

## Mark Your Calendar!

### May

Associational Missions  
Emphasis Month  
Mother's Day Offering

May 2—National Day of Prayer

May 4—Camp Cherokee  
Clean-up Day

May 6—Pastor &  
Preachers Fellowship,  
Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

May 12—Mother's Day  
Offering for Tennessee  
Baptist Children's  
Homes

May 14—Reach McMinn/  
Reach Meigs, Lakeview  
Baptist Church, 7:00  
pm

May 19-26—Associational  
Emphasis Week

May 27—Memorial Day,  
Baptist Office closed

### June

Father's Day Offering

June 3—Pastor &  
Preachers Fellowship,  
Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

June 8—Crossover:  
Birmingham, AL

June 9-10—National  
WMU Celebration/  
Annual Meeting,  
Birmingham, AL

June 11-12—Southern  
Baptist Convention  
Annual Meeting,  
Birmingham, AL

June 16—Father's Day  
Offering for Tennessee  
Baptist Adult Homes

## National Day of Prayer

The National Day of Prayer belongs to all Americans. It is a day that transcends differences, bringing together citizens from all backgrounds. Mrs. Shirley Dobson, NDP chairman emeritus, reminded us: "We have lost many of our freedoms in America because we have been asleep. I feel if we do not become involved and support the annual National Day of Prayer, we could end up forfeiting this freedom, too."

Locally, we will meet at the Association Office at 12:00 noon. We hope to see you here!



THE MOTHER'S DAY  
OFFERING



BENEFITTING TENNESSEE BAPTIST  
CHILDREN'S HOMES

Being donor-supported is a difficult way to operate. Many

people assume that our budget is easily met with the help of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The fact is, the TBC Cooperative Program only makes up about one fifth of our budget, and we don't receive any funds from the Golden Offering. Instead, each year TBCH is given the freedom to ask every TBC church to promote and generously give to the Mother's Day Offering. Direct gifts from churches make up another one third of our budget. **This means that one half of our annual needs are met by the churches.**

If you already participate through your church, thank you! If not, please prayerfully consider the need and encourage your church to act on their faith by joining us in a work that is near and dear to the heart of God. **Your support matters, and so does the support of each member of each church in Tennessee.** A single branch of a vine may only bear a handful of fruit, but all the branches together produce an abundant crop!

Greg McCoy, President/Treasurer



Week of Prayer for

McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists  
Associational Emphasis Week  
May 19-26, 2019



The Baptist Center will close at 2:30 pm on Friday, May 3, 2019 and will be closed on Friday, May 10, 2019.



Reach  
McMinn  
Reach  
Meigs

May 14, 2019 ♦ 7:00 pm  
Lakeview Baptist Church

183 County Road 126 ♦ Athens, TN

Reach McMinn/Reach Meigs is an evangelism rally and training night with Rev. Steve Pearson from the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board.

## From Brother Mike...

Mike Farmer, Director of Missions

What a glorious time of year. The greatest part of it is the Easter celebration we just finished. Have you ever stopped to think about the fact that we serve a living God. We do not have to worship at a grave, because He is not there!

We have just a few things coming up in the month of May. I hope you are ready for them.

The National Day of Prayer is Thursday, May 2. We will be having a special prayer time at the association office at noon. Come join us for a time of prayer for a nation. We are in desperate need of revival and we are praying that it will begin here in our communities.

**Reach McMinn/Reach Meigs** is an evangelism rally and training night on Tuesday, May 14, at 7:00 pm at Lakeview Baptist Church, Athens. Steve Pearson will be with us that evening. He will be encouraging us to share our faith and showing how you can use the More Life materials to do that. We will also have a breakout

session for preschool and children's workers during the evening to help them learn more about teaching children the Bible. Bring a group from your church. This is a great time to help prepare for the summer events, our Drive-In ministry and VBS.

We have been asked to come to the Drive-In again this year. Our first weekend there will be May 25-26. This is a good time for you to come out and hand out fliers for your VBS and summer activities. Setup will begin at 4:00 pm on May 25.

We have many people living around us who do not know the Lord as their Savior. Pray that we will be willing and ready to share the Good News of Jesus with them every chance we get.

Would you pray for people with beautiful feet? Romans 10:15 tells us that those who bring the message of salvation in Jesus Christ have beautiful feet. Pray that there will be more people like that in our churches.

Bro. Mike



8 Children, 2 Youth and 1 High School Bible Drillers from 3 churches from McMinn/

Meigs participated in the Association Drill. East Athens Baptist hosted the drill on Sunday, April 14, 2019.

### CHILDREN

**Brookhill** - Charis Crofts, Rebecca Crofts, Sayge Torbett

**East Athens** - Serenity Bush, Kaetlyn Carnley, Brant Dockery, Beau Mathis

**Mt Pisgah** - Micah Wilkins

### YOUTH

**Brookhill** - Briene England

**East Athens** - Boone Mathis

### HIGH SCHOOL

**East Athens** - Blake Mathis

## **McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference**

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

## Mission Awareness leads to Mission Involvement

by Judy Luck, Association WMU Director

**"To me to live is Christ."** Philippians 1:21. This is the verse Chinese Christians wrote on the shaft where they built a small monument to define Bill Wallace of China. Who is Bill Wallace? He was born in Knoxville and served in Wuzhou, China from 1935 until he was arrested and falsely accused of espionage on December 18, 1950; tortured and died on February 10, 1951. Reading the first book about Dr. Bill written by Jesse Fletcher - **"Bill Wallace of China: BILL: An American Doctor in China"** is a "must" read book about one of Southern Baptist heroes. Now Ann Lovell who grew up in Knoxville and was a member of Wallace Memorial Baptist Church is retelling the story of Dr. Bill specifically for fourth to sixth grade readers: **BILL: AN AMERICAN DOCTOR TO CHINA.** Again an outstanding book for children and youth to read for an example, 'to me to live is Christ'. Ann Lovell says "my prayer is that this version of Bill's story will ignite the imaginations and calling of new generation of kids." IMB President Paul Chitwood "reminded kids that missionaries are regular people who are on mission with God and their mission

field is overseas . . . Without them, entire countries of people will miss out on the good news about Jesus." (Information from Baptist and Reflector, March 6, 2019)

**On Saturday, August 17th, 10 am - 12 Noon at East Athens Baptist Church:** the association WMU is focusing on what God is doing here and around the world. Stations with information and prayer needs will be set up. In the May issue of Mission Mosaic, the children of Israel were displaced for 400 years and today we are seeing and hearing (different languages) men, women and children who are displaced for many reasons. How are individuals and mission groups telling those who are desperate that there is 'Hope in Jesus'? Let's find out. God wants us to be informed - to be His Witnesses in McMinn-Meigs, Tennessee, North America and around the world. International foods will be a big part of how you can be involved. Can your group bring at least 2 (two) international dishes? World Craft artisans live in a different culture, with different foods, living and working under difficult conditions. Some

World Craft products will be on display to look at or buy plus we can order off the internet. On this day we can see how we can pray and be involved. What an opportunity. What will make this successful? Your participation.

**NEWS FLASH!** Over 22,000 hygiene items were given, counted, and sent to different refugee ministries in Tennessee. WOW! That is incredible, brought by over 1,500 participants. Jennifer Christensen was an energetic storyteller that brought joy and laughter. But most importantly, her prayer is that women will find the hope that sustains us all — a living Savior. Thank you East Athens; First Baptist Athens; First Baptist Decatur; Pisgah and Kim Brown for the Silent Auction baskets. Money wise, 79 baskets from across Tennessee added up to \$4,402.00. This amount will go to the Tennessee N Touch Endowment held at the WMU Foundation. Next years Mission Get-Together will be on March 20-22, 2020 at the Gatlinburg Convention Center.

# CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	140.89	881.37	Etowah, First	0.00	250.00	Pope Avenue	0.00	585.45
Athens, First	1,500.00	9,000.00	Good Hope	150.00	900.00	Riceville, First	0.00	262.68
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	222.34	2,077.41	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rocky Mount	150.00	450.00
Brookhill	0.00	100.00	Idlewild	220.00	660.00	Rogers Creek	94.00	627.82
Calhoun, First	400.00	1,200.00	Lakeside	65.82	869.84	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	250.00	Lakeview	180.70	916.80	Shiloh	400.00	1,200.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	150.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Short Creek	337.37	1,864.64
Central	926.49	3,465.35	Marshall Hill	100.00	500.00	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clay Hill	0.00	60.00	McMahan Calvary	212.76	909.26	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	432.03	2,337.82	Mount Harmony, Niota	411.00	2,951.00	Ten Mile	114.75	615.40
Clearwater	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Riceville	48.51	257.43	Union Grove	0.00	250.00
Coghill	175.00	875.00	Mount Pisgah	356.19	1,786.25	Union Hill	198.00	1,087.00
Cottonport	0.00	413.68	Mount Verd	0.00	100.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Decatur, First	648.78	3,470.77	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Valley View	0.00	795.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	660.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	262.61	1,258.00
Double Springs	50.00	300.00	Niota, First	0.00	0.00	West End	348.90	1,665.96
Eastanallee	100.00	600.00	North Athens	0.00	200.00	West View	123.36	593.36
East Athens	1,496.02	5,832.30	Oak Grove	302.00	2,103.00	Wildwood	549.03	2,675.34
East Niota	197.50	987.50	Old Salem	312.30	1,557.75	Zion Hill	0.00	400.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Pisgah	1,400.69	3,710.37	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>13,659.54</b>	<b>71,748.55</b>
Englewood, First	847.50	5,085.00	Pond Hill	0.00	0.00			

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

## Church News

- **Valley Road Baptist Church** is celebrating 70 years! Join us on May 5th for our Homecoming Celebration!
- **East Athens Baptist Church** is seeking a full-time Pastor of Families. Send resume to: [jrobertson423@me.com](mailto:jrobertson423@me.com).
- **First Baptist Calhoun** is seeking a Senior Pastor. Send resume to P.O. Box 175, Calhoun, TN 37309.
- **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.**
- The following churches have not picked up their **2018 Annual Minutes:**

Calhoun First	Niota First
Dixon Avenue	Pisgah
East Athens	Rockview
East Niota	South Liberty
Manilla Chapel	West End
McMahan	West View
Calvary	Wildwood
Mt Pisgah	

## New in the Library

**Thunder of Heaven** by Ted Dekker  
**The Reckoning** by Beverly Lewis

By Tessa Afshar:  
**Harvest of Gold**  
**In the Field of Grace**  
**Bread of Angels**  
**Thief of Corinth**

**A Silken Thread** by Kim Vogel Sawyer  
**Half Finished** by Lauraine Snelling  
**When You Are Near** by Tracie Peterson  
**Searching Psalm 119** by Mark Allen Deakins

**New DVD's**  
**Pitching Love & Catching Faith**

## Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

May 6, 2019 ♦ 7:00 pm  
*Come and see who your speaker will be!*

**I ♥ VBS National Day of Prayer for VBS—May 19, 2019**

## 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

- David Lones**..... Goodsprings ..... 2 years
- Jeremy Sneed** ..... Rockview..... 2 years
- Stacy Gennoe**..... New Beginnings ..... 3 years
- Titus Snyder** ..... Oak Grove ..... 3 years
- Darren Fansler** .... Clear Springs ..... 6 years
- Stan Hammonds**.... Mount Harmony Niota ... 9 years

**Give Away: Baptist Hymnals, Books, Choral Music/Anthems**

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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 4th**. 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 1- 5** (grades 7-11)  
**Children's Day Camp— July 8-12** (grades 1-6)  
**July 15-19** (grades 1-6)

Registration forms can be found online at:

[www.mcminnmeigsbaptists.org](http://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!

### Things you can find on our Website!

- The past 6 issues of the Newsletter
- Annual Minutes—past 10+ years
- A listing of items in the Library (updated monthly)
- Camp Cherokee Registration Forms and Employment Application
- Christian Builders Volunteer Form
- Church Directory with address, mailing address, Pastor and phone numbers.
- Pastor Supply List
- VBS Report

***Remember in prayer our churches without Pastors: First Baptist Athens, First Baptist Calhoun, Lakeview, Marshall Hill, Old Salem, Sanford and Short Creek.***



### 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***