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Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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Mark Your Calendar!

October

Cooperative Program Emphasis Month
Pastor/Staff Appreciation Month

October 2—Pastors & Preachers Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

October 7—Fall Library Training, Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville

October 8—World Hunger Sunday

October 16—McMinn-Meigs Association Annual Meeting, Zion Hill Baptist Church, 7:00 pm

October 20-22—Royal Ambassadors Camp-o-ree, Linden Valley Baptist Conference Center, Linden

October 28—Journey into Adventures in Missions (JAM), First Baptist Church Dandridge

November

November 6—Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, Baptist Center, 1:30 pm

November 6—Pastor's Conference Hendersonville Baptist Church, Hendersonville

November 12—15—Summit: The Gathering of Tennessee Baptists, 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

The 94th Annual Session of the McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists


October 16, 2017 ♦ 7:00 pm

Zion Hill Baptist Church

269 County Road 516 ♦ Englewood, TN

Annual Sermon: Rev. Stan Hammonds

All Messengers to the Annual Meeting must be turned in by 12 noon on Monday, October 16th. Messengers will be checked in by church and name.



The Baptist Center will close at 2:00 pm on Monday, October 16th and will reopen at 10:00 am on October 17th.



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.

Remember in prayer our churches without Pastors:

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

McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

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

Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

October 2 ♦ 7:00 pm

Baptist Center

Come and see who your speaker will be! We hope to see you here!



We collected a total of 490 pairs of shoes, 827 pairs of socks and 80 pairs of shoelaces!

Thanks to everyone who participated and a special "Thank You" to Smoky Mountain Water and Marsha Flanigan for delivering them to Chattanooga!

THE LORD IS
My Shepherd
I SHALL NOT WANT

What a month we have had! We have anxiously watched two hurricanes batter significant population areas of our nation. Political turmoil continues around the world. We also have found out that the problems we see in the world far off exist here in our neighborhoods as well. Yet, through it all we can rest assured on this truth: Jesus is still Lord of all.

I am going to have Thanksgiving a little early here for all the good things which are happening. Some of our churches have seen great answers to prayers. I am looking forward to hearing the reports as we prepare for the annual meeting.

Several churches have celebrated a good number of baptisms this summer. Our Vacation Bible Schools brought good results this year. God has not given up on us. Don't quit on Him.

I want to thank those who helped at the Drive-In on Labor Day weekend. East Athens Baptist Church did a great job of helping get everything set up and then cleaned up and packed away. I appreciate the help in covering that since I was out of town. Pray that those we met there this summer will continue to be reminded of the love of Jesus.

Thanks also to those churches and individuals who gave to the hurricane relief efforts. Some donated items. Others donated to provide Flood Buckets. You all have done well and we pray that these items will be a blessing to those in need. I know other churches have given in other ways to help.

Continue to be willing to give, because the recovery efforts in both Texas and Florida are likely to take a long time.

I am thankful for all the Disaster Relief workers who have responded so far. As I write this we have just a few people from our area working in Texas. According to NAMB, "as of Monday, September 11, Hurricane Harvey SBDP response has witnessed 29 professions of faith, initiated 508 gospel conversations and provided 444,765 meals, 7,240 showers, 4,534 loads of laundry and completed 109 construction jobs including 47 roof repairs." Thank you to all the Southern Baptist Churches who make this possible through the Cooperative Program gifts and Missions Offering gifts. We will be looking to put together a team to go during the rebuild phase.

Our annual meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, October 16, at Zion Hill Baptist Church. Bro. Randy Davis, the Executive Director for the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, will be with us this year. I look forward as he shares about what has been going on in Tennessee and where we are heading in the future. I look forward to seeing you there.

May we continue to live out Jesus command in John 15:12 as we learn to love one another as Christ loved us. What a privilege and what a challenge!

October Celebrations

Celebrating Birthdays

- 02....*Delois Bernard* Central
- Jeannie Perry* Mount Pisgah
- 03....*Danny Singleton*.... Clearwater
- 10....*Jeremy Sneed*..... Rockview
- 14....*Justin Brown* Zion Hill
- 16....*Jamie Hammonds* . Mount Harmony Niota
- 18....*Garry King*..... Mount Harmony Riceville
- 22....*Laura Singleton*.... Clearwater
- 28....*Becky Blanchette*... Calvary Etowah
- 29....*Jeannie Sneed* Eastview

Celebrating Anniversaries

- 03*Mike & Carrie King* Shiloh
- 30....*Greg & Lea Watson* Manilla Chapel

Church/Association Anniversaries

- Mike Farmer* Director of Missions2 years
- Victor Abernathy*.. Pisgah.....3 years
- Mike King*..... Shiloh.....7 years
- Gerald Perry*..... Mount Pisgah10 years
- Kathy Fain* Association Staff.....13 years
- Bill Pearman* Good Hope13 years
- Bob Kerr* North Athens.....31 years
- Garry King* Mount Harmony Riceville..35 years



For many years we have taken in Used Sunday School Literature.

This was packed and taken to Edwin Hodges Ministries in Decatur, Alabama. Edwin Hodges Ministries has now combined with Love Packages (still located in Decatur, Alabama).

We need Volunteers to pack and take the Sunday School Literature to Decatur, Alabama! If we don't have any volunteers, we will have to discontinue this program.



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Judgment Day Walk-thru Drama

Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church
Oct 25 (Youth Group Night) Oct 28th & 29th 5:30-8 PM

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	172.24	1,810.39	Etowah, First	0.00	200.00	Pond Hill	300.00	600.00
Athens, First	0.00	17,000.06	Good Hope	150.00	1,800.00	Pope Avenue	94.35	1,238.55
Bethel Springs	0.00	1,000.00	Goodsprings	144.96	1,539.24	Riceville, First	191.07	2,147.19
Bethsadia	0.00	100.00	Hiwassee	0.00	70.40	Rockview	0.00	5.00
Brookhill	0.00	0.00	Idlewild	0.00	1,300.00	Rocky Mount	150.00	600.00
Calhoun, First	200.00	2,400.00	Lakeside	177.16	1,735.16	Rogers Creek	153.08	1,359.71
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	650.00	Lakeview	186.80	2,507.31	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	750.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Shiloh	0.00	2,200.00
Central	638.49	6,961.83	Marshall Hill	400.00	1,200.00	Short Creek	408.62	4,484.05
Clay Hill	0.00	60.00	McMahan Calvary	174.88	2,226.76	South Liberty	0.00	200.00
Clear Springs	735.99	11,298.43	Mount Harmony, Niota	393.00	4,981.17	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clearwater	0.00	3,333.40	Mount Harmony, Riceville	60.46	515.79	Ten Mile	0.00	962.46
Coghill	175.00	2,100.00	Mount Pisgah	405.71	4,695.31	Union Grove	0.00	250.00
Cottonport	0.00	906.40	Mount Verd	100.00	400.00	Union Hill	162.40	1,644.56
Decatur, First	928.68	10,117.40	New Beginnings	0.00	150.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	1,320.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Valley View	0.00	1,315.00
Double Springs	50.00	2,100.00	New Zion	0.00	118.59	Walnut Grove	248.00	2,766.55
Eastanallee	100.00	1,100.00	Niota, First	122.98	1,371.10	West End	175.23	974.90
East Athens	0.00	8,397.73	Niota, First	122.98	1,371.10	West View	124.45	1,378.74
East Niota	332.00	2,000.00	North Athens	50.00	300.00	Wildwood	0.00	5,582.65
East View	0.00	10.00	Oak Grove	0.00	4,056.80	Zion Hill	0.00	1,600.00
Englewood, First	741.67	8,812.53	Old Salem	339.19	5,438.58	Total Receipts	8,971.41	152,916.59
			Pisgah	0.00	4,772.85			

Contributions received through September 20th.

To be included in this year's totals, I need to receive your contribution by October 9th.

Fiscal Year-end totals for Church Contributions will be reflected in the Book of Reports and Annual Minutes.



Clearwater Baptist Church
 976 County Road 180 ♦ Athens, TN
 October 27-29 and November 3-5

For more information, please call the church office at 744-7147.

McMinn-Meigs Association churches recognized for giving to the Golden Offering—2016-2017

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| <i>Athens First</i> | <i>East Athens</i> | <i>Niota First</i> |
| <i>Calhoun First</i> | <i>East Niota</i> | <i>Oak Grove</i> |
| <i>Calvary Etowah</i> | <i>Englewood First</i> | <i>Old Salem</i> |
| <i>Calvary Missionary</i> | <i>Etowah First</i> | <i>Pisgah</i> |
| <i>Central</i> | <i>Goodsprings</i> | <i>Pond Hill</i> |
| <i>Clear Springs</i> | <i>Idlewild</i> | <i>Riceville First</i> |
| <i>Clearwater</i> | <i>Lakeside</i> | <i>Ten Mile</i> |
| <i>Coghill</i> | <i>Marshall Hill</i> | <i>Union Grove Decatur</i> |
| <i>Cottonport</i> | <i>Mount Harmony Niota</i> | <i>Wildwood</i> |
| <i>Decatur First</i> | <i>Mount Harmony Riceville</i> | |
| <i>Double Springs</i> | <i>Mount Pisgah</i> | |

The final GOTM total for the 2016-2017 offering year was \$1,843,511.03, just \$6,488.97 from reaching the year's offering goal of \$1.85 million.

Church News

- Our sympathy to **Garry & Shirley King** during the loss of Shirley's Mother.
- Our sympathy to **John & Christy Crisp** during the loss of John's Father.
- Our sympathy to **Steven & Lacey Stone** during the loss of Steven's Grandfather.
- **East Niota Baptist Church** will be celebrating their **75th Anniversary** on Sunday, October 29th. All former Pastors and members are invited to attend. Rev. Wayne Bryant will be preaching.
- **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.
- **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.
- **First Baptist Riceville** is seeking a part-time Music Director. Please send resume to: Sam Gentry ♦ PO Box 3344 ♦ Riceville, TN 37370
- **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.

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Almost 800 million people around the world live with constant hunger, and 1 in 6 in North America are undernourished. This tragedy is a reality for churches and their communities. Seven Southern Baptist organizations—Baptist Global Response, the Executive Committee, the Ethics &

Religious Liberty Commission, the International Mission Board, LifeWay, the North American Missions Board and the Woman's Missionary Union—have partnered together to see lives and communities changed forever through Global Hunger Relief. Through this unique partnership, **100 percent of your donations to Global Hunger Relief go toward meeting hunger needs.** Nothing is taken out for administrative or promotional costs.



First Baptist Church Dandridge
October 28, 2017 ♦ 9:30 am—2:30 pm



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 BWAWD.



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.