



# The Messenger

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## **Our Churches**

Barren Plains  
 Battle Creek  
 Bethel  
 Bethlehem  
 Cedar Hill  
 Center Point  
 Cherry Mound  
 Coopertown Community  
 Cross Roads  
 Eastland Heights  
 Ebenezer  
 Epiphany (Mission)  
 Flewellyn  
 Grace, Pleasant View  
 Grace, Springfield  
 Greenbrier, First  
 Hopewell  
 Lighthouse  
 Lights Chapel  
 Mt. Carmel  
 North Springfield  
 Oak Grove  
 Oakland  
 Orlanda  
 Pleasant Hill  
 Pleasant View, First  
 Red River  
 Ridgetop, First  
 Rock Springs  
 Solid Rock  
 Springfield  
 Springhill  
 Temple  
 White House, First  
 Williams Chapel

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

A family of churches working together in equipping and encouraging one another in fulfilling the Great Commission



**KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE**

Community  
Awareness  
Event

**FREE  
TO  
THE  
PUBLIC**

**For All Parents, Grandparents & Children  
(12 YEARS –ADULTS) CHOOSE THREE SESSIONS  
SPECIAL CLASS FOR CHILDREN UNDER 12 ON SAFETY**

**Saturday— September 8—1:00-4:30PM  
Springfield Baptist Church**

*400 North Main Street, Springfield*  
(Enter through the fellowship hall doors in the back of the building)

## **ISSUES TO BE ADDRESSED!**

<b>Bullying</b>	<b>Teenage Depression &amp; Suicide</b>
<b>Internet Dangers</b>	<b>Prescription Drug Display</b>
<b>Human Trafficking</b>	<b>Meet Springfield Police Chief</b>
<b>Gangs</b>	<b>Meet Robertson Co. Sheriff</b>
<b>Question &amp; Answer Time During Each Session</b>	

**ALL CONFERENCES LED BY TRAINED PROFESSIONALS.**

If you have any questions, call 384-8197.

## Remembering Richard (Dick) Franklin Adkinson



On July 25, Brother Dick Adkinson, went home to be with the Lord. Brother Dick was 83 years old. For 63 years, he faithfully served as a preacher of the Gospel. For the last six years, until his passing, Brother Dick was the pastor of Lights Chapel Baptist Church. During his tenure the church grew in number and strength. For example, in 2009, the church had 19 additions, 9 by baptism. These additions came during a difficult time when he was loosing his eyesight. The next year the church had 14 additions. These additions came during a difficult time when, in addition to his worsening eyesight, his wife Marilyn was fighting cancer. About 17 month ago, after 60 years of marriage, Brother Dick lost Mrs. Marilyn.

Lights Chapel deserves high praise for how well the church took care of its pastor. After Mrs. Marilyn's homecoming, the church, continued to take meals to the house, take care of Brother Dick, providing transportation wherever he needed to go, doctor, hospital, visiting people in homes and hospitals. Whatever he needed they provided. I personally saw members carrying him food and when he was too weak to eat or take care of himself, the church fed him and did the most humble tasks without a negative word or sign of fatigue. Every time I have commended them for the wonderful, faithful way they have ministered to their pastor, their response has always been something like, "We could not do anything different; He showed us how to love." What a legacy!

What can a minister do that helps teach others how to love others, as God has loved us? Recently, I saw a minister who met Brother Dick over 35 years ago. The minister said, "You have lost the greatest minister I have known."

What helped make Brother Dick an effective servant of God?

- 1) He gave himself to Jesus. First, he put his faith in Jesus, as his personal Savior. Second, he followed Jesus' call for him to be a minister of the Gospel.
- 2) He remained faithfully committed to God's call on his life.
- 3) He was a lifelong learner. He continued to study God's word. At the funeral home, Sidney (Sid) his 85-year-old brother said, "I can no longer call Dick to explain the Greek and Hebrew to me. I am going to have to find someone else." "Wow!" What a testimony to Brother Dick's lifelong commitment to learning.
- 4) He truly cared about people. He really cared about the church. He truly cared more about others than he cared about himself.
- 5) He had a vision for the work of the church and how the church is to respond to others.
- 6) He was trustworthy. You could trust what he taught. You could trust his example. You could trust him.
- 7) He was positive. He was an encourager. Despite loosing four sons, he and Mrs. Marilyn continued to be positive. Despite loosing Mrs. Marilyn, Brother Dick remained a positive encourager to others. His life and example teaches the rest of us how to live by God's expectations.

May his tribe increase!

**Dr. Robert E. Tyson, Sr.**

"...we worked night and day, laboring and toiling so that we would not be a burden to any of you."



2 Thessalonians 3:8  
**SEPTEMBER 3, 2012**

## Ministers' Conference Begins Again

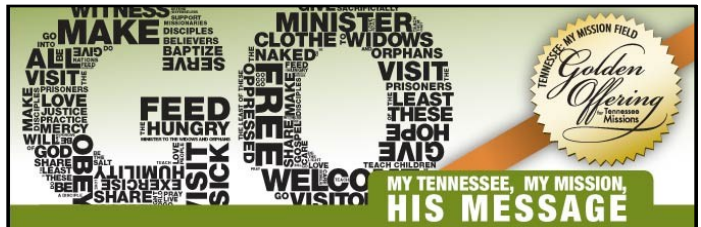
(First Tuesday of each month)

**September 4, 2012—8:00AM**

Conference Room, RCBA Office

Program: Dr. Roger Freeman, NAMB

Topic: The Importance of Genesis 1-11



**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS & GOLDEN OFFERING FOR TENNESSEE MISSIONS**

**Suggested Dates: September 9-16, 2012**



## Don't Miss the Barbecue!

### BAPTIST MEN

**September 11—6:30PM**

Bell School House Pavilion

Highway 41 N, Adams, TN

Speaker: Rev. Phil Lawrence

Bring a lost friend, neighbor or family member.



## BOYS & MEN'S CAMP OUT

**September 14 & 15**

Coldstream Christian Camp, Adams

Contact Person: Jeff Garst 654-4245



Be A Part of the  
National Movement!  
**SEPTEMBER 16, 2012**

Join 10,000 churches to invite  
America back to church.



## CHURCH NEWS

**GRACE BAPTIST, PLEASANT VIEW** is looking for a worship leader. This is a part time position. Please send resumes to Clay King, 276 Dixie Lane or email to rev777@bellsouth.net We offer a blended service so there is something for all. We are excited about who God will send to lead the music portion of services here!

**HOPEWELL** is looking for a part-time **Youth Minister**. Please contact marvwall@aol.com or call 615-384-3622.

**LIGHTS CHAPEL** Be in much prayer for Lights Chapel in the death of their beloved pastor, Rev. Richard Adkinson. He was such a blessing to all those who knew him. He served our Lord in the ministry for 63 years. Keep them in your prayers as they seek a new pastor.

**NORTH SPRINGFIELD** is seeking a **Minster of Youth**. Call 384-3686.

**PLEASANT VIEW, FIRST** is seeking a **Music Director**. The position is part-time and the salary range is \$12,000 to \$15,000 and would prefer a college degree. Interested person can send questions and resumes to Lee Yuill at lee.yuill@capellahealth.com.

**SOLID ROCK** is seeking a part-time **Minister of Youth**. Call 372-4352.

**THANK YOU** to Battle Creek, Bethel, Bethlehem, Cherry Mound, Cross Roads, Ebenezer, Grace, Springfield, Hopewell, North Springfield, Orlinda, Pleasant Hill, Ridgetop First, Springfield, & Temple, for sending in your **VBS Reports**. Remind your VBS Director if you do not see your church name on this list.

Church Receipts	July	Oct.-July
Barren Plains	167.85	2,025.18
Battle Creek	200.00	2,000.00
Bethel	559.50	8,038.43
Bethlehem	350.00	3,500.00
Cedar Hill	1,496.94	17,255.97
Center Point	227.00	3,008.00
Cherry Mound	200.00	2,000.00
Coopertown	638.74	4,864.25
Cross Roads	312.42	2,074.66
Eastland Heights	329.30	4,253.09
Ebenezer	400.00	4,000.00
Epiphany Mission	300.00	2,100.00
Flewellyn	487.75	5,821.95
Grace Pleasant View	315.94	4,348.19
Grace, Springfield	1,678.07	15,821.25
Greenbrier, First	602.36	7,142.26
Hopewell	3,081.00	12,324.00
Lighthouse	99.56	1,439.34
Lights Chapel	260.00	2,680.51
Mt. Carmel	333.34	5,189.59
North Springfield	610.16	6,712.18
Oak Grove	452.58	4,949.57
Oakland	278.36	3,073.35
Orlinda	338.82	4,368.83
Pleasant Hill	204.30	2,769.06
Pleasant View, First	296.56	2,865.85
Red River	127.40	1,598.13
Ridgetop, First	210.51	2,129.34
Rock Springs	1,970.73	18,715.22
Solid Rock	155.67	1,732.70
Springfield	1,327.69	16,088.33
Springhill	137.91	1,518.75
Temple	1,497.14	16,856.19
White House, First	0	100.00
Williams Chapel	212.35	2,328.39
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,859.95</b>	<b>195,692.56</b>

GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH and RCBA PRESENTS

**FRANCESCA  
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**FREE CONCERT**

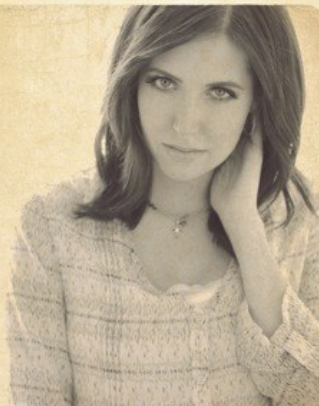
HUNDRED MORE YEARS TOUR

September 23rd  
At The Center

[www.gbcspringfield.org](http://www.gbcspringfield.org)

**SIDEWALK  
PROPHETS**

ANDY CHERRY CITY HARBOR



**SEE YOU AT THE POLE YOUTH RALLY**

**Sunday Evening—September 23—6:00PM**

**Location: THE CENTER**

(401 North Main Street, Springfield)

Contact: Johnny McCartney, Associational Youth Director (384-3393)

*Awaken*  
For this cause I bow my  
knees unto the Father  
Ephesians 3:14-21

See You at The Pole  
Global Day of Student Prayer  
Wednesday—September 26, 2012



## LOOKING AHEAD!

October 2	Minister Conference, Conference Room, RCBA 8:00 AM
October 16	Missions Development Council Meeting, Conference Room, RCBA 6:00 PM
October 22	Association Annual Meeting, Red River Baptist Church 7:00 PM
October 23	Association Annual Meeting, First Baptist Church in Pleasant View 4:00 & 7:00 PM

# PEACE


in the Midst

## Women's Prayer Retreat

September 21-22, 2012

First Baptist Church, Humboldt, Tennessee

**Jean Roberson, Birmingham, AL** - Featured Speaker Director of Christian Women's Job Corps®/Christian Men's Job Corps® and International Initiatives<sup>sm</sup> & Ministry Consultant for National WMU.





You are cordially invited to join us for our 2012 Tennessee Fall Library Training  
 Celebrating 50 Years of Ministry...with a Servant's Heart

**Saturday, September 22, 2012 • 8:00AM-4:00PM**

**Crievewood Baptist Church, Nashville**

**615.832.5968**

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**Dr. Robert E. Tyson, Sr., Director of Missions**  
**Kay Woods, Ministry Assistant**  
**Amy Witt, Part-Time Ministry Assistant**  
**Beth McCaw, MTS, LCSW—Counselor**  
**Counselor's Hours: Tuesday-11:00AM - 8:00PM**  
**Thursday-8:30AM - 1:30PM**  
**(Call 384.8197 for appointments)**

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**The deadline is the 15th of each month for the newsletter.**