

Mark Your Calendar!

March

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

- 2-3 Total Life Encounter, *Pigeon Forge, TN*
- 2-3 Handbell Festival, *Carson-Newman University, Jefferson City, TN*
- 2-3 "Uniquely You"; Ministers Wives Retreat, *Dollywood's DreamMore Resort, Pigeon Forge, TN*
- 4-11 Week of Prayer and Mission Study for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- 5 Pastor & Preachers Fellowship, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*
- 9-10 Youth Evangelism conference, *Municipal Auditorium, Nashville, TN*
- 16-18 Missions Get-Together and Connection, *Gatlinburg Convention Center, Gatlinburg, TN*
- 20 Pack and Seal Used Literature, *Baptist Center, 9:00 am*
- 22 Reaching Tour 2018, *Eastanallee Baptist Church, Riceville, TN*
- 30 Good Friday, *Baptist Center Closed*

April

- 1 Easter
- 2 Pastor & Preachers Fellowship, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*
- 8 Cooperative Program Sunday
- 8 McMinn-Meigs Association Bible Drill, *East Athens, Baptist Church, 2:00 pm*
- 12-14 Ministers and Wives Retreat 2018, *Music Road Hotel & Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN*
- 16 McMinn-Meigs Association VBS Clinic, *First Baptist Athens, 6:00 pm*
- 17 Executive Board Meeting, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*
- 28 Regional Youth Bible Drill and Speakers Tournament, Children's Bible Drill, *Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville*

Attention VBS lovers: Save the Date! April 16, 2018 First Baptist Athens



Time to get your "Game On" in VBS planning clinic. Dinner @ 5:30 pm ♦ Conference begins @ 6:00 pm.

Classes provided: 3 year/Pre-K; Kindergarten; 1st/2nd Grade; 3rd/4th Grade; 5th/6th Grade; Youth; Crafts; Snack/Rec; Music; Missions; Security; Pastors and Directors.

Please register by April 9th with Kathy at the associational office so we will know how many will eat and which classes they will attend, so we can have materials properly prepared for them.



100%

of your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering* supports North American missionaries.

Week of Prayer for North American Missions
March 4-11, 2018

NATIONAL GOAL: \$70 Million



McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference
Meets every Monday morning at 10:00 am at the Baptist Center.

Remember in prayer our churches without Pastors:
Bethsadia, Eastanallee, First Baptist Etowah, Marshall Hill, New Bethel and Pope Avenue.

Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

March 5 ♦ 7:00 pm ♦ Baptist Center

Greg Finch will be the speaker.

Hope to see you here!

Pastors Prayer Meeting

Every Thursday at the Baptist Center
12:00 noon

From Brother Mike...

Mike Farmer, Director of Missions

Cold weather, high utility bills, flu and days of rain are what many of us will remember about the winter of 2018. It has been a stressful time for many people. Can you imagine how stressful it is when you face the world without hope in a God who is the creator and sustainer of all of this? Yet, a majority of the people in the United States face every day just this way. If we have the answer to the problem, should we not want to let the world know? I doubt there are many days in which we don't run into someone who would love to be given an encouraging word or hope for the future. Pray that we will all be bold to share the answer: the knowledge of our Savior Jesus Christ.

March usually means it is Annie Armstrong Easter Offering time. The week of prayer for many of you will be March 4-11. This offering helps support the work of over 5,200 missionaries working in North America. I know we sometimes get tired of all the offerings that come up in a Baptist church. Let me encourage you to not overlook it. This is our opportunity to join together with other Baptists to support the work of spreading the gospel through our own home land. Because it is one of the greatest mission fields of the world, the North American Mission Board needs all the resources it can gather to help share the Gospel message. The number of lost people, even here in Tennessee can be overwhelming. Don't forget to be a missionary here in McMinn and Meigs County, either.

I urge our churches to be diligent to support the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The work to reach outside of Southern Baptist's strongest areas requires prayer, involvement and money. 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 the United States.

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.

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.

If you are interested in getting involved, William Beasley, pastor of Riceville First Baptist Church, has extended an invitation to join their church and several other churches for a mission trip to Alaska this summer. Please contact Bro. William at the church for more information.

Matthew 5 reminds us we are the light of the world. That light cannot shine unless we put it out there in the world. Scripture reminds us that it is pointless to light a lamp and put it under a basket. Let your light shine as you go through each day!

On Mission Together,

Bro. Mike

New in the Library

Book's

Fall Forward *by* Kim Harmon

The Promise of Dawn *by* Lauraine Snelling

The Human Right *by* Rice Broocks

I Saw the Welsh Revival *by* David Matthews



Have you reserved Camp Cherokee for your church or youth retreat? Or maybe you need the Block Party Trailer for your church function? Call 745-2248 to reserve your dates today!



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Sweetwater, TN
865.414.3269

Individual, Marriage & Family Counseling

Give Away

Books, Bible Studies (VHS), etc. Donations from Pastors and churches are here for the taking! They will be here at the Baptist Center until March 19th. Anything left will be packed up with the old Sunday School Literature!

Church News

- **The 2017 Annual Minutes are ready and can be picked up during regular office hours!**
- Revival services at **East Niota Baptist Church** will begin on March 25—28 with Rev. Danny Singleton as the evangelist. Services begin at 7:00 pm with special singing nightly. Everyone is welcome!
- **Shiloh Baptist, Ocoee** is seeking a part-time church secretary. 20-25 hours/week. Phone, reception, data entry skills a must. Please submit resume to: charliec@shilohbc.net or Charlie Campbell, 358 Highway 64, Ocoee, TN 37361.
- **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.**
- **East Athens Baptist Church** is seeking a part-time preschool/children's leader. If interested, please send a resume to 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
- **Calhoun First Baptist** is seeking a part-time associate Pastor of Youth and Families. Send resume to brocheatham@gmail.com or P.O. Box 175, Calhoun, TN 37309.
- **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.

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	312.24	741.50	Etowah, First	0.00	0.00	Pope Avenue	91.50	411.85
Athens, First	3,000.00	7,500.00	Good Hope	150.00	750.00	Riceville, First	177.10	1,245.35
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	194.93	1,042.97	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rocky Mount	150.00	300.00
Brookhill	0.00	100.00	Idlewild	100.00	550.00	Rogers Creek	85.44	483.47
Calhoun, First	400.00	1,000.00	Lakeside	157.36	769.20	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	200.00	Lakeview	214.35	1,020.75	Shiloh	0.00	600.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	125.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Short Creek	419.14	1,549.21
Central	695.82	2,966.93	Marshall Hill	0.00	300.00	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clay Hill	0.00	0.00	McMahan Calvary	153.44	959.21	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	814.22	3,734.98	Mount Harmony, Niota	365.00	1,754.00	Ten Mile	81.31	387.00
Clearwater	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Riceville	89.03	173.90	Union Grove	0.00	250.00
Coghill	175.00	875.00	Mount Pisgah	408.63	1,802.24	Union Hill	150.45	966.55
Cottonport	222.55	418.08	Mount Verd	0.00	100.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Decatur, First	814.80	3,990.41	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Valley View	370.00	740.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	440.00	New Bethel	0.00	120.00	Walnut Grove	253.05	1,183.23
Double Springs	50.00	250.00	Niota, First	0.00	403.17	West End	157.30	916.07
Eastanallee	100.00	500.00	North Athens	0.00	275.00	West View	126.20	493.39
East Athens	686.52	4,538.08	Oak Grove	332.24	1,855.24	Wildwood	510.94	3,561.45
East Niota	166.00	664.00	Old Salem	280.98	1,254.45	Zion Hill	200.00	1,000.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Pisgah	0.00	3,204.13	Total Receipts	13,688.04	64,685.82
Englewood, First	847.50	3,920.01	Pond Hill	0.00	300.00			

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



Eastanallee Baptist Church

482 County Road 725 ♦ Riceville,

March 22, 2018 ♦ 9:00 am—1:00 pm

The Reaching Tour will highlight what's working in evangelism today. We will hear from the top ten churches in baptisms for each size categories. The size categories will be a.) under 200 b.) 200-500 c.) 500-1000 d.) over 1000 in attendance. Each event will host 50 to 70 pastors and staff enabling them to hear from top evangelistic churches. The Reaching Tour will include:

- What's Working:** Practical tools and advise form Pastors/Staff that are getting it done.
- Gleaning:** Insightful looks into the survey results from Tennessee's most evangelistic churches.
- Best Practices:** What do the most evangelistic church do on a regular basis that leads to Great Commission results.
- Evangelistic Culture:** TBC mission staff will share what it takes to develop an Evangelistic Culture.
- Tool Time:** Participants will receive books and tools that are proven to work in these most evangelist churches.
- Mapping Center:** Each preregistered church will receive a Mapping Center report detailing a demographic and prayer walking maps within a 3 mile ring of the church.

Everyone who registers will receive \$40 worth of evangelism books, resources and Mapping Center reports for the \$10 registration cost.

Please contact Steve Pearson (spearson@tnbaptist.org) for further information.

March Celebrations

Birthdays

- 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
- 23.....*Tammy Fansler*Clear Springs
- 30.....*Patty Pearman*Good Hope

Anniversaries

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

Church/Association Anniversaries

- Van Elkins*Rocky Mount 1 year
- Jamey Davis*.....First Baptist Decatur ... 7 years



The Associational Bible Drill will be on **Sunday, April 8th** at **East Athens Baptist Church** at 2:00 pm.

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