

# ROCKY TOP NEWS

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## Anniversary Celebration for Pastor Wayne and Joan

Main Street Baptist Church in Rocky Top, TN will celebrate Pastor Wayne Edwin Phillips 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary with a dinner and roast on Saturday, August 27th and a service the following Sunday, July 28th at 10 a.m.

Wayne is the son of the Rev. Carvin and Ollie Phillips and is the youngest of five children reared in the New River area. After graduation from Lake City High School and Cumberland College, he married his high school sweetheart, Joan Long.

Throughout his high school and college years, his love for sports was strong. He planned on a career as a high school coach and graduated with an education degree in Health and Physical Education, but God had other plans for him.



He joined Joan at Main Street shortly after they were married.

For a brief time, they moved to Evansville, Indiana, then moved back to the Lake City/Rocky Top area and became involved in their home church, Main Street.

Wayne worked at Eagle Bend Manufacturing/Magna and Joan became a second-grade teacher at Lake City Elementary. After working in the secular world for 10 years, Wayne felt the call to the ministry and a burden to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Wayne was very passionate about the work of God in his local church and community. He served in various positions including Sunday School Teacher.

In 1989, Wayne was ordained as a Deacon and became Co-Youth Director with Joan. In 1997, he was ordained into the ministry as Youth Pastor and in 1997, he answered the call to become Senior Pastor at Main Street Baptist Church. The church continues to grow today because of his love for the Lord and passion to

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## Leach Family Funeral Home and Cremation

Caleb and Margo Leach are pleased to announce their purchase of the Holley-Gamble Funeral Home located in Rocky Top. The new name is Leach Family Funeral Home and Cremation and they are excited to begin their new journey.

Caleb Leach is a licensed funeral director and embalmer. He became involved with funeral services as a young man accompanying his father to many funeral services. He became interested and felt a calling to help families through some of the most difficult times of their lives, the passing of a dear loved one.

Ben Gamble whose family owned and operated Holley-Gamble Funeral Home hired him on August 8, 2011. Caleb later graduated valedictorian from John A. Gupton College and became a licensed Funeral Director and Embalmer in the spring of 2014.

Caleb and Margo are members of Willowbrook Baptist Church. Caleb is also a member of the Anderson County Gideon camp. In his spare time, he enjoys riding horses and is an avid firearms enthusiast.

The Leach's will strive to both maintain the same quality of standard that defines the Gamble family legacy and also bring new standards of excellence to pave the way for the future.

All pre-arranged funeral contracts previously made with Holley-Gamble Funeral Home in Rocky Top will be fully honored in every detail.

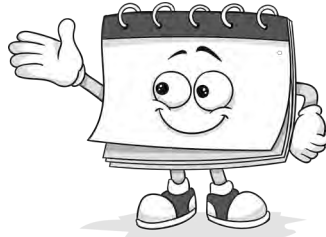


Staff Members: Left to Right – Jimmy Ault, CH Baird, Caleb Leach, Amy Leach, Roger Leach

## Area Happenings

Below are some Area Happenings that you need to know about. If you have anything that you would like to add to the list, please email rockytopchamber@gmail.com

Meet the Mavs day is August 12, 2022 from 6 to 9 p.m. at Anderson County High School. Everyone is invited to come and MEET THE MAVS, the 2022-2023 Anderson County High School Athletes. To find out more, visit the Anderson County High School facebook page.



### Other Area Events:

- Farmers Markets in Norris (Wednesdays 3 to 6 p.m.), Clinton (Thursdays 3 to 6 p.m.) and Oak Ridge (Saturdays 8 a.m. to 12 noon)
- Live Music – Sequoyah and Stardust on Friday and Saturday nights
- Sip of Summerfest – Downtown Clinton July 29<sup>th</sup>
- Windrock Bike Park Go nuts Enduro and XC on August 6<sup>th</sup>
- Jazz on the Hill at Green McAdoo Cultural Center on August 6<sup>th</sup>
- Cars for Canines on August 20 at Melton Hill Lake Park
- Wheeling with Warn on August 28 at Windrock Park
- Veterans Appreciation Breakfasts at Clinton Community Center - 8/13/22, 9/10/22, 10/8/22
- September Lake Clean up on September 17- volunteers can find out more at [www.norrislakeproject.com](http://www.norrislakeproject.com)

## Chamber Events

Chamber events are a great opportunity for members to network. Everyone is welcome. If you are interested in joining the chamber, please feel free to attend any of these events. For more information about the Rocky Top Chamber of Commerce, visit [www.rockytopchamber.com](http://www.rockytopchamber.com) or call 865-426-9595.

### Joint Networking Coffees with Anderson County Chamber of Commerce

- Anderson County Elected Official Cookout- September 27th from 4 to 6 p.m.
- Knights Flowers-October 20th at 8 a.m.
- Fox Toyota-November 3rd at 8 a.m.

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## Tennessee State Parks Offer Great “Staycation” Options

Tennessee has 56 state parks that showcase the state’s natural, cultural and historical heritage. State parks serve as extensions of our own backyards, offering up adventures both large-scale and intimate. People travel from all around the world to visit the beauty of our parks and sometimes we forget to explore that beauty ourselves. Spend a day, a weekend or even a week and take advantage of what is offered in our “neck of the woods.” Here are a few Tennessee State Parks that you may not be familiar with.

Standing Stone State Park is located in Standing Stone State Forest on the Cumberland Plateau. The park takes its name from the Standing Stone, a 12-foot-tall rock standing upright on a sandstone ledge, which was supposedly used as a boundary line between two Indian nations. The park has more than eight miles of day-use hiking trails, providing access to some of the park’s loveliest areas. Trails range from easy to strenuous and pass into virgin woods through vivid wildflowers and overflowing streams and around beautiful Standing Stone Lake. The park is also popular for fishing, canoeing and kayaking on its 69 acre Kelly Lake.

September is an especially fun time to visit Standing Stone State Park because the famous National Rolley Hole Marble

Tournament is held. The largest of its kind, the tournament has been an annual event at the park for more than 30 years. This traditional marbles contest draws some of the country’s best players to a tournament where players match wit and skills with special flint spheres on a smooth dirt surface. The festival includes kids’ games, marble making, swap meet, tournament play, demonstrations, music, and food. This one-of-a-kind family experience has been featured by ESPN, Sports Illustrated, CBS, CNN, Smithsonian Institution, National Geographic, and Charles Schulz’s Peanuts comic strip.

Sargeant Alvin C. York State Historic Park is located nine miles north of Jamestown in Pall Mall, Tennessee and pays tribute to one of the most decorated soldiers of World War I. The park includes a visitor center modeled after York’s general store, his two-story house, a

gristmill, the York Bible School, and various picnic facilities. This park is great for history lovers and offers daily walking tours of the York home. A World War I reproduction trench lies behind the York home, depicting trench warfare that American soldiers would have encountered in the Great War. The trench affords the opportunity for visitors and school groups to explore this aspect of the war and experience the intricacies of life in the trenches for the average American doughboy on the front – through living history events and encampments at the park throughout the year.

Cumberland Mountain State Park is located around Byrd Lake, a man-made lake created by the impoundment of Byrd Creek in the 1930s. The park provides numerous recreational activities, including

hiking, swimming, picnicking and interpretive programs. The park also features a popular area restaurant and separate recreation hall that can accommodate up to 250 people. If you’re a golfer, you’re in luck. The Bear Trace at Cumberland Mountain Golf Course is one of the most sought-after sites among the Jack Nicklaus designed Bear Trace courses in Tennessee. The 6,900-yard, par 72 layout features a design that capitalizes on



**Sgt. Alvin C. York State Historic State Park**

elevation changes as well as natural features, such as flowing brooks and clustered, mature pines.

All of these Tennessee State Parks are within a 2 hour drive of Rocky Top making them a great day trip option and they also offer full hook up campgrounds, tent camping and a variety of cabins to choose from if you wish to spend more time.

Before visiting any of the state parks, we recommend downloading the Tennessee State Parks Pocket Ranger app on your phone. It provides users access to all the state parks, historic sites and campgrounds with detailed information, amenities, maps, directions and more. Visitors can plan a trip by searching for a park by GPS location or activity including hiking, camping, boating, birding and more.

For more information on Tennessee State Parks, visit [tstateparks.com](http://tstateparks.com).

## Tips for Back to School Safety

Back to school safety isn't just for kids and their caregivers; it affects everyone in the community. Children wait at bus stops near busy roads and buses share the road with us all. School will be back in session very soon and it's important for everyone to remember some safety tips.

### Safety Tips for Drivers:

- Don't get distracted. Tennessee is a hands free state, so please put down your cell phone and pay attention to the road at all times.
- Pay close attention to school zones. School zones have decreased speeds for a reason. Be on the lookout for children entering or exiting the school, getting on or off buses and crossing the street.
- According to Tennessee Code 55-8-151, it is the law that anyone driving a motor vehicle behind or toward a school bus must come to a complete stop while the bus is letting children on or off. It is only safe for the driver to proceed forward if the school bus has put in its stop sign, closed its doors, and begun to move.



### Safety Tips for Students:

- Be alert. Arrive at your bus stop at least five minutes early. Always be aware of your surroundings. Be sure to pay attention to traffic and other pedestrians.
- Have everything you need in your backpack so there is no risk of dropping important items from your hands and running into the road for them.
- Even though traffic is supposed to stop for a school bus, always check both ways before getting on the school bus.
- Wait for the bus to come to a complete stop and for the bus driver to tell you it is ok before getting on or off the bus.
- When leaving the school bus, always cross the street in front of the bus.
- If you walk home from the bus stop, do not accept rides from or even speak to any strangers. Even if it seems like the stranger needs help, inform them you are not allowed to talk to strangers, get home, and call your parent immediately.



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# ANDERSON COUNTY SCHOOLS

## 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

*Calendar fulfills 200-day contract  
178 Teaching Days, + 5 Administrative Days  
+ 3 Flexible In-service + 4 Staff Development Days = 12 In-service days, 10 Holidays = 200 days*

July 29	<b>Administrative Day #1</b> Safe Schools (Ed Assistants WORK)	<b>Admin Day #1</b>
August 1	<b>Administrative Day #2</b> (Ed Assistants WORK)	<b>Admin Day #2</b>
August 2	<b>Administrative Day #3</b> (Ed Assistants WORK)	<b>Admin Day #3</b>
August 3	Student Registration ( <i>Abbreviated Day – No Buses</i> )	
August 4	<b>Staff Development Day #1</b> (Ed Assistants WORK)	<b>Staff Development Day #1</b>
August 5	<b>Staff Development Day #2</b> (Ed Assistants do NOT work)	<b>Staff Development Day #2</b>
August 8-10	<b>Classes Begin~Staggered Start</b>	
August 11	<b>Classes~Regular Schedule</b>	August 19 days
Sept 5	<b>Labor Day</b> ( <i>District Closed</i> )	September 21 days
Oct 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Grading Period Ends (45 days)	
Oct 10 – 14	<b>Fall Break</b> ( <i>Schools Closed</i> )	October 16 days
Nov 8	<b>Staff Development Day #3</b> (Ed Assistants do NOT work)/Teachers Work	Staff Development Day #3
Nov 21 – 25	<b>Thanksgiving Break</b> ( <i>District Closed 23-25</i> )	November 16 days
Dec 16	Semester Ends ( <i>Abbreviated Day – No Buses</i> ) (84 days)	
Dec 19 –Jan 1	<b>Winter Break</b> ( <i>Schools Closed</i> )	December 12 days
Jan 2	<b>Administrative Day #4</b> ( <i>Teachers and Ed. Assistants Work</i> )	<b>Admin Day #4</b>
Jan 3	Classes Resume	January 20 days
Jan 16	<b>Martin Luther King Day</b> ( <i>District Closed</i> )	
Feb 20	<b>President's Day</b> ( <i>District Closed</i> )	February 19 days
March 10	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grading Period Ends (49 days)	
March 13 –17	<b>Spring Break</b> ( <i>Schools Closed</i> )	March 18 days
April 7	<b>Good Friday</b> ( <i>District Closed</i> )	April 18 days
April 10	<b>Administrative Day #5</b> ( <i>Teachers and Ed Assistants do NOT work</i> )	<b>*Admin Day #5</b>
May 11	<b>CRCS and Innovation Academy Graduation</b>	May 19 days
May 12	CHS Graduation	
May 15	<b>Staff Development Day #4</b> ( <i>Ed Assistants do NOT work</i> )/Teachers Work	
May 19	ACHS Graduation	
May 26	Last Day for Students ( <i>Abbreviated Day – No Buses</i> ) 94 days/ (total year 178 days)	
May 29	<b>Memorial Day</b> ( <i>District Closed</i> )	
May 30-June 1	<b>Flex Days #1-3</b> (Teachers do not work/fulfilled in PLC's)	



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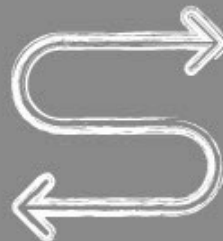
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ASAP Youth Ambassador Coalition

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# TAX FREE HOLIDAYS



**July 29th- July 31st:**  
 Clothing, school supplies, and computers (includes diapers!)

**Aug. 1st- Aug. 31st**  
 Food and food ingredients (does not include prepared food, alcohol, dietary supplements, tobacco, or candy)

**July 1, 2022- June 30, 2023**  
 Gun safes and safety devices

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share the Gospel.

During his twenty-five-year tenure at Main Street Baptist Church as an ordained minister, Wayne's fervent prayers have been for reaching Rocky Top for Jesus Christ. With his leadership, MSBC has gone beyond its building walls by reaching out to area schools and organizations to share the Gospel. Special involvement in "Kids for Christ," Bible Study at local shelters and businesses, serving as chaplain for local police/sheriff's department, and "Kids on Campus" – bringing elementary students to the church once a month to be taught by loving Christian leaders.

His dream to feed elementary school students during the summer became a reality in 2018 with the help of local individuals, businesses and the Y12 Gives Foundation. Committed drivers deliver home-cooked meals three days a week to the homes of these students and other children in the home while they are away from government funded school programs.

As Wayne approaches his twenty fifth anniversary sharing the Gospel and doing the work of our LORD, we celebrate not only his faithfulness to the ministry, but the faithfulness and goodness of what God has done in the life Main Street Baptist Church. God has been faithful, and we pray as a congregation that HE has found us faithful to what He has called us to do.

If you would like to send a note of congratulations or thank you to Wayne and Joan to be included in their "memory book," please send them to Main Street Baptist Church at P. O. Box 405, Rocky Top, TN 37769.



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## Youth Ambassador Coalition



ASAP of Anderson is currently recruiting high school leaders to apply for the Youth Ambassador Coalition (YAC) for the 2022-2023 school year.

YAC is a group of students from Anderson County, Clinton, and Oak Ridge High Schools with a passion for improving their schools and community by preventing and reducing substance misuse. This leadership opportunity provides volunteer hours and opportunities to connect with like-minded youth while gaining experience that makes students stand out on their college and employment applications.

During the 2022-2023 academic year, YAC members carry out three primary activities including developing solutions, educating and advocating, and igniting change.

In the past, YAC members have traveled to Nashville and Washington, DC to engage with state and federal legislators, utilized social media to influence peer behavior, and designed and implemented events or campaigns such as Safe and Sober Prom and National Drug and Alcohol Facts Week.

An ideal YAC candidate will be empathetic to the impact of substance misuse among friends, family, and community members, and demonstrate a strong desire to be part of the change.

Interested high school students are encouraged to learn more and apply online at [www.asapofanderson.org](http://www.asapofanderson.org) or contact Stacey Pratt by emailing [Stacey@ASAPofAnderson.org](mailto:Stacey@ASAPofAnderson.org) or texting 865-776-2291. To stay up to date about other exciting events going on with ASAP follow @ASAPofAnderson on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn, and Twitter.

## LIBRARY NEWS



L to R:Becky, Kelly, Mara and Mykaela

There are new faces at Rocky Top Public Library! Come meet Kelly Harris, the new director, and Becky, Mara, and Mykaela. They would love to say Hi!

They have a bunch of fun programs running through the fall that you should check out:

- On Mondays at noon the library will offer an Adult Craft class. Please call and inquire about each week's craft and to sign up.
- Paws to Read will occur on Tuesdays at 11:00am. During this program, patrons will have an opportunity to practice their reading to a very non-judgmental and sweet dog.
- Starting in August, the library will be open on Wednesdays from 1:00pm to 6:00pm. This is the perfect opportunity for the library to host a Teen Takeover Program. This program will include mentor meetups, help with FAFSA, computer access, snack, and other fun activities.
- Full STEAM Ahead, a program offering STEM and STEAM activities for ages 9 and up, will be on Thursdays at 3:00pm.
- Bring your babies and your preschoolers on Fridays at 10:30 for a Preschool Storytime.
- Every other Saturday at 11:00am, the library will be hosting a Super Charged Storytime for children ages 8 and up. This month this program will occur on the 13th and 27th.

They look forward to meeting their patrons! If you have any questions, you can call 865-426-6762.

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