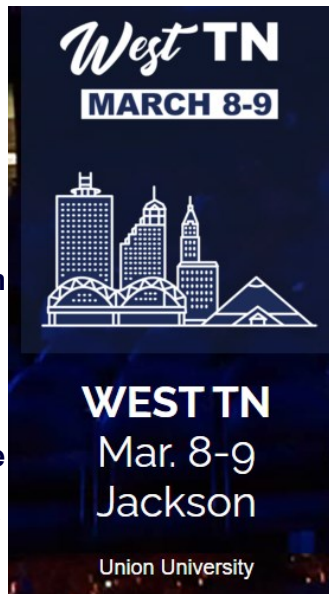


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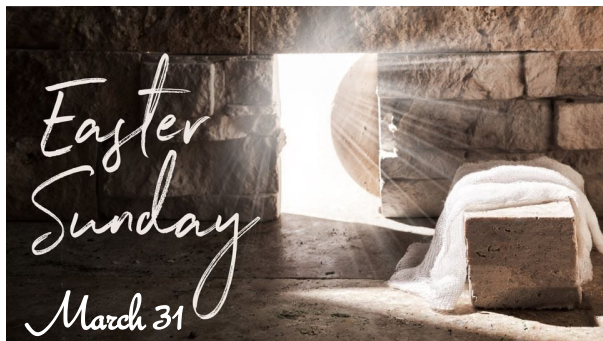
## Big Hatchie Ladies Prayer Retreat

Sat., Apr. 27 at FBC, Ripley 10:00 am / Brunch 9:30 am

*A Cup of Tea*  
*Pouring In and Pouring Out*

Big Hatchie Baptist Association  
Laura Macfarlan

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## Breakthrough Sunday School Training

Guest Speaker: Ken Braddy

Oak Grove Baptist Church

April 6, 2024

Light Breakfast: 8am

Training: 8:30am-12pm

If you or a group from your church would like to attend, please do, you are more than welcome. Please call and tell us many you will bring. Call the church office at (901) 476-7259

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{ Creating a New Scorecard  
for Group Ministry Success }

THROUGH

KEN BRADDY

Calling all Big Hatchie Association  
VBS Directors

## VBS Directors Training

Tuesday, March 5, 2024 / 4 PM

**VBS**

Training is at West Jackson Baptist Church from 6:15 pm to 8:45 pm. BHBA VBS Directors, meet earlier at 4 pm at First Baptist Church, Covington parking lot for everyone to ride together to the event. Dinner will be provided by the association. No matter what curriculum you use, this training is for you, VBS Directors.

Please email BHBA Education Director, Jim Caldwell at Jim@fbccovington.org if you plan to attend.

March 3-10, 2024

Week of Prayer  
for North American Missions

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ARMSTRONG**  
EASTER OFFERING



## From Our Director of Missions, Clay Gilbreath

How did you like February this year? Do you like warm and sunny? You got it. Do you like snow? You got it (for a minute). Do you like rain?... Nah, nobody likes rain in February. West Tennessee may have horrible summer humidity, but we really do have some beautiful weather pretty often.

Now March is upon us, and the official start of spring will soon be here (the 19<sup>th</sup>) followed by our great celebration of the resurrection of the Lord on the 31<sup>st</sup>. Let's enjoy these days, rain or shine, as we are blessed with them, for they fly by and are soon gone. As we get a little older, we just don't know how many days we have left to enjoy them (many of us won't even buy green bananas – iykyk).

Moses was the great leader of Israel, but is not really known as a Psalmist. Some believe he wrote a few, but we only know for sure that he wrote Psalm 90. Since he started his ministry later in life, I believe he had great insight into cherishing our days and making them count. He certainly said so in this Psalm. Here's just a couple of verses to show you what I mean:

*So teach us to number our days, That we may gain a heart of wisdom. Return, O Lord! How long? And have compassion on Your servants. Oh, satisfy us early with Your mercy, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days! (Psalm 90:12-14)*

What can we learn from the Lord's word to us via Moses? Wisdom that transforms our heart can be ours when we consider that our days are finite. We are filled with an unction to make each day count when we realize they are fleeting. We are truly satisfied by what is important: God's compassion and His mercy, and we rejoice in Him. This relationship with the Lord is something to make us glad today, and all our days!

Make it so in us, O Lord – as we enter springtime and as we celebrate the living Christ.

### WMU NEWS - WMU Director, Harriet Cannon

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

Please make your plans to attend the WMU Quarterly Meeting that is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12th at Brighton Baptist at 6:30PM. Our mission project is The Ranch at Millington Supply Drive. A suggested list has been sent by email to churches.

The Ranch at Millington is expanding and currently accepting young ladies as well as young men. It is even more important that Big Hatchie support their mission to provide a safe environment for them.

Please promote the Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering in March. Keep the missions offerings in the forefront because our missionaries depend on it!

**Myra Short Scholarship:** Applications have been sent out to churches. This \$1000 scholarship is given to a Union University student and funded by Big Hatchie WMU. The completed applications (including referrals) are to be sent to Judy Molder postmarked no later than April 13, 2024.

- ◆ February 27, March 19: Dyersburg State/BCM  
Doughnuts/Juice/Coffee 8:30am-10:30am in Quiet Lounge Area
- ◆ February 18: Focus on WMU Sunday
- ◆ March 3-10: Week of Prayer for North American Missions/Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- ◆ March 12: Quarterly Meeting – 6:30PM  
Brighton Baptist Speaker: Jeff Epps / Mission Project: The Ranch Supplies
- ◆ April 11-13: Missions Get Together – Brentwood Baptist Church
- ◆ April 13: Myra Short Scholarship application deadline
- ◆ April 27: Big Hatchie Prayer Retreat "Pouring In and Pouring Out" – FBC, Ripley  
Speaker: Laura Macfarlan / Cross My Heart Ministry

Monthly Budget \$ 14,294.17
Oct 2023-Jan 2024 Fiscal Yr Gifts \$ 48,140.26
Fiscal YTD Shortfall - \$ 9,036.42

Unrestricted Gifts	January 2024	Fiscal Year to Date Oct 2023 to Jan 2024
Ashport	0.00	0.00
Beaver	0.00	1,000.00
Brighton	1,250.62	4,033.93
Calvary	1,466.00	1,466.00
Calvary Hill	125.00	875.00
Central	0.00	0.00
Charleston	0.00	0.00
Covington First	1,375.00	5,125.00
Cross View	0.00	0.00
Crossway Cowboy	50.00	50.00
Durhamville	640.00	1,587.00
Faith	833.33	3,333.32
Fellowship	668.65	2,599.98
First Indian	0.00	0.00
Forerunner	40.00	120.00
Fulton	0.00	0.00
Garland	500.00	2,000.00
Gateway	1,068.88	4,377.64
Genesis	0.00	0.00
Grace	883.76	1,966.99
Hope	225.00	900.00
Keeling	0.00	139.00
Liberty	408.00	1,632.00
Mason First	0.00	610.98
Mt. Lebanon	0.00	0.00
Munford	415.00	1,660.00
Oak Grove	0.00	1,856.13
Olive Branch	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	1,255.00	3,386.00
Ripley First	583.33	2,333.32
Salem	0.00	0.00
Servant's Heart	0.00	75.00
Smyrna	329.19	1,430.18
Spirit Filled	0.00	300.00
Trinity	175.00	625.00
True Life	0.00	0.00
True Word	493.37	493.37
Victory	0.00	0.00
Walnut Grove	348.04	1,053.83
Western Valley	0.00	0.00
Woodlawn	0.00	0.00
TBMB	626.00	2,660.00
Other	150.00	450.59
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>13,909.17</b>	<b>48,140.26</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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## March 2024

3-10	Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS	Week of Prayer for North American Missions  Annie Armstrong Easter Offering    aaeo@namb.net / NAMB.net	MAKE JESUS KNOWN
4	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b>  Lunch to follow at a local restaurant.  Speaker: Youth & Missions Pastor Matt Butler, FBC-Covington	
5	6:15 P.M. to 8:45 P.M.	<b>VBS Directors Training</b>  West Jackson Baptist Church 6:15 to 8:45 pm  **BHBA VBS Directors, Meet early at FBC, Covington at 4 pm to travel together. The association will provide a meal for the group. Let BHBA Education Director, Jim Caldwell know if you plan to attend. Jim Caldwell jim@fbccovington.org	
11	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b>  Lunch to follow at a local restaurant.  Speaker: Pastor Jim Holcomb, Ripley First Baptist Church	
12	6:30 P.M.	<b>WMU Quarterly Meeting at Brighton Baptist Church</b>  Speaker: Jeff Epps / Mission Project: The Ranch at Millington Supplies	
18	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b>  Lunch to follow at a local restaurant.  Speaker: Pastor Mike Melton, Charleston Baptist Church	
25	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b>  Lunch to follow at a local restaurant.  Speaker: Pastor Jeff Williamson, Union Avenue Baptist Church	

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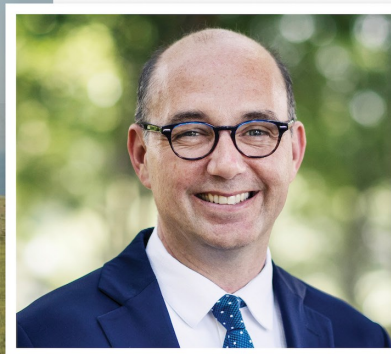
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\$30 (BY MARCH 17) | \$50 (MARCH 18 OR AFTER)

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GET-TOGETHER

April 11-13, 2024  
Brentwood Baptist Church  
Brentwood, TN

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 for college-aged student to spend the  
 summer overseas with an IMB missionary

Applications can be found at [bighatchie.org](http://bighatchie.org)

**Deadline to apply: March 1, 2024**

**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.