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Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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Mark Your Calendar!

February

True Love Waits Emphasis Month

February 1-2—Advanced B+ Security Training, Knox County Baptist Association

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

February 11-17—Focus on WMU Week

February 16—National Children's Ministry Day

February 22-23—Total Life Encounter, Pigeon Forge

March

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

March 1-2—Total Life Encounter, Pigeon Forge, TN

March 1-2—Handbell Festival, Carson-Newman University, Jefferson City, TN

March 3-10—Week of Prayer and Mission Study for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

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

March 15-16—Youth Evangelism Conference, Municipal Auditorium, Nashville, TN

March 15—Retired Ministers and Wives Breakfast—Baptist Center, 9:00 am



February 11-17



Join thousands of kids across the country in hands-on ministry in your community for Children's Missions Day! WMU invites all children in grades 1-6 to participate on Saturday, February 16, 2019.

From feeding hungry people to visiting shut-ins, boys and girls follow God's command to "put your love into action" (1 John 3:18). Church groups create projects that meet needs in their own communities. WMU created Children's Missions Day to move children out of their churches and into their communities to do missions. The first Children's Missions Day was in 2008. Since then, thousands of people have taken part in this special day.



Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief Training Events

February 16 ♦ Manley Baptist Church

3603 W Andrew Johnson Hwy ♦ Morristown

Classes offered: Introduction to Disaster Relief and Specialized Classes

For more information or to register contact Don Owen at dnowen@bellsouth.net

March 1-2 ♦ Sharon Baptist Church

7916 Pedigo Road ♦ Knoxville

Classes Offered: Introduction to Disaster Relief, Specialized and Chaplaincy Classes

For more information or to register contact Karen Chesney at info@kcab.org

March 15-16 ♦ Camp Carson

1120 Carson Springs Road ♦ Newport

Bucket Truck Classroom & Bucket Truck/Chainsaw Hands-on Training

For more information or to register contact Don Owen at dnowen@bellsouth.net

Remember in prayer our churches without Pastors:

First Baptist Athens, First Baptist Calhoun, Eastanallee, Lakeview, Marshall Hill, New Bethel, Old Salem, Pope Avenue and Short Creek.



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

This month marks a special anniversary for me, so I am doing a little reminiscing about my journey through life and ministry. In the year after I graduated from high school, I began to feel God placing a calling on my life. My pastor at that time, Mike Davis, spent much time with me and helped me understand the best I could where God was leading. I surrendered to the ministry that year and could never imagine where I would go from there. I served in student ministry for a couple of years while attending school. Then I had the privilege to attend seminary through Union University and Southwestern Seminary. Soon after moving to Texas, I met a special lady in our church who would become my partner in life and work.

Thirty years ago this month Gwen and I, with the help of several friends, loaded up all we had and moved from Texas to Kentucky to start my first full-time ministry position. It is hard to believe how many years have gone by and things that have changed since that time. There have been many ups and downs over the years. Life in the minister's home is not always easy or fun.

Of course the heart aches and tragedies that come with the job stick with you a long time. Thankfully they are balanced out by the joys that come when you watch God change people. Seeing people come to the Lord and grow to be more like Him assures me that the work is not about me, but about our Heavenly Father and all He does for us.

A lot has happened on the journey. But, I realize that the most important part of it is the people I have dealt with through the years. I have preached a few thousand sermons and taught numerous Bible studies and Sunday School lessons. All of these things seem less important now than the people.

I share this to encourage each of you to see this in your life. It really isn't about what all we do; it is about people. Whether you are a minister or not, one of the greatest joys in life will be to see God work in someone's life. Jesus spent much of his time teaching and ministering to those around him.

In Luke 8 we read the few verses telling the story about the woman who slipped up to touch the hem of Jesus' clothing. Maybe she was too timid or disheartened to approach Jesus directly (something that would have gone against society's norm), but she reached out to her last hope. When Jesus stopped and asked who touched Him, the disciples must have thought He was crazy. In the mass of people crowding around them I suspect many people had touched Him. Yet, one touch stood out. A little woman finally came forward to confess what she did. Her act of faith brought physical and spiritual healing.

How many of us miss people reaching out to us for help. Often, it is not the obvious ones, but those who are lost in the crowd. Pray for God to open your eyes and heart to see those He can touch through us. May God use us all to make a difference in the people around us.

Pastors Prayer Meeting
Every Thursday at the Baptist Center
12:00 noon



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BCM Lunch Schedule

February 7—BCM Director
February 14—Athens First
February 21—Oak Grove
February 28—Wildwood
March 7—Spring Break
March 14—Central

New in the Library

Bible Studies

The Basket Case by Beth Moore

The Faithful by Priscilla Shirer, Kelly Minter, Beth Moore, Jennifer Rothschild and Lisa Harper

Daughter, Where's Your Crown? by Kathy Farley

Mission Awareness leads to Mission Involvement

by Judy Luck, Association WMU Director

In the month of February, WMU Focus Week and Children's Ministry Day are two ways that your church can know how important missions can impact children, teenagers, men and women here and beyond our borders. Now is the time to tell your story: how you are involved and want others to join you so they can have a story to tell. It can be contagious.

Children's Ministry Day - February 16. "Go Tell" is the theme: Mark 16:15. It sounds so general but it is also specific. How can your children have an opportunity to love like Jesus? It can meet an immediate need of someone/someone's but it is also sowing seeds of love and kindness. You know children, they enjoy hands-on experiences. Tell me your story so I can pass it along to Vickie Anderson at TBC, WMU. Someone who reads about what you did and be inspired to say, "I could do that". And do it. What a chain reaction it can have.

Mission Get-Together/Connection in Gatlinburg is only two months away - April 5-7. If you go once, you will be "hooked" on the inspirational messages, interaction with other leaders, plus the fellowship in small groups and the networking in the exhibit hall. Also, if any group would like to take or send a gift basket for the Silent Auction supporting the WMU Endowment, please give me a call. The ones who send a gift and the one who buys it plus 100% of the money goes to endow the future for continual mission opportunities = a win-win situation for everyone. The ministry project this year benefits the refugee ministry in TN. We are collecting full-size hygiene items. FULL-SIZE not sample/travel size. This is a great opportunity to be a part of the refugee ministry in Tennessee.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	0.00	419.24	Etowah, First	0.00	250.00	Pope Avenue	148.85	476.20
Athens, First	1,500.00	6,000.00	Good Hope	150.00	600.00	Riceville, First	262.68	262.68
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	413.54	1,602.53	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	300.00
Brookhill	0.00	100.00	Idlewild	0.00	330.00	Rogers Creek	126.98	465.34
Calhoun, First	200.00	800.00	Lakeside	149.81	731.92	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	150.00	Lakeview	196.30	543.42	Shiloh	400.00	800.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	100.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Short Creek	412.89	1,164.64
Central	644.64	2,538.86	Marshall Hill	100.00	400.00	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clay Hill	60.00	60.00	McMahan Calvary	234.26	615.78	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	601.61	1,458.72	Mount Harmony, Niota	716.00	2,144.00	Ten Mile	95.66	392.26
Clearwater	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Riceville	46.99	158.05	Union Grove	0.00	0.00
Coghill	175.00	525.00	Mount Pisgah	827.37	1,147.64	Union Hill	254.00	686.00
Cottonport	0.00	210.44	Mount Verd	100.00	100.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Decatur, First	893.33	2,071.55	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Valley View	395.00	795.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	440.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	283.43	767.81
Double Springs	50.00	200.00	Niota, First	0.00	0.00	West End	245.85	972.56
Eastanallee	100.00	400.00	North Athens	0.00	0.00	West View	129.22	354.18
East Athens	1,472.47	4,336.28	Oak Grove	352.00	1,501.00	Wildwood	671.25	1,661.25
East Niota	0.00	395.00	Old Salem	425.97	967.35	Zion Hill	0.00	0.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Pisgah	1,106.54	2,309.68			
Englewood, First	1,695.00	4,237.50	Pond Hill	0.00	0.00			
						Total Receipts	15,821.64	48,941.88

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

February Celebrations

Birthdays

12 ... *Carrie King* Shiloh
 14 ... *Amanda Cunningham* ... Ten Mile
Van Elkins Rocky Mount
 15 ... *Stephanie Brown* Zion Hill
 17 ... *Jylann Sneed* Rockview
 19 ... *Tonya White* West End
 21 ... *Stacy Gennoe* New Beginnings

Anniversaries

22 ... *Bill & Vicki Vest* Wildwood

Church Anniversaries

Danny Singleton ... Clearwater 2 years
Justin Brown Zion Hill 7 years
Scott Packett Idlewild 11 years
Donnie Dalton Mount Verd 25 years

The Polk County Baptist Association is seeking a Camp Director and an Administrative Assistant for **CAMP AGAPE**. Resumes will be accepted (by e-mail only) until February 22nd at noon. E-mail resumes to: dompcba@bellsouth.net

McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference
Meets every Monday morning at 10:00 am at the Baptist Center.

Church News

- **The 2018 Annual Minutes** are ready and can be picked up during regular office hours!
- **West End Baptist Church** welcomes their new Pastor, Rev. Shane White who began his ministry there on December 16, 2018.
- **Walnut Grove Baptist Church** welcomes their new Pastor, Rev. Kenneth Gardner who began his ministry there on January 20, 2018.
- **East Athens Baptist Church** is seeking a full-time Pastor of Families. Send resume to: jrobertson423@me.com.

- **Give-Away: Poinsettia Tree** (that goes in the Baptistry). Contact Jimmy Haney at 745-3162.
- **First Baptist Church Niota** is seeking a part-time Music Director. Please contact: Rev. Cullen Conner at 920-1808.
- **First Baptist Calhoun** is seeking a part-time associate Pastor of Youth and Families. Send resume to P.O. Box 175, Calhoun, TN 37309.
- **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.**

Your recommendations are needed for new board and committee members!

Tennessee Baptists are strongly encouraged to go online at tmbaptist.org/boardrec and make recommendations of fellow Tennessee Baptists to serve on one of the following: Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, one of seven institutional boards of trustees, or one of the eight convention committees, all of which carry on the work of the convention.

Recommendations are needed by March 4, 2019. We hope that you will prayerfully consider and then follow through in making recommendations for the boards and committees. Thank you for your help!

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Pastors & Preachers Fellowship
February 4, 2019 ♦ 7:00 pm
Come and see who your speaker will be!



Have you reserved Camp Cherokee for your church or youth retreat? Or maybe you need the Block Party Trailer for your church function? Call 745-2248 to reserve your dates today!

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YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE

Presented by the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

"Lord, I have heard of your fame, and stand in awe of your deeds, repeat them in our day, in our time make them known..." (Habakkuk 3:2)

3/15/2019 - 3/16/2019 ♦ Nashville Municipal Auditorium

For more information or to register online go to www.yectn.org