



The  
**Hardeman Baptist  
Herald**

SEPTEMBER  
2023

HARDEMAN COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING  
MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 4pm to 8pm  
Meal at 5:30pm  
PARRANS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH  
THEME: "WE SHALL NOT FAINT NOR GROW WEARY"  
Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 12:1

You will want to attend! Please, take time off work to be there for this meeting.

Bro. Matt Grear from Missionary Grove Baptist Church, Camden will be our guest speaker for the 4pm session. He will bring an inspirational message on how God has worked in his life and church.

---

Paul wrote in **Philippians 1:12-14**; <sup>12</sup>But I want you to know, brethren, that the things *which happened* to me have actually turned out for the furtherance of the gospel, <sup>13</sup>so that it has become evident to the whole palace guard, and to all the rest, that my chains are in Christ; <sup>14</sup>and most of the brethren in the Lord, having become confident by my chains, are much more bold to speak the word without fear.

I read this recently and this question struck me: "How important is our reputation?" As I pondered this, I began to ask other questions as well: "How important is my reputation?"; "Does my reputation inspire others to be much more bold to speak the word without fear?"

I have read much about the fall of Willie McLaurin. I have known Willie several years. He is truly a gifted leader. However, it is always wrong to lie, to misrepresent the truth, etc. He lied about his educational credentials and is now suffering the consequences. Also, trust is a fragile privilege that must not be taken lightly.

I am not writing this to discuss Willie. I am writing because it has brought me to the sobering reality that this has given the enemy ammunition to shoot at Christianity and the SBC. And, sadly, for us to shoot at each other. *No one is above any sin.* The moment we think we are, we are vulnerable in our pride. Hearing about Willie should cause us all to do serious inventory: Is there anything in us that would bring reproach on the name of Jesus? If so, we need to repent!

And what about your local church? Your church has a reputation in your community. Ask people in your community...find out what is your church's reputation. If it does not honor Jesus, seek ways to change it so your witness can proclaim the word boldly!

Let's Build His Kingdom Together!

Bro. Tommy



**County Wide  
MEN'S PRAYER MEETING**

*Will be held at*  
**MIDDLEBURG BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*105 Newcastle Drive, Bolivar, TN*  
**Tuesday, SEPTEMBER 12, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m.**

*All men are welcome to join and if any would like to host the meeting, YOU WILL BE BLESSED!*

---

**BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARYS**

- Sept. 1    *Robert & Carol Buse, Anniversary*  
            *New Bethel , (P)*
- Sept. 5    *Amy Wade, Dixie Hills*
- Sept. 10   *Adrian Knipper, Porters Creek*
- Sept. 20   *Dave Wade, Dixie Hills*
- Sept. 23   *Kyle Rhea, Bolivar FBC, (P)*
- Sept. 26   *Peggy Knipper, Porters Creek*
- 

**ANNUAL CHURCH PROFILE**

**ATTENTION PASTORS / CHURCH CLERKS .**  
*We hope you have received your ACP. They Were Mailed To You the 16th and 17th of August. Please fill these out and send back ASAP .*  
**D Due back: Sept. 21, 2023.**

**ASSOCIATIONAL  
ANNUAL MEETING  
OCTOBER 16, 2023**

**PARRANS CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**4 p.m. to 8 p.m.**  
**Meal at 5:30 p.m.**

**"Theme"**  
**"WE SHALL NOT FAINT NOR GROW WEARY"**

**Galatians 6:9; Hebrews 12:1**

---

**"DRIVE THRU PRAYER"**

*Drive Thru Prayer Minister will meet every Thursday from 7 a.m. to 9 a.m. @ the Old Wheelers Furniture parking lot on South Main Street in Bolivar, Volunteers are needed to come pray with people. You will be blessed!*

---

**CHURCHES, PASTORS, WMU LEADERS**

**Week of Prayer for Tennessee Baptist Missions and Golden Offering**  
**September 10-17, 2023**

**Your Association has the prayer guides and a few Posters if needed for your church. Come pick some up. 755 Vildo Rd. Bolivar.**

**Theme "With God all things are possible".**  
**Matthew 19:26**



**Dixie Hills ...** Celebrate Recovery will open to the public on Tuesday, September 5th, 6:30-8:30 in the Fellowship Hall. "About 1 in 3 people attend CR for drug and/or alcohol issues. Many kinds of Hurts, Hangups and Habits are addressed. All are welcome, God never wastes a Hurt." Contact Richard LeNoir for more information: 731-433-8587. Childcare provided during the meetings. The New Church Year began this month. Four couples dedicated their little ones to the Lord on Sunday morning, August 6th. Each was presented with a small Bible and a letter from the pastor that is to be opened upon salvation. Mark Powell was ordained as a deacon on Sunday night, August 6th. The Women's Ministry enjoyed a luncheon and fellowship on Sunday, August 13th. Men's Breakfast scheduled for Saturday morning, September 22rd. Plans are underway for this year's Focus Week in October.

**Hebron ...** Received one by baptism. September 10, recognizing Grandparents with church-wide meal at Noon. September 16, Movie Night, 6 pm. September 22-24 Fall Revival with Bro. Eric Jones of Gravel Hill Baptist Church. Revival service as follows, Fri-Sat 7 pm. Sunday 11 am & 6 pm. All are welcome. Men and Women ministry to Christian Care Center.

**Hornsby ...** A Prayer breakfast was held on August 5th with Becky Stanton, who is a staff member of Hornsby Elementary, was the speaker. Thankful for Becky and the work she is doing. Those attending, then walked through the school and prayed over the classrooms. We thank Lily Barnes who gets everything together for the Prayer breakfast. "Project 4:13 started back on August 16th with a great turnout of 133. Lots of great things are in the making with the church for this fall and winter, looking forward to them all! Always Praise God!!

**Middleton FBC...** Our ladies involved in the Card Ministry met Aug. 2nd and mailed 18 cards. The Mobile Food Pantry made a delivery on Thursday, Aug. 3rd. The next delivery date is Thursday, September 7th. We had a fellowship meal on Friday, August 18th, with salads and sandwiches provided. Church members brought dessert. We had a couple of special business meeting this month regarding the budget for 2023-2024.

**Piney Grove...** Aug. 5 we helped with a Graduation/Celebration for Andrea & Gracie Howell who graduated from Cosmetology School. This event was held at Porters Creek Baptist Church. Aug. 6 had 3 to move membership to our church, Piney Grove. Aug. 11 Prayer Warriors met. Aug. 19 had Cottage Prayer meeting at the

home of Wayne & Gwen Cox. Aug. 27 Enjoyed a fellowship meal.

New times: Sunday evening Services will begin at 5 p.m., and our Wednesday night services will begin at 6 p.m.

**Pocahontas ...** Hello from FBC Pocahontas. Been busy here, praying for all the kids and teachers starting back to school. Had lunch and a water day for the kids Sunday afternoon July 30, everyone seemed to have had a great time. The youth went to Ripey, MS on Aug. 9 to a Teen Praise and Worship Service at the fairgrounds. Ladies went to the Top of the River on the 8th. Had an awesome baby shower for Monica and Scott Meyer on the 12th. They are so ready to welcome their sweet baby boy. Congratulations to Dylan and Alie Tetelton on the birth of their triplets born August 10th, Mom and babies are doing very well. We had 6 new souls added to our family. Thank you Jesus. Remember to send a card or make a call to someone if they are on your heart, pray for your pastor and his family as well as our sister churches. Love from FBC Pocahontas.

**Porters Creek ...** Our church family grew in July with one Baptism! In August, we started Awana and the Youth Group back on Wednesday nights at 6 pm, and we also started a new College & Career Sunday School Class! Our children had a great back to school swim party, and our youth went to the Jackson Family Fun Center! We also started collecting Christmas backpacks for TN Children and Youth. In September we will start collecting for the Golden Offering. Our children are planning to go bowling, and the youth are planning to attend the "Come to the River Concert" in Pickwick.

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR  
TENNESSEE STATE MISSIONS  
and GOLDEN OFFERING**

**SEPTEMBER 10-17**

**GOTM GOAL: for 2023-2024**

**\$2,700,000**

**THEME: With God All  
things are possible"  
Matthew 19:26**

(ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED)

Hardeman Baptist Association  
P.O. Box 475  
Bolivar, TN 38008



LABOR DAY  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2023

**COMING ACTIVITIES: SEPTEMBER 2023**

\* MEN'S NIGHT OF PRAYER, second Tuesday of each month, hosted by churches across HCBA 7:00 PM

"Drive Thru Prayer" Ministry to meet every Thursday from 7 am to 9am @ the Old Wheelers Furniture parking lot on South Main Street in Bolivar.

Sept. 10 GRANDPARENTS DAY

September 25 Ministry Groups Meeting--  
Missions @ 6 p.m. Administration Ser. @ 7 p.m.

Sept. 10-17 Week of Prayer for State Missions/GOTN

Sept. 23 First Day of Autumn

OCT. 16 HCB ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING

Parrans Chapel BC 4:00--8:00 p.m.

Fellowship Meal at 5:30 p.m.

NOV. 12-15 SUMMIT, The Gathering of Tennessee Baptist Chattanooga Convention Center.

**GIFTS FROM CHURCHES TO ASSOCIATION Received by Aug. 25**

**August 2023 Budg.**

Bethlehem	<u>.00</u>
Bolivar First	<u>1153.00</u>
Brints Chapel	<u>.00</u>
Center Point	<u>400.00</u>
Cloverport	<u>.00</u>
Dixie Hills	<u>678.33</u>
Ebenezer	<u>.00</u>
Essary Springs	<u>.00</u>
Grace	<u>500.00</u>
Grand Junction	<u>708.00</u>
Hatchie	<u>.00</u>
Hebron	<u>741.72</u>
Hickory Valley	<u>486.00</u>
Hornsby	<u>.00</u>
Middleburg	<u>300.00</u>
Middleton	<u>350.00</u>
Midway	<u>360.00</u>
New Bethel	<u>.00</u>

New Union	<u>.00</u>
Parrans Chapel	<u>.00</u>
Piney Grove	<u>489.60</u>
Pleasant Grove	<u>.00</u>
Pocahontas	<u>.00</u>
Porters Creek	<u>500.00</u>
Rocky Springs	<u>.00</u>
Saulsbury	<u>257.45</u>
Shandy	<u>136.00</u>
Silerton	<u>115.46</u>
Toone	<u>513.58</u>
Trinity	<u>200.00</u>
Truth & Life	<u>.00</u>
Walnut Grove	<u>94.00</u>
West Memorial	<u>339.19</u>
Whiteville	<u>20.00</u>
Individuals	<u>.00</u>

\*denotes 2 or more months

A SPECIAL THANKS TO EACH CHURCH AND INDIVIDUAL FOR YOUR GIFTS TO OUR LORD'S WORK THROUGH YOUR ASSOCIATION.