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Notes from the DOM Desk...

"Easter Sunday" is April 5. This is a Sunday set aside in many churches to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. This is a good day to invite family and friends to church so that they may hear the gospel presented in music and in the preaching/teaching of the Word of God. Of course, the church meets every Sunday to celebrate the resurrection. I hope on April 5, our churches will be filled to capacity.

Our summer mission trip will be July 11-17. This year we will be going back to Cleveland, Tennessee to work with the Ocoee River Ministry. We will be involved in construction projects as well as VBS and/or Backyard Bible Clubs. The cost of the trip is \$200.00 per person. I encourage you to pray about going and encourage your youth to participate.

The role of women in the local church has always been an important subject and it continues to be, especially in the SBC. A good book on the topic is by Kevin DeYoung titled: "Men and Women in the Church." I recommend it.

Laborers Together,
Bro. Phil

Happy Birthday April

3rd	Brenda Scott	Public Well
5th	Jim Garner	Bethlehem
13th	Tina Brewer	Jolley Springs

Happy Anniversary April

11th	Ronnie & Patricia McClure
18th	Keith & Tina Sumner Central-Associate
24th	Wayne & Linda Perkins



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

North American Missions Emphasis Month
March 2026

31st WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conference @ 6:30 pm @ Sharon FBC

April 2026

3rd GOOD FRIDAY—WCBA OFFICE CLOSED
5th EASTER
17th-18th Missions Get-Together, Dickson, TN
21st WMU Quarterly meeting @ 7:00 pm-Venue TBD
28th WCBA Monthly Ministers & Wives Conf @ 6:30 pm @ Eastside

Executive Board Meeting March 12, 2026 News: The WCBA ExBd voted to supplement \$1500 for WCBS Disaster Relief trip to Jamaica in February, to go to Cleveland, TN, for the Summer Mission Trip, and to auction off land donated to WCBA in 2000.

WCBA Budget Status
 (As of February 28, 2026)
 Actual FY Income to Date: \$73,848.46
 Actual FY Expenses to Date: \$73,992.76
 Yearly Budget Expense/Income: \$185,588.00

Next Meeting Dates:
 ALT—May 14, 2026 at 6:00 pm @ WCBA
 Executive Board—September 10, 2026 at 6:30 pm @ WCBA

Final Spots Remaining!
 RALSTON BAPTIST CHURCH'S
 LADIES OF GRACE WOMAN'S CONFERENCE
Daughters of the King
 Speaker: Patricia (Trish) Price
 Saturday, April 18, 2026
 Registration & Continental Breakfast begins at 7:30 AM until Conference starts at 8:30 AM. Lunch will also be served there will be no charge but a \$4.00 limit of so please register at
REGISTER NOW!

HAPPY EASTER

HE IS RISEN

MAY YOUR HEART BE FILLED WITH THE PEACE AND JOY OF HIS RESURRECTION

APRIL 5, 2026

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, 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 May 21st 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.

Bethlehem: Sunday March 29th at the am service, our youth and Bethlehem Signing Team will present their Easter programs. At 6:00 pm, we will enjoy our first ever "talent night." Come and share the special talent God has given to you. Finger foods to follow. We look forward to the Adult Choir's Easter Cantata, Sunday, April 5th, at 11:00 am. We will observe the Lord's Supper that night at 6:00 pm. Pastor: Jim Garner

Bible Union: Two ramps were built this month; 20 Backpacks have been packed. We have a goal of 70 for this year. One hundred Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes have been packed so far with a goal of 850! March 29th @ 8:00 am men's ministry event with 5th Sunday Night Singing at 6:00 pm. Easter Week: Thursday at 6:00 pm The Lord's Supper, Friday at noon with Terry Griffin as speaker, Saturday at 1:00 pm egg hunt, Sunday 6:00 am Son Rise Service plus breakfast with Choir Presentation at 11:00 am. Everyone invited! Come celebrate our risen Savior with us! Pastor: Mark Dowdy

Central: Holy Week Services Monday-Friday, March 30th-April 3rd at noon each day to fit within a lunch hour. Pastor: Kylan Mann

Dresden FBC: We will have a community wide Easter Egg Hunt at Wilson Park on Saturday, April 4th, at 10:00 am for children up to 6th grade. Our choir will present "Risen Savior, Conquering King" Easter Cantata Sunday, April 5th, at 10:45 am. The Senior Adult JOY group will meet Tuesday the 21st at 11:30 am for meal & fellowship. Our program guest is Sheila Hart (harpist) from Camden. Senior Adults 55+ are always invited to attend. TeamKID will close out for spring/summer break on Wednesday the 29th at 6:00 pm. Family & friends are invited to the closing program. Pastor: Don McCulley

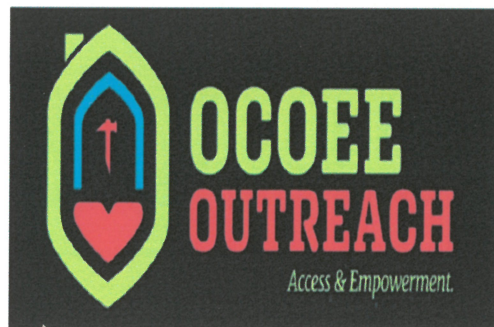
Gleason FBC: Our children's Easter Eggstravaganza will be Wednesday, April 1st, at 7:00 pm following our fellowship meal at 6:00 pm. Good Friday services will be at 9:00 am, noon, 3:00 pm and 6:00 pm. Easter Sunrise Services will be in our parking lot at 6:00 am followed by breakfast. Our G.R.O.W. program will kick off the first week of April. We will participate in Secret Church Bible study of Elijah on April 17th. Come worship and serve with us. Pastor: Bill Ellis

Oak Grove: We began our month with broken hearts for the loss of a dear member. Billy Powell was called home by God after years of service as a deacon and faithful member of our church. He is truly missed! We are continuing to have visitors join us at each service. We are thankful that our front entrance has been completed with beautiful steps. We dedicated our new building to God for his honor and glory on Sunday March 22nd. Pastor: Donald Doster.

Ralston: The Daughters of the King Women's Conference is April 18th at 8:30 am. We have a few tickets left. The Children's Easter egg hunt will be 10:00 am Sunday, April 5th, during Sunday School time for children 10 and under. Pastor: Kenneth Springer

Weakley County Baptist Association

Summer Mission Trip



WHEN: July 11-17, 2026

WHERE: Ocoee Outreach, Cleveland, TN

POSSIBLE WHAT: Backyard Bible Clubs, Carpentry, Painting,

Roofing, Wheelchair Ramps

COST: \$200 per person

Participants must have completed the 8th grade.

Applications will be available at www.wcbatoday.com, our Facebook page, through email, your local associational church, and at the WCBA Mission Center.

Deadline for the fee, 3 Ocoee Outreach forms, and WCBA Supplemental form is

Monday, June 15, 2026.

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 are excited to welcome new Sidonia Pastor, Bro. Darrell Morgan and wife Angela to the WCBA Family!

Central Baptist Church

801 Harrison Road Martin, TN

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Services each day at NOON

Monday (March 30 th)	Keith Sumner
Tuesday (March 31 st)	Korben Hagan
Wednesday (April 1 st)	Jamie Thomson
Thursday (April 2 nd)	Casey Ortner
Friday (April 3 rd)	Kylan Mann



An offering will be taken each day to support the mission work for We Care Ministries

JOBS: Ministry openings can be found at wcbatoday.com

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

2025 ANNUAL FALL CONFERENCE BOOK OF MINUTES

Includes: Conference details, Associational Ministries, Church Directory

We would love to have someone from each of our churches call or come by and see us for your copy! We still have 15 churches that have not picked up your copy.



Join us for Good Friday Services

Friday, April 3, 2026

Gleason First Baptist Church
301 S. Cedar Street
Gleason, TN 38229

9:00AM - Bro. Donald Doster
Music - Bro. Jackie Vaughan

12:00PM - Dr. Don McCulley
Music - Mr. Tommy Moore

3:00PM - Bro. Jeff Moody
Music - Mr. Ben Ellis

6:00PM - Bro. Bill Ellis
Music - Mrs. Gail Muzzall

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.



THE LIVING LORD'S SUPPER

Join us for this live dramatic portrayal of DaVinci's famous painting, "The Last Supper"



FRIDAY, MARCH 27TH AT 7 PM
SUNDAY, MARCH 29TH AT 11 AM
New Harmony Baptist Church ~ 7050 Hwy 69S, Paris, TN 38242

WEAKLEY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



GREAT COMMISSION FUND OFFERING

Given to Date: \$18,146.88

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!