

2018
Happy New Year!

Links

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

January 2018

Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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Mark Your Calendar!

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 13—Pastors Prayer Meeting, *Baptist Center, 9:00 am*
- January 16—Executive Board Meeting, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*
- January 18—Pastors Prayer Meeting, *Baptist Center, 9:00 am*
- 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*

February

True Love Waits Emphasis Month

- February 5—Pastor & Preachers Fellowship, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*
- February 12-18—Focus on WMU Week
- February 17—National Children's Ministry Day
- February 23-24—Total Life Encounter, *Pigeon Forge*



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

January 21, 2018



Seminary Extension Seminary Extension Classes — will begin on January 18th at 6:30 pm. Course Study will be: **History of Christian Thought**. To enroll or for more information call 745-2248. (*a \$50.00 deposit is required for new enrollees*).

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

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

Pastors Prayer Meeting

January 13 ♦ 9:00 am
Baptist Center

January 18 ♦ 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.

Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

January 8 ♦ 7:00 pm ♦ Baptist Center

Rev. Victor King, Pastor of Short Creek Baptist Church will be the speaker.

Hope to see you here!

Attention Church Treasurers

New reporting deadline is now permanent:

- W-2's due to employees and Social Security Administration by **1/31/2018**
- 1099's due to independent contractors and IRS by **1/31/2018**

Ah, New Year’s resolutions... the practice of futility. It’s that time of year again. Maybe you have given up on what this as an annual activity, but let me encourage you to not completely ignore it.

I want to challenge every member of our churches to read the Bible through this year. Some of you have done this many times. Some of you have not. One of my wishes for 2018 is that we will read the Bible with a spiritual hunger this year. Don’t just read the words, but hear the heart of the message the Bible brings to us. This is God’s Word to us. He gave it so that we might know Him. When we read, remember that we are reading the words of God Himself.

In the Bible we can find the answers to every problem known to man. Maybe not in the way we want, but when we get to know God and allow ourselves to be made more like Him, the answers will be there. The world is looking for answers in different places and people. Yet, we know where the answers are found. The world probably will not accept this until they see us changed by it.

May those around us see the Word of God as it is lived out by each of us every day of next year.

Another thing you will hear a lot about next year is praying for revival. We will be having regular prayer meetings at the association office for our pastor’s to pray together. Our next prayer meeting will be Saturday morning, January 13, at 9:00 am. Another one will be held on Thursday, January 18, at noon. Bob Smith and I invite all of our pastors to come be a part of one of these meetings.

Each Monday morning at 10:00 am, we are blessed to have a time of fellowship with pastors. Our evening Pastors’ Meeting normally meets on the first Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m. We had great meetings this past year, and I look forward to that continuing in the year ahead. Both of these will resume in the New Year on January 8. Come join us for a time of encouragement and sharing. Someone in the group will need it.

I look forward with great expectation to 2018. Philippians 4:19 tells us that our God can meet all of our needs. Let us trust God to do just that in the coming year.

Happy New Year,

Bro. Mike

Attention Church Treasurers

Please make sure mail to the Baptist Office has the correct street address/zip code.

Our address is: **350 Congress Parkway North Athens, TN 37303**

Last month I received mail with the wrong zip code (37371), wrong building number (305) and the wrong city/zip.

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You can also print out your Federal Posters from this site. Companies with 2 or more employees are required to have state and federal posters. This also applies to non-profit and family-owned businesses.

Make sure your Labor Law Posters are up-to-date!



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Mission Awareness leads to Mission Involvement

by Judy Luck, Association WMU Director

2018 - Thank you Lord for a new year, new opportunities that You will show us - to be Your Hands and Feet for Your Honor and Glory. **Please ponder on this thought:** if your church does not have the mission organizations - weekly or monthly, please prayerfully consider the possibility. A friend’s daughter and son-in-law were in the IMB commissioning service in November, 2017. Each couple gave their testimony. Many of the women said they were a part of the GA/Acteens program; some of the men said, the RA program. Doing a missions trip/project once or twice a year is great but studying and being a part of mission action every month becomes a part of a child/youth’s lifestyle. Isn’t that what we are striving for - “growing in wisdom with God and man”?

On Tuesday, January 16 at the Association Office at 9:00 am we will be having our second “box” party (with refreshments) packing used literature. On November 28th Edna, Sybil, Jean, Shirley, Ray and I showed up at 9 and finished before 10. What a great job they did! Who will help this month? Men are welcomed to this packing experience.

Mission Get-Together/Connection is March 16-18 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center. This year the ministry project will go to City Reach – Nashville. **Backpacks with brand new school supplies** will be given to students in Grades K to 4. If your WOM, Sunday School class, etc. would like to contribute, you may bring them to the association office by Tuesday, March 13th, to be taken to Gatlinburg on the 16th. Thank you for considering this mission action project. Wide-ruled Loose Leaf Paper, Pad of Drawing paper, Spiral Notebooks (2), Composition Notebooks (2), 2-Pocket Poly Folders (3), Pencil Case, Box of #2 Pencils (8 or more), Box of Colored Pencils, Box of Crayons (24 pack), Box of 10 Broad Line Washable Markers, Large Eraser, Glue Sticks (2), 5-inch Safety Scissors (4+ age), Package of Post-It Notes. Again, I encourage you to attend this conference for the challenging and inspirational messages, meeting new and old friends, new ideas to try here at your home church, plus many more things that you will enjoy. The opportunity is here for your girls’ get-away. Let me know if you have any questions.

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	308.40	429.26	Etowah, First	0.00	0.00	Pope Avenue	86.80	201.15
Athens, First	0.00	3,000.00	Good Hope	150.00	450.00	Riceville, First	206.03	643.09
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	165.44	369.50	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rocky Mount	150.00	150.00
Brookhill	0.00	100.00	Idlewild	200.00	350.00	Rogers Creek	137.37	284.23
Calhoun, First	200.00	600.00	Lakeside	137.04	406.92	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	100.00	Lakeview	261.75	533.55	Shiloh	0.00	600.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	75.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Short Creek	418.85	754.11
Central	717.14	1,467.62	Marshall Hill	100.00	200.00	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clay Hill	0.00	0.00	McMahan Calvary	186.16	498.44	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	772.93	1,904.24	Mount Harmony, Niota	403.00	863.00	Ten Mile	0.00	160.75
Clearwater	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Riceville	36.95	84.87	Union Grove	250.00	250.00
Coghill	350.00	525.00	Mount Pisgah	500.80	945.77	Union Hill	164.00	625.20
Cottonport	0.00	195.53	Mount Verd	100.00	100.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Decatur, First	847.08	1,868.26	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Valley View	370.00	370.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	220.00	New Bethel	0.00	120.00	Walnut Grove	260.36	716.85
Double Springs	50.00	150.00	Niota, First	105.74	343.88	West End	193.71	553.48
Eastanallee	100.00	300.00	North Athens	0.00	50.00	West View	145.06	279.14
East Athens	908.61	2,611.76	Oak Grove	399.00	1,131.00	Wildwood	517.66	2,114.57
East Niota	166.00	332.00	Old Salem	264.12	653.40	Zion Hill	400.00	400.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Pisgah	2,262.80	2,262.80	Total Receipts	14,069.47	35,869.38
Englewood, First	741.67	2,225.01	Pond Hill	150.00	300.00			

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

January Celebrations

Birthday's

- 01 ... *John Crisp*..... West End
- 02 ... *Kerry Arwood*..... Antioch
- 03 ... *James Price*..... Calvary Missionary
- 05 ... *Christen Robertson* . East Athens
- 08 ... *David Coffman*..... Valley Road
- 12 ... *Pam Dalton* Mount Verd
- 18 ... *Tony Crisp*..... Eastanallee
- Fred Cunningham* .. Ten Mile
- Joanne Morgan* Stephensville
- 20 ... *Gene Guffey*..... Bethel Springs
- 24 ... *Jason Clark*..... First Baptist Athens
- 25 ... *Shirley King* Mount Harmony Riceville
- 28 ... *Herman Jordan* Old Salem
- Beverly Lones*..... Goodsprings

Anniversaries

- 07 ... *Stanley & Robin Liner*.....Lakeview
- 09 ... *Mike & Gwen Farmer*Director of Missions
- 24 ... *Randall & Melissa Bates*...McMahan Calvary
- 28 ... *Joe & Glenda Hatcher*.....Coghill
- 30 ... *Gary & Darlene Rolan*.....Union Grove Decatur

Church/Association Anniversaries

- Cullen Conner*..... First Baptist Niota 2 years
- Gary Rolan* Union Grove Decatur .. 3 years
- Terry Campbell*... South Liberty..... 4 years
- Victor King* Short Creek 5 years
- Stanley Liner* Lakeview 8 years

Willie Bryant is looking for you!



On April 21, 2018 at East Niota Baptist Church Fellowship Hall, we will celebrate 20+ years of being "On Mission". 1996—present. If you have been on Mission with us at any time, please contact Willie Bryant at 423-920-8667 (call or text), or 1128 Jones Street ♦ Athens, TN.

We have taken mission trips to Tennessee, Kentucky, Maine, Iowa and West Virginia.

Church News

- **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.
- **Calhoun First Baptist** is seeking a part-time associate Pastor of Youth and Families. Send resume to brocheatham@gmail.com or P.O. Box 175, Calhoun, TN 37309.
- **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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JANUARY



East Athens Baptist Church will host a live simulcast of this Johnny Hunt Men's Conference on Friday, February 2, 2018 at 6:00 pm and on Saturday, February 3, 2018 at 9:00 am. This event is free to any man who would like to attend!

McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

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



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 263-1989.



Pray4TN is a movement across TN to pray for every family in TN. We do this by setting up Prayer Outposts or Lights throughout the state of Tennessee. A Prayer Outpost or a Light is a home, church or association that commits weekly to pray for lost people and their neighbors by name. Join us by praying for every household in your community in 2018. Individuals, churches and associations can sign up to adopt homes to pray.

"Reaching Tour 2018" will be at **Brainerd Baptist Church** in Chattanooga on January 18th ♦ 7:00—8:00 pm.

For more information about this evangelism program go to www.tnbaptist.org.



Internal Revenue Service Mileage Rates for 2018 effective 1/1/18:
54.5 cents per mile