



Wilson County Baptist Association

WCBA News

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ISSUE ONE

I am honored, humbled, terrified, and very excited to be soon joining you in the Wilson County Baptist Association. As my family and I trust God and follow His leading to serve each of you, we are also saying goodbye to a faith family we love so dear. I am reminded, though, the call to ministry is first (and always) a call to Jesus Himself. He is worth our sorrow and worthy of our excitement. My words are not enough to describe how eager we are to join in with all the things our awesome God is already doing there in Wilson County. I only pray I can be a constant encourager, enduring advocate, and faithful servant to each of the churches who comprise our association. We truly are better together!

I anticipate my first day serving you to be January 9th. Already, though, I am praying daily for each church and am available to you should you need anything I can offer. Both my wife (for ministry wives) and myself are always happy to be sympathetic ears, empathetic prayers, and enthusiastic friends to you. My number is 931-412-3831.

I am confident that I will have a steep learning curve as I seek to learn the many things God is busy doing and how I can best join in that work, so I covet your prayers and patience those first few weeks. I thank you for confirming God's calling of me to serve you in this way. I also want to say a word of thanks to your search team who represented you so well in their work. It has already been a tremendous pleasure seeing their hearts for Wilson County as we got to know each other. Finally, I want to express my deepest and enduring respect and gratitude to Dr. Chuck Groover, who has served faithfully in the interim period. I can't wait to work alongside each of you to win Wilson County to Jesus!

-Dr Scott Brown (Rom. 1:16)





State Evangelism Conference

January 29-30, 2023

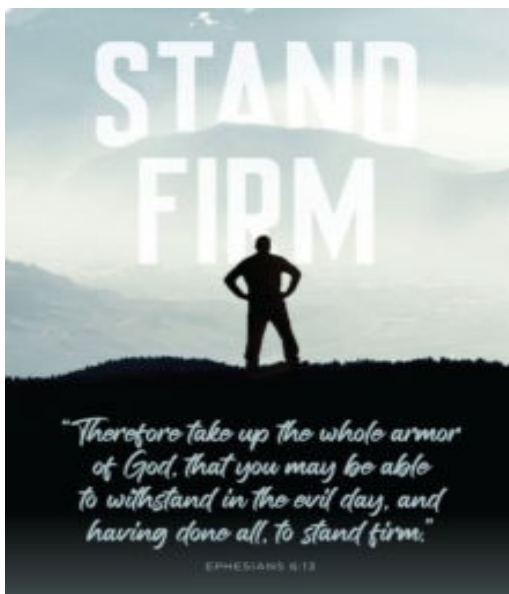
**New Vision Baptist Church
Murfreesboro
1750 Thompson Lane**

Let the Redeemed of the Lord say so!

Psalm 107:2

For registration details and more information, visit:

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**Bivocational
Ministers & Wives Retreat
Music Road Hotel & Convention
Center
January 26-28, 2023**

First Baptist Church, Mt. Juliet
is planning its first Sunday in their new
1350 seat Worship Center on

January 22 at 10:45 a.m.

(A Grand Opening will be announced
later in the Spring).



**January 24, 2023
6:00 pm – 7:30 pm**

Hillcrest Baptist Church
621 Hartsville Pike

Bro. Roc Collins and
Bro. Mark Miller, Specialists

Message presented by Dr. Roc Collins

We will be providing a “WinTN 30 Day Prayer Challenge” as part of resources supplied to the church.

Host: Wilson County Association,
Chris Smith (Hillcrest)

Seminary Extension Class

For those interested in seminary extension, a new class will begin on:

**Tuesday, January 17, 2023
Where: Association Building**

Instructor:
Brother Terry Carver, Pastor at
Calvary Baptist Church

Contact Kathy at the Association
office to sign up. 615-444-8820

Cost: \$129(without textbook)
\$201.98 (with textbook)

Booth Brothers in Concert

Where:
Victory Baptist Church
1777 Tate Lane
Mt. Juliet, TN, 37122

When:
Sunday, January 8
5:00 p.m.

Doors will open at
4:30 p.m. and a love
offering will be received.

Looking for a way to serve people in Wilson County?

Wilson Rides helps to preserve the quality of life and foster a connected community for older adults in Wilson County by providing safe transportation to local destinations. Training opportunities for Volunteer Drivers are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

January 9 – 4:30 – 6:00 pm (Lebanon – Pinnacle Financial Partners, 1412 W. Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN 37087.)

January 18 – 8:00 – 9:30 pm (Lebanon – Pinnacle Financial Partners, 1412 W. Baddour Pkwy, Lebanon, TN 37087.)

If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering one or twice a month, contact Wilson Rides at 615-622-5557.

While the Pastor's Away...Available for Pulpit Supply

Gordon Donahoe – 615-974-9559. Gordon is available for supply and interims.

Raymond Vogtner – 615-417-8309. Raymond is available for supply, interims, or to share his new ministry, "Let's Talk." A ministry designed to encourage conversations with others leading them to discover God's plan for their lives.

Bart Gibbs – 615-390-9204. Bart is available for supply, interim, or part-time pastorate. Bart served as Pastor at Hobson Pike Baptist Church from 2003-2010.

Billie Friel – 615-754-5944. Brother Billie is available for supply, interims, revivals, or Bible Conferences.

Fred Vantrease – Cell: (615) 481-5123 call or text. Fred most recently served as pastor of Fellowship Baptist in Mt. Juliet.

Russ Stephens is available to supply for evening services only – Cell: 615-351-4319.

Jerry Osbourne, Jr. – Home: 615-427-1090; email: owenjr@dtccom.net

Glyn Passman – Cell: 615- 268-2716; email: glyn_pass@icloud.com

Rob Amason retired pastor after 50 years available for supply, interims, and revivals 615-218-4422

Music Supply List

Pastors, if you have someone in your church who is looking to supply or fill a music position at one of the WCBA churches, please have them contact Kathy in the office at (615) 444-8820.

A Word from Brother Chuck

I have been blessed to call Wilson County Baptist Association home since 1994. However, my involvement in Southern Baptist Associations dates back to the mid-1970s. I have served associations in Florida, Kentucky, and Tennessee. While every experience has encouraged me, my time in the WCBA is the highlight.

These last few months serving as the Interim Director of Missions and the churches of the WCBA renewed my understanding of how essential the association can be to each member church. The old saying, "We are better together than we are apart," finds real merit in the local association's support of a cooperative alliance of churches.

As we enter a new year under new leadership, I pray we will renew our commitment to a cooperative spirit and find a unity that will reveal itself to the communities where we minister in Wilson County. So may it be said of the WCBA, "*And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, ⁴⁷ Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.*"¹ To God be the glory!

I look forward to the fellowship I have enjoyed with you in the coming days. As we serve the Lord and His Kingdom together, may every effort in His Name be covered with His favor.

Yours in Christ,

Brother Chuck Groover

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The voice
of the LORD
is powerful;
the voice
of the LORD
is full of majesty.

Psalm 29:4