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Monday thru Friday
8:30 am—4:30 pm
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Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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Mark Your Calendar!

September

Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions

September 2—Labor Day,
Baptist Office Closed

September 8-15—Week of
Prayer for State Missions/
Golden Offering for
Tennessee Missions

September 9—Pastor's &
Preacher's Fellowship,
Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

September 28—Journey into
Adventures in Missions
(JAM), *First Baptist Church*
Morristown

October

Cooperative Program Emphasis
Month
Pastor/Staff Appreciation Month

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

October 13—World Hunger
Sunday

October 18-20—Royal
Ambassadors Camp-o-Ree,
Linden Valley Baptist
Conference Center, Linden

October 20-26—Week of
Prayer for Baptist
Associations

October 21—McMinn-Meigs
Association Annual
Meeting, *Mount Pisgah*
Baptist Church, 7:00 pm



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.

Pastors & Preachers Fellowship

September 9 ♦ 7:00 pm ♦ Baptist
Center

E.J. Walden will be the speaker!
We hope to see you here!

All wives of pastors!! You're invited to
a get together on Monday, Sept. 9th at
7pm at the Associational office.

For more information contact Gwen
Farmer at kd4qfm@yahoo.com

BCM Lunch Schedule

September 12—First Baptist Athens
September 19—East Athens
September 26—Mount Harmony Riceville
October 3—Idlewild
October 10—Mount Harmony Niota

**HELP
WANTED**

**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
263-1989.

**Remember in prayer our
churches without Pastors:**
Brookhill, Lakeview, Marshall
Hill, Pope Avenue, First Baptist
Riceville, Sanford, Short Creek
and Valley View.

Happy Fall y'all!

I hope you had a good summer. As we move into fall, September brings us the Golden Offering for Tennessee missions. I am sure some of you are asking, "What is the Golden Offering?"

Like the Annie Armstrong East Offering supports North American mission work and the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering supports International missions, the Golden Offering is an offering collected by the churches in Tennessee for mission work in Tennessee. It is named for the Goldens, a couple who challenged Tennessee Baptists to pray and give to support the work within our state over 75 years ago.

Why give to the Golden Offering? Two reasons I think of quickly. First, Tennessee is a mission field as much as any other part of the world. It is estimated that around 60% of those living in our state do not have any church connection. Second, it is the one offering to which we will directly see the benefits. 10% of the Golden Offering received from the churches in our association will be returned to the association to use in our outreach and ministry efforts. Other organizations in our association have also received funds from the Golden Offering. While all mission offerings are worthwhile, it is always good to see the benefit personally.

I would like to see every church in our association give something to this offering this year. It may not be much, but the amazing thing about mission offerings for Southern Baptists is that a few churches giving a little can make a huge impact together. Pray about what God would have you do as part of this offering for 2019!

Our last weekend at the Drive-In is Labor Day weekend. I encourage some of our churches who have never come out to be there on Saturday evening, August 31, or Sunday evening, September 1 (especially for those who do not have Sunday evening services). Set up will begin at 4 pm on Saturday and 5 pm on Sunday. Thank you to all the people who have come out and helped this year. The theater management has appreciated all the workers as well. Come on out and share the Good News of Jesus Christ.

May we live up to Jesus' commandment in John 13:34 to love one another just as much as God has loved us. Have you stopped to think about how much God loves you? He loved you enough to have His Son, Jesus, die on the cross. That is a tall challenge to live up to.

New in the Library

Books

We've added the following books by Lauraine Snelling:

**Ruby
Pearl
Opal
Amethyst
Daughter of Twin Oaks
Sisters of the Confederacy
The Long Way Home
Valley of Dreams
Whispers in the Wind
A Place to Belong
The Healing Quilt
Someday Home
Wake the Dawn
One Perfect Day
The Brushstroke Legacy
An Untamed Heart
The Way of Women
The Second Half
Saturday Morning
A Song of Joy
Heaven Sent Rain
Reunion
On Hummingbird Wings
Once Upon A Christmas**

Summer by the Tides by Denise Hunter

Autumn Light by Dan Walsh

DVD's

Unplanned



B+ Security Training

September 27-28, 2019

Knox County Association of Baptists
7709 Westland Drive ♦ Knoxville

8:30-4:30 p.m. each day

\$300 per person-includes lunch and materials

Training is good for 5 years

This 2 day course involves a comprehensive evaluation of advanced personal protection and captivity survival. It provides pertinent information and provocative interaction for individuals who travel regularly or to increased risk locations.

This advanced course is specifically focused on adults traveling or working in environments that are at-risk for criminal hostage-taking and illegal government detention. It will also provide skill building for those whose responsibilities include leading teams or responding to teams in crisis situations.

*Level B+ courses include scenario-based roleplay interactions.

To register please visit :

<https://tn.sbcworkspace.com/Pub/Event/Register/55230481>

Traveling Revival

September 8-12, 2019

September 8th—Pond Hill Baptist Church with Rev. Shane White, Pastor of West End Baptist Church preaching. Service begins at 6:00 pm.

September 9th—McMahan Calvary Baptist Church with Rev. Jimmy Lewis, Pastor of Union Hill Baptist Church preaching. Service begins at 7:00 pm

September 10th—Rocky Mount Baptist Church with Rev. Travis Roberts, Pastor of Pond Hill Baptist Church preaching. Service begins at 7:00 pm.

September 11th—West End Baptist Church with Rev. Van Elkins, Pastor of Rocky Mount Baptist Church preaching. Service begins at 7:00 pm.

September 12th—Union Hill Baptist Church with Rev. Randall Bates, Pastor of McMahan Calvary Baptist Church preaching. Service begins at 6:00 pm. There will be a Fellowship Meal following the service.

Camp Cherokee 2019



This has been a great year at Camp Cherokee. Each week of our Associational camps were well attended with both children's weeks being full and youth week being over half full. There were many decisions made in those three weeks with two of them being for salvation.

This year has also been a year of some much-needed improvements on the property. We now have metal roofing on all buildings. We also have new seating for the open pavilion and have installed new benches in the amphitheater. The kitchen and dining hall floors have been polished which makes it better for keeping the floor clean.

As a whole, this has been a very productive and rewarding year. Once again, our thanks and overwhelming appreciation goes out to all who have supported Camp Cherokee and continue to do so.

There were youth/children from 18 of our churches: *Bethel Springs, First Baptist Calhoun, Central, Clearwater, Dixon Avenue, East Athens, Eastanallee, First Baptist Etowah, Hiwassee, McMahan Calvary, Mount Harmony Niota, Mount Harmony Riceville, Mount Pisgah, Pisgah, Sanford, Valley View, Walnut Grove and West End.*

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

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

Total Enrollment: 244 ♦ 57 Youth ♦ 92 Kids Week 1 ♦ 95 Kids Week 2



Celebrating the 4th at Camp! Heather Klauber made the cake! (By the way...she's only 13!)



Mildred Golden initiated the first state missions offering and Week of Prayer, “Prayer and Privilege”. An offering of \$800 was given in 1902. 2019, Friday, August 2nd Tennessee Baptists set a new record - \$1,849,366.84 with 29 more days to contribute until the end of this fiscal year, August 31st. Now a new record has been set. Praise the Lord! TN is credited as the first state to establish an offering for state mission efforts. In 1943 the state missions offering was named in honor of Mildred and W. C. Golden, “Golden State Missions Offering” - later renamed “Golden Offering for State Missions”. She and W. C. wrote the promotional materials and hand addressed each package. What a labor of love- ‘serving the Lord with gladness’.

Psalm 90:16-17 “Let us see your miracles again; let our children see Your Glory at work. And may the Lord our God show us His approval and make our efforts successful. Yes, make our efforts successful.” (NLT) Over 100 people “Experienced the Nations in Tennessee” event on August 17th seeing and hearing how God is working here and around the world. Praise the Lord!

The Welcome House in Knoxville for refugee families will be blessed with the hygiene items and small toys/books that were donated. AND, a brick in the Walk of Faith to the Prayer Garden is a reality! Praise the Lord and thank you for your contribution. This is creating a lasting tribute to those who have and are devoting their lives to “loving the Lord our God and carrying out the Great Commission”. Ephesians 3:20-21 says what we experienced Saturday, August 17th. Again, Praise the Lord.

Our MK, Annie Wolfzorn, worked at the IMB’s training center in Virginia. She had the opportunity to lead the youth at missionary statewide conferences including the MK college reentry retreat hosted by the Louisiana WMU. Because of the head injury last fall, she is seeing improvement in her health - especially the severe headaches. She is beginning her second year at Belmont University. Her NEW ADDRESS is Apartment #1533 Delmar Avenue, Nashville, TN 37212. Continue to remember her in your prayers and support this year.

September 28, 2019 ♦ 9:30 am—2:30 pm



First Baptist Church ♦ 504 W Main Street ♦ Morristown, TN

JAM, 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! Children will experience the excitement of going on mission through Bible study, games, a ministry project, interactive missions fair displays and so much more.

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

You may register online. Registration Fee: \$15.00 before September 13; \$18.00 after October 12.

Vacation Bible School 2019

Church Name	Total Enrollment	Average Attendance	Number of Decisions
Athens First	248	228	2
Calhoun First	161	150	
Central	116	139	
Clay Hill	51	44	
Clear Springs	155	144	
Clearwater	170	139	5
Decatur First	190	171	
Dixon Avenue	254	108	
Lakeside	61	61	
Mount Harmony Niota	101	79	2
Mount Pisgah	150	90	8
Old Salem/Double Springs	62	60	
Pope Avenue/Union Hill	63	60	4
Sanford	163	144	
Shiloh	37	32	
Short Creek	96	96	
Walnut Grove	99	91	
West End	98	84	6
Totals	2,275	1,920	27

Looking to VBS 2020

Grab your hard hat and tool belt!

As kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will learn to build their faith on Jesus as they uncover the truth that He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion.



CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	0.00	1,606.02	Etowah First	0.00	500.00	Pope Avenue	90.45	1,095.15
Athens First	1,500.00	16,500.00	Good Hope	150.00	1,650.00	Riceville First	0.00	833.81
Bethel Springs	500.00	1,000.00	Goodsprings	420.66	3,934.03	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	300.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	600.00
Brookhill	0.00	100.00	Idlewild	100.00	1,190.00	Rogers Creek	106.16	1,104.57
Calhoun First	200.00	2,200.00	Lakeside	72.42	1,274.16	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	500.00	Lakeview	180.41	1,973.65	Shiloh	200.00	2,200.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	275.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Short Creek	322.49	3,406.73
Central	0.00	5,818.40	Marshall Hill	100.00	1,000.00	South Liberty	250.00	250.00
Clay Hill	0.00	60.00	McMahan Calvary	0.00	1,550.34	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clear Springs	498.99	4,896.41	Mount Harmony, Niota	392.00	5,430.00	Ten Mile	130.57	1,313.40
Clearwater	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Riceville	71.66	534.83	Union Grove	0.00	250.00
Coghill	175.00	1,750.00	Mount Pisgah	250.17	3,639.41	Union Hill	429.00	2,147.00
Cottonport	211.14	817.20	Mount Verd	100.00	400.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Decatur First	795.94	7,487.30	New Beginnings	100.00	100.00	Valley View	0.00	1,535.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	1,210.00	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	229.17	2,495.47
Double Springs	50.00	550.00	Niota First	0.00	0.00	West End	244.40	3,044.68
Eastanallee	100.00	1,100.00	North Athens	0.00	200.00	West View	113.98	1,347.41
East Athens	748.55	10,042.11	Oak Grove	403.00	4,135.00	Wildwood	1,128.44	5,493.41
East Niota	0.00	1,777.50	Old Salem	285.18	3,426.76	Zion Hill	0.00	1,400.00
East View	100.00	100.00	Pisgah	0.00	5,556.91	Total Receipts	11,782.28	134,424.16
Englewood First	847.50	9,322.50	Pond Hill	0.00	0.00			

Contributions received after August 22nd will be reflected in next month's report.

Church News

- **Attention Church Clerks:** The Annual Church Profiles (ACP's) are ready for pick-up during regular office hours!
- **First Baptist Calhoun** welcomes their new Pastor, Dr. Toby Brogden who begins his ministry there on September 1, 2019.
- **Sanford Baptist Church** is seeking a Senior Pastor. Send resumes to: Charles Blevins ♦ 153 County Road 80 ♦ 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 Missions Mosaic or Mature Living.*

September Celebrations

Celebrating Birthdays

- 01 ... *Bill Vest* Wildwood
- 04 ... *Brenda Plaster* East Niota
- 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

- 07 . *Russ & Laura Maples* First Baptist Englewood
- 28 . *Mike & Delois Bernard* Central

Church/Association Anniversaries

- Larry Arwood* Antioch 4 years
- Bo Coleman* Hiwassee 4 years
- Joe Hatcher* Coghill 12 years
- Mike Bernard* Central 45 years

Seminary Extension *The next Seminary Extension Class will be: Formation for Ministry and will begin on Tuesday, September 17th. The classes meet from 6:30—8:30 each week. The cost of the class with books is \$179.98; the cost without books is \$136.00.*

If you are interested in this class please contact Kathy at the Association Office. We do require a \$50.00 deposit to enroll, the balance is due on the first day of class.

Pastors Prayer Meeting

Every Thursday at the Baptist Center ♦ 12:00 noon



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ARE YOU WASTING THAT?

In each issue of the Links we remind you of the great need for God's Word around the world and how we can help meet that need. Here again are ways you can help:

- 1. Collect your used (and unused) literature** (Sunday School materials, devotionals, Bibles (any condition), tracts, etc.) and bring it to the associational office. (No Watchtower, Missions Mosaic or Mature Living – please) If you are looking for a mission project for a class or group, consider purchasing a case of Bibles or tracts and donating them.
- 2. Come help us sort and package** this literature. Our next packing date is Tuesday, October 22 @ 9am at the associational office. This usually takes two hours or less, depending on how many helpers show up. Most of us doing this are 60+ years old...but as you can see from the photo...all ages can help! Pre-sorting and labeling your literature before you deliver it to the associational office is always a big help! (Bibles boxed together, Sunday School literature & leaders kits together, etc.) If you do this, try to pack each box as full as possible so they stack well.
- 3. Volunteer to transport the boxed literature to Love Packages in Decatur, AL.** All this requires is a vehicle (pickup, SUV, etc.) and a willingness to make the roughly 3-hour drive to Decatur, AL. This makes for a nice "day-trip" if you would like to get out of the house! We always call ahead to ensure there is someone there to help receive and unload the materials. After each packing date, we usually wind up with a good pickup load of literature. Right now we're a little behind in shipping and have two pickup loads ready to go at the associational office. We need to get this down to Love Packages to make room for next quarter's literature...so if you can help, even just one time...give the office a call.



Free Labor Law Posters

tennessee.gov/workforce
and search for "Required Posters"

You can also print out your Federal Posters from this site. Companies with 2 or more employees are required to have state and federal posters. This also applies to non-profit and family-owned businesses.

Make sure your Labor Law Posters are up-to-date!

McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

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