

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.

2 Calendar Items...



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

On October 1, Big Hatchie held a Mission Fair prior to the Teddy Evans Mission Fund Benefit Concert. The night was both informational and uplifting. There was both local and abroad mission awareness, a special time of prayer for the pastors and inspirational music and voice of Ben Waites. Thank You First Baptist Covington for hosting and Thank You BHBA Council and TEMF Concert Committee who planned the special evening for all to enjoy.



Teddy Evans Mission Fund
Benefit Concert
& Mission Fair

OCTOBER 2023



From Our Director of Missions, Clay Gilbreath

Don't you hate it when a beloved song gets kind of "ruined" when the singer or writer of the song turns out to not be what they once claimed to be? Maybe a love song that sounds so sweet, then you realize the singer is a serial cheater or something? At least for me, it lingers in my mind when I know things like that.

Well, there was a mega-hit Christian song way back in 1988 that we all loved. It was called "Thank You" by Ray Boltz. Ray had many hits during that time frame, but Thank You was perhaps his biggest. It hit us in the feels to hear him describe a scene in heaven where people came up to the Christian and said a special thanks for giving to the Lord, for serving and loving others, etc. It motivated us to not wait but to thank others now for their service and their example to us. I will never forget a teenager in my youth group singing "Thank You" and dedicating it to me (I didn't deserve that!), it was touching to say the least.

I don't want to go into details, but years later Ray Boltz fell, and fell hard. As far as I can tell, he remains in an unrepentant sinful lifestyle to this day. And it hurts. Anytime I hear one of his songs I cringe a little. But you know what, during this month of Thanksgiving, his old song reminds me to say "thank you" to many of you, churches and church members throughout Lauderdale and Tipton Counties, who have been dear friends and encouragers to me, who have locked arms with the churches of Big Hatchie, who have sacrificed for the great cause of Christ.

Truly, for so many of you, "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you" (Philippians 1:3).

So, thank you for giving to the Lord, I am a life that was changed.

WMU NEWS - WMU Director, Harriet Cannon

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

Baptist Women's Day of Prayer program will be held at **Charleston Baptist** on **Monday, November 6th**. Coffee and pastries will be served beginning at **9:30AM**. The program will start at **10:00AM** with guest speaker Mike Ray. A love offering will be taken for Baptist Women's Alliance.

Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes: I hope your church has already started filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. First Baptist - Covington and First Baptist-Ripley are collection sites November 13-20. Shoebox gifts journey to the ends of the earth with the goal of bringing children the Good News of Jesus Christ!

Missionary Kid: Each year Tennessee WMU asks a few associations to "adopt" an MK whose parents are serving with the IMB. The purpose is for the associations to nurture and encourage these students while they are far from family. Big Hatchie's Missionary Kid is **Andrew Rainey**. He is a sophomore at Union University and his birthday was September 13th. His email is andrewrainey@gmail.com and his mailing address is Union University 644, 1050 Union University Drive, Jackson TN 38305. Please encourage Andrew throughout the school year with notes, emails, gift cards, goodie packages, etc.

Thank you note: Thank you for your generous gift to WEBS. Through your donation we have been able to accomplish goals and continue working towards the divine purpose of Women Empowered to Become Self-Sufficient. You truly make the difference for us, and we are extremely grateful!

Upcoming dates to remember:

- November 6** Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer 10:00am - Charleston Baptist (8624 Hwy 179, Stanton)
- November 13-20** Samaritans Purse/Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Drop off; FBC-Covington or FBC-Ripley (dropoff times are listed on the Samaritans Purse website)
- November 27** DSCC BCM Finals Survival Bags Due (details to be emailed)
- December 3-10** Week of Prayer for International Missions/Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- April 11-13, 2024** SAVE THE DATE - Missions Get Together - Brentwood Baptist Church

Monthly Budget	\$ 13,773.00
September Gifts	\$ 17,501.53
Fiscal YTD Shortfall	- \$ 4,984.29

Unrestricted Gifts	September 2023	Fiscal Year to Date Oct 2022 to Sept 2023
Ashport	0.00	367.02
Beaver	0.00	2,500.00
Brighton	670.00	9,117.64
Calvary	1,262.00	6,534.00
Calvary Hill	250.00	2,925.00
Central	0.00	0.00
Charleston	0.00	6,617.02
Covington First	1,250.00	15,200.00
Cross View	0.00	500.00
Crossway Cowboy	0.00	500.00
Durhamville	370.00	4,741.00
Faith	666.63	8,000.00
Fellowship	446.39	6,726.75
First Indian	0.00	0.00
Forerunner	40.00	480.00
Fulton	0.00	0.00
Garland	500.00	6,000.00
Gateway	1,068.40	12,344.73
Genesis	0.00	0.00
Grace	966.25	7,744.08
Hope	225.00	2,625.00
Keeling	0.00	412.00
Liberty	412.00	4,900.00
Mason First	303.30	2,261.13
Mt. Lebanon	0.00	0.00
Munford	415.00	4,980.00
Oak Grove	0.00	1,685.05
Olive Branch	1,132.16	1,132.16
Pleasant Grove	890.00	12,731.00
Ripley First	583.33	6,999.96
Salem	586.04	1,248.31
Servant's Heart	0.00	350.00
Smyrna	318.45	4,905.79
Spirit Filled	100.00	1,200.00
Trinity	150.00	1,800.00
True Life	0.00	0.00
True Word	448.26	2,892.36
Victory	0.00	750.00
Walnut Grove	260.59	3,079.54
Western Valley	0.00	0.00
Woodlawn	0.00	700.00
TBMB	782.00	9,384.00
Other	.21	2,552.65
% GOTM	3,405.52	3,405.52
TOTAL	17,501.53	160,291.71

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

Physical Address: 1390 Hwy 51 N

Mailing Address: PO Box 646

Covington TN 38019

November 2023 Calendar of Events

NOVEMBER	3	Big Hatchie Adult Sunday School Teacher Training Friday, November 3rd at Brighton Baptist Church 6 P.M. to 9 P.M. Special Speaker/Teacher/Author and Sunday School Guru, Ken Braddy
6	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: Pastor Kevin McLeod, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
12-15		SUMMIT, The Gathering of Tennessee Baptists, Chattanooga Convention Center
13		Ministers Fellowship will not meet. (The Summit meeting this week)
20		Ministers Fellowship will not meet (Thanksgiving week)
22-23		BHBA Office will be closed for Thanksgiving Break <div> Happy Thanksgiving </div>
27	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: TBD



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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

Fellowship Baptist Church
 4635 Quito-Drummonds Rd, Millington TN

Ministry Assistant Position Summary:

1. Provides assistance and support for the church's ministries.
2. Administers the tasks and functions of church ministries in cooperation with and assistance to the ministry staff.
3. Manage Tasks related to office management, church calendar and events, telephone services, publications, communications and correspondence (including email, snail mail, and texts), promote church ministries and events (flyers, social, and sometimes on the outdoor sign) and treasurer duties.
4. Serves as a member of the office team to support, protect, and encourage the work of ministry in order to accomplish the needs of the church as a whole.
5. Reports directly to the pastor.

This is a part time position.

Email resumes to fellowshipbaptisttn@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

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. We will be accepting resumes until May 15, 2023.