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Mark Your Calendar!

March

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

3-4 Total Life Encounter, Pigeon Forge, TN

4 Building a Spiritual Foundation through Prayer, East Athens Baptist Church, 9:00 am

4 Deacons and Pastors Conference, Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga, TN

5-12 Week of Prayer and Mission Study for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

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

10-11 Youth Evangelism Conference (YEC), Municipal Auditorium, Nashville

25 Deacons and Pastors Conference, Sevier Heights Baptist Church, Knoxville, TN

31 Missions Get Together & Connection, Gatlinburg Convention Center, Gatlinburg

April

1-2 Missions Get Together & Connection, Gatlinburg Convention Center, Gatlinburg

3 Pastor's & Preacher's Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

9 Cooperative Program Sunday

9 McMinn-Meigs Association Bible Drill, East Athens Baptist Church, 2:00 pm

14 Good Friday

16 Easter

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

24 McMinn-Meigs Association VBS Clinic, First Baptist Athens, 6:00 pm

29 Regional Youth Bible Drill and Speakers Tournament; Children's Bible Drill, Central Bearden Baptist Church, Knoxville

Building a Spiritual Foundation through Prayer

East Athens Baptist Church
March 4, 2017 ♦ 9:00 am
Rev. Don Pierson

Don previously served as the Prayer Strategist for the Tennessee Baptist Convention and has been a part of the past two On Mission Celebrations that we have had in our Association. *Make plans now to attend—you don't want to miss it!*

Attention VBS lovers: Save the Date! April 24, 2017 ♦ FBC Athens

Associational VBS training like you have never experienced!
Dinner @ 5:30 pm ♦ Conference begins @ 6:00 pm

You will go through a sample day of VBS with your leaders - there will be opening rally, games, snacks, music, missions, crafts, door prizes, and MORE!!

Come be inspired, energized and challenged with us to be...

Please register for your age group conference and make your dinner reservations by calling Kathy @ 745-2248 by April 17th.



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR North American Missions

March 5-12, 2017 | Goal: \$70 Million



The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® changes lives forever by empowering North American missionaries to bring the gospel to the lost. With over 269 million lost people, North America and its major cities are some of the most spiritually dark places in the world. Join us on the mission to equip every missionary and reach every lost person in the United States and Canada.

From Brother Mike...

Mike Farmer, Director of Missions

Spring is in sight. Although with all the warm weather through the winter that fact doesn't seem as important as in years past.

It also means that it is Annie Armstrong Easter Offering time. The week of prayer for many of you will be March 5-12. The missions offering for "home missions" does not capture the heart felt need as the "foreign missions" offering does. Let me encourage you to not overlook it. As I have said before, we live in one of the greatest mission fields of the world. The number of lost people, even here in Tennessee can be overwhelming.

I urge our churches to be diligent to support the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The work to reach out of Southern Baptist's strongest areas requires prayer, involvement and money. Pray for the Send cities. Pray for the church planters working in areas that are not very receptive to the Gospel. Pray for the ethnic opportunities that exist all through North America.

I hope these prayers are just the beginning of your mission work. As you are praying, give to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. And then I encourage you to go at least one more step farther. Find a way to focus on missions throughout the year. At the DOM conference last year, I was given a baseball cap from the Colorado Rockies. Now baseball caps have a way of getting lost in the crowd at my house. I have a large collection of them. Everyone there received a cap and were challenged to pray for the mission work in that city. I don't wear the cap much, but every time I see it I pray for Denver.

Make yourself a prayer reminder. Maybe you would like to pray for some place you have lived or visited. May God's people be diligent to pray for the Holy Spirit to be at work in our corner of the world. For more information, resources and stories related to the missions emphasis go to AnnieArmstrong.com.

On Mission Together,

Bro. Mike



WOMEN @ WELL

Women at the Well Ministries invites you to participate in the 2017 banquet "Rivers of Living Water"

Friday ♦ March 17, 2017 ♦ 6:30 pm

Woodward Church of God

507 Woodward Avenue ♦ Athens, TN 37303

Silent Auction begins at 6:00 pm

This years speaker is acclaimed teacher and author **Bob Sorge**. He is the author of the widely acclaimed book, *Exploring Worship*, and also *The Fire of Delayed Answers* and *Unrelenting Prayer*.

The cost of each banquet ticket is \$50.00. For more information, please call 745-0010.



Church News

- **The 2016 Annual Minutes are now ready and can be picked up during regular office hours!**
- **Revival Services** will be held at **New Beginnings Baptist Church** on March 12—15 with a different preacher each night. Services will begin on Sunday at 6:00 pm and on Monday thru Wednesday at 7:00 pm. Everyone is invited to attend.
- **Wildwood Baptist Church** is seeking a part-time Choir Director. Please send resume to: Wildwood Baptist Church ♦ 1045 Highway 39 East ♦ Englewood, TN 37329
- **Give Away:** Spinet Piano (Athens area). Please contact Virginia Davis at 423-867-3802.
- **First Baptist Riceville** is seeking a part-time Music Director. Please send resume to: Sam Gentry ♦ PO Box 3344 ♦ Riceville, TN 37370
- **Zion Hill Baptist Church** is accepting resumes for a Part-time Youth Pastor position. Please send your resume to 269 County Road 516 ♦ Englewood, TN 37329 or email it to jabrown1014@gmail.com. If you have any questions you may contact the church at 423-263-5041.
- **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.
- **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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Make sure your Labor Law Posters are up-to-date!

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	290.04	830.82	Etowah, First	0.00	0.00	Pond Hill	150.00	300.00
Athens, First	0.00	6,500.06	Good Hope	150.00	750.00	Pope Avenue	119.55	487.85
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	102.59	409.83	Riceville, First	146.18	707.72
Bethsadia	0.00	100.00	Hiwassee	0.00	70.40	Rockview	0.00	5.00
Brookhill	0.00	0.00	Idlewild	100.00	600.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	300.00
Calhoun, First	400.00	1,000.00	Lakeside	156.60	652.60	Rogers Creek	174.10	519.69
Calvary, Etowah	0.00	200.00	Lakeview	205.40	764.00	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary Missionary	100.00	500.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Shiloh	200.00	1,000.00
Central	695.82	2,394.67	Marshall Hill	100.00	500.00	Short Creek	411.19	1,677.92
Clay Hill	0.00	0.00	McMahan Calvary	175.32	877.75	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	1,185.00	4,399.68	Mount Harmony, Niota	442.00	1,780.17	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clearwater	333.34	1,666.70	Mount Harmony, Riceville	33.14	170.35	Ten Mile	60.98	239.21
Coghill	175.00	875.00	Mount Pisgah	482.95	1,617.62	Union Grove	0.00	250.00
Cottonport	230.02	484.12	Mount Verd	0.00	200.00	Union Hill	102.20	518.06
Decatur, First	1,024.13	3,586.24	New Beginnings	0.00	50.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	550.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Valley View	0.00	365.00
Double Springs	200.00	1,000.00	New Zion	47.00	118.59	Walnut Grove	252.09	972.61
Eastanallee	100.00	400.00	Niota, First	112.06	618.12	West End	0.00	0.00
East Athens	1,089.77	3,073.63	North Athens	0.00	75.00	West View	151.32	456.62
East Niota	0.00	838.00	Oak Grove	421.00	1,761.00	Wildwood	1,153.00	2,183.00
East View	0.00	10.00	Old Salem	349.81	1,281.63	Zion Hill	200.00	1,000.00
Englewood, First	741.67	3,620.84	Pisgah	0.00	2,276.45	Total Receipts	12,673.27	59,585.95

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

Remember in prayer our churches without Pastors:

Brookhill, East Athens, First Baptist Etowah, Goodsprings, Lakeside, Marshall Hill, New Bethel, First Baptist Riceville, Rocky Mount and Rockview.



It's time to schedule your youth or church retreat at Camp Cherokee. Call 745-2248 to reserve your dates today!

McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

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



The Associational Bible Drill will be on Sunday, April 9th at East Athens Baptist Church at 2:00 pm.

Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

March 6 ♦ 7:00 pm Baptist Center

Rev. Jerry Plaster, Pastor of East Niota will be the speaker this month! Hope to see you here!

March Celebrations

- 01*Stacy Wilcox*..... Clay Hill
- 04*Larry Arwood*..... Antioch
- 06*Scott Packett*..... Idlewild
- 09*Kevin Cheatham*..... First Baptist Calhoun
- 13*Jamie Lones*..... Rogers Creek
- 15*James Morgan*..... Stephensville
- 18*Titus Snyder*..... Oak Grove
- 19*Bob Kerr*..... North Athens
- 20*Tina Abernathy*..... Pisgah
- 21*Mike King*..... Shiloh
- 22*Joy Smith*..... Pope Avenue
- 23*Tammy Fansler*..... Clear Springs
- 30*Patty Pearman*..... Good Hope

Anniversaries

- 01 ...*Jamey & Elizabeth Davis*.. First Baptist Decatur
- 09 ...*Jamie & Stefanie Lones*.... Rogers Creek
- 11 ...*Robby & Tina Hatcher*..... New Zion
- 15 ...*Allen & Carolyn Watson*... Dixon Avenue
- 31 ...*Bill & Patty Pearman*..... Good Hope

Church/Association Anniversaries

Jamey Davis.....First Baptist Decatur ... 6 years

Make Wishes Come True



By Prayer and giving aluminum drink tabs (*aluminum tabs only*) to Make A Wish and Ronald McDonald House. Drop off at East Athens Baptist Church. Monday—Thursday: 8:30-12:00 or 1:00-4:30 or Friday: 8:30-12:30.

God can heal a broken heart, but he has to have all the pieces.

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A promotional graphic for a conference. At the top, it says "Missions Get Together & Connection" in a white, cursive font. Below that, "By All Means" is written in a large, white, cursive font. To the right of "By All Means" is the text "1 Cor. 9:22b-23". Below this, it says "...so that by all possible means I might save some." in a white, sans-serif font. The main text reads "March 31 - April 2, 2017" and "Gatlinburg Convention Center" and "Gatlinburg, Tennessee". The background is dark blue with various white icons and text related to missions, such as "Christ", "encourage", "talk", "help", "share", "invite", "show", "Bible", "lead", "hand", "write", "neighbors", "surrender", "evangelize", "pray", "share", "love", "pray", "share", "love". At the bottom, there is a photo of a young woman with long dark hair, wearing a light blue shirt, looking upwards. In the bottom right corner, there is a logo for "Tennessee WMU" with the tagline "missions for life".

A banner for the Youth Evangelism Conference. The top half is red and the bottom half is orange. The text "YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font. Below that, "MARCH 10-11 NASHVILLE" is written in white, bold, sans-serif font. On the left side, there is a logo for YEC (Youth Evangelism Conference) which consists of a white triangle with a red 'Y' and a white 'E' inside a red circle.

Deacons and Pastors Conference

March 4
Red Bank Baptist Church
4000 Dayton Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN

March 25
Sevier Heights Baptist Church
3232 Alcoa Highway
Knoxville, TN

Dr. Jim Henry will lead our general sessions. Dr. Henry, Senior Pastor of the Downtown Baptist Church in Orlando, FL and the former Senior Pastor of the First Baptist Church, Orlando for 28 years, is one of the most respected Christian leaders of our day. Since his retirement from First Orlando, he continues to speak for conferences and conventions throughout the world. Dr. Henry is a graduate of Georgetown College and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. Pre-registration is \$10; \$15 at the door.

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