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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

- 1 **Pastors & Preachers Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm**
Library Training, *Central Baptist Church, Fountain City, 8:00—4:00 pm*
- 6 **Worship & Music Roundtable, First Baptist Church, Lenoir City, 8:30—12:00 pm**
- 11 **World Hunger Sunday**
- 15 **McMinn-Meigs Association Annual Meeting, Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, 7:00 pm**
Royal Ambassadors Camp-o-ree, *Linden Valley Baptist Conference Center, Linden*
- 19-21 **Worship & Music Roundtable, Brainerd Baptist Church, Chattanooga, 8:30—12:00 pm**
- 22 **Journey into Adventures in Missions (JAM), First Baptist Church Dandridge**

November

- 5 **Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer, Baptist Center, 1:30 pm**
- 5 **Pastors & Preachers Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm**
- 11-14 **Summit: The Gathering of Tennessee Baptists, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, TN**
- 12 **Pastor's Conference, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, TN**
- 12 **The Good Cup, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, TN**
- 13 **Ministers Wives Luncheon, West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, TN**
- 22-23 **Thanksgiving Holiday, Baptist Center Closed**

The 95th Annual Session of the McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

October 15, 2018 ♦ 7:00 pm
Mount Pisgah Baptist Church
269 County Road 516 ♦ Niota, TN
Annual Sermon: Rev. John Crisp

All Messengers to the Annual Meeting must be turned in by 12 noon on Monday, October 15th. Messengers will be checked in by church and name.



The Baptist Center will close at 2:00 pm on Monday, October 15th and will reopen at 10:00 am on October 16th.

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



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!
We tend to build on Thurs, Fri or Sat. (Larger ramps on Sat.)
We also need another lead carpenter or two.
We will train you as to the specific cuts needed.
Contact Scott Duckworth at 263-1989



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.



We collected a total of 637 pairs of shoes, 899 pairs of socks and 53 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!

As I write this Hurricane Florence is coming ashore. We watch and wait to see what the outcome will be, and how we can help those affected. Disaster Relief volunteers are preparing to respond. As we pray and work, we know that God is in control. There is no way we can face situations like this calmly without knowing that everything is in His hands. Continue to pray for the recovery work which will help those in the area get back to their lives.

Update: As of Monday, September 17, the Tennessee Baptist Feeding Unit has been sent to Kinston, NC. This is a community about 25 miles west of New Bern, NC, one of the hardest hit places. Pray for the work and workers. If you would like to be trained to be a part of Disaster Relief, please let me know. It is a real possibility that the work there could continue for several months, and we will be looking for many volunteers.

On the First Sunday of October, another church will celebrate 200 years of ministry. Pisgah Baptist Church in Decatur will have the honor this time. I stand in awe just thinking about all

that has happened in that amount of time: the number of Bible lessons taught, the number of sermons preached, how many people have been touched there, and the number of souls in Heaven because of the faithfulness of that congregation. Many of us would scoff at the idea of them having another 200 years of ministry, but we do not know what God has in store. While we must live as if Jesus is coming back soon, we must also lay a strong foundation for the work to continue until He does. I pray that all our churches might do what is necessary to continue to make a difference in the world for another 200 years.

The annual meeting is almost here. We will be meeting Monday evening, October 15, at Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church. The meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. I hope you can join us for a time of fellowship, worship and business. I look forward to seeing you there.

Through it all may God be glorified!

Bro. Mike

Remember in prayer our churches without Pastors:

First Baptist Athens, First Baptist Calhoun, Eastanallee, Lakeview, Marshall Hill, Old Salem, Walnut Grove and West End.



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Pastors Prayer Meeting

Every Thursday at the Baptist Center ♦ 12:00 noon

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
- 27....*Joe & Margie Davis* New Bethel
- 30....*Greg & Lea Watson* Manilla Chapel

Church/Association Anniversaries

- Mike Farmer* Director of Missions.....3 years
- Victor Abernathy*.. Pisgah.....4 years
- Mike King*..... Shiloh.....8 years
- Gerald Perry*..... Mount Pisgah11 years
- Kathy Fain* Association Staff14 years
- Bill Pearman* Good Hope14 years
- Bob Kerr* North Athens.....32 years
- Garry King* Mount Harmony Riceville..36 years

New in the Library

Books

- Ours for a Season** by Kim Vogel Sawyer
- The Ladies of Ivy Cottage** by Julie Klassen
- A Most Noble Heir** by Susan Anne Mason
- In Times Gone By** by Tracie Peterson
- The Lady of Tarpon Springs** by Judith Miller
- The Pirate Bride** by Kathleen Y'Barbo
- The Mayflower Bride** by Kimberly Woodhouse
- The Captured Bride** by Michelle Griep
- The Patriot Bride** by Kimberly Woodhouse
- The Winter Warrior** by Priscilla Shirer

DVD's

- Guided by the Word
- The Star
- The List
- Almost Home
- For Love's Sake



Join us for the Annual Camp Living Stones Fish Fry!
Thursday, October 25, 2018
4:30—7:30 pm

Catfish ♦ hushpuppies ♦ beans ♦ Potatoes ♦ Dessert ♦ Drink
\$8 Adults; \$4 Kids 12 and under
All proceeds go to the operation of the ministry of Camp Living Stones.

For more information contact Camp Living Stones at:
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534 County Road 876 ♦ Englewood, TN 37329

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	0.00	1,731.69	Etowah, First	0.00	250.00	Pope Avenue	95.25	1,090.85
Athens, First	1,500.00	18,000.00	Good Hope	150.00	1,800.00	Riceville, First	57.27	1,891.88
Bethel Springs	0.00	1,000.00	Goodsprings	248.89	3,149.09	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	110.00	0.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	600.00
Brookhill	0.00	100.00	Idlewild	145.52	1,260.00	Rogers Creek	98.28	1,296.33
Calhoun, First	200.00	2,400.00	Lakeside	196.20	1,881.01	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	550.00	Lakeview	0.00	2,610.83	Shiloh	0.00	2,400.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	300.00	Manilla Chapel	300.00	200.00	Short Creek	405.09	4,260.52
Central	429.93	7,213.28	Marshall Hill	177.20	1,200.00	South Liberty	0.00	250.00
Clay Hill	0.00	60.00	McMahan Calvary	460.00	2,210.54	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	317.40	8,239.62	Mount Harmony, Niota	54.46	5,086.00	Ten Mile	102.63	1,011.92
Clearwater	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Riceville	379.65	712.08	Union Grove	0.00	250.00
Coghill	175.00	1,925.00	Mount Pisgah	0.00	4,601.38	Union Hill	211.00	2,534.00
Cottonport	0.00	815.25	Mount Verd	0.00	300.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Decatur, First	963.22	11,139.44	New Beginnings	0.00	100.00	Valley View	0.00	1,501.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	1,210.00	New Bethel	0.00	120.00	Walnut Grove	267.72	3,057.52
Double Springs	50.00	600.00	Niota, First	0.00	403.17	West End	175.75	2,308.04
Eastanallee	100.00	1,200.00	North Athens	0.00	275.00	West View	143.12	1,393.08
East Athens	736.87	10,671.98	Oak Grove	401.00	4,468.24	Wildwood	554.79	7,579.03
East Niota	332.00	1,494.00	Old Salem	369.12	3,880.41	Zion Hill	0.00	2,000.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Pisgah	0.00	6,013.28			
Englewood, First	0.00	9,005.01	Pond Hill	0.00	600.00			
						Total Receipts	10,092.36	154,000.47

Contributions received through September 19th.

To be included in this year's totals, I need to receive your contribution by October 8th.

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



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 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.

First Baptist Church
Dandridge

October 27, 2018
9:30 am—2:30 pm



Church News

- **New Bethel Baptist Church** welcomes their new Pastor, Rev. Joe Davis who began his ministry there on August 8, 2018.
- **Lakeview Baptist Church** will have a community day on Saturday, October 6th—11:00 am—3:00 pm. They will have a car show, hot dogs, chips, popcorn and drinks. Games, door prizes, music by Chatta Valley. Everything is free.
- **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 Church Niota** is seeking a part-time Music Director. Please contact: Rev. Cullen Conner at 920-1808.
- **First Baptist Riceville** is seeking a part-time Music Director. Please send resume to: Sam Gentry ♦ PO Box 3344 ♦ Riceville, TN 37370
- **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 Parent Life, Home Life, Missions Mosaic or Mature Living.**



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 and Housing information can be found at www.tnbaptist.org.**

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

McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

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



Pisgah Baptist Church celebrates their 200th anniversary on Sunday, October 7th at 10:30 am.

Lunch will follow the morning service with special music/activities in the afternoon. Everyone is invited to attend!



THE PROBLEM OF GLOBAL HUNGER IS VAST, affecting every community across North America and the world. Global Hunger Relief provides a way for churches and individuals to care for those who are hungry, meeting physical as well as spiritual needs.

GHR is an initiative of seven Southern Baptist organizations working together to combat hunger: Baptist Global Response, the Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission, the International Mission Board, LifeWay Christian Resources, the North American Mission Board, Woman's Missionary Union, and the SBC Executive Committee, as well as state Baptist conventions.

One hundred percent of your gifts go directly toward feeding hungry people, 80 percent internationally and 20 percent in North America. All overhead expenses are covered by the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists' unified plan of giving.

In 2017, 5.5 million dollars was given to Global Hunger Relief.