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August 2018

Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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Mark Your Calendar!

August

Shoes for Orphan Souls

August 4—Regional Music Ministry Leadership Conference, *Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga*

August 6—Pastor's & Preacher's Fellowship, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*

August 21—Reaching the Generations, *New Providence Baptist Church, 6:30 pm—9:00 pm.*

August 25—Equipping Missions and Ministry Leaders—East TN, *First Baptist Church Lenoir City, 8:30 am.*

August 26—Baptist and Reflector Day

August 27—SERVE Conference, *First Baptist Church Madisonville*

September

Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions

September 3—Labor Day, *Baptist Office Closed*

September 8—Fall Library Training, *Brainerd Hills Baptist Church, 4:00 pm*

September 9-16—Week of Prayer for State Missions/ Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions

September 10—Pastor's & Preacher's Fellowship, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*

Shoes for Orphan Souls



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 27, 2018.

All donated items must be BRAND NEW!

Equipping Missions & Ministry Leaders – East TN

August 25, 2018 ♦ 8:30 am—1:30 pm

Lenoir City First Baptist Church

2085 Simpson Rd E ♦ Lenoir City

Leader Conferences for:

- WMU Directors, WMU Leadership Team members, Churchwide Missions Coordinators
- Leaders of:
 - Women on Mission®, myMissionSM, Adults on MissionSM
 - Women's Ministry
 - Acteens®, Youth on MissionSM
 - Royal Ambassadors®, Challengers®
 - Girls in Action®, Children in ActionSM
 - Missions Friends®

Registration:

Price: \$10.00 per person if pre-registered online or by mail. \$15.00 per person at the door. Registration opens Jun. 15 and closes Aug. 17.

Contact Emily Traylor (etraylor@tnbaptist.org) for further information.



Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

August 6th ♦ 7:00 pm ♦ Baptist Center

Rev. Greg Charles will be the speaker!

We hope to see you here!

Remember in prayer our churches without Pastors:

First Baptist Athens, Eastanallee, Marshall Hill, New Bethel, Old Salem, Pond Hill, Valley Road and West End.

VBS 18

Reminder: Each church needs to fill out a VBS report, regardless of the curriculum used.

You can find a VBS Report to fill out on our website: mcminnmeigsbaptists.org

As of this printing—we have only had nine churches turn in their VBS Report. Make sure your VBS numbers are included in next months newsletter!

From Brother Mike...

Mike Farmer, Director of Missions

It has been a busy summer around here, as I am sure it has been for many of you. Yet, through the hectic schedules, the heat and the rain, the Kingdom work moves forward. Always be watching for the quick opportunities to do ministry and share love.

Many of you are going through the worker enlistment for the new year, and we are beginning that for the Association, as well. Pray for workers who will respond to God's leading to serve in their church and the Association. If you know someone who is capable of serving in a certain area, please share those names with our Committee on Committees members. They would love to have your input.

There will be training for all workers, new or experienced, on August 21st at New Providence Baptist Church, Loudon, from 6:30 to 9:00 pm. This conference will provide Practical Helps for Leaders and Teachers. The Conference is geared to pastors and staff, directors and coordinators, adult, youth, children, and preschool teachers and leaders. Take your leaders and get your new church year started right.

Also, there is an upcoming event for young pastors sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. A Young Pastor Luncheon will be held on Monday, September 10, at the Knox County Associational Office from 11 AM-1 PM. If you are

interested in going or need more information, please contact me. This is a free event, but you do need to register for the event.

This month we will be hosting a meal for retired Ministers and Wives. More information will be coming to you soon. We will be meeting at the Association office on August 17th at 11:30 am.

I want to say thanks to those who came out to the Drive-In for our ministry there around July 4th. Both nights were a wash out. It rained and attendance was very low. But we will be back out there for one more weekend, September 1 and 2. I invite any church who would like to come out and share the Gospel or promote an upcoming event to make plans to be there one or both nights.

Our prayer time for revival continues on Thursdays at noon. We have had a few new people joining us and we invite you to come and pray. We believe God can and will do great things!

As we reach the end of the summer, many are enjoying the harvest from your gardens and fields. As Matthew 9:37-38 reminds us, let us pray not just for a spiritual harvest, but pray that God will send out many workers into His harvest. May we desire see a harvest of souls as much as we desire to see from our crops.

Bro. Mike

August Celebrations

Celebrating Birthdays

- 16 ... **Stanley Liner** Lakeview
- 21 ... **Mike Bernard** Central
- 23 ... **Kathy Fain** Association Staff
- 31 ... **Renae Campbell** South Liberty

Celebrating Anniversaries

- 15 ... **Larry & Kathy Fain** Association Staff
- 22 ... **David & Beverly Lones**..... Goodsprings
- 25 ... **Terry & Renae Campbell** .South Liberty

Church/Association Anniversaries

- Jeff Blanchette**..... Calvary Etowah..... 12 years
- Larry Johnson** Cottonport 16 years

McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

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



Order your church free copies of the *Baptist & Reflector* for Sunday, August 26th. You can order online; or contact Mary Nimmo at mnimmo@tnbaptist.org. Requests need to be received by 12 noon, Friday, Aug. 17.

Pastors Prayer Meeting

Every Thursday at the Baptist Center
12:00 noon

Mission Awareness leads to Mission Involvement by Judy Luck, Association WMU Director

Literacy Information meeting – On Friday, August 10th at 7 pm we will be meeting at Central Baptist Church in the Education building with Beth Moore, WMU specialist with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. What an awesome opportunity to see how we can be involved with someone who has a desire to read. Let's be a part of their action plan. For us who can read, let's not take reading for granted.

Wednesday, August 22nd, Eid al-Adha is the Festival of Sacrifice, celebrating Abraham's willingness to offer his son, Ishmael, as a sacrifice to God. It comes at the end of a special month set aside for pilgrimage to Mecca and lasts four days. It occurs about 70 days after End al-Fitr (big celebration at the end of Ramadan in June). Prayer time for Muslims at the Association office at 4 pm.

Equipping Missions and Ministry Leaders – On Saturday August 25th, at First Baptist Church, Lenoir City. **Unshakable Pursuit:** "My dear Friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for Him is worthwhile." *1 Corinthians 15:58*. Register online at tnbaptist.org before August 17th, \$10.00; \$15.00 at the door. Come, discover responsibilities and possibilities to help others.

Across the Street and Around the World is available for reference to find ideas for one hour, one day, one week, short-term and long-term missions in our media library. This is a great "go to" book to jump start brainstorming mission involvement. Don't be 'caught' doing the same-o, same-o activities. What one group does might be what your group can do in another way. Call me to discuss this possibility.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	324.71	1,454.83	Etowah, First	125.00	250.00	Pope Avenue	87.45	922.75
Athens, First	1,500.00	15,000.00	Good Hope	150.00	1,500.00	Riceville, First	58.75	1,763.07
Bethel Springs	0.00	1,000.00	Goodsprings	259.29	2,536.48	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rocky Mount	150.00	600.00
Brookhill	0.00	100.00	Idlewild	100.00	1,050.00	Rogers Creek	116.34	1,046.29
Calhoun, First	200.00	2,000.00	Lakeside	117.84	1,605.29	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	450.00	Lakeview	207.20	2,165.88	Shiloh	200.00	2,000.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	250.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Short Creek	350.20	3,474.20
Central	543.62	6,014.99	Marshall Hill	100.00	800.00	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clay Hill	0.00	60.00	McMahan Calvary	176.60	1,836.47	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	275.76	7,381.57	Mount Harmony, Niota	560.00	4,119.00	Ten Mile	98.63	782.36
Clearwater	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Riceville	48.36	606.97	Union Grove	0.00	250.00
Coghill	175.00	1,575.00	Mount Pisgah	370.81	3,775.40	Union Hill	176.00	2,086.00
Cottonport	214.63	815.25	Mount Verd	0.00	300.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Decatur, First	1,066.98	9,093.20	New Beginnings	0.00	100.00	Valley View	0.00	1,121.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	990.00	New Bethel	0.00	120.00	Walnut Grove	273.66	2,549.05
Double Springs	50.00	500.00	Niota, First	0.00	403.17	West End	107.14	1,904.41
Eastanallee	100.00	1,000.00	North Athens	0.00	275.00	West View	110.06	1,094.76
East Athens	801.84	8,896.38	Oak Grove	424.00	3,733.24	Wildwood	534.63	6,477.73
East Niota	332.00	1,162.00	Old Salem	339.18	3,099.93	Zion Hill	0.00	1,800.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Pisgah	0.00	5,367.83	Total Receipts	11,160.68	129,169.51
Englewood, First	0.00	7,310.01	Pond Hill	150.00	600.00			

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

Serve Conference

Church Growth and Development Conference

Monday, August 27, 2018 ♦ 6:30 pm

Madisonville First Baptist

Learn how your church can engage in reaching the neighborhoods to nations thru Disaster Relief, Compassion Ministries and Partnership Missions.

Breakout sessions are planned as follows:

- Local/State/Home Missions
- North American Missions
- International Missions
- Clerk Training/ACP Training
- Church Treasurer Training

Contact Kim Margrave (kmargrave@tnbaptist.org) for further information.

Attention Church Clerks:

The Annual Church Profiles (ACP's) will be ready for pick-up on August 6th during regular office hours!



Church News

- **East Athens Baptist Church** is collecting aluminum can tabs for the Ronald McDonald House. Please take to East Athens Baptist Church. Include your name and phone number to be entered into a drawing for door prizes.
- **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.
- **Calhoun First Baptist** is seeking a part-time associate Pastor of Youth and Families. Send resume to brocheatham@gmail.com or P.O. Box 175, Calhoun, TN 37309.
- **First Baptist Church Niota** is seeking a part-time Music Director. Please contact: Rev. Cullen Conner at 920-1808.
- **First Baptist Riceville** is seeking a part-time Music Director. Please send resume to: Sam Gentry ♦ PO Box 3344 ♦ Riceville, TN 37370
- **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.**

New in the Library

Books

- One Tuesday Morning** by Karen Kingsbury
- Beyond Tuesday Morning** by Karen Kingsbury
- Remember Tuesday Morning** by Karen Kingsbury
- The Best of Intentions** by Susan Anne Mason
- In Dreams Forgotten** by Tracie Peterson
- The Chapel Car Bride** by Judith Miller

DVD's

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Security Training for Short-Term Mission Teams September 8, 2018 ♦ 8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Captive Saint Security for Faith-Based Travelers

A unique, faith-based seminar, designed to help new and experienced at-risk travelers cope with the hazards of overseas travel while minimizing their exposure to risk and maximizing their witness. This course is for faith-based youth groups, adult volunteers, and short or long-term missionary travelers who are planning to serve outside their home country.

The world is a dangerous place – and apparently it is not going to get any better soon. We have been called to “go...” so risk is not an excuse to stay behind. But we are also instructed to be “as wise as serpents” and to “study to show ourselves approved...” We are expected to ‘Go’ wisely.

This course is all about how we can be wise, lower risk and still go as often and as far as we can in a safe and reasonable manner.

Fee is \$25.

Course Description: Utilizing cutting-edge approaches to age-old problems, security experts will present 4-8 hours of lecture and demonstrations covering lots of new materials on the following:

- **BACKGROUND:** Understanding the culture of criminals, terrorists and would-be government detainees so you can predict and prepare

- **STANDARDS:** As a team – understanding a “Code of Conduct” for times of testing
- **PREPARATION:** Travel preparation – with anti-crime and anti-terrorism in mind
- **AVOIDANCE:** Behavioral strategies for avoiding crime and acts of terror
- **PROTECTING:** Understand what information is private (or even harmful to our ministry, our team, nationals, or my own family) – what you should or should not talk about openly
- **SURVIVAL:** If it happens...strategies for surviving and coping with acts of crime, captivity, brief detainment, etc. – minimizing harm – maximizing survival
- **FAITH:** Issues of faith in captivity – scriptural principles that can become confused under duress and can stall teams and destroy witness
- **RETURNING:** Solid practices for avoiding and surviving these situations and coming home physically and spiritually healthy, with peace and honor intact

Go to www.tnbaptist.org “Events” page to register online. Contact Kim Margrave (kmargrave@tnbaptist.org) for further information.