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

December 2018

Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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Mark Your Calendar!

December

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 2-09—Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 11—Financial Issues Facing Churches and Ministers, *Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga, 9:30 am—11:30 am*

December 24-26—Christmas Holiday, *Baptist Office Closed*

December 31—New Year’s Holiday, *Baptist Office Closed*

January

Call to Prayer Month

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

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

January 10—Financial Issues Facing Churches and Ministers, *Knox County Baptist Association, Knoxville, 9:00 am—11:30 am*

January 10—Financial Issues Facing Churches and Ministers, *Knox County Baptist Association, Knoxville, 6:30 pm—8:30 pm*

January 11—Human Trafficking Awareness Day

January 15—Executive Board Meeting, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*

January 20—Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 24-26—Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat, *Music Road Hotel & Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN*

January 24-26—Youth Ministry Conclave, *Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga*



The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering theme this year is “*Every Church, Every Nation.*” The International Mission Board of the SBC reports over 2.8 billion people who have little or no access to the Gospel. Your prayers and gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering are a tremendous support and blessing in getting His Message out to the nations. 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.

Remember in prayer our churches without Pastors:
First Baptist Athens, First Baptist Calhoun, Eastanallee, Lakeview, Marshall Hill, New Bethel, Old Salem, Walnut Grove and West End.



Holiday Hours
The Baptist Office will be open on December 27th and 28th from 10:00 am—2:00 pm.



Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

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



Mike & Gwen Farmer

Larry & Kathy Fain

Are you still recovering from Thanksgiving? While we have paused a few moments for counting our blessings, we are now rushing full speed into Christmas.

The Summit 2018 has just ended. This is the gathering of Tennessee Baptists across the state. This year's meeting was in Jackson. The Convention was quiet and peaceful. The preaching inspired as usual, and everyone had a good time visiting old friends and making some new ones.

While we heard about a lot of needs across the state, we also heard about a lot of good things going on in Tennessee. With all the negative news and fussing online, it can be easy to miss the good things happening. God is still at work. Join me in prayer that 2019 will be a year with a lot more positives than negatives for the Kingdom of God.

I hope you will be making plans to attend the Summit 2019 which will meet at Concord First Baptist Church November 17-20. I pray this will be a great celebration of God's amazing work in Tennessee in the coming year. You probably know some people, like I do, which seem to be beyond the reach of even God. No matter how you talk to them or show them

God, they reject the truth and choose their own way. Never forget truth of Matthew 19:26. When it comes to saving people, no one is out of the reach of our mighty God. Keep sharing the truth and let God's Spirit do the work.

I pray you have a wonderful Christmas with your family, friends 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. The resurrection put the exclamation point on the story of God's redeeming work for fallen man. 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!

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 263-1989

New in the Library

Books

Havah: the story of Eve by Tosca Lee

Looking for Lovely by Annie Downs

A Season of Grace by Lauraine Snelling

The Cost of Betrayal by Dee Henderson, Dani Pehrey & Lynette Eason

By **Denise Hunter:**

Blue Ridge Sunrise
Honeysuckle Dreams
On Magnolia Lane

By **Melody Carlson:**

A Christmas by the Sea
Westward Hearts
A Dream For Tomorrow
A Home at Trail's End

By **Terri Blackstock:**

Night Light
True Light
Dawn's Light

Bible Studies

When Life Is Hard by James MacDonald

The Parent Adventure: preparing your kid for a life with God by Rodney & Selma Wilson

Becoming a Man: A Father & Son Journey Together by Robert Lewis

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Problems, pain, struggles, and heartaches fill our hearts from time to time. So remember to also fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving. No matter the struggle, God is good and gives us His power and His presence with us in the struggle. Remember to give Him praise!

INDIVIDUAL, COUPLES, & FAMILY COUNSELING SESSIONS, WOMENS, TEEN, MARRIAGE & FAMILY CONFERENCES, & HOLIDAY GIFT CERTIFICATES

FINANCIAL ISSUES

Financial Issues Facing Churches and Ministers

January 10, 2018

Seminar for treasurers, secretaries, financial secretaries, ministry assistants, business administrators, office managers, finance committee members or any person interested in church finances. **No registration required.**

Knox County Baptist Association, Knoxville, 9:00 am—11:30 am

Knox County Baptist Association, Knoxville, 6:30 pm—8:30 pm

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	0.00	160.87	Etowah, First	0.00	125.00	Pope Avenue	134.35	229.35
Athens, First	1,500.00	3,000.00	Good Hope	150.00	300.00	Riceville, First	0.00	0.00
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	503.07	885.03	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	150.00
Brookhill	0.00	0.00	Idlewild	110.00	220.00	Rogers Creek	117.46	270.42
Calhoun, First	200.00	200.00	Lakeside	140.35	447.39	Sanford	1,500.00	1,500.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	50.00	Lakeview	164.65	164.65	Shiloh	0.00	200.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	50.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Short Creek	364.87	364.87
Central	0.00	578.46	Marshall Hill	200.00	300.00	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clay Hill	0.00	0.00	McMahan Calvary	182.00	182.00	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	415.36	415.36	Mount Harmony, Niota	474.00	969.00	Ten Mile	85.40	201.85
Clearwater	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Riceville	64.82	64.82	Union Grove	0.00	0.00
Coghill	0.00	175.00	Mount Pisgah	320.27	320.27	Union Hill	255.00	255.00
Cottonport	210.44	210.44	Mount Verd	0.00	0.00	Valley Road	0.00	0.00
Decatur, First	876.26	876.26	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Valley View	400.00	400.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	220.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	246.33	246.33
Double Springs	0.00	50.00	Niota, First	0.00	0.00	West End	285.03	471.31
Eastanallee	100.00	200.00	North Athens	0.00	0.00	West View	113.06	113.06
East Athens	897.74	1,919.61	Oak Grove	311.00	757.00	Wildwood	516.63	516.63
East Niota	197.50	197.50	Old Salem	270.66	270.66	Zion Hill	0.00	0.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Pisgah	0.00	0.00			
Englewood, First	847.50	1,695.00	Pond Hill	0.00	0.00			
						Total Receipts	12,338.75	20,123.14

Contributions received after November 19th 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
 21 ... **Larry & Libby Johnson**..... Cottonport
 23 ... **Victor & Tina Abernathy** Pisgah

Church/Association Anniversaries

- Steven Stone**.....Brookhill 2 years
James Price.....Calvary Missionary 4 years
Byron TalbotDouble Springs 4 years

McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

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



Church News

- Our sympathy to the family of **Rev. Herschel Creasman** (brother to Oran and Carl) who passed away October 29, 2018.
- **McMahan Calvary Baptist Church** will have a **Drive-Thru Nativity: The Birth Thru the Ascension of Christ** on December 7, 2018 from 6:00—8:00 pm.
- **Associational Calendars** are ready and can be picked up during regular office hours!

- **First Baptist Calhoun** is seeking a part-time associate Pastor of Youth and Families. Send resume to 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.
- **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 Missions Mosaic or Mature Living.**

Delano Baptist Church in Delano, TN is seeking a part-time Music Director. Please contact: Personnel Committee at (423) 506-2387.

Delano Baptist Church in Delano, TN is taking bids for Custodial Services starting January, 2019. Please contact: Personnel Committee at (423) 506-2387.

WMU SCHOLARSHIPS

Available scholarships:

- Undergraduate (for students attending Tennessee colleges)
- Graduate (for students with Tennessee Baptist ties attending graduate school)
- Seminary (for graduate students attending SBC seminaries)

Scholarship information and applications are available at tnbaptist.org; search for "WMU Scholarships"

*Completed Scholarship applications must be postmarked by **January 25, 2019.***

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**Bivocational Ministers
& Wives Retreat**

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tmbaptist.org*



**Youth Ministry
Conclave**

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