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*In the event of snow and ice
the Baptist Center will be
closed for the day.*



Celebrate Christmas

Sunday, December 7 at 6:00p
Spirit City Christmas at North Etowah
An unforgettable musical experience for the whole family.

Wednesday, December 10 at 6:00p
Christmas Outreach Night
Christmas cookies, Christmas characters, & Christmas caroling

Wednesday, December 24 at 3:00p & 5:00p
Christmas Eve Services
A family tradition with carols, communion, & candlelight.


spiritcitychurch.com



Links

Office Hours
Monday thru Friday
8:30 am—4:30 pm
Closed for Lunch from
12:30—1:30 pm

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December

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 30-7—Week of Prayer
and Mission Study for
International Missions and the
Lottie Moon Christmas
Offering

December 24-25—Christmas
Holiday, *Baptist Office Closed*

December 31—New Year's
Holiday, *Baptist Office Closed*

January

January 31-1 New Year's Holiday,
Baptist Office Closed

January 5—Pastor, Preachers
Fellowship, *Baptist Center, 7 pm*

January 11- Human Trafficking
Awareness Day

January 20- Executive Board
Meeting, *Baptist Center, 7 pm*

January 19 - Sanctity of Human
Life Sunday

January 23-25—Youth Ministry
Conclave, *Chattanooga*
Convention Center, Chattanooga

Christmas newsletters are often full of family updates—and sometimes even a little bragging. This year, I'm thrilled to "brag" on God and on the incredible churches who have poured into the BCM family this semester.

As many of you know, I stepped into the role of BCM Director this fall, and what a joy it has been. I've had a front-row seat to watch God at work in the lives of college students from all backgrounds and many nations.

Our weekly lunch outreach has been one of the clearest places we've seen God move. We began the semester with about 50 students coming for lunch. Week by week, that number grew—now we consistently have 200-250 students gathered every single week! Of those students, only about 10% come from church backgrounds, and yet their hearts are wide open. We regularly have 13-14 nations represented around the lunch tables.

Each week, different students share a 10-15 minute devotion, and the gospel is being heard—sometimes for the very first time. I'm deeply grateful for the churches who have helped feed both hungry bodies and hungry souls.

Another exciting milestone: BCM is officially a recognized on-campus organization again! We have a leadership team of 10 incredible students who serve with passion and commitment. If you'd like to follow along with what God is doing, we'd love for you to join us on Instagram: [@bcm_tnwesleyan](https://www.instagram.com/bcm_tnwesleyan).

Beyond weekly lunches, we've launched Bible studies on Sunday evenings at 8:00 p.m. and hosted multiple evangelistic outreaches. Our Kickoff event—pickleball & popsicles—drew about 50 students who heard the gospel. We've also had three bonfire nights with around 60 students each, and at one of them, I counted 15 nations represented!

Friends, God is moving in powerful ways at BCM. Thank you for praying, giving, showing up, and standing with us. We're so grateful for the partnership of our association churches.

Blessings,
Jenn Hand

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**LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS
OFFERING®**

From Brother Mike. . .

Mike Farmer, Director of Missions

As we move from Thanksgiving into the Christmas season, we likely still feel the pressure of the busy season. Very soon we will be turning the page into a whole new year.

or be forgotten in the days after Christmas.

Have you started your Christmas shopping yet? Picking the right gift for those close to you can be hard at times. I would also encourage you to think about how to give the greatest gift of all. God gave us the gift of His Son, Jesus. We don’t deserve a gift so grand, but God in His great mercy chooses to give this gift to all who are willing to believe and accept it.

This Christmas I pray we may give the gift of the knowledge of Jesus Christ. You may choose to share with someone what Jesus has done for you and how they can be blessed in a similar way. You may also choose to give the gift of God’s Word. Never assume everyone around you has a Bible. There is a significant number of people living in our own community that do not have a Bible or understand its importance.

Let’s give a gift which will change people’s lives instead of something that may break

Prayer for Revival

Every Monday at the Baptist Center

9:30 AM ♦ Everyone welcome!

Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

We will not meet during the month of December

I pray you have a wonderful Christmas celebration.

Remember in prayer our churches without Pastors:

Coghill, East Niota, Lakeside and Short Creek .

December Celebrations

Celebrating Birthdays

01 ... *Karrie Sweet* Association Staff

12... *Jordan Metzger*..... First Baptist Decatur

14...*Stefanie Lones*..... Rogers Creek

16 ..*Tim Moses*.....New Bethel

17...*Bo Dunkle* Clearwater

18...*Vicki Vest* Wildwood

23...*Annie Elkins* Rocky Mount

27..*Justin Worden*North Etowah

28... *April Shaver*..... Bethsadia

Anniversaries

18..*Donnie & Pam Dalton*Mount Verd

21 ..*Larry & Libby Johnson*Cottonport

23 *Victor & Tina Abernathy*.....Pisgah

23 *Gus Fine & Jenna Fine*.....Valley Road

Church/Association Anniversaries

01.....*Tim Moses*.....New Bethel.....1 year

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Pastors Conference

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

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	185.17	433.99	Good Hope	150.00	300.00	Pond Hill	0.00	0.00
Athens First	1,200.00	3,600.00	Goodsprings	0.00	833.45	Pope Avenue	253.60	533.28
Bethel Springs	100.00	100.00	Greenhouse	95.00	95.00	Riceville, First	84.36	281.32
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Brookhill	0.00	0.00	Idlewild	150.00	150.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	150.00
Calhoun First	200.00	400.00	Lakeside	105.92	198.52	Rogers Creek	130.00	260.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	100.00	Lakeview	427.95	803.95	Sanford	1,500.00	1,500.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	50.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	0.00	400.00
Central	625.25	1,051.27	Marshall Hill	200.00	300.00	Short Creek	348.81	738.60
Clay Hill	0.00	0.00	McMahan Calvary	169.28	330.28	South Liberty	0.00	300.00
Clear Springs	405.43	1,226.36	Mnt. Harmony, N	839.00	1,597.00	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clearwater	200.00	400.00	Mnt. Harmony, R	31.00	91.00	Ten Mile	196.88	393.47
Coghill	0.00	50.00	Mount Pisgah	356.93	701.65	Union Grove, D	0.00	238.00
Cottonport	0.00	308.54	Mount Verd	0.00	0.00	Union Hill	490.00	1,118.00
Decatur First	839.31	1,739.34	Mountianside	0.00	0.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Dixon Avenue	220.00	330.00	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Vally View	466.30	466.30
Double Springs	137.55	269.60	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	0.00	1,564.75
Eastanallee	100.00	200.00	Niota First	0.00	0.00	West End	152.55	380.55
East Athens	242.52	521.62	North Athens	0.00	400.00	West View	96.00	210.00
East Niota	402.00	603.00	North Etowah	0.00	600.00	Wildwood	100.00	200.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Oak Grove	489.20	489.20	Zion Hill	0.00	0.00
Englewood First	997.92	1,995.84	Old Salem	458.46	903.96			
Etowah First	0.00	125.00	Pisgah	1,145.70	1,145.70			
						Total Receipts	14,367.09	30,478.54

All donations after November 21st will go into January’s newsletter.

Church News

➤ **Short Creek** December 6th from 4-6. Bring your family and friends to experience the Joy of Christmas with us.

➤ **Pope Avenue** December 21 Christmas around the tree 6PM. December 25th Christmas morning service 10:30AM.

➤ **Mnt Harmony R** welcomes Bryan Coffey as their new pastor.

ALL AGES



CALVARY KIDS

BIBLE STUDY



EVERY WEDNESDAY

 Calvary Baptist Church

115 County Rd. 78

Riceville, TN 37370

NEED A RIDE?

 423 356 5921

423 920 3055

7:00PM