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Notes from the DOM Desk...

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is December 3rd-10th. The month of December is also the time we give our offering through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering to international missions. There are still billions of people around the world who are unsaved. Our churches have the opportunity and the responsibility to get the gospel to the nations by giving through this offering. If your church needs material on how to be involved in the Week of Prayer and/or the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, you can go to imb.org for information

Since this newsletter covers both December and January, let me remind you of some important things that are happening in January. January Bible Study 2024 is the Sermon on the Mount. The Sanctity of Life Sunday is January 21st. Please observe this day! The Bivocational Ministers and Wives Retreat in Pigeon Forge is January 25th-27th. Our WCBA January mission trip to Puerto Rico is January 27th – February 2nd.

Thank you for supporting your association and for all you do for Susan and me. Susan and I hope you have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Laborers Together,

Bro. Phil

Happy Birthday December		
7th	Gene Price	Tumbling Creek
9th	Mike Brown	Corinth
10th	Fay Ott	Sharon FBC
11th	Jeri Springer	Victory
15th	Trish Price	Tumbling Creek
28th	Patricia McClure	Union Grove
28th	Doug Morris	Sidonia
29th	Jackie Carr	Long Heights
Happy Anniversary December		
11th	Josh & Meagan Carden	The Shepherd's Field
28th	Gene & Trish Price	Tumbling Creek
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
28th	JoAnn Coomer	New Hope
30th	Keith Sumner	Bible Union
Happy Anniversary January		
22nd	Don & Sherryl McCulley	Dresden FBC
Next Meeting Date:		
Executive Board—March 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm		
ALT—May 16, 2024 at 6:00 pm		

November 2023	
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
25th	MERRY CHRISTMAS!
January 2024	
1st	Happy New Year! - WCBA Office Closed
7th-14th	January Bible Study - Sermon on the Mount
15th	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - WCBA Office Closed
21st	Sanctity of Life Sunday
22nd	Ray Van Neste - January Bible Study Overview @ WCBA Pastors Conference
23rd	WMU Quarterly Meeting @ 7:00 pm @ Central, Martin
25th-27th	TBMB Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat, Pigeon Forge
Jan 27th-Feb 2nd	WCBA Mission Trip to Puerto Rico
February 2024	
4th	George Liele Church Planting, Evangelism, & Missions Sunday
18th	Focus on WMU Sunday
19th	Presidents' Day - WCBA Office Closed
20th	WCBA Evangelism Conference @ 7:00 pm
25th	Racial Reconciliation Sunday



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

CHURCH NEWS



Pastorless Churches: Mack's Grove, New Salem, Northwestern, Oak Grove (I), Ruthville, Victory

Bethel, Greenfield: December 10th @ 5:30 pm: "This Is Christmas," A Praise and Worship Christmas presented by Bethel's Adult Choir. Nursery provided. December 13th @ 7:00 pm: "Christmas Night of Worship." Journey Worship Co, from Lebanon, TN, are leading us in worship. This will be an intimate night of singing and scripture reading as we worship the King of Kings! In conjunction with this night, we are having a toy drive for Angel Tree and Greenfield Schools. We encourage you to bring a toy item, but this is not a requirement. Following worship, we are having a "Cookies & Coffee" fellowship. December 17th @ 6:00 pm: Children's Choir Christmas Program. December 24th @ 10:30 am Worship Service with a 5:00 pm Christmas Eve Candlelight Service. (731) 235-2582 Mon-Thur 8:00 am to 1:00 pm with any questions. Pastor: Mark Warren
Dresden FBC: The Men's monthly prayer breakfast will be held at Kountry Korner December 2nd @ 8:00 am. All men are invited. The Sew Faithful Ministry will meet for sewing & non-sewing projects December 2nd from 9:00 am to noon at the church. Our Lively Ones senior adult group will attend the Bethel Renaissance Christmas concert on December 2nd. Our Christmas Musical Program "Arrest These Merry Gentlemen" will be December 10th @ 6:00 pm, and our Adult Christmas Cantata Choir will perform "Glorious Light of Christmas" on December 17th @ 10:45 am. JOY December gathering for adults 55+ will be Tuesday, December 19th. Wendell Verdell will be our program guest performing Christmas music. All senior adults are invited to attend. Please contact the church office by December 14th to RSVP for the meal. Pastor: Don McCulley
Gleason FBC: A great time was had November 5th, Harvest Day, with singing by Mr. Ben Ellis and message by Bro. Kenny Carr. Seven veterans were recognized on Veterans Day, with Ray Dean Verdell being honored as our oldest veteran. FBC will give thanks for our community by giving out Thanksgiving meals Sunday, November 19th. The church has been busy collecting OCC shoeboxes. Fourteen youth and seven chaperones will be attending Hearts on Fire in Pigeon Forge. Come worship and serve with us! Pastor: Bill Ellis

Thompson Creek: One of our youth was saved October 29th and will be baptized November 19th before the 11:00 am service. The WMU Quarterly meeting was held at TCBC November 7th, with soups, sandwiches, and desserts afterwards. On November 8th, we packed 83 OCC shoeboxes. Our Gideon speaker this year was our own member, Garry Phillips, who spoke November 12th in the AM service. A generous offering was collected for The Gideons International. At 4:00 pm that afternoon, our church hosted the community-wide Thanksgiving Service and Fellowship Meal at Jolley Springs BC. There were five neighboring churches who were represented, and Dr. Phil Mitchell was our guest speaker. A love offering was collected and given to him. Our prayer meeting the week of Thanksgiving will be Tuesday, November 21st instead of Wednesday, November 22nd. Happy Thanksgiving to all! Pastor: Billy Ross

Tumbling Creek: Tumbling Creek recognized 39 years of service by their pastor, Bro. Gene Price, with a monetary gift and packed 429 shoeboxes for OCC. Pastor: Gene Price

Victory: Pastors' Appreciation Day was observed October 15th with a monetary gift for our pastor & luncheon by the church. October 22nd was our annual Harvest Day Celebration; a great dinner was enjoyed by everyone. Another member was added that day to our membership by letter! One hundred shoeboxes were packed Wednesday night by the membership for Samaritan's Purse OCC. These were delivered to Bible Union, along with a number of other boxes packed by individuals. God is Good. God is Love. God is on the move. He is coming back soon. Let us be ready. Pastor: Kenneth Springer

Printing Schedule Change: Due to the upcoming holidays, The Advance will not be printed in December. The next Advance is scheduled for January 2024. Deadline for your church news is January 15, 2024.



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.



WMU Quarterly Meeting
Tuesday, January 23, 2024
7:00 pm
@ Central Baptist, Martin

ALT News:

At their November meeting, the Associational Leadership Team voted to allocate \$10,000, for the Mission Trip to Puerto Rico in January 2024. This would go towards building supplies if needed. They also voted to supplement volunteer trip fees where needed for those whose church is unable to cover the fees.

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.

The Associational Churches cover the cost of these services, but services are by appointment only.

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

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!

WCBA would like to announce four of our associational churches have new pastors. We would like to welcome Dr. Mitch Coomer to New Hope, Bro. Kenneth Springer to Ralston, Bro. Lebern Allen to Eastside, and Bro. Jack Woods to Old Bethel!

WCBA Budget Status

As of October 31, 2023

Actual Income to Date	\$19,180.89
Actual Expenses to Date	\$17,193.98
Yearly Budget Expense/Income	\$173,638.00



•Registration is now open
•Prices: \$30 Oct. 1 - Feb. 14, \$35 starting Feb. 15



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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 364-3739 before November 27th to sign up

Eastside Baptist Church, located in Martin, TN, is currently accepting resumes for a song leader. Some experience necessary. Resumes may be submitted by mail to: Eastside Baptist Church, c/o Kristy Matheny, 2540 Ralston Rd, Martin, TN, 38237 or by email to eastsidebaptistchurch1971@gmail.com.

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

New Harmony Baptist Church 25th Annual

Live Nativity!

December 1st - 3rd
6:00-8:00 PM

Drive through a trail of luminaries and view the living scenes depicting the birth of Christ.

Come and enjoy our free Christmas gift to the community.



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Sanctity of
Human Life

Sunday
January 21, 2024

