



# BHBA

Big Hatchie Baptist Association

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## MINISTRIES

1. **Annual Meeting**— Celebration of Churches highlighting ministries, historical events, etc.
2. **Big Hatchie Counseling Center**, (housed in the association office and an extension of ministry to our churches and community) Carmen Pfeifer, MA., LPC & Gerald Wood, MS., LPC—Counseling Assistance payments are provided to counselor/s as needed by association for those in need of counseling without insurance or ability to pay.
3. **Big Hatchie Youth Camp** - Usually falls on the first full week of June at Rose of Sharon Campground, Burlison, TN. (allowing smaller churches to be able to afford sending their groups to camp and allowing all youth groups large and small to connect with area students within our churches.)
4. **Collection point** for various ministries at different or simultaneous times: Disaster Relief: Buckets for Haiti, Desserts for officers at West Tennessee Penitentiary, Disaster Relief trained contacts, Boy's Ranch Food Shower gifts, grocery bags collected and recycled to make homeless mats, used Christian literature /Sunday School / etc. collected for Love Packages Ministry and shipped to missionaries around the world.
5. **Disaster Relief**— Opportunities for Trained Volunteers to assist after disaster hits.
6. **WMU**—Mission Education, Quarterly Meetings & Projects.
7. **Minister's Fellowship**—meet most Mondays at 10:30 am followed with lunch at local restaurant. Additionally a Christmas Dinner is planned each year for the Ministers & Spouses.
8. **Mission Trip Opportunities (yearly) & Supported BHBA Partnership Missions**—This fiscal year a week long Idaho Church Plant Mission trip is planned in July. Your gifts to the Big Hatchie Baptist Association help support an **Idaho Church Plant** (Pastor, Scott Plath, member of a Big Hatchie Church, Cornerstone began this new work in Idaho), **Mississippi River Ministry**—Various forms of assistance focusing on poverty ministries or projects.
9. **Newsletter - Herald**— Sent out monthly to church members as requested via email, mailed or available on our website. This publicizes many church events & celebrations, as well as publicizing local and regional training opportunities for churches (ie: Revivals, VBS's, Homecoming, Ordinations, etc.)
10. **Website**— [www.bighatchiebaptist.org](http://www.bighatchiebaptist.org)
11. **Pocket New Testament Bibles**— Purchased & supplied for Big Hatchie WMU Ministry to distribute at Tipton County Baptist Hospital—A pocket New Testament to the family of every newborn baby delivered.
12. **R. G. Lee Center**—Associational Office location. Each Fall and Spring, college courses are taught that are accredited through Union University, giving local opportunity to equip people in ministry related fields.
13. **Training and Outreach Events: ongoing and as needed**, such as: Evangelism, Sunday School, Clerk, Disaster Relief Training, Financial Issues Facing Churches Seminar, Mission Trips, Associational Crusades, Rallies, Prayer Conferences, On Mission Celebrations., etc.
14. **Mission Work**—Currently beginning Hispanic and Collegiate ministries.

## RESOURCES

1. **Background Check**— for BHBA church Senior Pastor Candidate.
2. **Gospel Wagon** for church VBS, Homecoming and other Evangelistic / Fellowship Events. Equipped with Moon Bounce Around, Popcorn, Snow Cone, Cotton Candy Machines, Double Basketball Shootout, Misc. Games, Tents and Generator if requested.
3. **Media Equipment**—Items available for churches to **check out** or **use at association** such as:
 

a. Binding Machine	b. Copier
c. CD/DVD Duplicator	d. Keyboard
e. Laminator	f. Paper Cutter
g. Projector	h. Screens, Various sized
4. **Notary Public**—Cindy James, Ministry Assistant at Big Hatchie is available as a service to our churches and its members to notarize during her office hours.
5. **Resource Center/Library**—Items for church groups to check out such as: Bible Study Kits-(DVD & CD), Sermon CD's, Movies, Books, periodicals and Church Assisting Publications such as:
 

a. <i>Baptist Faith &amp; Message</i>	b. <i>Christian Tracts</i>
c. <i>Personal Commitment Guides</i>	
6. **Teddy Evans Mission Fund**—This fund was set up to assist and allow Big Hatchie Church members to experience short term missions. Most gifts range from \$250 to \$500.
7. **Youth Ministry Scholarship**—For a Big Hatchie member who has surrendered to the call to Youth Ministry and is going to College / Seminary to equip themselves toward leading Youth.

## STAFF

1. **Director of Missions**, Bro. Clay Gilbreath, available to Pastors & Churches for encouragement, assistance, suggestions, council and for various needs within the churches such as: Ordinations, Supply Preaching, Training for Pastor Search Committees, Church Conflict Management, mediation of Business Meetings, etc. He also represents the Big Hatchie churches to the Tennessee Baptist Convention, SBC and other entities.
2. **Ministry Assistant**—Cindy James, available to support church staff by answering ministry / office questions or give connections to people who specialize in the area of needed assistance, gather, print, pull church historical & statistical reports by church request, collect resume's for ministry positions for churches, Provides accounting for BHBA & various ministries such as Teddy Evans Mission Fund, Youth Camp, and various mission projects, trips and new works as needed and able.
3. **Office Assistant**—Bobbie Timberlake works part time at the association. She assists with the monthly Herald Newsletter, collects Annual Church Profile data prior to annual meeting and assists with various office tasks and projects as needed.

**Links—to other Southern Baptist Entities & affiliates:** SBC-Southern Baptist Convention, IMB-International Mission Board, NAMB-North American Mission Board, SBC SEMINARIES, LifeWay Church Resources, Guidestone Financial Resources, WMU-Women's Missionary Union, DR-Disaster Relief, TBC-Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, TBCH-Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, TBAH-Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes, TBF-Tennessee Baptist Foundation, MRM-Mississippi River Ministries, Union University, Carson Newman University & Harrison, Chilhowee Baptist Academy.