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Churches serving Christ together in Coffee, Franklin, & Grundy Counties...and to the uttermost part of the earth.

Congratulations to Rev. Patrick Waller

Sunday, May 7th, Patrick Waller was ordained to the Gospel Ministry at College Street Baptist Church in Tullahoma. Patrick has been serving as their pastor since November 2020.

This is his first pastorate. Pictured with Patrick (center) is his wife, Megan, and retiring DRBA Director of Missions, Mark Puckett



If you would like to receive this newsletter please email us at: drbamissions@gmail.com.

Congratulations

to the recipients of 2023-24 DRBA Scholarships. These recipients are preparing for vocational ministry in a SBC or TBMB supported college or seminary.

Noah Henley / FBC Cowan— Christopher Norman/ Highland Baptist Church— Eban Noland / FBC Decherd





Growing Hispanic Ministry in Manchester

May 5th, leaders of two different Hispanic ministries in Manchester met over lunch to discuss how the two could work together for greater impact. First Baptist Manchester has been sponsoring a work in their facility for several years. More recently, a Hispanic pastor in Shelbyville has been leading a home-based group in Manchester.

Pictured above (L-R): Mark Puckett, retiring DRBA Director of Missions; Rogelio Villanueva, Hispanic ministry leader at FBC Manchester; Brenton Cox, Pastor, FBC Manchester; Juan Natal, TBMB; Mateo Quinonez, church planter; Lorenzo Ramirez and Francisco Jose, church plant leaders.

Don't forget
to sign up for
Vacation
Bible School
at your local
church.



Motlow Baptist Collegiate Ministry is recruiting churches to provide meals on Mondays for the students and staff for the Fall and Spring semester. If your church is interested in participating please contact Nathan Dorrell at (931) 455-1536

Shelby Watkins will be serving in England as a summer intern with the International Mission Board.

The DRBA Executive Board approved supporting this IMB initiative by paying the expenses of a student from a local DRBA church. Shelby is a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Manchester and also a student at Gardner-Webb University in NC, preparing for vocational ministry. Please pray for Shelby this summer, that the Lord would use her to touch many lives in England.





May 21st, Zach Stevens was called as Student Pastor by FBC Tullahoma. Zach is from the church and just graduated from Southern Baptist Seminary in Louisville, KY. This is his first church staff position.

Zach has been a multi-year recipient of a DRBA Scholarship for those entering vocational ministry. This is an example of the DRBA investing in our young people to raise up the next generation of leaders in our churches.

Message from our new Director of Missions

To my new DRBA family and co-laborers in the gospel, greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus. I am truly humbled and honored to bring you my first newsletter article as the new Director of Missions for Duck River. I am looking forward to getting to know each and every church family in the coming months, and would consider it an honor to be able to speak from your pulpits. I also look forward to being "encourager-in-residence" for each and every pastor and staff member in each congregation. I believe the coming months and years will prove to be honoring to the Lord as we seek to reach our counties, our state, our nation and our world, TOGETHER.



I would also like to take the time to thank a few people. First, to the DOM search committee, thank you for your diligence in seeking the Lord, and for your kindness and hospitality in this process. To Mark Puckett, thank you for your encouragement, your guidance, and now your friendship. I look forward to what the Lord has in store for you, and I know the family of the DRBA are grateful for the many years of service you gave them. You will always hold a special place in their hearts. And to Debbie Johnson, thank you for keeping me informed and "in the know" for all things DRBA as I prepared for the transition, and now as I begin in this ministry. I am truly excited about working with you as we serve the DRBA together.

As the Apostle Paul put it. "I thank my God upon every remembrance of you always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy, for your fellowship in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ." (Philippians 1:3-6) May the Lord bless and keep, and should you need me for anything, you can reach me via cell, text, email, or at the office.

In HIS Service— Matt Ledbetter—DOM DRBA

**How may we serve your church?
We're here to help.**

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at the Jesus Tent at Bonnaroo**

June 15-18

www.theJesusTent.com

We need 120+ volunteers to serve as greeters, in food service, and sharing in conversation that can lead to spiritual conversations. Go to the website to sign-up for any amount of time over the four-day event.



Don't throw your old literature away!

Send it to the mission field.

June 5-8, the DRBA will host a Literature Drive.

Please bring any gently used and unused Sunday School, Discipleship Training, and other Bible study materials to the Association Office.

Drop-off hours are 8A-12 noon

