



On a recent television program about the Smithsonian Institute, the question was asked what was - in the opinion of that person - the most unusual exhibit there. The response was immediate.

She said there are two slide rules on exhibit. (Our younger readers will have to look up "slide rule" in the dictionary.) The slide rules are identical. They are made by the same manufacturer and are even the same model. Both were used in the space race of the 1950's and 60's. The only difference is one was used by Werner Von Braun for the United States and the other by Sergei Korolev for the Soviet Union.

It is a reminder to each of us. Our possessions are morally neutral. We can use them for good or for evil. We can use them to edify or to do something less noble. The decision is not the possessions to make, it is the owner's choice.

Likewise with our lives. God has given us life and the stewardship of that life. It is up to us to chose how to most wisely use our life.

*For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*  
Ephesians 2:10

When we come to the end of our earthly time, what will the verdict be? Will the remembrance be of a life wasted. Will the verdict be "Well done, thy good and faithful servant."

The choice is ours to make.  
Your co-laborer,

*Bro. Mike T.*



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CLINIC

Rock Hill Baptist Church  
6:30 — 9:00 p.m.  
September 29, 2016

Conferences Include:

- ◆ Pastors and Directors—Mark Miller
- ◆ Adult Leaders — Joseph Brasher
- ◆ Student Leaders — Brue Edwards
- ◆ Children's Leaders — Vicki Hulsey
- ◆ Preschool Leaders — Donna Blaydes

All Pastors and Sunday School Workers are encouraged to attend .



Please up date your contact list for the Director of Missions. The new e-mail is — [brbadom@gmail.com](mailto:brbadom@gmail.com)



### BRAT REPORT

We are pleased to report the Navajo Council has approved the installation of the water meter. A trip will be made shortly to do the work necessary for this project. Funds will be needed to help with the cost of the water line and septic systems. Checks may be made to BRBA and marked for Arizona work.



### BALANCE SHEET

Aug. 31, 2016  
General Budget

Initial Bal.	\$ 14,168.54
Church Rec.	12,079.32
Other Rec.	+ 1,220.45
	<u>27,468.31</u>
Expenses	- 10,485.86
<b>Budget Bal.</b>	<b>\$ 16,982.45</b>

#### Other Funds

Designated	\$ 17,473.52
DOM Disc.	\$ 834.14
Missions Fd.	\$ 460.52
Contingency	\$ 14,043.56
Cent. Fund	Variable

#### YTD Activity

Inc.	\$ 89,353.40
Exp.	<u>82,834.07</u>
<b>Bal.</b>	<b>\$ + 6,519.34</b>

#### BIRTHDAYS

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

#### ANNIVERSARIES

10 Lain & Lynleigh Butler
12 Dustin & Kayla Scott
27 Jimmy & Janet Minor
29 Wilkey & Margie Jones

### CHURCH RECEIPTS

(Jan. 1, 2016 — Aug. 31, 2016)  
Thank you. Our Churches are our Association's primary source of income.

CHURCH	MONTH	YTD
Barren Springs		00.00
Beacon		750.00
Bear Creek	191.16	1,106.52
Beech Lake		300.00
Bible Hill *	220.00	880.00
Bunches Chapel	29.00	205.00
Calvary *	414.38	1,682.16
Chapel Hill	86.36	590.22
Corinth	100.00	800.00
Crossroads		938.62
Cub Creek Hall		00.00
Darden		00.00
Decaturville, 1st	100.00	800.00
Fellowship		00.00
Flatwoods	545.34	4,613.71
Hopewell	200.00	1,600.00
House of Wor.	363.24	2,272.18
Huron		1,170.25
Judson		300.00
Lexington, 1st *	3,333.32	14,999.94
Mt. Ararat	495.50	3,474.28
Mt. Gilead	913.00	5,908.00
Mt. Zion	152.52	463.54
New Beech G.	150.00	450.00
New Hope	100.00	400.00
Parsons, 1st	473.00	4,084.30
Perryville, 1st	50.00	400.00
Pine Grove	453.10	2,662.24
Poplar Springs	737.00	4,350.00
Ridge Grove		00.00
Rock Hill	309.28	2,814.88
Salem		282.79
Sand Ridge	1,002.19	8,017.52
Sardis	198.30	1,175.25
Sardis Ridge		150.00
Scotts Hill	411.95	2,674.26
Southside		00.00
Twin Oaks	222.90	2,064.82
Union	727.78	5,226.40
Union Grove		490.68
Wildersville		700.00

**TOTALS**      \$ 12,079.32      \$ 78,897.56

\* multiple checks

## Church News

**BEAR CREEK** - The church will have *Jordan's Shore* in concert at 6 p.m. of October 2. Adam Wood, Pastor

**BEACON** - We had VBS during July with 1 saved & baptized into church fellowship. Our Aug. Revival had a different speaker & special singing nightly. It was a great time in the Lord that everyone enjoyed. Our Wednesday night group has enjoyed an activity every other month with a trip to the dairy bar, the city park, and game night. The group will be going to watch the movie *Greater* on August 31<sup>st</sup> at Lexington. The entire church will begin a Sunday evening Bible study based on the movie *God's Not Dead 2* on Sunday nights in September along with a sermon series in the morning service. Come worship with us at Beacon. Johnny Owens, pastor.

**CALVARY** - Our July VBS had a total enrollment of 109. Friday Family Night activities included fun, food and the presentation of certificates. We participated in the Back To School event at the Decatur Fairgrounds. Calvary gave out over 200 Kleenex & candy grams saying "Don't be a Dum-Dum, be a Smartie!". Aug. 14<sup>th</sup> Rev. Mike Rhodes, former Pastor, brought a baby dedication message/service for his great nephew, Parker Lee Parrish, so of Nick &

Mallory Parrish. A dual celebration welcoming Bro. Jesse & Carliee McKee & a back to school cookout for all youth & children. Everyone enjoyed the burgers, hot dogs, & watermelon. School supplies were passed out to all kids present. We will be feeding the Riverside Football Team the Friday night before their 1st home game. Please continue to pray for us as we search for a Pastor.

**CHAPEL HILL** - Chapel Hill is looking for a Music Leader and a Pianist to lead music for Sunday morning and Sunday evening Worship services. Please contact Rev. Tommy Smith at 731-431-7449. Tommy Smith, pastor.

**HOUSE OF WORSHIP** - Bro Zack Todd was ordained as associate pastor in an ordination service with Bro Jimmy Burroughs preaching the charge. We had a baptism service for one of the attendees who was saved during VBS. Cottage House prayer week was held Aug 22-26, 2016. Homecoming was Aug 28 with revival service Aug 29-31. Thanks to Bro McLaurin for holding our revival services. The ladies held a back to school pajama party for the girls and back to school gift baskets were presented to them.

Jeff Todd, Pastor.

**LEXINGTON 1<sup>st</sup>** - Corey Bingham is our new Ex. Board Member,

Clay Hallmark, pastor.

**SARDIS RIDGE** - Bro. Wendell Birchett is our new pastor as of July 2016. We held two fund raisers where the men of the church barbecued hogs and sold it by the pound to raise money for a new van for the church. We are now the proud owners of a van which is being utilized every week by the youth of the church and even an adult trip. Over the summer, we have conducted two different baptisms at the Tennessee River and will be having another one in the near future. In the past few weeks five youth have been saved, with one of them being saved during a weekend youth retreat at Camp Linden the first week-end in August. Wendell Birchett, pastor.

A group of church members went to Jackson recently to enjoy a night filled with blessings of "Jackson Sings the Gospel. The church invites everyone to come and visit Sardis Ridge. We would love to have you in our family!

*Wendell Birchett, pastor.*

**TWIN OAKS** - Our VBS was a highlight for us. We averaged 60 each night. Open Mic Night was Aug. 10. There was lots of good singing and reading of God's Word. October 23 Living Truth will be singing in the AM service. Bobby Crowe, pastor.

### FIVE CONGREGATIONS SEEKING PASTORS

Barren Springs Fellowship  
Calvary Mt. Ararat  
Crossroads

## Calendar

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

### September

5 No Pastors' Conf. - Labor Day  
12 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Chris Young  
19 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. J. Sprayberry  
26 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Marty Comer  
29 **Sunday School Clinic** - Rock Hill

### October

3 Pastors' Conf. - Rev. Micah Renfroe  
8 **JAM** at FBC, Humboldt  
10 Pastors' Conf. - Dr. Richard Bray  
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. -  
14-21 **OCC Shoebox Collection Week**  
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. -

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