

# Tennessee Faith and Justice Alliance

TFJA



THE TENNESSEE  
FAITH & JUSTICE  
ALLIANCE

## JULY 2017 NEWSLETTER



### SAVE THE DATE

October is **Pro Bono Month** and this year Tennessee will be hosting the first, annual statewide **October faith-based pro bono initiative** from *October 21<sup>st</sup> through October 29<sup>th</sup>*. We encourage all of our faith partners to plan to **participate in a form of pro bono work or equal justice education during that week**, whether that be **incorporating meditations on justice into your weekly message series, gathering a group to volunteer at your local legal aid society, hosting a legal clinic at your house of worship, hosting a collection or donation drive for local advocates who work with low-income populations, distributing educational materials to community members, etc.** Please watch for an electronic *Save the Date* invitation in the coming weeks, and start thinking about ways your house of worship can make an impact this October!

### NAME THAT DAY!!

Before we can advertise the **October pro bono initiative**, we need a name. In our last newsletter, I asked for suggestions, and have come up with the following name options. **Please send your input on the following options, and send other catchy names or hashtags if you have them:**

1. *The Prayer and Pro Bono Project*
2. *The Pro Bono Push*
3. *Faith and Justice Challenge*
4. *Meditations on Justice*
5. *Justice Sanctuary*

"Spiritual people don't float around all day on clouds of glory; they live in the real world and deal with real issues in real ways." –J. Meyer

AS THE LAZY, DOG DAYS OF SUMMER FLOAT ON BY, THE TENNESSEE FAITH AND JUSTICE ALLIANCE IS MAKING A SPLASH. DIVE IN!

### TFJA Partnership Spotlight

**TBA Young Lawyers Division: Volunteers Needed for Upcoming Expungement Clinics in Memphis and Paris, TN** The Tennessee Faith and Justice Alliance, in partnership with the **TBA Young Lawyers Division**, is seeking volunteers for upcoming expungement clinics in **Memphis and Henry County**. The clinic in Memphis is sponsored in part by **Representative Barbara Cooper** and will be held on July 29 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the **Bloomfield Full Gospel Baptist Church**, located at 123 South Parkway West. The second clinic will be on Aug. 12 at the **Henry County Courthouse**, 101 E Washington Street in Paris, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Those interested in volunteering should contact **Amber Floyd** at (901) 537-1054. See media spotlight in *TBA Today!* <http://www.tba.org/newsletter-archive/tbatoday/2017/tbatoday07-05-2017.htm>

**LAET, Christian Legal Society, & Chattanooga Gospel Justice Initiative: Volunteers needed for Upcoming General Civil Legal Clinic in Chattanooga, TN** TFJA has partnered with **Legal Aid of East Tennessee** and the **Christian Legal Society** in Chattanooga for an upcoming legal clinic at **White Oak United Methodist Church** on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. The church is located at 2232 Lyndon Ave. Those interested in volunteering should contact **Paige Evatt** at 423-402-4758 or by email at [pevatt@laet.org](mailto:pevatt@laet.org). See media spotlight in the *Chattanooga*! <http://www.chattanoogan.com/2017/7/6/350930/New-Legal-Aid-Partnership-Seeks-To.aspx>

**Help keep TFJA current!!** Do you love the TFJA implementation and clinic manuals? Help us keep them up to date! **Volunteer to review a manual** for currency and updated information and get pro bono hours! Also, if you know updates, please let us know! **Help TFJA get grants!!** We need help **reviewing and editing grant requests** for an annual TFJA Faith Leader Summit to be held in the Spring. Volunteer!



### The Parable of Dogs on Pool Floats

A family lived by a rushing river near a very steep waterfall when, one day, someone noticed a **puppy floating down the river on a pool float**. The river was dangerous and fast-moving, and the dog was headed straight for the deadly waterfall. Quickly, the family mobilized to save the puppy. The next morning, remarkably, they noticed **another puppy racing down the river on a different pool float**. The dog rocked back and forth on the float, but the river moved far too quickly for the dog to swim to safety. The family saved the second dog and wondered what they would do with two new puppies in their household. The next morning, yet another dog on a float. And then, that afternoon, two more! Soon there were **many dogs coming down the river on floats, headed straight for the falls, and the family struggled to save each puppy**. The family realized there were too many dogs for their family to handle alone, and an emergency rescue team of friends and neighbors was enacted, and a donation drive for dog food was put in place. **The entire community came together, and no puppies went over the falls**. However, the youngest son of the family grew tired and, in the midst of a chaos of dog-rescue and feeding and walking, he walked away. The mother called after her son to come back, that *everyone* was needed to save these poor dogs from drowning. The little boy replied that this was madness, and that he was going upstream, **to stop whoever was putting puppies on pool floats into a rushing river in the first place!!**

**Question: Can you think of ways that the TFJA could think more like the boy in the story? Where could we go to a root of a problem? E-mail [kimi.dement@tncourts.gov](mailto:kimi.dement@tncourts.gov) with ideas.**



"In matters of style, float with the current; in matters of principle, stand like a rock." –Thomas Jefferson

**TFJA Clinic Spotlight****White Oak Legal Clinic**

Tuesday, July 11  
6:30pm  
White Oak United  
Methodist Church  
2232 Lyndon Avenue  
Chattanooga, TN  
37415

**Debt Relief Clinic**

Saturday, July 29  
9:30am  
Powell United  
Methodist Church; 323  
W. Emory Rd  
Powell, TN 37849

**Expungement Clinic**

Saturday, July 29  
9am-2pm  
Bloomfield Full Gospel  
Baptist Church  
123 South Pkwy W,  
Memphis, TN, 38109

**Lipscomb Clinic**

Tuesday, 7/11, 6-8pm  
St. James Missionary  
Baptist, Nashville, TN  
Call 615-966-2503

**TIRRC Family Defense Workshops**

Chattanooga: 7/18  
5:30p  
Crossville: 7/20 5:30pm  
Memphis: 7/25 5:30pm

**TIRRC Naturalization Workshop**

Memphis: 7/25 5:30pm

**Cross Point Clinic**

Tuesday, 7/11, 6pm-  
8pm  
Cross Point Dream  
Center; 4007 Delaware  
Ave; Nashville, TN

\*\* Have updated clinic  
information?

E-mail [kimi.dement@tncourts.gov](mailto:kimi.dement@tncourts.gov)

**Loaves and Fishes**

Wednesday, 7/19  
11am  
215 Foster St  
Clarksville, TN, 37043

**Good Samaritan Ministries**

July 8, 9am-11am  
Good Samaritan  
Ministries, 100 N Roan  
St, Johnson City, TN

**Salvation Army Clinic**

Every other  
Wednesday 10am-  
12pm  
Salvation Army  
Command Central  
631 Dickerson Pike  
Nashville, TN

**Compassionate Counsel**

Hendersonville &  
Brentwood  
Call (615) 824-3772 or  
(615) 370-3010 for appt

**Mending Hearts Clinic**

Limited Court Fee  
Forgiveness; Contact  
[MollieGass@gmail.com](mailto:MollieGass@gmail.com)

**West TN Legal Clinics****Attorney of the Day**

Thursdays at 1:30 pm  
7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3,  
8/10, Shelby Cnty  
Courthouse, 140  
Adams Ave, Rm. 134  
Memphis, TN 38103

**Saturday Legal Clinic**

Sat. 7/8, 8/12; 10 am –  
12 pm

**Veterans Legal Clinic**

Sat 7/8, 8/12; 10 am –  
1 pm  
Ben Hooks Publ.  
Library; 3030 Poplar  
Ave.; Memphis, TN

**Veterans Clinic**

Tues, 7/25; 12 - 2 pm  
Memphis Vet Center  
1407 Union Avenue

**WTLS RIFA Clinic**

Tuesday, 7/25 9:30am  
133 Airways Blvd  
Jackson, TN 38301  
Memphis, TN 38104

**Homeless Experience****Legal Protection**

**(HELP) Clinic**  
Tues, 7/11, 1pm-3pm  
146 Jefferson Ave,  
Memphis

**Hickman County Clinic**

Hickman Co. Senior  
Center; 107 Armory  
Street #1  
Centerville 37033  
Call 931-729-3091 for  
details

**Mid TN Legal Clinics****Rutherford & Cannon Co. Bar Association Clinic at Greenhouse Ministries**

Thursdays at 3:30 pm  
7/13, 7/20, 7/27, 8/3,  
8/10

309 South Spring St.,  
Murfreesboro 37103

**Rutherford Cnty Clinic**

Saturday, 7/15, 9-11am  
Higher Ground Worship  
Center, 2424  
Yearwood Ave,  
Murfreesboro

**Nashville 2<sup>nd</sup> Tues.**

Tuesday, 7/11, 4:30pm  
Legal Aid Society  
300 Deaderick Street  
Nashville, TN, 37201

**McHugh Clinic**

Saturday, 7/22, 8:30am  
Legal Aid Society  
300 Deaderick Street  
Nashville, TN, 37201

**Oak Ridge Clinic**

Tuesday, 7/18, 4:30pm  
575 Oak Ridge  
Turnpike, Suite 201,  
Oak Ridge, TN

**MNPS Clinic/EI Office**

Saturday, 7/15, 8:30am  
615 Fessey Park Road  
Nashville, TN, 37204

**Mercy Clinic/St.**

**Andrew Lutheran**  
Thursday, 8/3, 4:30pm  
908 Murfreesboro  
Road, Franklin, TN

**Operation Stand**

**Down**  
Wednesday, 7/19  
Call 615-248-1981 for  
details and to schedule

**Homeless Experience**

**Legal Protection**  
**(HELP) Clinic**  
Weds, 7/26, 9-11:30am  
Room at the Inn, 705  
Drexel St, Nashville

**Warren County Clinic**

Tuesday, 7/11  
9:30 am – 10:30 am  
Warren Co Courthouse  
111 South Court  
Square, McMinnville

**East TN Legal Clinics****Blount County Saturday Bar**

Sat, 7/15 9am-12pm,  
307 Ellis Street  
(Compton Place)  
Maryville, TN, 37801  
Call 865-981-1818 to  
schedule

**Knoxville Saturday Bar**

Sat. 7/8; 8/12 9am-  
12pm  
607 West Summit Hill  
Drive; Knoxville, TN

**Washington County Pro Se Day**

Wednesday, 7/12,  
2017  
108 W. Jackson Blvd.,  
Jonesborough, TN

**KBA YLD Veterans' Legal Advice Clinic (Joint Operation)**

Wednesday, 7/19,  
9am-2pm  
Chilhowee Park  
3301 E Magnolia Ave,  
Knoxville, TN

**Hamilton Juvenile Ct Child Support Clinic**

Thursday, 7/13, 1-3 pm  
1600 E. 3rd Street  
Chattanooga 37404

**Bradley County Clinic**

Tuesday, 7/11, 2pm-  
5pm  
Call (423) 303-2266

**Chattanooga CARES**

Tuesday 7/11, 3-5 pm  
1000 E 3rd Street  
Chattanooga 37403

**Kingsport Thurs. Bar**

Thursday, 7/20  
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm  
243 East Charlemont  
Ave, Kingsport, 37660

**Newport Senior Center Estate**

**Planning Clinic**  
Thursday, 7/27  
Call (423) 928-8311 for  
times and locations