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HEARTBEATS & HARMONIES

AN OPEN AIR BENEFIT CONCERT
SUPPORTING LIFE, LOVE & HOPE
FULL CIRCLE MEDICAL CENTER FOR WOMEN

OCTOBER 4 • 5-8 PM
MARKET PARK PAVILION
ATHENS, TENNESSEE



FEATURING LIVE
BLUEGRASS & COUNTRY GOSPEL

FOOD TRUCKS • FAMILY-FRIENDLY FUN
ADMISSION: FREE DONATIONS WELCOME

BURNOUT

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

12:30 pm Registration
1:45 pm Welcome.....*Roger Britton*
1:50 pm Pray Now.....*Jimmy Furr*

Burnout: Noah Syndrome

2:15 pm Let's Sing.....*Steven Johnston*
2:30 pm Devotional Challenge.....*Ron Mathis*
3:00 pm Special Music.....*David Haynes*
3:10 pm Message.....*Danny Singufield*
3:55 pm Break.....*Break and Visit Exhibit Area*

Burnout: Loneliness

4:30 pm Breakout Sessions
Women.....*Jeanne Davis & Bivocational Council Ladies*
Men.....*Ronny Ratnes*
5:30 pm Break.....*Visit Exhibit Area and Finish Checking in if needed*

6:00 pm Dinner
7:15 pm Special Guest.....*Steve Burgess*
8:15 pm Fellowship.....*Roger Britton*
8:45 pm Good Night.....*Roger Britton*

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

7:30 – 8:30 am Breakfast at Hotel

Burnout: Isolation

9:00 am Let's Sing.....*Steven Johnston*
9:10 am Message.....*Jay Hardwick*
Tennessee Baptist Convention President

9:50 am Break and Visit Exhibit Area
10:15 am Breakout Sessions
Women.....*Jeanne Davis & Bivocational Council Ladies*
Men.....*Ronny Ratnes*
11:00 am Let's Sing.....*Steven Johnston*
11:10 am Devotional Challenge.....*Bill Cox*
11:35 am Special Music.....*Carrie & Jeff Kidd*
11:45 am Message.....*Randy Davis*
12:30 pm Dismissal.....*Roger Britton*
Free Afternoon & Evening – See you Saturday morning!

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

7:30 – 8:30 am Breakfast at Hotel

Burnout: Good – Bad – Ugly

9:00 am Let's Sing.....*Steven Johnston*
9:10 am Devotional Challenge.....*Tony Anderson*
9:35 am Break - Last Visit to Exhibit Area
10:05 am Let's Sing.....*Steven Johnston*
10:25 am Special Music.....*Roger Britton*
10:30 am Message.....*Roe Collins*
11:30 am Wrap-Up.....*Roger Britton*

REGISTRATION FORM

Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat | January 29-31, 2025 | Music Road Hotel & Convention Center
303 Henderson Chapel Road, Pigeon Forge, TN | (865) 429-7700

NAME _____
SPOUSE _____
PHONE _____
STREET ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
CHURCH & CITY _____
ASSOCIATION _____
EMAIL ADDRESS _____

☐ 1st Time to Attend Conference (Please check if applies)
Previous number of years attending Retreat? _____

Cost: \$275 per couple, for hotel, meals, breaks & materials.

ENCLOSED:

☐ \$100 Deposit (due by 11/8/2025)
☐ \$275 Full Payment (due by 12/8/2025)

Make checks payable to: Tennessee Baptist Mission Board
Mail to: Tennessee Baptist Mission Board
Attn: Carrie Kidd, PO Box 682780, Franklin, TN 37068
OR **register online** at www.tbminist.org/bivo,
click "Bivocational Retreat" link

We must have complete payment by December 8, 2025. Due to circumstances beyond our control, **No Refunds** can be issued after this date.



September

Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions

September 1st—Labor Day, Baptist Office Closed

September 10-18—Week of Prayer for State Missions/Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions

September 11—Pastor's & Preacher's Fellowship, Baptist Center, 7:00 pm

September 13th— Budget Meeting 6:30 At the Association

September 15— Seminary Extension Classes begin.

September 16th- Children's Mission Day

ACP's need to be picked up ASAP before October

October
October 20th— Annual Meeting at Marshall Hill 7PM

TENNESSEE MISSIONS EMPHASIS 2025-2026

"...striving TOGETHER AS ONE for the faith of the gospel"
Philippians 1:27



GOLDEN OFFERING FOR TENNESSEE MISSIONS

HAPPY

Labor Day

We're closed on Monday, September 1st!

Prayer for Revival

Every Monday at the Baptist Center

9:30 AM

Everyone welcome!

Office Hours

**Monday thru Friday
8:30 am—4:30 pm**

*Closed for Lunch from
12:30—1:30 pm*

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.

Remember in prayer our churches without pastors:

East Niota, Idlewild, Lakeside and Oak Grove.

Pastors, Preachers & Fellowship

September 9th ♦ 7:00 pm

Come join us for a time of fellowship!

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

Just as school is beginning the stores have already kicked off the race to Christmas. That means two very important missions emphases are soon to take place. September is the month for the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. Our state is actually a vast mission field itself. From the Appalachian mountains westward to the Mississippi River the mission work is large and varied. We can even do “international missions” within the state of Tennessee. I encourage all of our churches to support the Golden Offering. Every penny received for the offering is used within our state. A small portion of it will come back to ministries within our area. While we often think that those who have never heard about Jesus live on the other side of the world, there is a significant number of these people here in Tennessee as well. Looking ahead we know the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions will be coming in December. Pray for and prepare to support those who are working around the world to advance the Gospel of Christ. Also, related to missions, there will be a Sent Conference hosted by First Baptist Concord on September 26. The first session will start at 9:00 am. For more information go to sentconference.org. There is an important mission field right here in Athens. We ask you to pray for the Baptist Collegiate Ministry work on the TWU campus. Jenn Hand has been named our new BCM Director. Pray that she will have great opportunity to build relationships and minister to a very important segment of our community.



**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 Alen Gentry

Celebrating Birthdays

- 1.....*Victor King*.....Pope Ave
Bill Vest.....Wildwood
- 2.....*Vanessa Jones*.....Valley View
- 4....*Brenda Plaster*.....East Niota
- 5....*Kimberly King*.....Pope Ave
- 9....*Donnie Dalton*.....Mnt. Verd
- 10 *Josh Cornelious*.....Walnut Grove D
Crystal Johnson.....Old Salem
- 12..*Robert Sneed*.....Eastview
Rachel Metzger.....Decatur 1st
- 13..*Dusty Caldwell*.....Union Grove D
- 14..*Mike Jones*.....Valley View
- 16..*Russ Maples*.....Englewood 1st
Mandi Melton.....Calhoun 1st
- 18..*Wayne Johnson*.....Old Salem
- 27..*Stan Hammonds*.....Mnt Harmony N
- 28..*Kelly Reed*.....Calvary Missionary
- 29...*Garry Duncan*.....South Liberty

Celebrating Anniversaries

- 02..*Greg & Amy Charles*.....Double Springs
- 05..*Gary & Amelia Duncan*.....South Liberty
- 7 *Russ & Laura Maples*.....Englewood 1st
- 12..*Chris & Crystal Shaw*.....Lakeview
- 27..*Wayne & Crystal Johnson*.....Old Salem
- 28..*Mike & Delois Bernard*.....Central

Church/Association Anniversaries

- Mike Bernard*.....Central.....51 years
- Joe Hatcher*.....Coghill.....18 years
- Stan Cantrell*.....Sanford.....6 years
- Larry Arwood*.....Antioch.....10 years
- Gus Fine*.....Valley Road.....2 year

Church Name	Current	YTD
Antioch	215.60	1,829.66
Athens First	0.00	12,000.00
Bethel Springs	1,000.00	1,000.00
Bethsadia	0.00	0.00
Brookhill	0.00	750.00
Calhoun First	0.00	2,000.00
Calvary, Etowah	50.00	550.00
Calvary Missionary	25.00	275.00
Central	600.76	5,458.96
Clay Hill	0.00	120.00
Clear Springs	433.21	6,880.17
Clearwater	0.00	2,300.00
Coghill	50.00	550.00
Cottonport	252.78	1,046.28
Decatur First	766.90	8,926.74
Dixon Avenue	220.00	1,100.00
Double Springs	139.30	1,240.60
Eastanallee	100.00	1,100.00
East Athens	0.00	3,739.48
East Niota	201.00	1,809.00
East View	0.00	0.00
Englewood First	997.92	10,846.84
Etowah First	0.00	500.00

Church Name	Current	YTD
Good Hope	150.00	1,650.00
Goodsprings	277.77	2,634.81
Greenhouse	0.00	1,500.00
Hiwassee	0.00	0.00
Idlewild	0.00	650.00
Lakeside	84.86	1,055.68
Lakeview	396.25	4,140.65
Manilla Chapel	0.00	200.00
Marshall Hill	0.00	900.00
McMahan Calvary	116.32	1,344.04
Mnt. Harmony, N	1,006.00	11,023.00
Mnt. Harmony, R	38.19	424.33
Mount Pisgah	0.00	3,118.95
Mount Verd	0.00	1,175.00
Mountianside	0.00	0.00
New Beginnings	0.00	0.00
New Bethel	0.00	0.00
Niota First	0.00	0.00
North Athens	0.00	400.00
North Etowah	0.00	600.00
Oak Grove	0.00	2,428.43
Old Salem	430.20	5,498.87
Pisgah	0.00	5,270.16

Church Name	Current	YTD
Pond Hill	0.00	600.00
Pope Avenue	257.20	2,935.12
Riceville, First	81.62	1,210.66
Rockview	0.00	0.00
Rocky Mount	0.00	600.00
Rogers Creek	135.00	1,541.00
Sanford	0.00	1,500.00
Shiloh	0.00	2,200.00
Short Creek	349.85	4,670.61
South Liberty	0.00	1,300.00
Stephensville	0.00	0.00
Ten Mile	180.81	2,008.66
Union Grove, D	0.00	596.15
Union Hill	726.00	5,765.00
Valley Road	0.00	0.00
Vally View	596.00	2,440.78
Walnut Grove	0.00	8,195.90
West End	213.90	3,414.30
West View	111.00	1,269.80
Wildwood	100.00	300.00
Zion Hill	0.00	450.00
Total Receipts	10,303.44	149,030.63

Contributions received after August 20thwill be reflected in next month’s report.

Church News

- **Clear Springs** celebrated their homecoming for 150 years of worship.
- I will soon have shoe boxes for operation Christmas child. If you need a large amount please call the **Association** and let me know.
- October 19 **Clear Springs** will have their Annual Red Back Hymnal singing at 6PM

RETIREMENT Reception

to celebrate 45 years of service for

Rev. Mike Dannel

14 SEPTEMBER

2:00 PM - 4:00 PM

EAST ATHENS BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

Everyone is welcome to attend!

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. ASAP.* To get your information in before the October meeting. ***I will need your messengers back before October and info for the book of reports.***

Real Southern Gospel Radio & Paul Belcher Concerts Presents:

THE FUTURE IS HERE CONCERT

The Williamsons

REAL SOUTHERN GOSPEL RADIO

The Inspirational Quartet of Texas

Friday, Sept. 19, 2025 ~ 7PM

Gem Theater ~ 700 E Tennessee Ave. Etowah, TN

No Tickets Required ~ Love Offering Only ~ www.PaulBelcherConcerts.com