

From the desk of....

J. David Pittman, Director of Missions

Janice and I would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to express our appreciation for all of the cards, letter, phone calls and flowers sent expressing your love and appreciation for us during these difficult times. Your love and support mean more than you could ever know.

Things in the association continue to go extremely well. The budget receipts continue to come in at a good pace. This shows faithfulness from the churches to the continued ministry of this association.

Two people that may have gone unnoticed during this time are Tim Fisher and Brenda Hopper. I want to express my extreme gratitude to both of them for making sure things worked smoothly during my absence.

We are moving forward in our plans to purchase property for our new association building. While we have no definite news at this time we request prayers for this process, which is progressing nicely at this point.

Continue to life Janice and myself up in your prayers. We know God has a plan and a purpose for all of this in His work.

Love, David and Janice

Tim's Notes

Over the years God has blessed me with the opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through the use of slight of hand, tricks and small illusions. I have had the privilege of sharing the gospel to children all over North America by using these means. No, I definitely am not the greatest magician in the world and in fact I'm nothing compare to what you might see on TV or in clubs.

But I love sharing the Gospel with kids using this method. I guess it brings out the child in this almost 50 year old body. One of the tricks I am known for is called Living Water. It was given to me by my brother about 25 years ago and because of that it has great sentimental value. In this trick I tell the story of the woman at well as found in John 4:1-26. Jesus describes himself as Living Water a well that never runs dry. In verse 14 Jesus says, Whoever drinks from the water that I will give him will never get thirsty again – ever! In fact, the water I will give him will become a well of water springing up within him for eternal life. Isn't that an awesome promise?

In the small illusion that I perform, I take an old copper vase and continuously pour water out without the vase ever running dry. All the kids are in awe and afterwards they come to me and say, "how did you do that?" I politely say, "I just don't know." You see my trick is an illusion, it is deception. Your eyes deceive you and make you think you see me continuously pour water out, but in reality I am not. I'm so glad that my Lord never deceives me and that I can always trust him, always know that He will love me, always know that He will forgive me and always know that He is my Father in Heaven.

Sure times in your life can be tough but God's love for you never changes, His love never stops, His love is a well of water springing up everyday and eternally. You see God is Living Water a well that never runs dry.

Go for the goal.

September Calendar of Events

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| September 17 | Senior Adults, New Vision |
| September 19 | Pastors Coffee, Riverdale – 8:30 AM |
| September 26 | Pastors Coffee, River Rock – 8:30 AM |



A door of opportunity has opened for the churches in our association. MTSU Athletics has asked the middle Tennessee churches of the Tennessee Baptist Convention to take over what traditionally has been called Faith and Family day at a football game. This year the event will be called Blue Raider KidFEST and will be held on Saturday, October 6 at the MTSU vs. Virginia Cavaliers game. The game will begin at 6:00 pm. Activities for the KidFEST will begin at 2:00 pm at the new Blue Raider Track and Field Complex on Greenland Drive. All types of fun including inflatables, free food, giveaways, games galore, music, face painting and other fun activities will be available. It will be an awesome day and a wonderful gift to our community, sharing Christ through a fun and creative way.

Your help is needed! If you have any questions or would like to be involved, please contact Tim Fisher at 890-6409 or 542-4261. You may also find more information by visiting www.blueraiderkidfest.com.

**Annual Meeting
Monday, October 15
Calvary Baptist Church**

The first session will begin at 4:00 pm and the second one will begin at 7:00 pm. There will be a fellowship meal in between the sessions. The cost will be \$5.00 per person and reservations will be required. Please let us know by Monday, October 8 if you plan to attend the meal. For further information check our web site: www.concordassociation.org.

From Brenda's Desk

It has recently come to my attention that several of our pastors are coping with health problems. Please add them to your prayer list along with continued prayers for David and Janice. Those that I am aware of include Ross Maroney, Stones River, Brian Harrell, Harvest View, Ken Sharp, Patterson and Dave Shelly, Westwood. If there are others please let me know.

Clerks: By now you should have received your 2007 ACP. If you have not done so please check with your pastor or church office. They may have received it if I did not have your address. If you should need another copy or have questions contact me at the association office at 890-6409.