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Notes from the DOM Desk...

The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is scheduled for March 1-8. This is the week Southern Baptists emphasize praying for our North American missionaries. Hopefully, your church will provide prayer guides for you to learn about and pray for specific missionaries here in North America. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be received throughout the month of April.

The weather in January did not permit us to travel to Mexico for our mission trip. We were disappointed, but our Disaster Relief Team was able to help out with several jobs here in West Tennessee caused by the storm.

We have a team leaving in a few days to travel to Jamaica. They will be doing construction, VBS, and other ministry opportunities. One of our two summer mission trips will also be to Jamaica. The other summer mission trip will be in Tennessee. Prayers are appreciated!

Laborers Together,
Bro. Phil

Happy Birthday March

4th	David Gallimore	Ruthville
5th	Andrew Evans	Hodges Chapel
12th	Angie Ellis	Gleason FBC
19th	Phil Mitchell	DOM
28th	Kenny Carr	Long Heights
28th	Kylan Mann	Central
28th	Kenneth Springer	Ralston
29th	Ronny Glisson	Pleasant View

Happy Anniversary March

22nd Billy & Patty Ross



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

February 2026

- 22nd** Racial Reconciliation Sunday
- 24th** WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conf @ 6:30 pm @ Corinth

North American Missions Emphasis Month
March 2026

- 1st-8th** Week of Prayer-North American Missions/Annie Armstrong
- 9th** Last Equipping the Saints Evangelism Class 5:30 pm @WCBA
- 12th** WCBA-Executive Board Meeting @ WCBA @ 6:30 pm
- 15th** WCBA VBS Clinic 2:00 pm @ Bethel, Greenfield
- 22nd** Church Planting Emphasis Sunday & World Water Day
- 31st** WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conference @ 6:30 pm

April 2026

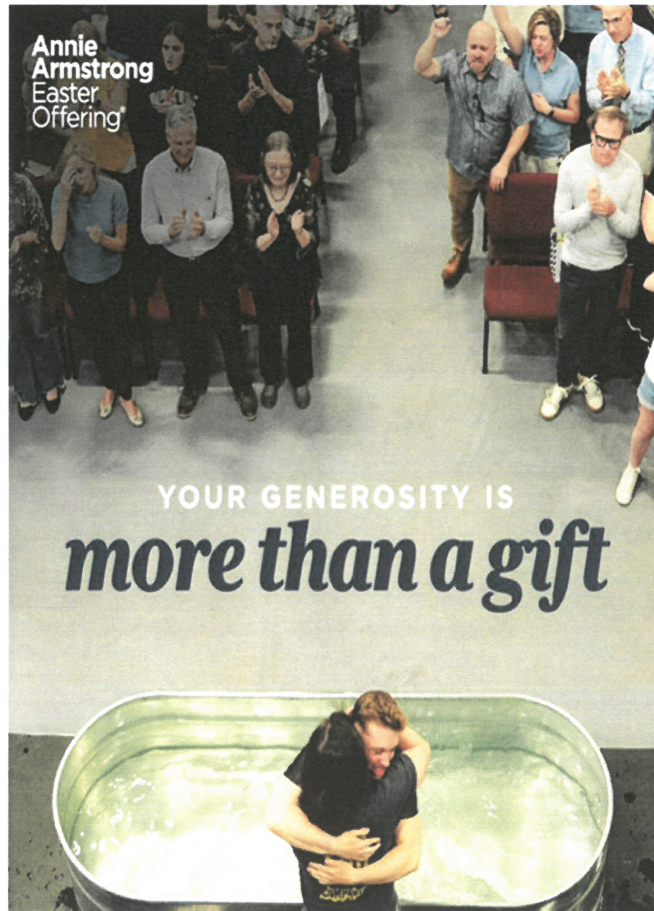
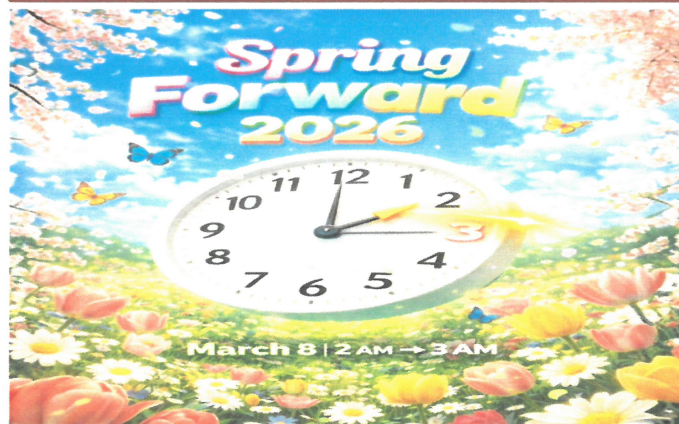
- 3rd** GOOD FRIDAY—WCBA OFFICE CLOSED
- 5th** EASTER
- 21st** WMU Quarterly meeting @ 7:00 pm-Venue TBD
- 28th** WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conf @ 6:30 pm

WCBA Budget Status

(As of January 31, 2026)
Actual FY Income to Date: \$63,265.09
Actual FY Expenses to Date: \$63,658.60
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



100% of your Annie Armstrong Easter Offering gifts support thousands of missionaries serving in church planting and compassion ministry.

THE MISSION FIELD

The North American Mission Board serves a diverse and complex region comprised of the United States, Canada, and their territories.

Population: **386** million
Languages: **378**
Estimated Lost: **291** million
Unreached People Groups: **161**

Statistics from U.S. Census Bureau and The Joshua Project

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: Beech Springs, Bethel McKenzie (I), Calvary, Davis Memorial, New Hope, New Salem, Old Bethel, Sandhill, Sidonia, Union Grove

WCBA: 2025 Annual Mtg Book of Minutes is ready to be picked up by a rep from your church! Our next ministry assistant lunch will be March 19th at noon at Gleason FBC. 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 with a meeting March 10th at noon at Martin FBC.

Bethlehem: Sunday night, February 22nd at 6:00 pm, we will have a pancake supper. Everyone is invited to come and bring your favorite pancake topping. A devotional will follow the supper. Bro. Derrell and our choir are working hard on our Easter cantata. Sunday March 22nd at 11:00 am, we look forward to hosting Bro. Rudy and Mrs. Rose French. They will be sharing their work on the foreign mission field. Pastor: Jim Garner

Central: Our Senior Adult Revival Week is March 9th-11th at 10:00 am each day with lunch provided. Speaker will be Dr. Dub Oliver from Union University. Pastor: Kylan Mann

Gleason FBC: Discipleship training has begun on Sundays at 5:00 pm. Our next New Member class will begin in March. G.R.O.W. kicks off in April. Our VBS dates are June 22nd-26th. Come worship, serve, and grow with us! Pastor: Bill Ellis

Long Heights: Bro. Kenny is on a well-deserved few days of vacation with his family. Our Praise and Worship group joined in worship with Eastside Church for their Valentine's celebration February 15th. We are so glad to be able to resume regular worship schedules after the past snowstorm. Thanking The Father that we had no damage or injuries. We can truly say "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord" Psalm 122:1 Pastor: Kenny Carr

Oak Grove: As our new year began, we welcomed a new pastor. God is continuing to bless our church with visitors taking part in each service. We lost a valued member in January. James Whaley went home to be with Jesus on January 26th. James and his love for the Lord are truly missed by our church family. However God in His goodness has blessed us with one baptism and four new members in the last few weeks. Our newest members are Rick and Joanna Branson and Ronnie and Loretta Wilds. A great day is being planned on March 22nd for the dedication of our new building to God's work! Pastor: Donald Doster

Thompson Creek: WCBA would like to announce the ordination of Thompson Creek's new pastor, John Putman, February 22nd at 5:00 pm at McKenzie First Baptist Church with council meeting at 4:00 pm. Pastor: John Putman



June 7-10 SBC 2026 Annual Meeting & Pastors' Conference

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Ministers & Wives Chili & Soup Supper

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



Please bring chili, soup, additional sides or desserts. 327 Corinth Rd, Sharon, TN

Tuesday,
February 24, 2026
6:30 pm
Corinth

The 2025 Annual Fall Conference Book of Minutes is available at the WCBA office. This book contains details of the conference, information about our association broadly, as well as contact and church position information for all of our associational churches. We would love to have someone from each of our churches call or come by and see us for your copy!

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.

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.

Sweethearts DINNER

WHERE

Pleasant View Baptist Church
7133 Hwy 118
Martin, TN 38237

TIME

February 28th
Starting at 6 p.m.

DESSERTS

Men will have a baking contest, any dessert is accepted. Bring a dessert that you had no help making and drop off in church before dinner.

Weakley County Baptist Association VBS CLINIC

Sunday, March 15th @ 2:00 pm
Bethel Baptist Church
1546 TN-54, Greenfield, TN

Come join us for a discussion of all things VBS!

All VBS volunteers are welcome. Newbies, or those interested in getting started, come learn from the pros!



<https://www.studentevangelismconference.com/>

STUDENT EVANGELISM CONFERENCE
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH CLARKSVILLE TENNESSEE
APRIL 10-11 2026
SCOTT DAWSON
RICK BURGESS
BRIAN MILLS
SYS WORSHIP

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

GCF
GREAT COMMISSION FUND OFFERING

Given to Date: \$16,849.47
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!

SENIOR ADULT REJUVENATION WEEK March 9-11 10:00 AM Lunch will be provided

Central Baptist Church
801 Harrison Rd
Martin, TN 38237

Speaker - Dr. Dub Oliver,
President
Union University

NORTHWEST TENNESSEE CELEBRATION EVENT
MARCH 7TH 2026
1:00pm until 3:00pm
BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
659 Shaftoe Rd
Greenfield, TN 38239
Please RSVP by clicking the LMS or emailing scott@wcbatoday.com

BRING YOUR OWN Lunch PARTY

03/19/2026
12:00 pm

Bi-Monthly Ministry Assistant/Church Clerk Lunch or the whenever we can get together lunch party :-)
FBC GLEASON 301 S CEDAR ST, GLEASON, TN 38229

MEALS PROVIDED
Cropping for Youth Camp Fundraiser
GIVEAWAYS!
Saturday, March 7th
8am - 8pm
Do you love paper crafting but hardly have time to spend on it?
COME SPEND THE DAY WITH US & HELP RAISE MONEY FOR YOUTH CAMP!
Central Baptist Church
801 Harrison Rd, Martin
Call church for details
731-587-5311

CarePortal
LAKE/OBION/WEAKLEY/HENRY COUNTY
JOIN US!
Driving action for local children and families in crisis. Join us for lunch, celebrate what God is doing and get to know your CarePortal ecosystem. Bring a pastor, friend or business owner!
March 10th
12PM-1:30pm
First Baptist Martin
123 University St.
Martin, TN - 38237
Presented by: Martin
RSVP
Pleasant View Baptist Church
7133 Hwy 118, Martin, TN 38237