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**JANUARY 2024**

**Week of Prayer for International Missions**

Suggested Dates: December 3-10, 2023

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**



**MONDAY, JANUARY 8, 2024**

**Financial Seminar  
for Churches**

(Financial Issues Facing Churches & Ministers)

**Speaker: Deborah Taylor, CPA**

**@ Calvary Baptist—Covington, 6pm**

This is always well attended, Mrs. Taylor is able to answer your church financial & tax questions. Pastors and financial secretaries are encouraged to attend.



**Jay Whalen Memorial Scholarship**

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  
March 1,**

**apply:  
2024**



*Merry Christmas*

*from the Big Hatchie Crew!*

**2023 SUMMIT**

(The Gathering of Tennessee Baptists.)

You'll see some familiar Big Hatchie faces alongside each other at the 2023 SUMMIT.

**From top left:** Jim Caldwell, Jody Johnson, Cliff Marion, Bill & Shannon Cox, Clay & Lana Gilbreath & Stan Smith.

**From bottom left:** Ron Cooke, Andy & Jennifer Nolen, Clay & Lana Gilbreath.



## From Our Director of Missions, Clay Gilbreath

Have you practiced saying your “Merry Christmases” yet? Better get them tuned up, it’s almost time. I realize some of the younger generation have already put up their Christmas tree (it is early November when I write this), but why do we have to rush it? As I get older I cherish more and more the times we have to gather with friends and family, to celebrate the milestones and holidays, and experience the joy and wonder that celebrating the Christ-child brings.

Shortly after Christmas flies by, here comes the retrospection of another year in the books. A time to consider what we accomplished and how we struggled or even failed this year, and a time to commit to a new start, to walk closer to Christ, and to serve Him with all our heart for the new year.

Then January begins, and we get rolling into another 365 laps around the sun. And repeat until we close our eyes in this world to open them in the next, or until Jesus comes in the clouds to get us.

More and more we look forward to His return, but I also look forward to a new season of ministry with you guys! As always, your association is eager to come alongside and serve you and your church however we can.

On behalf of us all here at Big Hatchie, we wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### WMU NEWS - WMU Director, Harriet Cannon

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

**Week of Prayer for International Missions** - December 3-10. Southern Baptists are encouraged to consider the power of “Impacting Lostness Together.” The goal for the 2023-2024 offering is \$200 million.

A goal like this is only reached through cooperation of Southern Baptists by prayer and faithful giving. IMB President Paul Chitwood stated, “Your IMB missionaries are addressing the world’s greatest problem with the only solution, God’s solution — the gospel. But they need your prayers, your support, your continued generosity and more workers in the harvest.” Because of their steadfast presence among the nations, 3,521 missionaries and 95 Global Missionary Partners were able to engage 67 new people groups and places and see 178,177 people come to Christ last year. Your gift directly supports the missionaries!

**Quarterly Meeting:** January 9, 2024 6:30PM at Smyrna Baptist Church (7512 Hwy 59 West, Burlison).

Our speaker is Danny Sinquefield, TBMB Harvest Field One Team Leader and our mission project will be donations of laundry supplies for the Blue Oval families staying at Blue Acres RV Park.

**DSCC/BCM:** Final Exam Survival Snack Bags are due to the BHBA Office on **Monday, November 27<sup>th</sup>**. We will resume doughnuts and coffee for the spring semester. We need host churches for January, February and March. Contact Diane Sorrell to secure your time!

#### Upcoming dates to remember:

**November 27-** DSCC BCM Finals Survival Bags Due – drop off at BHBA Office

**December 3-10** Week of Prayer for International Missions/Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

**December 5** – WMU Leadership Team Meeting 6:00PM, Associational Office.

Bring food to share and ornament to exchange

**January 9** – Quarterly Meeting, 6:30PM – Smyrna Baptist / Speaker TBD

**January 25** - TN WMU Scholarship Application Deadline (link on tn baptist.org for details)

**April 11-13, 2024** – SAVE THE DATE – Missions Get Together – Brentwood Baptist Church

Monthly Budget	\$ 14,294.17
October Gifts	\$ 8,903.62
Fiscal YTD Shortfall	- \$ 5,390.55

Unrestricted Gifts	OCTOBER 2023
Ashport	500.00
Beaver	0.00
Brighton	812.52
Calvary	0.00
Calvary Hill	250.00
Central	0.00
Charleston	0.00
Covington First	1,250.00
Cross View	0.00
Crossway Cowboy	0.00
Durhamville	0.00
Faith	833.33
Fellowship	701.65
First Indian	0.00
Forerunner	0.00
Fulton	0.00
Garland	500.00
Gateway	936.79
Genesis	0.00
Grace	0.00
Hope	225.00
Keeling	0.00
Liberty	408.00
Mason First	0.00
Mt. Lebanon	0.00
Munford	415.00
Oak Grove	0.00
Olive Branch	0.00
Pleasant Grove	0.00
Ripley First	583.33
Salem	0.00
Servant's Heart	0.00
Smyrna	456.00
Spirit Filled	100.00
Trinity	150.00
True Life	0.00
True Word	0.00
Victory	0.00
Walnut Grove	0.00
Western Valley	0.00
Woodlawn	0.00
TBMB	782.00
Other	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,903.62</b>



# Big Hatchie Baptist Association

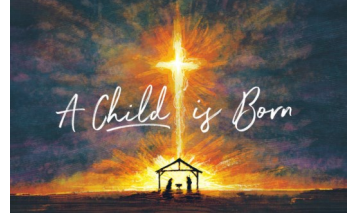
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# DECEMBER 2023 & JANUARY 2024



DEC 4	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b> Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: Pastor Mark Larue, FBC Newbern
DEC 11	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b> Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: Pastor Joel Pigg, Salem Baptist, Trenton
DEC 18	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b> Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: Evangelist Don Dowdy
DEC 21, 25-28 JAN 1-4		<b>BHBA Office Closure Dates December 21—January 4</b> <b>For the Christmas / New Year Break</b> <b>The Ministers Fellowship will not meet on these Monday's, Dec. 25 &amp; Jan. 1.</b>
JAN 8	6:00 P.M.	<b>FINANCIAL SEMINAR FOR CHURCHES</b> , LED by DEBORAH TAYLOR, CPA LOCATION: CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, 2010 Hwy 51 S., COVINGTON 38019 JOIN US: Church Treasurers, Personnel & Finance Committee members, Pastors & Financial Secretaries
JAN 8	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b> Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: TBD
JAN 15	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b> Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: Pastor Mark Vigus, True Word Baptist Church, Arlington
JAN 22	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b> Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: TBD
JAN 29	10:30 A.M.	<b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b> Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: TBD



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Registration is now open, Prices: \$30 Oct.1-Feb.14 \$35 starting Feb. 15

<b>West TN</b> <b>MARCH 8-9</b> <b>Jackson, TN</b>	<b>Middle TN</b> <b>MARCH 22-23</b> <b>Murfreesboro, TN</b>	<b>East TN</b> <b>MARCH 1-2</b> <b>Knoxville, TN</b>
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**TENNESSEE WMU SCHOLARSHIPS**  
FOR 2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR  
Applications must be completed online by **JANUARY 25, 2024**

Tennessee WMU offers a variety of scholarships to students attending Tennessee colleges, universities, and Southern Baptist seminaries.

Visit [tnwmu.org](http://tnwmu.org) for more information and to apply.

**CONCLAVE**  
JANUARY 18-20, 2024  
CHATTANOOGA, TN  
[YMCONCLAVE.ORG](http://YMCONCLAVE.ORG)

CONCLAVE EXISTS TO EQUIP AND ENCOURAGE SSC YOUTH LEADERS THROUGH TRAINING, NETWORKING, AND SHEPHERDING.

JOIN US FOR:  
RELEVANT TRAINING  
POWERFUL WORSHIP  
HONEST CONVERSATION  
VALUABLE RESOURCES

**REGISTER TODAY!**  
\$100 BEFORE DECEMBER 1, 2023  
\$175 FROM DECEMBER 1, 2023 TO JANUARY 2, 2024  
\$180 AFTER JANUARY 2, 2024

## 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](mailto:fellowshipbaptisttn@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

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