

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
Eastanallee
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

LINKS

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October 2011

The 88th Annual Session of the McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists

October 17, 2011 ♦ 7:00 pm

North Athens Baptist Church

402 Tellico Avenue ♦ Athens, TN

Annual Sermon: Rev. Doug Alexander

Pastor of Union McMinn Baptist Church

*Signing the Partnership Agreement between our Association and
Big Sky Association, Montana*



First Baptist Church Athens has purchased 3 showings of the movie “**Courageous**” at American Cinemas located in Whiteway Shopping Center in Athens. Show times are Saturday, October 1st at 4:30 p.m., Sunday, October 2nd at 2:00, and 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$4 and can be purchased at First Baptist Church Athens, located at 305 Ingleside Ave. (423-745-5441) or at the McMinn-Meigs Baptist Association Building located at 350 North Congress Parkway in Athens (423-745-2248). For more information about “**Courageous**” visit www.courageousthemovie.com.

Parents should be aware that the film received a PG-13 rating for violence and drug content. Both of these elements are within the context of the film’s law enforcement storyline. The movie shows drugs being confiscated and includes intense action scenes. Following the model of Scripture, morality is shown positively, while criminal behavior is shown with undesirable consequences.

Ray's Reflections

It is October and time for our Annual Meeting (October 17, 2011 at North Athens) when we will come together to hear reports, conduct business, hear a message from Doug Alexander, Pastor of Union McMinn and the 2010 Association Moderator. We will also sign the three year Partnership agreement with the Big Sky Baptist Association located in Southeast Montana. From September 6-9 Judy and I took vacation time to tour Yellowstone National Park and then went to Miles City, MT to participate in Big Sky's On Mission Celebration September 10-11 which also included their Annual meeting on September 10. During the Annual Meeting Eddie Smith, Director of Missions; Mike Bartleson, Pastor of First Baptist of Circle and Association Moderator and B.J. Ellington, Pastor of Jordan Community Church and Association Associate Moderator signed the agreement on behalf of the Big Sky Association. At our Annual Meeting on October 17 myself, Bill Pearman, Moderator and Gerald Perry, Associate Moderator will sign the agreement on behalf of the McMinn-Meigs Association. For the past year and a half we have been working out the details suitable to both Associations. In August 2010 Stan Hammonds, Bill Pearman, Ron Jenkins and myself went to Big Sky and spent several days traveling, visiting churches and meeting with the pastors and other church leaders seeking to get a feel for that vast area. Big Sky is made up of 12 churches with the largest averaging 100+ and the rest less than 100. The square mileage of the 13 county area is 1,000 square miles less than the size of the state of Tennessee with a total population of 50,000+ in 13 counties (McMinn County has that much population alone). The area is mostly very large ranches and the only Wal-Mart between Billings to the West, North and South Dakota to the East, Wyoming to the South and Canada to the North is in Miles City. In 2007 East Niota Baptist began sending a team each summer to Hysham, MT (part of the Big Sky Association) and have been doing so ever since. In 2010 First Baptist of Englewood sent a team of 49 to Jordan (whose population is not much bigger than the team) to help with construction around the church and in the community, do VBS and help in the Association Summer Camp. Then we took our Vision tour to Big Sky in August 2010. This year four of our churches (First Calhoun – Forsyth; First Athens – Miles City; East Niota – Hysham; Eastanallee – Glendive/Wibaux) sent teams to do a variety of work with the churches mentioned above. While Judy and I were there several of the Pastors and church members talked with us about continuing to send teams their way, but their main focus was wanting us to find things they could do to help us. Most of the churches have never sent mission teams; they have always been on the receiving end. With the new partnership they want it to

by E. Ray Luck, Director of Missions

be a reciprocal relationship. Therefore I am scheduling a meeting for Thursday October 13, 2011, 7:00 pm at the Association Office for the primary purpose of discussing the Partnership and to brainstorm ideas of how we could develop mission opportunities here for teams from Montana. This meeting is open for any who wish to attend, the more the better, but particularly I would like representatives from the churches that have been to Big Sky because they know the people and can share from their experience there. This Partnership will offer some interesting, challenging and exciting opportunities for both Associations in the days to come. I hope you are as excited as I am about what God is about through this Partnership as we work together Advancing the Kingdom of God both here and in Southeast Montana. Even with this Partnership the work in Northwest Montana at Canyon Baptist Church in Hungry Horse led by Lee and Joy Swafford is not forgotten as several of our churches continue to send teams their way. Continue to be in much prayer for them and the 12+1 churches of Big Sky Association (Hysham, Colstrip, Lame Deer, Alzada, Baker, Sidney, Circle, Jordan, Glendive, Terry, Miles City, Forsyth and Vida an Independent church whose Pastor is Southern Baptist, it is hoped that one day they will join the Association).

When I was participating in the Big Sky OMC I was led of the Lord to share a sermon I had prepared some time ago titled "Missions is Not an Option". The scripture for the sermon is Psalm 93, Genesis 12:1-3 and Acts 1:6-8. The sermon title speaks for itself as God made it clear to the children of Israel and later through His Son Jesus Christ that He has called a people (whether it is the children of Israel or the Church of Jesus Christ) to Himself to be on mission sharing with the world the great love and salvation found through Jesus Christ and Him alone. It is my prayer that we as God's people, who make up the McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists, will be more focused than ever on the **command** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. That command is that we be people on the go sharing the Gospel with others, making disciples, baptizing those who give their heart to Jesus and teaching them how to be disciples that they too will share their faith with others, remembering that through it all Jesus has promised to be with us always.

On October 31, 2011 I will complete my 11th year as your director of Missions. It has truly been a joy for Judy and me to have shared with you these past 11 years. It is my prayer that as we continue our journey together that we will experience even greater blessings of God and be a blessing to others as we stand "*United in Kingdom Service*".

Pastor/Association Staff Spotlights

Birthdays

- 02.. *Delois Bernard* Central
- *Jean Perry* Mount Pisgah
- 04.. *Shane Arnold*..... Double Springs
- 05.. *Larry Sorah* Bethsaida
- 06.. *Doug Alexander* Union McMinn
- 16.. *Jamie Hammonds*..... Mount Harmony Niota
- 18.. *Garry King*..... Mount Harmony Riceville
- *Kay Sorah* Bethsaida
- 20.. *Jody Thomas* Manilla Chapel
- 21.. *Sandra Gamble*..... Goodsprings
- 28.. *Becky Blanchette*..... Calvary Etowah
- *Wayne Bryant*..... Clearwater
- *Malaya MacMurray* ... First Baptist Riceville
- 29.. *Jeannie Sneed*..... Eastview
- 31.. *James Harris* Clear Springs

Wedding Anniversaries

- 03.. *Mike & Carrie King*..... Shiloh
- 13.. *Van & Annie Elkins* Pope Avenue
- 20.. *Jeff & Teresa Anderson* Lakeside

Anniversary of Service

- Mike King*..... Shiloh..... 1 year
- Jody Thomas* Manilla Chapel..... 2 years
- Kinzel Hooker*..... Old Salem..... 2 years
- Victor King* New Bethel..... 4 years
- Gerald Perry*..... Mount Pisgah 4 years
- Kathy Fain*..... Association Staff..... 7 years
- Bill Pearman* Good Hope..... 7 years
- James Harris* Clear Springs..... 18 years
- Bob Kerr*..... North Athens..... 25 years
- Garry King*..... Mount Harmony Riceville.. 29 years

Attention Church Treasurers: To be included in the 2010/2011 Budget year, all contributions must be received by October 7th.

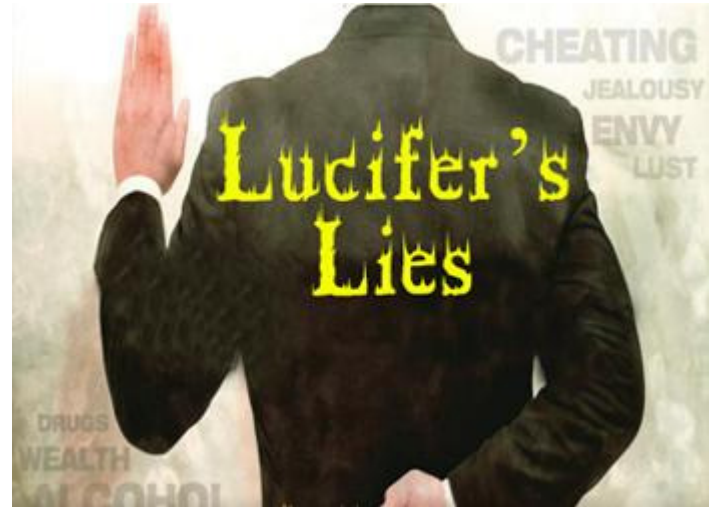
Church Clerks

If you have not turned in the names of your messengers, number of baptisms and the names of deceased members for this past year—please email for this past year—please email to mmmab@truevine.net; phone: 745-2248; fax: 745-7693. We are currently working on the Book of Reports and need this information to complete our reports.

ATTENTION Mount Verd Baptist Church all Women 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.

TWC Baptist Collegiate Ministry	Lunch Schedule	
	Oct. 6	Goodsprings
	Oct. 20	North Etowah
	Oct. 27	Central
	Nov 3	Mount Harmony Niota
	Nov 10	McMahan Calvary



A Spiritual Warfare Drama
 Presented by
Clearwater Baptist Church
 Oct 21, 22, 23, 28, 29, 30 & 31
 7:00 pm with 3:00 pm matinees on Saturday and Sunday
 Limited Seating ♦ Reservations Required
 Call 423-744-7147

Since the beginning of time, he has practiced his dark art . Since the beginning of time, we have listened. You've heard his whispers. Now the time has come to show him for the fraud he really is, the time has come to reveal all of ...



Round tables

Tennessee Worship Leaders & Ministers of Music

Two Opportunities!

October 13, 2011 * Ridgedale Baptist Church,
Chattanooga

October 27, 2011 * First Baptist Church,
Lenoir City

For more information, please go to www.tnbaptist.org

Missions and ME JAM 2011
(Journey into Adventure in Missions)

First Baptist Morristown,
9:30am—3:00 pm

Richard Ross
Jan Acuff
Tim Elmore
Aaron Keyes
Drew Worsham

restore

NEW LOWER PRICE
\$135 super-earlybird discount
through November 11

CONCLAVE
A WORSHIP AND TRAINING EVENT
FOR YOUR YOUTH MINISTRY TEAM
January 26-28, 2012
Chattanooga Convention Center

McMinn-Meigs Association/Big Sky (Montana) Association Partnership Planning Meeting

October 13, 2011, 7:00pm ♦ McMinn-Meigs Association Office

If you read Ray's Reflections in this LINKS you noted that Pastors and other church representatives from churches in the Big Sky Association are excited about the partnership and are grateful for the teams that have come their way and will come in the future. However, almost to the person, they expressed a strong desire for a reciprocal relationship that would allow them to send teams to help us in McMinn-Meigs Counties. With that in mind it was felt that a meeting of interested people (particularly people from churches that have sent teams to the Big Sky Association) come together to share about the partnership and brainstorm ideas of how we can utilize teams from Big Sky to minister with us in McMinn-Meigs. Again the meeting is set for **Thursday October 13, 2011, 7:00pm at the McMinn-Meigs Association Office, 350 N. Congress Parkway, Athens**. We hope you will plan to attend to help us map out a reciprocal strategy that this partnership will truly benefit both Associations serving together sharing the Kingdom of God.



Bible and
Literature
Missionary

Foundation has made available
25,000 Bibles to World Bible
Missions for ocean shipment to
Africa. The responsibility of
World Bible Missions is to
provide shipment to Africa at a
cost of \$4,100.00. Any help will
be greatly appreciated!

Donations can be sent to:
Freedom Baptist Church
PO Box 116
Athens, TN 37371-0116

October is Pastor/Staff Appreciation Month!

**PASTOR
APPRECIATION**

Preacher • Teacher

Counselor
Friend
Leader

Father in the Lord

What does it mean to be a pastor?

Patiently answering a myriad of daily demands!

Answering God's call -- and a multitude of others!

Serving on the front lines of life's crisis and challenges!

Treating others better than you are treated, even when it
doesn't make sense!

Orating about the Divine at a level where the determined
can hear and understand!

Rightly dividing the Truth, and then disseminating the
facts to the congregation and community!

Tennessee Baptist Convention Annual Meeting Events

For more information on any of these events, please go to www.tnbaptist.org



TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION **PASTORS CONFERENCE**
 Monday, November 14, 2011
 First Baptist Church, Hendersonville



Ministers Wives Luncheon
 Long Hollow Baptist Church
 3031 Long Hollow Pike
 Hendersonville, TN
 November 15, 2011
 Noon-1:30
 Featured Speaker: Shawnah Shingleton, conference leader and life coach
 Music by: Long Hollow Praise Team

Cost is \$15. Register online at www.tnministerswives.org. Registration deadline is November 9th.

For more information contact Lana Rose at lrose@tnbaptist.org or by calling 615-371-2008.



The Great Commission Fun Run
 First Baptist Church, Hendersonville
 November 16, 2011 * Starts at 6:30 am
 Cost is \$10; pre-registered runners and walkers will receive a commemorative T-shirt, registration fee will be used to support the new **Missions Mobilization Center** in Mount Juliet.
 For more information, or to register online, please go to www.tnbaptist.org.

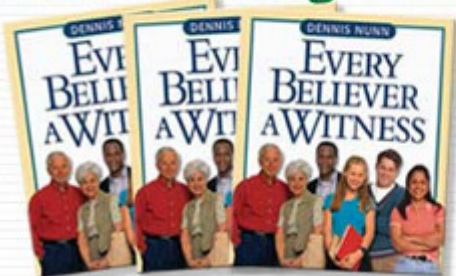


THE GOOD CUP
 A MEETING PLACE FOR MINISTERS WIVES
 First Baptist Church, Hendersonville
 Youth Pit
 106 Bluegrass Commons Boulevard
 Hendersonville, TN
 November 14, 2011
 1:00-3:30
Fun in the Ministry!



EXALTING JESUS THROUGH FRESH VISION
 2011 ANNUAL MEETING
 First Baptist Church, Hendersonville
 Nov. 15-16, 2011

Pastor Training Clinics



Harrison
November 10
Bayside Baptist

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.

Church Contributions

Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD	Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	224.49	2,062.01	Etowah, First	0.00	875.00	Pisgah	564.00	5,687.00
Athens, First	0.00	23,360.33	Five Point	25.00	300.00	Pond Hill	0.00	1,200.00
Bethel Springs	0.00	600.00	Good Hope	75.00	900.00	Pope Avenue	79.42	650.81
Bethsadia	50.00	600.00	Goodsprings	100.22	1,559.11	Riceville, First	153.57	1,766.68
Brookhill	10.00	110.00	Hiwassee	56.00	836.20	Rockview	0.00	0.00
Calhoun, First	582.14	7,054.20	Idlewild	0.00	1,380.00	Rocky Mount	0.00	600.00
Calvary, Etowah	100.00	850.00	Lakeside	286.45	3,806.32	Rogers Creek	0.00	963.63
Calvary Missionary	200.00	600.00	Lakeview	134.00	1,968.00	Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Cambria	155.53	2,040.95	Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00	Shiloh	0.00	1,200.00
Central	424.34	5,270.42	Marshall Hill	100.00	800.00	Short Creek	312.07	3,080.75
Clay Hill	0.00	60.00	McMahan Calvary	176.77	3,219.65	South Liberty	155.00	1,632.00
Clear Springs	187.68	3,776.56	Mount Harmony, Niota	360.00	4,077.94	Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Clearwater	0.00	4,583.37	Mount Harmony, Riceville	0.00	499.99	Union Grove, Decatur	0.00	225.00
Cog Hill	175.00	2,100.00	Mount Pisgah	302.39	3,368.91	Union Grove, Niota	0.00	1,150.00
Conasauga	0.00	1,100.00	Mount Verd	0.00	300.00	Union Hill	276.40	855.14
Cottonport	0.00	885.09	New Beginnings	0.00	0.00	Union McMinn	400.00	4,400.00
Decatur, First	714.51	10,038.88	New Bethel	0.00	60.00	Valley Road	0.00	300.00
Dixon Avenue	110.00	605.00	New Zion	257.00	3,071.00	Valley View	0.00	1,366.00
Double Springs	166.00	1,079.00	Niota, First	142.38	2,117.08	Walnut Grove	176.75	2,451.94
Eastanallee	2,194.00	28,766.36	North Athens	0.00	322.00	West End	0.00	2,980.21
East Athens	683.00	9,726.35	North Etowah	703.31	10,555.64	West View	142.24	1,483.14
East Niota	166.00	1,826.00	Oak Grove	411.00	4,258.52	Wildwood	703.66	6,214.82
East View	0.00	0.00	Old Salem	334.15	4,291.28	Zion Hill	200.00	2,400.00
Englewood, First	475.67	5,858.27	Parkway	15.00	180.00	Total Receipts	13,260.14	204,006.55

Contributions received through September 23rd.

To be included in this year's totals, I need to receive your contribution by October 7th.

Fiscal Year-end totals for Church Contributions will be reflected in the Book of Reports and Annual Minutes.

Church News

Revival Services will be held at **Union Grove Baptist Church** in Niota on October 2—6. **Rev. Bud Slaton** will be the speaker. Services will begin at 11:00 am and 6:30 pm on Sunday, and at 7:00 pm on Monday—Thursday. Rev. Kenneth Elkins and the congregation of Union Grove welcomes everyone to attend.

Pisgah Baptist Church will have a Deacon Ordination Service for Ronnie Woods and Todd Love on Sunday, October 23rd at 11:00 am.

Give Away:

Books (Baptist Center—Ray's been cleaning!)

Remember in Prayer

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

McMinn-Meigs Association of Baptists Pastors Conference

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

Free Labor Law Posters can be obtained by going to: <http://tennessee.gov/labor-wfd/poster.htm>
You can also print out your Federal Posters from this site.



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

Association Calendar

October

Cooperative Program Emphasis Month

Pastor/Staff Appreciation Month

- 3— Five Love Languages & Apologies, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*
- 8—JAM (Journey into Adventures in Missions) *First Baptist Morristown, 9:30am—3:00 pm*
- 9—World Hunger Sunday
- 10— Five Love Languages & Apologies, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*
- 11—Retired Ministers/Wives Breakfast, *Shoneys, 9:00 am*
- 13—McMinn-Meigs Association/Big Sky Association Partnership Planning Meeting, *Baptist Center, 7:00 pm*
- 13—Worship Leader and Minister of Music Roundtable Meeting, *Ridgedale Baptist Church, Chattanooga, 8:30 am*
- 17—McMinn-Meigs Association Annual Meeting, *North Athens Baptist Church, 7:00 pm*
- 27—Worship Leader and Minister of Music Roundtable Meeting, *First Baptist Church, Lenoir City, 8:30 am*

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—Tennessee Baptist Convention Pastors Conference, *First Baptist Church, Hendersonville*
- 14— The Good Cup, *First Baptist Church Hendersonville*
- 14—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*



New Directions Ministry will be offering Christian Life Skill classes as follows:

Five Love Languages & Apologies:

October 3rd, 10th.

Classes will begin at 7:00 pm at the McMinn-Meigs Associational Office. Come and learn what the Bible has to say about our Health, Money and Relationships.

For more information, please call Dorinda Crisp at 368-2569.

2011 God Spot Blockparty

Lots of games like fish pond air toys & more

Lots of food like candy hot dogs, popcorn & cotton candy

Come out & enjoy an evening of

FREE *Mon Oct 31st 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm*

Meigs County Fair Grounds

fun, games, food, & fellowship

Reality house

Blockparty

Puppet Shows

2x2 Quartet

Cottonport Singing Team

Lots of entertainment

Gethsada Stix Misntry

Young Praise

October 13-14, 2011

Baptist Center ♦ Brentwood

Registration:
(Includes program fee, 2 meals, breaks, notebook)

Early Bird Discounted Registration until Oct. 5 - \$45 per person

Registration after Oct. 5 - \$55 per person

For more information contact: TBC ♦ Youth Ministry 800.558.2090 ext. 7906 (local 615.371.7906)

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Kathy Fain

New DVD's in the Library



New Bible Studies in the Library



Christian Builders of Southeast TN

*...needs you to volunteer
today!*



There are plenty of projects on the "to do" list.

For details on how you can be involved, please call Ray Luck at 506-6541.

World Hunger Sunday is October 9, 2011



For more details go to
www.worldhungerfund.com

**In Step
with the
Spirit**

...through Prayer
Toes: Action Movement
Heart: Heart of Praying Believers
Flame: Holy Spirit

"If we live in the spirit, let us also walk in the spirit." Galatians 5:25

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**

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.