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## Briefs from Brent

In Psalm 144:3-4 (ESV) David gives us some humbling words "O Lord, what is man that you regard him, or the son of man that you think of him? Man is like a breath; his days are like a passing shadow".

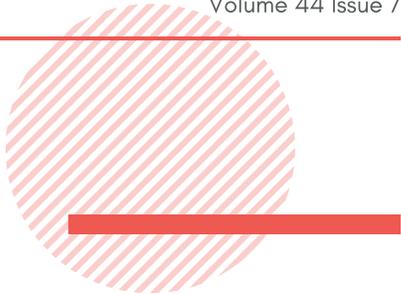
I find those words troubling. Almost frightening. They speak of the brevity of life. They give hint to the danger of the insignificance of life. Man is so insignificant that the psalmist wonders why God even gives a thought to our existence. In faith David believes that God does love and care for man yet he knows that our stature is so small and our lifespan so short that he shakes his head in wonder that we are even a tiny speck on God's radar. Surely it is nothing less than the grace of God than we are allowed to occupy a tiny spot in the universe.

To put our lives in perspective David says that man is like a breath. We take twenty thousand breaths a day. I am 64 years old which means that in my lifetime I have drawn and exhaled 467 million breaths. Yet David says that the existence of man on this earth is like one breath. Life is rapid. Many have come before us and many will come after us. Our days on earth are just like a shadow that only passes by once.

That truth should cause us to ask ourselves some serious questions. If our days are like a passing shadow, how can we cast a long shadow that has a lasting effect upon our world? Can our passing shadow have substance? That depends on what our shadow touches. We do have some control over how we shape our shadow. We are able to give direction to our shadow.

I hope that my passing shadow gives evidence of truth in the midst of falsehood. My desire is that my shadow brings a comforting shade where people can find a place of rest during times of intense stress. I want my shadow to provide the coolness of peace in a world that has no peace. I pray that my shadow will be long with love and grace and mercy reflecting the length of God's love, grace, and mercy.

We are just passing shadows. Our shadows are God given opportunities to help shape our world in the image of God. Maybe that answers David's question as to why God has regard for us.



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# GWBA News and Information

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## On Mission

Scott and Vanessa Kiser and their children, Gabe, Andi, and Elie, left Monday June 28 on a mission trip to Brazil. The Kiser family are active members of FBC Carmi. Let's pray for their safety on this trip and that their work will be fruitful. Among other things they will be working with local pastor's and their wives and families.

## GWBA Camp 2021

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GWBA Camp is just around the corner. We have 68 kids registered for junior camp along with 30 staffers and 53 kids registered for senior camp along with 24 staffers. Please pray that the Lord's hand will be on our camp. Pray that lives will be changed and that our campers will have a better understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Christ.

## Condolences

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The Greater Wabash Baptist Association has lost a great friend and servant in the passing of Don Ile. Don served for many years as the leader of our GWBA Disaster Relief Ministry. He was always ready to tell the stories of how Disaster Relief had intervened and helped people to recover from times of crisis. When disaster struck and we got the call to respond Don along with his wife Ruth were ready to gather our people and make preparations to travel to help people in need. I am sure that when Don reached heaven's gates that the Lord said "well done, my good and faithful servant".

Let's pray for Ruth and their family in this time of grief. Let's pray that Ruth will have strength and wisdom as she makes necessary adjustments and transitions.



Our condolences go to Ryne and Kathy Fullerton, Pastor and wife at First Baptist Church Albion. Kathy's mother, Marlena 'Susy' Krutsinger, died on June 18 after an extended illness. Let's pray that God's grace will overpower grief and the sadness in their hearts will turn to joy in the days to come. Pray for Kathy as she copes with her sadness and as she helps her Dad with the details in the midst of sorrow.

## Annual Church Profile

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The ACP (Annual Church Profiles) are due by Friday August 13. Also, we need the form indicating by name your Church's messengers to the GWBA Annual Meeting. We must have your messengers listed by name in order for them to vote at the Annual Meeting. This year's Annual Meeting will be Sunday September 19 at 3:30 PM at the Wayne City Baptist Church.

# ***Check Out What's Been Happening***

Pastor Matt Barner baptized 3 people at Francis Drew's lake Sunday June 27. These are the first baptisms at Keenes Missionary Baptist Church in over 4 years! Will somebody say Amen?



After a year off because of COVID, Vacation Bible School has begun. Three of our churches have already conducted VBS. Pictured is pastor Garrett Biggerstaff giving instructions to kids at Pleasant Grove Baptist church.



Wayne City Baptist Church recently updated their sanctuary. Pews have been removed and replaced with chairs.

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## GWBA - July Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3 **Natasha** (Chad) **Hershey**
- 3 **Dennis & Carissa Seidel**
- 3 **Titus Freels**
- 7 **Stevi** (David) **Smith**
- 12 **Scott** (Vanessa) **Kiser**
- 12 **Matt Barner** (celebrating one year at Keenes)
- 14 **Lydia Freels**
- 16 **Eliana Kiser**
- 21 **Kim** (Troy) **Shook**
- 22 **Ron Fellows**
- 27 **David & Anna Grace Harl**
- 30 **Troy Shook**
- 30 **Aiden Lasswell**
- 31 **Sheila** (Bennie) **Tomberlin**

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## Baptist Hour

WFIW 1390

Sunday 7:30 - 7:59 a.m. Monday - Friday 10:06 - 10:20 a.m.

### July 2021

### Speaker

### Sponsored By

Friday 2	Don Wood	Olive Branch
Sunday 4	Garrett Biggerstaff	Pleasant Grove
5 - 8	Brent Cloyd	Friends of the Baptist Hour
Friday 9	Don Wood	Arrington Prairie
Sunday 11	Chad Hershey	Sims
12 - 15	Doug Haile	Ten Post Oak
Friday 16	Don Wood	Ten Post Oak
Sunday 18	Brent Cloyd	Pleasant Hill
19 - 22	Brent Cloyd	Friends of the Baptist Hour
Friday 23	Don Wood	Friends of the Baptist Hour
Sunday 25	Troy Shook	Mt. Zion
26 - 29	Bill McKiddy	Friends of the Baptist Hour
Friday 30	Don Wood	Olive Branch

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## Did You Know?

Greater Wabash Baptist Association has a website. Have you checked it out?

**[greaterwabash.org](http://greaterwabash.org)**

We're also on Facebook.

**Treasurer's Report  
May 2021**

<b><u>General Fund Income</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Expenses</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
Arrington Prairie Baptist Church	\$25.00	<b><i>AMS Salary &amp; Benefits</i></b>	
Crossville Missionary Baptist Church	\$150.00	AMS Housing Allowance	\$450.00
Ellis Mound Missionary Baptist Church	\$278.39	AMS Life & Disability Insurance	\$132.59
Elm River Baptist Church	\$0.00	AMS Retirement	\$925.00
First Baptist Church, Albion	\$912.82	AMS Salary	\$1,418.17
First Baptist Church, Carmi	\$0.00	<b><i>Associational Expense</i></b>	
First Baptist Church, Fairfield	\$1,087.93	Benevolence	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Grayville	\$356.53	Meeting Expense	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel	\$250.00	Printing Annuals	\$0.00
Jasper Baptist Church	\$133.73	<b><i>Missions &amp; Ministry</i></b>	
Keenes Missionary Baptist Church	\$162.00	Leadership Development	\$0.00
Liberty Missionary Baptist Church	\$285.00	Mission Development	\$0.00
Mill Shoals Missionary Baptist Church	\$241.00	Senior Adults	\$0.00
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church	\$0.00	Student Ministry/Camp	\$0.00
North Side Baptist Church, Fairfield	\$197.05	WMU - Women's Ministry	\$0.00
Northside Missionary Baptist Church, Grayville	\$150.00	<b><i>Office Expense</i></b>	
Olive Branch Missionary Baptist	\$237.65	Office Supplies	\$20.57
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist	\$275.00	Postage	\$0.00
Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church	\$150.00	Telephone	\$105.59
Samaria Missionary Baptist Church	\$529.00	Utilities	\$117.93
Sims Missionary Baptist Church	\$187.60	<b><i>Personnel Expense</i></b>	
Stewart Street Baptist Church	\$188.80	Administrative Assistant Salary	\$450.00
Temple Baptist Church, McLeansboro	\$0.00	AMS Hospitality	\$0.00
Ten Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church	\$227.00	Associational Clerk Salary	\$0.00
Wayne City Baptist Church	\$275.26	Christmas Bonus	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	Convention Expense	\$0.00
<b>Total Income - General Fund</b>	<b>\$6,299.76</b>	Payroll Taxes	\$49.73
		Staff Mileage	\$322.00
		Treasurer	\$200.00
<b><u>Special Gifts Income</u></b>		<b><i>Property &amp; Insurance</i></b>	
Baptist Hour	\$170.00	Improvements, Repair, New Equip.	\$0.00
Camp	\$3,710.00	Insurance	\$240.41
Disaster Relief	\$200.00	<b><i>Special Gifts Expense</i></b>	
Mission Fund	\$0.00	Baptist Hour	\$650.00
New Equipment	\$0.00	Camp	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$5,002.23	Disaster Relief	\$0.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,082.23</b>	Mission Fund	\$500.00
		New Equipment	\$0.00
<b><u>Associational Missions</u></b>		Miscellaneous	\$0.00
General Fund Balance - Checking	\$6,383.07	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$5,581.99</b>
Special Gifts - Designated Savings	\$34,477.91		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$40,860.98</b>		