

# THE HOPE *of* Easter

*Wilson County Baptist Association*

## WCBA News

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Resurrection Sunday is almost upon us! Easter is one of the most incredible opportunities for any local church to reach people, encourage the saints, and celebrate our Savior's victory over death. As one pastor in our association says, "It's the Superbowl of Sundays." Ideally, every Sunday should be like the Superbowl. It should be prayed up, planned well, and presented with excellence. Oh, but Easter Sunday is an awesome time and an opportunity not to be wasted.

Here are some easy wins to consider, if you haven't already:

If you don't have greeters, this is a great chance to start some type of hospitality ministry or make any significant strides in training those who already are serving. Train them to think like someone new to the church. They don't know where things are and they are likely a little nervous. Train them to be searching people out proactively and not only being friendly but making friends.

Signage is always a win and you can almost never have too many signs. Yard signs, billboards, church signs, people in the parking lot with welcome signs, etc.

Please, dear friends, don't make jokes about the Christmas and Easter crowd. Thank God for them and use this opportunity to help them move deeper into obedience and into your church.

Canvassing still works. Studies show that canvassing and door to door evangelism are not as effective as they once were, but they are still highly effective and possibly even more effective when done appropriately. I have a friend that pastors a church of 1200 who, before Easter, sent out hundreds of people to personally invite every home within 2 miles of their church to Easter Sunday. That Easter they welcomed more than 3000 people as a direct result (and saw nearly 250 return guests in the following weeks).

I'm praying for your every service but, I'm praying hard for your Easter. May God bless you and your faith family. May you see a great harvest as a result of your preparation. May God be glorified, the Church be edified, sinners evangelized, and Satan horrified.

Serving you as you serve Jesus,

-Scott (Galatians 6:9)

# *He is Risen*



Easter is a time to celebrate and reflect on the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Will you join us? A light breakfast will be served before Sunday School. There will also be an egg hunt for kids directly



## 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 pm**

**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](mailto:rachel@hillcrestbaptist.org)

## Associational Bible Drill

**Sunday, April 23, 2023, 2:00 p.m.  
Fall Creek Baptist Church**

**Regional Bible Drill  
Belle Aire Baptist Church, Murfreesboro  
April 29, 2023 (Time not yet confirmed  
(usually starts at 9 am)**

## Executive Board Meeting

The next meeting of the  
Executive Board is

**Thursday, April 20, 2023**

**11:00 a.m.**

**Victory Baptist Church**

Please RSVP to the WCBA Office by April 12.  
[wcbamissions.com](mailto:wcbamissions.com) or 615-444-8820

## 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](http://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.

**Associational  
Good Friday Service**

**Hillcrest Baptist Church**

Friday, April 7, 2023

6:30 – 8:00 p.m.

Message: Dr. Scott Brown  
WCBA Director of Missions

**Smith Fork  
Baptist Church**

Presents:

“Camp” Style

Community Outreach

Tent Meeting

Friday, May 5, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Hot Dog Roast @ 6 pm

Preachers:

Bro. Williams &

The Blackburn Family

All Churches Invited to Attend!

**Immanuel Baptist Easter Services**



***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

**Scott Brown – Director of Missions; 931-412-3831**

**Easter Services**

**3:18 Fellowship –**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. Celebration Service**

**Easter: It's All About the View**

**Alexandria First Baptist -**

**Community Early Easter Morning Service**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> 7:30 a.m. Hillview Cemetery**

**8:00 a.m. Light Breakfast**

**9:00 a.m. Sunday School**

**10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

**Barton's Creek –**

**April 7<sup>th</sup> 7:00 p.m. Good Friday Service**

**April 8<sup>th</sup> 2:30 p.m. Easter Egg Hunt**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m. Worship Service**

**Fairview –**

**April 7<sup>th</sup> 6-7 p.m. Good Friday Service**

**First Baptist Lebanon –**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> 9:15 a.m. Sunday School**

**10:30 a.m. Worship Service**

**Mt. Olivet Baptist -**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Drive-In Service; Coffee and Snacks in the lobby**

**10:00 a.m. Easter Worship inside**

**Shiloh Baptist –**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> 10:30 a.m. The Risen**

**Christ as a Musical with Video of the Easter Story**

**Victory Baptist –**

**April 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.**

**Journey to the Cross**

**A Walk Thru Depiction of the Final Events of Jesus' Earthly Life.**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> Resurrection Day**

**9:45 a.m. Sunday School**

**11:00 a.m. Worship Service**

**West Haven –**

**April 9<sup>th</sup> 8:45 Sunday School**

**10:00 Worship Service**





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## WMU Spring Retreat



Please join us for our WMU Spring Retreat. We will be recognizing and honoring Wilson County Baptist pastor's wives.

We will meet on **Saturday, April 15<sup>th</sup> at 10:00** at **Barton's Creek Baptist Church**. We will enjoy a continental breakfast and be inspired by Tracey Gholson, the daughter and wife of a pastor. Tracey will have an inspiring message for all of us. **Please contact either of the following by April 7<sup>th</sup> to make a reservations:**

Peggy Tramel 615-449-3589 or [ptramel3589@charter.net](mailto:ptramel3589@charter.net) or

Cindy Gibbs 615-974-9472 (talk or text) or [gibbs.davidcindy@gmail.com](mailto:gibbs.davidcindy@gmail.com)



Greetings WCBA friends!

This month at BCM has been very busy and full but also very fruitful. We have just recently concluded our 40 Day Revolution study and are now hosting a BCM Speaker Series in which we are having speakers from several churches join us to discuss topical questions posed by students. Our first one was, "What is grace?" Brother Darrin led it and it was a great start to the series. We had an amazing Acoustic Night of Worship at which brother Scott Brown shared some of his testimony and encouraged our students. In partnership with the student life office on campus, BCM hosted a free pancake and trivia night. The following day we had puppies and prayer on the quad at which students brought their dogs to socialize and uplift our campus and we took prayer requests from fellow students. BCM lunches are going strong and we are thankful to say that all of the lunches are filled for this semester! Thank you for serving us so well! We also have had the blessing to share our ministry by leading worship at Immanuel Baptist Church as well as Cumberland Presbyterian Church. At Cumberland Presbyterian, the BCM Band led worship and several of our student leaders shared their testimonies and stories of how God has worked in their lives through BCM. If you would like to have BCM come lead at your church or have the BCM Band help lead a worship night, please email [cumberland.bcm01@gmail.com](mailto:cumberland.bcm01@gmail.com)! We would love to share our ministry with you! Please be in prayer for us as we reach the end of our semester.

Thank you so much for your prayers and support!

"May the Lord bless you and keep you; may He smile on you and be gracious to you; may He look your way and give you peace." Numbers

-Nathan Clark

