The Messenger

STRONGER TOGETHER: STRONG LEADERS, STRONG CHURCHES, STRONG COMMUNITIES

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A NOTE FROM OUR ASSOCIATION MISSIONS STRATEGIST

The leaves are changing, and a crisp coolness is in the air. Fall is finally here—and right on time as we move into October. Yes, October! It's hard to believe we're already ten months into 2026. Before we know it, we'll be singing Christmas carols, opening presents, and turning the calendar not only to a new month, but to a new year. This year is flying by!

Before Christmas arrives, though, many great things are still happening in 2026. October is an exciting month for the DBA—and for me. Our biggest event is the 101st Annual Meeting on October 19 at Finley Baptist Church. I'm especially excited because this will be my first Annual Meeting as your Associational Missions Strategist. Registration begins at 4:30 p.m., the meal will be served at 4:45 p.m., and the business session begins at 6:00 p.m. We adjusted the schedule so all our messengers and pastors can attend. At 7:00 p.m., we will gather for worship and celebrate all God has done in our Association over the past year. The 2025–2026 year has been eventful, bringing many exciting developments to the DBA. God has blessed us in countless ways, and I look forward to celebrating those blessings with you on October 19 at Finley Baptist Church.

I'm also looking forward to Refresh Tuesday for pastors, staff, and spouses on October 6. Beginning at 6:00 p.m., the event will focus on creating a culture of evangelism and discipleship in today's church. Dr. Clay Hallmark, Senior Pastor of FBC Lexington, and Dr. Ryan Keaton, Discipleship Strategist with TBMB, will lead the session virtually. They will share practical ways to make evangelism and discipleship part of your church's DNA—not simply another program. A great meal will be served. Please register at www.dyerbaptistassociation.com/refresh or call the church office so we can prepare enough food and resources for everyone.

Finally, God is at work throughout our Association. Churches are seeing salvations, baptisms, increased attendance, new members, and much more. Four churches ministered at the Dyer County Fair, while others also served at the Lauderdale County Fair, Depot Days in Newbern, and other special events. Many fall festivals are also just ahead. Our churches are putting their "Yes to God" on the table and echoing Isaiah's words: "Here I am, Lord. Send me!" That is the response each of us should offer. Let's remain faithful in serving the Lord, continue saying yes to His leading, and trust Him for the blessings to come.

Until next time, God bless you all,
Brother Anthony

SAVE THE DATES

OCTOBER

18 Day of Prayer for Baptist Associations
19 Annual Meeting 101st - Finley Baptist Church 4:30pm
20 Office Closed

NOVEMBER

1 Daylight Savings Time
12 Women's Ministry Meeting
14 DBA Women's Ministry **" Made for this Conference"**
16-23 OCC- Springhill Baptist
18 BCM Thanksgiving Meal
25 Happy Thanksgiving

DECEMBER

15 DBA Secretaries & Clerks QuickBooks Training/ Fellowship
8 Pastors and Wives Christmas Fellowship at Boyetts
25 Happy Birthday Jesus
28 Women's Ministry Christmas Party

JANUARY

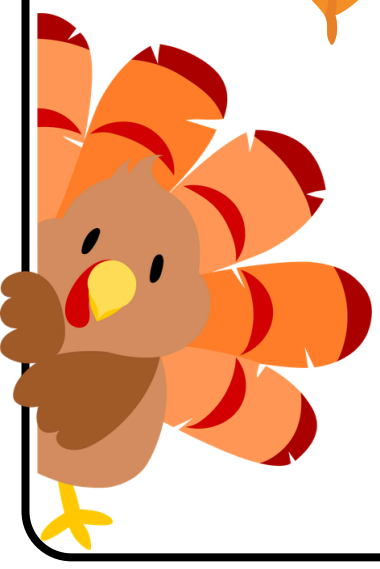
4 DBA Office Open
15-16 Unite Weekend at Trimble Baptist Church
23 Bible Battle Rally





SUMMIT: THE GATHERING OF TENNESSEE BAPTISTS
NOVEMBER 14, 2027 @ 6:00 PM - NOVEMBER 16, 2027 @ 9:00 PM

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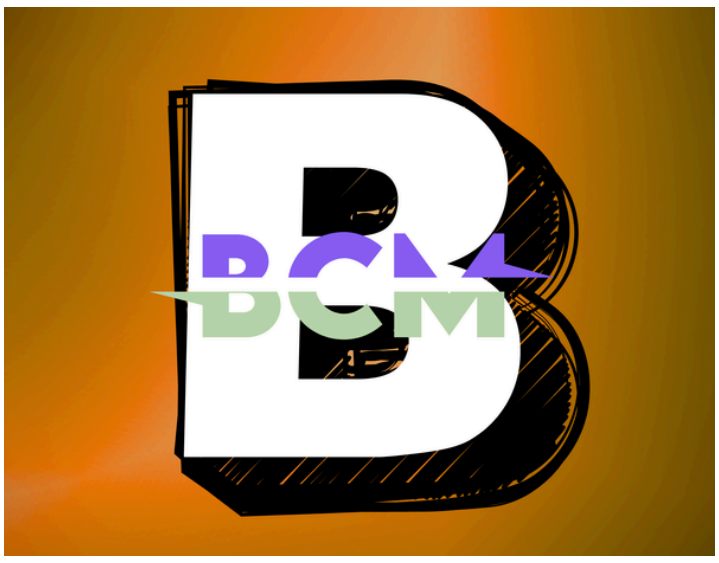


November 18, 2026
BCM Thanksgiving Meal
11am-1pm



TBMB Annual women's event
Designed to encourage ladies to remember the true reason for the Holidays. The event will consist of decorated tables, delicious lunch, decorating ideas, special speaker and worship. Our two purposes are evangelistic and to equip women for a less stressful Christmas — one centered on what truly matters.

Christmas in November - Tennessee Baptist Mission Board



BCM News

Welcome Back to the BCM!
Lunch Encounter Each Wednesday! 11am - 1pm
Anchored Bible Study Each Thursday 5pm
FREE SNACKS - COFFEE- DRINKS- GAMES

October is looking to be another amazing month! Anthony and I will continue delivering devotionals to the DSCC men's basketball team, and our Wednesday lunches will continue as well, they have been amazing to witness this semester. We've seen a great increase in the number of students and staff we're serving each week: 185 plates two weeks ago, 182 the week after, and 162 last week. Please keep praying that this ministry continues to grow. We'll also keep our Thursday night Bible studies going strong, averaging 10–12 students each week, and it's been exciting to see them invite more and more of their friends.

I want to say thank you for all of your support. None of these ministry opportunities would be possible without your thoughtful, prayerful giving and the prayers you offer on our behalf! Not everyone is called to give, but we are all called to pray, so I ask that you continue praying for the BCM ministries, that God would guide and direct them wherever He wants them to go.

Thank you again, so much!
BCM Director, Drew Bentley

Treasurer's Report August Undesignated Receipts

Beech Grove	$0.00	$750.00
Beech Grove Viar	$0.00	$600.00
Bogota	$0.00	$3,247.64
Calvary Chapel	$0.00	$300.00
Church Grove	$200.00	$2,200.00
Curve	$36,297.00	$2,629.48
Dyersburg First	$2,500.00	$27,500.00
Dyersburg Second	$230.00	$1,370.00
Enon	$113.47	$1,374.00
Evansville	$49.74	$530.17
Fairview	$0.00	$1,356.14
Finley	$1,356.14	$11,897.78
Fort Hudson	$150.00	$1,200.00
Fowlkes	$100.00	$550.00
Gates	$0.00	$471.28
Halls First	$857.95	$3,738.57
Halls Westside	$260.00	$2,311.00
Harmony	$0.00	$2,394.09
Harvest	$0.00	$1,161.14
Hillcrest	$1,437.74	$16,114.80
Lenox	$0.00	$0.00
Macedonia	$543.80	$5,877.24
Mary's Chapel	$557.00	$5,016.00
McCullough Chapel	$190.50	$2,294.59
Miston	$0.00	$0.00
Mt Tirzah	$0.00	$1,487.69
Mt Vernon	$2,042.25	$12,246.22
New Hope	$0.00	$2,450.79
New Mitchell Grove	$0.00	$650.00
Newbern FBC	$2,577.60	$24,942.99
Parrish Chapel	$150.00	$1,050.00
RoEllen	$221.07	$2,353.53
Southside	$0.00	$671.88
Springhill	$0.00	$0.00
Tatumville @ Mt. Tirzah	$207.63	$413.34
Trimble FBC	$100.00	$800.00
Williams Chapel	$150.00	$1,700.00
Woodville	$0.00	$300.00
Zion Hill	$199.53	$1,695.21
Church Donations	$14,459.39	$145,945.79
TBMB Income	$3,542.67	$38,969.37
Total	$18,002.06	$184,915.16



Church News:

- **Mount Vernon** - is seeking applications for a full-time Associate Pastor of Student Ministries. Please visit www.mtvbaptist.com/leadership/
- **Newbern FBC** - Tyson Food Bank is October 26th

Submit all church news to Dyerbaptistasssociation@yahoo.com





Day of Prayer for Baptist Associations October 18, 2026



Churches please pray with us for Baptist Associations and the work they are doing in communities across the nation.



2025-2026 TOTAL AS OF JUL. 31, 2026
Offering: $2,584,864
Golden Opportunity Projects: $264,550
GOTM Grand Total: $2,849,414

Theme Verse: "Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel." -Philippians 1:27
Statewide GOTM Goal: $3,000,000
Challenge Goal: $3,500,000



Dyer Baptist Association Women's Ministry

LET'S GET COOKING

The Dyer Baptist Association Women's Ministry is having a summer sale on cookbooks. Buy 2026 Cookbook for $15.00 Get the 2011 Cookbook free.



DYER BAPTIST WOMEN'S MINISTRY

INVITES LADIES FROM THE DYER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO ATTEND OUR MEETINGS AND EVENTS. MEETINGS ARE HELD THE SECOND MONDAY OF EACH MONTH AT THE BCM STARTING AT 5:30PM. WE ARE COMPOSED OF MANY DIFERENT CHURCHES OF THE DBA. WE ARE LADIES WHO LOVE TO SERVE JESUS CHRIST AND LOOK FOR NEW EVENTS AND WAYS FOR YOUR CHURCH LADIES TO SERVE OUR COMMUNITY AND CHURCHES.

Christmas Child

Adopt-A-Child

The Dyer Baptist Women's Ministry will be supporting Lake County children again this year.

Packets avalable at the Dyer Baptist Association Office 731-285-2727



Next Bible Study

Book of Romans

Starting August 27th

With Jada Edwards

Contact Christy Pledge 731-334-2120



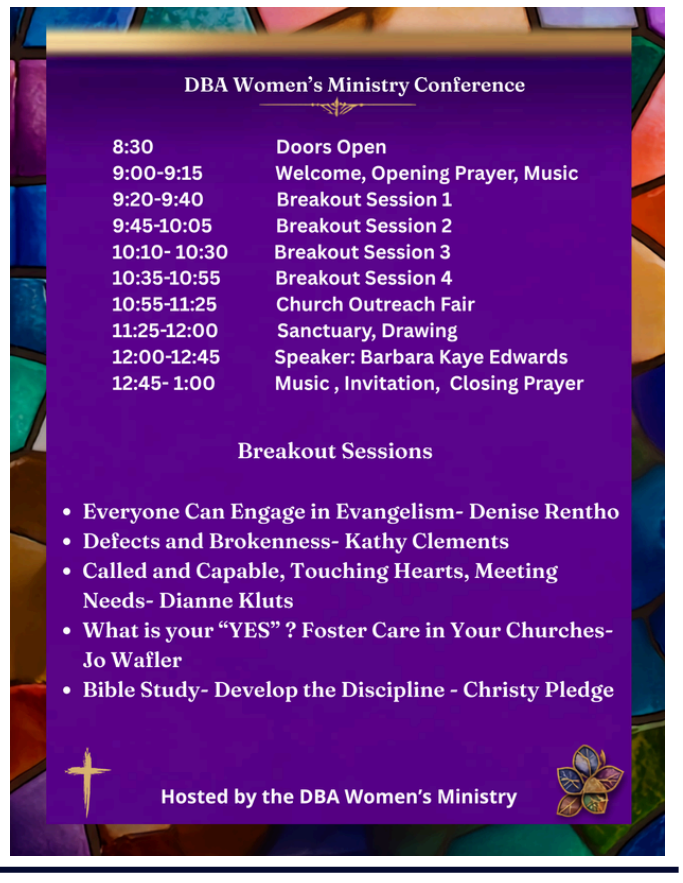


Dyer Baptist Association Women's Ministry Conference 2026

"Created for This"

Register on-Line:

https://www.dyerbaptistassociation.com/general-clean







Somewhere Hidden in this Newsletter is this Cross. Can you Find It?



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD
DROP OFF WEEK NOV 16-23
AT SPRINGHILL BAPTIST CHURCH
6200 HWY 78, DYERSBURG TN.
M-F 5PM-7PM,
SAT. 9AM-12PM, SUN, 1PM-4PM,
MON. 8AM-10AM

