

April 2013

Big Hatchie Baptist Association

HERALD

GOSPEL WAGON TRAINING SATURDAY, APRIL 20th 8:30 - 9:30 A.M.



CHURCHES:

According to insurance guidelines there have been a few changes since our last training offered.

In order for our churches to be able to schedule use of the Gospel Wagon and its equipment, it is necessary for at least one person from your church to be present at this one hour training. This is different from previous training.

Feel free to bring more than one person. Coffee, juice and donuts will be provided. No reservations needed.

PASTORS: ***HARVEST PLANT INITIATIVE*** by Tennessee Baptist Convention

On April 16 @ BHBA Office beginning at 6:15 Bill Choate from TBC will speak. Pastor, please bring a lay person with you. There will be a light meal provided. Call the Big Hatchie Office before April 15 to make reservations.

REMINDER: Enroll now

BHBA YOUTH CAMP will be held at Rose of Sharon Campground June 3-7. Camp will be led by Bro. Ken Freeman. Camp packets can be downloaded by visiting bighatchiebaptist.org or can be picked up at the associational office.

Bro. Ken Freeman will be preaching the evening service at Brighton First, on Sunday June 2, 6:00 p.m. prior to week of Youth Camp. All are invited to attend.

PRAY FOR AMERICA!

National Day of Prayer

May 2, 2013

Our nation's hope is in Christ's name!



FROM OUR DIRECTOR, Stan Smith

April is **Cooperative Program Month** across Southern Baptist churches. Here is some important information from Gary Rickman, *Director of Strategic Relationships / Cooperative Program Specialist*.
“Jesus said “Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” Matthew 28:19-20. This is our Great Commission!
 Motivated by the Lord’s command and the need of the hour, the **Cooperative Program** was created in 1925 during the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in Memphis. The **Cooperative Program** has stood the test of time and continues to grow and serve the cause of missions. The **Cooperative Program** is all about giving Tennessee Baptists an opportunity to come together with others to connect people to Christ from down the road and around the world. Is this happening in our churches? **YES!** What is so amazing is that together our churches are connecting people to Christ as never before. Even with a recovering economy, churches have caught our Master’s vision of what they can do at their best. Because of the sacrificial giving of Tennessee churches, the **Cooperative Program** has increased 5% – approximately one and half million dollars more than last year. But there is so much more to accomplish. It is almost like we are drowning in lost people. Tragically, millions have yet to hear the name of Jesus. The need for missions has never been greater. I believe Tennessee Baptists will, as they have in the past, meet the challenge of carrying out Christ’s Great Commission. **Together**, we will strengthen their commitment to prayer, witnessing and continue their sacrificial giving through the **Cooperative Program.**”

I want to encourage all of us to continue to support and share the Cooperative Program.
 Serving Together for His Glory, **Stan**

From our WMU Director, Gail Yarbrough

You missed a great time “in the Lord” if you didn’t attend the Big Hatchie WMU Quarterly Meeting at Spirit Filled Church on March 12th. We thank them for all the ways they welcomed us. We also thank Dr. Buffy Cook for his presentation on his mission trip to Africa. Our Lord is so much larger than we usually understand Him to be, until you see the people of Africa. Thank you Spirit Filled and Dr. Cook.

The 2013-14 Officers were elected with Diane Sorrell as the Director elect. Please pray for her and for your place in the Kingdom work.

Thanks to all of the churches for their generous gifts to the Boys Ranch. Jeff Epps helps encourage us as he picks up the food we bring. Items, checks and gift cards are still being received, however we know this is the largest shower ever given by Big Hatchie Association WMU. This, also, is Kingdom Work! Thank you churches! Walnut Grove received the Attendance banner and Liberty received the Percentage banner.

April 13 - Leadership Team Meeting: Both outgoing and incoming officers please attend to plan next year’s work. Meet at **10 am** at the **Association Office**. A potluck lunch will follow the meeting.

April 27 – Prayer Retreat , Pleasant Grove: at **10 am** for all ladies. Joyce Rogers, Bro. Adrian Rogers’ wife will lead the Retreat. There will be a potluck lunch to follow.

To date \$306,000.00 has been raised to build the Missionary House in Mt. Juliet.

I pray your Annie Armstrong Offering was generous!

May the Lord bless and keep you! Gail

NEW TESTAMENTS FOR NEWBORNS SCHEDULE

March 31—April 6	Pleasant Grove	April 7—April 13	Forerunner	April 14—April 20	Gateway
April 21—April 27	Spirit Filled	April 28—May 4	Ripley First		

<i>Restricted Gifts</i>	<i>February 2013</i>	<i>Oct. 1, 2012—Feb. 28, 2013</i>
Ashport	304.02	853.31
Beacon Light		
Beaver		500.00
Bethlehem		
Brighton	330.75	1,913.83
Calvary	1,008.66	2,985.66
Calvary Hill	205.94	1,086.88
Central		300.00
Charleston	476.85	2,708.74
Cornerstone	100.00	520.00
Covington First	833.33	4,166.69
Cross View		
Crossway	34.75	34.75
Durhamville	998.00	1,894.00
Faith	516.67	2,583.35
Fellowship	767.25	3,843.89
First Indian		
Forerunner		
Fulton	16.65	95.04
Garland	509.20	3,402.52
Gateway	973.86	5,289.07
Genesis		
Grace		1,398.30
Hope		212.67
Immanuel		
Keeling		1,610.90
Liberty	500.00	2,500.00
Mason First	233.65	1,232.31
Mt. Lebanon	370.00	1,850.00
Munford	350.00	1,750.00
Oak Grove	413.72	3,264.98
Olive Branch		736.26
Pleasant Grove	722.00	3,843.00
Promise		
Rialto	52.23	259.32
Ripley First	583.33	2,916.65
Salem	420.42	817.53
Smyrna	349.34	2,073.10
Spirit Filled		100.00
Trinity	50.00	400.00
True Life		
Victory		
Walnut Grove		1,296.12
Western Valley		589.74
Woodlawn		150.00
TBC	987.00	4,935.00
Other	3,440.00	5,155.14
Total	15,547.62	69,268.75

BHBA churches Thank You for your generous gifts!

APRIL 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

THE BHBA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, MARCH 29th in celebration of Good Friday.		
APRIL IS COOPERATIVE PROGRAM MONTH		
1	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Conference , BHBA Office, lunch at restaurant, Devotion: Tommy Warner
2	10:00 A.M.	West TN Minister's Conference , Union University, " <i>The Gospel and Community Outreach</i> " Speaker Joel Pigg, Pastor, Salem Baptist Church, Trenton
8	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Conference , BHBA Office, lunch at a local restaurant, Devotion: Michael Owens
11	10:00 A.M.	WMU Leadership Team Meeting at BHBA office, Officers from 2012-13 and officers elect for next year. Potluck lunch to follow.
15	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Conference , BHBA Office, lunch at a local restaurant, Devotion: Joshua Moore, Union University
16	6:15 P.M.	Harvest Plant Initiative , BHBA Office, Speaker: Bill Choate from TBC (Pastors bring a lay person with you.) Call BHBA office to reserve your meal before April 15. 901-476-6759
20	8:30 - 9:30 A.M.	GOSPEL WAGON TRAINING , BHBA Office, Coffee, Juice and Donuts will be served
21	2:00 P.M.	Associational Children's Bible Drill , BHBA Office
22	10:30 A. M.	Ministers Conference , BHBA Office, lunch at a local restaurant, Devotion: Mike Hazlewood, Missions Strategist, Beulah Association
27	10:00 A.M.	WMU Prayer Retreat at Pleasant Grove Baptist Church for all ladies. Joyce Rogers, Bro. Adrian Rogers' wife will lead the Retreat. There will be a potluck meal to follow.
27		Regional & State Children's Bible Drill , Leawood BC, Cordova
29	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Conference , BHBA Office, lunch at a local restaurant, Devotion: Mickey Basham

We have a new publication in our BHBA library **GIVE ME A MOUNTAIN**—*The centennial History of Woman's Missionary Union.*

Check out at your Big Hatchie office or call 901476-6759 to reserve.



Regional & State Drill.....April 27, Leawood BC, Cordova

2012-2013 CYCLE BLUE cards available at BHBA Office. All BHBA Churches doing Bible Drill, please call the office to sign up your church to receive Bible Drill News.

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World Changers (students who have completed 6th grade & up) **are coming to Tipton County on June 24-29, 2013**

You Are Needed:

- Churches or groups to supply ideas & funding for carpentry type projects, backyard VBS, etc. in the area
- Groups or families to provide & serve lunch to a group of 12 students at the location in which the students are serving for the week.

Tipton/Lauderdale Counties have a unique opportunity to have help to do ministry projects in their area with students ready and eager to do mission work along with their leader/s. Labor is free and a contractor works with the groups to plan and supervise projects. Consider this as a ministry of your church group this summer and share the love of Christ with people in need of assistance in your community. Call Alex Bell at Gateway 901-837-8087 to find out how to get a project approved or volunteer to feed a group of twelve teenagers lunch for the week.

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Big Hatchie Churches Visit our website at bighatchiebaptist.org for more details about upcoming events including BHBA revivals, VBS schedules, mission projects, etc. **Church news** you would like included in the monthly **Herald** must be in our office by the **15th of the prior month by e-mail or in writing**. Send to P.O. Box 646, Covington TN 38019 or e-mail



Church News

at **FBC, Covington** "Connecting God's Perfect Plan with Imperfect Families" Friday, April 5, pm through Saturday, April 6 at noon. For parents and Students, grades 6-12—Cost \$25.00 per family—Keynote Speakers: Dr. Allen Jackson, Youth Ministry Professor @ New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Dr. Rusty Wheelington, Youth Ministry Professor @ Howard Payne University, Brownwood, TX & Dr. Grant Byrd, Ministers with Students @ FBC McKinney, TX. For Information call Cliff Marion @ FBC @ 901-476-2489 or email cliff@fbccovington.org

OLIVE BRANCH is looking for a volunteer Minister of Music. For information and responsibilities send resume to church address at 4769 Lightfoot-Luckett Road, Ripley TN 38063 or e-mail pastor.abbc@hotmail.com

REVIVALS

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Is your church planning VBS this year? If so please contact the BHBA office by mail or e-mail and we will include your dates in the HERALD and on our website.

OLIVE BRANCH will be in revival services **Sunday, April 7—Wed. April 10**. Service times are Sunday @11:00 A.M. and evening services are at 6:30 P.M. Speaker will be Rev. Mike Young. Rev. David Tull is Pastor.

VICTORY will be in revival beginning with the evening service on **Sunday, April 14—Wed. April 17**. Service times are each evening at 7:00 P.M. Speaker will be Rev. Greg Jordan Obadiah Hedrick is Pastor.