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Notes from the DOM Desk...

We had a wonderful Fall Conference this past Saturday, October 21st. Bethel Baptist, McKenzie, was a wonderful host. Their hospitality was superb. We heard reports from our association teams, our TBMB entities, as well as from our SBC entities. Mark Warren preached our theme interpretation and Craig Ball, pastor at Liberty Baptist Church in Cincinnati, delivered our annual sermon. The new budget was presented and unanimously passed by our messengers. WCBA also voted unanimously to accept the New Home Baptist Church, Martin, into our association as a member church! Welcome New Home! We appreciate the great job our moderator, Albert Collins, did. As Southern Baptists, we are a cooperating group of churches. We believe we can do more kingdom work by working together than we can do individually. Thank you, Weakley County Baptists, for your mindset of cooperating together.

Our next mission trip is scheduled for January 27– February 2, 2024. We will be returning to Puerto Rico to do construction. The cost is the same as last year, \$800. The deadline for signing up is **December 4th**.

I hope you and your family have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Laborers Together,
Bro. Phil

Happy Birthday November
4th Misty Davidson Adams Chapel
21st Tracey Garner Bethlehem
28th Susan Warren Bethel-Greenfield

Happy Anniversary November
15th Brent & Misty Davidson Adams Chapel
26th Lowell & Kathy Wiley New Prospect

Give thanks to the Lord,
for he is good;
his love endures forever.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34

Next Meeting Date:
ALT—November 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm
Executive Board—March 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm

October 2023
24th Bivocational Chili Supper @ 6:30 pm

November 2023
7th WMU Quarterly Meeting @ 7:00 pm
@ Thompson Creek, Como
8th Bivocational Retreat Registration Deadline
9th WCBA ALT Meeting @ 6:00 pm
@ Mission Center
12th-15th TBC Summit @ Chattanooga Convention Center
23rd-24th Thanksgiving - WCBA Office Closed
27th Christmas Dinner Reservation Deadline

December 2023
International Missions Emphasis Month
1st Ministers & Wives Christmas Dinner @ 6:00 pm @FBC Sharon
4th Application & Fee Deadline for Puerto Rico Trip
3rd-10th Week of Prayer and Mission Study for IMB and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
19th-29th WCBA Office Closed

January/February 2024
Jan 27th-Feb 2nd WCBA Mission Trip to Puerto Rico
Feb 20th WCBA Evangelism Conference @ 7:00 pm



Weakley County Baptist Association

2024 International Mission Trip

January 27– February 2, 2024

Cost: \$800

Volunteers needed for construction work, cooking and possible ministry opportunities.

Application and fee deadline is December 4, 2023. Applications available at wcbatoday.com and WCBA Mission Center.

No passport necessary!



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

CHURCH NEWS



Pastorless Churches: Eastside, Mack's Grove, New Salem, Northwestern, Oak Grove (I), Old Bethel, Ralston (I), Ruthville

Dresden FBC: The Women on Mission group will host the BCM Noonday at UTM November 2nd. Our Men's Breakfast is November 4th @ 8:00 am. All men are invited to attend for food & fellowship. Sew Faithful ministry will meet to work on mission projects November 4th at 9:00 am. Helping hands are welcome! The Community Thanksgiving Service will be November 19th at 6:00 pm at host church, Dresden Presbyterian. JOY Senior Adult group will meet November 21st at 11:30 am for a meal & program. JoAnn Wireman will be our guest and will be discussing Operation Christmas Child. Senior adults 55+ are invited. Pastor: Don McCulley

Greenfield FBC: Fall Revival will be held Sunday, October 22nd, thru Wednesday, October 25th. Services will be at 7:00 pm Monday thru Wednesday. Dr. Clay Hallmark from FBC Lexington will be preaching with guest Worship Leaders each night. Nursery services will be provided. Tuesday night, the 24th, will be Youth Night with a pizza party at 6:00 pm in the Youth Building. Harvest Day will be held Sunday, October 29th with Sunday School at 10:00 am and Worship at 10:30 am with a Gaither-Style Old Fashioned Gospel Singing during Worship. A potluck meal will follow the service. Please make plans to join us for this special day! Pastor: James Hazlewood

Thompson Creek: A young couple joined our church Sunday, September 3rd. Our church gave our pastor a monetary gift and a fall candle arrangement to his wife for Pastor Appreciation Day. We will be having a Harvest Cookout and Hayride at 5:00 pm., Saturday, October 28th. Youth Sunday will be at the AM service October 29th with the Lord's Supper at 5:30 pm. Pastor: Billy Ross

Victory: God is good! Praise the Lord for such great past months. Starting out in July with our "Jubilee", singing, preaching and Bar-B-Queue lunch served by the church. August brought 3 new members, 2 by letter, and 1 by baptism. September brought one of our members, Billy Tate, into the ministry of our Lord Jesus Christ. A licensing service is in the planning. Two of our members delivered 125 bottles of body wash to the Veterans Home in Humboldt. Shoe Boxes and Veterans Christmas are in the plans. We'd like to invite all to come & join Victory in the work of our Lord. Pastor: Kenneth Springer.

WCBA Budget Status

As of September 30, 2023

Actual Income to Date	\$164,519.86
Actual Expenses to Date	\$177,475.74
Yearly Budget Expense/Income	\$173,245.00

WCBA 2023 Annual Conference

Total Attendance: 112
Messengers: 70
Visitors: 39
Churches Represented: 28

SUMMIT
THE GATHERING OF TENNESSEE BAPTISTS
Chattanooga Convention Center
November 12-15, 2023



Weakley County Baptist Association
Great Commission Fund Offering
Given To Date: \$13,800



WMU Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, November 7, 2023
• 7:00 pm
@ Thompson Creek, Como

PRAY NOW
BIVOCATIONAL MINISTERS AND WIVES RETREAT
Music Road Hotel & Convention Center
January 25-27, 2024
*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,
be constant in prayer. - Romans 12:12*

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, certified counselor with the Association of Certified Biblical Counselors, is available for counseling on Mondays.

Please call the WCBA office at 731-364-3739 to schedule an appointment.

Appointment Only.



Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child Shoobox Collection Centers

BIBLE UNION BAPTIST CHURCH

2852 Bible Union Road
Martin, TN

NOVEMBER 13 - 20, 2023

Operating Hours:

November 13 - 18: 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

November 19: 12:00 pm to 4:30 pm

November 20: 7:00 am to 9:00 am
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BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

1546 Greenfield Highway 54
Greenfield, TN

NOVEMBER 13 - 20, 2023

Hours of Collection:

Nov. 13th - 8:30am to 10:30am • Nov. 14th - 10am to 12pm
Nov. 15th - 1pm to 3pm • Nov. 16th - 4:30pm to 6:30pm
Nov. 17th - 11:30am to 1:30pm • Nov. 18th - 10:30am-1:30pm
Nov. 19th - 3pm to 5pm • Nov. 20th - 8am to 10am

**Please pay online or mail your donation in the postage-paid envelope supplied by Samaritan's Purse. **

Church Steeple To Give Away

Please call the WCBA office at 731-364-3739 if interested.

WEAKLEY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

MINISTERS & WIVES CHRISTMAS DINNER

Friday, December 1, 2023
@ 6:30 pm

SHARON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

5516 US Hwy 45
Sharon, TN 38255

\$20 PER COUPLE

Please call 731-364-3739 before November 27th to sign up

Cans For Kids Sold a load of cans for \$414 in October. Proceeds benefit activities for the children of Tennessee Baptist Children's Home. Collection trailer is on the parking lot of Mathis Battery. Drop your cans off to make a difference in the lives of children served by these homes!

Mack's Grove Baptist Church is seeking a bi-vocational pastor. Please send resumes to Mack's Grove Baptist Church, c/o Pastor Search Committee, 4580 Palmersville Hwy 89, Dresden, TN 38225.

Ralston Baptist Church is prayerfully seeking a **bi-vocational pastor**. We are a rural Southern Baptist Church, located right off Hwy 22 in Martin, TN, and adhere to the Baptist Faith and Message. We are part of the Weakley County Baptist Association. Only candidates who submit resumes will be considered. If you are interested and feel you might be led to us by God's will, please send your resume to the address or email listed below: Ralston Baptist Church, Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 832, Martin, TN 38237 or ralstonpastorsearch22@outlook.com.

Eastside Baptist Church located in Martin, TN is currently accepting resumes for a **bi-vocational pastor**. We are a small church and a member of the Southern Baptist Convention. Resumes may be submitted by mail to: Eastside Baptist Church, Pastor Search Committee, 529 K Street, Martin, TN 38237 or by email to kmatheny1@gmail.com. Any questions may be sent by email with a phone number and a member of the search committee will contact you as soon as possible.