

Tennessee Faith and Justice Alliance

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AUGUST 2017 NEWSLETTER



SAVE THE DATE!

October is Pro Bono Month and this year Tennessee Faith and Justice Alliance will be hosting the first, annual statewide **Pro Bono & Faith Days #PB&Fdays** from *October 21st through October 29th*. We encourage all of our faith partners to plan to participate in a form of pro bono work or equal justice project during this week. To inspire creativity and competition among our houses of worship, the classic **Peanut Butter and Fluff sandwich** has been named the official food of **#PB&Fdays**. Description of various ways to incorporate pro bono projects and PB&F sandwiches into your house of worship's PB&F Days, PB&F recipes, and #PB&Fdays challenges to come!!



Please watch for more information in the coming weeks, and start thinking about ways your house of worship can make an impact this October!

Never heard of Peanut Butter and Fluff Sandwiches aka Fluffernutters? Be amazed: <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Fluffernutter>
*PB&F sandwiches are vegetarian, kosher, & halal. Have eggs & nuts but no gelatin. Can be made vegan with vegan marshmallows or modification.

This August, TFJA isn't letting the kids have all the **back-to-school fun!**

Read on to learn why **peanut butter sandwiches, chalkboard erasers, and education matter to you this month!**

TFJA Goes to School!

LAET, Christian Legal Society, & Chattanooga Gospel Justice Initiative: The TFJA, LAET, CLS, & GJI partnership continues with a faith leader education event in **September 2017 (date TBD)**. Planned programming includes overview of the power of partnering faith and justice communities, basic legal issue spotting for faith leaders, Q&A, and special training by guest speaker Kristen Jacobson of TALS on Legal Wellness Checkups and how faith leaders (and laypeople!) can use one simple tool to change lives in their communities.

TALS Equal Justice University: TALS annual Equal Justice University Conference in Murfreesboro, TN, will be held from **August 30th - September 1, 2017** and TFJA will be there! EJU kicks off with AOC's very own executive director, Deborah Taylor Tate, who will mediate the Opening Plenary on Building a 21st Century Juvenile Justice System in Tennessee, and then moves into its sessions. We're excited to hear Lauren Prater speak about Coordinating Immigration Pro Bono Services and former Pro Bono Coordinator, Christina Magrans-Tillery speak about Protection for Tenants under Fair Housing & VAWA, and to see many other friends and colleagues there! Registration is still open if you want to join! **TN Fosters:** TFJA and TN Fosters are exploring a legal clinic and resource fair specifically for children and families in the foster care system or those who are aging out. Date TBD in **Winter 2017**. Join in!

"By education I mean that training in excellence from the youth upward which makes a person passionately desire to be a perfect citizen & teaches that person to rule and to obey with justice. This is the only education which deserves the name." -Plato



"There is no man, however wise who has not at some period of his youth said things, or lived in a way the consciousness of which is so unpleasant to him in later life that he would gladly, if he could, expunge it from his memory." -Marcel Proust

Erasing Records with Expungement

Effective July 1, 2017, new legislation sponsored by Tennessee Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris went into effect, making expungements more accessible in Tennessee for those who qualify. Expungements are important as they allow people to **erase criminal records that hold back employment opportunities and lock people in cycles of poverty**. The TFJA has helped sponsor many **expungement clinics** across the state. Recently, there have been increasing numbers of expungement clinics in West Tennessee, including one that was held in Memphis, TN, on July 29, an **upcoming clinic in Henry County, TN on August 12th**, an upcoming clinic in Memphis, TN, in November, and another upcoming clinic in Dyer County, TN, in December. In addition, TFJA partners and others continue to host expungement clinics in other areas of the state as well, including an **upcoming expungement clinic in Nashville, TN, on August 12th**, and a developing multi-county clinic project in Spring 2018 in East Tennessee. Each clinic continues to carve the path for later clinics, and the process becomes more refined each time. If you are interested in hosting an expungement clinic in your county or learning about the expungement process, please contact kimi.dement@tncourts.gov for more info.



Thank you to all who are leading the way, TN is better for your efforts.

TFJA Clinic Spotlight**South Soddy Baptist**

Monday, August 28
5:30pm – 7:30pm
11055 Dayton Pike
Soddy Daisy, TN

Expungement Clinic

Saturday, August 12
9am-2pm
Henry County
Courthouse, 101 E
Washington St #100
Paris, TN

Samaritan Center

Tuesday, Sept 12
Samaritan Center
9231 Lee Hwy
Ooltewah, TN

Grace Lutheran

Sept 9, 9am-1pm
9076 Middlebrook Pike
Knoxville, TN

Lipscomb Clinic

August 15th, 5:30pm
St. James Missionary
Baptist Church
600 28th Ave N
Nashville, TN

**TIRRC Family
Defense Workshops**

August 15 6pm
Chattanooga, TN
Call 615-833-0384 for info

**TIRRC Family
Defense Workshops**

August 24 6pm
El Mercadito
3766 Ridgeway Rd
Memphis, TN, 38115

Cross Point Clinic

Tues 9/12, 6pm-8pm
Cross Point Dream
Center; 4007 Delaware
Ave; Nashville, TN

Loaves and Fishes

Weds 7/16 11am
215 Foster St
Clarksville, TN, 37043

Salvation Army Clinic

Every other Weds
10am-12pm
Salvation Army
631 Dickerson Pike
Nashville, TN

Mending Hearts Clinic

Limited Court Fee
Forgiveness; Contact
MollieGass@gmail.com

**Good Samaritan
Ministries**

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

**Compassionate
Counsel**

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

West TN Legal Clinics**Saturday Legal Clinic**

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

Veterans Clinic

Tues, 9/12; 12 - 2 pm
Memphis Vet Center
1407 Union Avenue

WTLS RIFA Clinic

Tuesday, 8/29 9:30am
133 Airways Blvd
Jackson, TN 38301

HELP Clinic

Tues, 9/5, 1pm-3pm
146 Jefferson Ave,
Memphis

Attorney of the Day

Thursdays at 1:30 pm
8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31
Shelby Courthouse,
140 Adams Ave, Rm.
134, Memphis, TN

Hickman Clinic

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

Mid TN Legal Clinics**MCCC Indigency &
Expungement Clinic**

Saturday, August 12
9am-3pm
First Baptist South
Inglewood Church
1515 Ann St.,
Nashville, TN, 37216

Greenhouse Clinic

Thursdays at 3:30 pm
8/10, 8/17, 8/24, 8/31
309 South Spring St.,
Murfreesboro

Rutherford Clinic

Saturday, 8/19, 9-11am
Higher Ground Worship
Center 2424 Yearwood
Ave, Murfreesboro

Nashville 2nd Tues.

Tuesday, 9/12, 4:30pm
Legal Aid Society
300 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN, 37201

**Gallatin 2nd Tuesday
Legal Help Clinic**

Sept 12, 4:30-6:30pm
Gallatin Civic Center
10 Albert Gallatin Ave,
Gallatin, TN

McHugh Clinic

Saturday, 8/26, 8:30am
Legal Aid Society
300 Deaderick Street
Nashville, TN, 37201

MNPS Clinic/EI Office

Saturday, 8/19, 8:30am
615 Fessey Park Road
Nashville, TN, 37204

Mercy Clinic

Thursday, 9/7, 4:30pm
908 Murfreesboro
Road, Franklin, TN

**Operation Stand
Down**

Wednesday, 8/16
Call 615-248-1981 for info

HELP Clinic

Weds, 8/16, 9-11:30am
Room at the Inn, 705
Drexel St, Nashville

Warren County Clinic

Tuesday, 9/12
9:30 am – 10:30 am
Warren Co Courthouse
111 South Court
Square, McMinnville

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

Sat, 8/19 9am-12pm,
307 Ellis Street
(Compton Place)
Maryville, TN, 37801
Call 865-981-1818 for info

**Hamilton Juvenile Ct
Child Support Clinic**

Thursday, 9/14, 1-3 pm
1600 E. 3rd Street
Chattanooga 37404

Knoxville Sat Bar

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

**Washington County
Pro Se Day**

Wednesday, 8/16
108 W. Jackson Blvd.,
Jonesborough, TN

Kingsport Bar Clinic

Thursday, 8/17
4:30 pm – 6:30 pm
243 East Charlemont
Ave, Kingsport, 37660

**KBA YLD Veterans'
Legal Advice Clinic**

Wednesday, 9/13,
12pm-2pm
Chilhowee Park
3301 E Magnolia Ave,
Knoxville, TN

Chattanooga CARES

Tuesday 9/12, 3-5 pm
1000 E 3rd Street
Chattanooga 37403

United Way Fair

August 22nd
Eastman Chemical Co
200 S Wilcox Dr
Eastman Employees Only

Pro Se Divorce Clinic

August 31st
313 Foothills Drive
Blountville, TN
Call 423-928-8311 for info

Bristol Pro Se Day

September 1st
Chancery Court
801 Anderson St #239
Bristol, TN

Hamblen Legal Link

September 7th
1125 W First North St
Morristown, TN
Call 423-928-8311 for info

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information? Know of
clinics that are
missing? Have
updates? Keeping a
master clinic list
requires constant
upkeep. Please e-mail
kimi.dement@tncourts.gov
to help keep
things current.*