

Tennessee Baptist Churches and Relief Workers enjoyed coming together to serve a meal to the workers of the **Blue Oval City**. Area churches want to both welcome and form relationships with the new community of workers and companies that will become staples within their communities.



**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION ANNUAL MEETING**

**NEW ORLEANS**  
JUNE 11-14, 2023

**BHBA Churches,**

Your association has a Gospel Wagon Trailer that is equipped to host your church Outreach needs. Supplies to serve 100 people (cotton candy, popcorn & snow cones) are provided with the wagon. Call the office for more information, a list of items included or to reserve the dates for your church events.



The BHBA Mission Team served alongside partnership church, Pillar of Truth Ministries in Cincinnati, Ohio on May 5-7.





### From Our Director of Missions, Clay Gilbreath

**Ah June**, the beginning of summer. Where kids are out of school, the sun is shining, humidity is raging, and activities are surging!

This is also the month of the annual Southern Baptist Convention meeting. This year it is being held in New Orleans. We are part of a great convention of churches of all types and sizes, bound by the gospel and the truth of God's word. We certainly have issues that need to be addressed and stands that need to be taken, but I am thankful to be a part of the SBC. Join me in New Orleans to do the business of Southern Baptists, and to enjoy some good Cajun food!

Special thanks to First Baptist Covington for hosting our Vacation Bible School training recently. VBS remains one of the most effective outreach and evangelistic events we could do!

We had a great, fast trip to our Big Hatchie partner church, Pillar of Truth, in Cincinnati on May 5-7. The BHBA team helped the church with a community outreach in a nearby park, where we held a block party type event. They now have a building where they worship each Sunday, and we were able to attend their services as well as feed the congregation a good southern meal. Would you consider joining us next time as we come alongside these dear believers on mission for Christ?

We were saddened recently as we lost a great supporter and promoter of the BHBA: Pastor Ronnie Wylie. I shared at his funeral that I have known no one who loved Big Hatchie more than Bro. Ronnie. He served this area tirelessly in many ways and will be missed by all.

Welcome new Pastor of Mt. Lebanon, Randy Daniels.

May God bless you and your church as you spend this summer serving and reaching your communities. If we may assist you in any way, please let us know.

#### WMU NEWS - WMU Director, Harriet Cannon

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*"Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer." Romans 12:12*

**June Quarterly Meeting:** Make plans to attend our meeting on Tuesday, June 13th at First Baptist Church, Covington at 6:30PM. A representative from the NAMB SEND Relief Network will be speaking to us. We will also install the 2023-24 Leadership Team and take an offering to complete funding the Myra Short Scholarship.

**Myra Short Scholarship 2023-2024:** Congratulations to Mason Kelley from First Baptist, Ripley! Mason is a rising junior at Union University. He is pursuing a degree in Athletic Training at Union University, with the hope of being accepted into a Physical Therapy program. Mason will be introduced at the Quarterly Meeting.

**"The Ranch" Open House:** We enjoyed a tour and fellowship at The Ranch on Sunday, May 7th. If your church wants to schedule an activity, meal or any other ministry, call the ranch office to schedule. They always welcome visitors!

**Mission Project:** Much appreciation to 7 churches for furnishing 24 desserts upon the request from Chaplain Edward Baxter at West Tennessee State Penitentiary in Henning (WTSP) for their Annual Officer Appreciation BBQ.

**Volunteers Needed:** Children Hemmed in Prayer is a sewing ministry that makes clothes for children to send on mission trips and included in Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes. They meet on the 3rd Tuesday of each month from 8:30AM -2PM at First Baptist - Covington to cut, sew and iron. If you would like to join the group, bring a pair of sharp scissors or your sewing machine. They welcome ladies from all over the association to come join what God has started. Donations of fabric are accepted as well!

#### Upcoming dates to remember:

June 13: WMU Quarterly Meeting, 6:30 PM First Baptist Church, Covington (2105 Hwy 59S)

June 18: Father's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes

Monthly Budget	\$ 13,773.00
April Gifts	\$ 12,702.45
Fiscal YTD Shortfall	- \$ 4,280.58

Unrestricted Gifts	April 2023	Fiscal Year to Date Oct 2022 to Apr 2023
Ashport	0.00	0.00
Beaver	0.00	1,500.00
Brighton	572.89	5,650.87
Calvary	1,052.00	3,913.00
Calvary Hill	250.00	1,675.00
Central	0.00	0.00
Charleston	544.88	4,052.54
Covington First	1,250.00	8,950.00
Cross View	0.00	500.00
Crossway Cowboy	0.00	0.00
Durhamville	0.00	2,316.00
Faith	666.67	4,666.69
Fellowship	586.90	4,098.03
First Indian	0.00	0.00
Forerunner	0.00	240.00
Fulton	0.00	0.00
Garland	500.00	3,500.00
Gateway	1,043.44	7,067.24
Genesis	0.00	0.00
Grace	0.00	4,503.71
Hope	225.00	1,500.00
Keeling	0.00	284.00
Liberty	408.00	2,856.00
Mason Cowboy	0.00	350.00
Mason First	167.61	1,415.91
Mt. Lebanon	0.00	0.00
Munford	415.00	2,905.00
Oak Grove	0.00	1,685.05
Olive Branch	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	7,170.00
Ripley First	583.33	4,083.31
Salem	662.27	662.27
Servant's Heart	0.00	175.00
Smyrna	342.23	3,025.21
Spirit Filled	0.00	600.00
Trinity	150.00	1,050.00
True Life	0.00	0.00
True Word	0.00	2,025.60
Victory	0.00	0.00
Walnut Grove	0.00	1,534.82
Western Valley	0.00	0.00
Woodlawn	0.00	200.00
TBMB	782.00	5,474.00
Other	2,500.23	2,501.17
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,702.45</b>	<b>92,130.42</b>

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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## JUNE 2023 Calendar of Events

5	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship</b> , BHBA Office Lunch to follow at a local restaurant.
12	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship</b> , BHBA Office Lunch to follow at a local restaurant.
12-15	10:30 A.M.	<b>SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION, NEW ORLEANS</b>
18		<b>Father's Day Offering</b> for Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes
19	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship</b> , BHBA Office Lunch to follow at a local restaurant.
26	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship</b> , BHBA Office Lunch to follow at a local restaurant.

### 2023 BHBA VBS SCHEDULES

- **Ashport** - June 28-30 / Times TBD
- **Brighton** - July 17-21 / 5 pm to 8 pm
- **Charleston** "Family Adventure Camp" - June 12-16 / 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- **Covington First**— June 5-9 / 8:30am to noon
- **Faith** – July 10-13 / 6 pm – 8:15 pm
- **Garland** - June 19-22 / 5 pm – 8 pm
- **Liberty** – July 9-14 / 5pm to 8pm
- **Oak Grove** – June 4-8 / 5:30 pm to 8:00 pm
- **True Life** - June 4-8 / 6 pm to 8 pm

\*Other churches are still planning their VBS Schedules. Please email your VBS Dates and times to [bhba@bighatchie.org](mailto:bhba@bighatchie.org) We would love to advertise your dates in our next newsletter.



**Mission:Dignity Sunday  
is June 25!**

The Tennessee Baptist  
Adult Homes

**Father's Day Offering**

**2023 GOAL—\$500,000**





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BHBA Education Director, Jim Caldwell, held VBS Training on April 30 for VBS Directors and Leaders at FBC, Covington with six churches & fifty four people in attendance. A big thank you to all who helped make this possible for BHBA churches.

**BHBA Churches –Better Together**



Brighton Baptist Church, Brighton, TN is currently in search of a full time pastor. We are a 150 year old established church in a small town looking for God's leader to keep us growing spiritually and spreading the Gospel to our community. Brighton Baptist Church adheres to Baptist Faith and Message. Summary and experience are preferred. Please send complete resume and a CD of a recent sermon to Chairman, Pastor Search Committee, Post Office Box 29, Brighton, TN 38011.

Brighton Baptist Church, Brighton, TN is seeking a part time children's minister. Please submit resume with references to [annsmith1946@gmail.com](mailto:annsmith1946@gmail.com)

Calvary Hill Baptist Church, 1990 Hwy 51 North, Ripley, Tn 38063, is seeking a Bi-Vocational Pastor, who is able and willing to shepherd a small church in a rural community. Any inquiries, either by phone or Email should be made to: Allen Lewis, 203 Oscar Hinson Road, Ripley, Tn 38063 731-612-8355 or [allen.emr67@gmail.com](mailto:allen.emr67@gmail.com)

Durhamville Baptist Church, Ripley, TN is looking for a permanent Bi-Vocational Pastor. We are a small country church and member of Big Hatchie Association, and Southern Baptist Convention. Resume may be submitted by Mail or Email to: Randy Gilbreath, 291 Durhamville Rd., Ripley TN 38063 Email: [Randy.Gilbreath@TKelevator.com](mailto:Randy.Gilbreath@TKelevator.com)

Oak Grove Baptist Church in Covington, TN is looking for a bivocational youth leader. This individual will oversee and coordinate the church's ministry to grades six through twelve. They will be responsible to coordinate events, teach and disciple students, lead volunteers, and develop relationships with students and their families. Please send resumes to Oak Grove Baptist Church to [shelby@oakgrovecovington.org](mailto:shelby@oakgrovecovington.org). We will be accepting resumes until May 15, 2023.