Assoc
<b>14th</b>	Lebern & Jenny Allen	Eastside
<b>21st</b>	Kenny & Jackie Carr	Long Heights

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**Ministers & Wives  
Chili & Soup Supper**

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



**Tuesday,  
January 27, 2026**

**6:30 pm**

**Corinth**

Please bring chili, soup, additional sides or desserts. We have one chili and one soup covered so far.

327 Corinth Rd, Sharon, TN



**WMU Quarterly Meeting -  
Tuesday, April 21st • 7:00 pm**  
Venue: TBD

**January 2026**

- 24th-31st** January Mission Trip to Oaxaca, Mexico
- 26th** Equipping the Saints Class-Evangelism @ WCBA @ 6:00 pm
- 27th** WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conf @ Corinth @ 6:30 pm
- 29th-31st** TBMB Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat, Pigeon Forge

**February 2026**

- 1st** George Liele Church Planting, Evangelism, & Missions Sunday
- 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, ETS** - Evangelism Class @ WCBA @ 6:00 pm
- 15th** Focus on WMU Sunday
- 16th** Presidents' Day-WCBA Office Closed
- 22nd** Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 24th** WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conference @ 6:30 pm

**North American Missions Emphasis Month  
March 2026**

- 1st-8th** Week of Prayer-North American Missions/Annie Armstrong
- 12th** WCBA-Executive Board Meeting @ WCBA @ 6:30 pm

**WCBA Budget Status**

(As of December 31, 2025)  
Actual FY Income to Date: \$42,479.56  
Actual FY Expenses to Date: \$49,713.50  
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

**GEORGE LIELE CHURCH  
PLANTING, EVANGELISM, AND  
MISSIONS SUNDAY**  
February 1, 2026



**SHARE THE  
WHY  
OF WMU**  
FOCUS ON WMU SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 15, 2026

*Sportsman's Banquet*  
**February 21, 2026**  
Meal: 4:30PM ~ Banquet 6:00PM  
Speaker: Rick Burgess  
Central Baptist Church  
801 Harrison Rd, Martin  
cbcmartin.org  
731-587-5311  
Tickets available at the church JANUARY 26th  
FREE ADMISSION  
FREE MEAL  
FREE PRIZES  
MUST HAVE TICKETS TO ATTEND



**WEAKLEY COUNTY BAPTIST  
ASSOCIATION**  
2026 International Mission Trip

GO EXPERIENCE OAXACA  
(JANUARY 24-31, 2026)  
Oaxaca, Mexico thru the  
International Mission Board

Send your church news  
by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to:  
Weakley.Baptists@gmail.com; newsletter prints on/around the 20th

## CHURCH NEWS



**Pastorless Churches:** Beech Springs, Bethel McKenzie (I), Calvary, New Hope, New Salem, Old Bethel, Sandhill, Sidonia

**WCBA:** Our WCBA Winter Mission Trip is coming up fast. We leave Friday the 23rd to head towards Oaxaca, Mexico. Our next ministry assistant lunch will be February 26th at noon. Venue TBD. 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.

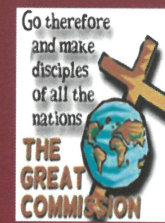
**Central:** Our Grief Share meetings will be started again on February 2nd for 13 weeks. It is from 5:30 pm until 7:30 pm with a small meal at the beginning. Please sign up at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org). Also, our 17th Annual Sportsman's Banquet will be February 21st at 5:00 pm. Tickets will be available January 26th. Central Christian Academy's Open Enrollment Day will be February 12th from 3:00 pm-8:00 pm. Pastor: Kylan Mann

**Gleason FBC:** Three members from FBC will be a part of the WCBA Mission Trip to Mexico this month. We will be beginning Discipleship Training classes Sunday evenings at 5:00 pm beginning in February. A trip to Love Packages in Decatur, Alabama, is being planned for February 16th. Come worship and serve with us! Pastor: Bro. Bill Ellis

**Oak Grove:** WCBA would like to announce Oak Grove's new pastor as of January 2026, Bro. Donald Doster!

**Thompson Creek:** WCBA would like to announce Thompson Creek's new pastor as of January 2026, Bro. John Putman!

## WCBA Equipping the Saints Class



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

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

WCBA Mission Center  
195 Hunt St, Dresden, TN 38225

\*There may be a textbook fee. No fees otherwise.

## FAITH ♥ LOVE BANQUET

WE LOVE BECAUSE HE  
FIRST LOVED US

1 JOHN 4:19

15 FEBRUARY  
AT 5PM

SINGING, FOOD, & GAMES

Eastside Baptist Church  
Martin, TN

RSVP: Jenny Allen at (731) 819-2179  
or sign up at church

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.

## Fellowship Lunch

Ministry Assistant/Church Clerk Fellowship Lunch  
Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at noon. Venue TBD. We may try meeting at a local restaurant this time.

Save the date! More info to follow.

\*\*TAX NOTE: The IRS has announced standard mileage rates for 2026 have increased to 72.5 cents per mile.

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.

**JOBS:** Ministry openings can be found at [wcbatoday.com](http://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.

WEAKLEY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



GREAT COMMISSION FUND OFFERING

Given to Date: \$16,724.47

May 2025 to April 2026

## Cans For Kids

What a way to begin 2026! Sold a load of cans in January for a total of \$1132.80! 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!

YOU ARE  
AMAZING

BIBLE UNION: 4142

BETHEL-  
GREENFIELD: 3060

FOR A TOTAL OF  
7202 FOR WEAKLEY  
COUNTY

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD -  
SHOEBOX COLLECTION CENTER TOTALS

Valentine's  
Parents  
Night out

2/14/26 5-9pm 3-11 years old  
Broadway Baptist Church

Child must be potty trained

Kids will enjoy dinner, games, crafts, and a movie!

Contact us at (731) 514-4954 or  
[broadwaybaptistchurchmartin@outlook.com](mailto:broadwaybaptistchurchmartin@outlook.com)

## 14th Annual Winter Sing Jubilee

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 28 @ 6:00 pm

Oakfield Baptist Church

3527 Old Medina Rd

Oakfield, TN 38362

\*Living Truth\*

\*Ivan & Jamie Hodge\*

\*David & Joan Gregory Hicks\*

\*The Long Family\*

\*Ross Family\*

\*Under Grace\*

\*Master's Call\*

\*The Barnetts\*

For More Info Call  
Verna: 731-514-1033  
OR  
John: 731-345-0173

Please go to [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) to find our group and register for our new semester. We are here to support you in your time of need and look forward to seeing you.

GRIEF SHARE

Grief Support Group

**\*NEW SEMESTER\***

**Mondays 5:30-7:30 pm**  
**February 2nd - April 27th**  
**Central Baptist Church**

His Plans...Our Hands Puppet Ministry  
Martin, TN  
Judy Pearce 731-514-7772



Puppet programs are available and I loan out puppets plus everything you need to present a puppet program yourself except a cd player and hands!