

# WCBA News

**Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for North American Missions is March 5<sup>th</sup> through the 12<sup>th</sup>. The offering goal for this year is \$70 million. The official date is the first Sunday in March through the second Sunday. Your church can choose this date or another time during the Easter season to participate.**

March makes two months I've been blessed beyond measure to serve you. I still haven't met every minister or been to every church but I am looking forward to remedying that soon. Many of you have invited me to preach in your churches and I am honored to do so. I pray the door is open for future invitations as well. However I can, I am here to serve you as you serve Jesus.

I'm still learning the many things our God is at work doing right here in Wilson County but I can see clearly that He is most definitely at work. I see diverse churches of different sizes, with different styles, and different strengths, who all share both a common Mission and a common Master. That's what unites us, after all. And shouldn't the one thing that unites us (the gospel) be greater than everything which seeks to divide us?

I asked the question when I came here, "Why does an association need to exist? What value does it offer?" It is a sincere question, not a cynical one. I believe associations of churches exist because we can only win together. None of our churches alone will ever win our County to Jesus. We live in a county that is 80% unchurched. Add all the people together who are in any church in our county on Sunday Morning and the number who are not there will still be 4 times more. That is a big problem. None of our churches could fit all those people if they were able to reach them. Therefore, it takes churches of all styles, methods, and looks preaching the Gospel with conviction and risking everything to reach their communities together for us to even make a dent in that horrifying statistic. The association exists because we can't win alone, but we also won't lose together.

It's easy to be discouraged when we look around at the lostness that surrounds us and the empty pews we preach to every week. Instead of a problem it is an opportunity! We have more than enough lost people to go around. If we reached them together, none of our churches would have room enough for them all. We would need to plant multiple times as many new churches just to keep up. I know such a thing seems impossible but nothing is impossible with God. In fact, nothing is even difficult for God (Jeremiah 32:27).

I am here for you. I serve you as you serve Jesus. Together, I can't wait to see what our God will do next.

-Scott Brown, PhD.  
Director of Missions

**KEEP YOUR  
FIRE BURNING  
PASTORS BBQ LUNCH**

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!

Please go to:

<https://subspla.sh/7w97m7q>



**A WEEKEND WITH DR. ERWIN LUTZER**

HOSTED BY  
**VICTORY BAPTIST CHURCH**  
1777 TATE LANE, MT. JULIET, TN 37122

MARCH 24-26, 2023

FRIDAY, MARCH 24TH  
COMMUNITY WORSHIP SERVICE @ 6:30 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 25TH  
PASTOR'S CONFERENCE 8:00 AM TIL NOON

SUNDAY, MARCH 26TH  
BOTH WORSHIP SERVICES 8:30 AM AND 11:00 AM



For more information about this event, or to sign up for Saturday's Pastor's Conference, please call our church office at (615) 773-5200

**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.

[wcba@wcbamissions.com](mailto:wcba@wcbamissions.com)

or call 615-444-8820.

**Associational Bible Drill**

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**

**Fall Creek Baptist Church**

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**Regional Bible Drill**

**Date TBD**

**Sunday, March 12**



**Youth Evangelism Conference 2023**

**March 10-11**

**New Vision Baptist Church Murfreesboro, TN**

Doors open at 6 pm on Friday  
Event starts at 7 pm

Doors open at 9 am on Saturday  
Event starts at 10 am

For more information, contact  
[jbarbier@tnbaptist.org](mailto:jbarbier@tnbaptist.org) or  
[lbaylor@tnbaptist.org](mailto:lbaylor@tnbaptist.org)



**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**

**UNITED**  
CALLED TO BE ONE

North American Mission Board | [AnnieArmstrong.com](http://AnnieArmstrong.com)

100% of your gifts support North American missionaries

**Associational**

**Good Friday Service**

**Where: Hillcrest Baptist Church**

**When: Friday, April 7, 2023  
6:30 – 8:00 p.m.**

**Message: Dr. Scott Brown,  
WCBA Director of Missions**

*Overflowing Hope*

**MISSIONS GET-TOGETHER**

*March 16-18, 2023*

**BRENTWOOD BAPTIST CHURCH  
BRENTWOOD, TN**

Missions Get-Together is an event for women 18 and older to experience personal growth, engage in meaningful worship, discover missions and ministry opportunities, and enjoy the fellowship of other Christian women. The event features general sessions, breakout sessions, and a missions & ministry fair with over 35 exhibitors.

Register online at link below: (copy and paste link in your browser)  
<https://www.tnbaptist.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/2023MGTRegistration.pdf>



## 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)

## WE HAVE PULPIT SUPPLY

I am eager to preach in your church! I would be honored to meet you and share my heart with your faith family. We also have a list of men available for interims, pulpit supply, or other ministry needs you have. We are here to serve you.

Scott Brown, DOM

## 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.

### *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](mailto:owenjr@dtccom.net)**

**Glyn Passman – Cell: 615- 268-2716; email: [glyn\\_pass@icloud.com](mailto:glyn_pass@icloud.com)**

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

## WMU Spring Retreat

April 15, 2023 at Round Lick Baptist Church  
We will meet for a light breakfast at 10:00 a.m.

Speaker: **Tracey Gholston**

Theme: **The Power of Jesus in Us**

*Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine,  
according to his power that is at work within us. Ephesians 3:20*

Please plan to join us for a time of fellowship and inspiration.



We need your help in providing  
BCM with our Tuesday lunches.

If you are a small church and need  
to pair with another church, please  
let us know. We may be able to help  
pair you with another church that  
also needs help in providing a BCM  
lunch.

The Association Office can be  
reached by email or by phone.

[wcba@wcbamissions.com](mailto:wcba@wcbamissions.com)

or

615-444-8820

Thank you for your help!



Greetings WCBA Friends!

Hello again from the Cumberland University BCM! This past month has been a great start to the semester! Currently, we are going through the 40 Day Revolution Study. Students have been fasting, learning & sharing scripture, as well as carrying out daily challenges. Some of these have included sharing donuts or an encouraging note to faculty and teachers. Others have simply challenged students to buy a coffee for a friend or shoot an encouraging text, all the while, encouraging us to share the love of Christ in our everyday lives. Please be praying for us as we continue this study that hearts would be softened and we would be successful witnesses. So far in February, we have had an amazing Night of Worship in which we had the largest turnout of new faces this semester! We also have had a free pancake and game night on campus as well as our weekly BCM lunches and Bible Study. Our BCM Band and testimony team are lined up to lead worship and share of what God is doing at BCM at several local churches! We still have two BCM lunch dates that have not been filled, if your church would like to sponsor a meal, or have the BCM Band come lead at your church or youth group, please email Brother Darrin Reynolds at [brodarrin40@gmail.com](mailto:brodarrin40@gmail.com) or myself [@cumberland.bcm01@gmail.com](mailto:@cumberland.bcm01@gmail.com).

Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers!

-Nathan Clark, BCM Assistant Director