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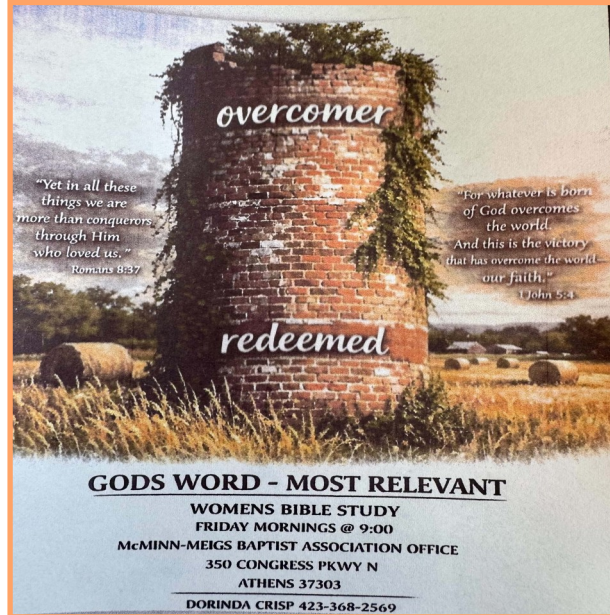
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We collected a total of 1,061 pairs of shoes, 1,277 pairs of socks and 66 pairs of shoelaces!

Thanks to everyone who participated



National Collection Week: November 16-23
Drop Off Locations:

Woodward Church of God, Athens
Union McMinn Baptist Church,
Niota
Hill Crest Baptist Church,

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



October is Pastor/Staff Appreciation Month

Please take time during this month to do something tangible to show your appreciation, as a church and as individuals, for your Pastor and paid Church Staff. Serving the Lord is a special calling that, at times, can be very demanding and sometimes a seemingly thankless job. You can change that by encouraging your Pastor and Staff by showing them, in tangible ways, how much you love and appreciate them.



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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October
Cooperative Program
Emphasis Month
Pastor/Staff Appreciation
Month

Church messenger report and deaths are needed immediately for the October meeting

October 5—Pastors & Preachers Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

October 19-21 Christmas Backpack Collection/Statewide

October 18—Day of Prayer for Baptist Associations

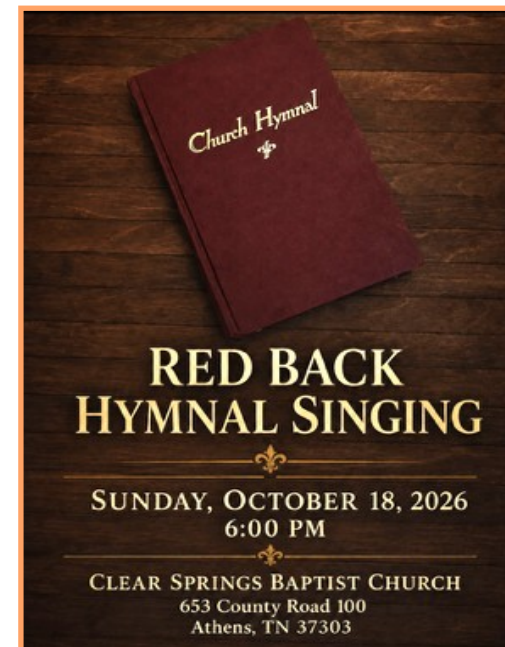
October 19—**McMinn-Meigs Association Annual Meeting, Double Springs Baptist Church, 7:00 pm**

November

November 15-17 Summit Gathering of Tn Baptist—Sevierville Convention Center

November 2- Pastors and Preachers Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

November—26-29 Thanksgiving Holiday—We are closed



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 Bethel Springs, Englewood 1st, Etowah 1st, Goodsprings.

Prayer for Revival

Every Monday at the Baptist Center

9:30AM
Everyone welcome!

It's shoebox season!

Are you ready to bring Good News and great joy to children around the world? Find our easy step-by-step guide on how to pack a shoebox gift here: <https://sampur.se/step-by-step-guide>

From Brother Mike. . .

Mike Farmer, Director of Missions

For those of us who have been around a while, it is hard to comprehend all of the changes we have seen during our lifetimes. Change is a word most of us don't like, yet it is also a given in life. These days we can be sure that very little will go unchanged in the months and years ahead.

The things we now have to deal with in the church setting reflects this truth. Technology is great for some things, but it also brings about complications in other ways. While we may not want to stay up to date on all the of technological developments, we must in order to manage it correctly.

Artificial intelligence is a huge issue these days. There are some who rely on AI to do many of the daily tasks of life. As we move down this road, we need to be sure to keep everything in perspective. AI is not perfect. It does make mistakes. I firmly believe a computer will never be able to do what the human mind is capable of doing.

Sadly, some pastors are now using AI to write their sermons. Using AI to do research is one thing, but having a computer write your sermon is not a way to go in my understanding of ministry.

We also need to be careful about what our churches are putting online. I routinely hear or see prayer requests posted on social media, and I have to wonder did the person needing the prayer ask for that to be publicized. Posting too much information without a person's permission could lead to some problems. I also believe that a church that streams its services online probably should not be showing the invitation time of the service.

One last area of concern is electronic devices. New technology may be listening to you at all times. Within the church, privacy concerns are real. When pastors or staff are meeting with people where privacy is a concern, we now need

to make sure no one or no thing is listening in on the conversation.

Let's make good use of technology, but don't let it lead us down the wrong path.

I look forward to seeing everyone at the Annual Meeting, October 19, at Double Springs. We will start at 7:00 pm.

Blessings,



The Three Words every Church Clerk hates to hear: **ACP's have been mailed.** *The Annual Church letters are here and are ready to pick up during regular office hours.* ***The are needed for our October meeting ASAP***

October Celebrations

Celebrating Birthdays

02....**Delois Bernard** Central
06....**Tonya Keaton** First Baptist Riceville
10....**Jeremy Sneed**..... Rockview
14....**Justin Brown** Zion Hill
16....**Jamie Hammonds** . Mount Harmony Niota
18 **Chris Shaw**.....Lakeview
19 **April Cornelius**.....Walnut Grove
21....**Steve Jones**.....Good Hope
28....**Becky Blanchette**... Calvary Etowah
29....**Jeannie Sneed** Eastview

Celebrating Anniversaries

03....**Mike & Carrie King**.....Shiloh
13....**Van & Annie Elkins**.....Rocky Mount
15....**Seth & Taylor Barselou**.....Marshall Hill
30....**Greg & Lea Watson**Manilla Chapel

Church/Association Anniversaries

Mike FarmerDirector of Missions.....11 years
Victor Abernathy..Pisgah.....12 years
Mike King..... Shiloh.....16years
Karrie Sweet Association Staff6 years

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	103.53	2,232.83	Etowah First	0.00	500.00	Pisgah	0.00	4,554.46
Athens First	0.00	14,400.00	Good Hope	150.00	1,650.00	Pond Hill	0.00	0.00
Bethel Springs	0.00	1,100.00	Goodsprings	241.26	4,533.44	Pope Avenue	0.00	2,202.74
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Greenhouse	0.00	1,500.00	Riceville, First	115.82	1,676.32
Brookhill	0.00	675.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Calhoun First	200.00	2,400.00	Idlewild	0.00	1,200.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	600.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	600.00	Lakeside	117.54	1,154.98	Rogers Creek	343.00	1,884.00
Calvary Missionary	50.00	550.00	Lakeview	537.20	5,172.23	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Central	629.19	7,451.38	Manilla Chapel	200.00	200.00	Shiloh	200.00	2,400.00
Clay Hill	0.00	120.00	Marshall Hill	52.20	617.93	Short Creek	1,059.76	3,887.08
Clear Springs	789.59	7,602.48	McMahan Calvary	203.88	1,973.01	South Liberty	0.00	900.00
Clearwater	200.00	2,400.00	Mnt. Harmony, N	1,387.00	12,632.00	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Coghill	0.00	550.00	Mnt. Harmony, R	52.00	587.00	Ten Mile	288.64	2,598.35
Cottonport	0.00	1,188.05	Mount Pisgah	449.62	4,551.82	Union Grove, D	103.00	522.00
Decatur First	890.43	10,682.67	Mount Verd	0.00	300.00	Union Hill	669.00	6,320.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	1,430.00	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Double Springs	212.85	1,976.24	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Vally View	0.00	2,276.83
Eastanallee	100.00	1,500.00	Niota First	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	0.00	9,974.80
East Athens	0.00	3,303.60	North Athens	0.00	200.00	West End	317.59	2,715.64
East Niota	0.00	1,608.00	Nrth Etowah/ Sprt Cty	0.00	0.00	West View	128.00	1,516.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Oak Grove	667.04	3,803.84	Wildwood	100.00	1,200.00
Englewood First	658.00	9,255.64	Old Salem	709.56	6,436.02	Zion Hill	0.00	675.00
								Total Receipts 12,085.70 165,836.38

Contributions received after September 21st will be reflected in next month's report.

Church News

➤ If you would like your church to be featured in this news letter you can call and give me the information before the 20th of the next month. This helps the 710 people receiving this newsletter to know what is going on in their church community. This newsletter is a great way to get people in the doors to testify to them.

➤ **I will be printing the books for the Annual Meeting October 12th as I have 120 books to print, hole punch and**

bind all by the 19th. If you would like your deaths and churches information to be in the book please get it to me before then.

Hallelujah Party

TRUCK OR TREAT

Food Fellowship Candy

OCTOBER 31 · 2PM

ROCKY MOUNT CHURCH

