

# Big Hatchie Annual Meeting

**One Hundred Ninety Fifth Annual Meeting**

**Tuesday, October 24, 2023**

**ANSWERING THE CALL / 2 Timothy 1:9**



**PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**

**Highway 59 S. Covington, TN 4625**

**1st Session, 4:00 PM / 2nd Session, 7:00 PM**

*\*A meal will be provided between the 2 sessions.*

**Annual Sermon: Rev. Tommy McClain, Fellowship Baptist Church**



## Benefit Concert

**October 1, 2023**

**First Baptist Church - 2105 Hwy 59 S - Covington TN**

**NEW**

**MISSIONS FAIR\* begins at 4:30PM  
CONCERT at 6:00PM**

**Special Guest: BEN WAITES**



From the heart of Music City:  
Nashville, TN

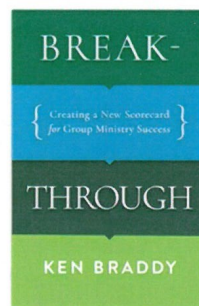
*Southern Gospel artist, Ben Waites, is  
inspiring everywhere he goes*

Born with arthrogryposis multiplex congenita and bound to a wheelchair, Ben has never met a challenge he couldn't overcome. Discovering God at an early age, Ben was introduced to the sounds of Southern Gospel by his grandfather, Jim Waites.

Since that time, Ben's music has been described as "blues meets jazz meets southern gospel." People across the world are drawn in by his authentic delivery and powerful vocals. Fans often describe Ben's music as "anointed worship" that "draws the Holy Spirit."

**\*MISSIONS FAIR** to feature  
mission opportunities  
for individuals and churches

# Big Hatchie Adult Sunday School Teacher Training



**Author & Sunday School Guru**  
Ken Braddy will be leading the training.

This high quality training will encourage your teachers. Make sure your adult small group leaders are ready to go!

Call Jim Caldwell, Association Education Director, at 901-476-2489 to signup or if you have any questions.

**Friday, November 3rd  
Brighton Baptist Church  
6-9PM**

**ATTN: Church Finance Workers,  
Treasurers, Pastors, etc**

**Big Hatchie Financial Seminar for Churches**

**Date: Monday, January 8, 2024**

**Location: Calvary Baptist Church, Covington**

**Led by: CPA Deborah Taylor**

**OCTOBER IS...**



**COOPERATIVE  
PROGRAM**

**MONTH** We can do more together than alone.

In 1919, the leaders of the SBC proposed the 75 Million Campaign, a five-year pledge campaign that, for the first time, included everything – the missions and ministries of all the state conventions as well as that of the Southern Baptist Convention.



### From Our Director of Missions, Clay Gilbreath

Ah, October! Here in Tennessee it is a wonderful time of year. After enduring the heat of summer, the cool air is a welcome change, football has started up, festivities are being planned, and the kids are back in school! What's not to love?

It is also the month of your association's Annual Meeting. We love the privilege of convening messengers from every church, doing the necessary business, and celebrating the work we have accomplished together for the gospel, as well as dreaming of the future and how we can impact our communities and the world together. The saying, "better together," may be old and often used, but it is still true!

Please elect your messengers and gather with us on October 24 at Pleasant Grove Baptist (see front page of the herald for more details).

For our theme this year we are stressing that we all should "Answer the Call" of God on our lives. 2 Timothy 1:9 says in part that "[He] has saved us and called us with a holy calling..." I believe that is true for every born-again Christian. We all have a calling to serve our Lord. Qualified men are called to pastor (see 1 Timothy 3, Titus 1), men women boys and girls may be called to be missionaries, many are called to serve their Lord on campuses or in the secular world, but every Christian is called in some way. Will you answer His call?

We hope to see you at the annual meeting October 24!

Don't forget October is Pastor Appreciation Month. We need to always appreciate our pastors, but this is a special time to honor him and show our appreciation in tangible ways. Pastoring is hard, and I know you will want to bless yours!

### WMU NEWS - WMU Director, Harriet Cannon

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

**Pastor Appreciation Lunch:** All pastors are invited to attend lunch at the Associational Office on Monday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at 10:30AM hosted by the Big Hatchie WMU Leadership Team.

**Quarterly Meeting:** Oak Grove Baptist WMU hosted the September Quarterly Meeting with 37 ladies from 9 churches attending. Julia Binford, Empowered to Hope site coordinator for Christian Job Corps, gave an overview of the work that is being done in 16 sites across the state. Amy Simmons, Operation Christmas Child Area Coordinator shared the impact of packing and sending shoeboxes around the world with not only toys and gifts, but with the gospel message.

There was a good response to our mission project with \$645 in gift cards given to benefit WEBS (Women Empowered to Become Self-Sufficient) CWJC site in Henning and their Christmas Winter Wonderland event.

**Baptist Women's Day of Prayer** will be held at Charleston Baptist on Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>. Mark the date on your calendar for a special time of prayer!

We look forward to seeing all pastors on October 2nd!

#### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM EMPHASIS MONTH / PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

**Oct 17** DSCC / BCM Doughnuts/Coffee 8:30AM-10:30AM (Smyrna host)

**Oct 19** Happy 135<sup>th</sup> Birthday Tennessee WMU

**Oct 20-22** RA's Camp-O-Ree, Linden Valley Conference Center

**Oct 22** Day of Prayer for Baptist Associations

**Nov 6** BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER Charleston Baptist Church

9:30a.m. coffee/food/fellowship/10:00a.m. Meeting Love offering for Women's Alliance

**Nov 13-20** Samaritan's Purse/Operation Christmas Child Drop Off Week  
(Collection Sites - First Covington and First Ripley)

Monthly Budget	\$ 13,773.00
August Gifts	\$ 14,311.33
Fiscal YTD Shortfall	- \$ 8,713.15

Unrestricted Gifts	AUGUST 2023	Fiscal Year to Date Oct 2022 to Aug 2023
Ashport	0.00	367.02
Beaver	0.00	2,500.00
Brighton	849.12	8,447.64
Calvary	418.00	5,272.00
Calvary Hill	250.00	2,675.00
Central	0.00	0.00
Charleston	712.96	6,617.02
Covington First	1,250.00	13,950.00
Cross View	0.00	500.00
Crossway Cowboy	0.00	500.00
Durhamville	763.00	4,371.00
Faith	666.67	7,333.37
Fellowship	615.72	6,280.36
First Indian	0.00	0.00
Forerunner	40.00	440.00
Fulton	0.00	0.00
Garland	500.00	5,500.00
Gateway	1,063.37	11,276.33
Genesis	0.00	0.00
Grace	615.85	6,777.83
Hope	225.00	2,400.00
Keeling	0.00	412.00
Liberty	408.00	4,488.00
Mason First	0.00	1,957.83
Mt. Lebanon	0.00	0.00
Munford	415.00	4,565.00
Oak Grove	0.00	1,685.05
Olive Branch	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	2,102.00	11,841.00
Ripley First	583.33	6,416.63
Salem	0.00	662.27
Servant's Heart	75.00	350.00
Smyrna	416.12	4,587.34
Spirit Filled	100.00	1,100.00
Trinity	150.00	1,650.00
True Life	0.00	0.00
True Word	0.00	2,444.10
Victory	750.00	750.00
Walnut Grove	541.19	2,818.95
Western Valley	0.00	0.00
Woodlawn	0.00	700.00
TBMB	782.00	8,602.00
Other	19.00	2,552.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>14,311.33</b>	<b>142,789.85</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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# October 2023 Calendar of Events

OCTOBER		<b>Cooperative Program Emphasis Month</b> <b>Pastor Appreciation Month</b> <b>Teddy Evans Mission Emphasis</b>
1	6:00 P.M. 4:30 P.M.	<b>Teddy Evans Mission Fund Benefit Concert</b> preceded by... <b>BHBA Missions Fair</b> Location of both events is First Baptist Covington.
2	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b> WMU Program & Meal for <u>Pastor Appreciation Luncheon</u> Speaker: BHBA WMU Director, Harriet Cannon
9	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b> Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: Pastor Kevin McLeod, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
16	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b> Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: TBD
23	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship will not meet, (Annual Meeting on Tuesday)</b>
24	4:00 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	<b>BHBA Annual Meeting, 1st Session</b> Meal provided by host church, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church, Covington <b>BHBA Annual Meeting</b> continues, 2nd Session
30	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship—Note Meeting Location below...</b> <b>Love Worth Finding, 2941 Kate Bond, Memphis</b>





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**181 “welcome” snack bags were donated to Dyersburg State BCM by Big Hatchie WMU.**



**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@TKlevator.com](mailto:Randy.Gilbreath@TKlevator.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.