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

July 2018

Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### July

**July 4—Independence Day Holiday, Baptist Office Closed**

**July 9-13—Camp Cherokee Day Camp Youth**

**July 14—TN Baptist Disaster Relief Celebration, Missions Mobilization Center, Mount Juliet, TN**

**July 16-20—Camp Cherokee Day Camp Children**

**July 17—Executive Board Meeting, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm**

**July 23-27—Camp Cherokee Day Camp Children**

### August

*Shoes for Orphan Souls*

**August 4—Regional Music Ministry Leadership Conference, Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga**

**August 6—Pastor's & Preacher's Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm**

**August 25—Equipping Missions and Ministry Leaders—East TN, First Baptist Church Lenoir City, 8:30 am**

**August 26—Baptist and Reflector Day**

**August 27—SERVE Conference, First Baptist Madisonville**

## 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 76 enrolled for Youth Camp and 79 enrolled for the first week of Kids Camp and 81 enrolled for the second week!



## Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief is 40 years old!



*It is a year for celebration! Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief is 40 years old* and we are planning a celebration. We will be having a statewide get-together on Saturday, July 14, 2018 from 10 AM CST to 2 PM. It will take place at the Mission Mobilization Center in Mount Juliet, TN. There will be online registration and the cost will be \$10.00 per person, proceeds which will go to Disaster Relief. Hold the date and plan on joining us to celebrate what God has done during the last 40 years and as we look forward to what God will do in the future.



**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](http://mcmminmeigsbaptists.org)*

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

**First Baptist Athens, Eastanallee, Marshall Hill, New Bethel, Pond Hill, West End and Valley Road.**

## New in the Library

### Books

**Flickering Lamps** by Henry & Richard Blackaby  
**To the Moon and Back** by Karen Kingsbury  
**A Touch of Grace** by Lauraine Snelling  
**Sophie's Dilemma** by Lauraine Snelling  
**A Dream to Follow** by Lauraine Snelling  
**Harvest of Hope** by Lauraine Snelling  
**Streams of Mercy** by Lauraine Snelling  
**From This Day Forward** by Lauraine Snelling  
**Believing the Dream** by Lauraine Snelling  
**More Than a Dream** by Lauraine Snelling  
**To Everything a Season** by Lauraine Snelling  
**Undivided** by Patricia Raybon & Alana Raybon  
**Send the Light** by Cathy Butler  
**Her Way** by Rosalie Hall Hunt  
**Bless God and Take Courage** by Rosalie Hall Hunt  
**Unshakable Pursuit** by Grace Thornton  
**The Extraordinary Story of Ann Hasseltine Judson** by Rosalie Hall Hunt  
**Go Forward** by Cathy Butler

### DVD's

A Question of Faith  
New Life  
Prayer Never Fails  
The Stray  
Welcome to Inspiration  
I Can Only Imagine  
A Cowgirls Story  
Believe



## Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

**July 9  
7:00 pm  
Baptist Center**  
*Come and see who your speaker will be!*

## From Brother Mike...

*Mike Farmer, Director of Missions*

Praise the Lord for the good reports coming from our Vacation Bible Schools. Many of you have had good weeks, although the attendance has been down for some. I have been told of a few salvations. That is what I like to hear. Keep those reports coming in to us!

We will be out at the Drive-In Theater again on July 2-3. Come out and join us as we share Christ's love with those in our community. We will also be out at the Theater again on September 1-2. I hope some of you can come out and join us for at least one of the evenings.

It is almost time for camp! Camp for Youth and Children at Camp Cherokee will be going on in July. Pray that they will have good weather, fun activities and a clear teaching of God's Word. Pray for the Gospel to be revealed to those who are lost, and for the saved may they be encouraged to walk closer to Christ. Finally, pray for Bro. Mike and the staff that they may have great strength, wisdom and patience for these three weeks.

July 14 will be the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Disaster Relief in Tennessee. You are invited to come join in the celebration at the Missions Mobilization Center in Mt. Juliet, TN that day. More information can be found at [tndisasterrelief.org](http://tndisasterrelief.org).

Our prayer time for revival continues each Thursday at noon at the Association office. We are praying for the churches in our association and asking God to begin a great move of His Spirit in us. Our community is just like the rest of the world in our need for a life changing touch from God. I ask you to join us in praying for this. Better yet, come by on Thursday and pray with us.

The Southern Baptist Convention is now behind us. We should be reminded from it that we are imperfect people living in a very imperfect world. May we challenge one another to keep our eyes upon Christ. As Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 1:23, let us resolve to proclaim Christ crucified to today's world, just as Paul did to his world.

Bro. Mike

## 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  
*Allan Lovelace*.....First Baptist Etowah
- 31 .. *Terry Campbell*.....South Liberty

### Celebrating Anniversaries

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

### Church/Association Anniversaries

- Earl Graves*.....Lakeside.....1 year
- Jason Robertson*.....East Athens.....1 year
- Jerry Plaster*.....East Niota.....9 years
- Allen Watson*.....Dixon Avenue.....30 years

### McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

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



*Macy Small, M.A.*

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## Mission Awareness leads to Mission Involvement *by Judy Luck, Association WMU Director*

### GIRLS LOCK-IN (Grades 7 - 12)

**Central Baptist Church Gym ♦ 13 Nash Drive ♦ Athens**  
**Friday, August 10th, 7:30 pm - Saturday, August 11th, 8 am**  
**Cost: \$5.00 registration fee**

For fun, fellowship, food, inspiration and an encouragement to others in a ministry project plus our guest speaker, Beth Moore (*not THE BETH MOORE but someone just as gifted!*) from Tennessee Baptist WMU staff will be an evening long remembered. She is leading the way in Students, Multicultural, Literacy and ESL across Tennessee. She joined the staff at TN Baptist WMU on January 15 after being a missionary in India for 6 1/2 years with the IMB. To experience quite a night, registration is required by the deadline: **Friday, July 27<sup>th</sup>**. Registrations should be mailed to: Baptist Center, 350 Congress Parkway N, Athens, TN 37303. Please honor this date so preparations can be made.

**ATTENTION:** anyone interested in learning how to be involved in a Literacy program here in the McMinn-Meigs Association? Beth Moore, TN WMU Specialist, will be conducting an introduction on how we can begin this ministry in our association. Tennessee Literacy Missions Ministries include ESL, Tutoring Children and Youth and Adult Reading and Writing. Friday, August 10th, 7 pm - 8:00 pm, at Central Baptist Church, 13 Nash Drive, Athens, Education Building. Contact Judy Luck, 423-506-6539 if you have any questions.

Congratulations to **Maddie Dake** (Lee University) from Central Baptist Church and **Hunter Wilkerson** (Southern Seminary) from First Baptist Church Athens on receiving a TN WMU scholarship for 2018-2019.



**CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	0.00	1,130.12	Etowah, First	0.00	125.00	Pope Avenue	107.95	835.30
Athens, First	1,500.00	13,500.00	Good Hope	150.00	1,350.00	Riceville, First	65.25	1,704.32
Bethel Springs	0.00	1,000.00	Goodsprings	380.44	2,277.19	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	450.00
Brookhill	0.00	100.00	Idlewild	100.00	950.00	Rogers Creek	77.74	929.95
Calhoun, First	200.00	1,800.00	Lakeside	141.84	1,487.45	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	400.00	Lakeview	208.32	1,958.68	Shiloh	400.00	1,800.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	225.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Short Creek	261.69	3,124.00
Central	469.41	5,471.37	Marshall Hill	100.00	700.00	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clay Hill	0.00	60.00	McMahan Calvary	149.44	1,659.87	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	504.87	7,105.81	Mount Harmony, Niota	321.00	3,559.00	Ten Mile	57.90	683.73
Clearwater	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Riceville	58.16	558.61	Union Grove	0.00	250.00
Coghill	175.00	1,400.00	Mount Pisgah	319.26	3,404.59	Union Hill	210.45	1,910.00
Cottonport	0.00	600.62	Mount Verd	0.00	300.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Decatur, First	873.72	8,026.22	New Beginnings	0.00	100.00	Valley View	381.00	1,121.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	880.00	New Bethel	0.00	120.00	Walnut Grove	288.49	2,275.39
Double Springs	100.00	450.00	Niota, First	0.00	403.17	West End	161.09	1,797.27
Eastanallee	100.00	900.00	North Athens	0.00	275.00	West View	114.18	984.70
East Athens	780.60	8,094.54	Oak Grove	362.00	3,309.24	Wildwood	540.22	5,943.10
East Niota	0.00	830.00	Old Salem	524.82	2,760.75	Zion Hill	200.00	1,800.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Pisgah	1,162.58	5,367.83			
Englewood, First	1,695.00	7,310.01	Pond Hill	0.00	450.00			
						<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>13,427.42</b>	<b>118,008.83</b>

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



Eight children, three youth and one high school Bible Drillers from three churches from McMinn-Meigs participated in the State Childrens/Youth Regional Drill at Wallace Memorial

Baptist Church in Knoxville on April 28, 2018.

**CHILDREN**

**Brookhill** - Rebecca Croft, Mayzie Torbett, Sayge Torbett - All State Superior

**East Athens** – Serenity Bush, Kaetlyn Carnley, Brant Dockery, Boone Mathis – All State Superior

**Mt Pisgah** - Micah Wilkins - State Superior

**YOUTH**

**Brookhill** – Olivia Dunn, Briene England, Garrett Mills – Won the Regional Drill and participated in the State Youth Drill on May 5th

**HIGH SCHOOL**

**East Athens** - Hannah Scarbrough – Won the at large High School Drill and participated in the State High Drill on May 5<sup>th</sup>

It has been many years since our Association has been represented in the Youth and High School Drills at State. It is the first year that we have been represented at State in the High School Drill. Thank to all the above for representing our Association so well.

**Church News**

- **First Baptist Etowah** welcomes their Pastor, Rev. Allen Lovelace who began his ministry there on June 10, 2018.
- **Celebrating 100 years - Clearwater Baptist Church** on July 8th at 10:30 am!
- **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.
- **Calhoun First Baptist** is seeking a part-time associate Pastor of Youth and Families. Send resume to [brocheatham@gmail.com](mailto:brocheatham@gmail.com) or P.O. Box 175, Calhoun, TN 37309.
- **First Baptist Church Niota** is seeking a part-time Music Director. Please contact: Rev. Cullen Conner at 920-1808.
- **East Athens Baptist Church** is seeking a part-time preschool/ children's leader. If interested, please send a resume to [jrobertson423@me.com](mailto:jrobertson423@me.com).
- **First Baptist Riceville** is seeking a part-time Music Director. Please send resume to: Sam Gentry ♦ PO Box 3344 ♦ Riceville, TN 37370
- **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.**

***Vacation Bible School is coming to a church near you!***

**Pope Avenue** ..... July 15—20  
**Lakeside** ..... July 16—20

**Needed:** Mesh bags (potatoes, onions, oranges, etc.) for a VBS project. You may drop them off at the Baptist Center during office hours. Thank you!

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### Red Bank Baptist Church

4000 Dayton Blvd. ♦ Chattanooga

August 4, 2018

9:00 am—12:00 pm

*For more information or to  
register online, go to:  
[www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org)*

### Pastors Prayer Meeting

Every Thursday at the  
Baptist Center  
12:00 noon



### New Providence Baptist Church

245 White Road ♦ Loudon

August 21, 2018

6:30 pm—9:00 pm

#### Practical Helps for Leaders and Teachers

Plenary Sessions and Breakouts on GenZ, Millennials, Busters and Boomers  
Conference for pastors and staff, directors and coordinators, adult, youth, children, and preschool teachers and leaders.

*Contact Mark Miller ([mmiller@tnbaptist.org](mailto:mmiller@tnbaptist.org)) for further information.*

### Women at the Well's Annual Fundraiser "The Way Maker"

July 12 ♦ 7:00 pm ♦ Woodward Avenue Church of God

Featuring: Aaron & Amanda Crabb and Kathy Crabb Hannah

Concert: Doors open at 6:30 pm Concert begins at 7:00 pm

Special Meet & Greet tickets are available for \$100 which includes dinner (begins at 5:00 pm) and front row seating. All other tickets are free.

*A love offering will be taken for Women at the Well.*

*For more information, please contact Women at the Well at 423.745.0010*