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February 24, 2024 5-7
Notchey Creek Baptist Church



5529 New Highway 68, Madisonville
Hosted by the Sweetwater Baptist Association.

*TLE Conference March 1-2
Pigeon Forge*

Country Tenite
Theatre
129
Showplace
Blvd
Pigeon Forge, TN
37863



Friday
Registration - 1:00-4:00 PM
Afternoon Session -
4:00-5:00 PM
Evening Session - 8:00 PM
Saturday
Morning Session - 8:30 AM

My Refuge

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.

Pastors, Preachers Fellowship
February 5, 2024 ♦ 7:00 pm
Hope to see you here for a time of fellowship and learning.

Seminary Extension
Class New Testament Survey Part 1
Starts February 8th
If you are interested in taking this class please call the office at 423-745-2248.



Links

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

February 2024 Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Volume 23, Issue 2

February
True Love Waits
Emphasis Month

February 2—Pastor & Preachers Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

February 2-3—Worship and Music Youth Project, Stevens Street Baptist Church 327 W Stevens St, Cookeville, TN, United States

February 13—Pack & Sort 9:30 AM at MMAB

February 18th—Focus on WMU Week

March
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 1-2—TLE Conference, Pigeon Forge

March 4—Pastor & Preachers Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

March 3-10—Week of prayer/ Annie Armstrong



February 18th

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

Stevens Street Baptist Church
327 W Stevens St,
Cookeville,
TN, United States
\$40 to attend



FRIDAY
5:00pm – Registration
6:00pm – Dinner
Feb 2-3

ATTN; Church Clerks

I am working on the 2023 Annual Minutes. If you have not picked up your **ACP** please do so as soon as possible. If you have not entered your churches information into TED please do so as soon as possible to make it into the book in time. If you need help please call the office.

From Brother Mike . . .

Mike Farmer, Director of Missions

We live in a day and time where it seems everything is turned into a crisis. Yes, we just made it through a major winter storm. And we can be sure another storm will come one day.

In the church world we have several points of crisis proportions. We have heard the past few years that we are facing a shortage of pastors. As many of them reach retirement there are not as many young men coming into the pastoral ministry. We are also facing a lack of pianists, organists and music leaders. These things are having a direct impact on many of our churches and the problem is likely to grow in time.

In talking to pastors and churches, one of the things I have concluded is that we face a general apathy about serving in the church. I am not talking just about pastors and music leaders. Many churches are struggling to find volunteers to serve. There seems to be a general characteristic of many church volunteers today: they have gray hair. As the boomer generation reaches a point of being unable to serve or receiving our heavenly reward, what is going to happen?

If you are a Christian, you have been given at least one spiritual gift by God. Are you using your gift? Over my years of ministry, I have encountered numerous believers who had no clue what their gift was or what to do with it. Gifts are given by God to minister in and to the church body. I encourage all church members to find your gift and learn how to use it for the benefit of the church.

We are facing decisions in the association in regards to volunteers. Christian Builders has been a very active group and are in high demand in our community. They have averaged building around 35 ramps a year for the past several years. Yet, we are facing the reality of having to turn people down because we do not have enough people to serve. Four people cannot build 35 ramps this year. Scott Duckworth is stepping down as the coordinator because of all the time required as a Fire Department Chaplain. We are asking for someone to step up and fill this role and others who can step up and help get the work done.

The decision we and the churches now face is will this ministry continue? Without volunteers, many of our ministries will cease to exist.

My prayer is that God will call and encourage His people to live out their faith. Will you join me in that prayer?

Camp Living Stones
Est. 1978

Pancake Breakfast

February 10, 2024
9:30am-12pm
Dine in Only

Plates:
Child \$6
Adult \$10
All You Can Eat Pancakes \$14

Tickets available at
www.camplivingstones.org/5ksignup
or in the Camp Office

All Proceeds go to help fund Camp Living Stones so that every student has the opportunity to hear the gospel.

February Celebrations

Birthdays

- 14 **Amanda Cunningham** Ten Mile
- Van Elkins** Rocky Mount
- 15 **Stephanie Brown** Zion Hill
- 17 **Jylann Sneed** Rockview
- 23 **Joe Reed**.....Calvary Missionary
- Ricky Vaughn**.....McMahan Calvary
- 25 **Bill Henard** First Baptist Athens

Anniversaries

- 22.... **Bill & Vicki Vest** Wildwood

Church Anniversaries

- Greg Charles**.....Double Springs.....1 year
- Anthony Johnson**...New Beginnings.....1 year
- Justin Brown** Zion Hill 11 years
- Donnie Dalton** Mount Verd.....30 years

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	159.93	558.90	Etowah First	125.00	250.00	Pisgah	0.00	802.02
Athens First	0.00	3,600.00	Good Hope	150.00	600.00	Pond Hill	0.00	400.00
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	0.00	581.85	Pope Avenue	277.28	914.48
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Greenhouse	1,500.00	1,500.00	Riceville, First	0.00	381.68
Brookhill	0.00	400.00	Hiwassee	0.00	410.50	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Calhoun First	0.00	600.00	Idlewild	0.00	360.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	150.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	150.00	Lakeside	152.12	488.94	Rogers Creek	110.00	489.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	100.00	Lakeview	294.30	981.35	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Central	0.00	1,345.30	Manilla Chapel	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	200.00	600.00
Clay Hill	0.00	120.00	Marshall Hill	0.00	0.00	Short Creek	440.93	1,621.91
Clear Springs	1,036.28	1,927.99	McMahan Calvary	147.84	500.84	South Liberty	100.00	400.00
Clearwater	0.00	900.00	Mnt. Harmony, N	1,500.00	4,546.00	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Coghill	0.00	150.00	Mnt. Harmony, R	0.00	144.57	Ten Mile	81.40	526.05
Cottonport	229.06	459.13	Mount Pisgah	0.00	724.15	Union Grove, D	93.48	188.10
Decatur First	1,087.60	3,221.92	Mount Verd	0.00	100.00	Union Hill	584.00	2,232.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	440.00	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Double Springs	50.00	200.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Vally View	0.00	307.15
Eastanallee	100.00	400.00	Niota First	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	744.65	3,076.55
East Athens	448.85	1,168.17	North Athens	0.00	0.00	West End	345.42	1,137.47
East Niota	0.00	402.00	North Etowah	0.00	600.00	West View	0.00	237.84
East View	0.00	0.00	Oak Grove	663.22	1,256.22	Wildwood	0.00	1,892.20
Englewood First	830.65	3,322.60	Old Salem	429.06	1,380.65	Zion Hill	0.00	0.00

Total Receipts 12,066.07 51,047.53

Contributions received after January 22nd will be reflected in next month's report.

BCM Lunch Schedule

- February 1—Zion Hill
 - February 8—Undecided
 - February 15—Oak Grove
 - February 22—Idlewild
- Please let us know if your church would like to host a BCM Lunch

McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

Meets every Monday morning at
10 AM at the Baptist Center

Prayer for Revival

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

Zion Hill invites you

Men's PRAYER BREAKFAST

APRIL 20

8-9:30AM BREAKFAST
9:45AM SERVICE BEGINS

SPEAKER: STEVE MORGAN, CLEVELAND-FBC

Tennessee Wesleyan University Cafeteria

Register online at zhbc.com/breakfast

...the prayer of a righteous man is very powerful. James 5:16

Church News

- **MMAB** pack and sort literature will be February 13th starting at 9:30am at the Association Office
- **Short Creek** is giving away a large Christmas Tree. Please call the office for more information.



In the event of snow/ice the Baptist Office will be closed.