

Happy New Year 2019

Links

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

January 2019

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 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

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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

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 10-17—Focus on WMU Week

February 16—National Children's
Ministry Day

February 22-23—Total Life Encounter,
Pigeon Forge



Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

January 7, 2019 ♦ 7:00 pm

Come and see who your speaker will be!

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.

A blue sign with the word "Important" written in white cursive. A pink pushpin is visible at the top left corner of the sign.
In the event of snow/ice the Baptist Office will be closed.

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

The year of 2018 was indeed a fast year. It has passed by very quickly. I have no doubt that 2019 will be much the same. It is indicative of the world we live in today.

I pray you have made a commitment to read the Word and pray more in the coming year. We need it and our community needs it. Everyone is invited to join us for our weekly prayer time for revival on Thursdays at noon. This has been a beneficial time for those who participate.

The more you find out about what is happening around us, the crazier it seems to get. If you have been reading the Word, you should not be surprised at what is happening in our world. The letter of 2 Timothy is right on target. The first few verses of chapter 3 describes our world accurately. God knew what was going to happen in our day before this world was created.

It is hard to understand how a nation with so much knowledge and learning could become like this. The enemy has certainly been successful in blinding and deceiving many of us. The end of chapter 3 reminds us how we avoid these problems: we must know the Scriptures. God’s Word is as applicable to us today as at in time in history because it addresses the heart of man. The problem today is not politics, education or poverty. The real

problem of the day is the heart of mankind. We are sinful and will always be so until we come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. This is the only answer to the real problems we see every day! I pray you will share the message of hope in Jesus Christ with those facing tough times in life.

One of the things we are planning for this year in the Association is helping people learn to teach the Bible. Pastoral education is going to be one area we work on improving by offering more training opportunities in the many different skills needed in leading a church.

We are also going to do more to help our Sunday School teachers. Those teachers that serve faithfully each Sunday can have a huge impact on lives. I still remember some of the teachers who took up that challenge to teach our group of kids. Sometimes I remember what they taught, but the reality is I remember more of what they did. I pray that each Sunday School teacher in our churches can impact children, youth and adults in both ways.

I pray you have a wonderful, blessed year in 2019!

Bro. Mike

New in the Library

Books

By Diann Mills

- Double Cross**
- Deadlock**
- Deadly Encounter**
- Deep Extraction**
- High Treason**
- Breach of Trust**
- Sworn to Protect**
- Pursuit of Justice**

Compassion Ministry Network

Cleveland First Baptist Church
January 31, 2019 ♦ 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

To encourage, instruct, and network with identified church compassion ministry leaders in Harvest Field 5. Compassion Ministry leaders will be encouraged to keep evangelism at the forefront of their respective Compassion Ministry efforts. Participants will evaluate and assess the evangelism effectiveness of their Compassion Ministry efforts. Participants will be encouraged to consider additional ways to meet needs, develop relationships, share Christ, and connect recipients to the local church.

A lunch will be provided for you. We will need to know how many are planning to come so we can get an accurate count for lunch. Please RSVP by January 15 by emailing Carrie Kidd at ckidd@tnbaptist.org or call 615-371-2025.

Mission Awareness leads to Mission Involvement

by Judy Luck, Association WMU Director

2019: 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. Just as the title of this article states, “mission awareness leads to mission involvement”. You probably say “our church **is** mission-minded and **involved** in many ministries”. Consider the mission information - world wide - that the WMU organizations bring to your church. Now you don’t have to re-invent the wheel by looking for mission information and ways to partner with missionaries here and around the world. Please call me to get started in a new way. The WMU challenge is for all Christian believers to understand and be radically involved in the mission of God. In I Corinthians 15:58 we are challenged by Paul’s words “stand firm and don’t be shaken. Keep working for the Lord.” In times like these, we need the firm foundation of knowing God more, loving unconditionally and making disciples who make disciples. Again, consider the mission organizations and learn more how God is moving and working in the world who need Hope and the life only Jesus can give.

It is time to pack used literature. Thank you, Volunteers, for your help on this project that impacts lives around the world. See you on Tuesday, January 15th at 9 am at the Association Office.

On Saturday, January 19, 2019, at the Association Office, 9:30 am - 11:30 am let’s share our thoughts on the WMU theme book, “**Unshakable Pursuit**”. If you did not buy the book, come, enjoy the fellowship and learn more on how we can continue our pursuit to ‘**Know God More**’.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	258.37	419.24	Etowah, First	125.00	250.00	Pope Avenue	98.00	327.35
Athens, First	1,500.00	4,500.00	Good Hope	150.00	450.00	Riceville, First	0.00	0.00
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	303.96	1,188.99	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rocky Mount	150.00	300.00
Brookhill	100.00	100.00	Idlewild	110.00	330.00	Rogers Creek	67.94	338.36
Calhoun, First	400.00	600.00	Lakeside	134.72	582.11	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	100.00	Lakeview	182.47	347.12	Shiloh	200.00	400.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	75.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Short Creek	386.88	751.75
Central	1,315.76	1,894.22	Marshall Hill	0.00	300.00	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clay Hill	0.00	0.00	McMahan Calvary	199.52	381.52	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	441.75	857.11	Mount Harmony, Niota	459.00	1,428.00	Ten Mile	94.75	296.60
Clearwater	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Riceville	46.24	111.06	Union Grove	0.00	0.00
Coghill	175.00	350.00	Mount Pisgah	0.00	320.27	Union Hill	177.00	432.00
Cottonport	0.00	210.44	Mount Verd	0.00	0.00	Valley Road	300.00	300.00
Decatur, First	301.96	1,178.22	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Valley View	0.00	400.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	330.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	238.05	484.38
Double Springs	100.00	150.00	Niota, First	0.00	0.00	West End	255.40	726.71
Eastanallee	100.00	300.00	North Athens	0.00	0.00	West View	111.90	224.96
East Athens	944.20	2,863.81	Oak Grove	392.00	1,149.00	Wildwood	473.37	990.00
East Niota	197.50	395.00	Old Salem	270.72	541.38	Zion Hill	0.00	0.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Pisgah	1,203.14	1,203.14			
Englewood, First	847.50	2,542.50	Pond Hill	0.00	0.00			
						Total Receipts	12,997.10	33,120.24

Contributions received after December 20th will be reflected in next month's report.

January Celebrations

Birthday's

- 02 ... **Kerry Arwood**..... Antioch
- 03 ... **James Price**..... Calvary Missionary
- 05 ... **Christen Robertson**... East Athens
- 12 ... **Pam Dalton**..... Mount Verd
- 18 ... **Fred Cunningham**.... Ten Mile
- Joanne Morgan** Stephensville
- 20 ... **Gene Guffey**..... Bethel Springs
- 25 ... **Shirley King**..... Mount Harmony Riceville
- Beverly Lones** Goodsprings

Anniversaries

- 08 ... **J.W. & Linda Smith**..... Valley Road
- 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.....3 years
- Gary Rolan**Union Grove Decatur....4 years
- Terry Campbell**South Liberty5 years
- Victor King**.....Short Creek6 years

Church News

- **Associational Calendars** are ready and can be picked up during regular office hours!
- **East Athens Baptist Church** is seeking a full-time Pastor of Families. Send resume to: **jrobertson423@me.com**.
- **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.**

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.



Macy Small, M.A.
112 Key Kile Rd
Sweetwater, TN
865.414.3269

Individual, Couples & Family Counseling Sessions; Women, Teen, Marriage & Family Conferences

Pastors Prayer Meeting

Every Thursday at the Baptist Center ♦ 12:00 noon

Be still, and know that I am God: Ps. 46:10

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For more information or to volunteer, please Contact Scott Duckworth at 263-1989

Internal Revenue Service Mileage Rates for 2019 effective 1/1/19:

.58 cents per mile



East Athens Baptist Church will host a live simulcast of this Johnny Hunt Men's Conference on Friday, January 25th at 5:00 pm and on Saturday, January 26th at 8:00 am. The event cost (for both days) is \$10.00 and includes a steak dinner on Friday evening!

