

At the time of writing this report for the newsletter Dyersburg State has yet to release an official reopening plan. Classes are to begin August 24 but we are unsure if that will mean online or in person. I am planning for our first bible study meeting to be online. If you know of anyone attending DSCC this semester (or any college) please encourage them to completely fill out the form at <https://www.tnbaptist.org/collegefreshmen>. This will ensure that information about the BCM and missions opportunities get sent out by mail and email. Join me in praying for these incoming students and the staff at DSCC!

Our building being closed to students over the summer has really given me the chance to clean and organize the building though. The Properties Committee has met and we look forward to making necessary repairs and updating the building in the next few months. Thank you for your faithful giving to the BCM Capital Improvement! Those funds go directly toward major upcoming renovations. If you feel led to give to this account, designate it as worded above.

As always, I appreciate your support of the BCM and your prayers for this ministry!

With love in Christ,  
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**Tennessee Baptist Mission Board**  
**Weekday Early Education Conference**  
**Saturday, September 19, 2020 from 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

- Due to restrictions with COVID-19, this year's Weekday Early Education Conference has moved to an online platform. The state has approved training via Zoom for continuing education hours. A certificate for training hours will be available.
- This Weekday Early Education Conference is for directors and teachers of any part-time or full-time preschool program. Valuable training is available for anyone working with preschoolers, regardless of the type of program or curriculum used. The schedule provides six (6) hours of continuing education credit.

Register online at [www.tnchildhood.org](http://www.tnchildhood.org) or contact Caitlin Witt at 615-371-7933 or [cwitt@tnbaptist.org](mailto:cwitt@tnbaptist.org).  
 \$50 per person if registered by September 1, 2020;  
 \$60 if after September 1.

*Please note, when registering a group, you will need the name and email address of each person you are registering.*

Carol Pratt, Conference Coordinator [cpratt@tnbaptist.org](mailto:cpratt@tnbaptist.org)

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# The Messenger


July 2020

## DYER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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**Bi-vocational Pastors & Wives Retreat**  
 Billy Graham Training Center at the Cove  
 Asheville, NC



Two dates to select:  
 August 28-30, 2020  
 September 25-27, 2020

Registration is \$50 a couple  
 (Costs includes: couple registration, two nights lodging,  
 5 meals, all teaching sessions, & a NAMB gift pack)

For more information contact Dr. Jones at the DBA Office.

**Please pray for our churches who are seeking staff.**

<b>Fort Hudson</b>	Pastor
<b>Halls First</b>	Pastor
<b>Halls Westside</b>	Pastor
<b>Harvest</b>	Youth Leader
<b>Hillcrest</b>	Worship Leader, Senior Adult Pastor
<b>McCullough Chapel</b>	Pastor
<b>Newbern First</b>	Pastor
<b>Zion Hill</b>	Pastor



**Notes Along The Journey**

**Executive Board Meeting July 14** – Our EB Meeting was well attended as 16 churches sent messengers. Finley Baptist Church did an excellent job hosting us and prepared great BBQ with all the fixins. The meeting covered six months of ministry and the spirit was exceptional. We look forward to getting together October 19 at Hillcrest Baptist Church for our Annual Meeting. Please make plans to attend this meeting and bring messengers from your church. Contact Vicki at the office about messenger information for your church.

**Face Masks** – We received some more face masks from the TBMB. Contact the DBA office if you need some. They are light weight, easy to wear, and moving off the shelves faster than \$100 bills.

**Macedonian Loan Program** – If your church is struggling financially and needs help to meet your expenses, please contact me and I will share with you a fund that could help your church. It is a resource that is provided through the TBMB.

**Food Basket Ministry** – In April, we received a grant of \$1500 to use for a food basket ministry in our Association. We still have funds available if you would like to help people in your church or community. This money is available to help people see the gospel in action. This is an excellent way to provide a cup of cold water in Jesus’ name. Contact me at 731-285-2727 (office) or at 615-946-5495 (cell) for more details.

**Bivocational Pastors and Wives Retreat**— Let me encourage you to take time away with your spouse and attend this excellent retreat sponsored by NAMB. The details are on the front page of this newsletter. If you are a layman in your church and are reading this, may I encourage you to send your pastor and wife to this retreat. Be sure to pay for their registration cost, travel expenses, and send them off with your prayers and encouragement. If you need assistance locating a supply preacher, contact me and I can help you find someone while your pastor is away.

**We all need one another** — During these challenging times, we are all under more stress than we realize. Because of this challenge, we need to remember to pray for one another. Under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, the Apostle Paul wrote these words, “Do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others” (Phil. 2:4). Also, he wrote, “Bear one another’s burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ” (Galatians 6:2).

Enjoying the Journey,  
Dennis R Jones,  
Your DOM



**Miston** — Is near completion of their Activities / Youth Ministry Building. During the construction the church continued to give toward the building fund and now Bro. Carmon Dennison, pastor, reports the building is debt free. A building dedication will be announced later.



**Newbern First** — The next Mobil Food Pantry distribution will be Monday, August 31. Volunteers are needed from 8:30 am until 1:00 pm. Gloves and masks are provided.

**Springhill** — Rev. Randy Crews has resigned as pastor, effective the end of August .



**Baptist and Reflector Day 2020**  
Sunday, August 23



**Attention Church Clerks and Pastors**

The 2020 Annual Church Profiles (ACPs) will soon be ready. This year we will be mailing the profiles to the clerk by August 14. Pastors, if your church has a new clerk, please let us know by text or email.

- ◆ Clerks, if you prefer to have your forms sent to you electronically, please email me or send a text.

I look forward to working with you all again. All information is due back into the office by October 1st.

Vickie Shelton, 731-445-0600 or vshelton@att.net.

All ACP packets are due back into the DBA Office by October 1 !

DBA Annual Meeting  
Monday, October 19  
Hillcrest Baptist Church

**Treasurer’s Report**  
**October 2019—September 2020**  
**Undesignated Receipts**

Church Names	JULY	YTD
Beech Grove	136.00	1,496.00
Beech Grove Viar	350.00	1,050.00
Bogota	440.40	2,212.20
Calvary Chapel		200.00
Church Grove	250.00	1,375.00
Curve	313.00	2,491.00
Dyersburg 1st	2,500.00	25,000.00
Dyersburg 2nd	130.00	910.04
Elon	0.00	25.00
Emmaus	0.00	1,200.00
Enon	327.82	2,383.13
Evansville	20.20	532.79
Fairview	156.49	2,113.25
Finley	542.00	5,420.00
Ft. Hudson	150.00	1,500.00
Fowlkes	150.00	900.00
Gates	54.16	561.71
Halls First	0.00	3,812.20
Halls Westside	149.25	2,065.10
Harmony	0.00	2,454.43
Harvest	0.00	1,118.71
Hillcrest	4,930.03	17,916.98
Lenox	250.00	1,000.00
Macedonia	0.00	4,408.19
Mary's Chapel	518.00	4,629.00
McCullough	114.57	1,466.62
Miston	0.00	250.00
Mt. Tirzah	108.54	1,192.96
Mt. Vernon	1,272.21	5,379.12
New Hope	0.00	50.00
New Mitchell Gr	100.00	500.00
Newbern First	1,503.40	18,861.61
Parrish Chapel	10.00	100.00
RoEllen	211.09	2,163.70
Southside	192.84	2,571.27
Springhill	0.00	5,309.34
The Path	0.00	0.00
Three Oaks Chap	0.00	600.00
Trimble First	350.00	3,150.00
Westside	0.00	100.00
Williams Chapel	150.00	1,500.00
Woodville	0.00	200.00
Zion Hill	0.00	1,968.08
<b>Total</b>	<b>15,380.00</b>	<b>132,137.43</b>