



"Happy, Happy, Happy" is a well known phrase from a popular television personality.

I learned recently August 8 is *National Happiness Happens Day* (www.nationaldaycalendar.com).

This day was initiated by *The Secret Society of Happy People* (www.sohp.com) as a day to recognize happiness.

This raises the question, "What is Happiness?"

Most would suggest happiness is a synonym of joy. They would equate happiness with pleasure.

For the framers of the Declaration of Independence, happiness was not a feeling, but a state of contentment. The pursuit of happiness was the right to be content with life. Paul would have applauded their definition.

But the first definition of happiness which came to my mind was a song by Ira Stanphill. He wrote:

*Happiness is to know the Savior,
Living a Life within His favor,
Having a change in my behavior,
Happiness is the Lord.*

*Real joy is mine,
No matter if teardrops start.
I've found the secret,
It's Jesus in my heart.*

I hope TRUE happiness happens for you on Friday, August 8, and every other day.

It would also be good to share TRUE happiness with someone else.

Your happy co-laborer,

Bro. Mike T.



The **R. G. Lee Fall Session** will begin Aug. 12, 2014. The study will be

The Prison Epistles.

The cost will be \$94.99, payable to Union University, which includes text book.

Equipping Missions & Ministry Leaders

"Raising the Bar"

August 16, 2014

Humboldt, First Baptist Church

9:00 until 1:00 (8:30 Registration Opens)

Cost \$10.00 pre-registration/\$15.00 day of meeting)

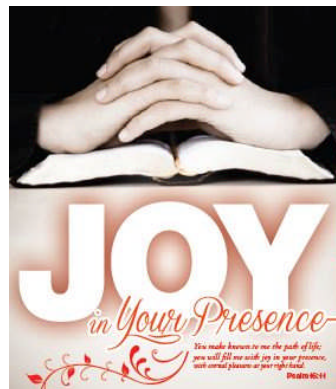
Fellowship, inspiration, motivation and training for new and experienced church missions and Ministry Leaders. For more information contact the Resource Center or Vickie Anderson at (800) 558-2090.

The **Executive Board** will meet

Thursday, **August 21, 2014,**

7:00 p.m. @ The Resource Center.

Moderator Dr. Chris Young encourages each Executive Board Member to be present to conduct the business of our Association.



Women's Prayer Retreat

Sept. 19-20, 2014

First Baptist Church Milan
2000 S. Second Street | Milan, TN 38358

Featured Speaker: **Page Hughes**
Worship Leader: **No Other Name**



BALANCE SHEET

July 31, 2014
General Budget

Initial Bal.	
Church Rec.	\$ 5,258.93
Other Rec.	11,150.23
	+ 1,288.28
Expenses	17,697.44
Budget Bal.	-11,086.14
	\$ 6,611.30

Other Funds

Designated	\$ 18,150.92
DOM Disc.	\$ 303.78
Missions Fd.	\$ 1,402.43
Contingency	\$ 14,009.27
Cent. Fund	Variable

YTD Activity
Inc. **78,786.05**
Exp. **78,919.58**
Bal. \$ **-133.53**

Remember
www.brbaweb.org

BIRTHDAYS

- 6 Lisa McCord
- 6 Tammie Todd
- 7 Jewell Sanders
- 7 James Scott
- 9 Scott King
- 11 LaVaughn Moody
- 13 James Biggers

ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 James & Dawn Scott
- 7 Jason & Natasha Varnick
- 10 Marty & Linda Comer
- 15 Tommy & Jeanne Crocker
- 16 Hoyt & Nancy Wilson
- 29 Charles & Shirley Brewer
- 30 Glen & Betty Kolywyck
- 31 Harold & Janie Hopper

CHURCH RECEIPTS

(Jan. 1, 2014 — July 31, 2014)

Thank you. Our Churches are our Association's primary source of income.

CHURCH	MONTH	YTD
Barren Springs		110.00
Bath Springs *	300.00	900.00
Beacon	250.00	750.00
Bear Creek	106.62	763.32
Beech Lake		250.00
Bible Hill	110.00	770.00
Bunches Chapel *	50.00	168.50
Calvary	239.83	1,664.18
Chapel Hill *	531.80	1,386.85
Corinth	100.00	700.00
Crossroads	251.40	865.11
Cub Creek Hall		22.05
Darden		
Decaturville, 1 st	100.00	700.00
Fellowship		
Flatwoods	496.79	3,812.34
Hopewell	200.00	1,400.00
House of Wor.	72.47	415.64
Huron		1,040.92
Judson	100.00	300.00
Lexington, 1 st	1,666.66	11,666.62
Mt. Ararat	514.54	3,291.68
Mt. Gilead	325.00	2,275.00
Mt. Zion		308.40
New Beech G.	150.00	450.00
New Hope	100.00	400.00
Parsons, 1 st	680.25	5,967.47
Perryville, 1 st	57.00	258.24
Pine Grove *	624.44	2,649.07
Poplar Springs	826.00	5,406.00
Ridge Grove		
Rock Hill	296.00	2,092.00
Salem	108.38	335.86
Sand Ridge	1,111.19	7,081.74
Sardis	117.94	1,102.22
Sardis Ridge		
Scotts Hill	368.83	2,054.02
Southside		
Twin Oaks	274.60	1,704.77
Union	602.54	3,891.36
Union Grove	239.04	1,802.15
Wildersville	178.91	996.71
TOTALS	\$ 11,150.23	\$ 69,752.22

* multiple checks

Church News

BUNCHES CHAPEL - In June we visited with the residents of Linden Nursing Home. Larry Powers led the singing & Joy James played the piano. Bro. Terry brought a short message on the Goodness of God. Teni brought refreshments which everyone enjoyed. We thank everyone who came & look forward to the next visit. Terry Rhodes, pastor.

CALVARY - We had a great VBS with 65 children & 20 adults. Greg Stanford, pastor..

CUB CREEK HALL - We resumed our Sunday morning services at 11 am on July 13th with Bro. LaVaughn Moody preaching. The 4th Sunday, July 27th, will be led by Bro. Keith Dickson. August 2nd Bro. Doug Sanders will bring the Sun. message. Everyone is invited to all these services. We will continue to have services 1/2 time on the 2nd and 4th Sunday's each month with preacher &

deacons leading the services for us. All are invited to come & worship with us.

CHAPEL HILL - Our Wed. night fellowship meal continues to grow. "The Back-to School Bash" July 26th was a great success with hot dogs, water sports, & school supplies. Aug. 1st was High Attendance Day beginning with breakfast. The young adults are having rotating monthly fellowships. We are starting to collect school supplies for OCC. Please pray for the sick, our church, & our country. Tommy Smith, interim pastor.

DECATURVILLE, FBC - All are invited to our **Ladies Conference**. Theme: *"Love One Another"*, John 15:12. Date : August 9. Registration: 4 PM; Dinner: begins at 4:30 (tickets free but must have ticket for meal, note-only 160 tickets available). Worship: Free, begins at 6 PM. Speaker: Gaye Phillips from Henderson. Music: Emily Keeton For more information and tickets contact Lisa McCord - 731-

VBS REPORT

Total Enrollment:	1,698
Decisions For Christ:	31
Called to Church Service	5
Prospects Discovered:	280



Chapel Hill	Mt. Ararat	Sand Ridge
Corinth	Parsons, FBC	Twin Oaks
Decaturville, FBC	Pine Grove	Union
Flatwoods	Rock Hill	Union Grove

345-5265; Bro. Bobby McCord, 731-845-8419; or the church 731-852-4611. Bobby McCord, pastor

HOUSE OF WORSHIP - We have 2 join by baptism. Everyone enjoyed the fellowship meal. Please pray for our Pastor as he recovers from back surgery. Thanks to all the Pastors and speakers who have filled in for him. We held VBS July 21-25. Jeff Todd, pastor.

TWIN OAKS - We have had 3 people baptized in the last month. Come join us on August 10 for a morning of worship with the Barnett Family. Bobby Crowe. Pastor.

ELEVEN CONGREGATIONS SEEKING PASTORS

Barren Springs	FBC, Lexington
Bath Springs	Judson
Bear Creek	New Hope
Chapel Hill	Salem
Crossroads	Southside
Fellowship	

Operation Christmas Child Leadership Seminar

Sept. 6 @ 2 pm

Remember tax free weekend is a good time to buy box stuffers.

Collection week
Nov. 17 - 24

The Well

A worship service for the community will be 6:00 p.m., August 23, 2014, at the Civic Center.

BREAK THE MOLD
YOUTH DISCIPLE NOW
ISAIAH 64:8
NOVEMBER 13-16 AT FBC LEXINGTON

NOTE: NEW DATE ←

Check "Upcoming Events" on www.brweb.org for changes and additions

August

4 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Mike Thrower
11 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Dale Gravatt
12 R.G. Lee Class - Session 1
14 S. S. Regional Clinic at Savannah
16 Mission/Ministry Leader Training
18 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Paul Clark
12 R.G. Lee Class - Session 2
21 Executive Board
23 *The Well* Worship Service
25 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Jerry Jones
26 R.G. Lee Class - Session 3

September

1 No Pastors' Conf. - Labor Day
2 R.G. Lee Class - Session 4
6 OCC Leadership Seminar
8 Pastors' Conf. - Carlas Ballhagen
9 R.G. Lee Class - Session 5
15 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. J. Sprayberry
16 R.G. Lee Class - Session 6
19-20 Women's Prayer Retreat
22 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Randy Davis
23 R.G. Lee Class - Session 7
29 Pastors' Conf. -
30 R.G. Lee Class - Session 8

October

6 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Lewis Screws
7 R.G. Lee Class - Session
13 Pastors' Conf. -
17-19 R.A. Camporee

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Tidings

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