



The news has been filled this past week with promoting the homosexual agenda. With the help of five of the Justices on the Supreme Court this group took a major step forward in reaching their goals.

I have been asked several times for a comment on this issue. Let me make a few points.

One -- in America sinners have the right to be sinners. If we proclaim freedom of religion so we may worship as we choose, others have the right to disregard our faith and its teachings.

So our question is really how to we react to those who profess to be homosexual? One man asked what he should do if he saw two men holding hands in church.

Perhaps we should begin by reminding ourselves the same Scripture which condemns the practice of homosexuality, also condemns the practice of back-biting, lying, and a host of other sins. So we begin by deciding if we are without sin ourselves.

Then we move to loving those living together outside of marriage, those who drink, those who gossip, those who cause dissention in the body, and all the others.

Do we want homosexuals in positions of leadership? The answer is the same for those who promote self over God, or who practice dishonest business practices, or who knowingly sin without remorse.

Take a stand. Be clear on the Bible's teaching about all these issues. But be loving. Ranting on Facebook will not advance the kingdom. Declarations of war on immorality will not win souls. Be lovingly firm and pray. Remember God is in control.

Your co-laborer,  
*Bro. Mike T.*

## FINANCIAL ISSUES *facing churches & ministers*

What responsibilities does ObamaCare add to the Church Treasurer?

Are there any changes to the retirement program at Guidestone?

How are contribution reports to the members to be done?

Tennessee Baptist Convention personnel will answer these and other questions July 28, 2015, at 6:45 p.m. at the Resource Center. Pastors and Church Treasurers need to attend this important meeting.

### R. G. Lee Fall Session RGL 416 -- Major Prophets

The class will begin August 11 and continue for eight sessions. Cost will be \$85.00 (tuition) plus text book. Ministers, Deacons, Sunday School leaders, and other students of God's Word are all welcome.



## PASTORS AND VBS DIRECTORS

Please remember to send a report on your VBS even if you did not use *Lifeway* Curriculum.



## YOUTH REVIVAL

Hosted by  
Union Baptist Church  
July 10 & 11  
6:00 pm nightly

Associational  
Youth Director  
Ryan Keeton, preaching

Music led by  
Infinite Kings

All youth leaders are encouraged to bring the youth of your church.

## 2015 OCC COLLECTION WEEK

November 16-23  
Order now "go boxes" for your church at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) under the "pack a shoebox" tab.



## BALANCE SHEET

June 30, 2015

### General Budget

Initial Bal.	\$ 8,093.68
Church Rec.	11,545.36
Other Rec.	+ 1,753.67
	<u>21,392.71</u>
Expenses	- 9,339.05
<b>Budget Bal.</b>	<b>\$ 12,053.68</b>

### Other Funds

Designated	\$ 16,529.12
DOM Disc.	\$ 548.34
Missions Fd.	\$ 1,449.14
Contingency	\$ 14,024.40
Cent. Fund	Variable

### YTD Activity

Inc.	\$ 63,399.88
Exp.	<u>61,561.86</u>
<b>Bal.</b>	<b>\$ + 1,838.02</b>



### BIRTHDAYS

- 5 Varsha McMinn
  - 7 Peggy Wood
  - 10 Terrie Bromley
  - 12 Michael Penny
  - 17 Chris Hill
  - 18 Barbara Screws
  - 23 Patricia Bain
  - 23 Christopher Young
- ### ANNIVERSARIES
- 10 Adam & Lindsay Wood
  - 20 Mark & Donna Peterson
  - 22 Bob & Caroline Hull
  - 28 Gilbert & Jeane Cubbison
  - 31 Shelby & Jim Denison

## CHURCH RECEIPTS

(Jan. 1, 2015 — June 30, 2015)

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

CHURCH	MONTH	YTD
Barren Springs		750.00
Beacon	250.00	300.00
Bear Creek	97.11	496.92
Beech Lake		300.00
Bible Hill		660.00
Bunches Chapel	32.00	141.00
Calvary	305.94	1,518.41
Chapel Hill	71.56	429.88
Corinth	100.00	600.00
Crossroads		447.42
Cub Creek Hall		
Darden		
Decaturville, 1st	100.00	600.00
Fellowship		
Flatwoods		2,525.60
Hopewell	200.00	1,200.00
House of Wor.	127.28	655.01
Huron	916.15	1,186.87
Judson		200.00
Lexington, 1st	3,333.32	9,999.96
Mt. Ararat	421.06	2,693.77
Mt. Gilead	325.00	1,950.00
Mt. Zion	125.66	289.28
New Beech G.		300.00
New Hope		300.00
Parsons, 1st	520.00	3,330.00
Perryville, 1st	50.00	300.00
Pine Grove*	677.67	2,120.86
Poplar Springs	938.00	4,456.00
Ridge Grove		
Rock Hill	317.00	1,932.63
Salem		203.82
Sand Ridge	949.75	5,674.96
Sardis	106.01	747.29
Sardis Ridge		150.00
Scotts Hill	388.54	1,860.51
Southside		
Twin Oaks	203.00	1,465.08
Union	667.81	4,500.99
Union Grove	322.50	1,555.53
Wildersville		

**TOTALS** \$ 11,545.36 \$ 55,541.79

\* multiple checks

## Church News

**CALVARY** - Our VBS will be July 20 - 24 from 6 pm till 8 pm. Everyone is invited. Greg Stanford, pastor.

**CHAPEL HILL** - Our community wide meal every Wed. night is going well. In May we celebrated our mothers with roses. On May 23 & June 3 we had a Summer Blast VBS Registration with hamburgers & hot dogs. May 31 was Youth Sunday. June 8 - 12 was our VBS. The Friday Night Family Night was enjoyed by all. June 8 a yard/bake sale was held for a mission trip. June 14 our Community Servants, firemen, policemen, veterans, etc., were celebrated. There was a Kids swim party June 20. A children's program was presented June 21 to celebrate our fathers. Our homecoming/dinner on the ground was June 28. August event dates will be announced at a later time. They will include a yard/bake sale for a mission trip and a back to school bash. Tommy Smith, pastor.

**HOUSE OF WORSHIP** - Everyone is invited to attend our VBS July 13 - 17. It begins at 6:30 pm nightly. A bridal shower was held for 2 of our members whose wedding is coming up

soon. We honored our earthly fathers and our heavenly father on Father's Day. Our men and women have been busy with our visitation program reaching out to the community. Jeff Todd, pastor.

**PERRYVILLE** - The men cooked for the women on Valentine's Weekend. We had 21 youth attend YEC with 3 dedicating their life. A large crowd gathered at the river Easter Sun. for Sun Rise Service followed by a big breakfast at the church. We had a Spring Revival the last week of March. Our Mothers were honored in May as well as our Graduating Seniors. Our Youth have begun an outreach program. They witnessed to others at Sonic one night, visited the residents at the nursing home, & many more activities are planned for coming Sun. Nights. There was a big crowd for Homecoming June 7<sup>th</sup>. The Disciples conducted the morning Worship Service followed by a fellowship meal. We honored our Fathers on June 21<sup>st</sup> giving the biggest praise to our Father above. All are invited to attend VBS July 12 - 17 starting at 6 pm nightly. Friday Night will be Family Night. Rodney Hardin, pastor.

**UNION** - You are invited to our **YOUTH REVIVAL JULY 10<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 P. M.** The Preacher

will be Rev. Ryan Keaton from 1<sup>st</sup> Lexington, with worship being lead by Infinite Kings also from Lexington, 1<sup>st</sup>. Call Union's Youth Minister, Rev. James Biggers, at (731) 220-0097 or (731) 968-5787 for more information. Christopher Young, pastor.

**TWIN OAKS** - Bro. Ben Holney brought a wonderful message May 24<sup>th</sup>. The Walls family hosted a fun night for our congregation. Jeff Willis and his family brought a ministry of singing for us at our Homecoming. Bobby Crowe, pastor.

### NINE CONGREGATIONS SEEKING PASTORS

Barren Springs 1<sup>st</sup>, Lexington  
Bear Creek Mt. Zion  
Crossroads New Hope  
Cub Creek Hall Sardis Ridge  
Fellowship



STAFF NEWS  
Micah Philip Williams.  
Born June 11, 2015.  
Proud Grandparents: Mike & Frances Thrower

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

### July

3 Office Closed - Independence Day  
6 Pastors' Conf. - Adam Woods  
13 Pastors' Conf. - Lewis Screws  
20 Pastors' Conf. - Lynn Murphy  
23 Harvest Field 2 Meeting  
25 The Well Worship Service  
27 Pastors' Conf. - Chris Young  
28 Financial Seminar by TBC 6:45 pm

### August

3 Pastors' Conf. - Randy Pool  
10 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Samuel Oliver  
17 Pastors' Conf. -  
20 Executive Board @ Resource Center  
24 Pastors' Conf. -  
29 The Well Worship Service  
31 Pastors' Conf. -

### September

7 Office Closed - Labor Day  
14 Pastors' Conf. -  
18-19 Women's Prayer Retreat  
21 Pastors' Conf. -  
26 The Well Worship Service  
28 Pastors' Conf. -

### October

5 Pastors' Conf. -  
10 JAM @ FBC Bemis  
12 Pastors' Conf. -  
16-18 R.A. Camporee @ Linden Valley  
19 Annual Meeting @  
20 Annual Meeting @  
26 Pastors' Conf. -

### November

2 Pastors' Conf. -  
9 TBC Pastors' Conf.  
10 TBC Annual Summit  
11 TBC Annual Summit  
16 Pastors' Conf. -

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