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**National Collection Week: November 13-17**  
Drop Off Locations:

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

*Drop off times do vary for each location—please contact the church. We have a lot of shoe boxes at the Association. Stop by and get a box of 50 or more if you need it.*



### 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 620 pairs of shoes, 1044 pairs of socks and 52 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! Thanks to Lakeside & East Athens for help packing everything.



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# Links

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

## October

*Cooperative Program  
Emphasis Month  
Pastor/Staff Appreciation  
Month*

**Church messenger report is needed immediately for the October meeting**

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

October 23-25 Christmas Backpack Collection/Statewide

October 16-22—Week of Prayer for Baptist Associations

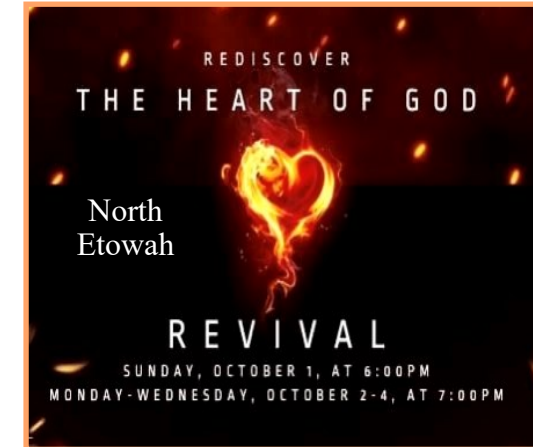
October 16—McMinn-Meigs Association Annual Meeting, Sanford Baptist Church, 7:00 pm

## November

November 12-15- Summit Gathering of Tn Baptist—Chattanooga Convention Center 5PM

November 6- Pastors and Preachers Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

November— 23rd-25th Thanksgiving Holiday—We are closed



**Remember in prayer our churches without Eastanallee, Idlewild, Lakeview, Marshall Hill, New Bethel and Valley Road.**



**McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference**

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

**Literature Pack & Sort**

November 14th ♦  
9:30am

*Come join us for a time of fellowship!*

**Prayer for Revival**

*Every Thursday at the Baptist Center*

12:00 noon  
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.sc/step-by-step-guide>

From Brother Mike. . .  
Mike Farmer, Director of Missions

October is Pastor Appreciation month. I want to encourage each church to do something for your pastor. These men work hard and face a lot of challenging issues in our world. It can be a very lonely and hard job sometimes. Pray for them and love on them so their hearts will be encouraged to continue in the Lord’s service. I believe our association is very blessed to have the pastors we have. My prayer for our pastors is that you all allow God to use you to do great Kingdom work. October also means it is time for our Annual Meeting. This year’s meeting is on Monday, October 16, at Sanford Baptist Church, Riceville. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. I look forward to seeing many of you there. This is a celebration of our 100<sup>th</sup> meeting together, so we will have a little dessert fellowship at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

There will also be an unusual event at the meeting. For the first time in over 50 years Mike Bernard’s name will not be on the roster of leaders. Mike is recommending Austin Davis to take over as Camp Cherokee director. It will certainly be different not to see Mike’s name in that place. We say thank you again to Mike for his years of service and leadership. Pray for this transition and that Camp Cherokee will continue to influence many young people in the years ahead. Just to report on what God has been doing through our churches:

The amount we received back from the Gold Offering -- \$4,336.93  
Thank you to all the churches who have given so faithfully.  
Zora Mission Project -- \$70,812.20 (as of Sept. 18, money is still being sent in)

This month marks the end of my 8<sup>th</sup> year. It is hard to believe I have been here that long. It is a pleasure to serve with such a great group of churches. May we continue together to see God’s work move forward.



**Christian Builders needs YOUR Help!**  
We build handicap ramps for the disabled and elderly. We are a 100% volunteer organization.  
*For more information or to volunteer, please contact Scott Duckworth at 368-3867.*



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....**Garry King**..... Mount Harmony Riceville
- 19....**April Cornelius** ..... Walnut Grove
- 26....**Will Davis**.....Short Creek
- 27....**Johnna Brogden**.... First Baptist Calhoun
- 28....**Becky Blanchette**... Calvary Etowah
- 29....**Jeannie Sneed** ..... Eastview

*Celebrating Anniversaries*

- 03....**Mike & Carrie King**.....Shiloh
- 13....**Van & Annie Elkins**.....Rocky Mount
- 20....**Will & Dana Davis**.....Short Creek
- 30....**Greg & Lea Watson** ..... .Manilla Chapel

**Church/Association Anniversaries**

- Mike Farmer** .....Director of Missions.....8 years
- Victor Abernathy**..Pisgah.....9 years
- Mike King**..... Shiloh.....13years
- Karrie Sweet** ..... Association Staff.....3 year
- Bill Pearman** ..... Good Hope.....19years
- Garry King** ..... Mount Harmony (R).....41years
- North Athens**.....Bob Kerr.....37years

Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	175.73	2,260.74
Athens First	1,200.00	16,800.00
Bethel Springs	0.00	1,000.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00
Brookhill	100.00	350.00
Calhoun First	200.00	2,600.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	600.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	300.00
Central	564.23	6,441.73
Clay Hill	0.00	120.00
Clear Springs	263.79	6,123.13
Clearwater	300.00	3,240.00
Coghill	100.00	600.00
Cottonport	0.00	1,030.07
Decatur First	219.35	8,516.23
Dixon Avenue	220.00	1,320.00
Double Springs	50.00	600.00
Eastanallee	100.00	1,200.00
East Athens	456.62	6,505.34
East Niota	197.50	2,172.50
East View	0.00	0.00
Englewood First	830.65	9,973.20

Church Name	Current	YTD
Etowah First	100.00	600.00
Good Hope	150.00	1,800.00
Goodsprings	247.80	3,702.45
Greenhouse	0.00	0.00
Hiwassee	0.00	1,897.54
Idlewild	0.00	1,400.00
Lakeside	91.66	1,260.23
Lakeview	179.50	2,791.35
Manilla Chapel	0.00	0.00
Marshall Hill	0.00	1,200.00
McMahan Calvary	109.92	1,602.03
Mnt. Harmony, N	1,204.00	12,331.00
Mnt. Harmony, R	195.85	737.46
Mount Pisgah	272.93	3,475.04
Mount Verd	0.00	500.00
New Beginnings	0.00	0.00
New Bethel	0.00	0.00
Niota First	0.00	0.00
North Athens	0.00	200.00
North Etowah	0.00	2,200.00
Oak Grove	452.00	4,882.02
Old Salem	427.81	5,719.15

Church Name	Current	YTD
Pisgah	787.62	10,712.16
Pond Hill	0.00	1,000.00
Pope Avenue	525.68	4,147.28
Riceville, First	138.00	1,428.16
Rockview	0.00	0.00
Rocky Mount	0.00	600.00
Rogers Creek	105.00	1,472.33
Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Shiloh	200.00	2,400.00
Short Creek	382.55	4,144.77
South Liberty	100.00	1,100.00
Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Ten Mile	174.15	2,103.66
Union Grove, D	0.00	971.56
Union Hill	667.00	6,148.00
Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Vally View	0.00	655.75
Walnut Grove	831.76	7,885.34
West End	182.80	3,752.24
West View	94.72	1,300.73
Wildwood	567.34	6,322.49
Zion Hill	0.00	225.00

**Total Receipts 13,240.96 176,220.68**

*Contributions received after September 20th will be reflected in next month’s report.*

**Church News**

- **Sanford** Trunk or Treat October 29th 4-6PM
- **North Etowah** Fall Revival. Sunday-Wednesday October 1-4
- **East Athens** Corn Maze October 21st more details coming soon.
- **Pope Avenue** Revival October 22-27 Sunday at 6PM then Monday-Friday 7PM
- **Athens 1st** Fall Festival October 29 5:30-7:30PM
- **North Etowah** Fall Retreat October 9-12 at Camp Livingstone.
- **Mnt Harmony (N)** Multi Church Trunk or Treat on Niota Main St October 22nd Starting at 4PM
- **Pond Hill** will be having Stacy Percy October 22nd as a guest speaker. Everyone is welcome.
- **Clear Springs** Red back October 15th starting at 6PM.



**Week of Prayer for**  
Your Local Baptist Association

**McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists**  
**October 16-22**