

# The Messenger

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## Save us a stamp and help fund a new ministry!

Dr. Tyson is challenging the good folks of the RCBA to step up and help fund a huge ministry opportunity to Hispanics (see this month's letter, page 3). One big way to do that is as simple as saving us a stamp. *The Messenger* is sent to approximately 1,000 homes at a cost of \$5,400 a year. By signing up to receive the electronic version via email, you help us reallocate the money saved to support the Hispanic ministry. If just 400 people switched, that would be \$2,400!

Ready to help? Switch to the electronic version of *The Messenger* by calling the office at 615-384-8197 or going to our web site at [www.rcbatn.org](http://www.rcbatn.org) and clicking on the "Newsletter" link.

Fill out the form (which tells us to remove you from the postal mail database) and when finished hit the "Submit" button.

**A confirmation page will appear with a special link to one last form where you can sign up for the email newsletter. It's that easy!**

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Save a stamp - Support the new Hispanic Ministry!

Your response has been recorded. THERE'S JUST ONE MORE STEP... Now please go here to sign up for the electronic version of the RCBA newsletter: <http://rcbatn.org/LMB>

Edit your response [Click this link!](#)

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RCBA Newsletter

Last step! Fill out this form and you're done!

Thank you for taking a step to save a stamp and support the Hispanic ministry. Just fill out the information to receive the electronic version of *The Messenger*. You'll receive a confirmation email with the link to the newsletter. Thank you for your support!

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## OUR CHURCHES

Barren Plains  
 Battle Creek  
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 Bethlehem  
 Cedar Hill  
 Center Point  
 Cherry Mound  
 Cross Roads  
 Eastland Heights  
 Ebenezer  
 Epiphany  
 Flewellyn  
 Grace, Pleasant View  
 Grace, Springfield  
 Greenbrier First  
 Harmony  
 Hopewell  
 Lighthouse  
 Lights Chapel  
 Mt. Carmel  
 North Springfield  
 Oak Grove  
 Oakland  
 Orlinda  
 Pleasant Hill  
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 Solid Rock  
 Springfield  
 Springhill  
 The Grove  
 Temple  
 White House First  
 Williams Chapel

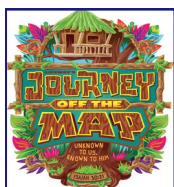
# Church News

**BARREN PLAINS** is seeking a **Minister of Music**. If interested, please mail a resume to: BPBC, Attn: Music Search Committee, 4507 Corbin-Sneed Road, Springfield, TN 37172 or email: [aellis1951@aol.com](mailto:aellis1951@aol.com)

**ORLINDA** has called Michael Johnson as their new **Minister of Music and Youth**.

**PLEASANT VIEW FIRST** is seeking a **Part-time Music Director**. Please send questions and resumes to Beth Jarrell at [jarrell\\_beth@yahoo.com](mailto:jarrell_beth@yahoo.com)

**TEMPLE**, along with the White House Pastoral Association and On the Go Ministries, will be sponsoring a **one day festival** at White House Park on **August 15**. More details will follow as time draws closer, but mark your calendars now for this special event.



## VBS Associational Clinic

April 16, 2015

6:30 - 9:00 PM

Temple Baptist Church

Classes will be held for:

- Directors
- 3rd-4th Grade
- Decorations
- 2-3 years
- 5th-6th Grade
- Recreation
- 4-5 years
- Youth
- Missions
- 1st-2nd grade
- Snacks / Crafts
- Back Yard Club

David Evans will conduct a class on "Reaching Millennials" for our association pastors during the clinic.

Each church attending will receive free lanyards for their leaders. Door prizes will be given to the churches with the most people attending.

There will be a VBS consignment order this year. The association will receive a 15% commission on all orders placed through RCBA. Place your orders now and pick up your materials at the office with no shipping charges.

**OUR MISSION STATEMENT:** *A family of churches working together in equipping and encouraging one another in fulfilling the Great Commission.*

## DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS—Dr. Robert E. Tyson, Sr.



In the last fifteen years, **God has placed a mission field right at our doorstep!** The Hispanic population in our area, our Judea, has exploded, growing much faster than anyone predicted. In 2000, the census counted only 1,447 Hispanics and estimated there would be 3,574 by 2016. However, the 2010 Census showed us the population had already grown to over 3,900 and it continues to grow so fast that people are guessing at what it is today.

Here is what we know: Right now, within our schools, Hispanic students equal 51.4% of the enrollment of Bransford Elementary, 39.1% of Cheatham Park Elementary 42% of Westside Elementary, 23.8% of Krisle Elementary, and 35% of Springfield Middle. These numbers are likely to increase. Over the next several years, experts are projecting that in Tennessee the Hispanic population will grow by another 25%.

**Friends, Jesus is presenting us with an unparalleled opportunity.**

In 2014, William Burton (Tennessee Baptist Convention leader for ethnic work) affirmed a bold idea: Have the churches of the RCBA **hire a Coordinator for Hispanic Work.** This person would be a church start strategist for Southern Baptist work among the Hispanics, and, obviously, be in the U.S. legally and be bilingual.

**In October, the churches' messengers said, "Yes."** Now we are...

- sharing the vision
- developing a job description
- receiving resumes
- interviewing possible candidates
- setting up a designated line in the budget to provide funding for the position. As you can imagine, funding is the biggest challenge.

**What can you do to help fund this position?**

- **Pray.** Ask God what He wants each of us to do.
- **Give.** Each church can give a little extra to the association (noting they want their extra giving to go toward funding the Coordinator for Hispanic Work). Individuals can also give toward this position.
- **Help.** Help us reallocate funds already in the budget by simply choosing an email version of the newsletter. Presently, we mail over 900 newsletters a month, at about .50 per copy. That equals to \$5400 a year. If just 400 folks chose the electronic option, we could slash that nearly in half. See the front page of this month's newsletter to see how.

I look forward to sharing more about this kingdom opportunity soon!

**RCBA COMMITTEE/COUNCIL  
MEETING IN MARCH**

(All meetings held in the RCBA conference room)

- Minister's Conference, March. 3, 8:00 AM
- Committee on Committees, March 3, 6:00 PM
- Missions Development, March 17, 6:00 PM
- Personnel Committee, March 24, 6:00 PM

**A Place of Grace**

A new clothing ministry located at:  
Bethlehem Baptist Church  
3323 Bethlehem Rd., Springfield  
615-992-0213

**Open Wednesdays 10 AM-2 PM**  
Clothing is free to anyone in need!

Donations of clothing, shoes, coats,  
and small appliances appreciated.

**LOOKING AHEAD TO APRIL!**

April 3	Good Friday, RCBA Office Closed
April 5	Easter Sunday
April 8	Ministers Conference, RCBA, 8:00 AM
April 16	VBS Clinic, Temple Baptist, 6:30 PM –9:00 PM
April 19	Kay Woods Retirement Party, Rock Springs Baptist, 2:30 PM
April 20	Associational Council Meeting, RCBA, 11:00 AM
April 20	Budget and Finance Meeting, RCBA, 5:30 PM
April 21	Missions Development Council, RCBA, 6:00 PM
April 25	State Children's Bible Drill, Hermitage Hills, 8:00 AM—12:00 PM
April 27	Executive Board Meeting, Springfield Baptist Chapel, 7:00-9:00 PM

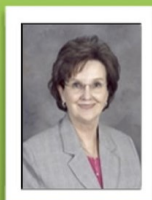
**UPCOMING ASSOCIATION MISSION TRIP**

*Loving Lynch*...part 2  
May 24 - 29, 2015

We will be making another mission trip to the Lynch, KY, area! This year, we will be staying at Calvary Campus which is an outreach of Meridzo Ministries. Again, there will be plenty of work for us to do and many people to help. If you were with us last year, we would love for you to join us again. If you were unable to go last time, now is your opportunity to be blessed by the giving of your time and efforts to assist those who need it the most. We will again have a Loving Lynch tree for everyone to be able to be a part of this work.

Applications can be picked up at the RCBA office or printed from our website at [www.rcbatn.org](http://www.rcbatn.org). The cost will be \$175 with a deposit of \$75 due by March 31. The remainder will be due by April 24.

# Join us for a Retirement Party



## Kay Woods Celebrating 28 Years Serving with the RCBA

Sunday, April 19 • 2:30-4:30  
Rock Springs Baptist Church

*Refreshments will be served and a money tree will be available for those wanting to express appreciation for her years of service*

**All For You**  
SURRENDER · SACRIFICE · SERVE  
*Matt 9:34*  
GATLINBURG CONVENTION CENTER  
GATLINBURG, TENNESSEE  
*Missions Put Together and Connected*

### MISSIONS GET-TOGETHER

An event for women

Featured speakers:  
Jean Roberson &  
Rachel Lovingood

**March 20-22**

Gatlinburg Convention Center,  
Gatlinburg, TN

For more information, go to:  
[www.tnwmu.org](http://www.tnwmu.org)

**STAND**  
MARCH 13-14, 2015  
YEECTN.ORG  
800.558.2090 x 7933

Featuring:  
Clayton King, Rend Collective,  
and the YEC Worship Band.

Early Bird Rate: \$25 for two  
days. Municipal Auditorium,  
Nashville, TN

Go to [www.tn.org](http://www.tn.org) for more info

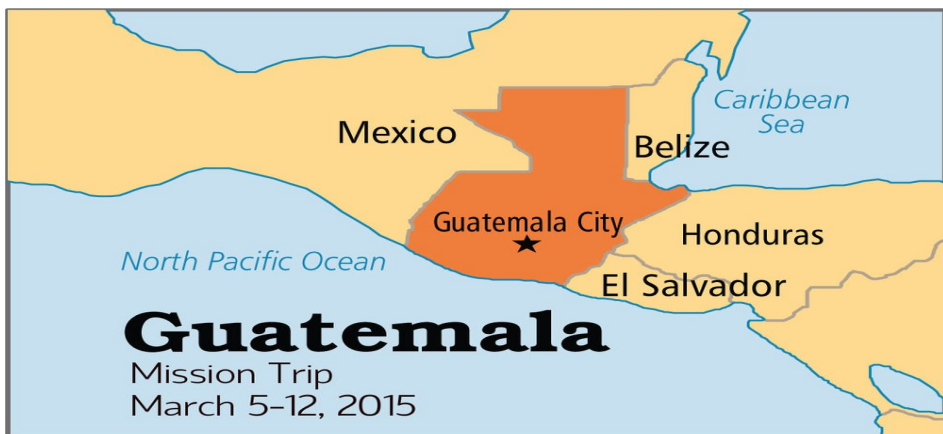
HURTS, HABITS AND HANG UPS  
**CELEBRATE RECOVERY**  
A CHRIST-CENTERED RECOVERY PROGRAM

Celebrate Recovery is a biblical and balanced program that helps us overcome our hurts, hang-ups, and habits. Come join us!

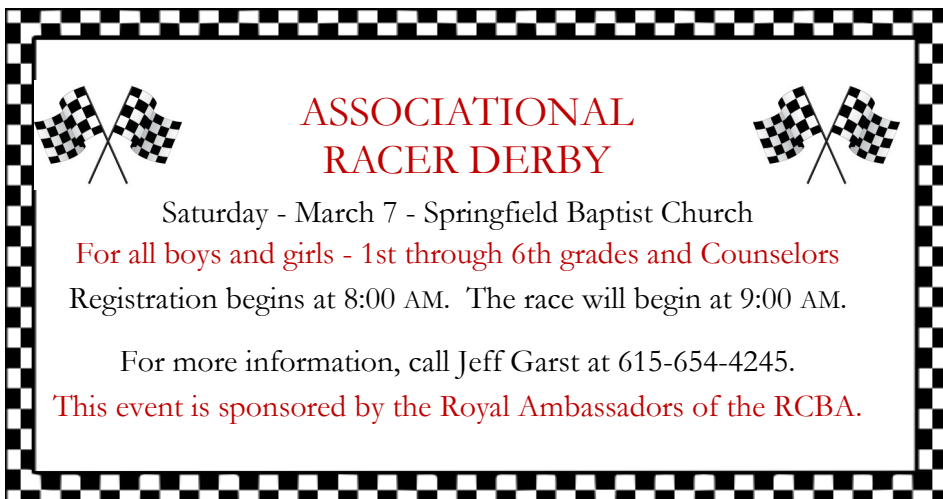
Temple Baptist Church,  
117 Marlin Rd.,  
White House  
Thursdays at 6:30 PM

Childcare provided  
Any questions, please call  
Mark at 615-380-5704





**Pray for our 11-person team going on the evangelism and teaching Guatemala Mission Trip!**



**ASSOCIATIONAL  
RACER DERBY**

Saturday - March 7 - Springfield Baptist Church  
For all boys and girls - 1st through 6th grades and Counselors  
Registration begins at 8:00 AM. The race will begin at 9:00 AM.

For more information, call Jeff Garst at 615-654-4245.  
This event is sponsored by the Royal Ambassadors of the RCBA.



**Ministers' Conference - Food & Fellowship**  
**Tuesday, March 3 at 8:00AM - Larry's Restaurant**  
RSVP by March 2 by phone call or email

Church Name	Jan. 2015	Oct 2014-Sep 2015	Church Name	Jan. 2015	Oct 2014-Sep 2015
Barren Plains	\$208.00	\$781.72	Lights Chapel	267.95	1063.20
Battle Creek	200.00	800.00	Mt. Carmel	1000.00	1000.00
Bethel	693.97	2633.52	North Springfield	1445.36	2999.61
Bethlehem	350.00	1400.00	Oak Grove	383.00	1543.29
Cedar Hill	2452.39	7240.19	Oakland	83.54	406.72
Center Point	664.00	911.00	Orlinda	709.95	1886.13
Cherry Mound	450.00	1125.00	Pleasant Hill	100.00	400.00
Cross Roads	355.79	1399.96	Pleasant View 1st	223.41	818.56
Eastland Heights	652.84	1338.07	Red River	88.37	540.04
Ebenezer	409.00	1209.00	Ridgetop 1st	419.61	766.68
Epiphany Mission	100.00	400.00	Rock Springs	1900.92	7633.27
Flewellyn	400.00	1600.00	Solid Rock	575.74	1403.24
Grace Pleasant View	232.86	1210.33	Springfield	2247.54	7269.70
Grace, Springfield	1915.78	6992.35	Springhill	393.29	929.27
Greenbrier, First	1380.21	4484.67	Temple	3746.87	8731.41
Harmony	157.03	645.13	The Grove	0.00	779.00
Hopewell	0.00	4041.00	White House 1st	560.00	1060.00
Lighthouse	74.57	345.10	Williams Chapel	265.99	1068.65
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$25,107.98</b>	<b>\$79,855.81</b>



Pleasant Hill Baptist Church hosts  
**“The Hand That Reaches Out”  
 Women’s Retreat**

March 14 at 1 PM

PHBC • 3049 Pleasant Hill Rd. • Orlinda

Guest Speaker: Shea Lowery

This is a one day women’s event to encourage women in their walk with Christ and in ministering to other women.

Desserts, tea, and coffee will be served at the event.

RSVP at 615-654-3335 or 256-460-8506 by March 9

In Concert  
**The Farmhands**

March 29 - 6:00 PM

Orlinda Baptist Church

Come see the most exciting and talked about band in Bluegrass Music!





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Janice Bierod, Ministry Assistant  
Beth McCaw, MTS, LCSW—Counselor  
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Thursday-8:30AM - 1:30PM  
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**The deadline is the 15th of  
each month for the newsletter.**