

## Associational Vacation Bible School Training Announcement!

### WE ARE GOING VIRTUAL!



Due to the concerns of safety, we will not be meeting in person for our VBS Training this year. We know some of you plan to hold VBS later on in the year or virtually this summer, so our training videos will be up for you to receive training before your VBS. A letter with details will be sent out to each church! We pray you will consider all options for VBS and ask how will VBS look this year and not are we going to be doing VBS this year. In such a time as this, it is still important for us to share the Gospel and disciple our children in our churches and our communities. It is statistically the number one evangelistic tool we use. It is critically important because the Gospel is critically important.

Our theme teaches them that Jesus is our strong foundation and how to build on the love of Jesus and is divinely appointed for 2020!

“ I'm sure of this, that He who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Jesus Christ.” Philippians 1:6

-Brittany Harwell, Associational VBS Director

*(Lifeway VBS has released an ebook you can download at [www.vbs.lifeway.com](http://www.vbs.lifeway.com) & Lifeway VBS on Facebook has tons of resources to read and watch!)*



### From Your BCM Director

In Tennessee, the BCM leadership team has launched a statewide campaign that involves engaging with churches in hopes of securing names and contact information of students who would potentially be interested in joining the BCM. “In order for us to connect with our Baptist students, who are the core group of each entering BCM class, we are launching this campaign to ask our churches to send us names,” said Bill Choate, college ministries director for the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. Excerpt from *Baptist & Reflector*, May 18, 2020. Link to full article: <https://baptistandreflector.org/bcm-seeks-to-connect-from-a-distance/>

To secure names of incoming freshman or transfers, visit this link!

<https://www.tnbaptist.org/seniors>

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# The Messenger

June 2020

## DYER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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### Executive Board Meeting

Tuesday, July 14

Finley Baptist Church

6:00 PM - Fellowship

7:00 Meeting called to order

Pre-Boxed Meals will be served

*(Please see inside for more information)*



Happy  
Father's  
Day

June 21



### Churches Seeking Staff:

Fort Hudson — Pastor; Harvest — Youth Director;  
Halls First — Pastor; Hillcrest — Worship Leader, Senior Adult Pastor  
McCullough Chapel — Pastor; Zion Hill — Pastor

## Notes Along The Journey

It is hard to believe that we are already approaching June. Usually by this time, VBS, summer mission's ministries, revivals, church picnics, and outdoor sports are a part of our regular schedules. But this year, many things in our world have changed. I am reminded of what James wrote about the uncertainty of life and making plans (James 4:13-15). The focus in these verses is for us to live according to the Lord's will as the days we live in are always very uncertain.

It appears that by the end of the next few weeks, most of our churches will have regathered for public worship. For many of us, regathering is a new experience. Our churches look very different now than when we last met inside together. The changes that have occurred will probably make some of us uncomfortable. We may find that social distancing, wearing masks, not having Sunday School, and changes in other areas of life bring us a new and unwelcome situation. And whenever we experience change, it often affects our relationships with others.

With this in mind, it is wise to remember that as followers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we need one another. God's plan is for us to depend upon and support one another in the fellowship of the church. And we need to walk together through these challenging days, loving one another and listening to the Lord.

Some of our brothers and sisters have lost jobs or lost income. These losses are very real and felt very deeply. Some people also are unsure about what to expect when they return to church with others. The virus is still very present in our world, and no one wants to catch it, especially not at church. And some of our fellow believers wonder if it will greet them when they go to church. We could say more about these things.

Regardless of how the world and church have changed, we know that the Lord still loves each of us and wants His church to walk together in love and unity. We still have a calling to be His witnesses in this world. There are multitudes in our counties who need Jesus. We have the answer they need for their uncertain existence and future. And the more we love one another and walk together with one another, the better and more effective our witness will be to the glory of God (John 13:34-35).

**Ministry Resources for Churches** – The COVID-19 virus has deeply impacted all of us. It has caused us to pray and seek God's direction how to continue to share the good news of Jesus Christ with the world. In some ways, it has exposed people to the gospel in ways we have never tried before.

In order to better to continue ministry in these difficult days, the TBMB has created and compiled resources for our churches. These resources are excellent helps for us as we attempt to serve the Lord and our churches. You can visit [www.tnbaptist.org/cvresources](http://www.tnbaptist.org/cvresources) anytime to access these helps.

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**Food Basket Ministry** – In April, I filled out an application for a grant from the TBMB for special ministries to people affected by this pandemic. We were granted \$1500 to use in this ministry. We plan to use this money to provide baskets of food for people in our area who need help. Here are ways we will use this money.

- We will carry out this ministry through our local churches.
- If your church knows of someone (either in your congregation or community) who is in need of food, contact the DBA and let us know you need a food basket.
- We will give you the money to provide a food basket worth about \$35-40.
- You can take the money and purchase the food. People from your church can deliver the food to the people in need.
- This will be an excellent way to provide a cup of cold water in Jesus name.
- As a local church, you can then follow up with them to share the love of Christ and the gospel to someone who needs to know the Lord.
- Contact me at 731-285-2727 (office) or at 615-946-5495 (cell) for more details.

**Face Masks and Hand Sanitizer** – We have recently found a local source for these items that you may need for your church. If you would like to obtain some of these through our office, just call Vicki or myself at the office. They are available at reasonable prices and will only cost you what we pay for them. We have arranged with the supplier for these items to be given to us at consignment.

Enjoying the Journey,

Dennis R Jones



### **Macedonian Loan Program**

If your church is struggling financially with meeting your financial obligations, please let us know. There is help available. One resource is from the Tennessee Baptist Convention through the Macedonian Loan Program. The TBC will make available a short-term 0% interest loan to churches that have annual income of less than \$400,000. The loan is intended to help smaller churches meet current expenses for church staff and facilities during this crisis. The maximum loan amount is the lesser of \$25,000 or 50% of fixed personnel and facility expenses for the four-month period of March through June 2020. Here are two links to provide information on the loan:

Outline of Macedonian Loan Program for Tennessee Baptist Churches and Associations: <https://www.tnbaptist.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Macedonian-Loan-Information.pdf>

Macedonian Loan Application: <https://www.tnbaptist.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Macedonian-Loan-Application-Fillable.pdf>

## Treasurer's Report Oct. 2019—May 21, 2020

Church Names	MAY	YTD
Beech Grove	136.00	1,224.00
Beech Grove Viar	0.00	1,100.00
Bogota	460.04	1,771.80
Calvary Chapel	200.00	200.00
Church Grove	250.00	1,000.00
Curve	196.00	1,865.00
Dyersburg 1st	2,500.00	20,000.00
Dyersburg 2nd	260.00	650.04
Emmaus	0.00	1,200.00
Enon	52.57	1,522.50
Evansville	49.60	487.25
Fairview	163.48	1,562.85
Finley	542.00	4,336.00
Ft. Hudson	150.00	1,200.00
Fowlkes	0.00	750.00
Gates	46.33	345.27
Halls First	779.54	3,032.66
Halls Westside	223.50	1,651.70
Harmony	134.96	2,257.19
Harvest	736.54	1,118.71
Hillcrest	1,432.03	11,678.88
Lenox	0.00	750.00
Macedonia	428.61	3,708.26
Mary's Chapel	455.00	3,611.00
McCullough	135.78	1,152.43
Miston	0.00	200.00
Mt. Tirzah	78.43	970.08
Mt. Vernon	0.00	3,597.19
New Hope	0.00	50.00
New Mitchell Gr	50.00	300.00
Newbern First	1,641.88	15,106.33
Parrish Chapel	10.00	80.00
RoEllen	171.35	1,620.50
Southside	279.66	1,583.79
Springhill	489.72	4,333.83
The Path	0.00	0.00
Three Oaks Chap	0.00	400.00
Trimble First	350.00	2,800.00
Westside	0.00	60.00
Williams Chapel	150.00	1,200.00
Woodville	0.00	200.00
Zion Hill	0.00	1,709.30
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,553.02</b>	<b>102,701.56</b>

### **2021 Proposed DBA Budget**

At our Executive Board Meeting, July 14, we will discuss the 2021 Proposed DBA Budget and vote to send it to the Annual Meeting in October.