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Shining a Light on
Who Jesus Really Is

ILLUMINATION STATION

John 8:12

One Day VBS

AUGUST 1 • 10AM-2PM

MOUNTAINSIDE COMMUNITY BIBLE CHURCH
701 SR-30 E, ETOWAH, TN 37331

FEATURING A
**TWO-LANE
WATER
SLIDE!**

THE **TABLE**
FORMED BY THE WORD • BE
TO BE THE LIGHT AND PEACE OF THE WORLD

THE FUN
CONTINUES
EVERY WEDNESDAY
IN AUGUST AT
THE TABLE

COME DISCOVER THE LIGHT OF JESUS!

GriefShare®

Grief Support Group

*Help and encouragement
after the death of a loved one*

A GriefShare support group is a safe, welcoming place where people understand the difficult emotions of grief. At this 13-week group, you'll receive valuable guidance and tips, leading you to relief, comfort, and peace of mind.

Thursdays 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm

July 23, 2026 – October 15, 2026
Clearwater Baptist Church
964 County Road 180, Athens

For more info or register, go to:
<https://find.griefshare.org/ministries/213135>

Matthew 5:4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted

GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH

FALL Cruise-In

NO ENTRY FEE!

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2026
10:00 AM – 2:00 PM

50/50 DRAWING FOOD MUSIC FELLOWSHIP

★ BRING YOUR CLASSIC CARS, TRUCKS, HOT RODS, MUSCLE CARS & CUSTOMS! ★

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or Shane Murphy (423)716-5740

COME ENJOY GREAT VEHICLES,
GOOD FOOD, AND CHRISTIAN
FELLOWSHIP WITH FRIENDS AND FAMILY.

GOOD HOPE BAPTIST CHURCH
2601 Armstrong Ferry Road
"Where Faith and Fellowship Meet"

Awards: PEOPLE'S CHOICE PASTOR'S FAVORITE YOUTH FAVORITE



August 2026

Monthly Newsletter of McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

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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

August Shoes for Orphan Souls

August 3—Pastor &
Preachers Fellowship,
Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

August 2-6— Baptist
Collegiate Week

August 17—Baptist and
Reflector Day

September Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions

September 7—Labor Day,
Baptist Office Closed

September 13-20—Week
of Prayer for State
Missions/Golden
Offering for Tennessee
Missions

September 19—Children's
Mission Day



Shoes for Orphan Souls

customs regulations, all items must be brand new.

**In order to sort and count before delivery to Chattanooga, we
ask that you turn in your items by August 24, 2026.**

All donated items must be BRAND NEW!



We're closed on ,
September 7th Monday!
Have a great holiday

Prayer for Revival
*Every Monday at the
Baptist Center*

9:30AM
Everyone welcome!

Let your light so shine
Matthew 5:16

**McMinn-Meigs Association of
Baptists Pastors Conference**
*Meets every Monday morning at
10:00 am at the Baptist Center.*

***Remember in prayer
our churches without
Pastors:***

***Bethel Springs, Coghill,
Englewood 1st, Etowah 1st
and Short Creek.***

**Pastors, Preachers &
Fellowship**

August 3, 2026 ♦ 7:00 pm
Come join us for a time of fellowship!

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

The summer is almost over and new routines are beginning. What a joy it has been to hear the reports from many of our Vacation Bible Schools. I have heard of a good number of salvations. Join me in praising the Lord for all of these and pray that more will come.

As we watch the news from around the world, we recognize that many people are living in chaos. From disasters, wars and spiritual persecutions, many lives are being affected. One thing we can guess about a significant portion of these is that they face these issues without hope. Pray for the Word of God to be spread and that this will bring hope to those who struggle every day.

We have had some retirements recently among our pastors. Bro. Russ Maples retired at Englewood First Baptist. Bro. Gene Guffey retired at Bethel Springs Baptist. Bro. David Lones has retired at Goodsprings Baptist. I hate to see good pastors leave, but I do understand there comes a point when it is time to do so. These three men have been committed pastors and good friends to me and our Association. Bro. Allan Lovelace also recently left Etowah First Baptist. We will miss all of them in great ways. At the same time, I pray that God will continue to use them in some way as most pastors never truly retire.

Pray for the pastors in our Association. We are blessed with good pastors here. They still need our prayers and encouragement. May God bless each one of them as we head into the Fall.

Blessings,



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the disabled and elderly. We
are a 100% volunteer
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The Three Words every
Church Clerk hates to hear:
ACP's are here! *The Annual
Church letters are here and
are ready to pick up during
regular office hours.*

August Celebrations

Celebrating Birthdays

- 1 *Stan Cantrell* Sanford
- Carol Johnson*.....New Beginnings
- 5 *Dana Davis* Short Creek
- Lavahn Caldwell*.....Union Grove Decatur
- 16...*Stanley Liner* Hiwassee
- 21..*Mike Bernard* Central
- 31..*Renae Campbell* Brookhill

Celebrating Anniversaries

- 06..*Todd & Michelle Humbert* .. Greenhouse
- 15..*Ken & Tonya Keaton* 1st Baptist Riceville
- 25..*Terry & Renae Campbell*..... Brookhill

Church/Association Anniversaries

- Josh Cornelius*..... Walnut Grove.....5years
- Terry Campbell*.....Brookhill..... 6 years
- Travis Shaver*Bethsadia 8 years
- Jeff Blanchette*Calvary Etowah 20 years
- Larry Johnson*.....Cottonport..... 24 years
- Donald Caldwell*....Union Grove D.....4 year

Antioch	138.17	1,897.65
Athens First	1,200.00	12,000.00
Bethel Springs	0.00	100.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00
Brookhill	0.00	500.00
Calhoun First	200.00	2,000.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	500.00
Calvary Missionary	50.00	450.00
Central	1,171.54	6,382.87
Clay Hill	0.00	120.00
Clear Springs	425.72	5,960.80
Clearwater	200.00	1,800.00
Coghill	50.00	500.00
Cottonport	274.96	1,188.05
Decatur First	1,056.49	8,728.54
Dixon Avenue	110.00	1,210.00
Double Springs	90.35	1,592.09
Eastanallee	100.00	1,300.00
East Athens	226.24	3,077.81
East Niota	201.00	1,407.00
East View	0.00	0.00
Englewood First	658.00	7,939.64

Etowah First	125.00	500.00
Good Hope	150.00	1,500.00
Goodsprings	0.00	4,029.86
Greenhouse	0.00	1,500.00
Hiwassee	0.00	0.00
Idlewild	0.00	1,200.00
Lakeside	89.32	937.44
Lakeview	437.80	4,227.03
Manilla Chapel	0.00	0.00
Marshall Hill	32.27	565.73
McMahan Calvary	163.84	1,594.57
Mnt. Harmony, N	1,191.00	10,291.00
Mnt. Harmony, R	41.00	483.00
Mount Pisgah	430.01	3,724.02
Mount Verd	0.00	200.00
New Beginnings	0.00	0.00
New Bethel	0.00	0.00
Niota First	0.00	0.00
North Athens	0.00	200.00
Nrth Etowah/ Sprt Cty	0.00	0.00
Oak Grove	0.00	2,853.68
Old Salem	447.48	5,322.36

Pisgah	0.00	3,803.55
Pond Hill	0.00	0.00
Pope Avenue	0.00	2,202.74
Riceville, First	269.86	1,470.44
Rockview	0.00	0.00
Rocky Mount	150.00	600.00
Rogers Creek	158.00	1,541.00
Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Shiloh	200.00	2,000.00
Short Creek	0.00	2,182.96
South Liberty	0.00	900.00
Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Ten Mile	212.08	2,043.89
Union Grove, D	0.00	419.00
Union Hill	689.00	5,113.00
Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Vally View	0.00	1,667.08
Walnut Grove	0.00	8,489.15
West End	205.91	2,398.05
West View	123.00	1,283.00
Wildwood	100.00	1,000.00
Zion Hill	0.00	450.00

Total Receipts 11,418.04 137,242.00

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

Church News

- If you have anything happening in your church for the month of September that you would like featured in the newsletter please let me know before the 20th of the month. This is a great way to get your churches name out there. This goes out to 701 people for FREE to them. What a great way to get the word out about your church.
- If your church has a food pantry please let the Association know. It is nice to know about

the recourses that are out there for families in need. Sanford Baptist has a food pantry and Manilla Chapel has on in Englewood Across from the Tellico Junction Café.

- The Association office will be hosting a meeting on August 11, at 1:30 pm sharing missions opportunities overseas, especially in Central and South America. All pastors and mission leaders are invited.



Before you turn the page on VBS 2024, would you please take 60 seconds to report your VBS? We all need to be encouraged by how God has been at work through VBS this year!

It's quick and easy! All you have to do is go to vbs.lifeway.com/churchreports and fill in each of the required fields. Please complete the report regardless of the curriculum used. There is a space for you to list your curriculum publisher. This info helps us to better serve your church and to celebrate what God has done in Tennessee and around the world! We can't wait to share with you the totals of how many lives were changed for eternity through VBS 2026.