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Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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Mark Your Calendar!

July

July 3-4—Independence Day Holiday, Baptist Office Closed

July 5-7—Journey Mini Week Camp, Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center, Newport

July 10-14—Camp Cherokee Day Camp Youth

July 17-21—Camp Cherokee Day Camp Children

July 18—Executive Board Meeting, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

July 24-28—Camp Cherokee Day Camp Children

July 23—National Serving Your Community Day (Love Loud)

August

Shoes for Orphan Souls

August 1—Pastor's & Preacher's Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

August 14—Prayer Conference, East Athens Baptist Church,

August 27—Baptist and Reflector Day

August 28—Associational Sunday School Conference, First Baptist Church Madisonville, 6:30 pm—9:00 pm

August 29—Associational Sunday School Conference, North Cleveland Baptist Church, Cleveland, 6:30 pm—9:00 pm

Camp Cherokee

Please remember to pray for the children (*and their leaders!*) during our day camps in the month of July. At press time we have ?? enrolled for Youth Camp and ?? enrolled for the first week of Kids Camp and ?? enrolled for the second week!



It's here! Block Party Trailer

The Block Party Trailer of the McMinn-Meigs Association is up and running! Work is continuing in getting everything done on the inside.

Several have asked what is in it. Here is a list of the things we have in it at this time:



- Inflatable Bounce House**
- Inflatable Bounce House combo unit with slide**
- Ball Toss Game**
- Frisbee Toss Game**
- Corn Hole/Washer Toss Game**
- Giant Jenga**
- Face Painting supplies**



Soon to be added:

- Snow Cone machine**
- Popcorn machine**
- Plinko Game**

The trailer is primarily intended for the Drive-In Theater Ministry and children's and community outreach events. There is still time to plan an event at your church. Be creative. Could you do an outreach in an apartment complex? Think outside the box. Look for children and

families and ask yourself where and how you can engage them. You don't have to have the event at the church building. Also, be thinking about your schedule for Back to School or Fall festivals.

If you are interested in more details about the trailer, please contact the Association office.

How is your summer going? Many of you have made it through VBS and are looking to work in those vacations. Maybe you have some favorite activities to get in before the good weather fades away.

Praise the Lord for the many good results from our Vacation Bible Schools. I have heard of several salvations and many good things as a result of all the hard work. For those who are still looking forward to your VBS, I pray that you will share the love of Jesus in a powerful way with the children you work with in it.

The Block Party Trailer has come to life. We still have work to do on it, but it made its first event a couple of weeks ago. Here is a picture of the first setup at Goodsprings Baptist Church's VBS Kickoff.



Let me share a couple of dates with you for your August calendar.

August 14 we will have the Prayer Conference with Don Pierson at East Athens Baptist Church. More information will be coming out soon.

Pastors and Sunday School leaders will find help at the upcoming training conferences. Bring your teachers or even potential teachers and get some ideas for improving your Sunday School/small groups.

August 28 will be the first of the Sunday School Conferences in our area. It will be at First Baptist Church, Madisonville.

August 29 will be the second of the Sunday School Conferences. It will be held at North Cleveland Baptist Church.

Choose the night most convenient for your leadership.

SCHEDULE: (Both nights)

5:30 p.m. DINNER (If purchased)

6:30 p.m. OPENING RALLY

7:00-9:00 p.m. BREAKOUT SESSIONS

If you have any questions about the Sunday School Conferences, contact Mark Miller or Heather Beard at the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board - (800) 558-2090.

In Matthew 5, Jesus tells us that we are the salt and light for this world. We are at work to make a difference in the world. Through these works, those in darkness have a chance to know the Father above. What has someone around you learned about God in what you have done this week?

TO: Local area churches

FROM: McMinn County Cherokee Football Coaching Staff



SUBJECT: "Adopt-A-Cherokee"

Please let us take this opportunity to say a big "Thank You" to your church for providing pre-game meals for our football team in the past. We are extremely grateful for your generosity in this area, and hope that you will continue to minister to our boys in this way. In addition to the meal, this year we would like to ask for more of a long-term commitment from some of your church members.

Let us explain. God has been at work in the lives of our coaching staff over the past several months. We have come to realize the huge opportunity and responsibility we have been given. Not only are we challenged to raise scholar athletes to their fullest potential in the school and athletic realm, but also to be men of good character who contribute positively to their families and community. We can't do all this alone, and this is where you come in. What better place to solicit help for this daunting task than the local churches that have already shown an interest in our team.

There are several things we would like to see happen in the lives of our players this year. In addition to our regular team camp, we would like to take our entire team to FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) camp this summer. I encourage you to research this camp opportunity at www.fcacamps.org. The cost of this week-long experience will be approximately \$6,500. Our original thought was to ask the 10 local churches that already provide a meal if they would share the cost of providing this Christian camp experience to our boys. But then our eyes were opened to the mentoring opportunity we would be missing.

We have 75 players on the roster, so we are asking 75 individuals or families to "adopt" one player for the season. The "adoption" process would begin with sponsoring the player for the week at FCA camp. That would mean a financial investment of \$125 or a donation in the young man's life. But then, what if each player not only received a gift of camp, but was also being prayed for by name daily, being encouraged randomly through cards or text messages, being invited to church and maybe out to lunch after church with someone who has truly taken an interest in him as an individual? What if each young man knew that someone was on the sideline cheering him on not only on Friday night but throughout the week days of the season as he makes the daily tough decisions that determine his future?

NOT ALL – but many of our players are lacking a positive influence in their lives. This is unfortunate because churches on every corner of our community speak weekly about being the light and making a difference. We are asking you to partner with us by challenging your congregation to consider mentoring a young man in our community through this "Adopt-a-Cherokee" initiative.

We plan to provide free passes and create a special cheering section at the first home game for these "adopted" families.

Our camp dates are July 10th–12th and we are trusting God to provide the funds as He raises up adults who want to play a part in raising up Godly young men in our community. Please contact Derrick Vestal at derrick_vestal02@yahoo.com or (423)368-4167 by July 6th 2017, if you have questions or if your church body would like to participate in this first unique endeavor.

Thank you for prayerfully considering our request!

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	177.60	1,311.71	Etowah, First	0.00	200.00	Pond Hill	0.00	300.00
Athens, First	3,000.00	14,000.06	Good Hope	150.00	1,350.00	Pope Avenue	83.65	967.70
Bethel Springs	0.00	1,000.00	Goodsprings	180.22	1,003.15	Riceville, First	190.88	1,513.39
Bethsadia	0.00	100.00	Hiwassee	0.00	70.40	Rockview	0.00	5.00
Brookhill	0.00	0.00	Idlewild	100.00	1,100.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	450.00
Calhoun, First	200.00	1,800.00	Lakeside	143.00	1,200.24	Rogers Creek	0.00	856.59
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	500.00	Lakeview	231.90	1,791.76	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	675.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Shiloh	0.00	1,400.00
Central	549.30	4,999.89	Marshall Hill	0.00	700.00	Short Creek	246.46	3,243.50
Clay Hill	0.00	0.00	McMahan Calvary	152.49	1,639.64	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	652.68	8,542.34	Mount Harmony, Niota	456.00	3,693.17	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clearwater	333.34	3,000.06	Mount Harmony, Riceville	56.67	373.93	Ten Mile	299.64	806.93
Coghill	175.00	1,575.00	Mount Pisgah	391.84	3,366.17	Union Grove	0.00	250.00
Cottonport	0.00	699.60	Mount Verd	0.00	200.00	Union Hill	167.45	1,095.86
Decatur, First	855.22	7,260.01	New Beginnings	0.00	100.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	990.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Valley View	275.00	960.00
Double Springs	200.00	1,800.00	New Zion	0.00	118.59	Walnut Grove	246.21	2,024.56
Eastanallee	100.00	800.00	Niota, First	73.04	1,023.64	West End	153.98	374.13
East Athens	0.00	5,994.66	Niota, First	73.04	1,023.64	West View	92.76	947.85
East Niota	332.00	1,502.00	North Athens	0.00	200.00	Wildwood	650.00	3,932.65
East View	0.00	10.00	Oak Grove	270.00	3,232.00	Zion Hill	0.00	1,600.00
Englewood, First	741.67	6,587.52	Old Salem	283.32	3,796.14	Total Receipts	13,274.57	115,096.76
			Pisgah	878.25	4,061.92			

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

\$1 for ONE
 For the month of JULY
 Women At The Well is asking
 all local churches and businesses
 to donate \$1 for ONE WOMAN
 at Woman At The Well who
 would otherwise not be able to stay.
\$1/PERSON
JULY
 It is for FREEDOM
 that CHRIST SETS US FREE.
 WOMEN at the WELL
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July Celebrations

Celebrating Birthdays

03 ...**Pat Kerr** North Athens
 04 ...**Melissa Bates** McMahan Calvary
 06 ...**William Beasley** First Baptist Riceville
 09 ...**Victor Abernathy** Pisgah
 Mike Farmer Director of Missions
 Mike Rymer Walnut Grove
 15 ...**Greg Watson** Manilla Chapel
 18 ...**Jeff Blanchette** Calvary Etowah
 23 ...**Darlene Rolan** Union Grove Decatur
 26 ...**Jimmy Lewis** Union Hill
 31 ...**Terry Campbell** South Liberty

Celebrating Anniversaries

08 ...**Garry & Shirley King** Mt. Harmony Riceville
 31 ...**Byron & Natalie Talbot** .. Double Springs

Church/Association Anniversaries

Larry Sorah Bethsadia 7 years
Jerry Plaster East Niota 8 years
Allen Watson Dixon Avenue 29 years

Church News

- **East Athens Baptist Church** welcomes their new Pastor, Rev. Jason Robertson who will begin his ministry there July 2, 2017.u
- **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 Youth Pastor. Send resumes to Rev. Victor King, 1190 County Road 750, Athens, TN 37303 or call him at 920-7365.

New in the Library

Book's	DVD's
A Worthy Heart by Susan Anne Mason	A Perfect Chord.
Love's Faithful Promise by Susan Anne Mason	A Season of Miracles

Audio Book: Fervent: A Woman's Battle Plan for Serious, Specific, and Stratigic Prayer by Priscilla Shirer

Reminder: Each church needs to fill out a VBS report, regardless of the curriculum used.

You can find a VBS Report to fill out on our website: mcmminmeigsbaptists.org.

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Conferences for pastors and staff, directors and coordinators, adult, youth, children, and preschool teachers and leaders.

Schedule:

5:30 Meal (*if purchased*)
6:30 Opening Rally
7:00-9:00 Breakout
Sessions

Contact Mark Miller
(mmiller@nbaptist.org) for
further information.

August 28, 2017

First Baptist Church Madisonville
323 Tellico Street ♦ Madisonville
6:30 pm—9:00 pm

August 29, 2017

North Cleveland Baptist Church
2815 N Ocoee Street ♦ Cleveland
6:30 pm—9:00 pm

Seminary Extension Classes announced for Fall 2017

Seminary Extension Seminary Extension Courses are offered here at the Baptist Center twice a year. The next session will begin on September 7, 2017 at 6:30 pm and will be on **Biblical Backgrounds**. A \$50.00 deposit is required to enroll for this course. For more information, please call Kathy at 745-2248 or email: mmab@truevine.net.

Vacation Bible School is coming to a church near you!

Pope Avenue July 10—14
Antioch July 16—19
Lakeside July 17—21

I ♥ VBS

**Remember in prayer our churches
without Pastors:**

**First Baptist Etowah, Lakeside, Marshall
Hill, New Bethel and Pope Avenue.**

**McMinn-Meigs Association of
Baptists Pastors Conference**

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

