



In 1956 Dr. E., E. Deusner, then Pastor of First Baptist Church, Lexington, said these words in an address to the people of our area.

“It is perfectly clear to any person who has studied the New Testament that the Churches were independent, self-governing, autonomous, democratic bodies. At the same time there can be no doubt that among these New Testament churches there was established and maintained a vital community of interest.”

Following the New Testament example of independent churches cooperating with one another, Baptist Associations have continued the God inspired vision of Brothers working together.

Dr. Steve Holt, recently reminded Tennessee Baptists of the fact Holston Baptist Association in the Johnson City area was well established and functioning even before Tennessee was admitted to the Union.

Today churches in 67 Associations across Tennessee serve the Lord with voluntary cooperation and combined strength. As the Lord reminds us in Ecclesiastes 4:12, “A threefold cord is not quickly broken.”

Let us be this cord of three (or more) for our area. Together we can stand firm for the glory of the one true Lord.

Join with us as we celebrate God’s gift of the Association to us. Pray for our work and support us as we seek to labor together for God.

Your co-laborer,

*Bro. Mike T.*



## CHURCH SECURITY INFORMATION MEETING

Tuesday, May 10, 2016  
6:30 at First Baptist, Lexington

Rev. Micah Renfroe has worked with a church security consultant and Sheriff Brian Duke to put together a meeting on the topic of church security.

This meeting will be on the subject of church security in the context of recognition for possible threats, suspicious activity, active threats and action plans.

You are encouraged to attend and to bring with you some lay leaders from your congregation.



**R. G. Lee Center**  
Union University Administration has closed all but three of the R. G. Lee Centers. The Beech River Center was one of the ones closed. We will no longer be able to offer classes for credit through Union University.



Our Moderator encourages you to attend the next **Executive Board** Thursday **May 19, 7:00 p.m.** at the Resource Center.



## BALANCE SHEET

April 30, 2016  
General Budget

Initial Bal. \$ 10,432.90  
Church Rec. 13,973.96  
Other Rec. + 1,898.69  
26,305.55  
Expenses - 10,632.16  
Budget Bal. \$ 15,673.39

### Other Funds

Designated \$ 17,714.85  
DOM Disc. \$ 936.47  
Missions Fd. \$ 460.52  
Contingency \$ 14,038.36  
Cent. Fund Variable

### YTD Activity

Inc. \$ 47,084.14  
Exp. 41,873.86  
Bal. \$ + 5,210.28

### BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Charles Brewer
- 1 Mark Brewer
- 7 Shirley Brewer
- 11 Wilkey Jones
- 12 Bobby Crowe
- 12 Lori Runyon
- 13 Mark Peterson
- 18 Jim Denison
- 28 Terry Rhodes
- 31 Jeane Cubbison

### ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Damon & Jamie Brawley
- 10 Mark & Freda Smith
- 11 Bobby & Diane Crowe
- 14 Jerry & Jonnie Jones
- 20 Tracy & Amanda McCormick
- 27 Scott & Lyndi King
- 28 Guy & Charleen Dickson
- 28 Michael & Gawn Penny
- 28 Terry & Tena Rhodes

## CHURCH RECEIPTS

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

CHURCH	MONTH	YTD
Barren Springs		
Beacon	250.00	500.00
Bear Creek	121.74	474.37
Beech Lake *	100.00	300.00
Bible Hill	110.00	330.00
Bunches Chapel	29.00	83.00
Calvary	208.13	884.04
Chapel Hill	69.38	312.82
Corinth	100.00	400.00
Crossroads	271.75	531.40
Cub Creek Hall		
Darden		
Decaturville, 1st	100.00	400.00
Fellowship		
Flatwoods	601.47	2,325.64
Hopewell	200.00	800.00
House of Wor.	518.63	825.43
Huron		821.64
Judson		100.00
Lexington, 1st *	3,333.32	8,333.30
Mt. Ararat	389.61	1,544.47
Mt. Gilead	800.00	2,586.00
Mt. Zion		158.09
New Beech G.	150.00	300.00
New Hope	100.00	200.00
Parsons, 1st	468.00	2,203.30
Perryville, 1st	50.00	200.00
Pine Grove	260.10	1,146.51
Poplar Springs *	1,874.00	2,444.00
Ridge Grove		
Rock Hill	355.00	1,486.60
Salem	100.07	198.94
Sand Ridge	1,002.19	4,008.76
Sardis	132.99	542.70
Sardis Ridge		150.00
Scotts Hill *	710.52	1,528.91
Southside		
Twin Oaks	216.81	947.17
Union *	1,351.25	3,249.22
Union Grove		490.68
Wildersville		700.00
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 13,973.96</b>	<b>\$ 41,506.99</b>

\* multiple checks

## Church News

**HOUSE OF WORSHIP** - We had 2 new members. Everyone enjoyed our potluck fellowship meal. The quarterly business meeting was held April 20. The ladies had their monthly meeting. For movie night "The Passion of Christ" was shown. Please pray for the sick, elderly, and grief stricken. Jeff Todd, Pastor

**TWIN OAKS** - The Barnett's did a very uplifting job singing for us on April 3. Our homecoming will be June 26. Master Call will be singing. VBS will be July 10 - 14. The Living Truth will be singing Oct. 23 at 11am. Bobby Crowe, Pastor.

**Congratulations BRBA Children And Youth Bible Drillers All advanced to the State Level.**

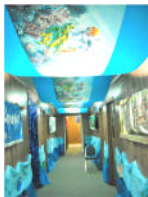
**CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL**



**youth**  
make friends



## Vacation Bible School Clinic



## EIGHT CONGREGATIONS SEEKING PASTORS

Barren Springs	Mt. Ararat
Calvary	Salem
Crossroads	Sardis Ridge
Fellowship	Rock Hill

## Calendar

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

### May

2 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. G. Cubbison  
 5 National Day of Prayer  
 8 **Mother's Day**  
 9 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Clay Hallmark  
 16 Pastors' Conf. - Daniel Jordan  
 19 Executive Board  
 23 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Hoyt Wilson  
 25-27 DOM Retreat  
 30 No Pastors' Conf. - Memorial Day

### June

6 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Adam Woods  
 13 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Jimmy Burroughs  
 19 **Father's Day**  
 20 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Kevin Bromley  
 27 Pastors' Conf. - Bro. Charles Gentry

### July

4 No Pastors' Cf. - Independence Day  
 11 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Randy Davis  
 18 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. J. Chumney  
 25 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Lewis Screws

### August

1 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Randy Pool  
 8 Pastors' Conf. - Bro. Randy Crowe  
 15 Pastors' Conf. -  
 18 Executive Board at Resource Center  
 20 Mission/Ministry Tng. @ FBC Lex.  
 22 Pastors' Conf. -  
 29 Pastors' Conf. -

### September

5 No Pastors' Conf. - Labor Day  
 12 Pastors' Conf. -  
 19 Pastors' Conf. -  
 26 Pastors' Conf. -  
 29 **Sunday School Clinic** -

### October

3 Pastors' Conf. -  
 8 **JAM** at FBC, Humboldt  
 10 Pastors' Conf. -  
 14-16 R.A. Camporee  
 17 Annual Meeting at Rock Hill Baptist  
 18 Annual Meeting at Scotts Hill Baptist  
 19 Office Closed-Annual Day of Recovery  
 24 Pastors' Conf. -  
 31 Pastors' Conf. -

### November

7 Pastors' Conf. -  
 14 No Pastors' Conf. - TBC Summit  
 15 TBC Summit in Sevierville  
 16 TBC Summit in Sevierville  
 21 Pastors' Conf. -  
 23-25 Office Closed - Thanksgiving  
 28 Pastors' Conf. -

### December

5 Pastors' Conf. -  
 12 Pastors' Conf. -  
 19 Pastors' Conf. -  
 26 Pastors' Conf. -

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