

*Wilson County Baptist Association*

# WCBA News

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Spring is here! With Spring we see life, colors, warmth, and such excitement! May brings graduation ceremonies, Mother's Day, and so many opportunities to get out and enjoy this life God has given. Just like season changes, our association of churches is undergoing many changes. Kathy, my administrative assistant, has announced her retirement after years of exceptional service with us. She will finish her service to us this month. This means we have an opportunity for someone to come serve in this position. If you know anyone who would be interested in learning more, please email the office. Another change is our proposed strategic vision for the association I shared at our executive board meeting. This is presented to be refined and then presented this Fall for your consideration. It identifies three main priorities of our association: Church Starting, Church Strengthening, and Church Sending. If adopted, these will guide our decisions and direction, together, as an association. These are things which we can only do together, and we are always better together. I hope to have countless conversations with many of you to help us discover that unique identity and activities which will define us as an association for years to come. I am praying for clear understanding of our God given vision, informed by WCBA churches and for WCBA churches. I am blessed to serve you, my friends, as you serve Jesus.

-Scott (Galatians 6:9)



## 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**

### 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!

## 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.

**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**

*Mother's Day - May 14<sup>th</sup>!*

# Happy Mother's Day!

**She opens her mouth with wisdom,  
the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.**

**Proverbs 31:26, ESV**





### Administrative Assistant Position

**Reports to: Director of Missions**

**Hours: negotiable/ part time**

**Qualifications:**

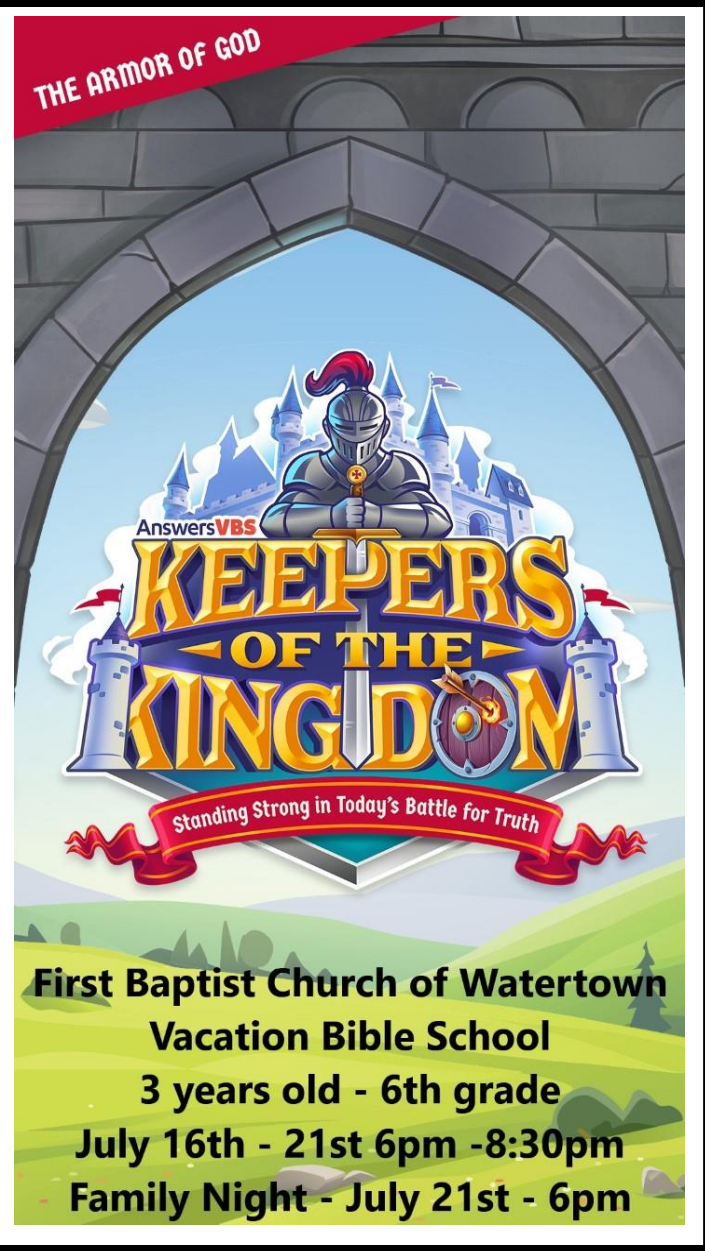
1. Must have a clear Christian testimony and demonstrable character reflecting their affirmation of the Baptist Faith and Message 2000 as a summary of faith.
2. Must submit to a background check.
3. Must possess necessary aptitude and attitude in order to positively support the ministries and ministers of the Wilson County Baptist Association.
4. Must possess aptitude to engage with technology in order to most effectively perform expected duties.

**General Job Expectations:**

- Check and respond to any correspondence including PO Box
- Write checks weekly for Treasurer signature
- Maintain financial files and records, file monthly financial reports
- Update webpage and effectively manage web presence, social media, apps of association
- Create monthly newsletter
- Maintain confidentiality regarding churches and ministers
- Assist to prepare associational meetings
- Assist churches in compiling ACP data annually
- Any other tasks agreed upon with the Director of Missions

In everything, seek to support the churches of the Wilson County Baptist Association and act in ways that will only strengthen their ministry in our community. Minister the gospel of Jesus Christ through your service to churches, in accordance with the stated values and mission of the association.

**To apply, send resume' to  
[wcba@wcbamissions.com](mailto:wcba@wcbamissions.com)**



Keep up with  
**Wilson County Baptist Association**  
through our  
**Facebook** page with news, events, and happenings in  
your church! Also, please be sure to let us know if there's  
an event or something special you want us to include on  
our Associational web page for you!

Send us an email with pertinent information to:

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

or call

615-444-8820

**We're here for you!!**

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Greetings WCBA friends!

This month has been amazing, yet very busy for BCM! We were grateful to host the BCM Leadership Conference at which around 300 BCM leaders from all across the state met here in Lebanon at Immanuel Baptist Church to learn about leading on campus through our individual BCM ministries. Our Cumberland BCM Band led worship for the weekend and it was extremely encouraging for both the band and attendees. Our leadership team put on a coffee shop for the duration of the weekend! We have had several lunches since the last update and we are very thankful for each and every church and organization who has helped provide lunch for us! We also led a worship night, Holy Week kickoff, for the youth and young adults at Cumberland Presbyterian church. Brother Darrin and Pastor Mike Burns have both encouraged our students this month with a continuation on the topic of grace as well as the reliability of scripture. Cumberland hosted a community Easter egg hunt and at it, our students were able to serve by painting faces, making popcorn, and one was even the Easter bunny! On most Tuesday mornings, we have been able to minister to our campus through evangelism training led by Benji Thomas at which we learn to share our faith and also have gone out on campus to pray with students. On Monday, April 17th, we hosted a springsgiving on campus at which we came together to create a free potluck dinner for all who joined us. We were able to make new friends, share dinner with them, and even played some yard and card games with them after. As we lead up to the end of the year, we are disheartened that it is almost over, but are excited for our last event, Beach Bash. To engage our students on campus and invite them to the event, our BCM team has made a coffee cart with which we have been able to serve free coffee several times in the past few weeks. We also have given out popsicles as well as handouts for the Beach Bash event. One unexpected blessing is that we have been able to meet many new faces and friends who hopefully will join us at some point soon.

Please be in prayer for us as the semester wraps up, we are so thankful for your prayers and encouragement!