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Monday thru Friday
8:30 am—4:30 pm
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12:30—1:30 pm

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Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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Mark Your Calendar!

November

November 4—Disaster Relief
Appreciation Day

November 5—Baptist Women's
World Day of Prayer, *Baptist
Center, 1:30 pm*

November 5—Pastor & Preachers
Fellowship, *Baptist Center,
7:00 pm*

November 11—14—Summit: The
Gathering of Tennessee
Baptists, *West Jackson Baptist
Church, Jackson*

November 12—Pastor's Conference,
*West Jackson Baptist Church,
Jackson*

November 12—The Good Cup, *West
Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson*

November 13—Ministers Wives
Luncheon, *West Jackson
Baptist Church, Jackson*

November 13—Youth Ministry
Luncheon, *West Jackson
Baptist Church, Jackson*

November 22-23—Thanksgiving
Holiday, *Baptist Center Closed*

December

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

December 2-09—Week of Prayer and
Mission Study for International
Missions and the Lottie Moon
Christmas Offering

December 11—Financial Issues
Facing Churches and Ministers,
*Brainerd Baptist Church,
Chattanooga, 9:30 am—11:30 am*

December 24-26—Christmas
Holiday, *Baptist Office Closed*

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



chaos. "ARISE, SHINE! When we rise up, He shines through unity and justice" is the theme this year. In this world of sin and chaos, where is unity and justice? Only through the help of our great God "whose ways are justice". Deuteronomy 32:4.

World Day of Prayer November 5, 1:30 pm Association Office

Come, be a part of a great host of Believers who believe prayer has power and God is in control of this world of sin and



The Summit is the annual gathering of Tennessee Baptists. You probably know it as the Tennessee Baptist Convention. The Summit includes the Pastors Conference, the annual meeting, and everything in between. **Registration, Housing information and the schedule of events can be found at www.tnbaptist.org.**



2018 Hurricanes/ Tropical Storms Fund

Send your check, made payable to the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, to:

TN Baptist Disaster Relief
PO Box 682789
Franklin, TN 37068

For more information or to give online go to tndisasterrelief.org

WMU SCHOLARSHIPS

Available scholarships:

- Undergraduate (for students attending Tennessee colleges)
- Graduate (for students with Tennessee Baptist ties attending graduate school)
- Seminary (for graduate students attending SBC seminaries)

Scholarship information and applications are available at tnbaptist.org; search for "WMU Scholarships"

Completed Scholarship applications must be postmarked by **January 25, 2019.**

**Remember in prayer our churches without Pastors:
First Baptist Athens, First Baptist Calhoun, Eastanallee,
Lakeview, Marshall Hill, New Bethel, Old Salem, Walnut Grove
and West End.**

We are indeed blessed to live in the midst of faithful people and churches. Our annual meeting just occurred and it was a wonderful time of fellowship and worship. The business went smoothly and everyone involved did a great job.

Thanks to Phil Prichard for stepping in at the last moment to guide the meeting. Kevin Cheatham served well this year as our Moderator, and he will be missed in our association. Thank you, Kevin, for your service throughout the year. I commend Phil for helping make the meeting an enjoyable evening. I look forward to the coming year and expect to see great things taking place among our churches.

I also want to thank Rev. John Crisp for delivering a message that spoke to our hearts. This association is blessed to have many capable pastors who week after week preach the Word of God. Keep up the good work, pastors. The foundation of God's Word is our only hope for the future.

Thank you to those who have committed to serve in our association. There are still openings on some of our committees, and if you know someone who would be interested in serving please let us know.

Continue to pray for the churches who are seeking pastors. May God lead them in His wisdom and guidance. While we may not understand God's ways sometimes, there is no better way in life than God's way.

Also, continue to pray for revival. Each Thursday at noon a few of us meet together to pray that God will begin a great move of His Spirit among our churches. We would be glad for you to come join us in this prayer time. I understand some of you cannot make it to the office, so join with us in spirit to pray for God to work in us.

Soon we will be celebrating Thanksgiving and reminding one another to count our blessings. As citizens of our nation we truly are blessed. There is much to be thankful for in our lives. But, never forget that ultimately we are citizens of a greater kingdom. In it we will be blessed far more than we can ever be in this world. Let us keep looking forward to the fulfilling of God's great promises. May we be bold and strong in our faith each and every day we are allowed to live on this earth – Romans 4:16.

Bro. Mike

November Celebrations

Celebrating Birthdays

- 06....*Larry Johnson*.....Cottonport
- Kathryn Lewis*.....Union Hill
- 07....*Amanda Coleman*.....Sanford
- 13....*Laura Maples*.....First Baptist Englewood
- 15....*Allen Watson*.....Dixon Avenue
- 18....*Earl Graves*.....Lakeside
- Byron Talbot*.....Double Springs
- Johnny Underwood*.....Pope Avenue
- 19....*Keith Whited*.....West View
- 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*.... Sanford3 years
- Gene Guffey*..... Bethel Springs.....10 years
- Randall Bates*..... McMahan Calvary19 years
- Bill Vest*..... Wildwood25 years

Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

October 1st ♦ 7:00 pm ♦ Baptist Center
We hope to see you here!

Calling all Youth Pastors!

We are beginning to start a youth pastor's gathering for individuals who work with youth in our local churches. We are planning to read some books, spend time praying for each other, and becoming a sounding board for ideas, strategies, and our respective teaching opportunities. We are planning to hold our meetings on the first Tuesday of every month at 3:30pm at the Baptist Center. We're planning to read a portion of a book, discuss some ideas, and spend some time in prayer.

If you'd be interested in joining this gathering, please contact Drew Byers at FBC Athens. His email is drew@fbcathens.com. This is an open group, so anyone who works with students is welcome to come and join. Our first meeting will be November 6 at 3:30pm at the Baptist Center.

Grace and peace, Drew

Delano Baptist Church in Delano, TN is seeking a part-time Music Director. Please contact: Personnel Committee at (423) 506-2387.

Delano Baptist Church in Delano, TN is taking bids for Custodial Services starting January, 2019. Please contact: Perrsonnel Committee at (423) 506-2387.

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

Pastors Prayer Meeting

Every Thursday at the Baptist Center
12:00 noon

 *The Baptist Office will be closed on Thursday, November 15th and will close at 2:00 pm on Friday November 30th.*



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	160.87	160.87	Etowah, First	125.00	125.00	Pope Avenue	95.00	95.00
Athens, First	1,500.00	1,500.00	Good Hope	150.00	150.00	Riceville, First	0.00	0.00
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Goodsprings	381.96	381.96	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rocky Mount	150.00	150.00
Brookhill	0.00	0.00	Idlewild	110.00	110.00	Rogers Creek	152.96	152.96
Calhoun, First	0.00	0.00	Lakeside	307.04	307.04	Sanford	0.00	0.00
Calvary, Etowah	0.00	0.00	Lakeview	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	200.00	200.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	25.00	Manilla Chapel	200.00	200.00	Short Creek	0.00	0.00
Central	578.46	578.46	Marshall Hill	100.00	100.00	South Liberty	0.00	0.00
Clay Hill	0.00	0.00	McMahan Calvary	0.00	0.00	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Niota	495.00	495.00	Ten Mile	116.45	116.45
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	0.00	0.00
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	110.00	110.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	0.00	0.00
Double Springs	50.00	50.00	Niota, First	0.00	0.00	West End	186.28	186.28
Eastanallee	100.00	100.00	North Athens	0.00	0.00	West View	0.00	0.00
East Athens	1,021.87	1,021.87	Oak Grove	446.00	446.00	Wildwood	0.00	0.00
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	Total Receipts	7,784.39	7,784.39
Englewood, First	847.50	847.50	Pond Hill	0.00	0.00			

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

Mission Awareness leads to Mission Involvement

by Judy Luck, Association WMU Director

Each day more than 28,000 people are forced to flee their homes because of conflict and persecution. Christ followers need and should want to get involved - but what can we do? 2018 IMB mission study: **Missions Traveler-REFUGEES**. We pray this mission study will do 4 things:

- 1) Challenge you to examine your own attitudes about refugees to ensure that your thoughts and feelings are in line with God's Word.
- 2) Inspire you to share with your family, friends and faith community the truth of God's love and grace and unshakable pursuit of the eternal souls of each refugee.
- 3) Break your heart over the plight of the refugees, leading you to solemn prayer for every refugee and for an end to this crisis.
- 4) Encourage you to get involved in giving and going into the work to become personally involved in caring for these, the least among us.

There is a copy of the adult **Missions Traveler: REFUGEES** in the Association office, please order your copy or come by the office and see the depth of despair of their situation.

Our new MK for our association is **Annie Wolfzorn**, a freshman at Belmont University. Her birthday is January 26th.

Her address:

1900 Belmont Blvd.,
Patton Hall 310,
Nashville, TN 37212.

Church News

- **Attention Church Clerks—your church ACP's are due November 17th!**
- **First Baptist Calhoun** 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 Church Niota** is seeking a part-time Music Director. Please contact: Rev. Cullen Conner at 920-1808.
- **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.**

New in the Library

Books

- The Inheritance** by Michael Phillips
- The Cottage** by Michael Phillips
- The Legacy** by Michael Phillips
- Catching Christmas** by Terri Blackstock
- When We Were Young** by Karen Kingsbury

DVD's

- Seven Deadly Words



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National Collection Week: November 12—19

Drop Off Locations:

Woodward Church of God, Athens
Union McMinn Baptist Church, Niota
Eastanallee Baptist Church, Riceville
Eastanallee Baptist Church, Etowah

Drop off times do vary for each location—please contact the church.

I have a limited supply of the pre-printed shoeboxes at the Baptist Center. First-come, first-served basis during regular office hours!



East Athens Baptist Church will be celebrating their 90th Anniversary on Sunday November 18th at 10:45 am.

HELP ALWAYS NEEDED!



We build handicap ramps for the disabled and elderly. We are a 100% volunteer organization. There is no pay, but the retirement plan is out of this world!

We can always use volunteers!

Most ramps are built on Thursday, Friday or Saturday.
Larger ramps on Saturday!

We also need another lead carpenter or two. We will train you as to the specific cuts needed.

Contact Scott Duckworth at 263-1989