

# CHILHOWEE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION ADVANCING HEALTHY PASTORS, CHURCHES AND COMMUNITIES

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## Points of Interest

**141st Annual  
Meeting  
Oct. 16  
Calvary  
Baptist, Alcoa**

All CBA Pastors/  
wives are invited.  
RSVP for meal re-  
quired. See details in  
next newsletter.

## Taking Ministry Partnerships to a new level !

During the 2023 Annual Meeting Chilhowee Baptist adopted a new Vision, Mission, and Strategy to assist our churches in accomplishing the Great Commission. This year we have seen two “first” for the CBA. In August we will see our first Re-plant church begin services in the old Rockford Baptist Church. Members of the old Rockford church and members called out from Broadway Baptist Church have been meeting, praying and preparing for the launch of **ROCKFORD FELLOWSHIP CHURCH** on August 10th.

The other “first” for the CBA is the sponsorship of a Church Plant in Avila, Spain. This new church **Iglesia Bautista Buen Pastor** in Avila, along with its parent church in Buen Pastor in Madrid will be sending a fulltime pastor to Avila to lead this growing congregation. Chilhowee Baptist are committing to help support this pastor and his family as they move to Avila and establish their home there. We are asking churches, SS classes, and individuals to pledge a monthly contributions of \$10, \$25, \$50, \$75, \$100, \$200, \$300 or more. CBA will continue to send mission teams to assist this new church with community out reach and discipleship. Our next trip is being planned for mid summer 2026. All gifts to this partnership should be designated to the Avila Partnership and sent to the CBA office. Contact Jim Snyder for more information.



The Chilhowee Baptist Vision is to see “**Every Church taking all the gospel to every community**” We CAN accomplish this through God’s power working through His churches in partnership.

Pictured form L to R - Steve Marlin IMB, Pastor George Sanchez, and Jim Snyder

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**WEEKLY**

## Bridget Cox, Marble Hill Baptist

This time of year is so exciting for me. It is also full of wonderful memories of my childhood. You are probably thinking it is because of being out of school for the summer but it really is because of Vacation Bible School. My Mamaw, Georgia Patty, was the Principal of VBS at Marble Hill Baptist Church for as long as I can remember. I can still smell the red and purple Kool-Aid that was served with 2 cookies. And let's not forget the world best VBS game ... Red Rover! (Which I am pretty sure is outlawed by now.) So many memories and I treasure each and every one.

As time has passed, many things have changed. We are in a different building. We are able to feed the kids that come through a warm meal. We do rotations throughout the VBS instead of staying in one classroom and doing crafts, Bible, and music in the same room. However, throughout it all, one thing has stayed consistent... the love of Jesus that is poured into the life of each child.

All of our childhood VBS memories are extremely cherished. Our whole family taught and learned in that little church beside the road. And even now, with us grown and in other churches, we get the privilege of sharing the Gospel that our Mamaw and Papaw Patty instilled in us. And that has us working hard for the kingdom of God. We are on a mission. Not in a foreign country but in our own backyards.

Marble Hill still continues the 2 weeks of VBS. It is fast paced but at every station that a kid attends JESUS is there, waiting with laughter, a smile, a cookie, music and dancing, but most importantly with the precious gift of SALVATION. If, through the love of Christ, we can lead one child (or adult) to salvation I am forever blessed to be part of VBS. VBS isn't just playing or babysitting... it is a time kids can hear, see, feel, touch, & learn to love Jesus & hopefully accept Him as their Savior. NOW...are you ready to accept your mission?

## BIBLICAL COUNSELING — PASTOR STEVE HODGES

Dr. Steve Hodges is a state certified professional counselor with over forty years of experience serving Blount County and the surrounding area. Steve's many specialties include marriage counseling, family therapy, addiction, depression, post-abortion depression, pre-marital counseling, and a host of other spiritual issues. Dr. Hodges will see clients at the Chilhowee Baptist Association Office, 341 E. Lincoln Rd. Alcoa TN 37701 . Call 865.382.2582.



## BAPTIST CENTER

SPIRITUAL SERVICES	NO. OF SOULS
Shared Jesus the Word of God	375
PHYSICAL SERVICES	NO. OF FAMILIES
Blankets	5
Food	(632 Adults, 401 Child, 205 Seniors) 396
Clothing	140
Toiletries	363
Cleaning supplies	368
New Clients	172 individuals 51 families



We are extremely blessed to have been able to share the word of God with 375 souls for the months of April and May. About 97% of the clients, we have shared the Word of God with have been led to come receive a gospel message as they wait for their food order to be filled. Please pray for all those that we share the gospel with specifically, for them to believe so the word of God will be efficacious. I shared with a young lady and did not realize how much the message touched her. She used an experience for a physical example of a spiritual truth. I use the two-fold nature of man which is body and soul to emphasize the importance and to make people aware of the needs of the soul. When I share the origin dictates what the body and soul needs for life and show how the body came from the earth and needs the things of the earth to sustain life; the soul came from God and needs the things of God which is the Spirit/word of God. Just as the deprivation of air, water, and food is an affliction to the body; the deprivation of the Spirit/word of God is an affliction to the soul. Well, the next time she came in to get food as I was sharing with her I noticed that she was listening to me really intently. I commented on it after I got done sharing with her and she let me know that she had an eating disorder and almost died from it last year. When I compared the body and soul as being afflicted without the things they need for life she said she could really relate to the deprivation of her soul. She stated that she started studying her bible and was currently attending church again. God is Blessing this Ministry through His Word.

The Baptist Center is still in need of ongoing donations toward toiletries and cleaning supplies. Thanks to all of you who realize this need and out of compassion for the less fortunate you are steadfastly continuing to support this need. Clients who are on EBT and Snap for food assistance cannot use these benefits for toiletries and cleaning supplies. Also, we are still needing volunteers, to include homeschooled, college students and stay at home parents that may be able to volunteer a few hours a week. Please contact Pauronica or Michael Buchanan by email: pbuchanan@cblive.org. We are continuing to make improvements to the Baptist Center to ensure it is up kept.

Matt. 4:4 But he answered and said, it is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God. In Christ, Michael & Pauronica Buchanan 865.981.2992.

**\*Upcoming Events:** We will be collecting new blankets of all sizes during the month of Oct. and collecting food for Our Annual Christmas Celebration during the months Oct. & Nov.

**Churches to bring toiletries and cleaning supplies in Aug.:** Providence, Forest Hill, Happy Valley, Hillcrest, Prospect, Rocky Branch. **Churches to bring toiletries & cleaning supplies in Sept:** Stock Creek, Everett Hills, Kinzel Springs, Miller's Cove, Old Piney Grove, Piney Grove, and Six Mile. **Churches to bring Toiletries/cleaning supplies in Oct.** Alcoa First, Calvary, Central Alcoa, East Alcoa, Meadow Brook.

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## Avila, Spain Mid-Summer 2026

Sports Evangelism

Conversational English Camp

Vacation Bible School

Family Discipleship



Our Teams will be working with our partnership church plant in Avila Spain, Iglesia Bautista Buen Pastor, Avila

Nine day trip! Approximate Cost \$2,750.

Hotel Lodging and sightseeing opportunities in Avila, Segovia, and Madrid. See p. 1 for pastor support.

## Church News

Oak Street is seeking an interim music director. Contact Mark 865.773.6243 markoakst@gmail.com.

East Maryville is seeking a dedicated ministry assistant. Resume/cover letter to hr@embc.us.

Broadway. 8/16 Embrace Foster/Adoptive event. Speakers: Laura West & adopted daughter, Maleka, of Blind Faith. Lunch provided. See page 8 for details/registration.

Dotson Golf Tournament. Aug. 8. Egwani Farms, Rockford. Registration 8am, Tee Time 9am. 4 Man Scramble. Mission Maryville & Play 2:7 Ministries Fundraiser. Church office 865.984-9240.

Forest Hill. 7/26. Annual rummage sale. 1850 Forest Hill Road 865.982.8632.

Bethel is searching for a Spirit-led, musically gifted, part time Minister of Music. Submit resume, cover letter, audio/video samples of your worship leadership to bethelbaptisttownsend@gmail.com.

**OCT 16** SAVE THE DATE

**141st CBA Annual Meeting @** Calvary Baptist, Alcoa. See details in the next CBA newsletter. RSVP for meal required.

## Thailand Mission Trip

Dates for 2026

January 8—19

APROXOMATE COST  
\$2,500



Our Team will work along side of the Tawipon Church with a Community Day, English Camp, and daily community service outreach.



Go to [www.cbalive.org](http://www.cbalive.org) for more Information and registration form

Or email Jim Snyder

[jimsnyder@cbalive.org](mailto:jimsnyder@cbalive.org)





# NEWSLETTER

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## Directed Paths

As I sit here two and half weeks into true summer camp

I ponder over what the Lord is doing. Is this season what I had hoped, expected, planned? No, for those that know I'll spare the details, for those that don't know please feel free to reach out to me and I'd love to chat about how the summer is going, but all that to say "man plans his steps, but God directs his path"

Though things have not gone as planned we still see the Lord working through the fun, and the intentional time to get to know each of these kids to be able to bring and show them the love of Jesus. From day one to just a couple weeks later watching the staff grow and the kids grow and this place become a place where they have found belonging a place where they can be the person He has made to be. Has been truly a sight to behold and thank the Lord for.

Jesus said, He came to give life and life abundantly. So far I can say even though its not what I had thought or expected this statement still rings very true.

Kids playing  
in the creek  
area



## Summer Happenings

Some of the activities the kids have been loving this summer are the creek we have recently cleared and are working on clearing more of. We also are looking to add a mud kitchen and some other play things down to the creek so if you are looking to partner in any way this would be a great one donating an old kitchen items and utensils, lumber to build the kitchen and and other activity items.

A few other things we have grown in are our adventure and resident camp programs we have added resident camp and revamped adventure camp to create more activities in the evenings and we do a campfire each night with silly songs, 3-4 worship songs and a short talk or message about our theme "The Purpose of Mankind".

This is all just the beginning of what the Lord wants to do with this place, these kids and staff, in His right timing. If you want to know more or would like to partner with us on this journey please feel free to reach out to myself (Noah) or Haylee and we would love to tell you more about what the Lord is doing at Camp Tipton and how you can lock arms with us and be used as a vessel for the Lord here at camp.

Evening  
Campfire talk  
at the  
Amphitheater



Www.camptipton.org  
For donations, volunteer opportunities, and further questions contact:  
Noah 865.257.2288/931.854.7502

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**GOSPEL FAMILY SUMMIT**

with Dr. Jonathan Williams

Cultivate Family Discipleship, Family Worship,  
and Family Missions in Your Home

**Friday Aug. 1** 6 - 9 pm

**Saturday Aug. 2** 9 am - Noon

East Maryville Baptist Church - 1150 Brown School Road, Maryville, TN

**This is a FREE event but registration is required.**



Dr. Jonathan Williams received his PhD in Family Ministry & Biblical Counseling through the School of Education at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary where he now teaches as an Adjunct Professor. Learn more about Jonathan at [www.GospelFamily.org](http://www.GospelFamily.org)

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## CHARM



Summer 2025 is upon us, and it seems that the summers come quicker each year. We are so thankful for the mission teams that come and serve in the campgrounds to be the hands and feet of Jesus. We always kick off the Saturday before Memorial Day at Big Meadow Campground helping them celebrate their campground Anniversary. Mountain-Town Baptist in Eljay, Georgia helps with games and popcorn. MountainTown kicks our campground missions off in the KOA Memorial Day week and they bring such enthusiasm to the campground. We have campers who book that week to camp because this team is so lively. Not only do they minister in the campgrounds they prayer walk, they made cards for the motel ministry for Kathy Myers to give out on Sundays. Ice cream, children's books and Bibles were given out at the IGA three days. Some of the men tore the old deck off the house Charm recently purchased and built a new one. It is so nice. We are so grateful for their help in repairing it.

First Baptist Elizabethton sent a ladies group to visit the motel workers with Kathy Myers and give out Ice Cream at the IGA The ladies were shocked at how many people came up and asked if you would pray for them and whenever that happened the ladies stopped and prayed God works. Even with a cup of ice cream. Smithfield First Baptist served in the Little Arrow Campground. Many of you know Chad Ramsey who was pastor in the Chilhowee Baptist Association for a while. Chad leads his team with enthusiasm also. They also do anything that is ask of them. We did not have a team at the KOA and Chad sent some of his young people with an adult down to lead a team there. Some of his group went down to Camp Tipton and worked after Day Camp and some of the men went to the Charm house and cut some trees and did some weed eating. They also participated in prayer walking and Ice Cream giveaway at the IGA. We are so thankful for the teams that come and serve. It is a busy week for all the teams but when they come to serve it can be such a blessing for them.

We continue with the monthly food giveaways. Some of the teams are available to pack boxes for us on Fridays for the Saturday giveaways. It has truly been a blessing to get to know the community of Townsend through this ministry.

Kathy Myers is still leading the Motel Ministry on Sundays. Prayers are lifted up for many workers and families. A Bible story is given out each week along with snacks and water. Recently we had a student graduate with her GED through Charm Ministry. We are thankful that Julie works so hard with our students. We ask that you pray for Julie as she has recently been diagnosed with cancer and will start treatment soon.

Lastly, we look forward to the rest of the summer and see how God continues to work. We ask that you pray for Charm and the many people who we can share with this summer.

In His Name, Steve and Sandra Monroe, Mark 10:45, 865.300.8827 865.385.4968

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Please bring water & snacks (Examples: Little Debbie's, individual potato chips/crackers, size 13x9 brownie mix) to the CBA office for Kathy Myers. This is a great opportunity to help Kathy & her team reach out to the motel workers. CBA office normally open Mon.—Thur. Call 865.982.0499. Thanks, Lisa Snyder

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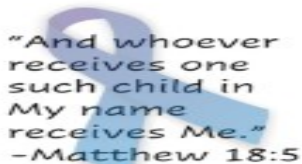
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## Embrace Foster and Adoptive Event of Blount County

  
"And whoever  
receives one  
such child in  
My name  
receives Me."  
-Matthew 18:5

**August 16, 2025  
9 am to 3 pm**

Broadway Baptist Church  
2329 East Broadway  
Maryville, TN 37804

- ♦ **Speakers:** Laura West and adopted daughter, Maleka, of Blind Faith



- ◇ Discussion panel (foster parents/DCS/ former foster child)
- ◇ Booths with resource agencies

**This event is free to attend, but please register by August 10.**  
**[bbcmaryville.org/events](http://bbcmaryville.org/events)**



Coffee and Danishes will be served at 9, and lunch is provided.

