

July 2022

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WELCOME CENTER HOURS: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Saturday & Sunday, Closed

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Letter from our Chairperson

Greetings all,

In recent conversations and interactions with friends and colleagues, it seems to keep coming up how that with the inevitable changes of life, we all must be able and open-minded enough to adjust our course.

I was recently forced to quickly pivot as what we had planned at our church abruptly changed when the gentleman who was to preach for us on Sunday called saying that he was sick at 6:30 that morning. Yikes!

Then, two days later, I witnessed a gracious colleague exhibit some wonderful juggling techniques as our chamber of commerce planned for its quarterly luncheon, which was held at Lafayette's Key Park on a beautiful summer afternoon.

As we plan our quarterly luncheons ... which you really need to attend if you haven't been able to do so over the first half of 2022 ... we try to weigh a variety of variables. When the weather is warm, as it was on June 28, we consider having an outdoor event, though one always runs the risk of rain wreaking havoc on the festivities.

However, the skies were pristine for our second quarterly luncheon of the year, and our speaker – Boyd Barker with the Tennessee Department of Agriculture – had been lined up for weeks in advance. Yet, as we all know, things always don't go as planned.

We received a phone call on the day prior to the luncheon from Mr. Barker, letting us know that he wouldn't be able to attend due to an illness. Macon County Chamber of Commerce Director Jennifer Hardman corresponded with one of our board members, Keith Allen, and they quickly began to assemble plan B.

With Keith taking the lead, he quickly lined up a series of speakers that consisted of representatives from the Macon-Trousdale Farmers Co-Op, the Future Farmers of America programs from the area high schools, and from the Macon County 4-H organization. While all of that reorganization was taking place, Keith was also helping as the Macon County Cattlemen's Association was preparing a great lunch for all of those who attended.

We all give sometimes. And we all receive sometimes. However, the posture in which we live should be consumed with more giving than receiving. Keith Allen is one who does a lot of giving. However, he's just one outstanding example of how that people here in Macon County give of their time and efforts. The Macon County Chamber of Commerce is fortunate to have him as a part of our board of directors, and the area itself is fortunate to have him too. We are fortunate to have so many of you, who are givers, as well.

We sometimes believe that we're just too busy to make time to serve others. We may cut corners or not give our best effort. We sometimes don't feel that we have anything more to give. It's in those times that we might consider the need to reassess and learn from the example of the Keith Allens of the world. Striving to do that makes for a better world that we live in and more importantly, it glorifies God, the source of our opportunities and blessings.

In 1 Peter 4:10-11, it reads, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ."

May all strive to serve others and in turn serve God.

Thank all of your servants in Macon County. Your efforts do not go unnoticed, nor unappreciated. Keep serving.

Until next month ...

Craig Harris, Chairperson
Macon County Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors



2022 BOARD MEETINGS: 8:30 - 9:30 - WELCOME CENTER

January 18, February 15, March 15, April 19, May 17, June 21, July 19, August 16, Sept. 20, October 18, Nov. 22

2022 QUARTERLY LUNCHEONS: 11:30 - 1:00 - TBD

March 22 - 1st Quarter, June 28 - 2nd Quarter, September 27 - 3rd Quarter, November 15 - Annual Banquet



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 9th at 10:30 am, Part 1 of Christmas in July: Folded Star Ornaments with Darlene L. These ornaments are fun to make and can be made from paper or cloth and will look great hanging on a Christmas Tree. All materials are supplied. Class fee is \$15 and limited to 8 students. Text 615-388-3046 or leave a message at 615 – 699-1919 to register.

Saturday, July 9th at 9:30 am, The Lafayette Church of Christ is hosting Walk 4 Water at Key Park. Contact Paul Wisdom (615)666-2003 for more information.

Saturday, July 16th at 10:30 am, Part 2 of Christmas in July: 12" Wool Christmas Trees with Carolyn. Great for table display. All materials will be supplied. Class fee is \$20 and limited to 8 students. Text 615-388-3046 or leave a message at 615 – 699-1919 for more information.

Tuesday, July 16th The Red Boiling Springs Heritage Museum's Eleventh Annual Ice Cream Social happens at the Red Boiling Springs School Cafeteria, Saturday, July 16th, starting at 5:30 with all you can eat homemade ice cream followed with the Auction with Ben Bray. Funds are

being raised to restore the 1928 RBS bank building. Early bird tickets are \$5 and can be purchased on line at Eventbrite, at the Step Back in Time Shop or from any Vision 2020 member.

Saturday, July 23rd at 10:30 am, Part 3 of Christmas in July: Beaded Ornaments with Betty. You will be making two beaded ornaments, a snowman and a Santa hat and a yarn toboggan. All materials are supplied. Class fee is \$20 and limited to 8 students. Text 615-388-3046 or leave a message at 615 – 699-1919 for more information.

Monday, July 25th at 5:00pm, there is a Diabetes Support Group meeting at the Macon Community Hospital in the conference room. For more information call 615-688-7907.

Tuesday, July 26th at 7:00pm, Vision 2020 Monthly Meeting will be held at the Armour Hotel in Red Boiling Springs, tn. Contact: Rita at 615-388-3046 (text) or visit www.vision2020inc.com.

Saturday, July 30th at 10:30 am, Part 4 of Christmas in July: Doodled Ornaments with Rita. You will be working on glass ornaments and creating your own personal design. These are great for gifts or to memorialize someone. All materials are supplied. Class fee is \$15 and limited to 8 students. Text 615-388-3046 or leave a message at 615 – 699-1919 for more information.

CPR classes held monthly at the Macon Community Hospital. Call 615-688-7907 for more information.

MC Football Corporate Sponsorship Program

The "Jumbo Tron" at Pat Parker Memorial Field was a huge success in last year's inaugural launch. Fans and advertisers alike provided a lot of positive feedback. These large digital LED ads can be seen at High School Football games, Jr High Football games, The Industrial Bowl Jamboree, & even Graduation (if held at the football stadium). If you would like to support Macon County Football and advertise with us on the new "Jumbo Tron", please email your digital ad to wixiason@gmail.com or call 615-633-7209. Digital media and payment for ad must be submitted prior to August 1, 2022.

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Kyle J. Shoulders...Go Tigers!



Hiring event held at the Chamber on 6/30/22

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- Life, Accidental Death and Dismemberment Insurance; Short and Long Term Disability; Stock Purchase Plan; 401K

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Thank you to all who supported the Macon County Chamber of Commerce by attending our luncheon held on June 28th. The Macon County Cattleman's Association provided our meal and Ella Flynn with 4-H provided a dairy dessert that was enjoyed by all. (Who doesn't love a steak sandwich and ice cream?) Agriculture was featured with many local speakers. We heard from the Macon County Cattleman's Association, The Macon-Trousdale Co-Op, The Macon County UT Extension office, Lafayette FFA, Red Boiling Springs FFA, and Macon 4-H Club. Please feel free to tag and use pictures for your chapters and organizations.



Thanks to Representative Kelly Keisling for bringing Representative Mark White by for a roundtable discussion on rural issues.

Back row, left to right: Paul Thompson, Tri-County Electric CEO; Ben Burrow, Macon County UT Extension Altria Intern; Keith Allen, Macon County UT Extension Agent III County Director; Mayor Jerry Wilmore, City of Lafayette; Andy Goad, Tri-County Electric District R (Red Boiling Springs) Director.

Front row, left to right: Representative Kelly Keisling; Representative Mark White; Brenda Hiett, Macon County Chamber of Commerce Assistant Director; Ron Alan Powell, Tri-County Electric District L (Lafayette) Director.

From hopeless to

HOPE FULL

Join us to find out how!



WHEN: **July 9th, 2022** TIME: **9:30AM**

WHERE: **Key Park**
208 Church St, Lafayette, TN 37083

CONTACT: **Paul Wisdom - Lafayette church of Christ**

For more information or to register, go visit Walk4Water.org.



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH • 5PM

Line-up 4-5 p.m. at Macon Bank & Trust
Main Office location: {609 Red Boiling Springs Road}

Donations to Sherry's Hope accepted before cruise begins.

Ending at the Macon County Drive-in

Route is estimated to be about 45 minutes. Concessions and a movie showing will be available at your expense. Donations to Sherry's Hope will be accepted at line-up time. All cars, trucks, jeeps, side-by-sides and motorcycles welcome! In the event of inclement weather, we will push out notifications on Facebook and reschedule to the rain out date-October 1st.



Drive-In Admission Costs:
\$6 Ages 10+ | \$3 Ages 5-9
4 & under free

*No admission fee if just purchasing concessions.



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