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Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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Mark Your Calendar!

May

*Associational Missions Emphasis Month
Mother's Day Offering*

May 1—Pastor & Preachers Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

May 4—National Day of Prayer

May 6—Camp Cherokee Clean-up Day

May 14—Mother's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes

May 21—National Day of Prayer for Vacation Bible School

May 21-28—Associational Emphasis Week

May 29—Memorial Day, Baptist Office closed

June

Father's Day Offering

June 10—Crossover: Phoenix, AZ

June 11-12—National WMU Celebration/Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ

June 13-14—Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting, Phoenix, AZ

June 18—Father's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes

June 26-29—WorshipLife, Gatlinburg Convention Center, Gatlinburg, TN

National Day of Prayer



Our theme this year is **For Your Great Name's Sake! Hear Us... Forgive Us...Heal Us!** Taken from Daniel 9:19, which says, "O Lord, Listen! O Lord, Forgive! O Lord, Hear and Act! For Your Sake, O My God...". As the 2017 **National Day of Prayer on May 4th** approaches, thousands of individuals, churches, and communities will be working to rally millions of Christian's to once again heed this call!

Scripture tells us again and again that our fervent prayer is effective. That our loving God responds to His children's earnest pleas in mighty ways that avail much, and ultimately determine the course of history.

At this crucial time for our nation, we can do nothing more important than pray. Thank you in advance for making this spiritual discipline a personal priority and for standing with us as we encourage others to incorporate prayer in their lives. The Lord has graciously anointed our efforts, empowering them to touch and change many hearts and lives. We look forward to seeing His hand move across our land in exciting ways each May in response to our petitions! In closing, we ask that you prayerfully consider becoming a volunteer in your church or community to lead a National Day of Prayer gathering. May the Lord's peace fill your heart as you rest in Him throughout the days ahead.



Please join us at the Building Dedication and Open House for the new Church Support Center in Berry Farms.

June 3, 2017
10:30 am—12:00 pm
4017 Rural Plains Circle
Franklin, TN
Please RSVP by going to www.tnbaptist.org.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

The Baptist Center will be closed on Friday, May 19, 2017.

McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

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

I ♥ VBS

National Day of Prayer for VBS
May 21, 2017

From Brother Mike...

Mike Farmer, Director of Missions

While many may not pay much attention to it, May 4th is the Day of Prayer. Have you really thought about the numbers? More than half the people in Tennessee are going through life without any real hope for eternity. They may not want to hear it, but the Good News of Jesus Christ is needed more than they know. Pray for our nation. Pray diligently for a Spiritual Awakening. God's Holy Spirit is at work to bring conviction of sin. Pray that we will open our hearts and listen to Him.

Our Association's VBS Clinic was held recently. Thank you to Karen Ellis and all the team members she enlisted to help with the VBS clinic. It was a good night. Thanks also to all of the churches who were represented. I pray you are off to a good start with your preparations for VBS at your church. Don't forget to pass on any reusable materials. You may bring any unused literature and decorations to the Association Office for others to use.

We are still awaiting the call to pick up the Block Party Trailer. We are hopeful to have it ready to go by the end of May. Thank you to the churches who are helping us outfit it for ministry.

The Drive-In Theater Ministry will kick

off on May 27th. I hope you will encourage your church to come out some time during the summer and be a part of this. We will be setting up games and activities for the children. Every church regardless of size can be a part of this ministry. Each church is welcome to hand out publicity about their churches, tracts, or DVDs, etc. We will begin setup around 4:00 pm. Please let our office know if your church is planning to be there for Memorial Day weekend.

June 3rd will be a day for celebration among Tennessee Baptists as we will have a Ribbon Cutting and Building Dedication for the new Church Support Center in Franklin. You are invited to join us that day. What a blessing it will be to have a new hub of operations for Tennessee mission work. Pray that the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, Associations and local Churches can partner together for greater Kingdom work.

Live with expectancy: Matthew 15:31. I pray that God does something in us that we cannot do ourselves.

May God be glorified and the name of Jesus lifted up!

Church News

- **Rocky Mount Baptist Church** welcomes their new pastor, Rev. Van Elkins who began his ministry there March 27, 2017.
- **Goodsprings Baptist Church** welcomes comes their new pastor, Rev. David Lones who will begin his ministry there May 21, 2017.
- **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.

Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

May 1 ♦ 7:00 pm ♦ Baptist Center
Joe Bottoms will be the speaker
this month.

Hope to see you here!



Mission Awareness leads to Mission Involvement

by Judy Luck, Association WMU Director

Even though the Missions Get-Together/Connection is in the past, it is probably not fading in the memory for over 1600+ who attended. From Rachel Lovingood, the Bible Study Leader, to one of the break-out conference leaders, Gordon Fort, the Senior Ambassador for the President of the International Mission Board, telling how God is working around the world. One example – Cuba: challenging, encouraging and getting out of one's comfort zone are just a few descriptive words describing this weekend and it was all about JESUS. Next year the date is March 16-18, 2018. It will be here before you know it. City Reach Knoxville benefitted from 1900 full-size toiletries plus gift cards for various ministry sites across Knoxville and surrounding areas. What a tangible way to open the door to tell that Jesus loves you and I do too. Another great way we at the MGT are getting to partner with the 2017 Missionary Kids (MK) Re-Entry Retreat being hosted for the first time by Tennessee WMU. This retreat is for rising college freshman missionary kids (about 70-90) to assist them in making the transition from the field to the U.S. and college life. The retreat is co-sponsored by national WMU, the International Mission Board and the state WMU where the retreat is being held. The offering Saturday night of over \$13,000.00 will help to fund this retreat. Does this give you an idea of what you could be involved in next year if you come? Think about it.

Fast forward to Friday, August 4—Saturday, August 5.

MISSIONS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH

Sponsored by HCBA WMU

Hosted by Love Fellowship Baptist Church
1811 Roanoke Avenue ♦ Chattanooga, TN

Friday, August 4, 2017 **** 6:00 pm—8:00 pm
Saturday, August 5, 2017 **** 10:00 am—2:30 pm
Missions fair & displays from 8:30 am.—9:45 am

Who should attend?

Men, women and youth (5th grade and older)
Those who desire to network with others to Make Christ Known in Tennessee!

Speakers and Topics:

Martha Pitts, Tennessee WMU President;
Willie McLaurin, Assistant to Executive Director - TBC;
Steve Roper, Baptist Collegiate Ministries Director; John Basham, Retired IMB Missionary; Joe Sarah, Compassion Ministries - TBC; David Johnson, Prison Prevention Ministries; Christian Women Job Corps; Women at the Well;

Come go with me on Saturday!

Let's leave from the Association Office Saturday,
August 5th, 8:00 am

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	0.00	967.34	Etowah, First	100.00	0.00	Pond Hill	0.00	300.00
Athens, First	1,500.00	9,500.06	Good Hope	150.00	900.00	Pope Avenue	161.30	595.50
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	161.84	491.84	Riceville, First	204.94	893.52
Bethsadia	0.00	100.00	Hiwassee	0.00	70.40	Rockview	0.00	5.00
Brookhill	0.00	0.00	Idlewild	100.00	700.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	450.00
Calhoun, First	200.00	1,200.00	Lakeside	131.36	761.16	Rogers Creek	96.50	609.54
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	300.00	Lakeview	276.30	1,025.15	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	600.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Shiloh	0.00	1,000.00
Central	644.53	2,991.57	Marshall Hill	0.00	600.00	Short Creek	542.63	2,063.70
Clay Hill	0.00	0.00	McMahan Calvary	198.90	1,066.51	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	952.14	5,624.74	Mount Harmony, Niota	429.00	2,301.17	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clearwater	333.34	2,000.04	Mount Harmony, Riceville	51.20	221.34	Ten Mile	72.84	333.81
Coghill	175.00	1,050.00	Mount Pisgah	419.32	1,999.93	Union Grove	0.00	250.00
Cottonport	0.00	484.12	Mount Verd	0.00	200.00	Union Hill	87.00	625.51
Decatur, First	976.00	4,428.01	New Beginnings	0.00	100.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	660.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Valley View	0.00	685.00
Double Springs	0.00	1,200.00	New Zion	0.00	118.59	Walnut Grove	270.20	1,222.72
Eastanallee	100.00	500.00	Niota, First	90.22	741.12	West End	0.00	0.00
East Athens	680.31	4,478.22	Niota, First	90.22	741.12	West View	143.78	581.85
East Niota	166.00	1,004.00	North Athens	0.00	125.00	Wildwood	541.65	2,183.00
East View	0.00	10.00	Oak Grove	358.00	2,163.00	Zion Hill	400.00	1,000.00
Englewood, First	741.67	4,362.51	Old Salem	318.96	1,605.81			
			Pisgah	907.22	2,276.45			
						Total Receipts	12,867.15	73,727.23

Contributions received after April 24th will be reflected in next month's report.

May Celebrations

Birthday's

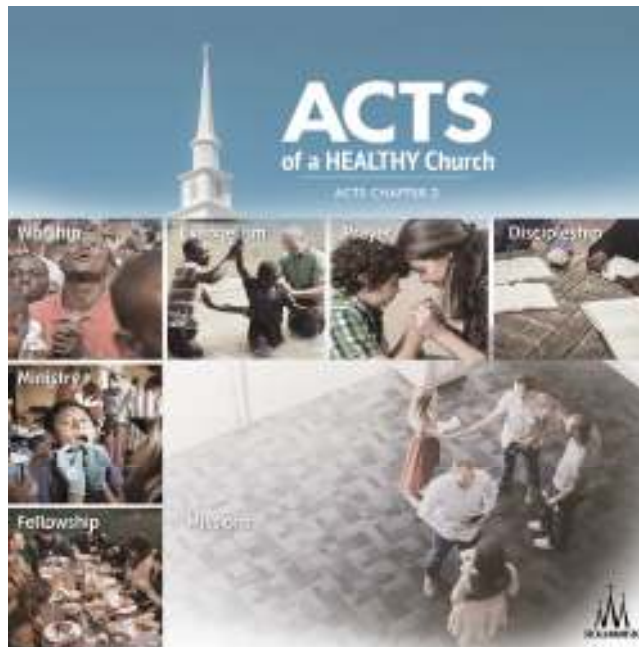
- 01....*Jamey Davis* First Baptist Decatur
- 12....*Gwen Farmer* DoM's wife
- Alyssa Packett* Idlewild
- 13....*Cullen Conner*..... First Baptist Niota
- 16....*Lea Watson*..... Manilla Chapel
- 19....*Jerry Plaster* East Niota
- 25....*Maria Gennoe* New Beginnings
- 31....*Amanda Coleman*.... Hiwassee

Anniversaries

- 08....*Gene & Susie Guffey*Bethel Springs
- 10....*Scott & Alyssa Packett*Idlewild
- 12....*James & Joanne Morgan*Stephensville
- 16....*James & Jewell Price*.....Calvary Missionary
- 20....*Justin & Stephanie Brown*....Zion Hill
- Craig & Stacy Wilcox*.....Clay Hill
- 23....*Hoyt & Shirley Melton*.....Valley View

Church/Association Anniversaries

- Stacy Gennoe*New Beginnings..... 1 year
- Titus Snyder*Oak Grove..... 1 year
- Darren Fansler*Clear Springs..... 4 years
- Stan Hammonds*Mount Harmony Niota... 7 years
- Jason Clark*First Baptist Athens..... 8 years



Associational Missions Emphasis
Season of Prayer

Associational Emphasis Week—May 21-28



2016 Annual Minutes

The following churches have not picked up their Annual Minutes:

- Clay Hill
- Dixon Avenue
- East Niota
- Eastanallee
- Hiwassee
- Lakeview
- Valley Road
- Valley View
- West End
- West View



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

Remember in prayer our churches without Pastors:

East Athens, First Baptist Etowah, Lakeside, Marshall Hill, New Bethel and Rockview.

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Camp Cherokee

- Don't forget to schedule your youth or church retreat at Camp. Dates are filling up fast! Call 745-2248 to reserve your dates today!
- **Camp Clean-up Day** will be on **Saturday, May 6th**. Looking for a project for your youth group? At the beginning of each year, the camp must be "made ready" for the camping season. All cabins, bathrooms, and the kitchen/dining hall must be cleaned, the grounds cleared of debris, leaves, fallen trees etc. For more information about what to bring or what you can do, please contact Mike Bernard at 507-7135.
- **Camp Cherokee needs a bus! If your church has one that could be used Monday—Friday during our Day Camps please contact Mike Bernard at 507-7135 as soon as possible.**
- Dates for Camp Cherokee have been set! They are:
Youth Camp—July 10-14 (grades 7-11)
Children's Day Camp— July 17-21 (grades 1-6)
July 24-28 (grades 1-6)



Registration forms can be found online at:

www.mcminnmeigsbaptists.org on the Camp Cherokee page!

Want to work at camp this summer? You can find the application on the Camp Cherokee page!

A graphic with the text "The Mother's Day Offering" in a black, cursive font. The background is a soft, pink and white floral pattern.

Dear Friend of Children,

You may or may not know that the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes operates by the faithful contributions of our Tennessee Baptist churches and individuals who want to partner with us in ministering Jesus Christ to hurting children and families. We do not accept any government money.

If you are already a supporter, I want to thank you and your church for giving faithfully to the Mother's Day Offering. Your gifts allow us to care for hundreds of children annually.

But if, for whatever reason, your congregation has never given to the MDO, I would encourage your church to get involved! Your support makes an immeasurable difference in the lives of Tennessee's children in need.

**Thank you for your support! Bro. Greg McCoy,
President/Treasurer, TN Baptist Children's Homes**