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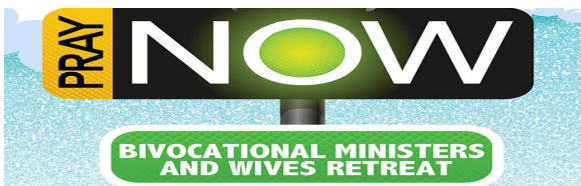
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January 25-27 Music Road Hotel & Convention Center 303 Henderson Chapel Rd, Pigeon Forge, TN, United States
Romans 12:12 Cost: \$275 REGISTER ONLINE Or register by downloading the full brochure & print registration form.



In the event of snow and ice the Baptist Center will be closed for the day.

We are hiring a Director of Facilities & Activities at Camp Living Stones, applications can be found on our website, www.camplivingstones.com. Our Director of Facilities & Activities is responsible for maintaining the buildings, grounds and activities of Camp. The Director of F & A will also be responsible for organizing and instructing 'Living' the Mission' projects throughout the year. A love for the Lord and hands on interaction for the furthering of the gospel is a must for this position. For more information contact David Small 423-405-9086.

Links

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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
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
December 3-11—Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
December 23-26—Christmas Holiday, *Baptist Office Closed*
December 31—New Year's Holiday, *Baptist Office Closed*

January
January 31-2 New Year's Holiday, *Baptist Office Closed*
January 8—Pastor, Preachers Fellowship, *Baptist Center, 7 pm*
January 8-12- Human Trafficking Awareness Day
January 21 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
January 16- Executive Board Meeting, *Baptist Center, 7 pm*
January 18-20—Youth Ministry Conclave, *Chattanooga Convention Center, Chattanooga*
January 25-27 & Wives Retreat, *Music Road & Convention Center, Pigeon Forge*

The Week of Prayer for International Missions is a special, focused time of prayer for Southern Baptist missionaries serving through the International Mission Board and the people whom they serve.

We invite you to join us in this season of prayer, December 3-11th. In addition to prayer, your generosity in giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering can make an eternal impact. When you give directly to this offering, 100% of your gifts support missionaries around the world.

The 2023 goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is **\$185 million.**



Merry Christmas,
Mike & Gwen

Are you one who finds it hard to believe 2023 is almost over? I sure am. This year seems to have flown by faster than any before. May we close out this year being faithful and prepare to make the next year even better.

The Christmas season offers a lot of distractions. Preparations for family gatherings, shopping for gifts, and attending Christmas parties are just a few of the things going on in December. My prayer is that we don't get so wrapped up in the multitude of activities that we forget the real reason for the celebration.

God sent His Son, Jesus, into this world to live as we live. I find that concept hard to grasp at times. Why would a holy and righteous God come live in such a fallen world? I believe He came for several reasons. One might be that Jesus wanted to relate to living in the reality and difficulty of this world. He also came to show us that it is possible to live in the world without sin. Yes, Jesus was God and that gave Him an advantage we do not have. Scripture makes clear that Jesus was tempted in every way that we are and He did not sin. But what I see as the main reason for Jesus' coming was to become the perfect sacrifice for sin as He offered Himself up on the cross.

The greatest part of this story is not the beginning but the ending. The Christmas story would be nothing without the Easter story. May we celebrate Jesus' entry into our world, but may we never forget the complete plan which God carried out.

May you have a wonderful Christmas celebration.

Prayer for Revival

Every Thursday at the Baptist Center
12:00 noon ♦ Everyone welcome!

Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

We will not meet during the month of December—our next meeting will be on Monday, January 9th at 7:00 pm.

**Remember in prayer our churches without Pastors:
Eastanallee, Lakeview, Marshall Hill, New Bethel and West End.**

December Celebrations

Celebrating Birthdays

- 01 ... *Karrie Sweet* Association Staff
- 07 ... *Jimmy Long* Marshall Hill
- 12 ... *Jordan Metzger* First Baptist Decatur
- 14 ... *Stefanie Lones* Rogers Creek
- 17 ... *Bo Dunkle* Clearwater
- 18 ... *Vicki Vest* Wildwood
- 23 ... *Annie Elkins* Rocky Mount
- 25 ... *Natalie Talbot* Double Springs
- 28 ... *April Shaver* Bethsadia

Anniversaries

- 14 .. *Toby & Johnna Brogden* ... First Baptist Calhoun
- 18 .. *Donnie & Pam Dalton* Mount Verd
- 21 .. *Larry & Libby Johnson* Cottonport
- 23 *Victor & Tina Abernathy* Pisgah
- 23 *Gun Fine & Jenna Fine* Valley Road

Church/Association Anniversaries

- Phillip Thompson*.. Mt Pisgah.....2 years
- Shane White*..... West End 5 years
- Bryan Talbot*..... Double Springs.....9 years

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	398.97	398.97	Etowah First	0.00	125.00	Pisgah	802.02	802.02
Athens First	1,200.00	2,400.00	Good Hope	150.00	300.00	Pond Hill	200.00	200.00
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	211.29	367.59	Pope Avenue	354.96	354.96
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Greenhouse	0.00	0.00	Riceville, First	132.60	265.00
Brookhill	100.00	300.00	Hiwassee	0.00	410.50	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Calhoun First	200.00	400.00	Idlewild	120.00	240.00	Rocky Mount	150.00	150.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	50.00	Lakeside	145.26	239.66	Rogers Creek	133.00	268.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	50.00	Lakeview	246.00	471.10	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Central	370.97	814.57	Manilla Chapel	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	400.00	400.00
Clay Hill	0.00	0.00	Marshall Hill	0.00	0.00	Short Creek	427.85	812.70
Clear Springs	497.76	497.76	McMahan Calvary	115.44	235.04	South Liberty	100.00	200.00
Clearwater	300.00	300.00	Mnt. Harmony, N	965.00	2,118.00	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Coghill	50.00	50.00	Mnt. Harmony, R	55.91	102.27	Ten Mile	169.16	308.81
Cottonport	230.07	230.07	Mount Pisgah	724.15	724.15	Union Grove, D	0.00	0.00
Decatur First	966.03	1,517.24	Mount Verd	100.00	100.00	Union Hill	580.00	1,140.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	220.00	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Double Springs	50.00	100.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Vally View	307.15	307.15
Eastanallee	100.00	200.00	Niota First	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	827.90	1,538.70
East Athens	719.32	719.32	North Athens	0.00	0.00	West End	343.92	605.85
East Niota	201.00	201.00	North Etowah	200.00	400.00	West View	116.34	116.34
East View	0.00	0.00	Oak Grove	318.00	593.00	Wildwood	511.93	1,158.03
Englewood First	830.65	1,661.30	Old Salem	520.46	520.46	Zion Hill	0.00	0.00
						Total Receipts	15,828.11	27,484.56

All donations after November 27th will go into January's newsletter.

Church News

- **North Etowah** December 9 from 5-8 there will be a live nativity. December 20th at 6 PM Christmas Party Grades 6-12.
- **Athens 1st** Christmas Caroling December 20th at 5PM
- **Old Salem** One Night in Bethlehem December 9-10 from 6-8
- **McMinn Warming Center** will be open during January & February. Please call Steve Thomas at 865-335-1870 or Keith Memorial to volunteer.

McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

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