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## Notes from the DOM Desk...

WCBA has a new ministry assistant, Tera Lochala! Tera has been on the job for about three weeks now. She and her husband Jerry have two children and are members of Central Baptist Church in Martin. The Lochala's live in Dresden. We are excited about Tera working with our churches and pastors. If you get a chance, stop by the office and say hello.

Here is another reminder of our upcoming Annual Meeting on Saturday, October 21st. We will meet in the new and beautiful auditorium of Bethel Baptist in McKenzie. Breakfast will begin at 7:30 and messengers and church members are invited to attend both the breakfast and the meeting. We would ask that you RSVP if you are coming to the breakfast. The deadline to call and make your reservations is October 13th.

I want to recommend a book that can help you and me as we live out our faith amidst the secular world. It's titled "Right Thinking In a World Gone Wrong." It is published by Harvest House and can be ordered through Amazon. It deals with such subjects as political activism, immigration, disasters and epidemics, God and the problem of evil, and many others. The book will help you develop a Christian perspective on these important issues.

Laborers Together,

*Bro. Phil*

**Happy Birthday October**

4th	Megan Rushing	Bethel-McKenzie
10th	Tony Terrell	Pleasant Grove
15th	Brian Gallimore	Palmersville
15th	Aletha Richie	Calvary
20th	Amy Vaughan	Ralston (I)
23rd	Donald Doster	Sand Hill
26th	Wayne Perkins	Retired WCBA DOM
27th	Josh Moore	Sharon FBC
29th	Richard Brewer	Jolley Springs

**Happy Anniversary October**

12th	Bill & Angie Ellis	Gleason FBC
17th	Bobby & Megan Rushing	Bethel-McKenzie
29th	Jim & Tracey Garner	Bethlehem

**September 2023**  
**Golden Offering for TN Missions Emphasis Month**

24th	Caring Well Sunday
28th	Bivocational Pastors' Conference @ Moore's Chapel @ 6:30 pm

**October 2023**  
**Cooperative Program Emphasis Month**

1st	Cooperative Program Sunday
15th	Pastor Appreciation Day
15th-21st	Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations
21st	WCBA Annual Conference @ 8:30 am @ Bethel in McKenzie
22nd	Day of Prayer for Associational Missions
24th	Bivocational Chili Supper @ 6:30 pm

**November 2023**

7th	WMU Quarterly Meeting @ 7:00 pm @ Thompson Creek, Como
8th	Bivocational Retreat Registration Deadline
9th	WCBA ALT Meeting @ 6:00 pm @ Mission Center
12th-15th	TBC Summit @ Chattanooga Convention Center

**THANK YOU, PASTORS**  
*We appreciate all you do*

**Next Meeting Date:**  
ALT—November 9, 2023 at 6:00 pm  
Executive Board—March 14, 2024 at 6:30 pm

**Weakley County Baptist Association**  
**Annual Fall Conference**  
**Saturday, October 21, 2023**  
**Bethel Missionary Baptist Church in McKenzie**  
**8:30 a.m.**  
**Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. – Reservations required.**  
**Deadline to sign up is Friday, October 13, 2023**



Send your church news  
by the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month to:

Weakley.Baptists@gmail.com; newsletter prints on 20th

## CHURCH NEWS



**Pastorless Churches:** Eastside, Mack's Grove, New Hope, New Salem, Northwestern, Oak Grove (I), Old Bethel, Ralston (I), Ruthville

**Beech Springs:** We will be having a Pastoral Ordination Service for Mike McDaniel, October 8th at 5:00 pm, with the Ordination Council meeting at 4:30 pm. All ordained men are invited. Refreshments will follow the service. Pastor: Jeff Moody

**Calvary:** We will be having a Feed The Community Breakfast September 30th from 8:00 am to 10:00 am. Everyone is welcome to attend. Pastor: Terry Richie

**Dresden FBC:** The WC Backpack program meets to pack food supplies for children in need within the county schools on the first Tuesday of each month. October pack date is Tuesday the 3rd at 12:00 pm in the Life Center at Dresden FBC. Volunteers are always needed. The men's breakfast will be Saturday, October 7th at 8:00 am and is open to all men in the community. Our Sew Faithful ministry will meet Saturday, October 7th from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm for sewing and non-sewing mission projects. Helping hands are appreciated. Just Older Youth for senior adults 55+ will meet Tuesday, October 17th at 11:30 am for devotion, meal and program. Donna Bates will be our special guest in a mini concert. Our High Attendance Crusade is planned for Sunday, October 29th. We encourage ALL members to attend and invite guests to join us at 9:45 for Sunday school and worship at 11:00 am. Our Children's Ministry will host a community-invited Fall Celebration on Sunday, October 29th from 4:00-6:30 pm. So many activities for the entire family are being planned. Mark your calendar and come join us! Pastor: Don McCulley

**Gleason FBC:** We will have revival services October 1-5. Everyone is invited to attend evening Revival Services and there will also be Senior Adult Services at 11:00 am. We also have a Bible Drive going on at this time. Please bring us Bibles you don't use anymore or new Bibles to send to Love Packages. These can also be dropped off at the Associational Office. We will have a guest speaker October 15th at 11:00 am from Love Packages. We will have Trunk or Treat on Sunday night, October 29th. Come worship and serve with us! Pastor: Bill Ellis

**Mack's Grove:** Veterans' graves will be marked with American flags for Mack's Grove Baptist Church's Homecoming Day on Sunday, September 24th. Everyone is invited to Sunday School at 10:00 am, worship at 11:00 am, with lunch to follow. The biannual cemetery offering will be taken.

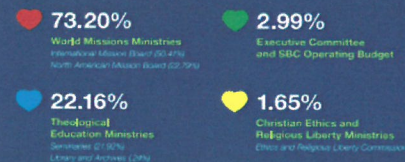
**Sidonia:** We will be having Revival Services October 15th-18th. Sunday at 6:00 pm and Monday-Wednesday at 7:00 pm with Bro. Eric Burris. All are welcome to attend! Pastor: Doug Morris

**Executive Board News:** The Executive Board met in September and adopted the Proposed Budget for the 2023/2024 fiscal year. They voted to continue monthly support for missionaries Josh & Katie Graves, and also Liberty Baptist Church in Cincinnati, OH. They also voted to proceed with New Home's petition to come into the Weakley County Baptist Association and to waive the watch-care period for New Home Baptist Church.

### 2022-2023 Cooperative Program Allocation Budget

This allocation budget represents anticipated gifts forwarded to the SBC.

# \$192,270,000



The Cooperative Program: The Heart of Southern Baptist Missions & Ministries



**WMU Quarterly Meeting**  
Tuesday, November 7, 2023  
• 7:00 pm  
@ Thompson Creek, Como



**Weakley County Baptist Association**  
**Great Commission Fund Offering**  
Given To Date: \$13,650

### WCBA Budget Status

As of August 31, 2023

Actual Income to Date	\$148,282.22
Actual Expenses to Date	\$159,874.89
Yearly Budget Expense/Income	\$173,245.00

## REVIVAL SERVICES GLEASON FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Sunday October 1st – Thursday October 5th  
Sunday @ 11:00 am & 6:00 pm  
Mon-Thurs @ 7:00 pm

**Senior Adult Revival Services**  
October 2nd-4th @ 11:00 am  
Lunch served

Rev. David Miller-Revivalist (Jasper, AL)  
Bro. Bill Ellis—Pastor

## REVIVAL SERVICES SIDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

October 15th-18th  
Sunday @ 6:00 pm & Mon-Wed @ 7:00 pm

Bro. Eric Burris—Evangelist  
Bro. Doug Morris—Pastor

An article in the August 30th Baptist & Reflector lists WCBA as having **100% submission** for the 2022 Annual Church Profiles. Congratulations and Thank You to all who helped make this happen!

**Beech Springs Baptist Church** in Gleason is announcing the **Pastoral Ordination Service for Mike McDaniel**. It will be October 8, 2023 @ 5:00 pm with the Ordination Council meeting at 4:30 pm. All ordained men are invited. Refreshments to follow.

### Church Steeple To Give Away

Please call the WCBA office at 731-364-3739 if interested.

### FREE Upright Piano

Please call the WCBA office at 731-364-3739 if interested.

### Monday Morning Pastor's

#### Conference Beginning at 10 am

Join us for preaching, praying and old time fellowship and worship.  
You don't have to be a preacher to attend—

**Come join us!**

Every Monday at 10 a.m.

#### Minister's Wives

On the first Monday of each month Minister's Wives will meet beginning at 10 am for prayer and devotion time.



**Bivocational Pastor's Conference**  
September 28, 2023 @ Moore's Chapel @ 6:30 pm

Hosted by Larry Reagan. We will no doubt have a great time of fellowship and food! It is my hope that you will be able to come out on the 28th and have a great time with our brothers! For your planning purposes, we will also have a chili supper in October at the mission office. More details will be forthcoming.

**Cans For Kids** Sold a load of cans for \$432 in September. Proceeds benefit activities for the children of Tennessee Baptist Children's Home. Collection trailer is on the parking lot of Mathis Battery. Drop your cans off to make a difference in the lives of children served by these homes!

**Ralston Baptist Church** is prayerfully seeking a **bi-vocational pastor**. We are a rural Southern Baptist Church, located right off Hwy 22 in Martin, TN, and adhere to the Baptist Faith and Message. We are part of the Weakley County Baptist Association. Only candidates who submit resumes will be considered. If you are interested and feel you might be led to us by God's will, please send your resume to the address or email listed below: Ralston Baptist Church, Pastor Search Committee, PO Box 832, Martin, TN 38237 or [ralstonpastorsearch22@outlook.com](mailto:ralstonpastorsearch22@outlook.com).

**Eastside Baptist Church** located in Martin, TN is currently accepting resumes for a **bi-vocational pastor**. We are a small church and a member of the Southern Baptist Convention. Resumes may be submitted by mail to: Eastside Baptist Church, Pastor Search Committee, 529 K Street, Martin, TN 38237 or by email to [kmatheny1@gmail.com](mailto:kmatheny1@gmail.com). Any questions may be sent by email with a phone number and a member of the search committee will contact you as soon as possible.



**Deadline: October 23-25**  
[tnbaptist.org/backpacks](http://tnbaptist.org/backpacks)

