

We have recently been on vacation of which we took two of our grandchildren with us and visited all the National Parks in Nevada, Arizona, and Western California (around Nevada). Even though the area is much different from here, it is amazing at the care the Lord took upon creation in providing different colors to the mountains and sand. It is also amazing at how He preserved the trees in the Petrified Forest so that they are still able to tell a story of their own. It was also interesting at how the temperatures vary in Death Valley, from the upper 70's at the mountain areas of Death Valley to 107 degrees at sea level. It just shows how vastly different one part of the country is from another. Then I think about how different each one of us are and how God made each of us different, but yet how He wants us to all get along and share the news of Jesus! Coming up in September is the Golden Offering. Remember some of this offering comes back to the Association Office, so let's all try to give something for the State Missions offering. Also, remember to collect Box Tops!


The **Women's Care Center** Walk for Life is on September 12<sup>th</sup>, and the Color Run will be on October 31<sup>st</sup>. To find out more, visit <http://www.rheaofhopefriends.org/events.html>. Additional information on these upcoming events will be included in the September and October newsletters and posted on our website soon under Current Events. Make plans now to support this vital ministry by walking, running, pledging to sponsor, or volunteering to serve.



**August Birthdays**  
15<sup>th</sup> Samuel Olsen, Concord Union

**August Church Anniversaries**  
2003 Danny Carter, Central  
2005 Brian Price, Spring City First


**August Wedding Anniversaries**  
14<sup>th</sup> Barry and Melinda Walls, Salem  
28<sup>th</sup> Samuel and Judy Olsen, Concord Union  
31<sup>st</sup> Clyde and Joyce Fitzgerald, Yellow Creek, Interim






**Upcoming Dates to Remember**


- 8/6 First Day of School (Dayton City School)
- 8/7 First Day of School (Rhea County Schools)
- 8/9 SBC Student Evangelism Day
- 8/10 Finance Comm. Meeting, TVBA Office, 10 a.m.
- 8/13 First Day of School (Hamilton County Schools)
- 8/17 Nominating Comm. Meeting, TVBA Office 10 a.m.
- 8/20-21 TBC Associational Secretaries Conf., Nashville
- 8/23-29 SBC Worship Music Week
- 9/1 Exec. Board Meeting/Dinner, TVBA Office, 6:30 p.m.



**Praying For Our Local Schools** 

Our local schools are at the heart of our community, and they play a vital role in educating, impacting, influencing, and shaping the lives of children. In this day and age, those within our schools need our prayers more than ever, and we are encouraging our churches to take the time to lift them up on a daily basis throughout the 2015-2016 school year.

Visit the Current Events page of the TVBA website to access our prayer guide and view suggestions for other ways our churches can minister to and serve our schools. Copies of the prayer guide were recently distributed to our pastors and are also available at the TVBA Office.



Mountain View United Methodist Church facilitates **Recovery at Dayton** on Thursday evenings from 6:00-9:30 p.m. and is now hosting **Narcotics Anonymous** Wednesday evenings from 8:00-9:00 p.m. We encourage you to consider partnering with these ministries through volunteering to serve and referring anyone in need of help and accountability to these groups. For more info, visit [www.recoveryatdayton.com](http://www.recoveryatdayton.com) or contact Pastor Chad Holtz at [mvumcpastor@gmail.com](mailto:mvumcpastor@gmail.com) or 423-331-0639.



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## Minute with Mike

In July part of my family and I spent a week of vacation in part of the great American desert in the Southwest in Arizona, California, and Nevada. It included Las Vegas, Death Valley, Grand Canyon, Route 66, Meteor Crater, Petrified Forest, and other state and national monuments and parks. During the week we drove over 2,000 miles always in the desert. Occasionally, I would notice a green area with much larger Mesquite trees and Joshua trees. I would remark to Sandra that there is water there. It reminded me that the world even with its beauty, and even the desert is beautiful in its own way, is a spiritual desert. Its inhabitants are looking for the living water that Jesus told the Samaritan woman about as the desert life seeks the green oasis. The local church should be that for the believer and unbeliever, a place to find spiritual living water. I asked myself as I was in the desert if our churches here are such places. Do believers and non-believers find the life giving water that Jesus promised to cleanse them and to grow them as disciples? Are they places to find spiritual food from the Word to sustain them as they live and work in the desert around them? Is your church an oasis in the desert? I have heard it said all of my life that evangelism is simply one thirsty man telling another thirsty man where to find water.

Continue to pray for our seven churches seeking pastors. They are Clear Creek, Mercy Missionary, Old Washington, Pilgrim's Rest, Saint Clair, Sale Creek First, and Yellow Creek. Mt Zion has called Andy Miles as pastor. Welcome, Brother Andy!

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

### Due Date Reminders:

VBS Church Summary Reports and Annual Church Profiles are due to the Association Office by Tuesday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. If you have any questions in regards to either of these, check with Jill by email at [secretary@tvbap.org](mailto:secretary@tvbap.org) or call 775-6192.

## TVBA Financial Report for July 2015

| CHURCHES          | MONTH      | YEAR       |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Bethel            | \$131.36   | \$995.74   |
| Central           | \$527.74   | \$6,979.36 |
| Clear Creek       | \$322.60   | \$2,283.00 |
| Concord Union     | \$0.00     | \$900.00   |
| Cranmore Cove     | \$293.25   | \$1,383.74 |
| Dayton First      | \$529.15   | \$3,436.56 |
| Garrison          | \$50.00    | \$150.00   |
| Grandview         | \$40.00    | \$280.00   |
| Graysville First  | \$50.00    | \$300.00   |
| High Point        | \$55.00    | \$461.00   |
| Lake Drive        | \$361.82   | \$2,356.54 |
| Mercy Missionary  | \$75.00    | \$525.00   |
| Mt. Vernon        | \$100.00   | \$700.00   |
| Mt. Zion          | \$61.83    | \$527.24   |
| New Union         | \$300.00   | \$2,600.00 |
| Ogden             | \$200.00   | \$1,400.00 |
| Old Washington    | \$200.00   | \$1,400.00 |
| Pilgrim's Rest    | \$0.00     | \$600.00   |
| Saint Clair       | \$153.82   | \$1,105.00 |
| Sale Creek First  | \$185.00   | \$1,295.00 |
| Salem             | \$214.47   | \$1,514.50 |
| Smyrna            | \$174.00   | \$1,227.00 |
| Spring City First | \$1,098.73 | \$7,192.26 |
| TBC Supplement    | \$1,345.00 | \$9,415.00 |
| Union Fork        | \$50.00    | \$350.00   |
| Walden's Ridge    | \$640.00   | \$3,853.00 |
| Wolf Creek        | \$1,054.00 | \$6,775.00 |
| Yellow Creek      | \$123.73   | \$1,201.69 |

Total Received for July: \$8,336.50

Total Expenses for July: \$10,318.38

Ending Month Balance: \$17,050.44

