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8:30 am—4:30 pm
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July 2019

Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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Mark Your Calendar!

July

July 1-5—Camp Cherokee Day Camp Youth

July 4-5—Independence Day Holiday, Baptist Office Closed

July 8-12—Camp Cherokee Day Camp Children

July 15-19—Camp Cherokee Day Camp Children

July 16—Executive Board Meeting, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

July 23—Literature Packing, Baptist Office, 9:00 am

August Shoes for Orphan Souls

August 5—Pastor & Preachers Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

August 22—Retired Ministers & Wives Luncheon, Baptist Center, 12:00 pm

August 23-24—Disaster Relief Regional Training, Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga

August 24—Discipleship/Sunday School Conference, Wallace Memorial, Knoxville, 8:00 am—12:30 pm

August 25—Baptist and Reflector Day

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 50 enrolled for Youth Camp and 86 enrolled for the first week of Kids Camp and 89 enrolled for the second week!



REGIONAL TRAINING



Disaster Relief Regional Training
August 23-24
Red Bank Baptist Church
Chattanooga, TN

To pre-register for this class, contact Elizabeth Holmes at eholmes@tnbaptist.org or (615) 371-7926. Please pre-register by Monday, August 19, so that we can supply you with the proper training materials and/or lunch count on Saturday.

The credentialing fee is \$36. This fee will cover not only the cost of the ID and background check but also the cost of any of the basic training courses a volunteer wants to take over the next 3 years.

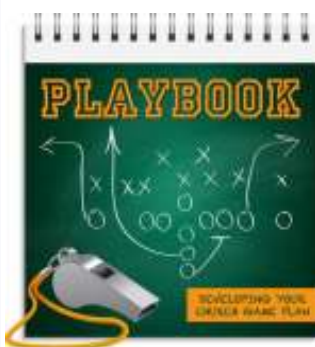
In order to be fully credentialed, you will need to take at least one specialized class after you have taken the prerequisite course of "Introduction to Southern Baptist Disaster Relief."

Remember in prayer our churches without Pastors: First Baptist Athens, Brookhill, First Baptist Calhoun, Lakeview, Marshall Hill, Pope Avenue, First Baptist Riceville, Sanford and Short Creek.

Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

Next meeting will be August 5th at 7:00 pm!

Discipleship/Sunday School Conference
August 24, 2019
Wallace Memorial Baptist Church
Knoxville, TN



Does your playbook incorporate proven principles, strategies and "plays" that will lead to seeing people saved, baptized and set on the road to discipleship? Discover how to develop a winning game plan for your group and discipleship ministries.

Breakouts will include conferences for Pastors, Discipleship Leaders, Sunday School Directors, Small Group Leaders, Preschool, Children, Youth and Adult teachers and leaders, Hispanic and Special Needs Leaders. Additional conferences for Korean and Arabic at some locations.

Cost: \$10 per person

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



We will be closed on July 4th and 5th!

Happy 4th of July everyone!

McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

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

My wife and I just returned from Birmingham, AL and the Southern Baptist Convention. I am sure you have heard a bit about it in the news. I must say this convention was very different from any other convention I have attended. Race issues and the problem of sexual abuse in Southern Baptist churches dominated the time at the convention. It all is a reminder to us that we live in a different day.

While these issues are important, I do have to wonder sometimes about who is really running the church. The issues discussed are things every church needs to be ready to deal with, but the reality to me is that the world is driving a lot of this. Our churches should be open to all and safe places for everyone who enters our doors. But, there is something I think we must remember in all of this. The head of the church is Jesus!

We must learn how to be His people. God should be the one directing the steps of every church. When we learn what it means to be a disciple of Christ, we will live life unlike the world. The world may think we are crazy, but we are called to be a changed people (Romans 12:1-2). Our goal in the church should not be to please the world, but to please God!

When we learn to live in the perfect will of God, we will conduct ourselves as Jesus did. He is our standard of measure, not other people. Let me challenge everyone in churches: make it your goal to become more like Jesus every day. 1 Peter 1:15 instructs us to be holy because our God is a holy God. This pushes the bar far beyond most anything the world would expect of us.

I pray that we have an idea of what holiness means. Let us draw closer to God. Learn what holiness is. Knox God. Then let's live so that we can show the world the holiness of God!

Bro. Mike

July Celebrations

Celebrating Birthdays

- 03... **Pat Kerr** North Athens
- 04... **Melissa Bates** McMahan Calvary
- 09... **Victor Abernathy**... Pisgah
Mike Farmer Director of Missions
- 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**..... Lakeside2 years
- Jason Robertson** East Athens2 years
- Jerry Plaster**..... East Niota.....10 years
- Allen Watson** Dixon Avenue31 years

Fifteen TWU Students are in Need of Home Cooked Meals

Love to cook? Or serve? Or interact with university students? There are approximately 15-20 students staying on campus at TWU over the summer who are not going home. They are on campus until July 26. The TWU dining hall is not open over the summer, so these poor students either live out of a microwave or purchase meals to survive with money they don't have. You can help. If you are interested in providing a meal to feed 15 students, please contact Todd Humbert at 423-802-3059 or thumbert@twunesleyan.edu. Typically these meals will take place on Thursday's like BCM lunches but Todd is flexible if you need to schedule another time.

HELP WANTED

Christian Builders needs YOUR Help!

We build handicap ramps for the disabled and elderly. We are a 100% volunteer organization.

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

Church News

- Old Salem welcomes back Rev. Herman Jordan as Pastor.
- **Sanford Baptist Church** is seeking a Senior Pastor. Send resumes to: Charles Blevins ♦ 153 County Road 80 ♦ Riceville, TN 37370
- **East Athens Baptist Church** is seeking a full-time Pastor of Families. Send resume to: jrobertson423@me.com.
- **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.*

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LEADERSHIP CONFERENCES

LOCATIONS/DATES	BREAKOUT SESSIONS
LOWER EAST TENNESSEE Saturday, July 27 First Baptist Church, Whitesboro	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Worship Leaders/Ministers of Music (Full Choir, Instrumental, and Volunteer) • Worship Bands/Worship Teams (Pianos, Keyboards, Drums, and Leaders) • Chorus (Choir Members and Directors) • Keyboard Ministry (Pianos, Keyboards, and Organists) • Children's Choir (Children's Choir Leaders and Helpers) • Audio-Visual Ministry (Church Sound, Projection, and Video)
UPPER EAST TENNESSEE Saturday, July 27 First Baptist Church, Whitesboro	
WEST TENNESSEE Saturday, August 10 Calvary Baptist Church, Jefferson	
MIDDLE TENNESSEE Saturday, August 17 First Baptist Church, Lebanon	

For more info please visit www.mmlcTN.com or contact Scott Shepherd at tshepherd@tnebaptist.org

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CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	242.10	1,426.71	Etowah First	0.00	375.00	Pope Avenue	0.00	934.15
Athens First	1,500.00	13,500.00	Good Hope	150.00	1,350.00	Riceville First	0.00	576.38
Bethel Springs	0.00	500.00	Goodsprings	346.83	3,223.26	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	300.00	300.00	Rocky Mount	150.00	600.00
Brookhill	0.00	100.00	Idlewild	220.00	990.00	Rogers Creek	72.33	896.95
Calhoun First	200.00	1,600.00	Lakeside	79.18	1,107.46	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	400.00	Lakeview	227.05	1,553.24	Shiloh	200.00	1,800.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	225.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Short Creek	247.59	2,753.84
Central	416.49	5,252.36	Marshall Hill	100.00	800.00	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clay Hill	0.00	60.00	McMahan Calvary	137.24	1,391.86	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	247.76	3,925.46	Mount Harmony, Niota	286.00	4,274.00	Ten Mile	126.63	1,066.63
Clearwater	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Riceville	48.14	419.97	Union Grove	0.00	250.00
Coghill	175.00	1,400.00	Mount Pisgah	329.67	2,791.26	Union Hill	182.00	1,718.00
Cottonport	0.00	606.06	Mount Verd	0.00	200.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Decatur First	696.79	5,846.46	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Valley View	0.00	1,155.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	990.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	268.98	2,042.98
Double Springs	25.00	425.00	Niota First	0.00	0.00	West End	270.10	2,493.53
Eastanallee	100.00	900.00	North Athens	0.00	200.00	West View	233.44	1,099.58
East Athens	833.61	8,415.11	Oak Grove	0.00	2,877.00	Wildwood	636.01	4,364.97
East Niota	197.50	1,580.00	Old Salem	296.58	2,525.38	Zion Hill	600.00	1,000.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Pisgah	1,064.17	4,774.54			
Englewood First	847.50	7,627.50	Pond Hill	0.00	0.00	Total Receipts	12,238.69	108,684.64

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

7 Children and 1 youth Bible Drillers from 3 churches from McMinn/Meigs participated in the State Childrens/ Youth Regional Drill at Broadway Baptist Church in Maryville on April 27, 2019.



CHILDREN

Brookhill - Rebecca Croft, Sayge Torbett, Charis Crofts—All State Superior

East Athens - Serenity Bush, Brant Dockery—State Superior, Kaetlyn Carnley—State Winner

Mt Pisgah – Micah Wilkins—State Winner

Rebekah Crofts and Micah Wilkins received a trophy for participating in Bible Drills for 3 years.

YOUTH

Brookhill – Briene England—Won 1st place at Regional and placed 3rd in the State Drill.

Our Association was well represented by the children and youth. Congratulations to all who participated. Congratulations to Rebekah and Micah for 3 years of Children's Bible Drills. Congratulations to Briene for doing so well in Youth Drills.



East Athens Baptist Church is collecting aluminum tabs for the Ronald McDonald House!

Please include your name and phone number on your "bag" of tabs. They will have monthly winners during the months of June and July and a grand prize winner!

Vacation Bible School is coming to a church near you!

- First Baptist Niota** July 14—17
- Short Creek**..... July 14—18
- Pond Hill** July 15—19
- Hiwassee** July 20
- Pope Avenue**..... July 21—26
- Clearwater**..... July 22—26

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

Pastors Prayer Meeting

**Every Thursday at the Baptist Center
12:00 noon**

Mission Awareness leads to Mission Involvement

by Judy Luck, Association WMU Director

Let's take a walk down memory lane about Mrs. Lee, the Girl's Program Director at Camp Cherokee for over 30+ years. What she taught in Bible or Missions was how she lived with love, passion and wisdom. Several people have said when she spoke, everyone listened—just like when E.F. Hutton spoke, people listened. Thank you, Mrs. Lee, for being the Proverbs 31 woman.

Congratulations Richard Harrill on receiving a WMU scholarship for the school year, 2019—2020 at East Tennessee State University. Students, to apply for a WMU scholarship the completed application must be in the TN WMU office in January. Call me for more information.



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Robert & Vicki Ward

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Decatur, TN 37322

Experience the Nations in Tennessee

A Missions Involvement Event ♦ Coordinated by McMinn/Meigs Association of Baptists

Saturday, August 17, 2019 ♦ 10:00 am-1:00 pm ♦ **East Athens Baptist Church**

LEARN

- ♦ Biblical basis for ministering to people who are displaced.
- ♦ Fresh ideas for ministry opportunities locally and beyond
- ♦ Discover "BLUME," an event for girls 5th – 12th grades
- ♦ Guest Speaker, Bonita Wilson, Ministry Catalyst, Knox County Association

GIVE

- ♦ Bring an International dish to share for lunch
- ♦ Bring travel size hygiene items, children's toys, books, crayons, etc. for the new Refugee Welcome House in Knoxville

- ♦ View and/or purchase World Craft items
- ♦ Honor legendary individuals who have fulfilled the Great Commission by making a donation to place a brick in the "Walk of Faith" Honor and Memorial Garden at the national WMU headquarters in Birmingham, AL.

PRAY

- ♦ For missionaries with birthdays, persecuted Christians, displaced people, local needs.

FELLOWSHIP

- ♦ Covered Dish Lunch of International dishes (Ideas in Mission Mosaic)
- ♦ Door Prizes