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

November 2017

Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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## Mark Your Calendar!

### November

- November 5—Disaster Relief Appreciation Day
- November 6—Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, Baptist Center, 1:30 pm
- November 6—Pastor & Preachers Fellowship, Clearwater Baptist Church
- November 12—15—Summit: The Gathering of Tennessee Baptists, Hendersonville Baptist Church, Hendersonville
- November 13—Pastor's Conference, Hendersonville Baptist Church, Hendersonville
- November 13—The Good Cup, Hendersonville Baptist Church, Hendersonville
- November 14—Ministers Wives Luncheon, Hendersonville Baptist Church, Hendersonville
- November 14—Young Ministry Luncheon, Hendersonville Baptist Church, Hendersonville
- November 23-24—Thanksgiving Holiday, Baptist Center Closed

### December

- Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*
- December 4-11—Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- December 5—Pastor & Preachers Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm
- December 23-26—Christmas Holiday, Baptist Office Closed
- December 30—New Year's Holiday, Baptist Office Closed

## Southern Baptist Disaster Relief Training Classes

### Introduction to Disaster Relief

November 2, 2017 @ 6:00 pm—8:30 pm  
 McMinn-Meigs Baptist Association  
 350 Congress Parkway North ♦ Athens, TN

*To register for this class, contact the associational office at [mikefarmer@truevine.net](mailto:mikefarmer@truevine.net) or (423) 745-2248*

6:00 pm—6:30 pm: Registration  
 6:30 pm—8:30 pm: Introduction to Disaster Relief (2 hour class) led by Doyle Pittman, Chattanooga

The credentialing fee is \$36. This fee will cover not only the cost of the ID and background check but also the cost of any of the basic training courses a volunteer wants to take over the next 3 years.

*In order to be full credentialed, you will need to take at least one specialized class after you have taken the prerequisite course of "Introduction to Southern Baptist Disaster Relief." Two classes will be offered on November 9 at the Association Office.*



### Specialization Classes

**November 9, 2017**—McMinn-Meigs Baptist Association, 350 Congress Parkway North, Athens, TN. *To register for this class, contact the associational office at [mikefarmer@truevine.net](mailto:mikefarmer@truevine.net) or (423) 745-2248. You may take either class or both.*

6:00 pm—6:30 pm: Registration  
 6:30 pm—8:00 pm: Flood Recovery led by Stanley Roach  
 8:00 pm—9:30 pm: Shower/Laundry led by Carol Webb



Monday, **November 6th**, 1:30 pm, at the Baptist Association Office: the time and place for the World Day of Prayer Time. The theme is **ARISE, SHINE - 'When We Arise, Communities are Transformed'**.

Come, so together we can pray the Spirit of God will reveal a deep hunger to change and let God shine through us and transform our communities. That is what our world needs now. An offertory will be taken for the BAWD.

### Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

November 6 ♦ 7:00 pm

**Location change: Clearwater Baptist Church**

*Please make your reservation by calling: 770-870-4880 or email: [danny@dannysingleton.org](mailto:danny@dannysingleton.org). RSVP deadline: November 1st*



Another Association year has come and gone. Thanks to all of you who came out for our annual meeting. We had a great meeting this year.

Zion Hill did a wonderful job of hosting the meeting and the music leadership set the stage for a worshipful night. We were blessed to have Bro. Randy Davis, Executive Director for the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, with us and I hope those in attendance were encouraged about the work going on across Tennessee.

Bro. Mike Bernard shared about the good attendance and young people saved at Camp Cherokee this summer. I'm sure most of us were glad to hear about the good attendance, sad to hear that some kids were turned away because the weeks were full.

Bro. John Crisp did a good job of leading the meeting and Bro. Stan Hammonds closed it out with a pointed message about what we need to do in the days ahead.

We didn't have time to hear all that went on this year. The Baptist Campus Ministry at TWU is growing under Drew Byers' leadership. Christian Builders has had many projects this past year and has seen quite a few new faces on the work crews. We have had some of our Disaster Relief team members deploy into a major disaster area for the first time in some years.

This past week we saw 105 Flood Buckets packed. There was almost \$6,000 given to this effort by some of our churches. Due to price increases, it looked like the number of buckets we would be able to do would go down drastically. Thanks to Kathy's

online shopping, we were able to find items from various sources and we got close to doing the number we thought we would at the start.

We have 33 people from the Association who have gone through Disaster Relief training. There are many ways they can help in our area. Another training is coming up at the Association office on November 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>. Anyone in our churches, age 18 and older, is welcome to come be a part of the training. Check out the details elsewhere in this newsletter.

As we enter into our new year, there are many concerns around us. We have a few churches still looking for a pastor. Pray that they will find the man God desires to be their pastor.

As I mentioned in the meeting, one of the emphases this coming year will be prayer. Our nation and world are going downhill fast. We need revival. I am looking forward to some things we will be doing soon to bring pastors and churches together to pray for revival. Details should be available next month.

Also in the coming year, we will be offering some help for the pastors of our smaller churches. God has called them to serve in a situation that can be very discouraging. More information will be coming after the first of the year.

I am looking forward to the New Year, as we find new opportunities to minister in McMinn and Meigs counties, and develop new resources to help our churches.

Keep praying for God's mighty move!

## Mission Awareness leads to Mission Involvement

by Judy Luck, Association WMU Director

RUSSIA is the emphasis for the International Mission Study. That country has been in the headlines of newspapers and on TV here in our nation and around the world. What timing to be studying \*\*\*not the world's view\*\*\* but how God is at work bringing Muslims to Himself. There has been a rebirth of Muslim influence in Russian cities in the past 25 years, as the crumbling of the Berlin Wall changed the relationship between Russia and the Central Asian republics. Now migrant workers from the south come in unprecedented numbers to work in the large cities. In fact, Moscow's Muslim population has grown from 1 million to 2.5 million in the last few years, making it the largest Muslim city in Europe. We need to hear and be challenged to develop our own strategies to share Christ with the Muslims around us. Stop, take a look around McMinn/Meigs, they are around us - among us. Do they need a hope and a future in Jesus? YES! They do. So, I urge you, encourage you if you have not shared the International Mission Study before, this is the year to do it. The Association orders the **Missions Traveler: Russia**. It is like a newspaper for \$2.99. Come by the office to see the content (please order your group one or two) but please leave it for others to view. To order call 1-800-968-7301 or [wmustore.com](http://wmustore.com). Thank you.

**Delano Baptist Church** in Delano, TN is prayerfully searching for a full-time pastor. We are seeking a pastor who has a heart for reaching younger families and individuals and maintain strong relationships with our senior membership. Experience as a senior pastor is preferred and the candidate should possess a degree from an acceptable college or seminary program. Please include CD, DVD or web links to sermons for review with your resume. Send resumes and requested materials to: Delano Baptist Church ♦ Attention: Pastor Search Committee ♦ PO Box 25 ♦ Delano, TN 37325

*Resumes will be accepted until December 15, 2017.*

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## New Books in the Library

**Bringing Maggie Home** by *Kim Vogel Sawyer*  
**To Be Where You Are** by *Jan Karon*  
**Seaside Letters** by *Denise Hunter*

**CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS**

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	120.86	120.86	Etowah, First	0.00	0.00	Pope Avenue	0.00	0.00
Athens, First	1,500.00	1,500.00	Good Hope	150.00	150.00	Riceville, First	202.81	202.81
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	0.00	0.00	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	0.00
Brookhill	0.00	0.00	Idlewild	150.00	150.00	Rogers Creek	0.00	0.00
Calhoun, First	200.00	200.00	Lakeside	76.32	76.32	Sanford	0.00	0.00
Calvary, Etowah	0.00	0.00	Lakeview	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	25.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	0.00	Short Creek	0.00	0.00
Central	0.00	0.00	Marshall Hill	0.00	0.00	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clay Hill	0.00	0.00	McMahan Calvary	133.60	133.60	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Niota	0.00	0.00	Ten Mile	81.84	81.84
Clearwater	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Riceville	0.00	0.00	Union Grove	0.00	0.00
Coghill	175.00	175.00	Mount Pisgah	0.00	0.00	Union Hill	158.55	158.55
Cottonport	0.00	0.00	Mount Verd	0.00	0.00	Valley Road	0.00	0.00
Decatur, First	0.00	0.00	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Valley View	0.00	0.00
Dixon Avenue	0.00	0.00	New Bethel	120.00	120.00	Walnut Grove	214.28	214.28
Double Springs	50.00	50.00	Niota, First	102.42	102.42	West End	158.70	158.70
Eastanallee	100.00	100.00	North Athens	0.00	0.00	West View	0.00	0.00
East Athens	666.33	666.33	Oak Grove	334.00	334.00	Wildwood	970.00	970.00
East Niota	0.00	0.00	Old Salem	0.00	0.00	Zion Hill	0.00	0.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Pisgah	0.00	0.00	<b>Total Receipts</b>	<b>5,689.71</b>	<b>5,689.71</b>
Englewood, First	0.00	0.00	Pond Hill	0.00	0.00			

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

## November Celebrations

### Celebrating Birthdays

- 01 ... *Christy Crisp* ..... West End
- 06 ... *Larry Johnson* ..... Cottonport
- Kathryn Lewis* ..... Union Hill
- 07 ... *Amanda Coleman* .. Sanford
- 13 ... *Laura Maples* ..... First Baptist Englewood
- 15 ... *Allen Watson* ..... Dixon Avenue
- 17 ... *Tina Clark* ..... First Baptist Athens
- 18 ... *Byron Talbot* ..... Double Springs
- Earl Graves* ..... Lakeside
- 19 ... *Keith Whited* ..... West View
- 22 ... *Randy Maddox* ..... Pond Hill
- 26 ... *Randall Bates* ..... McMahan Calvary
- Jewell Price* ..... Calvary Missionary
- 30 ... *Darren Fansler* ..... Clear Springs

### Celebrating Anniversaries

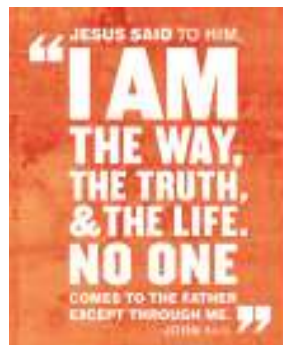
- 03 ... *Earl & Vivian Graves* ..... Lakeside
- 07 ... *Jeff & Becky Blanchette* ..... Calvary Etowah
- 08 ... *Jerry & Brenda Plaster* ..... East Niota
- 09 ... *Stacy & Maria Gennoe* ..... New Beginnings
- 26 ... *Stan & Jamie Hammonds* ... Mount Harmony Niota
- 30 ... *Darren & Tammy Fansler* .. Clear Springs

### Church/Association Anniversaries

- Michael Coleman* ..... Sanford ..... 2 years
- Neal Pillion* ..... Rocky Mount ..... 4 years
- Gene Guffey* ..... Bethel Springs ..... 9 years
- Randall Bates* ..... McMahan Calvary ..... 18 years
- Bill Vest* ..... Wildwood ..... 24 years

## Church News

- Our sympathy to **Rev. Bo Coleman** during the loss of his Grandfather.
- **We do have volunteers lined up to take the Sunday School Literature!**
- **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.
- **First Baptist Riceville** is seeking a part-time Music Director. Please send resume to: Sam Gentry ♦ PO Box 3344 ♦ Riceville, TN 37370
- **Central Baptist Church** is seeking a full-time worship leader/minister of youth. Please send resume to **cbctle@outlook.com** or Central Baptist Church 13 Nash Dr. Athens, TN 37303.
- **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.
- **Give Away**—Choral/Anthems (sample copies) - some with CD's.
- **Attention Church Clerks**—your church ACP's are due **November 17th!**





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## Flood Buckets!



*Before.....*



*After.....*



What does the \$9 donation cover?

## 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, First Baptist Etowah, Marshall Hill, New Bethel and Pope Avenue.*

## Christian Builders needs Ramp Builders!



*Men and women needed to help build handicap ramps. We average 2 ramps per month. Experienced carpenters, handy men or unskilled people needed. Contact Scott Duckworth at 263-1989.*

## New Videos in the Library

*The Case for Christ  
Confessions of a Prodigal Son  
The UnMiracle  
Wings of the Wind*