
THE TIE

THE GREATER WABASH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
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Dear Greater Wabash Baptist Association family,

On September 20th, we held our 144th Annual Meeting of the Greater Wabash Baptist Association at First Baptist Church of Carmi. This was a significant meeting for our churches. One of the significant points of the annual meeting was the addition of Olney Southern Baptist Church of Olney, Illinois to the Greater Wabash family of churches. This brings the number of our churches to 23 churches. It was a great sight to see the messengers vote to admit this church into our family. Let's continue to pray for our family of churches to grow in connection and in number in the future.

One of the great experiences that was part of our annual meeting was the great sense of community that was seen and experienced in this great meeting. This feeling of community and fellowship was evident before, during and after the meeting. When you could see everyone reconnecting with old friends, and meeting new friends, it was encouraging. I personally enjoyed connecting with so many people that I had the privilege of meeting in my travels the last 5 months in my role of interim AMS. We want to keep building relationships with our churches as we serve the Lord.

We want to thank everyone at First Baptist Church of Carmi for making the meeting a great experience. We want to thank Pastor Drake Caudill for his leadership in preparing their church building and staff for the annual meeting. He spent hours preparing for the meeting and we are thankful for this participation. We want to thank the family at First Baptist Carmi for all they did to make the meeting a great experience for everyone.

We want to thank Pastor Dennis Seidel of Northside Grayville Missionary Baptist Church for leading our annual meeting as our moderator. We want to thank so many people who made the meeting such a great experience. We are thankful for the work of the three GWBA teams, the GWBA clerk, Kerri Mosson and the GWBA Treasurer, Janie Stephens to make the meeting a great time of fellowship, community and worship.

On a personal note, I am grateful for the support of the Association in calling me to serve in the role of Association Mission Strategist for the Greater Wabash Baptist Association. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve in this new role and I have a desire to serve our churches as your Servant and Shepherd. As I keep praying and serving you, please keep praying for Joann and I as we serve in this new role. We look forward to encouraging, engaging, and extending the Gospel with the Greater Wabash family.

In His Service,
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Baptisms

It is wonderful to see how the Lord continues to work in our churches.



Sadly, no GWBA baptisms have been reported this month. Let's join together to pray for the lost to come to the saving grace of Jesus and that they will follow in believer's baptism.

If your church has baptism pictures to share,
please send them to us so we can rejoice with you.

The New Faces of the GWBA Annual Meeting

Dr. **Scott Foshie**, the new Executive Director of Illinois Baptist State Association was our key note speaker. He also brought greetings from our state Association and shared some updates. IBSA has a new Vision Statement - Glorify God by impacting lostness with the light of the gospel together. We've also embarked on three partnerships: the International Mission Board, the North American Mission Board, and the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board.



This year's GWBA messengers voted to hire **Jay Loucks** as our Associational Mission Strategist. Jay's leadership will move us toward great things in the future of our association.



Although he wasn't able to be present, **Don Hood** is the newest pastor of our association. He is the pastor of Olney Southern Baptist Church. This year's messengers voted to accept the church as a cooperating GWBA church.



Jeanette Cloyd's Retirement

This edition of The Tie is my final accomplishment as the Administrative Assistant of GWBA. Thank you for allowing me to serve in this capacity. When Brent retired in the spring I advised the Leadership team that I was committed to staying on until the association hired Brent's replacement. Doing so not only provided some continuity, it also assured that the new AMS would be able to determine his own needs for an Administrative Assistant.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my years serving as the Administrative Assistant. As I move into retirement, this is not good-bye, but rather I will see you again soon, now as a friendly GWBA face rather than as an employee.

Jeanette

Information from GWBA Churches

Round Up Sunday at North Side, Fairfield



There were a lot of fun activities on the grounds of North Side, Fairfield following Sunday morning worship on September 27th. It was Round Up Sunday which included a western-themed meal and activities for the children.



The children were deputized and sent into the hallway of the church to look for outlaws. Wanted posters featured some of the church members.



Ten Post Oak Homecoming

The church family of Ten Post Oak enjoyed their annual Homecoming on September 27th.



Keenes Has a New Church Sign



What's Coming in GWBA Churches

All Church Training

An All-Church Training event will be held at First Baptist Church of Grayville on October 13th starting with registration and refreshments at 5:30 pm. This is an IBSA training event for pastors and church leaders. This is a free event to help churches to grow in their effectiveness in ministry. Please plan to attend this great training. Go [HERE](#) for more information and to pre-register.

Homecoming at Liberty Baptist

Liberty Baptist Church of Burnt Prairie will be having their homecoming services on October 11th.

Sims Events

Sims Missionary Baptist Church will also be holding their homecoming services on October 11th. They will also be holding a week of revival during October 12-17th. Pastor Ken Wilson will be their revival speaker.



Pastor's Daughter to Wed

Pastor Nathaniel Trowbridge and his wife Brianna, will be celebrating the wedding of their daughter Kamryn on Saturday October 10th

Operation Christmas Child

North Side Baptist Church of Fairfield will be the Wayne County Collection site for Operation Christmas Child. Collection Week is November 16-23.



All Church Training

Oct. 13, 2026 | 5:30PM

FBC Grayville
2301 Broster Road
Grayville, IL 62844

ALL CHURCH TRAINING

ALL CHURCH TRAINING is a regional event created to equip pastors, ministry leaders, and volunteers with practical, high-impact training—right where you are.

Pastors, ministry leaders, and volunteers will receive high-quality training on foundations and best practices that lead to a healthy, growing church.

BRING YOUR WHOLE TEAM!

5:30 PM | Registration, Refreshments & Snacks

6:00 PM | Partnership Matters with Scott Foshie, IBSA Executive Director or Mark Emerson, Assoc. Ex. Director

6:40 PM | Breakout Session 1

7:30 PM | Break

7:40 PM | Breakout Session 2

8:30 PM | Dismiss

BREAKOUTS

- **Prayer Revolution**
- **Discipling Families Through the Digital Age**
- **Simple Steps to Make Your Church Safer for Kids and Teens**
- **Building a Culture of Discipleship that Engages Women**
- **From the Streets to the Pulpit: A Discipleship Strategy for Evangelism**
- **Sharing the Gospel through Compassion**

Register: [IBSA.org/ACT](https://www.ibsa.org/ACT)
Cost: Free for Cooperating IBSA Churches
Questions: TammyButler@IBSA.org



Fall Happenings

Many of our churches will be hosting events this fall. Please pray for one another and for the events that will take place.



AN EVENT FOR THE FAMILY

October 31, 2026 | 5:00PM - 7:30PM

TREAT & EAT

- At Sims Missionary Baptist Church
- Kids go around the room and get their CANDY and then have SUPPER!
- Supper for Everyone: Chili, Hot Dogs, Chips and Desserts
- Parents: We will also have a registration for a Coat for your children.

310 S. Bond St., Sims

IBSA Youth Encounter



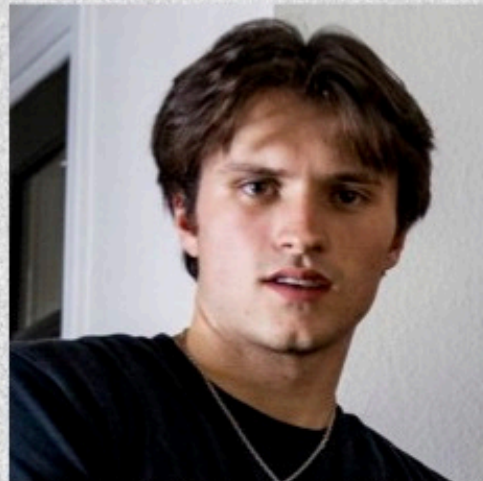
COST: \$15
INCLUDES MEAL
AND SHIRT

SOUTH | OCTOBER 11

FIRST BAPTIST, HERRIN (3:00 – 9:00 PM)

Youth Encounter is a 1-day youth evangelism experience designed to reach students in Jr/Sr High School with the Gospel and deepen their relationship with Christ.

Students will participate in worship, hear dynamic preaching, and grow in their relationship with Christ. Youth groups are encouraged to attend together and bring friends. Join us at one of three locations.



SPEAKER
Scottie McDowell

*"Why Christianity
Makes Sense"*

Check-in | 3:00 - 3:30 PM
Main Session 1 | 3:30 - 4:45 PM
Break | 4:45 - 5:00 PM
Breakout 1 | 5:00 - 5:45 PM
Dinner | 5:45 - 6:45 PM
Breakout 2 | 6:45 - 7:30 PM
Break | 7:30 - 7:45 PM
Main Session 2 | 7:45 - 9:00 PM

REGISTER: [IBSA.ORG/YOUTHENCOUNTER](https://ibsa.org/youthencounter)

IBSA | Next Gen

IBSA Annual Meeting

The Illinois Baptist State Association will be holding its annual meeting at Metro Community Church in Edwardsville, Illinois on November 3-4. Please plan to register and attend this great time of Illinois Baptists meeting together in a time of business, worship and fellowship. An exciting part of the meeting will be the admission over 20 new churches to the IBSA family. This is a great time to fellowship with other pastors, churches and ministry leaders.

Please check out all of the details and pre-register [HERE](#).

Main Session Speakers

This year's Annual Meeting has an outstanding list of main session speakers:

- Tuesday Evening - Tennessee Baptist Mission Board Executive Director Randy Davis
- Wednesday Afternoon - SBC Executive Committee President and CEO Jeff Iorg
- Wednesday Afternoon - New President of the SBC's Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission Evan Lenow
- Wednesday Evening - International Mission Board President Paul Chitwood

Childcare is available to those who register in advance, for children ages 6-weeks to 10-years-old, all provided by our trained Illinois Baptist Disaster Relief Childcare workers. Childcare will be open during all sessions and Wednesday Breakouts, but closed during meal times.

Sandy Wisdom-Martin, an Illinois native who has served as the Executive Director-Treasurer of Woman's Missionary Union will also be at our annual meeting. Sandy's formative years included many adventures at Lake Sallateeska. After college and seminary she served in ministry positions in Arkansas, Illinois and Texas before taking the position at WMU.

There will be a dessert fellowship at 8:30 pm in the foyer of the Metro Community Church of Edwardsville in honor of Sandy Wisdom-Martin and in celebration of her upcoming retirement after 10 years at WMU.



IBSA College Student Care Packages

One major way to show the next generation the love of Christ is by helping churches provide care packages to College students. We're collecting items that will enable churches to reach out to local college campuses and universities.

Collegiate Care Packages

- Ramen Noodles
- Goldfish/Cheez-its/Chex Mix
- Chips
- Jerky
- Oreos
- Chocolate Bars or other candy
- Fruit Snacks
- Mac and Cheese (Boxes or Easy Mac)
- Nuts (Mixed Nuts, pistachios, etc.)
- Popcorn (Pre-Popped individual bags, or Microwavable Bags)
- Pop (Coke, Sprite, Dr. Pepper, Mountain Dew)
- La Croix (Sparkling Water)
- Tide Pods/ other laundry detergent
- Kleenex
- Hand Sanitizer
- Lotion
- Starbucks Gift Card (\$10)
- Card encouraging them

Please bring items to the IBSA Annual Meeting, Nov. 2-3,
at Metro Community Church, Edwardsville. Items will be
packaged and distributed by campus ministries.

Questions? Contact
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Team Freels for Bosnians

BOSNIANS in NORTH AMERICA

Bosniaks (Bosnian Muslims) - a frontier, unreached people group

Population: 361,000 **Major Religion:** Islam

LOSTNESS: 99.927%



- Begin the first Bosnian church in North America
- Raise up laborers in every city in North America that has a significant Bosnian population
- Train and send Bosnians to reach Bosnians abroad

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Lake Sallateeska Workday

LAKE SALLATEESKA WORKDAY

Come out and help get the camp ready for winter.
rake leaves, clear up branches, cut up downed
trees, clean buildings, etc.

**NOV 17TH
9AM-3PM**

Call or Text to tell us you are planning to attend
(815) 992-5947



GWBA Has a New Associational Mission Strategist

Our association is blessed to have Jay Loucks as our Associational Mission Strategist. He has served us well in the part-time Interim role for the past five months and is ready to have more time to invest in the work of the association.

Jay is active at the state level, having served on the IBSA Search Committee during its search for the current Executive Director. Jay also continues to serve as an IBSA Board Member.

Jay has served churches in Arizona, West Virginia, Ohio, and Illinois.

Jay is blessed to have a wonderful ministry partner. He and his wife Joann have been married for 30 years. They are the parents of two young adults : Jay III and Janna (Loucks) Kappler.

Having been the previous AMS's wife, Jeanette Cloyd encourages us to : *Please remember to pray for Jay and his wife Joann as they transition into his full-time role. Occasional texts, emails or cards of appreciation would likely be appreciated as well.*

Thank you for your leadership, Jay.



GWBA - October Birthdays and Anniversaries

- 1 **Christian Cullison** (celebrating 3 years at Albion)
- 1 **Nathaniel Trowbridge** (celebrating 10 years at Samaria)
- 5 **Matt Rhinehart**
- 8 **Bennie and Sheila Tomberlin**
- 31 **Tim Collins** (celebrating 27 year at Liberty)



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 August 2026			
General Fund Income	Amount	General Fund Expenses	Amount
Crossville Missionary Baptist Church	\$ 300.00	AMS Health Life Retirement	\$ -
Ellis Mound Missionary Baptist Church	\$ -	AMS Salary	\$ 2,601.00
Elm River Baptist Church	\$ 50.00	Meeting Expense	\$ -
First Baptist Church, Albion	\$ 673.86	Office Expense	\$ 157.71
First Baptist Church, Carmi	\$ 575.00	Telephone	\$ 93.70
First Baptist Church, Fairfield	\$ 200.00	Utilities	\$ 334.75
First Baptist Church, Grayville	\$ 334.00	Administrative Assistant Salary	\$ 450.00
First Baptist Church, Mt. Carmel	\$ 250.00	AMS Hospitality	\$ -
Jasper Baptist Church	\$ 60.13	Christmas Bonus	\$ -
Keenes Missionary Baptist Church	\$ -	Convention Expense	\$ -
Liberty Missionary Baptist Church	\$ 382.00	Payroll Taxes	\$ 53.54
Mill Shoals Missionary Baptist Church	\$ 239.00	Staff Mileage	\$ 428.64
Mt. Zion Missionary Baptist Church	\$ -	Treasurer Salary	\$ 250.00
North Side Baptist Church, Fairfield	\$ 513.39	Improvements Repair New Equipment	\$ 1,445.02
Northside Missionary Baptist Church, Grayville	\$ -	Benevolence	\$ -
Olive Branch Missionary Baptist	\$ 254.00	Leadership Development	\$ -
Pleasant Grove Missionary Baptist Church	\$ 400.00	Mission Development	\$ -
Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church	\$ -	Payroll Liabilities	\$ -
Samaria Missionary Baptist Church	\$ 439.92	Student Ministry/Camp	\$ -
Sims Missionary Baptist Church	\$ 411.44	WMU	\$ -
Stewart Street Baptist Church	\$ 84.52	Postage	\$ -
Ten Post Oak Missionary Baptist Church	\$ 128.00	Associational Clerk Salary	\$ -
Wayne City Baptist Church	\$ 280.05	Insurance	\$ 416.66
Miscellaneous	\$ 50.00	Total General Fund Expenses	\$ 6,231.02
Transfer from Savings	\$ 38,947.96		
Investment Income	\$ -	Associational Missions Bank Balances	
Total - General Fund	\$ 44,553.27	General Fund Balance - Checking	\$ 4,495.59
		Special Gifts - Designated Savings	\$ 3,013.92
Monthly Income & Transfers	\$ 44,553.27	Total	\$ 7,509.51
Previous Balance	\$ 5,121.30		
Expenses	\$ 45,178.98	Investments	
General Fund Balance	\$ 4,495.59	Baptist Foundation of IL	\$ 60,000.00
		BFI Cash Management	\$ 61,800.46
		Peoples National Bank	\$ 70,299.59
		Total	\$ 192,100.05
Special Gifts Income		Special Gifts Expense	
Camp	\$ 4,645.00	Camp	\$ 38,910.00
Disaster Relief	\$ 100.00	Disaster Relief	\$ 37.96
Mission Fund	\$ -	Mission Fund	\$ -
New Equipment	\$ -	New Equipment	\$ -
Miscellaneous	\$ 1.31	Miscellaneous Transfer	\$ -
Total	\$ 4,746.31	Total	\$ 38,947.96

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