



Wilson County Baptist Association

WCBA News

February 2023

ISSUE TWO

Over the past few weeks, I've gotten to hear incredible stories of all our God is doing in and through Wilson County. I've also been trying to find exactly how I can best join in with the great work He is already doing in our association. The question that keeps coming back to my mind is simply, "How can I help?" So, how can I help? How can I help you spend more of your time and energy fulfilling your call to make disciples who make disciples? Each of our churches are doing incredible things and I want to do whatever I can to help each of you minister more effectively and less burdened. As you serve, know that I am for you. I am praying for you, cheering you on, and here to help in whatever way I can. Over the next few months, I hope to be in all your churches to worship alongside your faith family as I learn the specific identity and direction of our association firsthand. As one of our pastors wisely said, "Don't give me a title, just give me a towel." I serve you as you serve Jesus. If there is anything I can do to help you better serve Jesus, please call me.

Here are some things I want to share with you:

My wife, Crystal, is excited to connect with, encourage, and generally hang out with other ministry wives. Ministry has not always been easy or kind to her and I think she is not alone in that. Probably the only thing harder than being a pastor is being married to one. Crystal is looking for ways to befriend and support ministry wives so please send the office their contact information.

Good Friday is coming! We are working to plan a combined Good Friday service. I welcome your thoughts as we work to put this event together. More information is very soon to follow.

Clear communication can make or break an organization. We are working to communicate more clearly and candidly about our association of churches. To that end, over the next few months I will be praying hard to discover our identity and direction together. I am praying to clearly know who we are, where we are going, and how we are getting there as a network of churches. Will you commit to be praying for me? Pray that God will empty me of self and fill me overflowing with Himself. Pray for a deaf ear and blind eye that I may not miss His face and voice in the loudness of my own pride and plans. Pray for our association as we, together, work to always be better at serving Jesus.

Your servant,

-Scott Brown



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS HERE!!!!

Lifeway's "Twists & Turns"
Vacation Bible School Training will
be held:

Tuesday, April 25th

at Hillcrest Baptist Church

from 6:30 to 8:30

**PLEASE make sure you and your
team attend!!**

We want to reach EVERY boy and
girl in Wilson County with the
GOSPEL OF JESUS!

Stats show for every one person
trained there is a salvation to follow!!
It is so important your VBS team is
at this training!!

Be on the lookout for an email to
register your team!

If you have any questions, please
contact your Associational VBS
Director, Rachel Presley.

rachel@hillcrestbaptist.org

PHOEBE CONNECTIONS SCHOLARSHIPS

2023 – 2024

PHOEBE Connections is a widows' ministry in Wilson County that provides a place of fellowship, support, and service to the local community for widows. It is our honor each year to award scholarships to children of widows who wish to further their education beyond high school. Whether a student is pursuing a college degree or a trade school certification, the student will qualify for a PHOEBE Connections Scholarship if:

1. The student is a resident of Wilson County.
2. The mother has not re-married since the father's death.
3. The student completes an application and provides all necessary documentation. Applications will soon be available on our website at www.phoebconnections.com. You may also request an application by contacting us through the website. The deadline to submit applications for the 2023 – 2024 school year is April 15. All scholarship monies awarded will be sent directly to the learning institutions.

Worship Leader Position

Silver Springs Baptist Church in Mt. Juliet, Tennessee (15 miles east of Nashville) is a multigenerational church prayerfully seeking a bi-vocational worship leader. We enjoy a blended style of worship led in a way which glorifies God. Our ideal candidate will be passionate in their pursuit of Jesus Christ and in their dedication to sharing the Gospel. They will also be proficient in reading music, have good organizational skills, and have experience in planning, preparing, and leading worship services and choirs. Please see our website for more information about who we are and what we believe:

www.mjssbc.com. Cover letter
and resume' may be sent to
searchteam@mjssbc.com.

It's Back!

Our FREE Pastor's BBQ
luncheon is scheduled for
11:30 am on March 16 at

Mt. Olivet Baptist Church

No agenda – just fellowship
with one another and enjoy
some great BBQ!

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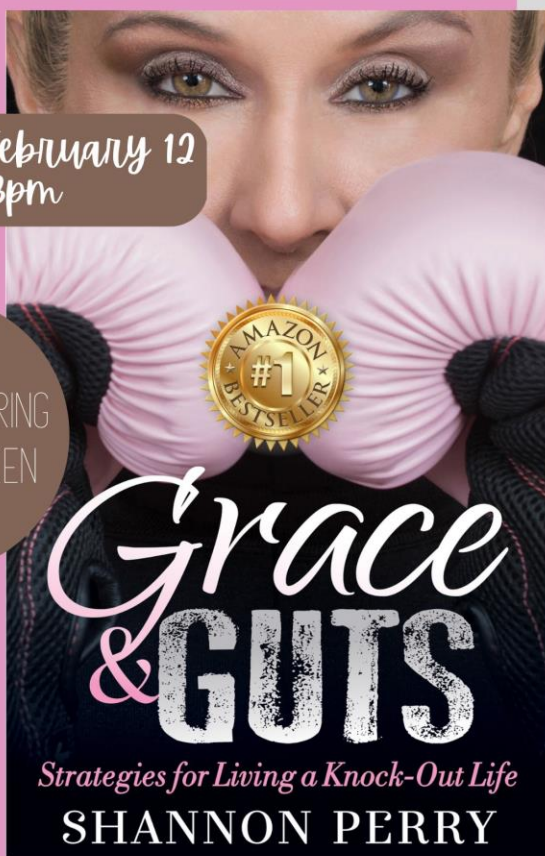
**<https://subspla.sh/7w97m7q>
and register.**

**KEEP YOUR
FIRE BURNING**

PASTORS BBQ LUNCH
MARCH 16TH

Sunday, February 12
2-3pm

A LOVE OFFERING
WILL BE TAKEN



Hope Baptist Church • 1 Outlet Village Blvd. Ste 530 • Lebanon, TN 37090
Email: rebecca@hopelebanon.com to RSVP

Baptist & Reflector

If you would like to receive a copy of the Baptist & Reflector, please contact them at the information listed below:

Mail: Baptist & Reflector, P.O. Box 682789, Franklin, TN 37068

Physical Address: 4017 Rural Plains Circle, Franklin, TN 37064

Email: bandr@tnbaptist.org

Phone: 615-371-2003

<https://baptistandreflector.org/>

If your church has an event that you would like to have included in an upcoming newsletter, please email that event to wcbawcbamissions.com or call 615-444-8820.

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: owenj@dtccom.net

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

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

Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering®
FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

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**North American
Mission Board**

Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for North American Missions is March 5th thru the 12th. The offering goal for this year is \$70 million. Prayer guides and offering envelopes should begin arriving at churches in February.



Greetings WCBA Friends!

I pray this report finds you well! We have a very exciting semester ahead at BCM! We started off with our first lunch, provided by Gladeville Baptist and in the evening, we celebrated the new semester with our Neon New Year praise party and worship. At this event, we had our BCM Band lead an upbeat set, followed by worship, snacks, and fellowship! Brother Darrin also gave an encouraging message challenging us to start the semester off strong by stepping out in our faith through the new study. Up until spring break, our students will be working through the 40 Day Revolution study, in which there are daily challenges to strengthen our faith, encourage others, and fast from distractions. Please be in prayer for us and that we will be given opportunities to share the Gospel on campus and the courage to do so! In other news, we are looking forward to hosting the BCM Leadership Conference in March as well as the rest of the semester. We are in need of churches to provide our lunches and would ask that you would consider doing so! Tuesday lunches are one of our biggest ways of doing outreach and connecting with new students. Please email Darrin Reynolds brodarrin40@gmail.com or myself cumberland.bcm01@gmail.com if you are willing to provide!

Have a blessed day!
-Nathan Clark