



OCTOBER 2016 HERALD



188th Annual Meeting

Session Theme: “Churches Coming Together...”

1st Session: **Monday, October 24 at 7 P.M.**

RIALTO BAPTIST CHURCH - 2245 Rialto Road--Covington, TN 38019

2nd & 3rd Sessions: **Tuesday, October 25 at 5 P.M. & 7 P.M.**

GATEWAY BAPTIST CHURCH - 1915 Rosemark Road--Atoka, TN 38004

(A meal will be provided after the 5:00 P.M. Session)

October is Teddy Evans Mission Fund Emphasis Month

The offering collected at the annual meeting each evening will be for the Teddy Evans Fund.

Teddy Evans Mission Fund Concert on October 2, 6:30 P.M. at FBC, Covington

will both raise awareness of missions and how this fund can help others go on mission.

The offering at the concert will be for this fund also.

Mid-South Small Church Celebration

Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary

October 28-29, 2016

Theme: “Effective Biblical Preaching”

Friday, Oct. 28: 3:30-7:30 P.M. (Catered meal provided if signed up by October 15)

Saturday, Oct. 29: 8:30 A.M.-12:15 (Coffee & Refreshments Provided)

Speakers: Dr. Dale Denning, Ron Roy, Alvin Whitehead, Melanie Redd, Robert West
Dr. Tim Seal, & Dr. Jere Phillips

Article From Our ... Director of Missions, Clay Gilbreath

It was a great privilege to attend the Rekindle Church Revitalization Conference in Knoxville with Pastors Joe Thomason and Mike Melton on September 1st. We were inspired and encouraged that every church should be given an opportunity to be revitalized. One question stood out to me (asked by the keynote speaker Mark Clifton): "What is there about a dying church that brings glory to God?" The answer? Nothing. If your church needs help in any way, please do not let it continue to die without giving effort to its revitalization – after all that is Objective #2 as set forth by our Executive Director of Tennessee Baptists, Randy Davis: "Having at least 500 Tennessee Baptist churches revitalized by 2024."

The Teddy Evans Mission Fund Benefit Concert is set for October 2 at 6:30PM at First Baptist Church in Covington. I hope your congregation is planning to attend this celebration! The Shepherd Family will bless your heart, as will the testimonies that will be given on how this Mission Fund has impacted people all over the world. This will be a joy-filled night together as we raise awareness about the Teddy Evans Fund and how it has become such a powerful way to send short-term missionaries from our churches out into the harvest field. Meet me at FBC on the 2nd!

Our 188th Annual Meeting will be held October 24th at Rialto Baptist – session begins at 7PM; and October 25th at Gateway Baptist – sessions are at 5PM and 7PM. Please send your messengers (and any who would like to attend), as we report on what God has done and what God is doing among our churches.

For our pastors and wives: After the Annual Meeting, here's a great idea to relax and be fed - Go with us to the Mid-South Small Church Celebration at Mid-America Baptist Seminary on Oct. 28-29. We will have transportation from the Big Hatchie to the seminary both days – just meet here and we will go together! This conference is free of charge and open to all bi-vocational pastors and pastors of single-staff churches. Deadline to sign up is October 15th – let me know and I will get you on the list.

Welcome new pastor Wade Wallace at Victory Baptist Church.

On a personal note, I officiated my daughter Ali Elizabeth's wedding to Clayton Dunn on September 10. That's my 2nd daughter to get married – I'm feeling old. But I have 3 more children left at home! It was a beautiful setting in the old rustic Methodist Church building at Cade's Cove in East Tn.

From Our WMU Director, Diane Sorrell
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Thank you Forerunner for hosting the September WMU Quarterly Meeting. Attendance: 57. Forerunner worshiped in song with Thomas Bester, Jr playing the keyboard. Denise Harris of Forerunner shared her passion for the "*Feed the Children in Haiti*" ministry. If you would like to assist with this ministry, please contact Denise. Cheryl Craig shared needs at "Helen's House" located at the Tipton County Commission on Aging who work with patients diagnosed with dementia and Alzheimer. Several paper products were brought for this ministry. Thank you so much for the overwhelming response! Crystal and John Houston shared about their calling to sell everything and move to Thailand. Pray for them as they are making arrangements. Crystal will be working with the children and John will be teaching how to provide for their families through growing their own food.

454 New Testament Bibles have been delivered to newborns August 2015 through August 2016. Praise the Lord for this ministry. Thank you! Contact Monta Ray Conrad if interested in attending an orientation,

October 9: Global Hunger Sunday.

November 7: Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer at Covington-First beginning with light refreshments at 9:30 am. Bobbie Wylie will be leading this program. Contact Bobbie if interested in assisting her.

Budget needs through July.....	147,354.68
Gifts Received through July.....	142,493.44
Budget Shortfall for Fiscal Year...	\$ 4,861.24

October 2016 Calendar of Events

2	6:30 P.M.	Teddy Evans Missions Concert, FBC Covington
3	10:30 A.M.	Pastors Conference, BHBA office, Lunch following at a local restaurant.
10	10:30 A.M.	Pastors Conference, BHBA office, Lunch following at a local restaurant.
11	10:00 A.M.	West TN Pastors Conference, Union, Monthly Meeting Salons 2 & 3, Speaker TBA
17	10:30 A.M.	Pastors Conference, BHBA office, Lunch following at a local restaurant.
24		There will be no Pastors Conference on this day due to annual meeting.
24	7:00 P.M.	BHBA Annual Meeting, Rialto Baptist Church 2245 Rialto Rd, Covington 38019
25	5:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.	BHBA Annual Meeting, Gateway Baptist Church 1915 Rosemark Rd. Atoka 38004 (A meal will be provided between these two sessions)
26		BHBA OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED
31	10:30 A.M.	Pastors Conference, BHBA office, Lunch following at a local restaurant.

Unrestricted Gifts	Oct. 1, 2015- Aug.	Aug.31, 2016
Agape		600.00
Ashport	1,151.15	1,151.15
Beacon Light		
Beaver		500.00
Bethlehem		
Brighton	449.82	4,558.41
Calvary	638.54	4,584.39
Calvary Hill	600.00	6,600.00
Central	100.00	1,100.00
Charleston	540.00	6,874.82
Cornerstone	400.00	1,200.00
Covington First		10,000.00
Cross View		
Crossway	194.61	1,645.23
Durhamville	885.00	4,997.00
Faith	516.67	5,683.37
Fellowship	686.66	6,660.74
First Indian		
Forerunner		50.00
Fulton	49.65	338.22
Garland		6,183.01
Gateway	1,463.18	14,348.24
Grace	320.50	3,795.30
Genesis		
Hope	247.32	2,998.50
Keeling		1,141.46
Liberty	500.00	5,500.00
Mason First		1,231.75
Mt. Lebanon	323.88	3,219.38
Munford	350.00	3,850.00
Oak Grove	570.40	5,572.78
Olive Branch		
Pleasant Grove		7,242.00
Rialto	112.00	592.92
Ripley First		6,416.63
Salem	231.91	2,596.79
Smyrna	398.76	4,687.47
Spirit Filled	50.00	500.00
Trinity	50.00	500.00
True Life		
Victory		
Walnut Grove	193.23	2,549.33
Western Valley	211.22	1,401.48
Woodlawn		450.00
TBC	782.00	8,752.34
Other		2,410.73
Total	12,013.50	142,483.44

New Testaments for Newborns Schedule:

Oct.2-Oct.8	Oak Grove	Oct.23-Oct.29	Spirit Filled
Oct.9-Oct.15	Pleasant Grove	Oct.30-Nov. 5	Brighton
Oct.16-Oct. 22	Smyrna		

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BIG HATCHIE CHURCH NEWS

Agape Outreach Baptist Church will have *Yard and Bake Sale* on Sat. Oct. 8th at Agape Church, 143 Hwy. 70, Mason, from 6:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M. **Free Coffee** with breakfast items for sale. Sponsored by Agape Outreach Women's Ministry and Youth.

Liberty Baptist Church will hold Homecoming 143 on Sunday, Oct. 9th at 11:00 A.M. Guest speaker: Clay Gilbreath. Dinner in the Family Life Center immediately following service. All are invited.

Ripley First Baptist Church -The McKAMEYS will be in Concert, at 7:00 p.m. Friday Night, November 11th, at Ripley First Baptist Church; 165 North Main Street in Ripley. The doors will open at 6 p.m.

Smyrna Baptist Church at 7512 Hwy 59 W., Burlison, will hold its Annual Homecoming Sun., Oct. 2. The morning worship service will begin at 9:40 a.m. The church will honor Bro. Clay & Bro. Greg Gilbreath for their service to the ministry. The brothers grew up at Smyrna and both have served at one time or another as staff members. Following the morning service, there will be a pot-luck meal in the gym. Everyone is invited, particularly prior members. Their revival, featuring evangelist, Bro. Mike Melton, will kick off that morning and continue through Wed. night, Oct. 5. Services Mon.-Wed. will begin at 6:45 p.m. (Smyrna's Sunday night service on Oct. 2nd is moved to FBC, Covington at 6:30 p.m. for the Teddy Evans Concert.)