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Emphasis

May 15-22

Harvest

Harvest

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THE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
**MISSION
DRIVEN**
**CHURCH
FOCUSED**

The
Mother's Day
Offering

May 8, 2011

State Goal:

2.5 million

The Mother's Day Offering provides 33% of the TBCH budget.

(2010 Gifts allowed TBCH to minister to 222 children.)

Congratulations

Bible Drillers!

Children and high school students participated in the BHBA Bible Drill that was held at Brighton Baptist Church on Sunday, April 10.

Thank you...
to Jay Whalen, Brighton Baptist Church & WMU for hosting our Bible Drill.



Caroline Price, Katie Call, Tucker Roach of Garland Baptist Church. Maddie Ray, Reed Massengill, Brooklyn Gardiner of FBC, Covington. Not pictured: Cole McDaniel



Melissa Long & Sarah Winfield of Faith Baptist Church.

National Day
of Prayer
May 5th



VBS Day
of Prayer
May 15th



FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS, Stan Smith

God's Plan for Sharing (GPS) is a ten-year strategy of the North American Mission Board to share the gospel with every person in North America by 2020. As a start for this monumental task, several of our churches participated in ACROSS Tennessee this past month. On April 9 members of our churches prayer-walked their assigned areas and then returned on April 16 to distribute a gospel witness and a personal invitation to attend Easter services at their church. The reports that I have received from those participating have been exciting and encouraging. The task will continue with following up on those who visit on Easter Sunday. Other opportunities to share the gospel with our communities will come over the next several years. Plan to be a part of GPS!

The National Day of Prayer will be Thursday, May 5. Several towns have special events planned. Let me encourage all who can to participate in a freedom that we have been able to enjoy since our country's birth. Many of our freedoms are being removed and religious freedom could be next.

In addition, the national VBS Day of Prayer is on Sunday, May 15. Please take a moment on that day to pray for all of the VBSs that will take place this summer and ask God to give a great harvest of souls. Did you know that VBS is still the most effective evangelistic effort that a church can do?

May 15-22 is ASSOCIATIONAL EMPHASIS week. Big Hatchie Association is made up of 44 churches and missions in Tipton and part of Lauderdale counties joining to encourage and strengthen each other in sharing God's message of grace to our world.

Pray for churches without pastors: Fulton, First Indian.

**WMU Director, Pat McKenzie Ph: 901-837-8848
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It is time to begin planning for the WMU New Year. Yearbooks are available on line at www.wmystore.com or call 1-800-968-7301. Item # [W113101](#) at \$8.99.

The Mother's Day Offering for the Children's Home is the emphasis this month.

Upcoming Events:

Saturday, May 14: Woman's Prayer Retreat at Covington-First lake/pavilion, located at 2105 Hwy 59-South. Event will begin at 10 a.m. and I am excited to inform you that our speaker will be retired missionary, Ramona Mercer. Pot-luck luncheon will follow. Expect a blessing, good food, and fellowship.

Saturday, May 21: The Leadership Team Meeting (current and newly elected) at the Associational office at 10 a.m. Please plan to attend and assist in the planning of the upcoming year and June Quarterly Meeting. Pot-luck lunch will follow.

Tuesday, June 14: WMU Quarterly Meeting at Victory Baptist at 7 p.m. Mission Action Project: Tipton Cares. A list will be posted on the Big Hatchie web page, WMU Facebook, and next newsletter.

New Testament Schedule:

May 1 – May 7	Forerunner	May 8—May 14	Gateway
May 15 – May 21	Spirit Filled	May 22—May 28	Ripley First
May 29 – June 4	Calvary		

<i>Restricted Gifts</i>	<i>March 2011</i>	<i>Oct 1, 2010 to Mar 31, 2011</i>
Ashport	158.50	959.06
Beacon Light		
Beaver		824.46
Bethlehem		
Brighton	423.51	2575.63
Calvary	400.00	2493.00
Calvary Hill	283.55	871.05
Central	158.35	2861.46
Charleston	409.23	2864.10
Cornerstone	130.00	762.00
Covington First	833.33	5000.02
Cross View		
Crossway	123.00	774.00
Durhamville	270.00	1524.00
Faith	500.00	3000.00
Fellowship	800.91	4579.02
First Indian		50.00
Forerunner		
Fulton	28.77	190.11
Garland	1,276.30	4471.15
Gateway	824.61	4390.26
Grace	396.56	2150.54
Hope	37.18	240.76
Immanuel		
Keeling		855.84
Liberty	790.00	5303.00
Mason First	216.85	1796.11
Mt. Lebanon	370.00	1850.00
Munford	350.00	2100.00
Oak Grove	364.23	2182.36
Olive Branch		602.68
Pleasant Grove	690.00	5060.00
Promise		80.00
Rialto	49.42	335.01
Ripley First	583.33	3499.98
Salem	171.64	661.36
Smyrna		2424.82
Spirit Filled		100.00
Trinity	100.00	600.00
True Life		
Victory		
Walnut Grove	344.77	1225.85
Western Valley	156.79	734.50
Woodlawn	100.00	250.00
TBC	987.00	5922.00
Other	520.12	3650.04
Total	12,847.95	79814.17

THANK YOU BIG HATCHIE FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIFTS!


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MAY 2011 Calendar of Events

4/25-5/23		GPS Follow up
2	10:30 A.M.	Minister's Conference, BHBA office
3	10:00 A.M.	West Tennessee Pastors Conference, Union Speaker: Corey Cain, Maplewood Baptist Church, Paris
4		Youth Camp Deposits Due—\$50 per camper
5		National Day of Prayer
8		Mother's Day Mother's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes
9	10:30 A.M.	Minister's Conference, BHBA office
12	6:30 P.M. 7:00 P.M.	Fellowship BHBA Executive Board Meeting
13-14		Minister's Wives Retreat, West TN an overnight retreat for Minister's Wives Natchez Trace State Park, Lexington
14	10:00 A.M.	WMU Prayer Retreat, Covington First Lake Pavilion Speaker: Ramona Mercer, Pot luck luncheon to follow
15-22		ASSOCIATIONAL EMPHASIS WEEK
15		VBS Day of Prayer
16	10:30 A.M.	Minister's Conference, BHBA office
21	10:00 A.M.	WMU Leadership Team Meeting (current and newly elected), BHBA Office Pot Luck luncheon to follow
23	10:30 A.M.	Minister's Conference, BHBA Office
24	7:00 P.M.	Online—Webinar, Based on Vol.I of "I Believe" curriculum Topic: Doctrine of Divine Revelation: The Word of God, Authority for Faith
30		MEMORIAL DAY—BHBA Office Closed

Associational Emphasis is May 15 - May 22



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CHURCH NEWS

Big Hatchie Churches [visit our website at bighatchiebaptist.org](http://www.bighatchiebaptist.org) for more details about upcoming BHBA revivals, VBS schedules, mission projects, etc. Please e-mail or mail your church news you would like included in the May Newsletter by Apr 15 to cindy@bighatchiebaptist.org or BHBA, PO Box 646, Covington TN 38019

Big Hatchie Youth Camp

Rose of Sharon

Campground

June 6-10, 2011

Visit www.bighatchiebaptist.org

to download forms & information

Power Up!

Gateway Baptist Church-Pianist Needed

Qualified candidates may contact Phil McKibben @ 901-837-8087 or send your resume' to: Gateway Baptist Church, ATTN: Phil McKibben, 1915 Rosemark Rd. Atoka, TN. 38004 *All hours on Sun. and Wed. evenings.

First Baptist, Ripley will be accepting resumes for the full time position of Minister of Students & Activities through May 31st. Send resumes to First Baptist Church, Attn: Personnel Committee, PO Box 23, Ripley TN 38063 or email secretary@fbcripley.org. For more information on the position go to www.fbcripley.org.

Smyrna Baptist Church will be celebrating its 200th anniversary next year. Members of the Planning Committee are seeking information pertaining to the history of Smyrna as well as any photos of the church's previous pastors, or members of years ago. If you can help please call the church (901) 476-6178 or email smyrnabc@bellsouth.net.