



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Thursday, September 14

Time: 7:00 P.M.

Location: Big Hatchie Office  
1390 Hwy 51 N. Covington TN

BHBA Office  
will be closed  
Monday,  
September 4  
for Labor Day

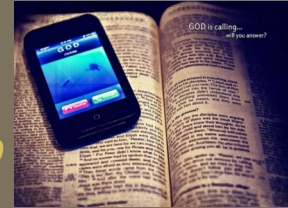
**BHBA**  
Connecting  
Churches  
On Mission

## BIG HATCHIE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

One Hundred Ninety Fifth Annual Meeting  
**Tuesday, October 24, 2023**

**ANSWERING  
THE CALL**

2 Timothy 1:9



1st Session, 4PM

2nd Session, 7PM

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

**PLEASANT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
4625 Highway 59 S. Covington, TN



## TEDDY EVANS MISSION FUND 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

**BHBA**  
Big Hatchie Baptist Association

The **MISSIONS FAIR** offered prior to the  
**Teddy Evans Mission Fund Benefit  
Concert** will feature the below mission  
entities. Come join us anytime between  
4:30 PM & 6 PM to learn more about  
missions locally, statewide and abroad.

### BHBA Missions Fair Exhibitor List

**The  
Fostered  
GIFT**

**Confidential  
Care Mobile  
Ministry**

**North American  
Mission Board**

**SafeHarbor**  
TIPTON COUNTY

**INTERNATIONAL  
MISSION BOARD**

**WMU**

**Tennessee Baptist  
Children's Homes**

**CM  
CATALYST  
MISSIONS**

**COMPASSION MINISTRY**  
WE SERVE Churches AS CHURCHES SERVE Others

## From Our Director of Missions, Clay Gilbreath

God is moving in Big Hatchie! It is exciting to hear of renewed passion and zeal for the Lord, of many baptisms, of congregations trusting Him and staying the course. It's a great time to be in this kingdom work of the gospel. Maybe your church isn't seeing great growth or revival, but let me encourage you: God still moves. Trust Him, cry out to Him, seek a personal revival in your relationship with Christ, and pray for your pastor and your church. Yes, God still moves!

Here at your association, September and October are two big months. We have an important Board of Directors Meeting on September 14 (see front page of this Herald). This is where we hear from various committees and receive certain recommendations that will be presented at the Annual Meeting on October 24 (also see front page).

Our Annual meeting theme this year is "Answering the Call" and scripture reference is 2 Timothy 1:9 "who has saved us and called us with a holy calling..." As churches and as believers we all have a calling. If you're saved, you're called to service. Our theme will point us to the truth that in every way we need to answer the call of God for us.

Each church has two board members: the pastor and one other appointed church member. Please encourage your board members to attend Sept 14, and elect messengers to the Annual Meeting Oct 24.

From our Constitution & Bylaws, here is how to determine how many messengers you may have: Each church shall be entitled to six (6) messengers for the first one hundred (100) members or fraction thereof and one (1) additional messenger for each additional twenty-five (25) members, provided that no church shall be entitled to more than fifteen (15) messengers.

In addition to messengers, guests are always welcome at our Annual Meeting! See you then!

### WMU NEWS - WMU Director, Harriet Cannon

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

**Quarterly Meeting:** Plan to join us at Oak Grove Baptist (4048 Hwy 59 West, Covington) on **Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30PM. Our speaker will be Julia Binford, site coordinator for Christian Job Corps. CWJC is a ministry arm of WMU and is supported by the Golden Offering for TN Missions.

**Mission project:** Benefitting our local CWJC site WEBS (Women Empowered to Become Self-Sufficient) at the West TN Rehabilitation Center which is the women's prison at Henning. The inmates can send Christmas gifts to their children through the CWJC Winter Wonderland event. **Please donate gift cards to Walmart/Dollar General/Five Below so they can shop for those gifts.** Bring these to the Quarterly Meeting.

**Amy Simmons, Operation Christmas Child** Area Coordinator will also provide updates. September is a great time to start filling those Samaritans Purse shoeboxes to ship to children around the world!

**Dyersburg State/Baptist Collegiate Ministry:** Big Hatchie WMU will welcome students back for Fall Semester with Welcome Snack Bags. We will be providing doughnuts, coffee and juice in the Student Learning Center once a month thereafter.

**Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions and Season of Prayer for State Missions:** Any way you slice it...Tennessee is a mission field!

2023-24 Theme: All Things Tennessee

Statewide GOTM Goal: \$2,700,000

Scripture: "Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." Matthew 19:26 NIV."

Promote in your churches and give to the offering that impacts Big Hatchie through grants and projects.

#### UPCOMING DATES TO REMEMBER:

**September 10-17:** Week of Prayer for State Missions/Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions

**September 12:** WMU QUARTERLY MEETING at Oak Grove Baptist 6:30PM

Speakers: Julia Binford and Amy Simmons

**September 16:** Children's Missions Day (involve your kids in hands-on missions)

**September 15-17:** Connection 2023, a missions event for girls grades 6-12, TTU BCM-Cookeville

**September 19:** Dyersburg State BCM - Doughnuts/Coffee 8:30AM-10:30AM (Brighton host)

Monthly Budget \$ 13,773.00

July Gifts \$ 9,389.37

Fiscal YTD Shortfall - \$ 9,251.48

Unrestricted Gifts	JULY 2023	Fiscal Year to Date Oct 2022 to July 2023
Ashport	0.00	367.02
Beaver	0.00	2,500.00
Brighton	604.89	7,598.52
Calvary	0.00	4,854.00
Calvary Hill	250.00	2,425.00
Central	0.00	0.00
Charleston	554.15	5,904.06
Covington First	1,250.00	12,700.00
Cross View	0.00	500.00
Crossway Cowboy	0.00	0.00
Durhamville	0.00	3,608.00
Faith	666.67	6,666.70
Fellowship	927.37	5,664.64
First Indian	0.00	0.00
Forerunner	40.00	400.00
Fulton	0.00	0.00
Garland	500.00	5,000.00
Gateway	963.47	10,212.96
Genesis	0.00	0.00
Grace	0.00	6,161.98
Hope	225.00	2,175.00
Keeling	0.00	412.00
Liberty	408.00	4,080.00
Mason Cowboy	0.00	500.00
Mason First	138.42	1,957.83
Mt. Lebanon	0.00	0.00
Munford	415.00	4,150.00
Oak Grove	0.00	1,685.05
Olive Branch	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00	9,739.00
Ripley First	583.33	5,833.30
Salem	0.00	662.27
Servant's Heart	0.00	275.00
Smyrna	330.87	4,171.22
Spirit Filled	100.00	1,000.00
Trinity	150.00	1,500.00
True Life	0.00	0.00
True Word	0.00	2,444.10
Victory	0.00	0.00
Walnut Grove	0.00	2,277.76
Western Valley	0.00	0.00
Woodlawn	500.00	700.00
TBMB	782.00	7,820.00
Other	.20	2,533.11
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,389.37</b>	<b>128,478.52</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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## September 2023 Calendar of Events

4	Labor Day Holiday	Ministers Fellowship <u>will not meet</u> . <b>BHBA Office Closed for the Holiday.</b>
10-17		<b>Week of Prayer for State Missions/Golden Offering for TN Missions</b>
11	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b> Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: Pastor Jim Holcomb, First Baptist Church, Ripley
12	6:30 P.M.	<b>WMU Quarterly Meeting, Oak Grove Baptist Church, Covington</b>
14	7:00 P.M.	<b>BHBA Board of Directors Meeting, BHBA Office</b>
18	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b> Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: Pastor Tyler Vick, Liberty Baptist Church
25	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b> Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: Pastor Chuck Williams, Brighton Baptist Church
27-28		<b>Pastor Prayer Gathering in Thompson's Station—Register at TBMB.ORG</b>  A prayer gathering for PASTORS, MEN SENSING GOD'S CALL TO MINISTRY, OTHER PASTORAL STAFF, EVANGELISTS, and PRAYER MINISTRY LEADERS across Tennessee and Surrounding States Facilitated by Bill Elliff, National Prayer Ministry Leader with One Cry and The 6:4 Fellowship



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"WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE." MATTHEW 19:26

Statewide Goal: \$2,700,000

# ALL THINGS Tennessee

ANY WAY YOU SLICE IT...TENNESSEE IS A MISSION FIELD.

**2023-2024  
TENNESSEE  
MISSIONS  
EMPHASIS**

FBC, Covington WMU Night Group News: Eight baskets full of supplies were collected for the girls residing at The Ranch at Millington. Thank you!



**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.