



A minister recently recounted in a sermon his experience of trying to drive on the interstate through a pouring rain. It was literally one of those storms where you can not see the front of the hood from the driver's seat. Suddenly he was deluged with even more water. It was a 18-wheeler passing on his left.

Fortunately the truck passed safely and pulled back into the lane ahead of him. It was then he noticed the tail-lights of the truck glowing red in front of him. He said he relaxed a little as he followed those lights until the storm abated and he could see for himself.

It is a great reminder to each of us. In the storms of our lives (and sunny days as well) we have a light we can follow.

John tells us in chapter 1:

<sup>4</sup> In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

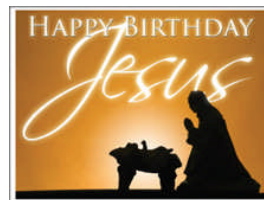
<sup>5</sup> And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not.

As we celebrate the birthday of the Lord, let us not forget Jesus is the Light of the World and we may safely pass through the storms of life by following Him. He is an excellent lamp unto our feet, a light to our path.

He is pleased with our praises as we worship, but He delights even more in our "follow-ship".

Merry Christmas,

*Bro. Mike T.*



## OCC Shoeboxes

Resource Center 2214  
FBC, Parsons 2183  
Sand Ridge 830



# 5,227

Gospel Witnesses



The Resource Center will be not be operating at regular hours December 26 through January 2. Please call before coming. I can be reached at (731) 614-1105.

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## Ministers' Winter Banquet

January 20, 2017

Stewart's Coffee Corner

Tickets need to be purchased by Monday January 16, 2017.  
Cost per person will be available later in December.

Remember, this would be a nice gift for your favorite minister and spouse.



## BALANCE SHEET

Nov. 30, 2016  
General Budget

Initial Bal. \$ 18,038.60  
Church Rec. 10,678.79  
Other Rec. + 1,220.77  
29,938.16  
Expenses - 10,005.70  
Budget Bal. \$ 19,932.46

### Other Funds

Designated \$ 18,066.08  
DOM Disc. \$ 1,200.46  
Missions Fd. \$ 2,758.87  
Contingency \$ 14,047.82  
Cent. Fund Variable

### YTD Activity

Inc. \$ 122,953.26  
Exp. 113,483.91  
Bal. \$ + 9,469.35



### BIRTHDAYS

9 Patricia Stanford  
10 Kevin Bromley  
10 Lain Butler  
19 Jamie Brawley  
20 Betty Kolwick  
31 David Phillips

### ANNIVERSARIES

09 Doug & Jewell Sanders  
20 Bob & Joanna Sparks  
25 Lewis & Barbara Screws  
31 James & Tammie Chumney

## CHURCH RECEIPTS

(Jan. 1, 2016 — Nov. 30, 2016)  
Thank you. Our Churches are our Association's primary source of income.

CHURCH	MONTH	YTD
Barren Springs		100.00
Beacon	250.00	1,000.00
Bear Creek	134.16	1,469.57
Beech Lake		500.00
Bible Hill		1,100.00
Bunches Chapel *	60.55	330.85
Calvary	230.87	2,273.29
Chapel Hill *	171.62	888.66
Corinth	100.00	1,100.00
Crossroads		1,304.62
Cub Creek Hall		00.00
Darden		00.00
Decaturville, 1 <sup>st</sup>	100.00	1,100.00
Fellowship		00.00
Flatwoods	574.28	5,777.14
Hopewell	200.00	2,200.00
House of Wor. *	550.92	3,088.68
Huron	320.67	1,914.91
Judson		400.00
Lexington, 1 <sup>st</sup>	1,666.66	18,333.26
Mt. Ararat	338.07	4,526.46
Mt. Gilead	897.00	8,300.00
Mt. Zion	149.97	613.51
New Beech G.		600.00
New Hope	100.00	500.00
Parsons, 1 <sup>st</sup>	542.00	5,524.30
Perryville, 1 <sup>st</sup>	50.00	550.00
Pine Grove	352.69	3,590.37
Poplar Springs	793.00	6,220.00
Ridge Grove		00.00
Rock Hill	345.00	3,818.88
Salem		386.52
Sand Ridge	1,002.19	11,024.09
Sardis	178.26	1,609.53
Sardis Ridge	96.47	246.47
Scotts Hill	502.32	3,951.12
Southside		00.00
Twin Oaks	290.25	3,026.63
Union	581.84	6,955.11
Union Grove		2,208.14
Wildersville	100.00	1,000.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 10,678.79</b>	<b>\$ 107,532.11</b>

\* multiple checks

## Church News

**HOUSE OF WORSHIP** - We had a great turn out for our Thanksgiving meal. The youth did a great job with our service on Youth Sunday. We had 1 new member join our church. Christmas shoe boxes were packed and dropped off. Our Christmas meal will be December 11 at 5pm and our Christmas play will be December 18, 2016 during the evening service at 5pm. Everyone is invited to attend. Merry Christmas!!! Jeff Todd, pastor.



**2017 WOMEN'S CONFERENCE**  
**FEBRUARY 18, 2017**  
**9:00 to 2:00**  
**Corinth Baptist Church**

Have your ladies mark their calendar to hear Sheila McFadden, an experienced conference speaker, teacher, and pastor's wife. Her heart is for women to realize how much God loves them and to walk in His grace. Her greatest blessings are her husband, Greg, who pastors First Baptist Church, Humboldt, TN, her two grown sons, Ryan and Joey, her daughter, Lily, and her fur baby, Bella. When not teaching or singing, you can find Sheila watching HGTV or 50's & 60's Classic Sitcoms.



The following congregations have asked us to announce their programs for Christmas.

### Lexington First:

*Journey To The Manger*  
 Dec. 10 at 6:00  
 Dec. 11 at 2:00 & 5:00  
 Tickets are free but are needed to assure a seat.

### Parsons First:

*Christmas at F.B.C.:*  
*Jesus, Hope of the World*  
**Dec 10 at 7:00**  
**Dec. 11 at 5:00**

### Sand Ridge:

*Searching for Christmas*  
 Dec. 11 at 3:00 & 6:00  
 At Lexington Middle School

### Scotts Hill:

*Walk through the scenes of Bethlehem and experience the greatest story ever told.*  
 Dec. 11-14, 6:30-8:30 nightly

### SIX CONGREGATIONS SEEKING PASTORS

Barren Springs Fellowship  
 Calvary Mt. Ararat  
 Crossroads Southside

## 2017 WMU Get-Together and Girls Connection



**March 31– April 2, 2017**

Mark your calendar and plan your trip now.

Online registration opens in January or call TN WMU Offices.

Contact Denise Bronaugh ([dbronaugh@tnbaptist.org](mailto:dbronaugh@tnbaptist.org)) or visit [www.tnwmu.org](http://www.tnwmu.org) for further information.

## Calendar

Please Check "Upcoming Events" on [www.brbaweb.org](http://www.brbaweb.org) for changes and additions

### December

5 Pastors' Conf. - Bro. Charles Gentry  
 12 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Ryan Keaton  
 19 Pastors' Conf. - Bro. Daniel Jordan  
 26 No Pastors' Conf. - Christmas

### January

2 No Pastors' Conf. - New Year's  
 9 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Kevin Bromley  
 16 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. G. Cubbison  
 23 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Terry Rhodes  
 30 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. James Chumney

### February

6 Pastors' Conf. -  
 13 Pastors' Conf. -  
 16 Executive Board  
 18 BRBA Women's Conf. - LeAnn McCoy  
 20 Pastors' Conf. -  
 27 Pastors' Conf. -

### March

6 Pastors' Conf. -  
 10-11 Youth Evangelism Conference  
 13 Pastors' Conf. -  
 20 Pastors' Conf. -  
 27 Pastors' Conf. -  
 31 WMU Get-Together in Gatlinburg and And Girls Connection

### April

1 WMU Get-Together in Gatlinburg and And Girls Connection  
 2 WMU Get-Together in Gatlinburg and And Girls Connection

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