



The weekly **Ministers Fellowship** met online during the pandemic for encouragement and to help each other navigate these unique days. We have resumed in-person meetings at the BHBA office at 10:30am on Mondays, and will continue to offer the option for online participation as well.



SBC PASTORAL CARE LINE

Pastors, need prayer or counseling?
A free, confidential, dedicated help line for pastors.
Trained, professional counselors are available every day from 8am-10pm (ET).
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From Our Director of Missions, Clay Gilbreath

Normally this July newsletter would be full of summer activities, but the COVID-19 outbreak has caused most summer events to be cancelled. I am greatly encouraged, though, as our churches have begun to meet again. We remain cautious and want to meet safely, so our meetings don't look exactly like they did in February – but God is moving, people are finding hope in Christ, and “Victory in Jesus” is still a favorite song – ‘cause it’s true! We dare not fail nor falter while this world continues to wander in darkness in need of the light of Christ! Support your church and your pastor like never before, march forth as the army of God, and let us pray and strive for that renewal and revival that is so desperately needed.

We started back holding weekly Ministers Fellowships on Monday mornings in June. We have been anxious to gather together again, and we are blessed to do so – while social distancing of course! What an encouraging time to spend a couple of hours together in fellowship and the Word.

As we see our culture in chaos – from one crisis to another – as believers we must stand unified in Christ and under the word of God. Many articles have been written to address the current racial tension we are experiencing but I believe the title to an article published by the B&R sums it up well: “No Room for Racism in the Christian Heart.” Amen and amen. May we all examine our hearts, our motives, the reason we say what we say or do what we do, and make sure that in everything we conform to the heart of Christ when we read: “For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son.” The word “world” here means “everyone in the world”! That is the gospel message and it has no distinction regarding race—after all there is only one race, the human race, and since we all are descendants of Adam that makes us family.

Your staff stands ready to assist the churches of BHBA. Thank you for allowing us to serve.

Monthly Budget	13,061.25
MAY Gifts	9,286.73
Fiscal YTD Shortfall	-\$ 9,117.40

Unrestricted Gifts	MAY 2020	FISCAL YR Oct 2019- MAY 2020
Ashport	0.00	886.15
Beaver	0.00	1,000.00
Brighton	604.65	4,714.27
Calvary	380.00	2,673.00
Calvary Hill	0.00	3,600.00
Central	0.00	0.00
Charleston	457.11	4,502.78
Cornerstone	0.00	650.00
Covington First	1,250.00	10,000.00
Cross View	0.00	0.00
Crossway	0.00	317.88
Durhamville	320.00	3,167.00
Faith	625.00	5,000.00
Fellowship	683.44	4,680.71
First Indian	0.00	0.00
Forerunner	0.00	240.00
Fulton	0.00	0.00
Garland	400.00	3,200.00
Gateway	985.86	8,008.34
Genesis	0.00	0.00
Grace	297.75	3,506.02
Hope	626.24	1,242.20
Keeling	0.00	385.00
Liberty	250.00	2,000.00
Mason Cowboy	0.00	300.00
Mason First	271.35	1,696.01
Mt. Lebanon	230.00	2,537.60
Munford	415.00	3,320.00
Oak Grove	0.00	2,456.38
Olive Branch	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	5,619.00
Ripley First	583.33	4,666.64
Salem	0.00	662.90
Servant's Heart	0.00	0.00
Smyrna	0.00	3,320.00
Spirit Filled	0.00	150.00
Trinity	125.00	925.00
True Life	0.00	0.00
True Word	0.00	1,228.95
Victory	0.00	0.00
Walnut Grove	0.00	2,009.93
Western Valley	0.00	0.00
Woodlawn	0.00	450.00
TBMB	782.00	6,256.00
Other	0.00	.84
Total	\$ 9,286.73	\$ 95,372.60

Thank you for your generous spirit of giving. It is because of your sacrifice that we exist to connect churches on mission.



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The **JULY Calendar of Events** will not be published due to daily changes regarding pandemic guidelines.

Email: bhba@bighatchie.org for questions.



No matter what the circumstances, our goals and mission should never change. I have a plaque by my desk that reminds me that I should bear the brunt of temptation and press forward. Remember that John 3:16 answers the questions about our Father that we all need to understand. Therefore we press forward with plans for the 25th anniversary celebration of the **Teddy Evans Mission Service on October 4, 2020.** Our committee knows that we can't foretell the future, but to give in is just what Satan would like for us to do. We have planned a tremendous celebration of our mission effort through the Big Hatchie Baptist Association. Along with the talent, we will recognize Bro. Ray Jones and Bro. Mike Owens whose efforts through the Teddy Evans Mission Fund has changed the lives of so many people in our association. We want to make the 25th anniversary celebration a new beginning to spark mission efforts for the future. I know things have been different this spring and my prayer and confidence is knowing that God will prevail in the hearts of our churches, individuals and businesses to support our efforts. We need 35 donations of \$50.00 each to assure our success for this celebration. Please make your checks to TEMF 25th Celebration. No matter what happens this money will not be used for anything except our mission efforts. Encourage your fellow members to support this effort and we pray that our Mission efforts will never cease. May God bless our efforts.

Bro. Jay Whalen, Big Hatchie Baptist Association Music Director

WMU NEWS

FROM OUR WMU DIRECTOR , DIANE SORRELL

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Congratulations to the 2020-21 Myra Short Scholarship Recipient, Shelby Morris Boggs, from Ripley-First Baptist. Shelby will begin her senior year majoring in Music Education at Union.

Still in need of funds for the Myra Short Scholarship Fund of \$1,000. You may send checks to Harriet Cannon (57 Janet Rd, Covington, Tn. 38019) Checks may be made out to Big Hatchie Baptist Association-WMU / for MS.

What are our plans for WMU this upcoming year? Wait and see! Currently planning for the new year knowing that things could change has been a difficult challenge. Having to cancel events has been even harder, but we were/are concerned about safety first.

Tuesday, September 8: Quarterly Meeting at Smyrna Baptist at 7 pm. Asking Myra Short Recipient, Shelby Boggs, at the meeting for everyone to meet. Installation Service of the Leadership Team is planned during the meeting. The Director position will be passed on to Harriet Cannon.

BCM News: As of right now, Dyersburg Community College-Covington Campus will have their doors open for the Fall Semester. We are unsure about access due to Covid-19 restrictions but hope to resume ministry to students as soon as possible. Please keep this ministry in your prayers.