
THE TIE

THE GREATER WABASH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

July 2020

Volume 43 Issue 7

Briefs from Brent

Jesus had spent all day teaching the crowds through parables. In what probably was a more tiring task in a more private setting he explained those parables to His disciples. At the end of the day He was tired and needed a break from the crowds. So at His insistence they got into a boat and began graveling to the other side of the Sea of Galilee. In that story as told in Mark's gospel there is a little phrase Mark 4:36 that has always intrigued me "And there were also with him other little ships" (Mark 4:36b). Why was it important for Mark to note that there were other boats besides the one Jesus was in traveling in the sea? Were their other disciples in those boats? Were they occupied by other people, strangers perhaps, or curious onlookers? We don't know. We do know that when Jesus got into the boat he went into the stern, found a cushion, and went to sleep. A storm arose and the waves were breaking into the boat. The disciples were men of the sea and knew the danger they were in. But Jesus continued sleeping until the disciples woke him and reprimanded him for not caring that they were in danger of perishing. Jesus showed no worry. He gave no instruction or words of caution to the disciples. Instead he spoke to a word of rebuke to the wind and calmly said to the sea "Peace! Be still"! And the wind obeyed him and the sea became still. The disciples learned a great lesson in faith that day. They had no power over the storm and the motion of the sea. But Jesus did. They marveled at the power of Jesus. I suspect they said to them self "I sure am glad Jesus was in our boat". They knew that the sea had become calm because Jesus had heard their concern and responded to their cry for assistance.

Truth is the sea became calm for "the other little ships" also. But the occupants of those vessels were none the wiser as to how or why it happened. They did not get a lesson in faith and come away with the understanding that they had a savior who had the ability to help them. They were just beneficiaries of being close in proximity to the boat Jesus was in.

We have faced a lot of storms in recent months. We will face more in the months and years to come. Here is the question we need to ask ourselves: Is Jesus in our boat? Or are we traveling in some "other little ship"?



Mailing Address:
101 NE 7th Street
Fairfield IL 62837

Phone Number:
618-847-3041

Email:
greaterwabash@hotmail.com

Brent Cloyd
Associational Mission Strategist
618-599-5059

Jeanette Cloyd
Administrative Assistant

Tammy Estes
Treasurer

Catherine Singleton
Clerk

What's Happening in GWBA

Save the Date

Our Annual Meeting is Still on! We will meet on Sunday afternoon Sept. 20 at 3:30 PM at the Wayne City Baptist Church. Bob Dickerson, pastor at FBC Marion will be our guest speaker in the evening session. Be sure and get your messengers appointed and turned in with your Annual Church Profile. Your church clerk has the information regarding how many messengers you are allowed.

Pray without ceasing

Pray for David Woodruff, Pastor of Mill Shoals Baptist Church, who is recovering from knee surgery.

Continue to pray for these churches of our association who are searching for a pastor:

Stewart Street Baptist in Carmi
First Baptist Church, Albion
Wayne City Baptist Church
Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church
Ellis Mound Missionary Baptist Church

Keenes Missionary Baptist Church will be voting on a pastor on Sunday, July 5th.

Let's continue to pray for our sister churches as we reopen our doors for worship. This is requiring some changes for all of our churches, some more than others. In the midst of our reopening, let's pray that we will develop a strategic gospel focus for our communities.

First Baptist Church, Grayville had some creative signs in place to encourage social distancing.



Northside Baptist Church of Grayville continues to make progress on its building project.



IBSA Training Event

IBSA is hosting a training event on Tuesday, September 8th. It will be held at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church north of Mt. Vernon. There will be training on a variety of subject matters. More details will be coming soon.

GWBA - July Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 3 **Natasha** (Chad) **Hershey**
- 3 **Dennis & Carissa Seidel**
- 3 **Titus Freels**
- 7 **Stevi** (David) **Smith**
- 12 **Scott** (Vanessa) **Kiser**
- 14 **Lydia Freels**
- 16 **Eliana Kiser**
- 21 **Kim** (Troy) **Shook**
- 22 **Ron Fellows**
- 30 **Troy Shook**
- 31 **Sheila** (Bennie) **Tomberlin**

Baptist Hour

WFIW 1390

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

July 2020

	Speaker	Sponsored By
June 29 - July 2	Doug Haile	Ten Post Oak
Friday 3	Don Wood	Olive Branch
Sunday 5	Garrett Biggerstaff	Pleasant Grove
6 - 9	Garrett Biggerstaff	Pleasant Grove
Friday 10	Don Wood	Arrington Prairie
Sunday 12	Chad Hershey	Sims
13 - 16	Bill McKiddy	Friends of the Baptist Hour
Friday 17	Don Wood	Ten Post Oak
Sunday 19	Brent Cloyd	Pleasant Hill
20 - 23	Nathaniel Trowbridge	Samaria
Friday 24	Don Wood	Friends of the Baptist Hour
Sunday 26	Troy Shook	Mt. Zion
27 - 30		Keenes
Friday 31	Don Wood	Olive Branch

**Treasurer's Report
May 2020**

<u>General Fund Income</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Arrington Prairie Baptist Church	\$25.00	AMS Salary & Benefits	
Crossville Missionary Baptist Church	\$125.00	AMS Housing Allowance	\$900.00
Ellis Mound Missionary Baptist Church	\$269.01	AMS Life & Disability Insurance	\$132.07
Elm River Baptist Church	\$0.00	AMS Retirement	\$925.00
First Baptist Church, Albion	\$921.97	AMS Salary	\$2,836.34
First Baptist Church, Carmi	\$0.00	Associational Expense	
First Baptist Church, Fairfield	\$603.54	Benevolence	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Grayville	\$380.12	Meeting Expense	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel	\$250.00	Printing Annuals	\$0.00
Jasper Baptist Church	\$0.00	Missions & Ministry	
Keenes Missionary Baptist Church	\$150.00	Leadership Development	\$0.00
Liberty Missionary Baptist Church	\$235.00	Mission Development	\$0.00
Mill Shoals Missionary Baptist Church	\$66.00	Senior Adults	\$0.00
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church	\$0.00	Student Ministry/Camp	\$0.00
North Side Baptist Church, Fairfield	\$278.35	WMU - Women's Ministry	\$0.00
Northside Missionary Baptist Church, Grayville	\$150.00	Office Expense	
Olive Branch Missionary Baptist	\$116.20	Office Supplies	\$10.00
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist	\$275.00	Postage	\$0.00
Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church	\$150.00	Telephone	\$138.90
Samaria Missionary Baptist Church	\$529.00	Utilities	\$114.84
Sims Missionary Baptist Church	\$345.59	Personnel Expense	
Stewart Street Baptist Church	\$122.20	Administrative Assistant Salary	\$450.00
Temple Baptist Church, McLeansboro	\$0.00	AMS Hospitality	\$0.00
Ten Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church	\$234.00	Associational Clerk Salary	\$0.00
Wayne City Baptist Church	\$212.88	Christmas Bonus	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$200.00	Convention Expense	\$100.00
Total Income - General Fund	\$5,638.86	Payroll Taxes	\$49.73
		Staff Mileage	\$169.05
		Treasurer	\$200.00
Special Gifts Income		Property & Insurance	
Baptist Hour	\$290.00	Improvements, Repair, New Equip.	\$0.00
Camp	\$3,000.00	Insurance	\$227.41
Disaster Relief	\$100.00	Special Gifts Expense	
Mission Fund	\$0.00	Baptist Hour	\$431.36
New Equipment	\$0.00	Camp	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$3.09	Disaster Relief	\$0.00
Total	\$3,393.09	Mission Fund	\$0.00
		New Equipment	\$0.00
Associational Missions		Miscellaneous	\$0.00
General Fund Balance - Checking	\$4,874.49	Total Expense	\$6,684.70
Special Gifts - Designated Savings	\$26,699.79		
Total	\$31,574.28		