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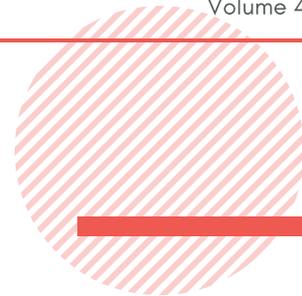
Briefs from Brent

There is much gloom that darkens our lives this Christmas. This has always been the case. In reality at any given time, some people are rejoicing and others are in mourning. Sometimes we are the ones rejoicing and sometimes it our period to mourn. As the old spiritual reminds us "sometimes I am up, and sometimes I am down, standing in the need of prayer."

Isaiah prophesied to a people who were experiencing national grief. To them he spoke a word of hope "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone" Isaiah 9:2. We may think of Christmas as a time of rejoicing. Indeed, we should rejoice at what Christ has done for us and what he will do for us in the days to come. But we should also be reminded that our Lord meets us in the darkness. Jesus came to the manger not for those in celebration but for those who were in mourning.

But in our mourning, we are given hope. That hope is found in a child who was born. Not just any child, but a child immaculately conceived. This child's genetics could be traced to the very loin of God. Therefore, he could govern with the power of God. He is a Wonderful Counselor whose truth and insight are always dependable. He is a Mighty God who could and would trample on injustice and elevate righteousness. He is, though born by natural means from a woman's womb, an Everlasting Father. For he was there in the beginning as the agent of creation speaking the world into existence. Through the ages he has upheld the world and kept it from crumbling. In the fullness of time, he was sent from his glorious perch in heaven to the decaying ghetto of earth to redeem humankind from the wretchedness of sin. That work of reclamation satisfied he went back to throne room of heaven and sat down, forever recognized as the eternal Lord and King. Thus, in our world forlorn, he is the Prince of Peace.

I have no peace this Christmas on my own work or my own merit. I am too weak, the darkness is too black, the night is too long, and the mourning is too intense for me to ever overcome. But when I go to the manger and gaze at Jesus I can celebrate in the midst of my mourning. I am walking in the darkness, but in Jesus I have seen the great light.



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GWBA News and Information

Walk thru the Old Testament



On Saturday March 12 Greater Wabash Baptist Association will be participating in and offering a great opportunity. We will be partnering with "Walk thru the Bible Ministry" to do a three-hour "Walk Thru the Old Testament". First Baptist Church of Albion will be our host church. Doors will open at 8:30 AM and the interactive study will begin at 9:00 AM. There will be a \$10 tuition for each participant. Phil Nelson from Carbondale will be our instructor for the event. Please promote this event and plan on participating. This is a great way to get a handle on how the Old Testament is compiled and get an understandable overview of the great events of the Old Testament.

Celebrating Baptisms

Wayne City Baptist Church Baptized five new believers on October 31. Let's rejoice with the church in the good work the Lord is doing there.



Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes



First Baptist Church in Carmi was the collection site in White County. They collected a total of 402 shoeboxes, which included FBC's 258.

North Side Baptist Church in Fairfield was the local receiving station for the Samaritan's Shoe Box Ministry. This year North Side collected 692 shoe boxes and delivered them to Mt. Vernon where they were loaded onto trucks as they began their journey to boys and girls across the world.



GWBA Missions Rally - March 21, 2022

Keep this date clear on your calendar! Our association will conduct a Missions Rally at First Baptist Church of Fairfield beginning at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, March 21st. There will be booths displaying different missions opportunities as well as activities to help us learn about and participate in missions. We will share a meal together and then gather in worship and hear an inspirational message. We hope to have something of interest for all ages.

GWBA - December Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 **Brent Cloyd** (celebrating six years at GWBA)
- 2 **Ryne Fullerton**
- 7 **Karen (Doug) Haile**
- 9 **Deanna (Stephen) Freels**
- 21 **Zoe Beth Caudill**
- 24 **Christine (Ed) Windland**
- 28 **David Smith**
- 28 **Josiah Freels**
- 30 **Kim (Matt) Barner**

Baptist Hour

WFIW 1390

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

December 2021	Speaker	Sponsored By
Friday 3	Don Wood	Ten Post Oak
Sunday 5	Dennis Southerd	Pleasant Hill
6 - 9	Bill McKiddy	Friends of the Baptist Hour
Friday 10	Don Wood	Friends of the Baptist Hour
Sunday 12	Troy Shook	Mt. Zion
13 - 16	Nathaniel Trowbridge	Samaria
Friday 17	Don Wood	Olive Branch
Sunday 19	Garrett Biggerstaff	Pleasant Grove
20 - 23	Brent Cloyd	Friends of the Baptist Hour
Friday 24	Don Wood	Arrington Prairie
Sunday 26	Chad Hershey	Sims
27 - 30	Brent Cloyd	North Side; Fairfield
Friday 31	Don Wood	Ten Post Oak

Did You Know?

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

greaterwabash.org

We're also on Facebook.

**Treasurer's Report
October 2021**

<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	\$150.00	AMS Housing Allowance	\$900.00
Ellis Mound Missionary Baptist Church	\$205.10	AMS Life & Disability Insurance	\$132.59
Elm River Baptist Church	\$0.00	AMS Retirement	\$925.00
First Baptist Church, Albion	\$871.02	AMS Salary	\$2,836.34
First Baptist Church, Carmi	\$575.00	Associational Expense	
First Baptist Church, Fairfield	\$827.25	Benevolence	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Grayville	\$284.66	Meeting Expense	\$0.00
First Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel	\$250.00	Printing Annuals	\$0.00
Jasper Baptist Church	\$128.68	Missions & Ministry	
Keenes Missionary Baptist Church	\$117.00	Leadership Development	\$250.00
Liberty Missionary Baptist Church	\$267.00	Mission Development	\$0.00
Mill Shoals Missionary Baptist Church	\$226.00	Senior Adults	\$0.00
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church	\$0.00	Student Ministry/Camp	\$0.00
North Side Baptist Church, Fairfield	\$327.41	WMU - Women's Ministry	\$0.00
Northside Missionary Baptist Church, Grayville	\$150.00	Office Expense	
Olive Branch Missionary Baptist	\$246.47	Office Supplies	\$46.92
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist	\$275.00	Postage	\$0.00
Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church	\$150.00	Telephone	\$105.59
Samaria Missionary Baptist Church	\$590.00	Utilities	\$152.19
Sims Missionary Baptist Church	\$275.31	Personnel Expense	
Stewart Street Baptist Church	\$194.96	Administrative Assistant Salary	\$450.00
Temple Baptist Church, McLeansboro	\$0.00	AMS Hospitality	\$165.00
Ten Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church	\$408.00	Associational Clerk Salary	\$0.00
Wayne City Baptist Church	\$267.83	Christmas Bonus	\$0.00
Miscellaneous	\$0.00	Convention Expense	\$0.00
Total Income - General Fund	\$6,811.69	Payroll Taxes	\$49.72
		Staff Mileage	\$597.52
		Treasurer	\$200.00
Special Gifts Income		Property & Insurance	
Baptist Hour	\$270.00	Improvements, Repair, New Equip.	\$0.00
Camp	\$0.00	Insurance	\$272.59
Disaster Relief	\$1,158.81	Total General Fund Expense	\$7,083.46
Mission Fund	\$0.00		
New Equipment	\$0.00	Special Gifts Expense	
Miscellaneous	\$1.46	Baptist Hour	\$655.59
Total	\$1,430.27	Camp	\$0.00
		Disaster Relief	\$193.85
Associational Missions		Mission Fund	\$0.00
General Fund Balance - Checking	\$4,629.84	New Equipment	\$0.00
Special Gifts - Designated Savings	\$36,572.06	Miscellaneous	\$0.00
Total	\$41,201.90	Total Special Gifts Expense	\$849.44
		Total Expense	\$7,932.90