



Have you ever been challenged by a pithy comment? You know what I mean. It is those short simple statements which take you deeper in thought. The Bible has a whole book of these. It is called "Proverbs."

Over the last few weeks I have heard men of God say some things that drive deeper thought. Think about the following comments. Dig deeper into what is being said. You might be blessed or you might be challenged.

**From a youth minister:**

I work with many youth who have been brought up in the church instead of being brought up in Christ.

**From a college president:**

We do not follow an elephant.  
We do not follow a donkey.  
We follow a lamb.

**Conference speaker:**

Satan wants to keep us so busy planning our lives, we never live our lives.

**An evangelist:**

A missionary is not one who crosses the sea -- but one who sees the cross.

**A television minister:**

Are your dreams bigger than your memories?

Take time to think on these things. Reread them and mediate on them. Let God speak to you through these thoughts. I believe you will gain insight from what the Holy Spirit says to you through them.

Your co-laborer,

*Bro. Mike T.*

**2015 Season of Prayer for Tennessee Missions**

**SERVE AS YOU'VE BEEN SERVED**

*"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve others and to give his life as a ransom for many."*

- Matthew 20:28



Just a reminder to the Church Clerks the Annual Church Profile is a valuable tool for assessing the ministry of your church. Please share this information with your congregation.

We need your ACP in the Resource Center by October 5 for inclusion in the Book of Reports for the Annual Meeting.

The Resource Center will be closed Monday, Sept. 7, for Labor Day.



**2015 OCC COLLECTION WEEK**

November 16-23

Last month you ordered you're the "go boxes" for your church at [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org).

This month shop the back to school sales for items appropriate for the ages you have chosen



**BALANCE SHEET**

**August 31, 2015**

**General Budget**

Initial Bal.	\$ 13,403.90
Church Rec.	10,178.60
Other Rec.	+ 1,218.67
	24,801.17
Expenses	- 10,325.73
<b>Budget Bal.</b>	<b>\$ 14,475.44</b>

**Other Funds**

Designated	\$ 19,136.80
DOM Disc.	\$ 1,186.31
Missions Fd.	\$ 2,087.12
Contingency	\$ 14,027.17
Cent. Fund	Variable

**YTD Activity**

<b>Inc.</b>	<b>\$ 85,957.78</b>
<b>Exp.</b>	<b>81,697.98</b>
<b>Bal.</b>	<b>\$ + 4,259.80</b>

**BIRTHDAYS**

- 7 Lindsay Wood
- 8 Danny Ray
- 10 Mark Smith
- 12 Donald Franks
- 15 Carol Burroughs
- 17 Gwen Penny
- 18 Shelby Denison
- 19 Natasha Varnick
- 21 Amanda McCormick
- 24 Doug Sanders
- 25 Sharon Phillips
- 25 Daron Brawley
- 26 Dustin Scott
- 28 Micah Renfroe
- 28 Michael Stanford
- 28 Frances Thrower

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- 10 Lain & Lynleigh Butler
- 12 Dustin & Kayla Scott
- 24 Mike & Frances Thrower
- 27 Jimmy & Janet Minor
- 29 Wilkey & Margie Jones

**CHURCH RECEIPTS**

(Jan. 1, 2015 — Aug. 31, 2015)

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

CHURCH	MONTH	YTD
Barren Springs		100.00
Beacon		750.00
Bear Creek	83.52	664.20
Beech Lake	100.00	400.00
Bible Hill	110.00	990.00
Bunches Chapel	26.00	192.00
Calvary	214.60	1,994.00
Chapel Hill	73.47	581.18
Corinth	100.00	800.00
Crossroads		701.01
Cub Creek Hall		
Darden		
Decaturville, 1 <sup>st</sup>	100.00	800.00
Fellowship		
Flatwoods	652.00	4,195.14
Hopewell	200.00	1,600.00
House of Wor.		770.23
Huron		1,186.87
Judson		300.00
Lexington, 1 <sup>st</sup> *	3,333.32	14,999.94
Mt. Ararat	315.89	3,547.52
Mt. Gilead	325.00	2,600.00
Mt. Zion	122.65	411.93
New Beech G.		450.00
New Hope		400.00
Parsons, 1 <sup>st</sup>	454.00	4207.00
Perryville, 1 <sup>st</sup>	50.00	400.00
Pine Grove	620.99	3,056.04
Poplar Springs	555.00	5,637.00
Ridge Grove		
Rock Hill	308.00	2,616.63
Salem		287.38
Sand Ridge	949.75	7,574.46
Sardis	137.10	1,138.03
Sardis Ridge		150.00
Scotts Hill	284.45	2,390.97
Southside		
Twin Oaks	231.85	2,129.58
Union	559.08	5,576.07
Union Grove	271.93	2,065.55
Wildersville		
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 10,178.60</b>	<b>\$ 75,662.73</b>

\* multiple checks

## Church News

**CALVARY** - We have baptized one. Our VBS was a great success. There were 41 children with 18 workers & helpers. An offering of \$100 was sent to the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home. We will have an Old Fashioned Day Sept. 13. We are getting everything ready for our OCC Shoebox Collection. Greg Stanford, pastor.

**CHAPEL HILL** - After our summer break our Wed. night meals have started back at 6 pm. The sign language class on Sun. night at 5 pm is going great. We have started an intense study of Revelation on Sun. night at 6 pm. A group from our church is going to Lamberts in Sept. The K-6 kids will be going to Bemis for JAM Oct. 15. We will begin packing shoeboxes on Sun. night Oct. 4 at 5 pm. Plans are in the works for a Hallow Him Festival on Oct. 31. Tommy Smith, pastor.

**HOUSE OF WORSHIP** - We had 4 baptized in July. Cottage House prayer was held the week before our revival. Everyone enjoyed our Homecoming. A good day was enjoyed by all who attended the morning service then lunch. Afterwards the Garner Family provided some wonderful music. Thanks to Bro.

Jonny Owens for preaching at our Revival. Jeff Todd, pastor.

**HURON** - We had a 1 day VBS. Everyone enjoyed it and seeds were sown. Homecoming is Sept 13 with the Labourers singing at 10am. Kyle Morris, pastor.

**NEW HOPE** - Eugene Tolley was presented a Service Award on Aug. 8. honoring his 50 plus years of faithfully teaching Sunday School. His faithfulness has touched the lives of many people who have sat before him as he taught the Word of God. Bobby Brown, Interim pastor.

**TWIN OAKS** - We will have a Gideon speaker Oct. 2. The trip to Chickasaw was a blessing. Jeremy presented the parables doing a great job. We invite you to join us if you are looking for a church home. Bobby Crowe, pastor.

**NEW HOPE** - Eugene Tolley was presented a Service Award on Aug. 8. honoring his 50 plus years of faithfully teaching Sunday School. His faithfulness has touched the lives of many people who have sat before him as he taught the Word of God. Bobby Brown, Interim pastor.

**TWIN OAKS** - We will have a Gideon speaker Oct. 2. The trip to Chickasaw was a blessing. Jeremy presented the parables doing a great job. We invite you to join us if you are looking for a church home. Bobby Crowe, pastor.

**See You  
At  
The Pole  
Sept. 23,  
2015**



# NO FEAR!



### SEVEN CONGREGATIONS SEEKING PASTORS

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



October 10, 2015  
FBC, Bemis, TN  
Grades 1-6  
Meet missionaries, learn  
of mission work, share in  
ministry events.

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

### September

1 R. G. Lee Fall Class, Session 4  
7 Office Closed - Labor Day  
14 Pastors' Conf. - Michael Ellis  
15 R. G. Lee Fall Class, Session 5  
18-19 Women's Prayer Retreat  
21 Pastors' Conf. - Jimmy Burroughs  
22 R. G. Lee Fall Class, Session 6  
23 **See You At The Pole**  
28 Pastors' Conf. - Charles Gentry  
29 R. G. Lee Fall Class, Session 7

### October

5 Pastors' Conf. - Hoyt Wilson  
6 R. G. Lee Fall Class, Session 8  
10 JAM @ FBC Bemis  
12 Pastors' Conf. - Terry Rhodes  
16-18 R.A. Camporee @ Linden Valley  
19 Annual Meeting @ Poplar Springs  
20 Annual Meeting @ Calvary  
26 Pastors' Conf. - David Phillips

### November

2 Pastors' Conf. - Randy Pool  
9 TBC Pastors' Conf.  
10 TBC Annual Summit  
11 TBC Annual Summit  
16-23 OCC Collection Week  
16 Pastors' Conf. -  
20-22 D'Now Weekend  
23 Pastors' Conf. -  
25 Thanksgiving Holiday  
26 Thanksgiving Holiday  
27 Thanksgiving Holiday  
30 Pastors' Conf. - David Evans (TBC)

### December

7 Pastors' Conf. -  
14 Pastors' Conf. -  
21 Pastors' Conf. -  
24 Christmas Holiday

USPS 628-88

Second Class Postage Paid

At Lexington, TN 38351

Postmaster: Send Changes to

Beech River Tidings

G. M. Thrower, Editor

Beech River Baptist Association

P. O. Box 498, 771 E. Church Street

Lexington, TN 38351

731-968-7071

brbarc@netease.net

September, 2015 ~ Volume 50 ~ Number 09

The **TIDINGS**  
Of Beech River Baptist Association

