

# The Challenger

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## WCBA Executive Board Meeting Briefs October 20, 2020

- 1) Approved the 2021 Annual Budget of \$83,067.99.
- 2) Approved the list of 2021 Ministry Leaders, including the following changes: John Lovelady as Moderator, Jeremy Lewis as Vice-Moderator, and Bill Ferrand as 2024 Trustee.
- 3) Recommended Constitution & By-Law changes were distributed for review. These changes will be further discussed and presented for a vote in a future Executive Board meeting.

### Community Trunk or Treat at Gaskin FBC

Date: October 28, 2020

Time: 5:30 p.m.

Please join them for this family event. There will be corn dogs, funnel cakes, boiled peanuts, roasted corn, chili, and candy galore.

The church is located at [107 County Hwy 181 East in Westville.](#)



### Fall Festival at FBC, Mossy Head

Date: October 31, 2020

Time: 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Please join them for this safe alternative to Halloween. There will be games, trunk or treat, cake walk, food, and fun.

The church is located at [92 Hinote Rd in the Mossy Head Community of DeFuniak Springs.](#)





## This Hope in Concert at FBC, DeFuniak Springs

Date: November 15, 2020

Time: 6:00 p.m.

All are invited to join them for this special Sunday evening concert. To learn more about This Hope visit their website. ([Click Here](#)).

The church is located at [216 East Live Oak Avenue](#).

**[Click Here for a List of Up-To-Date Church Events & Additional Information](#)**

## Happy Birthday!

Nov 1	Linda Chestnut	Nov 15	Steve Witt
Nov 1	Wilbur Williams	Nov 19	Beverly Newton
Nov 3	Bill Ferrand	Nov 19	Mark Rathel
Nov 9	Gary Wiggins	Nov 22	Todd Camp
Nov 14	Anita Infinger		

## Happy Anniversary!

Nov 15	David & Nikki Barker
Nov 15	Kim & Bruce Collier
Nov 25	Grady & Sue Rushing

### Election of Messengers and Executive Board Representatives

Messengers to the WCBA Annual Meeting and your Executive Board Representative need to be elected by the end of the year. Those elected should be prepared to attend and vote at the WCBA Annual Meeting in January 2021. Please send the names and contact information of those elected to the WCBA office as soon as possible.

### Contributions to WCBA General Fund

CHURCH	YTD 2020	2019
Argyle	90.65	388.50
Baldwin Avenue	3279.58	3364.31
Bethel	0.00	76.73
Calvary	1652.59	2554.82
Caney Creek	0.00	0.00
Cluster Springs	330.00	368.15
Darlington	1570.38	1261.87
DeFuniak First	5633.99	7415.48
East	4371.91	5627.51
Everlasting Word	0.00	0.00
Freeport First	1000.00	1100.00
Friendship	3729.12	4701.16
Gaskin First	3373.70	2746.99
Indian Creek	1640.14	1922.25
Knox Hill	225.00	375.00
Liberty First	2600.00	3155.00
Mossy Head First	7877.48	9834.26
New Day	250.00	0.00
New Harmony	9307.07	10,021.06
Oak Grove	0.00	0.00
Paxton	7517.16	8601.04
Pleasant Grove	0.00	700.00
Pleasant Ridge	4573.40	5952.26
Pleasant Valley	718.15	1132.70
Red Bay	405.00	625.00
Seagrove	0.00	1680.08
Southwide	1104.51	3360.87
Union Springs	350.00	0.00
Westside	1680.75	2030.16
Woodlawn	2750.00	2925.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>66,030.58</b>	<b>82,170.20</b>

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## A Word from Brian Nall



4 score and 7 years ago, 2020 began (or at least it feels that way). Our year began packed with anticipation, convinced that 2020 would be one of revival and renewal. But our best laid plans were tested with a virus, then protests, then hurricane winds, all upon a backdrop of political upheaval. Our hope was first shaken when a quarantined church quickly discovered COVID meant Church On Video, and we wondered how we could unite a common faith and Kingdom mission while remaining isolated and physically distant.

Yet, writing with renewed hope, 2020 has reaffirmed the sovereign hand of God as He works ALL things together for good.

Through flexibility, creativity, and prayerful dependence, the hope of Christ Jesus has been declared on more days and in more ways than ever before.

- Seemingly, every pastor became a televangelist overnight.
- Churches without internet in March soon began online giving and conference call-based worship service, and we developed zoom theology.
- Though cool rooms and comfortable pews were close at hand, churches met in parking lots and open fields.
- Covered Dish Dinners were replaced with food distributions.
- VBS in the house was taken to the streets and community parks.
- Friendships were formed, neighbors were met, and partnerships renewed.

January expectations and plans may have died, but the hope of the Gospel remained. To focus on the frustration that 2020 brought is easy; but seeing the finger of God working *through* our heartache is the far better sight to behold. In our season of separation, we have discovered anew that we *are* better together - both as a church and as an Association of Churches. But let us be honest, the classroom we have sat through in 2020 is but preparation for the days ahead.

Walton Churches, just as we have tried new methods this year, the hope of the Gospel demands that we do *whatever it takes* to reach the mission field of our county. Though we might long to return to what we label as “normal”, God is asking us to embrace what is possible and to join Him in what He is doing *today*. All our churches must be stronger for what lies ahead, and more churches need to be planted for the growing harvest before us. A majority of our residents are unchurched and not Christ followers; thus, their future apart from Christ Jesus is more certain than a COVID test.

Thus, as a people of God, as ambassadors of heaven, we must engage; those who engage must be equipped; and those who equip must be encouraged. And as your staff at the Walton County Baptist Association, we are honored to help you complete this holy journey. Thank you for entrusting us with this opportunity to serve you.

Better Together,  
Brian





# **Friendship Baptist Church 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Outdoorsman Banquet**



**Guest Speaker:**

***Professional Angler Clay Dyer***

**Saturday, November 7, 2020  
5:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**Church Address:**

**2415 County Hwy 1883, DeFuniak Springs, 32433**

**Monetary donations for meal ticket and door prize ticket. Donations will be used for Team Walker and the 2020 Buddy Walk.**

**\*Good Food\*Door Prizes\*Great Time\***

