

*Wilson County Baptist Association*

# **Missional Messenger**

**ISSUE FOUR**

**April**

**2024**

Here in Wilson county there is a ministry/mission called Compassionate Hands that works daily with our homeless community. Poverty is an ongoing and ever growing issue that, as a christian community, we cannot turn a blind eye to. We at Compassionate Hands hope to be a bridge between the community and our unhoused friends. We work hard to make our friends feel welcomed, loved, valued, and heard. This is our utmost priority no matter the circumstance. We strive to handle each situation with respect and grace. Most of our unhoused friends have a past filled with trauma, neglect, and abuse. What we see are the after effects of years of living with these burdens, finding no help. They are unable to pull themselves out of homelessness and hopelessness.

Our top goals at Compassionate Hands are:

1. Above all to share the hope of Jesus with everyone who enters our door.
2. Be a safe place for our unhoused friends.
3. Work with each and every one to get them help and out of homelessness.

We see, every week, more families struggling to survive, having to make hard choices between food or rent (that ultimately leads to them living in their vehicles).

We, as the Body of Christ, can hopefully connect our resources and unite to better serve those in need around us and in our own churches. We can make a difference together!

We at Compassionate Hands have connections with many resources. We've been working with our unhoused friends for 10 years and are praying for a bigger future helping and healing the hurting. We are eager to share more with you and help you as you minister.

**Compassionate Hands 615-784-9897**

**214 N. College St. Lebanon, Tn 37087**

**[Compassionatehandstn.org](http://Compassionatehandstn.org)**



# JUMP Spring Retreat

April 20, 2024

**WMU Ladies,**

Our spring retreat is coming soon on **April 20th**  
at **11:00 AM** at the FBC Lebanon Rock Bldg.  
Mail your reservations & payment of \$10 per  
person to the associational office by April 15th.

Wilson County Baptist Association  
P. O. Box 2190 - Lebanon, TN 37088

## MISSIONS GET-TOGETHER FOR HIS GLORY

"...so that in all things  
God may be glorified  
through Jesus Christ."  
1 Peter 4:11c

April 11-13, 2024  
Brentwood Baptist  
Brentwood, TN

Tennessee WMU

### Associational Bible Drill

Round Lick Baptist Church  
Watertown

Sunday

April 21, 2024

2:00 p.m.

## 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.**

**Elijah Hosse is available to supply for morning & evening services – Cell: 817-542-9178.**

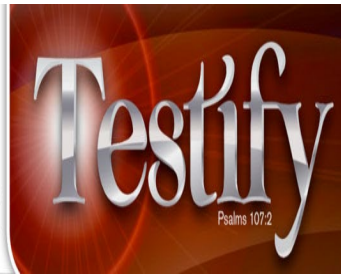
**Glyn Passman – Cell: 615- 268-2716; email: glyn\_pass@icloud.com**

**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**



## State Evangelism Conference

**April 7, 2024**

**6:00 – 8:30 p.m.**

**April 8, 2024**

**9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**Theme:** "Now is the Day of Salvation"

**Where:** New Vision Baptist Church  
1750 Thompson Lane  
Murfreesboro, TN

For more information contact:  
[mmiller@tnbaptist.org](mailto:mmiller@tnbaptist.org)

## VBS Training

**Tuesday**

**April 23, 2024**

**6:30 – 8:30 PM**

## Hillcrest Baptist Church

### 2024 Associational VBS Team Registration

**DEADLINE: Monday, April 15**

**\*\*If you have any questions  
PLEASE contact Rachel Presley, your  
Associational VBS Director**



### From Scott's Heart

I've always heard that phrase, "April showers bring May flowers." It makes me think about the Christian adventure. There are times of suffering, sacrifice, or setback as we walk after Christ. These are not wasted. These can bring about the sweetest things as we learn to trust Christ through the storm, as we learn experientially that He truly will not ever leave or forsake us, as we see that not one ounce of our suffering is ever wasted when we turn it over to Him. I thank God that He somehow makes all things work together for my good and His glory, never wasting any of my pain. It reminds me of my favorite Spurgeon quote, "God is too good to be unkind. He is too wise to be mistaken. When you cannot trace His hand, you learn to trust His heart."

**Trusting His heart,**

**-Scott Brown, PhD**



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**TN Youth Venture Team**

\* Students entering grades 10-12 in the coming school year \*  
Apply today for the 2024-25 Tennessee Youth Venture Team!

You'll be challenged, discipled and mentored in a strategic missions lifestyle through a team retreat at Carson Springs July 26-27, 2024.

Participate in Bible Studies, Mission Learning experiences, training/equipping with mission leaders, and missionaries. AND.....a mission trip opportunity in the summer of 2025.

Applications due May 15, 2024. Service begins June 1, 2024

[www.tnbaptist.org/tn-youth-venture-team/](http://www.tnbaptist.org/tn-youth-venture-team/)



**JUMP into Spring Retreat**

April 20, 2024

FBC Lebanon (The Rock)

Reservations Required  
\$10 per person due April 15

Mail Reservations to:  
WCBA  
P. O. Box 2190  
Lebanon, TN 37088



WCBA friends and family,

The month of March was incredible and it has been so cool to see how God is moving in so many ways! We kicked off the month with our Spring Break Mission Trip. On this trip we were able to serve at a food pantry, help do some yard work for and clothes sorting for Smoky Mountain Resort Ministries, and prayer walked the Gatlinburg strip and mall! Our group stayed up late every night playing games, asking pastor Scott a plethora of theological questions, and growing closer as a group! We also enjoyed time exploring the National park and rode a mountain coaster. All in all, it was a great week! On the first Sunday of the month, the BCM band led worship at Lebanon Cumberland Presbyterian Church and some of our leaders were able to share about our upcoming summer mission trip to Costa Rica. We have continued through our classroom apologetics series, covering a wide range of topics and will continue doing so through the end of the semester! Many prayers have been answered this year through growth in community, lunch dates being filled, and to see God moving hearts in the way that He is! Please keep our ministry and campus in your prayers as we draw closer to the end of the semester.

Sincerely, Nathan Clark

