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

November 2017

Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### December

*Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*

**December 3-10**—Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

**December 7**—Prayer Meeting, Baptist Office, 12:00 noon

**December 22-26**—Christmas Holiday, Baptist Office Closed

**December 29**—New Year's Holiday, Baptist Office Closed

### January

*Call to Prayer Month*

**January 1**—New Year's Holiday, Baptist Office Closed

**January 8**—Pastor & Preachers Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

**January 11**—Human Trafficking Awareness Day

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

**January 21**—Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

**January 25-27**—Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat, Music Road Hotel & Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

**January 25-27**—Youth Ministry Conclave, Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga



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Starting in 1888, the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering® was established to empower the international missions efforts for Southern Baptists. After more than a century, the annual offering continues its steady growth. The National Goal this year is \$160 Million. Your giving enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached peoples and places for the glory of God.

### Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

We will not meet during the month of December—our next meeting will be on Monday, January 8th at 7:00 pm.

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

### Special Prayer Meeting

**December 7, 2017 ♦ 12:00 noon**  
Baptist Center

*A special invitation to all Pastors to attend a special prayer meeting, praying for revival and special needs of our churches.*

*To God be the glory! Bob Smith, Association Prayer Ministry Director*



**Holiday Hours**

*The Baptist Office will be open on December*

*27th and 28th from 10:00 am—2:00 pm and will be closed on December 29th.*



*Mike & Gwen Farmer*

*Larry & Kathy Fain*

## From Brother Mike...

*Mike Farmer, Director of Missions*

It is hard to believe that the year 2017 is almost past. So many things have happened this year. Some have been good and some have not. But, through it all we must remember that God is still God. He has not lost the battle with evil, nor will He. With that in mind, we must continue to be faithful to serve Him in any way we can.

Having just returned from this year's Summit (the annual meeting for Tennessee Baptists), I feel like Paul in Acts 16. Several people my wife and I talked with at the meeting had the same plea, come and help. There are so many needs and so little time and resources.

Tennessee has partnerships with many different places. Here are a few. Pray about where God would have you respond to in 2018.

New England – In one of the most unchurched areas of our nation the needs are incredible. Church plants are struggling to survive. New plants are needed in many areas. Churches have old buildings that need lots of work. A church recently built a new building in Vermont. This is the first church building built in the state in 10 years according to one convention leader.

Ohio – The partnership with Ohio is expanding and extended. Again, lots of areas where churches are struggling and needing help.

Puerto Rico and Dominica – The devastation from the hurricanes has been great there. Work is progressing in Puerto Rico and just beginning in Dominica. Wes Jones, Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief Specialist, recently returned from Dominica and shared that a church in the area Tennessee will be partnering with draws a crowd to the church building by simply starting up a generator. Cell service is working, but the people have no way to charge their phones. Thus when the lights in the church go on they gather to plug in their phones and the church has time to do things with the people in the community.

Texas – Tennessee Disaster Relief has had many people work in Texas since the hurricane hit there. Wes Jones reports that much of the work is coming to a conclusion. The rebuild work is expected to wrap up around the end of this year or soon after.

There are needs all around us. Never forget the lesson of Romans 8:28. God can use the worst of situations to bring good things out of it. Always keep watch, you never know when God may use you to minister to someone in need and through that share His love with the hurting world.

I pray you have a wonderful celebration of Christmas with your family and church family. The birth of our Savior was a wonderful miracle of God, but God's gift to us ultimately came in Jesus' death on the cross. Even then, death was not the end, for victory came three days later. Through the festivities of this month, may we share the Good News with someone so they may receive the greatest Christmas present ever: the forgiveness of their sins!

Merry Christmas,

Bro. Mike

**Delano Baptist Church** in Delano, TN is prayerfully searching for a full-time pastor. We are seeking a pastor who has a heart for reaching younger families and individuals and maintain strong relationships with our senior membership. Experience as a senior pastor is preferred and the candidate should possess a degree from an acceptable college or seminary program. Please include CD, DVD or web links to sermons for review with your resume. Send resumes and requested materials to: Delano Baptist Church ♦ Attention: Pastor Search Committee ♦ PO Box 25 ♦ Delano, TN 37325

*Resumes will be accepted until December 15, 2017.*

## New in the Library

### Books:

*The Innkeeper of Ivy Hill* by *Julie Klassen*  
*Awaken the Leader in You* by *Linda Clark*  
*Cherished Mercy* by *Tracie Peterson*  
*The Care Effect* by *David Crosby*  
*Sing* by *Keith and Kristyn Getty*

By *Denise Hunter*:

*Mending Places*  
*Saving Grace*  
*Finding Faith*  
*Falling Like Snowflakes*  
*The Goodbye Bride*  
*Just a Kiss*  
*Sweetbriar Cottage*  
*The Convenient Groom*  
*Driftwood Lane*

By *Carole Jefferson*:

*Mountain of Mystery*  
*Nobody's Safe*  
*Silver Surprise*  
*Wildfire*  
*Time Will Tell*  
*A Code of Honor*  
*Empty Saddle*  
*Reunion Dance*  
*The Counterfeit Caper*  
*A Blessing and a Curse*  
*A Lode of Secrets*

By *Teri Blackstock*:

*When Dreams Cross*  
*Broken Wings*  
*Trial By Fire*  
*Line of Duty*  
*Blind Trust*  
*Word of Honor*  
*Vicious Cycle*  
*Justifiable Means*  
*Never Again Good-bye*  
*Shadow of Doubt*  
*Evidence of Mercy*  
*Private Justice*  
*Uterior Motives*  
*River's Edge*  
*Presumption of Guilt*  
*Intervention*  
*Breaker's Reef*  
*Downfall*



**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-*

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	0.00	120.86	Etowah, First	0.00	0.00	Pope Avenue	114.35	0.00
Athens, First	1,500.00	1,500.00	Good Hope	150.00	150.00	Riceville, First	234.25	202.81
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	204.06	0.00	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	0.00
Brookhill	100.00	0.00	Idlewild	0.00	150.00	Rogers Creek	146.86	0.00
Calhoun, First	200.00	200.00	Lakeside	193.56	76.32	Sanford	1,500.00	0.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	0.00	Lakeview	271.80	0.00	Shiloh	600.00	0.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	25.00	Manilla Chapel	200.00	0.00	Short Creek	335.26	0.00
Central	750.48	0.00	Marshall Hill	100.00	0.00	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clay Hill	0.00	0.00	McMahan Calvary	178.68	133.60	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	1,131.31	0.00	Mount Harmony, Niota	460.00	0.00	Ten Mile	78.91	81.84
Clearwater	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Riceville	47.92	0.00	Union Grove	0.00	0.00
Coghill	0.00	175.00	Mount Pisgah	444.97	0.00	Union Hill	302.65	158.55
Cottonport	195.53	0.00	Mount Verd	0.00	0.00	Valley Road	300.00	0.00
Decatur, First	1,021.18	0.00	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Valley View	0.00	0.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	0.00	New Bethel	0.00	120.00	Walnut Grove	242.21	214.28
Double Springs	50.00	50.00	Niota, First	135.72	102.42	West End	201.07	158.70
Eastanallee	100.00	100.00	North Athens	50.00	0.00	West View	134.08	0.00
East Athens	1,036.82	666.33	Oak Grove	398.00	334.00	Wildwood	626.91	970.00
East Niota	166.00	0.00	Old Salem	389.28	0.00	Zion Hill	0.00	0.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Pisgah	0.00	0.00			
Englewood, First	1,483.34	0.00	Pond Hill	150.00	0.00			
						<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>16,110.20</b>	<b>5,689.71</b>

*Contributions received after November 21st will be reflected in next month's report.*

## December Celebrations

### Celebrating Birthdays

- 02 ..... *Ginger Snyder* ..... Oak Grove
- 14 ..... *Stefanie Lones* ..... Rogers Creek
- 18 ..... *Michael Coleman* ..... Sanford
- Vicki Vest* ..... Wildwood
- 23 ..... *Annie Elkins* ..... Rocky Mount
- 25 ..... *Natalie Talbot* ..... Double Springs

### Anniversaries

- 11 ... *Jason & Christen Robertson* ..East Athens
- 18 ... *Donnie & Pam Dalton* .....Mount Verd
- 19 ... *Kevin & Lindsey Cheatham* ...Calhoun First
- 21 ... *Larry & Libby Johnson* .....Cottonport
- 23 ... *Victor & Tina Abernathy*.....Pisgah

### Church/Association Anniversaries

- Steven Stone* ..... Brookhill ..... 1 year
- James Price* ..... Calvary Missionary .... 3 years
- Byron Talbot* ..... Double Springs..... 3 years

## McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

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

**Macy Small, M.A.**

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## Church News

- **McMahan Calvary Baptist Church** will have a Drive-Thru Nativity: The Birth Thru the Ascension of Christ on December 1st from 6:00—8:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.
- **Associational Calendars** are ready and can be picked up during regular office hours!
- **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).
- **Central Baptist Church** will host "Gifts of Love" at the church on Saturday December 3rd and at the YMCA on December 9th. For more information, please contact the church at 745-0400.
- **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.

- **Give Away: Bible Study Kits (VHS)** - Beloved Disciple (for grades 1-6), Making Love Last Forever, Masterlife, Your Church Experiencing God Together, Men Leading the Charge, Deacons: Partner in Ministry and Growth, Experiencing God as Couples, The Man God Uses; Choral/Anthems (sample copies) - some with CD's.
- **First Baptist Riceville** is seeking a part-time Music Director. Please send resume to: Sam Gentry ♦ PO Box 3344 ♦ Riceville, TN 37370
- **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.
- **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.**

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### Bivocational Ministers and Wives Retreat

January 25—27, 2018

Music Road Hotel & Convention Center

A 3-day event for bivocational ministers and their wives for inspiration, training, and fellowship.

*For more information or to register online go to: [www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org).*

### Grace Asylum

**Saturday Dec 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**

McMinn County High School  
auditorium

Grace Asylum presents

**StoryTime: Once upon a December**

*A look at Christmas through the  
Shepherds eyes*

**FREE!**

### Attention Meigs County Churches:

With all the recent shootings going on in our nation Sheriff Jackie Melton wants to remind everyone about the active shooter class the Meigs County Sheriff's Office and the Decatur Police Department offer. We are willing to come to your church or business and the class is free of charge. If you have any questions or want to schedule a class please contact us.

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## Merry Christmas