



On Monday, October 28, the pastors heard from Tennessee Baptist Convention president, Jay Hardwick at the Minister's Fellowship meeting. Lunch was provided afterwards by the BHBA Staff to honor and celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month.



Big Hatchie churches are no stranger to missions, as this has been the theme from the beginning of BHBA. On Monday, November 4th, a Panama Mission Trip interest meeting was held with a good number of BHBA church members whom were enthusiastic about the mission opportunity.

DECEMBER 25
Our Saviors Birthday

Senior Adult Banquet
with special guest
Kenny Evans
April 14, 2025, 5 P.M.
First Baptist, Ripley

BHIBA

Call to sign up by Dec. 2 476-6759

BHIBA
Big Hatchie Baptist Association

Free event! Fun and Games Door Prizes

Ministers & Wives Christmas Dinner

December 10, 2024 at 6PM
at the **BIG HATCHIE OFFICE**
1390 Highway 51 N, Covington TN 38019

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering



WEEK OF PRAYER for International Missions

2024 PRAYER GUIDE

WMU | INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD



A few of the Big Hatchie Baptist Association's Messengers who attended the SUMMIT-Gathering of the Tennessee Baptists.

ACTS 2:17 INITIATIVE
Seeking God's Vision for Tennessee Baptists

After much prayer, the vision for the Tennessee Baptist Convention becomes: "A collaborative network of spiritually healthy churches reaching Tennessee and beyond for Christ."

TENNESSEE BAPTISTS ARE FOCUSED ON:
Strengthening & multiplying gospel leaders, Strengthening & multiplying evangelistic disciples & Strengthening & multiplying healthy churches

December 3, 2024 - MISSION DIGNITY

GIVING TUESDAY

Help provide **Dignity** to retirement-aged Southern Baptist ministers, workers and their widows who find themselves in financial need. www.guidestone.org/mission-dignity

How is your donation used?

- \$150 supplies five days of groceries
- \$400 covers a month of utilities or medications
- \$1,200 provides three months of housing expenses
- \$4,800 provides a year of assistance

From Our Director of Missions, Clay Gilbreath

I read of a group of prospectors searching for gold. After suffering many hardships they decided to give up their futile search, but as they prepared to leave one of the men casually picked up a small stone from the creek bed, cracked the rock, and discovered gold! The entire company panned for gold the next day and found a huge supply, striking it rich. Needing extra supplies they headed into town but vowed to not breathe a word about this gold strike to anyone. After buying their supplies, they got ready to head back only to discover 300 men following them out of town. Who had told them? No one! The writer of this story told what happened: "Their beaming faces betrayed the secret!"

I know it's hard to believe the holidays are upon us, but here they are. As we navigate these days, I know of no better way to celebrate than to have our faces betray the secret: "Jesus is born, the Son of God is come, salvation is here!"

You will encounter some folks who find great joy in family at Christmas, and that's great. Some will find joy in the season and the celebration of gifts and gatherings. Those are truly sweet times. You could also encounter some who have profound sadness during the holidays due to loss or despair.

Either way, as we navigate the hustle and bustle of these days, and we interact with others around us, I hope mine and your beaming faces will shine as we share the truth for Christmas and always: "For unto us a Child is born, Unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace." Isaiah 9:6



Therein lies joy unspeakable and peace beyond understanding, in the manger on **Christmas day.**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from our families to yours.

Monthly Budget \$ 15,191.58
 OCTOBER 2024 Gifts \$ 14,029.14
 Fiscal YTD Shortfall - \$ 1,162.44

Unrestricted Gifts	OCTOBER 2024 GIFTS
Ashport	0.00
Beaver	500.00
Brighton	1,613.60
Calvary	709.00
Calvary Hill	125.00
Central	0.00
Charleston	652.48
Covington First	1,375.00
Cross View	0.00
Crossway Cowboy	0.00
Durhamville	526.00
Faith	833.33
Fellowship	689.28
First Indian	0.00
Forerunner	40.00
Fulton	0.00
Garland	500.00
Gateway	975.71
Genesis	0.00
Grace	741.84
Hope	0.00
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	1,506.00
Ripley First	583.33
Salem	298.55
Servant's Heart	0.00
Smyrna	363.94
Spirit Filled	100.00
Trinity	0.00
True Life	0.00
True Word	0.00
Victory	0.00
Walnut Grove	297.08
Western Valley	0.00
Woodlawn	0.00
TBMB	626.00
Other	150.00
TOTAL	\$ 14,029.14



WMU News and Events: WMU Director, Diane Sorrell

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"Because we loved you so much, we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well". ~ 1 Thessalonians 2:8



Thank you, Oak Grove for hosting the Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer on Nov. 4. Delicious refreshments were served. Speaker, Crystal Rickett, shared the mission work she and family are doing in Tanna. Attendance: 34 represented by 9 churches. \$200 was collected for the Baptist Women's Alliance.



WMU Group Featured this month: Covington-First—90 bags of cookies were baked, packed, and delivered to the Covington Care Nursing Home and Rehabilitation Center.

Upcoming Events and Announcements:



Nov. 18 – 25 drop-off dates. Locations are Covington-First (2105 Hwy-59 South, Covington) & Ripley-First (165 N. Main St., Ripley).



Spring 2025 hosts needed to provide 10 dozen doughnuts & water/juice.
 Feb. 18: OPEN • March 18: Oak Grove • April 15: OPEN

December 1-8: Week of Prayer for International Missions / Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Mission study is Central Asia.

Tues. December 10: Leadership Team Meeting at Association Office at 6 pm.

January 2025:

Tues. January 14: WMU Quarterly Meeting at Smyrna Baptist (7512 Hwy 59-West, Burlison) at 6:30 pm. Mission Project: Items for Firefighters to give to burnout families.

January 25: Tennessee WMU Scholarship applications for the 2025-2026 school year are due. Information available at www.tnbaptist.org/wmu-scholarship.

LEADERSHIP TEAM WISH EVERYONE HAPPY THANKSGIVING AND MERRY CHRISTMAS!!

Thank you for the generous gifts to your association.

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DECEMBER 2024 Calendar of Events

2	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: TBD
9	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: TBD
10	6:00 P.M.	 BHBA Ministers and Wives Christmas Dinner BHBA Office, 1390 Hwy 51 N., Covington TN. 38019
16	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: TBD
23-31		BHBA Office Closed for Christmas & New Year Break
23		Ministers Fellowship will not meet. BHBA Office Closed
30		Ministers Fellowship will not meet. BHBA Office Closed

JANUARY 2025 Calendar of Events

1-2		BHBA Office Closed
6	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: TBD
13	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: TBD
20	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: TBD
23-25		TBMB Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat, Pigeon Forge, TN
27	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Fellowship, BHBA Office Lunch to follow at a local restaurant. Speaker: TBD



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TENNESSEE WMU
SCHOLARSHIPS
FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Applications must be completed online by
JANUARY 25, 2025

Tennessee WMU offers a variety of scholarships to students attending TN colleges, universities, and Southern Baptist seminaries.
Visit tnwmu.org for more information and to apply.

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yectn.org **Breaking News!!!** REGISTRATION \$35/pp - Sept. 1-Jan. 31 \$40/pp - Feb. 1-28 \$45/pp - After March 1 REGISTER TODAY!

SPRING 2025 ALL OVER TENNESSEE

YEC 2025 DATES ARE LOCKED

MIDDLE TN - MARCH 7-8 | LIFEPOINT CHURCH, SMYRNA WEST TN - MARCH 14-15 | UNION UNIVERSITY, JACKSON EAST TN - MARCH 28-29 | BLACK OAK HEIGHTS BAPTIST, KNOXVILLE

EXPERIENCE YEC - Join us at any of our locations in a fun, high energy environment where truth will be spoken and lives will be changed!

TBMB Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat
Pigeon Forge, TN / January 23-25, 2025
Visit tnbaptist.org for more information

WHILE WE CAN

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."
EPHESIANS 5:16