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**Office Hours**  
 Monday thru Friday  
 8:30 am—4:30 pm  
 Closed for Lunch  
 from 12:30—1:30 pm

April 2018

Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### April

- April 1—Easter
- April 2—Pastor & Preachers Fellowship, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*
- April 8—Cooperative Program Sunday
- April 8—McMinn-Meigs Association Bible Drill, *East Athens Baptist Church, 2:00 pm*
- April 12-14—Ministers and Wives Retreat 2018, *Music Road Hotel & Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN*
- April 16—McMinn-Meigs Association VBS Clinic, *First Baptist Athens, 6:00 pm*
- April 17—Executive Board Meeting, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*
- April 28—Regional Youth Bible Drill and Speakers Tournament, Children's Bible Drill, *Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville*

### May

- Associational Missions Emphasis Month*  
*Mother's Day Offering*
- May 3—National Day of Prayer
- May 5—Camp Cherokee Clean-up Day
- May 7—Pastor & Preachers Fellowship, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*
- May 5—Camp Cherokee Clean-up Day
- May 13—Mother's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes
- May 20-27—Associational Emphasis Week
- May 28—Memorial Day, *Baptist Office closed*

## Children's/Youth Bible Drill

The **Associational Bible Drill** will be on Sunday, April 8th at **East Athens Baptist Church** at 2:00 pm.

The 2018 Southeast State Regional Drill will be held on Saturday, April 28th at **Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville.**



## Attention VBS lovers: Save the Date!

**April 16, 2018 ♦ First Baptist Athens**

Time to get your "Game On" in VBS planning.  
Dinner @ 5:15 pm ♦ Conference begins @ 6:00 pm.

Classes provided: 3 year/Pre-K; Kindergarten; 1st/2nd Grade; 3rd/4th Grade; 5th/6th Grade; Youth; Crafts; Snack/Rec; Music; Missions; Security; Pastors and Directors.

*Please register by April 9th with Kathy at the associational office so we will know how many will eat and which classes they will attend, so we can have materials properly prepared for them.*

## 2017-2018 Cooperative Program Allocation Budget

This allocation budget represents anticipated gifts forwarded to the SBC.

# \$192,000,000

- 73.20%**  
World Missions Ministries  
International Mission Board (50.41%)  
North American Mission Board (22.79%)
- 22.16%**  
Theological Education Ministries  
Seminaries (21.92%)  
Library and Archives (.24%)
- 2.99%**  
Executive Committee and SBC operating Budget
- 1.65%**  
Christian Ethics and Religious Liberty Ministries  
Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission



**Cooperative Program—The Heart of Southern Baptist Missions and Ministries**

**Remember in prayer our churches without Pastors:  
 Bethsadia, Eastanallee, First Baptist Etowah, Marshall Hill,  
 New Bethel, Pond Hill and Pope Avenue.**

EASTER IS HERE. I pray you have a wonderful time celebrating Jesus' resurrection. It is our hope for eternity. Jesus lives! His tomb is empty! Let's share the good news with someone, so they too will know the joy of Easter.

**NEW MOVIES:** On March 30, a new Christian movie is coming out that I highly recommend for everyone in our churches to see: "God's Not Dead: A Light in Darkness." This is the third movie in this series. However, this one is more about living the Christian life than it is about reaching the lost. How will you live your life when the world turns against you? I think most of us have noticed that we live in a time when we are going to face situations like this. This movie will make you think about how we approach those who do not know God. May our witness be strong.

Another movie came out March 16. "I Can Only Imagine" is the story of the man who wrote a popular Christian song by that title. The group *Mercy Me* has been a huge influence in Christian music for several years, but they almost failed to make it. It is a movie that shows how God can use all situations, even some bad ones in wonderful ways.

I have had the opportunity to see both of these movies, and can highly recommend them to most everyone. You will be touched by them both.

**BLOCK PARTY TRAILER:** The trailer is loaded and ready to go. If you are planning an event for the spring or summer, you will want to reserve your date soon. We are looking forward to having a great summer with it this year.

We will be going out to the Drive-In Theater again this year. Everyone is invited to come out and promote your church and meet some new people. There will be more information in next month's newsletter.

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING:** If you have not made your gift to this Mission Offering, I pray you will do so soon. With the news headlines each day remind us of the spiritual needs within our nation. Give that we might reach out to those throughout North America with the saving message of Jesus Christ. Never forget the words of Matthew 19:26. There is no one that God cannot forgive and save if only they will turn to Him.

Join us in prayer for revival in our nation. Each Thursday at noon during April we will be meeting for prayer at the Association office asking God to move in our churches and our community. If you cannot be here, I hope you can set aside a few minutes to pray for revival in your schedule.

Bro. Mike

### Church News

- Our sympathy to **Rev. & Mrs. Larry Johnson** during the loss of Libby's Mother.
- **Shellem Cline** will be at **Double Springs Baptist Church** on Sunday, April 8th at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.
- **Bethel Springs Baptist Church** will hold Revival Services on April 23—25 with Rev. Van Elkins as the evangelist. Services begin at 7:00 pm with special singing nightly. Everyone is welcome!
- **Union Hill Baptist Church** is hosting a "Mother's Day Celebration" on Saturday, April 28th at 11:00 am. They will have special singing, an inspirational speaker, door prizes, good food and fellowship! All ladies, daughters, granddaughters are invited. Please RSVP to Rita Smith at 423-920-0613.
- **Mount Pisgah Baptist Church** has a baptistry (in good working condition). If anyone has need of one, please contact Rev. Gerald Perry at 865-986-1474 .
- **Don't forget to Recycle your old Sunday School Literature.** We also take Christian Books, Bibles and Devotionals (Our Daily Bread, Open Windows, etc.). **Do not bring Parent Life, Home Life, Missions Mosaic or Mature Living.**

- **East Athens Baptist Church** is seeking a part-time preschool/children's leader. If interested, please send a resume to [jrobertson423@me.com](mailto:jrobertson423@me.com).
- **First Baptist Riceville** is seeking a part-time Music Director. Please send resume to: Sam Gentry ♦ PO Box 3344 ♦ Riceville, TN 37370
- **Calhoun First Baptist** is seeking a part-time associate Pastor of Youth and Families. Send resume to [brocheatham@gmail.com](mailto:brocheatham@gmail.com) or P.O. Box 175, Calhoun, TN 37309.
- **Short Creek Baptist Church** is seeking a Pastor of Students & Families. Send resumes to Rev. Victor King, 1190 County Road 750, Athens, TN 37303 or call him at 920-7365.
- The following churches have not picked up their **2017 Annual Minutes:**

Antioch  
Clay Hill  
Dixon Avenue  
East Athens  
East Niota  
Eastanallee  
Hiwassee

Mount Verd  
New Beginnings  
Rockview  
Valley View  
West End  
West View

### Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

April 2 ♦ 7:00 pm  
Baptist Center

*Greg Finch will be the speaker.*  
*Hope to see you here!*

### McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

*Meets every Monday morning at 10:00 am at the Baptist Center.*

### Pastors Prayer Meeting

Every Thursday at the Baptist Center  
12:00 noon



# CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	119.88	861.38	Etowah, First	0.00	0.00	Pope Avenue	97.00	508.85
Athens, First	1,500.00	9,000.00	Good Hope	150.00	900.00	Riceville, First	142.93	1,388.28
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	295.32	1,338.29	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	300.00
Brookhill	0.00	100.00	Idlewild	100.00	650.00	Rogers Creek	107.32	590.79
Calhoun, First	200.00	1,200.00	Lakeside	225.88	995.08	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	250.00	Lakeview	218.41	1,239.16	Shiloh	0.00	600.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	150.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Short Creek	390.44	1,939.65
Central	690.43	3,657.36	Marshall Hill	200.00	500.00	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clay Hill	60.00	60.00	McMahan Calvary	144.08	1,103.29	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	855.94	4,590.92	Mount Harmony, Niota	471.00	2,225.00	Ten Mile	59.20	446.20
Clearwater	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Riceville	44.03	217.93	Union Grove	0.00	250.00
Coghill	0.00	875.00	Mount Pisgah	401.01	2,203.25	Union Hill	228.00	1,194.55
Cottonport	0.00	418.08	Mount Verd	100.00	200.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Decatur, First	939.33	4,929.74	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Valley View	0.00	740.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	550.00	New Bethel	0.00	120.00	Walnut Grove	271.92	1,455.15
Double Springs	50.00	300.00	Niota, First	0.00	403.17	West End	195.90	1,111.97
Eastanallee	100.00	600.00	North Athens	0.00	275.00	West View	127.10	620.49
East Athens	1,012.39	5,550.47	Oak Grove	331.00	2,186.24	Wildwood	620.01	4,181.46
East Niota	166.00	830.00	Old Salem	275.88	1,530.33	Zion Hill	0.00	1,000.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Pisgah	0.00	3,204.13	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>11,922.90</b>	<b>76,608.72</b>
Englewood, First	847.50	4,767.51	Pond Hill	0.00	300.00			

Contributions received after March 23rd will be reflected in next month's report.

## Mission Awareness leads to Mission Involvement

by Judy Luck, Association WMU Director

2018 Mission Get-Together/Connection: **Stand FIRM 'on the Gospel'; 'in Faith'; 'in Your Walk'**; were excellent platforms for the inspirational speakers taken from Galatians 5:1a, the conferences, fellowship with so many good friends, and the list could go on. Great memories - just ask one of the 15 who went from Athens First, East Athens, East Niota and Pisgah/Acteens. Now MGT 2019 is just around the corner: April 5 - 7. 28 backpacks for City Reach Nashville and 12 Silent Auction baskets were sent from our Association. Wow, that is fantastic! Kindergarten through fourth grade children in Nashville will be blessed this coming fall with a new backpack and school supplies. 100% of the money from the Silent Auction baskets goes to Touch Tomorrow Today Endowment so Missions can go on. . . . for Life. Thank you 1st Athens, 1st Decatur, Double Springs, East Athens, Union Hill and Wildwood for the backpacks and baskets. I am proud to be a part of this giving association of Women on Mission. It is so good to "DO" good deeds but it is how lives are changed because of the impact of 'doing something good' together in Jesus' Name.

## April Celebrations

### Birthday's

- 02....**Lindsey Cheatham**..... First Baptist Calhoun
- 03....**Hoyt Melton**..... Valley View
- 06....**Vivian Graves**..... Lakeside
- 08....**David Lones**..... Goodsprings
- 09....**Jason Robertson**..... East Athens
- 15....**Bo Coleman**..... Hiwassee
- 18....**Shirley Melton**..... Valley View
- 19....**Joe Hatcher**..... Coghill
- 29....**Robin Liner**..... Lakeview

### Anniversaries

- 03....**John & Christy Crisp**..... West End
- 25....**Titus & Ginger Snyder**..... Oak Grove

### Church/Association Anniversaries

- William Beasley**..... First Baptist Riceville.. 1 year
- Greg Watson**..... Manilla Chapel..... 2 years
- Fred Cunningham**.. Ten Mile..... 5 years
- Keith Whited**..... West View..... 10 years

## New in the Library

### Books

- The Curiosity Keeper by Sarah Ladd
- Dawn at Emberwilde by Sarah Ladd
- In Places Hidden by Tracie Peterson
- The Heiress of Winterwood by Sarah Ladd
- The Headmistress of Rosemere by Sarah Ladd
- A Lady of Willowgrove Hall by Sarah Ladd
- Phoebe's Light by Suzanne Woods Fisher

### DVD's

- I Believe
- Caged No More

## McMinn Senior Center needs your help!



We are interested in finding out if any of our local church's might be interested in sponsoring a meal a month for our Seniors at the Center. The meal can be potluck and would need to serve around 30. We lost our Federal funding in June for our meal program but have been feeding our community none the less. For more information, please contact Melody Moses at [melodymoses@gmail.com](mailto:melodymoses@gmail.com) or call 423-381-2483.

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## Camp Cherokee

- Don't forget to schedule your youth or church retreat at Camp. Dates are filling up fast!. Call 745-2248 to reserve your dates today!
- **Camp Clean-up Day** will be on **Saturday, May 5th**. Looking for a project for your youth group? At the beginning of each year, the camp must be "made ready" for the camping season. All cabins, bathrooms, and the kitchen/dining hall must be cleaned, the grounds cleared of debris, leaves, fallen trees etc. For more information about what to bring or what you can do, please contact Mike Bernard at 507-7135.
- **Camp Cherokee needs a bus!** If your church has one that could be used **Monday—Friday** during our **Day Camps** please contact **Mike Bernard at 507-7135** as soon as possible.
- Dates for Camp Cherokee have been set! They are:  
**Youth Camp—July 9-13** (grades 7-11)  
**Children's Day Camp— July 16-20** (grades 1-6)  
**July 23-27** (grades 1-6)

Registration forms can be found online at:  
[www.mcminnmeigsbaptists.org](http://www.mcminnmeigsbaptists.org) on the Camp Cherokee page!

Want to work at camp this summer? You can find the application on the Camp Cherokee page!



## 7th Annual Camp Living Stones

### Golf Tournament

**Monday, April 16, 2018**

**4 Man Select Shot—\$60/player or \$240/team**

**Lunch provided at noon; Shotgun Start at 1:00 pm  
held at Springbrook Golf & Country Club,  
Niota, TN**

Send entry information and fees to:

534 County Road 876 | Englewood, TN 37329 or  
email: [camplivingstones@gmail.com](mailto:camplivingstones@gmail.com). *Deadline for sign-ups is Friday, April 11th and is limited to the first 18 teams to sign up.*



### **Christian Builders needs Ramp Builders!**

*Men and women needed to help  
build handicap ramps. We  
average 2 ramps per month.*

*Experienced carpenters, handy men or unskilled  
people needed. Contact Scott Duckworth at 263-1989.*