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# APRIL

**HELLO SUNDAY**

**Oak Grove Baptist Church PARENTS!**

Whether your kids are quiet & shy OR outspoken & outgoing, come visit our Sunday School! Do your kids like to be engaged, learn "hands on" and feel like their opinion matters? If you answered YES to any of these questions, THEN WE ARE THE PLACE FOR THEM!

Breakfast @ 9:45am  
Sunday School @ 10am

Evangelistic Conclave

May 9  
6-8PM  
Oakwood Baptist Church  
Chattanooga Tn

State Secretary Conference

April 8-10

Sevierville 1st Baptist Church

HOPE ANCHORS THE SOUL  
HEBREWS 6:19

# 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 1—Pastors Fellowship,  
*Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*

April 13— Camp Clean Up Day

April 16— Executive Board  
Meeting, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*

April 27— East Tn Bible Drill

## MAY

May 6— Pastor Fellowship,  
*Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*

May 19—National Day of  
Prayer for VBS

May 27—Memorial Day,  
*Baptist Office closed*

## Camp Cherokee News

**Camp Clean-up Days this year is on April 13** For more information about what to bring or what you can do, please contact Austin Davis at 506-8458.

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 17th will be \$120.00.

The **Children's Day Camp Registration** fee is \$95.00 (early registration). All registrations after June 17th will be \$115.00.

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!

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:**

*Good Hope, Marshall Hill, Mountianside, New Bethel and West End.*

**Prayer for Revival**  
*Every Mondays at the Baptist Center*  
♦ 9:30AM  
Everyone welcome!

**East Tn Bible Drill**  
April 27th  
Wallace Memorial Baptist Church

**June 24-June 28**  
Youth Day Camp

**July 1-5**  
Children's Day Camp

**July 8-12**  
Children's Day Camp

*From Brother Mike. . .*

*Mike Farmer, Director of Missions*

As we move beyond Easter, may we always keep the Easter message at the ready. Jesus died on the cross for our sins and God raised Him to life in victory. So many people around us need to realize the truth of this message.

Do you get the feeling you are living in a crazy, mixed-up world? I sure do. Never would I have believed I would see the amount of lies that people will believe. Yet, Scripture tells us in the last days these kinds of things will happen.

We now live in a world where sin is celebrated. It is a world where everyone can make up their own truth. Much of the world around us has no sense of right and wrong. How do we as Christians live in this crazy world?

Here are a few suggestions that may help us to live in the upside-down world we are in.

Be careful about consuming too much news. We live in a 24-hour news cycle. We can find out what is going on almost anywhere in the world in just a few seconds. Listening to all the news (most of it seems to be negative) can cause some of us to be depressed. I believe TV news shows are not there as a service. They are TV shows seeking ratings and advertising dollars just like any other show on the air. Find a trusted news source and catch the highlights of what is happening but do not dwell on all that is taking place in our world.

Pray that God will give us boldness. We need to be willing to stand up for what is right and confront the wrongs. Too many Christians keep their mouths shut. Those that do speak up often think they are the only

one to do so. Encourage one another to not let the dark world have complete control of our society and especially of our children.

Seek truth. Our world does not want to be confronted with truth. Why? I think it is pretty simple for many of them. John 14:6 tells us that Jesus is Truth. The world does not want to come face to face with truth because it always will reflect back to God and His perfect creation. While the world does not want to hear it, when they do it will begin to sink in to some that what they have bought into is all a big lie. May we share truth (Jesus) each and every day. A little light makes a big difference in the darkness.

Blessings,

**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  
 19...*Joe Hatcher*.....Coghill  
 21..*Travis Torbett*.....Oak Grove  
 25..*Jenna Fine*.....Valley Road  
 29 ... *Robin Liner* .....Hiwassee

**Church/Association Anniversaries**

*Todd Humbert*.....Greenhouse ..... 6 years  
*Greg Watson* ..... Manilla Chapel.. 8 years  
*Fred Cunningham*. Ten Mile..... 11 years  
*Keith Whited* ..... West View..... 16 years

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	172.99	863.00	Etowah First	0.00	250.00	Pond Hill	35.00	635.00
Athens First	2,400.00	6,000.00	Good Hope	150.00	900.00	Pope Avenue	246.08	1,482.56
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	246.91	1,074.85	Riceville First	134.66	763.30
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	410.50	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Brookhill	0.00	400.00	Idlewild	240.00	720.00	Rocky Mount	150.00	300.00
Calhoun First	200.00	1,200.00	Lakeside	104.21	710.03	Rogers Creek	107.00	732.00
Calvary, Etowah	0.00	200.00	Lakeview	293.10	1,487.70	Sanford	300.00	1,800.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	150.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	200.00	1,000.00
Central	409.87	2,813.38	Marshall Hill	0.00	0.00	Short Creek	401.70	2,351.76
Clay Hill	0.00	120.00	McMahan Calvary	141.44	727.76	South Liberty	100.00	600.00
Clear Springs	0.00	2,444.61	Mount Harmony, N	0.00	5,216.00	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clearwater	300.00	1,500.00	Mount Harmony, R	0.00	347.32	Ten Mile	142.12	823.53
Coghill	50.00	300.00	Mount Pisgah	229.71	1,627.86	The Greenhouse	0.00	1,500.00
Cottonport	0.00	459.13	Mount Verd	100.00	200.00	Union Grove	100.00	288.10
Decatur First	777.48	4,713.55	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Union Hill	690.00	3,281.00
Dixon Avenue	220.00	660.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Double Springs	50.00	300.00	Niota First	0.00	0.00	Valley View	355.90	663.05
Eastanallee	100.00	600.00	North Athens	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	1,114.48	4,996.20
East Athens	454.68	3,253.18	North Etowah	0.00	1,000.00	West End	176.80	1,543.17
East Niota	201.00	1,005.00	Oak Grove	265.64	1,710.22	West View	73.40	520.88
East View	0.00	0.00	Old Salem	520.14	2,346.59	Wildwood	799.48	3,102.61
Englewood First	965.35	5,253.30	Pisgah	729.42	2,388.60	Zion Hill	225.00	225.00
						<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>12,298.56</b>	<b>80,260.74</b>

*Contributions received after March 18th will be reflected in next*



Brookhill Baptist  
Church Craft  
Event  
700 14th Street  
Etowah, TN 37331  
April 6, 2024  
9am-4pm



PRAYER TIME FOR  
*Mondays*  
IS MOVING TO  
9:30AM  
EFFECTIVE  
APRIL 1ST

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



**The 2023  
Annual Minutes**  
are ready and can  
be picked up  
during regular  
office hours!

**Pastors, Preachers  
Fellowship**  
April 1, 2024 ♦ 7:00 pm  
Hope to see you here!

**Church News**

- **North Etowah** VBS June 17-21 6PM-8:30PM
- **Wildwood** VBS June 2-6
- **Lakeview** now has a new pastor. Welcome Chris Shaw.
- **Idlewild** is seeking a new music director.
- **Pisgah** VBS June 2-6 at 6PM
- **North Etowah** discipleship training. April 7 5PM