

MMAB CHURCHES

Antioch
Athens First
Bethel Springs
Bethsadia
Brookhill
Calhoun First
Calvary Etowah
Calvary Missionary
Cambria
Central
Clay Hill
Clear Springs
Clearwater
Cog Hill
Conasauga
Cottonport
Decatur First
Dixon Avenue
Double Springs
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Eastview
East Athens
East Niota
Englewood First
Etowah First
Five Point
Good Hope
Goodsprings
Hiwassee
Idlewild
Lakeside
Lakeview
Manilla Chapel
Marshall Hill
McMahan Calvary
Mount Harmony Niota
Mount Harmony Riceville
Mount Pisgah
Mount Verd
New Beginnings
New Bethel
New Zion
Niota First
North Athens
North Etowah
Oak Grove
Old Salem
Parkway
Pisgah
Pond Hill
Pope Avenue
Riceville First
Rockview
Rocky Mount
Rogers Creek
Sanford
Shiloh
Short Creek
South Liberty
Stephensville
Union Grove Decatur
Union Grove Niota
Union Hill
Union McMinn
Valley Road
Valley View
Walnut Grove
West End
West View
Wildwood
Zion Hill

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2011
ANNUAL
MEETING

First Baptist Church,
Hendersonville
Nov. 15-16, 2011

A complete schedule of events can be found on page 5 in the Calendar of Events or you can go to the TBC website. Online messenger registration is available until Thursday, November 10th at 5:00 pm central time at www.tnbaptist.org.



Sharing God's Love in Haiti

This year
Operation
Christmas
Child is
planning to

distribute a record number of shoe box gifts to hurting children in Haiti as well as millions of boys and girls in over 100 countries around the world. As part of our ongoing disaster relief response in Haiti, the boxes will serve as an encouragement to young survivors of the January earthquake. And globally, there are countless children living in equally traumatic and impoverished circumstances who need to know there is a Savior who loves them.

Please consider mobilizing your church or group to pack shoe boxes this Christmas, and pray that these simple gifts will help bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in Haiti and to the ends of the earth.

National Collection Week: November 14-21

LifeCare Center of Athens is the local drop-off location

We do have preprinted shoeboxes available at the Baptist Center.

Ray's Reflections

November 1, 2011 marks the beginning of my 12th year as your Director of Missions. The other day as Judy and I were returning from my 45th Class reunion at Carson-Newman we were reminiscing about the past 11 years and observed that those years could be grouped in increments of five. The first five years were spent getting to know you and you me, the second five years we have seen several ministries begin to take shape as well as seeing more of our churches being involved in mission endeavors. The years before us offer challenges and opportunities in ministry. It is my hope and prayer that we will indeed face these challenges and seize the opportunities, not in our own strength but on our knees individually and corporately seeking God's face allowing Him to have complete control of our lives, our churches and our communities. I do not know what the future holds for us, but I do know the one who holds the future and thus the future looks very bright.

Our Partnership Agreement with the Big Sky Association in Southeast, MT is now a reality. On September 10, 2011 Mike Bartleson, Moderator, K.J. Ellington, Associate Moderator and Eddie Smith, Director of Missions signed the agreement on behalf of the Big Sky Association. On October 17, 2011 Bill Pearman, Moderator, Gerald Perry, Associate Moderator and Ray Luck, Director of Missions signed the agreement on behalf of the McMinn-Meigs Association. With the agreement finalized what does this mean for each Association:

1. There will be opportunities for churches in McMinn-Meigs to develop a working relationship with a church in Big Sky and vice versa;
2. Teams from our Association will be going to Montana to assist their partner churches and churches from Montana will be coming here to do the same;
3. We will be asking our churches to include the churches of the Big Sky Association on your prayer list and we will ask the churches in Big Sky to do the same for us;
4. The partnership is initially for three years and during that time both Associations hope to establish strong relationships church to church and association to association that will enable us to make a profound impact in both areas for the Kingdom of God.

I am excited about this partnership and what I believe God will do through us together in the days to come. The week of November 28 – December 5, 2011 the Big Sky Association is sending Association Moderator and Pastor of First Baptist Church of Circle, MT, Mike Bartleson and his wife Jayme, to our Association to look things over, speak at some of our churches and meet with ministry leaders in the area to discover ways that teams from Montana can minister in our midst. The desire of this partnership from the beginning was that it be reciprocal (we send teams their way and they send teams our way). If you would like to meet with Mike while he is here please call me at 506-6541. I am excited about their coming to visit us and even more excited about the results of their

by E. Ray Luck, Director of Missions

visit as it relates to our Partnership. Please continue to be much in prayer for the Big Sky/McMinn-Meigs Partnership.

Recently Judy and I attended the Annual Appalachian Regional (ARM) Ministries (Tennessee) Meeting in Maryville. ARM was developed several years ago by the North American Mission Board to focus ministry attention on a very poverty prone area of our nation, Appalachia. The ministry covers the 11 states of the Appalachian region - New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee and Georgia. Under the direction of Bill Barker ARM assists ministry sites in those states and seeks to connect volunteers to the areas of need. Sean Wentley, stationed in Maryville, is the coordinator for the Tennessee portion of ARM. Those churches looking to send mission volunteers to work with ministries not a great distance from home should contact Sean at 865-982-0499 or e-mail wentley@yahoo.com

The ARM meeting began with a devotional based on Matthew 25:31-46 which is the story Jesus told about how God would judge the nations. The following question was used as an icebreaker, "Can God be hungry?" The conclusion was this:

"God is not hungry for physical food, but He does hunger for the souls of men, women, boys and girls. He hungers for our service that the message of the Kingdom of God might be spread far and wide. He hungers for us to recognize our dependence upon His Grace and Mercy and He hungers for us to love and minister to one another as He loves and ministers to us, etc."

The passage that we read talks about hunger and thirst and clothing and imprisonment with the question being asked, "When did we see you in such a condition?" Jesus said when you minister to the needs of your fellow man you ministered unto Me. I want to leave you with the following questions that were asked of us after we read the story, perhaps these will lead you to reflect on how you do ministry:

1. What did you like about this passage? What did you not like? Was there anything about this passage that bothered you? Is there anything you didn't understand?
2. From this passage what can we learn about God the Father; Jesus, the Holy Spirit and ourselves?
3. How might this passage apply to our lives today? Did any part of the passage speak to you personally? Did it speak to your church? When you read the passage does God bring to your mind the things you are doing to minister to others? Not doing? Should be doing?

I truly hope you will read and study this passage and allow God to use it to challenge you and your church to be more active in reaching out in Jesus' name to minister to the needs of the hurting around us. Have a great and blessed month in the Lord as you allow God to lead you to someone who is hurting and minister grace and mercy to them in Jesus' name.

Pastor/Association Staff Spotlights

Birthday's of the Month

- 06.. *Larry Johnson*..... Cottonport
- 07.. *Amanda Coleman* ... New Zion
- 13.. *Laura Maples*..... First Baptist Englewood
Bill Sneed..... Hiwassee
- 15.. *Allen Watson*..... Dixon Avenue
- 17.. *Tina Clark*..... First Baptist Athens
- 18.. *Earl Graves* Union Grove Decatur
- 19.. *Keith Whited* West View
- 22.. *Randy Maddox*..... Pond Hill
- 24.. *Rick Ingram* Union Hill
- 26.. *Randall Bates*..... McMahan Calvary
Kelli Duncan South Liberty
Jewell Price..... West End

Celebrating Anniversaries this month

- 03.. *Earl & Vivian Graves* Union Grove Decatur
- 07.. *Jeff & Becky Blanchette*..... Calvary Etowah
- 08.. *Jerry & Brenda Plaster*..... East Niota
- 16.. *Stan & Kathy Cantrell* Five Point
- 21.. *Eddie & Nina Rowland*..... Cambria
- 26.. *Stan & Jamie Hammonds* Mount Harmony Niota

Church/Association Anniversaries

- Gene Guffey*..... Bethel Springs..... 3 years
- Ray Luck*..... Director of Missions ... 11 years
- Randall Bates*..... McMahan Calvary 12 years
- Herman Jordan* ... Pisgah 15 years
- Bill Vest*..... Wildwood 18 years
- Eddie Rowland*..... Cambria 22 years

Sweats for Vets

The Sons of AmVets Post 100 is currently collecting sweats to help keep our veterans warm this winter. These men and women didn't think twice when they were protecting us and now they are in need of our help for this chillier season.

Drop Off Sites:

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| Zaxby's | AmVets |
| 1510 S. Congress Pkwy | 205 Co Rd 813 |
| Athens, TN | Etowah, TN |

For more information, please call Dee Silman at 333-1415 or email at silman45@yahoo.com.

**Attention: Church Clerks
Annual Church Profile**

The Annual Church Profiles (ACP) are due in by **November 10th**. If you entered your information directly into the Tennessee Electronic Database (TED) - Thank you! Make sure you mail the two yellow forms back to the Baptist Office. The churches listed here have completed/returned their ACP's. If your church name is not listed and you tried to enter your information into TED, please call Kathy at 745-2248 as soon as possible.

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| Bethsadia | Idlewild | Pope Avenue |
| Calvary Etowah | Lakeside | Rocky Mount |
| Clear Springs | Mt Harmony Riceville | Short Creek |
| Clearwater | Mount Verd | Union Grove Decatur |
| Cog Hill | Niota First | |
| Double Springs | Oak Grove | |
| East Athens | Pisgah | |
| Hiwassee | Pond Hill | |

*This list is complete
as of 10/272011*

Give Away:

Books , Bulletins and Hymnals.

All items are available on a first come-first served basis

Thank You

Thank you to all the preachers that helped us during the death of our Pastor, Darrell Franklin. Thank you also to the preachers who helped us during the search process for our new Pastor, Casey King. We want to thank everyone for everthing that they have done for Trinity Baptist Church. Thank you for all your prayers during this time.

In Christ,

The Congregation of Trinity Baptist Church
Madisonville, Tennessee

A letter of thanks. . .

On October 6, the ocean container was loaded with 25,000 King James Version Bibles bound for Lagos, Nigeria, Africa. Churches, individuals and Christian groups like you made this possible. Thanks to Bible and Literature Missionary Foundation for the donation of the Bibles. Thanks to you for the money to pay the freight. The Devil said it couldn't be done. God is good. Because of your generosity, the following additional items were included: 75,000 Gospel tracts; 20,000 Bible study courses; 1,300 John/Romans; 600 Bible Study Books; 360 Let's Ask the Bible Volume 2. Thirty-two thousand pounds of the Gospel! Pray for the safe arrival of the container.

Pastor Roy Hogan, Freedom Baptist Church

Church Contributions

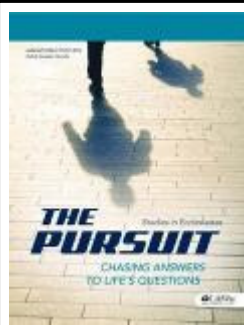
Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	141.81	141.81	Etowah, First	0.00	0.00	Pisgah	0.00	0.00
Athens, First	2,166.66	2,166.66	Five Point	25.00	25.00	Pond Hill	0.00	0.00
Bethel Springs	0.00	0.00	Good Hope	75.00	75.00	Pope Avenue	0.00	0.00
Bethsadia	50.00	50.00	Goodsprings	95.74	95.74	Riceville, First	0.00	0.00
Brookhill	0.00	0.00	Hiwassee	0.00	0.00	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Calhoun, First	0.00	0.00	Idlewild	200.00	200.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	0.00
Calvary, Etowah	0.00	0.00	Lakeside	280.40	280.40	Rogers Creek	0.00	0.00
Calvary Missionary	0.00	0.00	Lakeview	0.00	0.00	Sanford	0.00	0.00
Cambria	0.00	0.00	Manilla Chapel	0.00	0.00	Shiloh	0.00	0.00
Central	373.02	373.02	Marshall Hill	100.00	100.00	Short Creek	304.05	304.05
Clay Hill	0.00	0.00	McMahan Calvary	0.00	0.00	South Liberty	128.00	128.00
Clear Springs	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Niota	0.00	0.00	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clearwater	0.00	0.00	Mount Harmony, Riceville	0.00	0.00	Union Grove, Decatur	225.00	225.00
Cog Hill	0.00	0.00	Mount Pisgah	0.00	0.00	Union Grove, Niota	180.00	180.00
Conasauga	100.00	100.00	Mount Verd	0.00	0.00	Union Hill	212.70	212.70
Cottonport	229.68	229.68	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Union McMinn	400.00	400.00
Decatur, First	763.26	763.26	New Bethel	0.00	0.00	Valley Road	0.00	0.00
Dixon Avenue	55.00	55.00	New Zion	0.00	0.00	Valley View	310.00	310.00
Double Springs	166.00	166.00	Niota, First	0.00	0.00	Walnut Grove	234.00	234.00
Eastanallee	0.00	0.00	North Athens	25.00	25.00	West End	0.00	0.00
East Athens	0.00	0.00	North Etowah	0.00	0.00	West View	0.00	0.00
East Niota	166.00	166.00	Oak Grove	348.00	348.00	Wildwood	1,061.07	1,061.07
East View	0.00	0.00	Old Salem	0.00	0.00	Zion Hill	0.00	0.00
Englewood, First	475.67	475.67	Parkway	15.00	15.00	Total Receipts	8,906.06	8,906.06

Contributions received after October 28th, will be reflected in next month's report.

Church News

➤ **First Baptist Riceville** is seeking a Bi-vocational minister of music. Interested candidates should contact Rev. Jeremey MacMurray at 453-7193 or Carolyn Spurlin at 462-2612.

➤ **Mount Verd Baptist Church** will have their annual Women's Meeting on November 5th from 11:00 am—1:00 pm. Noted songwriter, Kyla Rowland will be the featured speaker. A meal will be furnished. Please RSVP the number attending from your church by calling 423-746-2438 or 423-506-6909. Everyone is invited to attend.



Pastors! The Pursuit: Chasing Answers to Life's Questions, is a January Bible Study for 2012 based on the Book of Ecclesiastes.

Bill Vest will be teaching the **January Bible Study** during the **Pastors Conference** beginning **November 21, 2011.**

Women at the Well Ministries

2nd Annual Fall Fashion Show

November 19, 2011 ♦ 10:00 am

Walker Valley High School

750 Lauderdale Memorial Hwy NW

Cleveland, TN 37312

Cost: \$15 per person

Remember in Prayer

Our churches without Pastors:
Brookhill, East Athens, First Baptist Etowah, North Etowah, Sanford, Short Creek, Union Grove Niota and Zion Hill.



Jamaican Jog 5K Race
and **1 Mile Fun Walk**
November 5 ♦ 9AM
Athens Regional Park

Sponsored by **Marshall Hill Baptist Church**-for mission trip in March!!!
Families and youth groups welcome.

TWC Baptist Collegiate Ministry Lunch Schedule

Nov 3 Mount Harmony Niota

Nov 10 McMahan Calvary

Calendar of Events

November

- 7—"Walk Around the World" Prayer
Experience, *Baptist Center, 11:00 am—7:00 pm*
- 13-15—Tennessee Mens Chorale (TMC) & Tennessee Ladies Chorus (TLC) Annual Meeting Concert & Rehearsals, *Hermitage Hills Baptist Church, Hermitage*
- 14-16— *Missions Extravaganza, First Baptist Church, Hendersonville*
- 14—Tennessee Baptist Convention Pastors Conference, *First Baptist Church, Hendersonville*
- 14— The Good Cup, *First Baptist Church Hendersonville*
- 15—Fresh Vision Lunch & Fresh Vision Dinner
First Baptist Church, Hendersonville
- 15—Ministers Wives Luncheon, *Long Hollow Baptist Church, Hendersonville*
- 15—Annuitant Luncheon, *College Heights Baptist Church, Gallatin*
- 15—Youth Ministry Luncheon, *First Baptist Church, Hendersonville*
- 15-16—Tennessee Baptist Convention, *First Baptist Church, Hendersonville*
- 16—Great Commission 5K Fun Run, *First Baptist Church Hendersonville*
- 24-25—Thanksgiving Holiday, *Baptist Center Closed*

December

- Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*
- 01—Minister's & Wives Christmas Banquet
Mount Pisgah, 6:30 pm
- 04-10—Week of Prayer and Mission Study for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 23-26—Christmas Holiday, *Baptist Center Closed*
- 30—New Year's Holiday, *Baptist Center Closed*

Coordinated Charities of Athens

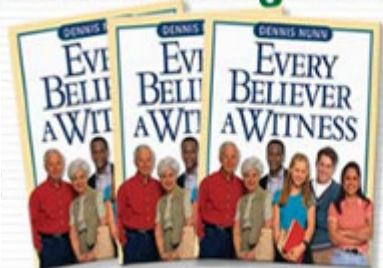
This Non-profit Organization, founded in 1994, was established for the purpose of meeting the short term needs (emergency short-term assistance with food, rent, clothing, utility payments, housing, medications, etc.) of area residents. They also try to direct long-term clients to local churches for their spiritual needs, which often is the underlying cause of the physical needs. It was also established as a central clearinghouse for local churches in order to eliminate, as much as possible, people going from church to church to receive aid. Many of our churches in the Athens area do work with Coordinated Charities by continually referring needy people to them for assistance. Funding for Coordinated Charities is from Churches putting them in their budget and from donated items from individuals which are sold through their Thrift Store located at 109 Rocky Mount Road across from the City of Athens Recycle Center. If you would like more information on how your church can become an active partner with Coordinated Charities please call Jack Garner, Director, at 745-9625.

Pastors Take a Stand Against Drugs and Save Their Town

Are you sick and tired of our counties being overrun by drugs and crime that is literally destroying people's lives? Do you often feel overwhelmed and feel there is nothing you can do to change the way things are? The town of Manchester, KY is a different town today because Pastors across Denominational lines decided that enough was enough and rallied their congregations to prayer leading to a transformation of a once drug infested community to being family friendly. In our area there is an organization called MADCAT (McMinn Anti-Drug Coalition Aiding Teens) headed by Dr. Mike Womack, that is working to try to stem the tide of drug infestation in our community. They are making progress, but they can't do it alone, they need help, divine help and that is where we come in. Do we care enough to step up to the prayer alter asking God to change our community for His glory? It will not happen through a series of preaching meetings, but it will happen when God's people get serious with Him and pray down the glory of Heaven on our community. The story of what happened in Manchester, KY is documented in a Movie titled "Appalachian Dawn" which we will try to secure for the Association Media Center. On November 6, 2011 thousands of Christians from KY, TN and VA will march into Cumberland Gap to show their faith and ask God to transform their towns as He did for Manchester. You are invited to join them.

On Thursday November 10, 2011 there will be a Pastor Training Clinic at Bayside Baptist Church, Harrison (Chattanooga). The training will focus on the resource "Every Believer a Witness". For more information go to www.everybelieverawitness.org or call Larry Gilmore at the Tennessee Baptist Convention 1-800-558-2090. Ray Luck is planning to attend this Seminar. If you are interested in attending and would like to ride with Ray, please call him at 506-6541. He can take six people besides himself. To register for this Seminar, go to www.livingthenewlife.org.

Pastor Training Clinics



Harrison
November 10
Bayside Baptist

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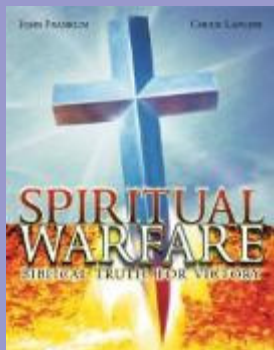
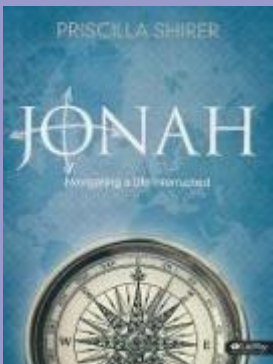
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E. Ray Luck

Secretary/Treasurer:

Kathy Fain

New Bible Studies in the Library



A “Walk-Around the World” Prayer Experience”

Praying for **Our Nation** and **Other Nations** is the way to stand in the gap – interceding to God our Father. “*Come, let us reason*

together’, thus said the Lord’ on Monday, November 7th, World Day of Prayer. This is the day thousands of believers will be praying for those in bondage, men and women in government authority, the missionaries here and around the world risking their lives daily for the cause of Christ. Won’t you be one of the believers praying for these needs and many more?

Where: Association Office ♦ When: November 7, 2011

There will be seven stations set up to “pray around the world”. ***Come between the hours of 11:00 am – 7:00 pm.***

Our prayer will be that “*the people who walk in darkness will see a great light. Those who live in a dark land, the light will shine on them.*” Isaiah 9:2. The Light of the World is Jesus.

For more information, please contact Judy Luck at 649-0394.

Christian Builders of Southeast TN

...needs you to volunteer today!



For details on how you can be involved please call Ray Luck at 506-6541. If you are not that handy with tools but enjoy the administrative side of ministry you are definitely needed!