



From Left: Pastors, Tommy McClain & Jody Johnson, DOM, Clay Gilbreath and Pastors, Cliff Marion, Jim Caldwell, Tyler Yawn & Tyler Vick.

On February 22-23, a group of seven from Big Hatchie churches attended the **Church Revitalization Conference** at Victory Baptist Church in Mt. Juliet.

Dr. Jeff Iorg, pictured to the right, led the conference.



**STATE SECRETARIES CONFERENCE**  
Sevierville First Baptist Church,  
317 Parkway, Sevierville, TN  
April 8, 2024 11:30 am — April 10, 2024 12:30 pm  
Cost: \$175  
Contact: [hbeard@tnbaptist.org](mailto:hbeard@tnbaptist.org) for more information

**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 how many you will bring. Call the Oak Grove church office at (901) 476-7259 or call Bro. Andy Nolen at (901) 488-5082.

**BREAK-**

{ Creating a New Scorecard for Group Ministry Success }

**THROUGH**

**KEN BRADDY**

Tennessee WMU

**COME WITH ME TO MISSIONS GET-TOGETHER**

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

**TNWMU.ORG**

**Big Hatchie Ladies Prayer Retreat**  
Apr 27 at FBC, Ripley Family Life Center  
Program at 10 am / Brunch 9:30 am

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

Big Hatchie Baptist Association  
Laura Macfarlan

Cross My Heart Ministry  
[Youtube.com/CrossMyHeartMinistry](https://www.youtube.com/CrossMyHeartMinistry)  
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### From Our Director of Missions, Clay Gilbreath

These are rare days in West Tennessee as “all eyes” are on this part of our beautiful state. As Blue Oval City is being built, churches are trying to prepare, and brothers and sisters from far away places like Pulaski and Knoxville are looking to come alongside (often!) and help. Our Tennessee Baptist Mission Board is doing much to assist as well. These are exciting times, and it is so encouraging to see this brotherhood in Christ as we serve the kingdom of God together. If your church has a need of any kind be sure and let me know, there’s a good chance someone somewhere will want to help. One of my great joys is to be able to connect churches for partnership and edification. We are in this together, and as they say, we are **better** together!

We recently awarded Darby Marion with our 3<sup>rd</sup> Jay Whalen Memorial Scholarship for international missions. The Teddy Evans fund will assist Darby to spend the summer overseas! We are thrilled to see how the Lord will use her time spent in His service.

Thank you all for your prayers and concern for our family as we recently lost not only a nephew, but now Lana’s dad Roy (Lanny) Hazlerig went to be with Jesus on March 14. He was a strong believer so we know that he is already rejoicing in heaven. Continued prayers needed for Lana’s mom, sisters, and the many grandkids and great grands as they adjust to life without their Pawpaw.

Also remember the family of Hugh Pesnell, who passed away March 7. Bro. Hugh served as pastor at Ashport from 2004-2012, and served as music minister at Calvary Hill for a brief time.

#### WMU NEWS - WMU Director, Harriet Cannon

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

Plan to attend the annual Ladies Prayer Retreat and Brunch scheduled for Saturday, April 27th at First Baptist-Ripley Family Life Center (108 Lafayette Street). Our guest speaker is Laura Macfarlan with Cross My Heart Ministry. You may remember that Laura was a phenomenal speaker at our prayer retreat in 2022 so we are bringing her back! Brunch will be served at 9:30AM with the program following at 10:00.

Quarterly Meeting: Brighton Baptist WMU hosted the Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, March 12th. 51 people from 10 churches attended. Jeff Epps, TBCH Vice President, expressed much appreciation for Big Hatchie WMU and gave us updates on the upcoming residence expansion/renovations. We collected a trailer load of supplies plus \$2780 in gift cards for The Ranch.

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#### Dates to Remember:

**Myra Short Scholarship application deadline- April 13**

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

**Annual Prayer Retreat – April 27, 2024 – First Baptist, Ripley FLC; Speaker: Laura Macfarlan/Cross My Heart Ministry (9:30AM-12:30PM)**

**Quarterly Meeting – June 11, 2024 6:30PM – First Baptist, Covington Speaker: Bill Gruenewald, President-Treasurer TN Baptist Foundation; Mission Project: Myra Short Scholarship donations and Dyersburg State Food Pantry Items; Leadership Team Installation**

Monthly Budget \$ 14,294.17
Oct 2023-Feb 2024 Fiscal Yr Gifts \$ 68,640.54
Fiscal YTD Shortfall - \$ 17,124.48

Unrestricted Gifts	February 2024	Fiscal Year to Date Oct 2023 to Feb 2024
Ashport	0.00	0.00
Beaver	0.00	1,000.00
Brighton	784.00	4,817.93
Calvary	1,715.00	3,181.00
Calvary Hill	125.00	1,000.00
Central	0.00	0.00
Charleston	4,038.30	4,038.30
Covington First	2,750.00	7,875.00
Cross View	0.00	0.00
Crossway Cowboy	0.00	50.00
Durhamville	753.00	2,340.00
Faith	833.33	4,166.65
Fellowship	524.08	3,124.06
First Indian	0.00	0.00
Forerunner	80.00	200.00
Fulton	0.00	0.00
Garland	500.00	2,500.00
Gateway	1,028.02	5,405.66
Genesis	0.00	0.00
Grace	424.06	2,391.05
Hope	225.00	1,125.00
Keeling	0.00	139.00
Liberty	408.00	2,040.00
Mason First	0.00	610.98
Mt. Lebanon	370.56	370.56
Munford	415.00	2,075.00
Oak Grove	1,370.72	3,226.85
Olive Branch	0.00	0.00
Pleasant Grove	1,867.00	5,253.00
Ripley First	0.00	2,333.32
Salem	276.15	276.15
Servant's Heart	0.00	75.00
Smyrna	333.15	1,763.33
Spirit Filled	200.00	500.00
Trinity	175.00	800.00
True Life	0.00	0.00
True Word	0.00	493.37
Victory	0.00	0.00
Walnut Grove	528.55	1,582.38
Western Valley	0.00	0.00
Woodlawn	0.00	0.00
TBMB	626.00	3,286.00
Other	150.00	600.95
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,500.11</b>	<b>68,640.54</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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## April 2024

1	10:30 A.M.	<p><b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b></p> <p>Lunch to follow at a local restaurant.</p> <p>Speaker: Pastor Fred Shackelford, Ellendale Baptist Church</p>
7-8		<p><b>State Evangelism Conference “NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION”</b></p> <p>New Vision Baptist Church, 1750 N. Thompson Lane, Murfreesboro, TN</p> <p>Theme: “Now is the Day of Salvation” Scripture: <i>II Corinthians 6:2</i></p> <p>For information contact: Mark Miller at <a href="mailto:mmiller@tnbaptist.org">mmiller@tnbaptist.org</a></p>
8	10:30 A.M.	<p><b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b></p> <p>Lunch to follow at a local restaurant.</p> <p>Speaker: Pastor Rick Carr, Calvary Hill Baptist Church</p>
15	10:30 A.M.	<p><b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b></p> <p>Lunch to follow at a local restaurant.</p> <p>Speaker: Danny Sinquefield, TBMB</p>
22	10:30 A.M.	<p><b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b></p> <p>Lunch to follow at a local restaurant.</p> <p>Speaker: Pastor Matt Crawford, Trinity Baptist Church, Cordova</p>
27	10:00 A.M.	<p><b>Big Hatchie Ladies Prayer Retreat—10:00 A.M.</b></p> <p>FBC, Ripley Family Life Center</p> <p>*Come early for <b>Brunch at 9:30 A.M.</b></p>
29	10:30 A.M.	<p><b>Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office</b></p> <p>Lunch to follow at a local restaurant.</p> <p>Speaker: Jay Hardwick, TBC President</p>



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## State Evangelism Conference

### April 7-8, 2024

New Vision Baptist Church, 1750 N. Thompson Lane, Murfreesboro, TN

Theme: "Now is the Day of Salvation" Scripture: *II Corinthians 6:2*



**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.