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10th Annual Community Christmas Concert
Thursday, Dec. 11th 7pm
1st Baptist Church, Etowah
 Etowah Town Band, Central Harmony, Central Guitar Class, First Baptist Children's Choir, Music Club Ensemble
FREE ADMISSION
 Bring non-perishable food items for Wesley Memorial UMC Food Pantry
 Your donations will be greatly appreciated

Friday, December 5, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

LOCAL & AREA NEWS

- ◆ **COMMUNITY NEWS YOU CAN USE**
- ✓ The Englewood Christmas Parade will be tonight at 6:30. The Decatur Christmas Parade will be Sunday afternoon at 3.
- ✓ The Athens Optimist Club raised \$607 in an auction of items from the historic St. Andrews Golf Club in Scotland Thursday morning. The money will go to a local family with a child suffering from cancer.
- ✓ The Board of Directors of the Tennessee Municipal League have approved the appointment of the new Athens mayor, Ann Davis, to be the organization's 3rd vice president.
- ✓ The Athens Parks Department has extended registration for the 2014-2015 Fundamental Basketball League through Friday, December 19th.
- ✓ Athens City Middle School will host a "Feed My Starving Children" mobile pack event next April. During the event, 500 volunteers will be packing 100,000 meals to be distributed to children in need around the globe. Each meal costs 22-cents. ACMS students are currently in the process of raising \$22,000. Next Thursday, Dec. 11, students and local talent will be performing in a "Christmas Cabaret." Tickets are \$5.00, with proceeds going to buy meals.

NATIONAL AND WORLD NEWS

- ◆ An investigation by the U.S. Justice Department has found the Cleveland, Ohio, Police Department systematically engages in excessive use of force against civilians. The investigation began in March 2013. It carries added weight after an incident last month when a Cleveland police officer shot and killed a 12-year-old boy who was carrying what turned out to be a toy gun on a playground.
- ◆ A gas station in Oklahoma City has become the first in the nation to charge less than \$2 for a gallon of gas. Industry analysts say look for \$2 gas soon in Texas, Missouri, and South Carolina.
- ◆ **STATE NEWS HEADLINES**
- ✓ Governor Bill Haslam says he is pondering a proposal to raise the gasoline tax in Tennessee. Gas prices have been falling, and some people say this may be a good time to look at boosting the gas tax to help with road projects. Tennessee's gasoline tax has not been raised in 25 years.
- ✓ In Washington, DC, the House has passed legislation allowing people who live in Tennessee and other states with no state income tax to deduct their state and local sales taxes on their federal tax returns. The measure would be a retroactive one-year extension of the tax break.

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Saturday, Dec. 6th

10am-3pm MCHS Cafeteria



Friday, December 5, 2014

Athens, Tennessee

Church News and Events

- Keith Memorial United Methodist Church invites you to its annual Breakfast with Santa tomorrow from 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Keith Church Activity Center. Breakfast includes French toast, sausage, bacon, and a drink. Santa will be available for photos. Tickets are \$3 for children, \$7 for adults, or \$20 for the entire family.
- The Bryan College Chamber Singers will take part in the morning worship service this Sunday at 10:45 a.m. at Athens First Baptist Church.
- The Youth Choir at East Athens Baptist Church will present "Grace In A Cradle" this Sunday at 7 p.m.
- Zion Hill Baptist Church will have a puppet/sign language program at their 6 p.m. service this Sunday.
- The Thursday Music Study Club and the Etowah Area Chamber of Commerce will present the 10th Annual Community Christmas Concert next Thursday, Dec. 11, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church of Etowah. The concert will feature the Etowah Town Band, Central Harmony, Central Guitar Class, First Baptist Children's Choir, and the Music Club Ensemble. Admission is free. A donation of non-perishable food items for the Wesley Memorial United Methodist Church Food Pantry will be greatly appreciated.
- McMahan Calvary Baptist Church located on County Road 172 will have a drive-thru Nativity scene tonight from 6 to 8 p.m.

Obituaries

- **Merrill Smith**, age 93, of Athens died Thursday at Etowah Health Care. Arrangements will be announced by Smith Funeral Home.
- **Joyce Ann McLamore Wright**, age 77, of Athens died last Saturday. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday at Athens Church of Christ. A service will be held later in her hometown of Fort Worth, Texas.
- **Harold Layman**, age 78, of Decatur died Monday at his home, less than a month after losing his wife of 58 years. He worked at Bowater Southern Paper Mill for over 40 years. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Bowers Funeral Home, with visitation from noon to 2 p.m.
- **Brenda Faye King Battle**, age 58, (formerly of Athens) died Wednesday in Newark, New Jersey. Arrangements will be announced by M.D. Dotson & Sons Funeral Home of Athens.

THURSDAY'S MARKET REPORT:

The Dow Jones Industrial Average was down 12.52 at 17,900.10. The Standard & Poor's 500 Index was down 2.41 at 2,071.92, and the NASDAQ Composite Index was down 5.04 at 4,769.44.

HERE'S A STRANGE:

- Two teenagers attempted to carjack a driver in Houston, Texas, but were quickly apprehended by police when they couldn't figure out how to drive a stick shift.
- A cat survived 36 days without food or water after it was mistakenly placed in a moving van crate and shipped from Virginia to Hawaii.

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