

# *The* **MESSENGER**

## *Middle Tennessee Central Office Intergroup*

**\$ 1.00**

**Lightening Rod for Controversy?**

**MAY 2018**

### **A lack of group conscience meetings in her home-group led her to the Twelve Concepts**

Without notifying our home group that we would be voting that day, a handful of people had voted to move our large meeting to a space that was simply too small for us. It was a sly trick to call for the vote. My first reaction was shock and despair. I was sick at heart.

I just wanted to run away. Wasn't that what I had always done with alcohol, escape from the harsher realities?

As the group's treasurer, I planned to take the books to the next meeting, throw them down on the floor and say, "I quit!" I would start going to different meetings, never again joining a home group. I would be a meeting gypsy, adrift.

What about my AA way of life, my program? Shouldn't I strive to be one among many, a worker among workers? I should prove I was a good sport, by acting like someone who could lose with style. Our coins say, "To thine own self be true." What was my truth?

Fortunately, before I could take any action, I got the flu. For a week, I stayed home licking my wounds and nursing my resentments.

One morning I woke up and remembered my sponsor and two other women had asked if I had been given the opportunity to express the "minority opinion."

"No," I had dejectedly responded to each of them, "I wasn't." That morning, I asked myself, "What exactly is the minority opinion?"

I did some research and was told to read page 574 of the Big Book. I opened up my book and there were "The Twelve Concepts," of which I knew literally nothing. "Concept V. The Right of Appeal" says, "minority opinion will be heard and personal grievances receive careful consideration." What did that mean? The pamphlet, "The Twelve Concepts for World Service Illustrated," explained it quite simply: "every member has a voice." And how "a simple majority is seldom sufficient basis for a decision." The minority opinion means: "to make sure the minority

has a second opportunity to present its views." But the kicker for me was: "It is incumbent upon...Trusted Servants'...in their own meetings to pay special deference to the minority voice." What could I possibly do? I felt my Higher Power had guided me to the Concepts. Now what?

Up until then, our home group did not have a regular group conscience. "They're divisive," it had been explained to me. We resorted to it whenever a big issue came up—which was rare. As a result, our group really did not know how to handle sensitive issues. We looked to our

old-timers, members who first formed the meeting, to simply decide it us.

For a while I stayed home, rested, prayed, meditated. How could I present the opinion that my voice had not been heard, and the location was inadequate?



One of the Promises on page 84 of the Big Book is, "We will intuitively know how to handle situations which used to baffle us." An idea came to me: what if I invited the group to meet at the other bigger, more modern, room for a 'trial run'?

I called my sponsor and told her my idea. She supported, and guided, me. "Can you accept the outcome, no matter what happens?" she asked.

Then I made a flyer with the address, and time, for the trial run of our meeting. I ran off 50 copies and wrote a letter to my group, explaining Concept V and asserting The Right of Appeal.

As I drove to my AA meeting that morning, I felt like a little girl going to confront her mother: I was both thrilled and terrified. I said the Serenity Prayer like a mantra.

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## I Might Have Missed It All

### He and his partner have been sober for many years and now have been blessed with a grandson

It was 1990 and I was feeling sorry for myself. My girlfriend of 19 years had gone to AA to get sober. Her life was getting better; my life seemed to be circling the drain. I did not have any real friends, just the kind of people who hung around me for as long as there was free booze. I had already ruined one marriage and had lost the privilege of raising my daughter. Doctors told me I should cut back or stop altogether. A couple of shrinks tried to help me with my problems; but how could they, when I never told them the truth? I came up with a brilliant plan. I would learn to play the tenor sax. This would give me something to do and get my mind off drinking. The problem was I would drink before, after, and sometimes during lessons.

Three years later, Donna was enjoying the many benefits of AA & Al-Anon. One was that she did not have to put up with a drunk like me, and she told me she was leaving. There would be no more fights about my drinking; no more broken promises of getting sober on my own. This time she meant business, she loved me, but she could not stay and watch me drink myself to death. I was feeling the weight of loneliness that only an alcoholic can understand. Booze had stopped working for me.

I had gone to some meetings to show her I would give it a try, but I never raised my hand to say I was

a newcomer, or identified myself as an alcoholic because that might be the end of my drinking. I went to at least one meeting in a blackout. Not surprisingly, I did not have any idea what AA was really about. This time I knew I had to do something different. I called a sober man whom I trusted. He was Donna's sponsor's husband, and he had just celebrated 10 years in AA. I had heard his story and felt he was someone I could relate to.

He gave me some good advice: "Go to a meeting and don't drink beforehand." It sounded simple, but there were two huge fears to get past. First, that AA would not work for me. What if I gave in, and admitted I needed help, but I could not stop drinking anyway? But even more disturbing was the fear I may never drink again. I really was at that "jumping off place" where I could not imagine life with, or without, alcohol. I showed up two nights later at the a meeting in Redondo Beach. I was scared, intimidated, and hoped no one would talk to me. George O'H. greeted me at the door with his big grin and told me he was glad to see me. He was the only guy out of about 40 that I knew. I did not know whether to evacuate my bowels or go blind. But I was determined not to show my fear. I kept coming back to that meeting. Eventually, the anxiety of not knowing what, or how, to share left me. At that meeting, I got my first sponsor, my first commitment, and my first sponsee.

The spiritual illness that is alcoholism is progressive and so is the recovery. Over the years, my life has become manageable through my Higher Power. It is amazing how well things work out when I practice these principles, these truths that are the Twelve Steps. In the beginning, I could not see what any of it had to do with not drinking. Day by day, more of God's power is revealed to me through those who are on a similar path. As I approached taking the Steps, I was comforted and encouraged by my AA friends, who wanted nothing more from me than my presence at meetings. I discovered the only difficult Steps are the ones I have not taken yet.

When I was about six months sober, I went on my first H&I panel. I spoke for two or three minutes and I was glad when it was over. Something changed in my sobriety that night. I found that I enjoyed carrying the message to alcoholics who are still suffering. Although I never experienced a pink cloud at the beginning of my sobriety, I have felt excited and enthusiastic about AA since about the middle of my first year. I believe it has to do with being involved. I have had a service commitment of some kind since then. Working on committees with other alcoholics can be challenging, but very rewarding.

I keep busy not just to be busy, but to see what I can add to life, to see where I can be helpful. It was drilled into me:

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It happened to be a Friday anniversary meeting around Halloween. The room was packed, some people were in costume; it was absolutely surreal! Only my sponsor knew of my plan. I carried a big satchel containing the fliers, maps, and copies of "The Right of Appeal." Beside myself with indecision, I kept jumping up and going out of the room. Should I read my letter or do nothing?

My sponsor and sponsee were beside me as the meeting unfurled slowly, so slowly. First came the readings, then the coins were given out, and finally the discussion portion began. Suddenly it was my turn to speak. I said, "As your treasurer, what I am about to do is very hard for me." With a shaking voice I made the Appeal. Then, I sent the copies out into the room.

It was like a bomb had exploded in the room, and pandemonium ensued. One man screamed in my face, "Why don't you just go start your own meeting!"

"Because this is my home group!" I answered.

A woman told me this would destroy our group. Another woman came up and thanked me for showing such courage. My sponsor told me, "Stop and really hear what she just said to you. Take a deep breath and take in all of this."

"You awoke the sleeping giant of the Group Conscience," a man at Central Office explained to me later. "You roused them from their lethargy."

After I emailed "The Right of Appeal" out to our phone list, I was bombarded with emails from friend and foe. I tried not to argue with anyone, practicing restraint of tongue and pen.

"Just come to the meeting and hear the minority opinion," I pleaded with them.

"Who do you think you are?" one person emailed me. "You are a mere accountant of the money."

That is where Concept III came in, "The Right to Decide" also in the same Pamphlet. It says, "We trust our trusted servants to decide how they will interpret and apply their own authority to each particular problem." AA's 12 Concepts for World Service gave me The Right to Decide to assert The Right of Appeal. Wild!

During the entire adventure I was blown away by the wisdom, and foresight, of those AA's who came before us, conceived, and wrote The Twelve Concepts.

After the trial run our home group members called another group conscience meeting, careful to invite all. As a lightning rod of controversy, I kept my mouth shut, did not debate, and took notes.

The initial vote to move the meeting place was rescinded. Member after member spoke about their love for our group, not wanting to split up, and how much we needed the bigger room. Others declared the smaller space "big enough," and beloved, as one of our first rooms from many years ago.

A second meeting was scheduled to vote on whether to stay or move. At that meeting those who wanted the little place announced they were starting a new group. The final vote taken was unanimous in favor of the big room. After a couple of years, most everyone is on speaking terms.

I now know how important regularly scheduled Group Conscience meetings are for practicing the principles and Traditions in AA. My home group has one every month.

And I will never forget learning about The Concepts in Action. I thank my Higher Power who guided me to be curious about the minority opinion.

Christy O., Albuquerque, N.M.

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## I Might Have Missed It All

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"You have to give it away in order to keep it." Alcoholism is patient, and I am still in its sights, no matter how long I have been sober. I have had some great examples of how to be of service in AA.

Donna and I live in a sober household. She goes to her AA and Al-Anon meetings; I go to my stags, and we attend a speaker meeting on Saturday night. We have been working together since 1972. There are many disagreements at work, and at home, because we are human, and not all of my defects of character have been removed. I am so grateful for the tools the Twelve Steps have given us to deal with each other in a respectful and honest way. My daughter has blessed us with a grandson. Donna is a giving and caring grandma; I learn a lot from her. My life is not perfect and I have my share of disappointments. But I am happier than I have ever been. And I believe those around me are too. To think that I could have had just one more drink, and I could have missed it all.

—Jon Mc., Lawndale, Calif

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### FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH:

District 30 Meeting  
When: 6:30pm – 7:30pm  
Where: 5925 O'Brien

### SECOND MONDAY OF EVERY MONTH:

Intergroup Meeting  
When: 5:45pm – 6:45pm  
Where: Central Office  
417 Welshwood

### STEERING COMMITTEE

When: Monday Apr 23rd  
5:45pm – 6:45pm  
Where: Central Office  
417 Welshwood

### FIRST TUESDAY OF EVERY MONTH:

District 32 Meeting  
When: 6:30pm  
Where: Last Stop Club  
2122 Utopia

### SECOND SATURDAY OF EVERY MONTH

District 34 Meeting  
When: 10am  
Where: 200 E. Cedar St  
Goodlettsville

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## CONCEPT 5—

Can you find the hidden words?

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| THROUGHOUT | WORLD       | SERVICES   | OFTEN     | SURPRISED   | PAINS     |
| STRUCTURE  | TRADITIONAL | RIGHT      | TAKEN     | PRESIDING   | MINORITY  |
| APPEAL     | OUGHT       | PREVAIL    | SECOND    | OPPORTUNITY | PRESENT   |
| THUS       | ASSURING    | MINORITY   | VIEWS     | EXTENSIVE   | DEBATE    |
| OPINION    | HEARD       | PETITIONS  | ISSUE     | FOLLOWED    | VOTE      |
| REDRESS    | PERSONAL    | GRIEVANCES | UNANIMITY | REACHED     | NEWCOMERS |
| CAREFULLY  | CONSIDERED  |            |           |             |           |

## Third Edition

The documentation for the Third Edition is very different from that of the First and Second since our co-founder, Bill, had been immersed in both the preparation and publication of both of those Editions. As I mentioned before, the documentation on the First Edition can be found in letters, talks and writings of Bill W. and history on the Second Edition is a little more difficult to track. Along with the Big Book in which Bill made his notes for the Second Edition, there is much original correspondence to be seen of an archival nature.

The Third Edition, however, is almost totally documented through the reports of the Trustees' Literature Committee and the Conference Literature Committee. The first mention of a Third Edition I could uncover is found in a report of the Big Book Subcommittee dated February 4, 1974. Ralph Ahringer an 'in town' member of the trustees' literature committee was the chair of the Big Book Subcommittee and over the next year and a half, he and members of the staff at G.S.O. worked on the project.

In his memo, Ralph reiterated Bill's comments regarding the purpose of revising the story section of the Big Book, Alcoholics Anonymous. From February 1974 and

throughout that year, the Big Book Subcommittee worked, and the stories cut from the Second Edition "They Stopped In Time" and from the Second Edition Section "They Nearly Lost It All" were identified fairly early. The possible replacements required a lot of study. The early list included a caution concerning dated expressions and also suggested that all dates that tended to make the stories seem like "ancient history" be omitted or edited, as Bill had done earlier.

In April of 1974 the Conference Literature Committee received an interim report on the work, and in July the Trustees' Literature Subcommittee report included far less detail concerning story names for the new edition. The going seemed to be getting rough at this point, with much work to be done on reviewing, the stories submitted. It also mentioned that they were now considering seven Indian stories, a prison story from the Grapevine, a navy story, a young person's story, as well as still looking for a retiree and another Black story. The subcommittee report noted that they were trying to meet a press deadline of December of 1974.

September of 1974 found the Big Book Subcommittee report documenting correspondence among the committee - staff and Ralph Ahringer. The November

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**HENDERSONVILLE BIG BOOK GROUP's**  
  
**summer**  
**PICNICS**  
**2018**

**May 27 ★ June 17**  
**July 15 ★ August 12**

***Speakers to be announced***  
**Indian Lake Peninsula Church Pavilion**  
**235 Indian Lake Rd / Hendersonville**

***Meat Will be Provided***  
**Bring your family, friends**  
**and a dish to share!**

  
**Come at 5:30 for fellowship & food**  
**Speaker begins @ 7pm**

## ★ 16<sup>th</sup> Annual ★

### District 15 Memorial Weekend Family Camp Out



### The Road of Happy Destiny!

**When:** Memorial Weekend May 25-28, 2018

Check-In Friday @ 4:00 p.m. Check Out Monday @ 12:00p.m.

**Where:** Montgomery Bell State Park

**Cost:** \$5.00 per person per night for rustic cabin or bring a tent and stay all weekend for only \$6.00 (14yrs and younger No Cost)

**Contacts:** Devon B.- (615) 349-7344 or Don M.- (931) 637-1384  
 All meals will be provided. Please bring drinks and snacks for your family.

**Please Register ASAP Cabins Can Not Be Held Without Paid Reservation Cut off May 12, 2018**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Group: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of people in Cabin \_\_\_\_/Tents \_\_\_\_

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Paid **Please send checks payable to District 15.**

**Mail Reservations to:**

District 15

P.O. Box 1091

Dickson, TN 37056

**Attn: Campout**



**AREA 64 SPRING CORRECTIONS WORKSHOP** — hosted by Districts 30 & 33

Saturday, May 12, 2018  
12:30 - 3:15 p.m.  
5925 O'Brien Ave., Nashville

**TOPICS INCLUDE:**

- Corrections Workbook & Workshops (Jeff G)
- AA Groups & Corrections Service and Being a Corrections Rep (Mandy S)
- Carrying the Message to Inmates (Charlie B)
- AA Behind the Walls (Debbie M & Morris R)

AREA 64 CORRECTIONS BUSINESS  
MEETING FOLLOWS FROM 3:30 - 4:30 P.M. OPEN TO ALL

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**Annual District 31 PICNIC**

June 2, 2018

Two Rivers Park  
2320 Two Rivers Parkway (behind Wave Pool Country)  
Picnic Shelter 2 & 3  
10am-2:30pm

Meat & Drinks Provided  
Please Bring a Covered Dish

**Speaker: Mike A (Chainsaw Mike)**

Eat at 11:30am—Speaker at 12:30pm

Rain or Shine

Bring a Sponsee

Family Fun

Bring your Sponsor

Fellowship & Fun



**DRUNKS IN THE PARK**  
**6<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL FAMILY PICNIC**

**JUNE 9, 2018**

2:00 PM TIL 6:00 PM

PINKERTON PARK - 405 Murfreesboro Rd., Franklin, TN

Bring your family, an instrument (if you play one) and be prepared to have a great time.

**OLD  
TIMER'S  
DINNER  
@ P.O.P.**

**WHEN**  
**May 11th**  
**6:30pm – 9pm**

**WHERE**  
**Brush Hill**  
**Cumberland**  
**Presbyterian Church**

3705 Brush Hill Rd, Nashville, TN 37216

**DINNER  
SERVED @  
6:30 –  
SOBRIETY  
COUNTDOWN  
@ 8PM**

**BARBEQUE  
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PROVIDED:**

Please bring a  
covered dish, side  
item, or dessert.

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FELLOWSHIP,  
AND FUN!!**



| GROUP/MEETING                  | MAR | YTD   |
|--------------------------------|-----|-------|
| 86'ers                         |     | 212   |
| ANONYMOUS                      | 47  | 114   |
| ANY LENGTHS                    |     | 180   |
| AWOL LIT STUDY                 |     | 24    |
| BACK TO THE BIG BOOK           |     | 40    |
| BACKROOM                       |     | 1,110 |
| BASEMENT BUNCH                 |     | 67    |
| CLARKSTREET                    | 100 | 120   |
| COLUMBIA                       | 25  | 45    |
| COLUMBIA BASEMENT BUNCH        | 4   | 4     |
| COMMUNICATIONS                 |     | 347   |
| COOL SPRINGS NEWCOMERS         |     | 100   |
| CROSSVILLE NOONERS             | 100 | 100   |
| CROSSVILLE SISTERS IN SOBRIETY |     | 68    |
| DAVIDSON RD                    | 800 | 2,300 |
| DICKSON AA                     |     | 180   |
| DISTRICT 9                     | 150 | 150   |
| DONELSON YET                   | 100 | 100   |
| DROP THE ROCK                  |     | 50    |
| EAST SIDE MEN'S STAG           |     | 500   |
| EAST SIDE SATURDAY             |     | 353   |
| EASY DOES IT                   |     | 250   |
| EVERY WOMAN HAS A STORY        |     | 50    |
| FAIRFIELD GLADE                |     | 70    |
| FAIRVIEW                       | 300 | 300   |
| FAYETTEVILLE                   | 20  | 20    |
| FELLOWSHIP                     | 175 | 175   |
| FIRST THINGS FIRST             |     | 146   |
| FIVE & FIVE                    |     | 264   |
| FRANKLIN                       |     | 861   |
| FRANKLIN ROAD WOMEN'S          | 119 | 119   |
| FREE TO BE                     |     | 152   |
| FREEDOM FROM BONDAGE           | 10  | 10    |
| FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE, GAINSBORO   |     | 40    |
| FRIDAY NIGHT PRIMETIME         |     | 25    |
| GOODLETTSVILLE                 | 350 | 350   |
| HAPPY HOUR - LEWISBURG         |     | 5     |
| HARDING RD                     | 225 | 225   |
| HIGH NOON                      |     | 466   |
| KEEP IT SIMPLE BELLEVUE        | 70  | 152   |
| KEY TO SOBRIETY                |     | 400   |
| LATE LUNCH BUNCH               |     | 600   |
| LET IT HAPPEN                  | 91  | 91    |
| LIVE & LET LIVE                | 25  | 25    |
| LIVING BY THE PRINT            | 100 | 100   |
| LIVINGSTON 12x12               |     | 25    |
| MADISON STREET                 |     | 50    |
| MIDDAY BREAK                   | 105 | 105   |
| MT. JULIET FELLOWSHIP          | 100 | 100   |
| MURFREESBORO                   | 15  | 45    |
| MUSIC ROW                      |     | 25    |
| MUSTARD SEED                   | 250 | 250   |
| NEW BEGINNINGS                 | 50  | 150   |
| NEW BEGINNINGS WOMEN           |     | 160   |
| NEW DAY                        |     | 20    |
| NEW LIFE H-VILLE               |     | 122   |
| NIPPER'S CORNER                |     | 62    |
| NORTHSIDE, CLARKSVILLE         |     | 50    |
| ONE DAY AT A TIME              | 345 | 345   |
| OUT TO BREAKFAST               |     | 106   |
| PORTLAND UNITY                 |     | 2     |
| PRIMARY PURPOSE                |     | 123   |
| PULASKI                        | 5   | 15    |
| RIGHT DIRECTION                |     | 250   |

| GROUP/MEETING         | MAR   | YTD          |
|-----------------------|-------|--------------|
| RUTS                  | 250   | 500          |
| SAFE PLACE            |       | 122          |
| SANGO                 |       | 40           |
| SATURDAY NIGHT ALIVE  | 20    | 30           |
| SEARCH FOR SERENITY   | 120   | 120          |
| SEEKING SANITY        |       | 519          |
| SERENITY M'BORO       | 30    | 70           |
| SHADE TREE            | 1,594 | 1,594        |
| SIMPLY SUNDAY         |       | 420          |
| SISTERS IN SOBRIETY   |       | 120          |
| SMYRNA GRATITUDE      | 528   | 1,411        |
| SPRING HILL           |       | 20           |
| STRAGGLERS            | 500   | 500          |
| TCYPAA                |       | 218          |
| THREE LEGACIES        |       | 15           |
| TURNING POINT         |       | 96           |
| UNITED                | 200   | 200          |
| WEST NASHVILLE        | 24    | 24           |
| WESTMINSTER           |       | 500          |
| WINNERS & BEGINNERS   |       | 81           |
| WOMEN IN THE SOLUTION |       | 100          |
| WOMEN'S FREEDOM       |       | 250          |
| WOMEN'S OPEN DOOR     |       | 268          |
| WOMEN'S WAY           |       | 80           |
| YET                   | 100   | 100          |
| TOTALS TO DATE        |       | 7,048 20,463 |

### HISTORY

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Trustees' Literature Committee heard in the report of the Big Book Subcommittee that the new-stories "will be sent to the Conference Literature Committee for approval and they will not make the current rerun of the book. It will make the next rerun deadline in 18 months."

By the tone of the communication, the project was simply considered an "update" to be included in the next "rerun" of the Big Book which happened every 18 months or so.

In February of 1975 we see Ralph reporting to the committee that the selection of stories was completed and they would be ready for the next 'rerun' of the book and would go to the printers in 12 months' time. Copies of all of the selections were being mailed to the Trustees' and Conference Literature Committees for their comment and approval.

The secretary to the Trustees' Literature Committee and Conference Literature Committee enclosed two more stories with the Conference Literature Committee background material, at the last minute, for their comments and approval.

The staff members' August report noted that the Big Book was with the editor undergoing final editorial changes to go into the next printing of the Big Book and might be at the printers by the November meeting of the literature committee in 1975.

TO BE CONTINUED IN JUNE EDITION



**NEW / MOVES / CHANGES / ADDITIONS /**

|       |        |  |
|-------|--------|--|
| 37013 | Cancel | 60 Minutes - Sun 5p OD                                       |
| 37014 | Cancel | Downtown Triune Group  |
| 37015 | Move   | Valley View - Cheatham Recovery House 676 S. Main St Ash-    |
| 37027 | Change | Every Woman Has A Story -now CD                              |
| 37027 | Change | Turning Point - Tues 7p now CD/ALN                           |
| 37030 | Cancel | Smith County Sun & Wed meetings                              |
| 37062 | Cancel | Psychic Change   |
| 37064 | Cancel | Saint Phillips Meeting                                       |
| 37064 | Cancel | Franklin 12x12   |
| 37066 | Add    | No Boundaries - Wed Medita-                                  |
| 37066 | Cancel | United Group - Thur 10am                                     |
| 37072 | New    | Legacies - Trinity Fellowship Ch                             |
| 37076 | Move   | SSS Group now at Hermitage                                   |
| 37076 | Add    | Seeking Sanity - Tue 10am OD                                 |
| 37087 | Cancel | Sobriety First - Mon   |
| 37203 | Change | Sun 8p now OD no longer Men's                                |
| 37206 | Add    | East Side Comes Alive - Tues                                 |
| 37110 | Change | Bar None now 7p Monday no Sat                                |
| 37110 | New    | Any Length Bates Hill Pres 9957 Old Nashville Hwy Thu 5:30pm |
| 37115 | Cancel | WTF - Serenity House   |
| 37122 | Add    | Mt Juliet Fellowship - Mon 5:30                              |
| 37127 | Cancel | Back to the Big Book Wed 7p                                  |
| 37160 | Cancel | Primary Purpose Group Shelbyville                            |
| 37160 | New    | Shoulder to Shoulder AP Building 206 Madison Street - Fri    |

Jim Bob was swaying before the toilet and fumbling through his shirt pocket when a dollar fell out and landed right in the toilet. He thought for a minute wondering if a dollar was worth getting his hands in the water.

Finally he took out a twenty dollar bill and threw it in with the one dollar bill and mumbled as he bent over to retrieve his money, "twenty-one dollars is definitely worth going after!."

**NEW / MOVES / CHANGES / ADDITIONS / CAN-**

|       |        |  |
|-------|--------|--|
| 37174 | Add    | RUTS - Thurs 5p OD   |
| 37174 | New    | Recovery Hill UAW Hall 125 Stephen P Yokich Pkwy Wed 6:30p                                 |
| 37174 | Change | Spring Hill BB now Wed Night   |
| 37174 | Add    | Spring Hill Sat 6:30pm OD/WMN  |
| 37206 | New    | East Side Men's Stag Beg Woodland Pres 211 N 11th at Gartland Ave Mon 7p OD/Men/Beg - Last |
| 37207 | Cancel | Place of Hope  |
| 37207 | Cancel | Hand In Hand   |
| 37208 | Add    | Together We Can - Mt. Carmel Baptist 1032 Monroe St - Fri 7pm OD                           |
| 37210 | Cancel | Wired  |
| 37210 | Cancel | Young Guns   |
| 37211 | Change | Utopia Cancel Noon on Mon Tues   |
| 37211 | New    | Solo Por Hoy - 3221 Nolensville  |
| 37211 | Change | Woodbine - Last Friday of Month is   |
| 37211 | Cancel | Every Night at 6 - Sun cancelled   |
| 37214 | Add    | Shade Tree Sun 7am OD  |
| 37214 | Cancel | Shade Tree Mon 7pm   |
| 37216 | New    | Midnight Delight - Earthly Delights 4114 Gallatin Pike Midnight Thurs & Fri OD             |
| 37217 | Cancel | Women's Meeting Saturn Dive  |
| 37217 | Cancel | Love & Laughter - Tues 6:30pm  |
| 37217 | Change | Love & Laughter - Th 6:45pm OD   |
| 37218 | Cancel | Lions Den  |
| 37221 | New    | A.W.O.L. Lit Study Cross Point Church 7675 US 70 South Tue 6:30                            |
| 37221 | Cancel | Bellevue Winners and Beginners   |
| 37221 | Cancel | Hope Park Lit Study  |
| 37221 | New    | Wake Up Bellevue Pres Ch 100 Cross Timbers Dr. - Tues & Thur 7am OD                        |
| 37232 | Cancel | Recovery Group - Vanderbilt  |
| 38401 | New    | Recovery First - Craft Memorial Meth CH 907 Hatcher Lane 11am - M & F OD, 11am W - OD/Lit  |
| 38501 | Add    | Way Out Group Thurs 6:30p SS   |
| 38501 | Change | Weekend Recovery - all meetings  |
| 38555 | Add    | Women In Sobriety - Wed 10:30am  |
| 38555 | Cancel | Women In Sobriety - Sun Noon   |
| 38562 | Add    | Friday Night Live - Sat 7pm CD   |

**Middle Tennessee Intergroup Association**  
**Statement of Activities - Actual and Budgeted - Schedule 1**  
For the Three Months and Year Ended March 31, 2018

|                       | March 2018 |           |                 | YTD 2018  |           |                 |
|-----------------------|------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------------|
|                       | Actual     | Budget    | Budget Variance | Actual    | Budget    | Budget Variance |
| Income                |            |           |                 |           |           |                 |
| Net Literature Sales  | 3,035.89   | 3,124.17  | (88.28)         | 9,207.27  | 9,372.51  | (165.24)        |
| Group Donations       | 6,743.74   | 6,403.92  | 339.82          | 20,450.18 | 19,211.76 | 1,238.42        |
| Individual Donations  | 811.76     | 433.00    | 378.76          | 6,512.52  | 1,299.00  | 5,213.52        |
| Messenger Donations   | 96.00      | 17.00     | 79.00           | 131.91    | 51.00     | 80.91           |
| Website Donations     | 87.12      | -         | 87.12           | 389.10    | -         | 389.10          |
| Special Events        | 142.06     | 716.16    | (574.10)        | 2,004.06  | 2,148.48  | (144.42)        |
| Interest              | 2.37       | 3.75      | (1.38)          | 30.48     | 11.25     | 19.23           |
| Total Income          | 10,918.94  | 10,698.00 | 220.94          | 38,725.52 | 32,094.00 | 6,631.52        |
| Expenses              |            |           |                 |           |           |                 |
| Casual Labor          | 200.00     | 200.00    | -               | 600.00    | 600.00    | -               |
| Payroll               | 5,415.92   | 5,750.00  | (334.08)        | 16,260.28 | 17,250.00 | (989.72)        |
| Legal & Professional  | 350.00     | 350.00    | -               | 1,050.00  | 1,050.00  | -               |
| Rent                  | 996.75     | 1,006.00  | (9.25)          | 2,988.75  | 3,018.00  | (29.25)         |
| Printing              | -          | 50.00     | (50.00)         | -         | 150.00    | (150.00)        |
| Payroll Taxes         | 481.17     | 440.00    | 41.17           | 1,328.24  | 1,320.00  | 8.24            |
| Repairs & Maintenance | -          | 58.00     | (58.00)         | -         | 174.00    | (174.00)        |
| Equipment Rental      | 49.99      | 75.00     | (25.01)         | 180.63    | 225.00    | (44.37)         |
| Telephone & Fax       | 412.91     | 475.00    | (62.09)         | 1,239.29  | 1,425.00  | (185.71)        |
| Answering Service     | 200.00     | 217.00    | (17.00)         | 636.00    | 651.00    | (15.00)         |
| Postage               | 113.21     | 225.00    | (111.79)        | 394.49    | 675.00    | (280.51)        |
| Office Supplies       | 329.37     | 233.00    | 96.37           | 562.32    | 699.00    | (136.68)        |
| Bank Service Charges  | 5.00       | -         | 5.00            | 5.00      | -         | 5.00            |
| Computer & Technology | 54.63      | 333.00    | (278.37)        | 163.89    | 999.00    | (835.11)        |
| Intergroup Expense    | 25.00      | 250.00    | (225.00)        | 36.99     | 750.00    | (713.01)        |
| Insurance             | 1,298.00   | 200.00    | 1,098.00        | 1,298.00  | 600.00    | 698.00          |
| Special Events        | -          | 375.00    | (375.00)        | 1,573.00  | 1,125.00  | 448.00          |
| Travel                | -          | 448.00    | (448.00)        | -         | 1,344.00  | (1,344.00)      |
| Depreciation          | 7.92       | 13.00     | (5.08)          | 23.76     | 39.00     | (15.24)         |
| Over/Under            | (6.00)     | -         | (6.00)          | (6.00)    | -         | (6.00)          |
| Total Expenses        | 9,933.87   | 10,698.00 | (764.13)        | 28,334.64 | 32,094.00 | (3,759.36)      |
| Net Income            | 985.07     | -         | 985.07          | 10,390.88 | -         | 10,390.88       |



**BACKROOM**

|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Angela S       | 05.07.11        |
| Cory P         | 05.01.17        |
| Daniel C       | 05.17.15        |
| Elizabeth C    | 05.14.16        |
| Jake S         | 05.01.15        |
| Jonathan B     | 05.18.08        |
| <b>Karen D</b> | <b>05.10.88</b> |
| Katherine N    | 05.24.16        |
| Kim P          | 05.01.11        |
| Ladara L       | 05.31.16        |
| Louie M        | 05.01.08        |
| Robert F       | 05.15.16        |
| Steve L        | 05.01.03        |

**EASY DOES IT**

|        |          |
|--------|----------|
| Walt D | 05.26.17 |
|--------|----------|

**FULL MOON**

|               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| Bob S         | 05.18.14        |
| Buddy L       | 05.27.03        |
| Carol S       | 05.28.13        |
| <b>Dave W</b> | <b>05.17.89</b> |
| Jim H         | 05.20.03        |
| Mark FH       | 05.06.08        |
| Zachary C     | 05.25.13        |

**JACOB'S WELL**

|                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Melinda K</b> | <b>05.19.87</b> |
|------------------|-----------------|

**KEEP IT SIMPLE**

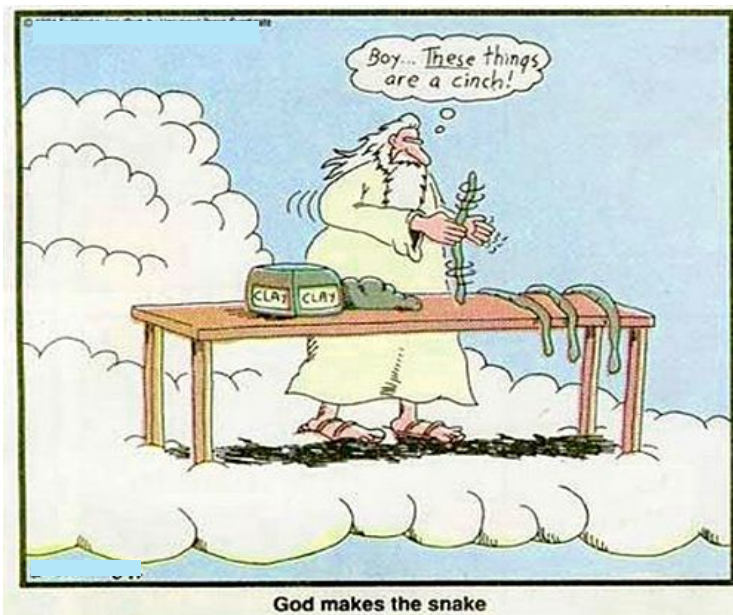
|                |                 |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Alex M         | 05.09.16        |
| Amy M          | 05.03.13        |
| <b>Brett G</b> | <b>05.28.94</b> |
| Chad C         | 05.22.12        |
| Chance A       | 05.17.05        |
| Jack T         | 05.23.16        |
| Jerry C        | 05.22.14        |
| Jim A          | 05.07.12        |
| <b>Karen P</b> | <b>05.02.92</b> |
| Kirk J         | 05.03.09        |
| Matt S         | 05.24.12        |
| Ryan P         | 05.05.17        |
| Sarah C        | 05.26.17        |
| Shirley F      | 05.31.11        |
| Tom W          | 05.31.14        |

**MID DAY BREAK**

|           |          |
|-----------|----------|
| Angie H   | 05.17.16 |
| Cynthia S | 05.22.16 |
| Donna P   | 05.04.16 |
| Katie G   | 05.11.16 |
| Mark C    | 05.09.17 |

**SMYRNA GRATITUDE**

|                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| Chad A             | 05.27.12        |
| David S            | 05.09.17        |
| Ed L               | 05.24.17        |
| <b>Elizabeth B</b> | <b>05.30.89</b> |
| Eva B              | 05.15.17        |
| Fred C             | 05.09.14        |
| Mykal L            | 05.01.15        |
| Sonia S            | 05.23.16        |
| Tom S              | 05.09.14        |
| <b>Tony C</b>      | <b>05.13.71</b> |
| Trey A             | 05.27.06        |
| Walter B           | 05.15.04        |
| <b>Will W</b>      | <b>05.14.89</b> |





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