

Where does time go? The year is halfway over, and the heat of summer is upon us. I hope you are enjoying the summer time and staying cool, at least there is not snow on the ground and it bitterly cold. I find people amazing and the fact that some people are never happy or satisfied. In the winter they complain about it being too cold, (which last winter was more so than most). Then when it becomes summer, they complain about the heat. The Lord has given us the seasons for a reason; to me it's so we can enjoy watching how He has so intricately programmed every cell in every thing! How can people watch nature and say there is no God? To me it helps to point you toward Him! Thank you for your help with the needs of the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home, and remember, they are always in need! Also, remember to clip and save Box Tops for our schools.

**A Recent Thank You We Received**

“Mere words don't express the gratitude we have for the wheelchair ramp you guys built for us. It has really come in handy during this time of illness. You did a wonderful job building it. Not only does it work great, but also looks great. Many people have complimented you for doing such a great job. I know that God will bless you many times over for your ministry. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts.”

- Resident, Operation Reaching Out

**July Birthdays**

10<sup>th</sup> Milton Knox, Dayton First  
20<sup>th</sup> Paul Mitchell, High Point  
29<sup>th</sup> Danny Carter, Central

**July Church Anniversaries**

2003 David Haynes, Lake Drive  
2012 Barry Purser, Clear Creek

**July Wedding Anniversaries**

4<sup>th</sup> David and Rhonda Haynes, Lake Drive  
7<sup>th</sup> Shane and Alison Johnston, Ogden



**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

- 7/2 TVBA Office Closed for Independence Day
- 7/4 Independence Day Holiday
- 7/14 TVBA Executive Board, Assoc. Office, 7 p.m.
- 7/19 SBC LoveLoud Sunday
- 8/2 SBC Social Issues Sunday
- 8/3-4 Send North America Conference, Nashville

**TVBA July Vacation Bible School Dates**

Central Baptist Church, July 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 p.m.  
High Point Baptist Church, July 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.  
Mercy Missionary Baptist Church, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.  
Pilgrim's Rest Baptist Church, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m.  
Smyrna Baptist Church, July 19<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.

**Reminder to VBS Directors:** Please submit your Church Summary Report to the Association Office.



**Annual Community Free Yard Sale**

Fri., July 24<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
Sat., July 25<sup>th</sup> 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Please share this information with those who are in need. If you would like to donate, articles of clothing and shoes in all sizes may be brought to the Faith Building (gym) at New Union on Sat. morning, July 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 - 12:00. The church is located at 4060 Double S Road in Dayton.



Early bird registration deadline of \$50 per person is July 6<sup>th</sup>. For more information, visit [www.tnworshipandmusic.org](http://www.tnworshipandmusic.org).

**TVBA NEWS**

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**Pulpit Supply List**

**Minute with Mike**

**TVBA Financial Report for June 2015**

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**TBC Guatemala Youth Mission Trip, June 4-11, 2016**  
The team will partner with local churches to do Bible stories, crafts, sports, and outreach in local schools. Registration Deadline is November 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Heather Beard for additional details at [hbeard@tnbaptist.org](mailto:hbeard@tnbaptist.org).

Recently in my devotional reading I came upon one of my heroes. His whole story is in Judges 3:31 along with a brief mention in Judges 5:6. His delivery of Israel by an unusual weapon, an ox goad, and a body count is the extent of his story. His story is not told in detail as Gideon’s and Samson’s stories in Judges are. The word used here translated as “ox goad” appears nowhere else and is a translator’s best guess. The brief story raises many questions in my mind. Did he slay the Philistines all at once or a few at a time? Were the Philistines an invading army or were they unwanted settlers? What were the details? What did the story mean? What practical lessons can be so far removed from this brief story to apply in our daily lives? For me, it illustrates my philosophy of ministry. For years I thought it was original with me until I found out that President Theodore Roosevelt said it first. This ministry philosophy of mine has three elements which are illustrated in Shamgar’s story. The first is that you do what you can. It is easy to begin listing what I cannot do or at least do well. I can, however, do some things and do some things well. I should concentrate on those. God has not called or equipped me to do some things. Kindergarten teachers are also some of my heroes. The second is that you should do what you can where you are. At least start where you are. I am reminded of this often when I see examples of churches doing ministry elsewhere and neglect the same needs at home. Jesus said to begin in our Jerusalem. The third is that you do what you can where you are with what you have. This is where Shamgar comes in. He used what he had and delivered Israel with an ox goad. God asked Moses on Mt. Sinai what he had, a shepherd’s staff. Jesus asked his disciples what they had when He fed the 5,000 men and their families. God can take, use, and bless what you have if it is given to Him. It is so easy to talk about what we do not have or who we are not. God wants you and what you have to use in His service. I believe that Shamgar was an early believer in my ministry philosophy. I hope that you will join us and make this your philosophy of ministry also.

*Mike Young, D Min.,* Associational Director of Missions

CHURCHES	MONTH	YEAR
Bethel	\$147.64	\$864.38
Central	\$778.10	\$6,451.62
Clear Creek	\$352.20	\$1,960.40
Concord Union	\$150.00	\$900.00
Cranmore Cove	\$0.00	\$1,090.49
Dayton First	\$416.68	\$2,907.41
Garrison	\$0.00	\$100.00
Grandview	\$40.00	\$240.00
Graysville First	\$50.00	\$250.00
High Point	\$64.00	\$406.00
Lake Drive	\$556.18	\$1,994.72
Mercy Missionary	\$75.00	\$450.00
Mt. Vernon	\$100.00	\$600.00
Mt. Zion	\$112.76	\$465.41
New Union	\$300.00	\$2,300.00
Ogden	\$200.00	\$1,200.00
Old Washington	\$200.00	\$1,200.00
Pilgrim’s Rest	\$300.00	\$600.00
Saint Clair	\$202.51	\$951.18
Sale Creek First	\$185.00	\$1,110.00
Salem	\$239.00	\$1,300.03
Smyrna	\$249.00	\$1,053.00
Spring City First	\$909.06	\$6,093.53
TBC Supplement	\$1,345.00	\$8,070.00
Union Fork	\$50.00	\$300.00
Walden’s Ridge	\$626.00	\$3,213.00
Wolf Creek	\$1,088.00	\$5,721.00
Yellow Creek	\$181.40	\$1,077.96
Total Received for June:	\$8,917.53	
Total Expenses for June:	\$9,330.13	
Ending Month Balance:	\$19,032.32	

