



The Beacon

July, 2018

FREEDOM IS NOT FREE

The 4th of July always brings to my mind all the wars that our country has been involved in and all the human sacrifices that have been made to keep this great country free. On this Independence Day, I want to thank all those who have served and those who are presently serving in various branches of military to maintain our freedom and our way of life.

There is another form of freedom that comes to my mind. That is the freedom granted to all of those who believe in the ultimate sacrifice that God made for us by allowing His only begotten son to be crucified over 2000 years ago. His sacrifice made the way that we could be free from all sin. I believe there are many, which sometimes includes me, that are saved but not totally free. We have some harbored sin. A sin that we don't feel comfortable talking to anyone about, not even our pastor. This sin may or may not be some immoral sin that causes us shame, but it is a sin that causes us not to feel completely free in our Lord. James 4:17 says it best, "He who knows to do good and don't do it, it is a sin." (paraphrased)

You know whether you are harboring a sin or what we sometimes call a short coming. I had a deacon to tell me that our short comings were sins too. I happen to agree. We may think that harbored sin is an insignificant sin, but until it is dealt with, you nor can I experience the freedom that we should as we relate to our savior. We can discover our short comings or sins as we pray and get into God's word. I want to know mine, don't you?

Praying for you and hoping you are praying for me.

Leroy

The JCBA Office will be closed July 2-6, 2018

Have a Happy and Safe 4th of July



JCBA FINANCIAL INFORMATION, October-1, 2017-May, 2018

INCOME

| Church | Receipts October –2017- May, 2018 |
|----------------------------|---|
| Antioch | 800.00 |
| Beaver Creek | 1,013.79 |
| Bethel Mission | 500.00 |
| Buffalo Grove | 1,020.41 |
| Central Heights | 400.00 |
| Dandridge First | 10,300.00 |
| Deep Springs | 1,415.29 |
| Dumplin | 2,539.79 |
| East Ridge | 459.00 |
| Emmanuel | 254.50 |
| Flat Gap | 503.00 |
| French Broad | 3,207.00 |
| Good Hope | 623.83 |
| Holston Memorial | 1,815.16 |
| Living Water | .00 |
| Mansfield Gap | 336.51 |
| Mill Springs | 300.00 |
| Mountain View | .00 |
| Mullins Chapel | .00 |
| Nance’s Grove | .00 |
| New Hope | 305.61 |
| New Market | 4,113.90 |
| Nina | 1,933.00 |
| Oak Hills | 333.32 |
| Piedmont | 2,939.70 |
| Pleasant Grove | .00 |
| Pleasant Grove P. | 2,075.77 |
| Rocky Valley | 2,368.25 |
| Strawberry Plains First | 2,916.65 |
| Swann’s Chapel | 1,750.00 |

INCOME

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| Talbott | 3,867.00 |
| White Pine First | 2,333.32 |
| Individual Receipts | 985.00 |
| Evangelism | 1,568.60 |
| Missions | 3,000.00 |
| RA Campout | 320.00 |
| TBMB | 7,038.00 |
| WMU | 337.00 |
| Conf/Convention | 874.02 |
| Non-Budgeted | 696.50 |
| Gift to Sartain | 100.00 |
| Block Party | 400.00 |
| Disaster Relief | 40.00 |
| Building Fund | <u>300.00</u> |
| Total Receipts October–1, 2017, May, 2018 | 66,083.92 |

***Preparation for Our
100th Year
Celebration!***

The Jefferson County Baptist Association will be celebrating 100 years in 2019. We have an Arrangements Committee in place and they are working on planning the celebration for 2019. In the following months we will be asking our churches for help with some things in preparation for this celebration. We hope all of our churches will get involved in this meeting and celebrate what the Lord has done over the last 100 years.! We are so excited and look forward to a good celebration! You will be hearing more about what is being planned, in the next few months.

***Calendar of Events
July, 2018***

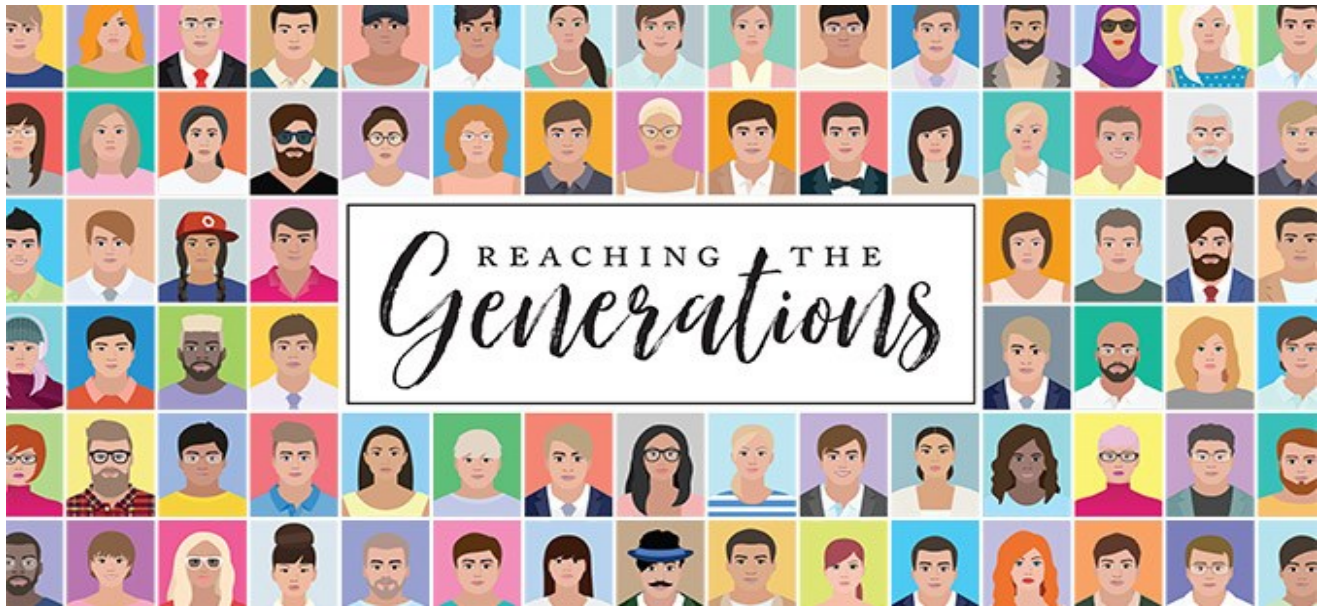
- 2-6 JCBA Office Closed for July 4th.
- 9 JCBA Council Mtg. Assoc. Office
1:00 PM
- 10 WMU Leadership Team Mtg.
Assoc. Office—5:30 PM
- 12 WMU Leaders Mtg. –Kim’s House
6:30 PM
- 16 JCBA Executive Board Mtg. French
Broad Bapt. 5:30 PM

Ministry Opportunity

For JCBA Churches: If you would like to provide a pre-game meal for the Jefferson County Football Team, at your church or at the high school, please contact Kristi Whillock at **865-387-4250**

***Churches Needed to host
Executive Board Meetings in
2019***

If your church would be willing to host one of our Executive Board meetings in 2019, please give us a call at **865-475-1453**. The meetings will be held in January, April, July, and October. The hosting church will be responsible for the bread, drinks, and the eating utensils. The meetings usually begin at 5:30 PM.



Sunday School Training Event

Monday, August 27, 2018– Manley Baptist Church, Morristown

Plenary Sessions and Breakouts on GenZ, Millennials, Busters and Boomers

Conference for pastors and staff, directors and coordinators, adult, youth, children, and preschool teachers and leaders.

Contact Mark Miller (mmiller@tnbaptist.org) for further information.

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2018 Operation Christmas Child Kick Off!
August 16, 2018
New Market Baptist Church
Registration begins at 6:30, program at 7:00 PM
Full Circle Speaker: Hermann Finch

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2 Rev. John Pinkston Buffalo Grove
4 Mrs. Amy Neal Piedmont
9 Ms. Becky McCray FBC, Dandridge
11 Rev. Bob Neal Piedmont
12 Rev. Allen Smith New Hope
21 Mrs. Leslie Pate Bethel Mission
24 Mrs. Amy Walker Flat Gap
26 Rev. Brian Osborne —FBC, White Pine

15 Rev. & Mrs. Don Bowery Beaver Creek
25 Rev. & Mrs. Gabriel Walker Flat Gap

Prayer Needs

Please be in prayer for the association, our state convention and the Southern Baptist Convention, as we struggle in these troubling times, and for our two churches without pastors, Deep Springs, and FBC, Strawberry Plains.