

Wilson County Baptist Association

Missional Messenger

ISSUE TWELVE

December 2023

From Scott's Heart

Don't tell anybody, but I love Christmas! I love the lights, the music (all but the Christmas shoes song. Please don't make me listen to it), the Charlie Brown Christmas special! It really is the most wonderful time of the year. This is the season we celebrate the true gift that keeps giving, King Jesus. The greatest gift ever given was when the Father gave us His only begotten Son, God with us, who would take all our sin to the cross and be punished in our place. What a gift! What a God! What a wonderful reason to celebrate by falling on our knees in worship and surrender!

I also want to point out that this beautiful season isn't always beautiful for everybody. In your circle there are people who are grieving a recent loss this season. This may be the first Christmas without mom or spouse, away from friends or family, or some other circumstance which brings bitterness to this beauty. Let's do what Christ followers do and love them fiercely, bring them to our tables and into our lives. Let us not celebrate alone, this awesome season. Let's not let anybody suffer alone in a bitter season either. I guess all I'm saying is, let's keep Christ in Christmas by looking hard for opportunities to live like Christ this Christmas.

I love serving you,

Scott Brown, PhD



Christmas Program Schedule

Alexandria First Baptist	December 10 10:00 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Adult Christmas Cantata Children's Christmas Program
Barton's Creek Baptist	December 10 6:00 p.m. December 24 6:00 p.m.	Christmas Choir Cantata Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
Hillcrest Baptist Church	December 16 & 17 6:00 p.m.	The Worship of Christmas: Celebrate the Miracle
Hope Baptist Church	December 10 December 17	Children's Christmas Choir (Preschool - 2 nd Grade) Intergenerational Christmas Choir (2 nd Grade – Sr Adults)
Mt. Olivet	December 10 6:00 p.m. December 24 5:00 p.m.	Musical, "Joy, Unspeakable Joy!" By MOBC Choir Christmas Candlelight w/Lord's Supper
Combined Choirs of Victory and Green Hill	December 10 At Green Hill 6:00 p.m. December 17 At Victory 6:00 p.m.	"The Story of Christmas"

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.

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 morning & evening services – Cell: 615-351-4319.

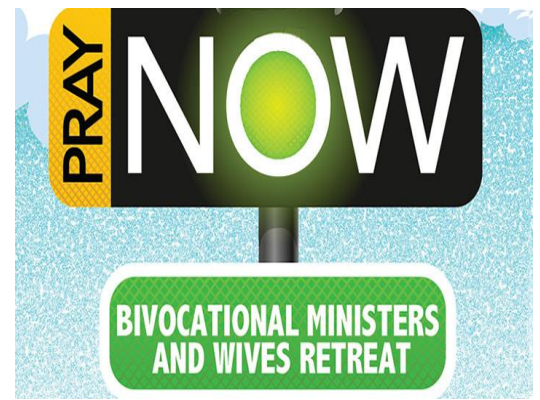
Glyn Passman – Cell: 615- 268-2716; email: glyn_pass@icloud.com

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

Terry Fessler is available for supply – 615-444-8880

Ronnie Pressley - 615-981-0346

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



Music Road Hotel
&
Convention Center

January 25-27, 2024

Register online at
www.tnbaptist.org/bivo, click
"Bivocational Retreat" link.



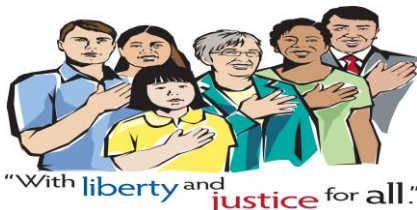
Executive Board Meeting

January 18, 2024

11:00 a.m.

First Baptist Lebanon

Please RSVP by January 10 to
wcbaweb@wcbamissions.com



FBC Watertown U.S. Citizenship Classes

First Baptist Church Watertown is hosting a U.S. Citizenship Class on Wednesday nights from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. This class will prepare students to pass the U.S. Naturalization Test/Interview. Childcare will be available. Students can register by going to www.fbcwatertown.com/citizenship-class and clicking on "Class Registration Form." For more information or flyers to hand out, please contact Shannon Queen by email shdenqueen@gmail.com.

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<p>WEEK OF PRAYER FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS December 3 - 10</p> <p>LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING \$200 MILLION GOAL</p>	<p>STUDENTS -</p> <p>APPLY NOW FOR THE 2024 TN WMU SCHOLARSHIPS</p> <p>Apply online: tnwmu.org</p> <p>Applications must be completed by January 25, 2024</p>	<p>Save the Date: April 11-13, 2024</p> <p>FOR HIS GLORY MISSIONS GET-TOGETHER April 11-13, 2024 Brentwood Baptist Brentwood, TN</p> <p>Registration opens January 2, 2024 Lodging reservation available at tnwmu.org</p>
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Greetings WCBA friends and family!

This past month at BCM has been a busy, yet a great one! Since the last newsletter, BCM has hosted several events! We ended October by serving at the Cumberland University Fall Fest, hosting a game, face painting, and giving out candy to kids. On Halloween, we hosted a BCM Halloween party on the front lawn. We had a bonfire, sang worship songs, and passed out candy to Trick or Treaters. On November 7th, we participated in the UNITE event. The following week, we hosted our own Night of Worship and prayer, we were blessed to see many new and returning faces as we spent time in prayer filled worship and thanksgiving. Our BCM Band had the privilege of leading worship for a weekend fall retreat with the Immanuel Baptist Youth. This was a huge blessing and privilege for us to be a part of! After Thanksgiving, we will be closing out our semester with one last BCM Lunch, a Christmas Party and a Pancake night, all with the goal of reaching new students for Christ! Speaking of Thanksgiving, we are thankful to each and every church who continues to love and support our ministry through prayer and provision. Without your help, our ministry would not be possible! If you want to be a part of what God is doing on the campus of Cumberland University next semester, we are in need of lunches to be provided every week of the semester! Please email myself @ cumberland.bcm01@gmail.com to sign up. Alternatively, if you would like to hear what God is doing through the BCM ministry, or have the BCM lead worship at your church, email myself or Pastor Scott Brown. We are so looking forward to a great spring semester, with many lunches, events, service opportunities, and bible studies ahead! Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we continue to follow what God is doing here at Cumberland.



Sincerely,

Nathan Clark

