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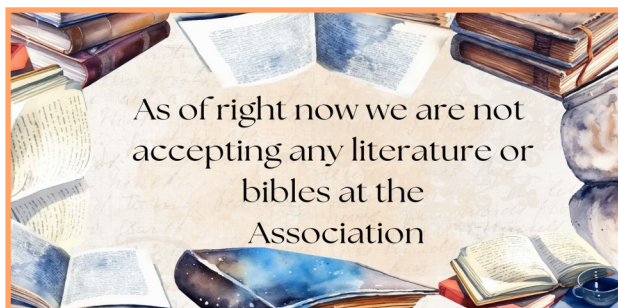
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OAK GROVE BAPTIST  
**Back-to-School Cookout**

**Backpack Donations, Food, Games & Fun!**

WHEN: SUNDAY  
AUGUST 4TH @ 4PM

WHERE: 1212 CR 100, ATHENS

**DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING**

The Association will be hosting a Disaster Relief Training class Saturday, August 24, 2024.

Registration starts at 8 AM  
Please call the office to register for the class

8:30 - 10:30	Introduction to Disaster Relief
10:45 - 12:45	Chainsaw Safety
10:45 - 12:45	Damage Assessment



# Links

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

August 2024

Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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## August Shoes for Orphan Souls

**August 5**—Pastor & Preachers Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

**August 11**—Baptist Collegiate Week

**August 18**—Baptist and Reflector Day



## Shoes for Orphan Souls

*McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists is collecting shoes, socks and shoelaces for Shoes for Orphan Souls during the month of August. Donated items should be for children and teens and due to*

*customs regulations, all items must be brand new.*

*In order to sort and count before delivery to Chattanooga, we ask that you turn in your items by August 26, 2024.*

**All donated items must be BRAND NEW!**



## September Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions

**September 2**—Labor Day, Baptist Office Closed

**September 10-14**—Week of Prayer for State Missions/Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions

**September 16**—Children's Mission Day

We're closed on ,  
**September 2nd Monday!**  
Have a great holiday

**Prayer for Revival**  
Every Monday at the Baptist Center

**9:30AM**  
Everyone welcome!

*Let your light so shine*  
Matthew 5:16

## McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

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

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

*Athens 1st, Good Hope, Mountianside, North Etowah, New Bethel and West End.*

## Pastors, Preachers & Fellowship

August 5, 2024 ♦ 7:00 pm

*Come join us for a time of fellowship!*

*From Brother Mike. . .*

*Mike Farmer, Director of Missions*

I heard a question a few days ago that made me stop and think. It was “What have you learned in the Bible this week?” The reason it made me think was my suspicion about how many of us would answer that. Do we really work to learn new things from Scripture? I ask this especially of those of us who have been Christians for a number of years. We can read the Bible regularly. We may attend Sunday School almost every Sunday. And, we may hear from one to three sermons or Bible studies each week. But, are we learning anything new?

I believe God expects us to keep digging and learning. I came across a new insight of a very familiar verse of Scripture recently. It is exciting to me to see something I have never seen before. I hope you are studying to learn new things in Scripture. None of us are going to learn everything there is to know about the Bible or about God. Don’t settle for where you are at the present. Keep moving forward. I challenge you to be like an older gentleman I knew some years ago. A few times a year he would stop me in church and tell me he had a question for me. That would create a “weak-knee” moment for me because I knew he studied the Bible. If he had a question that he couldn’t figure out, it usually was one I couldn’t answer off the top of my head, either. I appreciated the questions after they were dealt with because it made me study more and I was encouraged that he was digging in as well. I pray that the Spirit will bring something new to you this week as you study the Bible. 2 Timothy 2:15  
Blessings,



**Christian Builders needs YOUR Help!**

We build handicap ramps for the disabled and elderly. We are a 100% volunteer organization.

**For more information or to volunteer, please contact Scott Duckworth at 368-3867.**



The Three Words every Church Clerk hates to hear: **ACP’s are here!** *The Annual Church letters are here and are ready to pick up during regular office hours.*

**August Celebrations**

**Celebrating Birthdays**

- 1 **Stan Cantrell** ..... Sanford
- Carol Johnson** .....New Beginnings
- 5 **Dana Davis** ..... Short Creek
- Lavahn Caldwell** ..... Union Grove Decatur
- 16.. **Stanley Liner** ..... Hiwassee
- 21.. **Mike Bernard** ..... Central
- 31.. **Renae Campbell** ..... Brookhill

**Celebrating Anniversaries**

- 06.. **Todd & Michelle Humbert** .. Greenhouse
- 15.. **Ken & Tonya Keaton** ..... 1st Baptist Riceville
- 22.. **David & Beverly Lones** ..... Goodsprings
- 25.. **Terry & Renae Campbell**..... Brookhill

**Church/Association Anniversaries**

- Josh Cornelius** ..... Walnut Grove .....3years
- Terry Campbell** .....Brookhill..... 4 years
- Travis Shaver** .....Bethsadia ..... 6 years
- Jeff Blanchette** .....Calvary Etowah ..... 18 years
- Larry Johnson** .....Cottonport..... 22 years
- Donald Caldwell**....Union Grove D.....2 year

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	198.40	1,694.19	Etowah First	125.00	600.00	Pisgah	0.00	3,325.68
Athens First	1,200.00	10,800.00	Good Hope	150.00	1,500.00	Pond Hill	0.00	835.00
Bethel Springs	1,000.00	1,000.00	Goodsprings	242.28	2,100.19	Pope Avenue	299.52	2,580.56
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Greenhouse	0.00	1,500.00	Riceville, First	78.08	1,162.06
Brookhill	0.00	400.00	Hiwassee	0.00	410.50	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Calhoun First	200.00	2,000.00	Idlewild	0.00	1,080.00	Rocky Mount	150.00	600.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	450.00	Lakeside	122.02	1,179.65	Rogers Creek	175.00	1,343.73
Calvary Missionary	25.00	250.00	Lakeview	355.20	2,838.08	Sanford	0.00	3,300.00
Central	0.00	5,300.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	200.00	1,800.00
Clay Hill	0.00	120.00	Marshall Hill	0.00	400.00	Short Creek	371.75	3,757.86
Clear Springs	551.83	4,914.59	McMahan Calvary	150.40	1,252.69	South Liberty	0.00	800.00
Clearwater	300.00	2,700.00	Mnt. Harmony, N	1,305.00	9,676.00	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Coghill	50.00	500.00	Mnt. Harmony, R	63.36	626.51	Ten Mile	165.36	1,463.69
Cottonport	225.61	936.40	Mount Pisgah	328.51	2,824.67	Union Grove, D	443.30	949.29
Decatur First	737.49	7,782.08	Mount Verd	100.00	300.00	Union Hill	367.00	5,352.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	1,100.00	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Double Springs	50.00	500.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Vally View	0.00	1,010.59
Eastanallee	100.00	1,000.00	Niota First	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	611.15	8,348.75
East Athens	344.02	4,755.48	North Athens	0.00	0.00	West End	371.93	2,674.73
East Niota	201.00	1,608.00	North Etowah	0.00	1,800.00	West View	111.28	940.40
East View	0.00	0.00	Oak Grove	371.24	3,016.90	Wildwood	0.00	4,403.00
Englewood First	965.35	9,114.70	Old Salem	606.32	4,577.46	Zion Hill	0.00	225.00

**Total Receipts 13,572.40 137,781.07**

*Contributions received after July 19th will be reflected in next month’s report.*

**Church News**

- **Rocky Mount 3rd Sunday in August**  
Homecoming. Everyone is welcome. Food will be served after the service.
- **BCM** it is time for school to start back which means BCM. We are needing volunteer churches to help feed the kids. **PLEASE CALL US**
- **MMAB** will be closed Friday, August 30th. We are sorry for the inconvenience.

Before you turn the page on VBS 2024, would you please take 60 seconds to report your VBS? We all need to be encouraged by how God has been at work through VBS this year!

It's quick and easy! All you have to do is go to [ybs.lifeway.com/churchreports](https://ybs.lifeway.com/churchreports) and fill in each of the required fields. **Please complete the report regardless of the curriculum used.** There is a space for you to list your curriculum publisher. This info helps us to better serve your church and to celebrate what God has done in Tennessee and around the world! We can't wait to share with you the totals of how many lives were changed for eternity through VBS 2024.