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Monday thru Friday
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September 2018

Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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Mark Your Calendar!

September
Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions

September 3—Labor Day,
Baptist Office Closed

September 8—Fall Library
Training, *Brainerd Hills Baptist Church, 4:00 pm*

September 9-16—Week of
Prayer for State Missions/
Golden Offering for
Tennessee Missions

September 10—Pastor's &
Preacher's Fellowship,
Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

September 18—Literature
Packing, *Baptist Office,*
9:00 am

October
Cooperative Program
Emphasis Month
Pastor/Staff Appreciation
Month

October 1—Pastors &
Preachers Fellowship,
Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

October 14—World Hunger
Sunday

October 15—McMinn-Meigs
Association Annual
Meeting, *Mount Pisgah Baptist Church, 7:00 pm*

October 19-21—Royal
Ambassadors Camp-o-Ree,
Linden Valley Baptist Conference Center, Linden

October 27—Journey into
Adventures in Missions
(JAM), *First Baptist Church Dandridge*



The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions is church planting across Tennessee where there is no gospel witness. Its churches coming together to serve their neighborhood to see people saved, baptized, and set on the road to discipleship. It's Baptist Collegiate Ministry sharing the hope of Jesus on a campus awash in cultural relativity and godlessness.

Tennessee Baptists contributing through The Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions provides invaluable financial support for Tennessee ministries. The annual offering sustains ministries not funded through the Cooperative Program. The eternal impact of this offering in the lives of others is immeasurable. Thank you for making it happen!

Thank you, Tennessee Baptists, for prayerfully and financially supporting missions and ministry through the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.



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

Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

September 10th ♦ 7:00 pm
Baptist Center

Anthony Johnson will be the speaker!
We hope to see you here!

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

Attention! *The Baptist Center will be closed on Friday, September 28th.*

Pastors Prayer Meeting

Every Thursday at the Baptist Center
12:00 noon

I have heard many talk about how quickly this year is passing by, and I agree with them. It won't be long until the schedules fill up with Thanksgiving and Christmas activities. For the farmers, harvest time has arrived or soon will. What about the spiritual harvest in our area? Since we began praying for revival among our pastors back in the spring, some have been keeping up with the number of people saved. That count reached about 100 people by the end of the summer (this is not a comprehensive total from all of our churches). I am glad for the 100 souls that have found eternal life, but I am also struck by the reminder of Jesus in Matthew 9:37-38 to pray for more laborers. The harvest is great, but we need more people working for God's kingdom.

If we are going to see a great harvest of souls, we must have more people working. It cannot be left up to the pastors. This job needs all Christians to be involved. There are so many opportunities around us for ministry. Pray for our children. Pray for our families. The needs are great, and we have the answer people need. For every person sitting in a pew in one of our churches, I would ask, "What are you doing to increase the harvest in God's kingdom?"

I encourage all of us to think about some of the lost people you know. (If you don't really know a lost person well, then get out and get to know some). What do they really need in their lives? They can tell you what they want, but sometimes

they do not realize what they need. May God give us a chance to share with the lost what is really important in life.

The best way to prepare to share with those around you is to be reading the Word of God. I am always disappointed to find out how few of us really read and study the Bible. If we required a knowledge test to be a part of the church, I am sure our numbers would be much smaller. The Bible is our best source of knowledge and strength from God. Many think that attending church is enough. But the reality is that few of us really learn a lot from that alone. As the summer is winding down, let me challenge you to read the Bible at least 4 days a week. The more you read the more you will learn about God, and the more we know about Him, the more we have to share with those living in darkness. Hebrews 4:12 reminds us of the power of Scripture to work in our lives. Let it work in you and through you!

I also want to say thank you to all the volunteers we had at the Drive-In this summer. The event for Labor Day has been canceled. We had a good group of volunteers lined up for it. Let us always keep our eyes open for new ways to engage the unchurched in our community.

Bro. Mike

Vacation Bible School 2018

Church Name	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Number of Decisions
Athens First	236	221	3
Bethel Springs	43	43	
Central	252	247	9
Clay Hill	37	30	
Decatur First	193	168	
East Athens	109	68	
Lakeside	59	54	
Manilla Chapel	40	40	1
Marshall Hill	67	57	
Mount Harmony Niota	78	52	
Mount Verd	252	225	20
Old Salem/Double Springs	71	62	
Pope Avenue	74	75	8
Sanford	208	168	5
Shiloh	100	91	
Short Creek	82	74	4
Ten Mile	88	85	
Walnut Grove	121	90	12
West End	89	76	
Totals	2,199	1,926	62

Looking to VBS 2018



**AMAZING ENCOUNTERS
WITH JESUS
JOHN 20:31**

Throw on your camera strap and buckle your seatbelt. **VBS 2019** takes you on a wild adventure—with elephants and egrets, polar bears and penguins, cockatoos and crocodiles. As you seek out exotic animals, you'll also find snapshots of real-life encounters with Jesus in Scripture. Kids go from bewildered to believing as they get **In The Wild** at this summer's VBS.

Camp Cherokee 2018



This has been another exciting and very blessed year at Camp Cherokee. We were able to put a new metal roof on the dining hall and the shed (pavilion). In addition to this we roofed four of the fifteen cabins with metal roofing. We will continue to update all roofs this fall as material and time permit. This project is a great improvement to our facility.

We had all three weeks of our associational camps held in July being full with people on a waiting list to attend if there are any cancelations. In these three weeks, we experienced eleven campers accepting Christ as their Lord and Savior. What a blessing that was for our entire camp staff... Please continue to pray and support this associational ministry. A special thank you to First Baptist Etowah, Cottonport, and Central Baptist for helping with transportation this year.

There were youth/children from 21 of our churches: *First Baptist Athens, First Baptist Calhoun, Central, Clear Springs, Clearwater, First Baptist Decatur, Dixon Avenue, East Athens, Eastanallee, First Baptist Etowah, McMahan Calvary, Mount Harmony Niota, Mount Harmony Riceville, Mount Verd, Pisgah, Sanford, South Liberty, Valley View, West End, Wildwood and Zion Hill.*

61% of the enrolled children/youth were from our churches.

26 of the children/youth enrolled had no church affiliation.

Total Enrollment: 274 ♦ 86 Youth ♦ 94 Kids Week 1 ♦ 94 Kids Week 2



Youth Week



Camp Woodworking



Pool Time!



Hiking!



Breakfast time!



Ready for Canoeing!

CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	276.86	1,731.69	Etowah, First	0.00	250.00	Pope Avenue	72.85	995.60
Athens, First	1,500.00	16,500.00	Good Hope	150.00	1,650.00	Riceville, First	71.54	1,834.61
Bethel Springs	0.00	1,000.00	Goodsprings	363.72	2,900.20	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	600.00
Brookhill	0.00	100.00	Idlewild	100.00	1,150.00	Rogers Creek	151.76	1,198.05
Calhoun, First	400.00	2,200.00	Lakeside	130.20	1,735.49	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	500.00	Lakeview	248.75	2,414.63	Shiloh	400.00	2,400.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	275.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Short Creek	381.23	3,855.43
Central	768.36	6,783.35	Marshall Hill	100.00	900.00	South Liberty	250.00	250.00
Clay Hill	0.00	60.00	McMahan Calvary	196.87	2,033.34	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	540.65	7,922.22	Mount Harmony, Niota	507.00	4,626.00	Ten Mile	126.93	909.29
Clearwater	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Riceville	50.65	657.62	Union Grove	0.00	250.00
Coghill	175.00	1,750.00	Mount Pisgah	446.33	4,221.73	Union Hill	237.00	2,323.00
Cottonport	0.00	815.25	Mount Verd	0.00	300.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Decatur, First	1,083.02	10,176.22	New Beginnings	0.00	100.00	Valley View	380.00	1,501.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	1,100.00	New Bethel	0.00	120.00	Walnut Grove	240.75	2,789.80
Double Springs	50.00	550.00	Niota, First	0.00	403.17	West End	227.88	2,132.29
Eastanallee	100.00	1,100.00	North Athens	0.00	275.00	West View	155.20	1,249.96
East Athens	1,038.73	9,935.11	Oak Grove	334.00	4,067.24	Wildwood	546.51	7,024.24
East Niota	0.00	1,162.00	Old Salem	411.36	3,511.29	Zion Hill	200.00	2,000.00
East View	0.00	0.00	Pisgah	645.45	6,013.28			
Englewood, First	1,695.00	9,005.01	Pond Hill	0.00	600.00			
						Total Receipts	14,938.60	143,908.11

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

Attention Church Clerks:

The Annual Church Profiles (ACP's) will be ready for pick-up on August 10th during regular office hours!

September Celebrations

Celebrating Birthdays

- 01....**Victor King**..... Short Creek
- Bill Vest**..... Wildwood
- 04....**Brenda Plaster**..... East Niota
- 05....**Melissa Beasley**..... First Baptist Riceville
- 06....**J.W. Smith**..... Valley Road
- 08....**Gerald Perry**..... Mount Pisgah
- 09....**Donnie Dalton**..... Mount Verd
- 11....**Gary Rolan**..... Union Grove Decatur
- 12....**Robert Sneed**..... East View
- 16....**Russ Maples**..... First Baptist Englewood
- 27....**Stan Hammonds**..... Mount Harmony Niota
- 29....**Larry Fain**..... Association Staff Spouse

Celebrating Anniversaries

- 06.. **William & Melissa Beasley**.... First Baptist Riceville
- 07.. **Russ & Laura Maples**..... First Baptist Englewood
- 28.. **Mike & Delois Bernard**..... Central

Church/Association Anniversaries

- Larry Arwood**.....Antioch..... 3 years
- Bo Coleman**.....Hiwassee 3 years
- Joe Hatcher**.....Coghill..... 11 years
- Hoyt Melton**.....Valley View 12 years
- Mike Bernard**.....Central..... 44 years

Church News

- **Pond Hill Baptist Church** welcomes their new Pastor, Rev. Travis Roberts who began his ministry there on July 29, 2018. There will be an ordination service for Travis on Sunday, September 9th at 2:30 pm at **Union Hill Baptist Church**.
- **Valley Road Baptist Church** welcomes their new Pastor, Rev. J.W. Smith who began his ministry there recently.
- **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.
- **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.
- **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.**

Let's continue to read and use our great resources. If you like to read compelling historical narrative books, these are 3 "must" reads. First, **"Her Way: The Remarkable Story of Hephzibah Jenkins Townsend"**. When she was born in 1780, a female struggled to do anything noteworthy. Did you know that the Wadmalow-Edisto Female Mite Society's (founded by Hephzibah Jenkins Townsend in 1810) first offering was to support the Judson's? The amount given was \$44.00. Praise the Lord for all she had to go through to raise this much money. On each page, I wondered how she was going to do 'anything' with so many obstacles but she did. Second and Third books are about the Judson's. Adoniram Judson is called 'Father of Missions'. **Bless God and Take Courage: The Judson Legacy and The Extraordinary Story of Ann Hasseltine Judson - a Life Beyond Boundaries.** The word extraordinary is an UNDERSTATEMENT about Ann Hasseltine Judson. Read for yourself and take courage.

2018-2019: Theme - **"Unshakable Pursuit"**. Watchword - I Corinthians 15:58: **"My dear friends, stand firm and don't be shaken. Always keep busy working for the Lord. You know that everything you do for Him is worthwhile."** Are we on an unshakable pursuit right now to know God more, show His love unconditionally and make disciples who make disciples? What a penetrating question? Should this be the question I ask myself every day to be the person God wants me to be?

Volunteer Packers of Used Literature – NEEDED! When and Where? Tuesday, September 18th, 9 am, Association Office. We have had great success with packing used literature from our association churches to be sent to LovePackages in Decatur, AL. For more information on this ministry go to: **lovepackages.org**. We are helping to send God's Word around the world. Let's keep it going.



September 8, 2018 ♦ 8:00 am—4:00 pm

Brainerd Hills Baptist Church ♦ 6611 E Brainerd Rd - Chattanooga

Cost: (Includes continental breakfast, lunch & snacks.)

- \$30 for Early Registration (received 10 days prior to event) \$40 for Late Registrations and Walk-ins

You can register online; email [Carrie Kidd](mailto:Carrie.Kidd@brainerdhillshills.org) or call 615.371.2025; mail [registration form](#) with \$30 payment (received 10 days in advance) to: Church Library Ministry, P. O. Box 682789, Franklin, TN

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Individual, Marriage & Family Counseling



You may register online. Registration Fee: \$15.00 before October 12, \$18.00 after October 12.
Final Deadline: No group registration accepted after October 19.

A one-day missions event for children in grades 1-6 and children's leaders. Children will experience worship and hands-on missions learning opportunities while meeting missionaries and learning what it means to love Jesus and share His love with others!

Rotations include **Pit Crew Meeting**, a small group Bible study; **Mechanics at Work**, a large group mission project; **The Race is On**, the missions and ministry fair, and lunch.*

*Don't forget to bring a sack lunch. Bottled water will be provided to drink.

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follow Jesus Christ. An athletic field provides a neutral, rally point where a community can come together. Get your team, your church, your youth group, your school, your family, your FCA club, and yourself to FOF18!

September 26th

@ Cherokee Field/McMinn County HS | 5-6pm Tailgate Party | 6pm Game Time

@ Raider Field/Cleveland HS | 6-7pm Tailgate Party | 7pm Game Time

FCA & Fields of faith desire to be..

A Movement to . . . Opportunity for students to stand together share their faith.

Change a Culture . . . Our world is filled with pressures and temptations. We need to stand our ground.

In a Community. . . At a field on your campus with your peers and members from your community.

If you are, or if you know, a ministry leader of 6th-college in the McMinn/Meigs Area, you have an opportunity to serve our community during this night, please contact Bo Dunkle at bo@eastanallee.church. After you contact Bo Dunkle you will receive information about a pre-Fields of Faith meeting and other information. You can also follow **Ocoee Region FCA** on Social media to receive event updates.

Coming soon. **September 26, 2018!**

The day begins with *See You At The Pole* in the morning at area schools and will end with *Fields of Faith* at night! Fields of Faith is a Fellowship of Christian Athletes, student led event. Students invite, pray for, share with, and challenge their peers to read the Bible and

Security Training for Short-Term Mission Teams

Saturday, September 8, 2018
8:30 am – 12:30 pm

Union McMinn Baptist Church
314 County Road 316
Niota, TN

Go to www.tnbaptist.org
"Events" page to register
online. Contact Kim
Margrave:
kmargrave@tnbaptist.org
for further information.



McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

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