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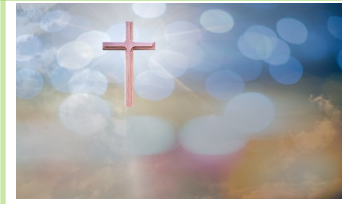
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April 21st-23rd Disaster Relief Training
Northside Baptist Church in Murfreesboro
21st 5:30PM –23rd 4PM



Links

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

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April

April 3—Pastors Fellowship,
Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

April 7—Good Friday, *Baptist
Office Closed*

April 9—Easter

April 13— Full Circle Banquet @
Woodward Ave 6PM

April 18— Executive Board
Meeting, *Baptist Center, 7:00
pm*

April 29—State Bible Drill,
*Wallace Memorial Knoxville
Tn*

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May 2— Pastor Fellowship,
Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

May 3—Prayer Outreach
Conference, *Oakwood Baptist
Church Chattanooga 9:30-
12PM*

May 6 & 13—Camp Cherokee
Clean-up Day

May 21—National Day of
Prayer for VBS

May 29—Memorial Day,
Baptist Office closed

Camp Cherokee News

Two Camp Clean-up Days this year!
The first on **Saturday, May 6th**, the
second on **Saturday, May 13th**. For
more information about what to bring or
what you can do, please contact Mike
Bernard at 507-7135.

The **Youth Day Camp Registration** fee
is \$100.00 (early registration). This
includes a t-shirt and overnight stay on Wednesday and Thursday.
All registrations after June 20th will be \$120.00.

The **Children's Day Camp Registration** fee is \$95.00 (early
registration). All registrations after June 20th will be \$115.00.

Registration forms can be found online at:
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!

We **will not** be running a bus this year. You
will be responsible for transporting your
children to/from camp.



**Remember in
prayer our
churches without
Pastors:**

*Eastanallee, Idlewild,
Lakeview, Marshall
Hill, New Bethel and
Valley Road.*

Prayer for Revival

*Every Thursday at the Baptist
Center ♦ 12:00 noon*

VBS

Central—June 4-7 at 6PM

Calhoun 1st— June 4-9

Mt. Pisgah—June 4-9

Pope Ave—July 16-21 at 6PM

From Brother Mike. . .

Mike Farmer, Director of Missions

As we have been preparing for revival, I had a link come across in an email which led to a lecture series by one of my Seminary professors, Dr. Roy Fish. The series was on the Great Awakenings in our nation. I listened through most all of the series and was reminded once again how God works in the small and seemingly insignificant parts of our world. Our society today often judges the significance and worth of something by how big it is. This often has been applied to churches. Our culture celebrates the large church and especially the large church pastor. I believe we are being led astray by such thinking. I am not saying the large churches and large church pastors are bad, because many of them accomplish great work in God’s Kingdom. But this should never lead us to forget the contribution of the smaller churches and the pastors of those churches. Overall, the Southern Baptist Convention is still a convention made up predominantly of small churches. (Small churches are often defined as churches with worship attendance of 75-100.) Many have adopted the “bigger is better” attitude and think small churches can’t do much. We need to get away from that thinking. The missions endeavor the SBC supports is done primarily by these small churches. We are starting to see evidence of a move of people away from the larger churches back to smaller churches. I don’t know if this is going to become a big trend, but it is clear that the problems that have arisen in the church world recently are opening people’s eyes to the reality that bigger is not always better. Here are some of the things that small churches can do. Small churches can develop good relationships. The members can get to know their pastor and the pastor will know them. This is often not the case in large churches. There is also an element of accountability in these relationships. Small churches can move quickly to interact with their community. Small churches can be less intimidating to the unchurched who are not familiar with attending church services. Small churches often develop a larger percentage of people who are involved in

ministry rather than just sitting in the pew. One of the things I was reminded of in the lecture series I mentioned is the Great Awakenings often began with small, insignificant people and churches. Never say God can’t use us. Let us have a great faith that God can do all things and we can be a part of His mighty work.

Children’s Bible Drill

The Regional Children’s, Youth and High School Bible Drill will be on Saturday April 29, 2023 at Wallace Memorial ♦ 701 Merchant Dr ♦ Knoxville, Tn



April Celebrations Birthday’s

- 02 ... *Michele Dunkle*Clearwater
- 6 ... *Vivian Graves*.....Lakeside
- 7...*Amber Torbett*Oak Grove
- 08 ... *Judy Henard*.....First Baptist Athens
- ... *David Lones*.....Goodsprings
- 10 ... *Toby Brogden*First Baptist Calhoun
- ... *Travis Shaver*Bethsadia
- 11 ... *Shane White*West End
- 19...*Joe Hatcher*.....Coghill
- 21..*Travis Torbett*.....Oak Grove
- 29 ... *Robin Liner*Hiwassee

Church/Association Anniversaries

- Todd Humbert*..... Greenhouse 5 years
- Greg Watson* Manilla Chapel.. 7 years
- Fred Cunningham* . Ten Mile..... 10 years
- Keith Whited* West View..... 15 years

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	209.68	1,179.72	Etowah First	0.00	250.00	Pisgah	0.00	7,480.72
Athens First	0.00	8,400.00	Good Hope	0.00	750.00	Pond Hill	200.00	600.00
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	516.88	1,899.67	Pope Avenue	295.44	1,710.96
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Greenhouse	0.00	0.00	Riceville, First	125.22	676.92
Brookhill	0.00	250.00	Hiwassee	292.95	292.95	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Calhoun First	400.00	1,400.00	Idlewild	120.00	840.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	300.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	300.00	Lakeside	90.54	617.05	Rogers Creek	0.00	591.33
Calvary Missionary	25.00	150.00	Lakeview	206.22	1,560.51	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Central	587.12	3,237.94	Manilla Chapel	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	200.00	1,200.00
Clay Hill	0.00	120.00	Marshall Hill	0.00	400.00	Short Creek	375.61	2,161.52
Clear Springs	559.78	3,362.39	McMahan Calvary	99.24	871.75	South Liberty	0.00	500.00
Clearwater	300.00	1,440.00	Mnt. Harmony, N	1,043.00	6,170.00	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Coghill	0.00	250.00	Mnt. Harmony, R	0.00	288.46	Ten Mile	171.52	1,104.76
Cottonport	0.00	380.94	Mount Pisgah	0.00	1,572.51	Union Grove, D	86.49	539.63
Decatur First	683.40	4,348.34	Mount Verd	0.00	200.00	Union Hill	568.00	2,842.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	550.00	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Double Springs	50.00	300.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Vally View	0.00	0.00
Eastanallee	200.00	600.00	Niota First	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	692.75	3,571.40
East Athens	1,216.18	3,789.53	North Athens	0.00	200.00	West End	427.07	2,022.88
East Niota	197.50	1,185.00	North Etowah	0.00	1,000.00	West View	103.94	643.66
East View	0.00	0.00	Oak Grove	277.92	2,664.60	Wildwood	984.51	3,037.35
Englewood First	830.65	4,989.30	Old Salem	457.26	2,489.10	Zion Hill	0.00	225.00

Total Receipts 12,753.87 89,307.89

Contributions received after March 20th will be reflected in next month’s report.

Marshall Hill is searching for a Pastor if anyone is interested you can submit a resume to

MHBCpulpit@gmail.com

McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference Meets every Monday morning at 10:00 am at the Baptist Center.



The 2022 Annual Minutes are ready and can be picked up during regular office hours!

Pastors, Preachers Fellowship April 3, 2023 ♦ 7:00 pm Come and see who your speaker will be!

Church News

- Mnt Harmony Riceville is having an Easter play April 1st-2nd at 6PM– Oh What a King
- New Beginnings welcomed Anthony Johnson as pastor.
- We are working on the Zora project and items for your church can be picked up at the Baptist Association.
- Hamilton Co Baptist Association– April 18 9AM-1PM Guest Speaker TBMB Mark Miller.
- Bethel Springs revival April 23 -26 guest speaker Stan Cantrell. Come join us.

