

SEPTEMBER
2013

Big Hatchie Baptist Association

HERALD

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS/GOLDEN OFFERING

September 8 - 15 2013 Goal \$1.6 Million



Executive Board Meeting

September 12—7:00 PM

Big Hatchie Baptist Association Annual Meeting

October 28-29 2013

Theme: “Advancing Kingdom Ministry”

“But seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and His righteousness”

(Matt. 6:33 a)

FROM OUR DIRECTOR, Stan Smith

Ministry is about serving others. Every church has the opportunity and responsibility of showing to the world how much God loves us all. I am thankful for the churches of Big Hatchie who are willing to give above and beyond not only in money but with their hands. Western Valley BC and Durhamville BC were both recognized in the Baptist and Reflector recently for being of the top 50 churches in Members to Baptism Ratio and Cooperative Program Dollars Per Capita Gift respectively. Garland BC had a team of members who helped with repairs to CrossView BC's building. Eighteen of twenty-four churches have completed their VBS reports. There are many other things that happened throughout our churches this past month that I am not aware of.

October is Pastor & Staff Appreciation month. Let me encourage you to minister to the staff that God has given to your church by showing them your appreciation by doing something special for them. For ideas or examples you can go to www.tnbaptist.org.

New church start, Faith Baptist Fellowship, in Rigby, Idaho will launch on Sunday, September 22. If you would like to donate to assist them, please visit our website. Pray for Scott Plath and family.

Please pray for our BHBA Mission Team that will be going to Taiwan on September 30-October 8. We will be distributing the JESUS video and Bibles to Chinese tourists. Team members are Pastor Todd Wilson, Tony Ward from Munford BC; Andy Parker and son, Zach from Victory BC; Mertie Smith from Pleasant View BC and myself.

Welcome to new pastor at Ashport BC, Trey Davis. Continue to pray for churches without pastors: Crossway, Grace, FBC-Ripley, First Indian, Fulton, Keeling, Mason, Smyrna and Woodlawn.

It is a joy to serve with you together in ministry,

	July 2013	Oct. 1, 2012- July 31, 2013
Ashport	226.47	1,267.80
Beacon Light		
Beaver	250.00	1,250.00
Bethlehem		
Brighton	436.88	3,833.44
Calvary	1,275.59	5,975.18
Calvary Hill	750.00	2,675.48
Central		300.00
Charleston	649.00	6,348.17
Cornerstone	145.00	1,055.00
Covington First	833.33	8,333.34
Cross View		
Crossway	37.88	301.25
Durhamville	621.00	3,443.00
Faith	1,033.34	5,166.70
Fellowship	987.10	8,395.97
First Indian		
Forerunner		150.00
Fulton	20.10	191.04
Garland	716.26	6,618.50
Gateway	1,427.16	11,862.28
Genesis		
Grace	608.17	3,510.95
Hope		373.03
Immanuel		
Keeling		2,353.66
Liberty	500.00	4,500.00
Mason First	230.19	2,585.62
Mt. Lebanon	370.00	3,700.00
Munford	350.00	3,500.00
Oak Grove	302.94	5,070.19
Olive Branch	70.52	1,034.49
Pleasant Grove	1,050.00	7,895.00
Promise		
Rialto	51.32	485.01
Ripley First	583.33	5,833.30
Salem		1,332.63
Smyrna	317.39	3,888.04
Spirit Filled		200.00
Trinity	50.00	650.00
True Life		
Victory		323.46
Walnut Grove	557.50	2,822.47
Western Valley	185.93	1,671.64
Woodlawn		450.00
TBC	987.00	9,870.00
Other	600.05	7,405.52
Total	16,223.45	136,622.16

From our WMU Director, Diane Sorrell

Mission News: Funds are being sent to purchase nursery items at Faith Fellowship Church in Idaho.

Supporting Zach Parker, a youth from Victory, who will be going on his first mission trip with the Associational Mission Team to Taiwan in September 2013.

If you would like to be a part of the New Testament for Newborns ministry, contact Monta Ray Conrad at 731-635-0191 for a mandatory orientation to attend.

We are collecting Walmart plastic bags to crochet mats for the homeless to sleep on. Bags may be brought to the Associational Office. This would be a great WMU or Church-wide project. If interested, contact the Associational Office or Diane Sorrell.

Join Facebook page for more WMU info: Big Hatchie Baptist WMU, Covington

September 6: Registration Fee (\$25) due for the Prayer Retreat at First-Paris. Event is **Sept. 27-28**.

September 8-15: Week of Prayer- Tennessee State Missions and Offering.

September 10: Quarterly Meeting at Forerunner Baptist (361 Eastland Ave., Ripley) at 7 p.m. Mission Action Project: Carl Perkins-Lauderdale County. A wish list will be available soon. A basket will be provided for any financial donations for the Idaho Ministry.

In Christ, *Diane Sorrell*

**BHBA CHURCHES, THANK YOU
FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS!**

SEPTEMBER 2013 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2		BHBA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2nd in celebration of LABOR DAY
10	7:00 P.M.	WMU Quarterly Meeting , Forerunner BC, Ripley. Mission Action Project: Carl Perkins Center, (emphasis Ripley Carl Perkins location)
8-15		Week of Prayer for State Missions/Golden Offering Theme: <i>"Focus Tennessee! See What God Sees"</i>
9	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Conference , BHBA Office, lunch at local restaurant.
12	6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	BHBA Executive Board Meeting, Time of fellowship and refreshments at 6:30 with business to follow at 7:00.
16	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Conference , BHBA Office, lunch at local restaurant. Speaker:
23	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Conference , BHBA Office, lunch at local restaurant. Speaker: Wade Sigrest
25		"See You At the Pole" <u>For info: Syatp.com</u>
30	10:30 A.M.	Ministers Conference , BHBA Office, lunch at a local restaurant.
27-28		Women's Prayer Retreat , FBC, Paris, Theme: "Cry Out to God" for information www.tnwmu.org Registration fee \$25 before 9/6. \$35 after that date.
Oct. 2		SAVE THE DATE: Pray for churches across North America to pray Luke 2:10 for workers in God's Harvest. (He told them: The harvest is abundant but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest.

NEW TESTAMENTS FOR NEWBORNS SCHEDULE

Sept. 1 - Sept. 7	Smyrna
Sept. 8 - Sept. 14	Covington 1st
Sept. 15 - Sept. 21	Oak Grove
Sept. 22 - Sept. 28	Central
Sept. 29 - Oct. 5	Brighton

World Crafts Brunch

Saturday, Oct. 5th at FBC Covington

RSVP to FBC, Covington @ 901-476-2489 by Oct 2

Begin shopping at 9 A.M. Music at 11 A.M.

with speaker, Dr. Buffy Cook to follow.

For information call 901-476-1864 or FBC office, (901) 476-2489

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Missions Opportunity: For Senior or Men's Group

Deliver used literature for overseas missionaries to Butler IL which is the distribution point for *Love Packages, Inc.* For info: contact BHBA office. (901) 476-6759

Visit our website for more details about upcoming events including BHBA **revivals**, **VBS** schedules, **mission projects**, etc. **Church news** to be included in the monthly **Herald** must be in our office by the 15th of the prior month by e-mail or in writing.

STAFF POSITIONS OPEN IN BHBA CHURCHES:

Minister of Music/Choir Director-Central BC: office@centralbaptistbrighton.org 755 Lucy Kelly Rd. Brighton TN 38011 Part time position

Minister of Music/Choir Director-Olive Branch BC: pastor.obbc@hotmail.com or 4769 Lightfoot-Luckett Rd., Ripley, TN 38063

Youth Director-Central BC (contact information above)

Minister of Youth/Children-Calvary Hill BC contact Dennis Lunsford, 731-234-8646, 1990 Hwy 51 N Ripley TN 38063

Youth Director-Oak Grove BC ogbccov@integrity.com or 4048 Hwy. 59 W Covington TN 3819 Part time position

Children's Director-Oak Grove BC Part time position, Contact information above

New Drop-off station for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD - "SHOEBOXES FOR CHILDREN" project is at: Covington FBC, 2105 Hwy 59, South, Covington. (Across from country club) November 18-25.

Drop off Dates & Time:	Mon. Nov. 18	10:00 AM-2:00 PM	Tues. Nov. 19	4:00 PM-7:00 PM
	Wed, Nov. 20	4:30 PM - 6:30 PM	Thur. Nov. 21	4:30 PM-6:30 PM
	Fri. Nov. 22	10:00 AM- 2:00 PM	Sat. Nov. 23	10:00 AM-2:00 PM
	Sun. Nov.24	8:30 AM- 12:30 PM		and again 5:00 PM-7:00 PM
	Mon. 25	10:00 AM- 2:00 PM	<u>—THIS IS PICK UP DAY</u>	

