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Annual Meeting 2023
 Please join us as we pray for the Leadership of the
 Sweetwater Baptist Association



Jamie Johnson, Vice-Moderator 2023-2024 (Pastor, Delano Baptist Church)
 David Lane, Moderator 2023-2024 (Pastor, Citico Baptist Church)
 Tony Rutherford, (Director of Missions)
 Darrell Cardin, Outgoing Moderator 2022-2023 (Pastor, Christianburg Baptist Church)

2024
East Tennessee
Evangelism Rally
FEBRUARY 24

8:30 am Pastors, Preachers &
 Leadership Conference
 (open to all)
 7:00 pm Evangelism Rally
 (open to all)
 Hosted by...
 Notchey Creek Baptist Church
 Madisonville, TN 37354

Sweetwater Baptist Association Family of Churches welcome...

Pastor Joey Bivens
and wife Judy
LOWER CHILHOWEE
Baptist Church

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We are praying for these pastors and congregations as
 they share Christ with their communities.



Pastor Chris Holloway
Wife Melissa & daughter Megan
WILLIAMSBURG
Baptist Church

Sweetwater Baptist Association
2024 Vacation
Bible School
SHOWCASE
Monday, March 4



SBA Office, Madisonville



Sweetwater Baptist Association
CONNECT Youth Rally
Saturday, March 9, 2024
 Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church
 Sweetwater, TN

*A Christmas Message
From the Staff of the
Sweetwater
Baptist Association*



Light of the World

*May the blessings of
Faith, Hope and
His love
Be with you this
Christmas and throughout
The New Year.*



*Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Sweetwater Baptist Association*

Tony Rutherford

Becky Jones

Sheri Stephens

*"...and thou shalt call His
name Jesus: for He shall
save His people from their sins."
Matthew 1:21*



2023

REPORT FROM ANNUAL MEETING, 2023:

He Restoreth My Soul was the theme for the 2023 Annual Meeting. Thank you, Pastor Rick Atkins and New Providence Baptist Church, for hosting Messengers as they gathered for the 193rd Session of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. The opening welcome and prayer were presented by Pastor Rick Atkins. Steve Pearson shared a word of greetings from the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, and presented a plaque on behalf of churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association that participated in the Golden Mission Offering. The Memorial Report included Dedication of the 2023 Minutes of the Association in memory of former pastors: Dennis Lee Robinson and Julius Franklin (Frank) Hicks. These men were beloved and faithful servants to this Association and our Lord. They will be sadly missed.



We thank our Moderator, Darrell Cardin, for his kind spirit and outstanding leadership. During the Moderator's Message, he reminded us that when we get mixed up, and when our soul needs fixing, *send it back to the Maker... God is in control, so enjoy the journey.*



The Lingerfelts were a blessing as they shared the special music for the service. In addition, Vice-Moderator David Lane did an exceptional job in leading the Business Session. Items approved by Messengers included: David Lane (Pastor of Citico) will serve as Moderator and Jamie Johnson (Pastor of Delano) was elected as Vice-Moderator for 2023-2024; and a proposed budget of \$217,422.00 was approved.

The Director of Missions Report indicated that churches have continued to be on mission here at home and around our world. Mission volunteers, Lance Hamilton, Javin Parson and Carroll Hamilton shared of the work in Guatemala, as they participated in distributing food bags, witnessing at a rehabilitation clinic and door-to-door visits while sharing the love of Christ. Relief efforts, funds and supplies were shared in Tennessee, Kentucky and Ukraine. It was also reported that short-term mission projects are being planned for 2024.

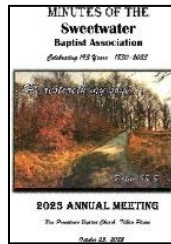


We want to thank Pastors, Messengers and visitors from churches represented that were in attendance for the sessions. We want to thank our host church, New Providence Baptist Church and Pastor Rick Atkins for the gracious welcome. (It was a joy to worship in this beautiful new sanctuary.) We also want to thank everyone that served on the program for this year's Annual Meeting.

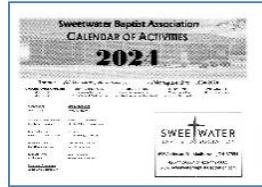
Tennessee Baptist Mission Board presents
**2024 Bivocational
 Ministers & Wives Retreat**
January 25-27
**Music Road Hotel &
 Convention Center**
Pigeon Forge, TN
Additional information: www.tnbaptist.org



2023 MINUTE BOOKS AND 2024 CALENDARS: If your church has **NOT ALREADY** picked up the *2023 Minutes of the 193rd Annual Meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association* (that had been previously ordered) or the *2024 Associational Calendars*, these **WILL BE DELIVERED** by our Director of Missions to the churches in mid-December.



You should find them near your church door or on the porch.



This year the *2023 Minutes* were dedicated in memory of former pastors, Dennis Robinson and Julius Franklin

“Frank” Hicks. The *Minutes of the 193rd Annual Meeting* are also available on our website at www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com

We hope Pastors and Church Leadership will use the calendar in planning church events for 2024, and anything we have scheduled would not hinder any of the events at one of the churches. This allows each of us the opportunity to support the ministries that are offered by both the Association and each of our churches.

**2024 EAST TENNESSEE
 EVANGELISM RALLY**
February 24

2024 EVANGELISM RALLY: We want to personally invite you and your church to attend the **2024 East Tennessee Evangelism Rally!**

Three sessions are currently scheduled:

- (1) **Pastors/Preachers/Leadership** (open to all) **8:30 a.m.**
- (2) **TBMB Ignite presentation for Pastor/Wife** **5:00 p.m.**
 (Reservation/registration required by February 8th for this session)
- (3) **Evening Worship Rally** (open to all) **7:00 p.m.**

The meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 24th** and will be hosted by **Notchey Creek Baptist Church**, 5529 New Highway 68 in Madisonville. Featured at the conference will be Dr. Roc Collins, Dr. Dean Haun, and Rev. Allan Taylor. Special music for all sessions will be by Daniel Doss and Band.

Everyone is invited to attend the Saturday morning session that will begin at 8:30 a.m. and conclude shortly after noon. All pastors, preachers and church leaders are especially encouraged to attend! This will be a special training/preaching session that will include Rev. Allan Taylor, Dr. Roc Collins, and Dr. Dean Haun.



Then at 5:30 p.m., all Sweetwater Baptist Association pastors and their wives are invited to attend an **IGNITE** presentation (with a light meal) provided by the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. Dr. Roc Collins will present a *WinTN 30 Day Prayer Challenge* during this time. To adequately prepare for this second session, **registration and reservations are needed by Thursday, February 8th**. Please call or email to reserve your spot today!

Once again at 7:00 p.m., (everyone and especially) all pastors, preachers, church leaders and leadership are encouraged to gather for the **2024 East Tennessee Evangelism Rally!** Dr. Roc Collins will be preaching during this session. Music will be provided by Daniel Doss and Band. We know you will be blessed and will not want to miss this event!

Pastors, a reminder! If you plan to attend the **TBMB Ignite Session**, it is important that we have your **registration information** by **Thursday, February 8th**. Please call 423-442-6604 or 423-442-6605 or send an email to the Sweetwater Baptist Association office at sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net or becky.jones@bellsouth.net to register today.

Please make plans now to attend the **2024 Evangelism Rally**. Please encourage your church leaders and members to attend the **Evangelism Rally**. You will not want to miss this great event! Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 24th at Notchey Creek Baptist Church** and watch for more information!

2024 East Tennessee Evangelism Rally
FEBRUARY 24

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7:00 pm Evangelism Rally (open to all)

Hosted by...
Notchey Creek Baptist Church
 Madisonville, TN 37354
 5529 New Highway 68

Save the date

Dr. Roc Collins
 Strategic Objectives Director
 Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Dr. Dean Haun
 Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church
 Morristown, TN

Daniel Doss with Band
 Special Music
 all sessions

Rev. Allan Taylor
 Executive Pastor of Ministries,
 First Baptist Church Concord
 Knoxville, TN

NOTCHEY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
 in conjunction with
SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
 For more information 423-442-6604



405 Black Oak Drive, Knoxville, TN

Additional information available at www.tnbaptist.org

YEC East TN

Youth Evangelism Conference
 March 1 6:00 p.m.
 March 2 12:00 noon
 Black Oaks Heights Baptist Church



Sweetwater Baptist Association

CONNECT, 2024

Youth Rally
 Saturday, March 9

Fairview Tabernacle
 Speaker: Shaq Hardy

Additional information available at www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com
 or watch for further details!

2024 State Evangelism Conference April 7

New Vision Baptist Church
 1750 N. Thompson Lane, Murfreesboro

Additional information available at www.tnbaptist.org



HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS, 2024:

Just a reminder to our pastors and youth leaders! Information regarding the Sweetwater Baptist Association, *High School Scholarship* program is available for a limited time online on our website at www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com or can be picked up at the Associational Office. Scholarship applications for 2024 must be completed and returned to the Association Office by **March 1st**. Please help us get this word out to our students by announcing this to your church.



CHURCH GIFTS: Total church gifts for October 1st through November 27th were \$45,763.67, with total budget expenses of \$29,912.95. Please review the following information, and contact our office if you should have any questions. We thank you for your support of the budget ministries of the Association.



SBA Church Gifts: October 1 – November 27, 2023

Church/Mission	Oct. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2023	Total
411 Chapel	0.00	0.00		0.00
Antioch	25.00	25.00		50.00
Beaty's Chapel	200.00	0.00		200.00
Bethlehem	1,512.50	2,762.00		4,274.50
Big Creek	0.00	0.00		0.00
Calvary	0.00	60.00		60.00
Cane Creek	200.00	200.00		400.00
Cedar Fork	513.66	611.10		1,124.76
Cedar Valley	889.26	1,223.41		2,112.67
Christianburg	0.00	1,351.55		1,351.55
Citico	14.85	87.95		102.80
Clifton	25.00	25.00		50.00
Community	62.97	110.97		173.94
Compromise	50.00	50.00		100.00

Conasauga	300.00	300.00		600.00
Concord	1,386.07	0.00		1,386.07
Delano	322.13	355.88		678.01
Druid Hills	100.00	100.00		200.00
Ebenezer	30.00	0.00		30.00
Fairview	0.00	0.00		0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	1,500.00	1,500.00		3,000.00
Fellowship	186.11	161.35		347.46
Glenlock	334.00	334.00		668.00
Gregory's Chapel	100.00	100.00		200.00
Hopewell Springs	0.00	0.00		0.00
Howards Chapel	1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00
Island Creek	300.00	300.00		600.00
Lakeside	0.00	0.00		0.00
Long Ridge	1,000.00	0.00		1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	0.00	0.00		0.00
Macedonia	0.00	200.00		200.00
Madisonville, First	416.67	416.67		833.34
Maple Springs	750.00	0.00		750.00
Miller's Chapel	100.00	100.00		200.00
Mt. Calvary	78.06	128.77		206.83
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00		0.00
Mt. Zion	565.78	784.50		1,350.28
Murray's	2,406.00	0.00		2,406.00
New Bethany	337.49	691.92		1,029.41
New Macedonia	200.00	200.00		400.00
New Providence	686.51	962.03		1,648.54
New Zion	0.00	0.00		0.00
North Sweetwater	80.05	99.82		179.87
Notchey Creek	916.97	916.97		1,833.94
Oak Grove	496.13	297.82		793.95
Oakland	200.00	0.00		200.00
Old Pond Hill	0.00	0.00		0.00
Old Sweetwater	0.00	0.00		0.00
Paint Rock	110.00	110.00		220.00
Piney Grove	0.00	0.00		0.00
Poplar Bluff	0.00	0.00		0.00
Reed Springs	0.00	0.00		0.00
Rocky Springs	2,200.00	400.00		2,600.00
Rural Vale	406.69	644.57		1,051.26
Shady Grove	0.00	0.00		0.00
Shelton Grove	152.14	387.46		539.60
Shoal Creek	385.00	0.00		385.00
South Madisonville	100.00	100.00		200.00
Sweetwater, First	350.00	350.00		700.00
Tellico	0.00	0.00		0.00
Tellico, First	430.00	637.00		1,067.00
Tevis Springs	0.00	0.00		0.00
Towee Falls	150.00	150.00		300.00
Trinity	0.00	0.00		0.00
Union Grove	240.00	0.00		240.00
Union Hall	135.00	96.00		231.00
Union McMinn	400.00	400.00		800.00
Unity	0.00	0.00		0.00
Upper Shady Grove	50.00	50.00		100.00
Vonore	1,565.71	1,995.94		3,561.65
Walnut Grove	0.00	0.00		0.00
Watson Chapel	0.00	333.34		333.34
Westside	0.00	0.00		0.00
Williamsburg	50.50	43.50		94.00
Miscellaneous/TBC	782.00	782.00		1,564.00
Misc AM	0.06	0.00		0.06
Misc Interest	17.21	17.63		34.84
Total Income	24,809.52	20,954.15		45,763.67

DISASTER RELIEF FOR ISRAEL: In mid-October an urgent need was shared with the Churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, as they were asked to pray for Israel. In



Pray for Israel



In addition, items were collected for Israel. During the past several weeks, many individuals and churches responded in a great way to the devastating needs. A trailer load of supplies was collected to be part of the

Tennessee Baptist Mission Board shipment to help those that have suffered when their lives were impacted by the ongoing conflict. In addition, many individuals, groups and churches provided over \$65,000+ in monetary gifts that have been shared with the TBMB for the *Middle East Conflict/Disaster Relief Fund*. Please continue to pray for those who are hurting and have lost so much.

We will have several different VBS themes on display at the Associational Office from different companies. Pastors and VBS Directors will be invited to see the options that are available for their church. Ordering information for each theme will be available. In addition to the showcase night, the display will remain set up in the SBA Office for about a month, so others from the churches can come in during office hours and see the themes. Then at the end of the month, we will have a drawing to give away all the VBS sampler kits.

The Associational staff is always available and happy to help you with 2024 Vacation Bible School materials, workers, and resources. Please contact the SBA Office at 423-442-6604 for more information or if we can be of assistance in any way.

Sweetwater Baptist Association

**Executive Board Meeting
Monday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.**

Hosted by **Druid Hills Baptist Church**

**Druid Hills to
host Executive
Board Meeting**

According to SBA Constitution and Bylaws, Executive Board Members are:

- Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Associational Council,
- Pastor/Interim Pastor or in the event the church has no Pastor or Interim Pastor, the Chairman of the Deacon becomes the first Executive Board Member from each church, and
- One elected Executive Board Member from each church.

Names of Executive Board members from each church must be submitted to the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. in order for a list of Executive Board Members to be compiled.

Visitors will be welcome to attend the business session, but only registered Executive Board members will be allowed to participate in the business session.

Sweetwater Baptist Association
**Disaster Relief Funds Received for
Middle East Conflict: Israel**

Church/Group/Individual	Amount
Christianburg BC	1,000.00
Long Ridge BC	1,355.00
New Providence BC	5,454.00
Notchey Creek BC	4,014.00
Rural Vale BC	4,288.00
Shady Grove BC	2,300.00
Union McMinn BC	5,000.00
Vonore BC	5,000.00
VBC, Bess Ellis Circle WMU	200.00
VB Fellowship Sunday School	200.00
VBC Willing Workers SS Class	125.00
Miriam/William Post VBC	100.00
Bible Baptist	2,200.00
Glorybound BC	500.00
Buddy Morgan: Glorybound BC	100.00
Frances/Clayton Dunsmore	500.00
Maxine Cole/Jan Pilkey	40.00
Anonymous	32,500.00
Anonymous	500.00
TOTAL.....	\$65,376.00

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

NEWS: Vacation Bible School time is right around the corner! And Vacation Bible School Jump-Start Kits and VBS materials for 2024 will soon be available for your church leaders to view.



With that in mind, plans are being made for the Sweetwater Baptist Association, **2024 VBS Showcase**. The **VBS Showcase** will be held on **Monday evening, March 4th** and will be held at the Sweetwater Baptist Association office in Madisonville. Please watch for additional details!



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www.fairviewfamily.org

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**MISSIONS
GET-TOGETHER**
April 11-13, 2024
Brentwood Baptist
Brentwood, TN

**SBA
WMU/Ladies
Ministry News**

Thank you, ladies of Tellico, First Baptist Church for being such gracious hosts for our November meeting.



(The food was delicious!) The meeting was wonderful, too! Susan Newman did an outstanding job providing the special music, and Jennifer Hand blessed us in sharing of her mission opportunities in Turkey, Ukraine and Syria! Jenn has served in 53 different countries over the years. We are also thankful for the \$685.00+ that was received for Jenn's *Coming Alive Ministries*.



Plan now to take part in the *Week of Prayer for International Missions* and the *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*. Please remember that 100% of your gifts to the *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering* go directly to the missionaries on the field.



The suggested date for the *Week of Prayer for International Missions* and *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering* is December 3-9.

Don't forget *Missions Get-together*, April 11-13. It will be held at Brentwood Baptist Church. Registration opens on January 2nd. Visit tmbaptist.org/event/missions-get-together for additional information and lodging recommendations.

We are already looking forward to our next WMU Meeting which will be held May 6th, and hosted by Reed Springs Baptist Church. Watch for further information, and we hope to see you there. —Rachel Thompson, *Associational WMU/Ladies Ministry Director*

**WHO IS
LOTTIE MOON?**

Lottie Moon was born Charlotte Digges Moon on December 12, 1840, in Albemarle County, Virginia. It is said Lottie rebelled against Christianity until she was in college, but in December 1858, dedicated her life to Christ at First Baptist Church, Charlottesville, Virginia.



Lottie was 32 years old when appointed to Tengchow, China where she served for 39 years as a missionary. She had turned down a marriage proposal and left her job, home and family to follow God's lead. Her path wasn't typical for an educated woman from a wealthy Southern family. God had gripped her with the Chinese peoples' need for a Savior. She taught in a girls' school and often made trips into China's interior to share the Good News with women and girls. Lottie Moon was passionate about people knowing Christ.

People of China feared and rejected her, but she refused to leave. The aroma of fresh-baked cookies drew children to her house. She adopted traditional Chinese dress, and she learned China's language and customs. Lottie identified with the people, and many eventually accepted her, and some accepted her Savior. Lottie frequently sent letters back home detailing Chinese culture, missionary life and the physical and spiritual needs of the Chinese people. Additionally, she challenged Southern Baptists to go to China or give so that others could go. By 1888, Southern Baptist women had organized and helped collect \$3,315 to send to workers in China.

IN 1918, Women's Missionary Union (WMU) named the annual Christmas offering for international missions after Lottie Moon. Lottie Moon's life is a reminder of why we must give to, send and support missionaries among unreached peoples in unreached places.

Today's China is a world of rapid change. It's home to over 1.4 billion individuals – one-fifth of the world's population. It's very different from the vast farmland Lottie Moon entered in the 1800s. But one thing hasn't changed: China's need for a Savior. (Information taken from www.imb.org.)

**Sweetwater
Baptist Association
PASTORS
CONFERENCE**

- Meets at SBA Office Monday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.
- No Pastor's Conference in Month of December
- Pastors Conference will resume on January 8th



Ordinations

On Sunday, September 24th, **Madisonville First Baptist** ordained Patrick Taylor, Joe Wright, and Jay Easter as Deacons.



On Sunday, October 22nd, **Sweetwater First Baptist** ordained Willie Grayson, and Phillip Palmer as Deacons.

YOUTH MINISTRY: Please note the changes for the **2024 Connect Rally**. First, the **DATE** is going to be **Saturday, March 9th** and the **LOCATION** is going to be **Fairview Tabernacle** in Sweetwater. The other changes include **free pizza** for the students prior to the rally (must sign up) and the option to buy **CONNECT T-Shirts** (must sign up). Sign-up is not needed to attend the Rally...just for the pizza and t-shirt. **Pastors and Youth Leaders, watch for a Connect packet to come in the mail in early January with all the details.**



CONNECT Youth Rally

Guest Speaker
Shaq Hardy

SATURDAY MARCH 9TH **FAIRVIEW TABERNACLE**
112 KEY KILE RD, SWEETWATER

5:30
PIZZA IN THE GYM

6:15
WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

T-SHIRT ORDER & PIZZA REGISTRATION DUE **FEB 8TH**

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED TO ATTEND WORSHIP

Church News

THE WIDOWED LUNCHEON

BIG CREEK: On Saturday, December 16th at Noon, we will be hosting **"The Widowed Luncheon"** to honor the widows and widowers of our community. Please RSVP Christi @ 865-659-4526.

CONASAUGA: Our **Christmas Program "An Unlikely Christmas Shepherd"** will be on Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 pm.

CONCORD: **Christmas Drive-Through**, December 8-9, 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm.

ISLAND CREEK: Our Annual **Drive-Thru Nativity** will be December 8-9, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Our **Children's Christmas Program "The Night Jesus was Born"** will be on December 10th at 6:00 pm.

LAKESIDE: Our **Christmas Program "Santa's Secret"** will be held on Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 pm. We will also host the **Mt. Zion Singers** on Sunday, December 31st at 6:00 pm.

SHELTON GROVE: Shelton Grove is collecting new and (good) used bicycles for a mission project on the Texas/Mexico border in the small town of Mission, Texas. The main form of transportation for the people of this area is bicycles.

Donations of bicycles can be dropped off at the Associational Office (during regular office hours) now through March 7th.

MADISONVILLE, FIRST: Due to illness, **David Phelps** had to reschedule his **Concert** at First Baptist. The new date is Saturday, February 10th. For more information or tickets, visit www.davidphelps.com or call the church office at 423-442-4544.



MILLER'S CHAPEL: Our **Christmas Play** will be on December 10th at 6:00 pm.



MT. ZION: Our **Children's Nativity Program** will be Sunday Morning December 17. The **Adult Christmas Play** will be on Sunday, December 17 at 6:00 pm.



NEW PROVIDENCE: We will be presenting **"A Cricket County Christmas Feud"** on Wednesday, December 13th at 6:30 PM and again on Sunday, December 17th at 6:00 PM. Everyone is invited to attend this side-splitting, heart-warming, soul-stirring play.

The New Providence Mission Center located at 451 New Providence Rd in Tellico Plains is in our old church building. It provides clothing, food, hygiene items, health and beauty items, household goods, children's items and supplies along with children's clothing and toys. We are accepting donations of these items and monetary donations. We invite our sister churches to join us in this ministry. If you would like to volunteer or take a tour of the center, please contact 423-519-6899, 423-337-1697 or 423-295-4873.



NOTCHEY CREEK:

- Dec 10 Christmas Caroling at 3:30 pm with light meal & Worship Service to follow in fellowship hall
- Dec 17 Song Service, Children's Choir and Adult Choir/Specials 6:00 pm
- Dec 24 8:30 am and 10:45 am Worship Services, 9:45 am Sunday School; no PM Services
- Dec 31 8:30 a.m. and 10:45 am Worship Services, 9:45 am Sunday School; 6:00 pm Worship Service



POPLAR BLUFF: Please join Hosts, Roman Hamilton and Paul Chapman on a weekly podcast called **"Truth Revival."** New episodes are released every Tuesday at 10:00 am.



TELLICO, FIRST: We will be offering a **Live Nativity** as part of the **Tellico Plains Candlelight Walk** on Saturday, December 2nd, from 4:00-8:00 pm. Our Christmas Program will be on Sunday, December 17th at 11:00 am.

UNION GROVE: We are having a **Christmas Play/Musical** on Sunday December 17th at 6:00 pm. We are having two **Children's Programs** on Wednesday December 20.

UNION MCMINN: Our **Drive-Thru Nativity** will be December 8-9, from 6:00-8:00 pm. Our **Christmas Program** will be on December 24th. Also, mark your calendar for our 2nd Annual **Men's Conference** being planned for February 2-3, 2024.



WATSON CHAPEL: We are offering a **Free Lunch** of Soup and Sandwich on Saturday, December 2nd from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm (available to anyone). Location: Wil-Sav Drug 4249 Hwy 411, Madisonville. On December 17th at 6:00 pm and again on December 20th at 7:00 pm our **Watson Chapel Kids and Choir Present "He Made a Way in the Manger" Christmas Play and Cantata**. This will be held at our church at 140 Watson Chapel Road Madisonville.



Sweetwater Baptist Association

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ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS, 2023-2024

MODERATOR DAVID LANE	VICE MODERATOR JAMIE JOHNSON	Associational Council Officers & Committee Chairmen
Committee on Nominations Joel Tilson, Chairman	Budget/Finance Committee Richard Parker, Chairman	Mission Committee Rick Harris Chairman
Personnel Committee Janet Lynn, Chairperson	Scholarship Committee Christy McCosh, Chairperson	Trustees Darrell Atkins, Chairman
Music Director Phillip Johnson	Youth Council Kevin Manis, Chairman	WMU/Ladies Director Rachel Thompson

NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

Welcome New Pastors

Lower Chilhowee.....Joey Bivens
Williamsburg.....Chris Holloway

Director of Mission Visits/Miscellaneous:

Piney Grove, Unity (Preach); Lakeside (Revival); Big Creek (Preach); Murray's (Preach); Old Pond Hill; Shoal Creek (Preach); Mt Zion; Rocky Springs (Preach); Sweetwater First, Antioch, Vacation; Bethlehem; Cedar Valley; Beauty's Chapel; Clifton; South Madisonville; Calvary; 411 Chapel; Cane Creek; Compromise; Conasauga

Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Calvary, Ebenezer, Fairview Tabernacle, Hopewell Springs, Murrays, Tellico (Ballplay), Unity



Upcoming Events/News

“...God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love...” –2 Timothy 1:7

Jan 25-27 TBMB Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat, *Pigeon Forge*

Feb 24 East TN Evangelism Rally, *Notchey Creek*, watch for details

Feb 26 Youth Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.

Mar 1 High School Scholarship Applications due, *SBA Office*

Mar 1-2 YEC, East TN, *Black Oak Heights BC, Knoxville*

Mar 3-10 Week of Prayer for North American Missions &
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Mar 4 VBS Showcase, *SBA Office*, watch for details

Mar 9 CONNECT Youth Rally, *Fairview Tabernacle*, watch for details

Mar 11 Scholarship Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.

Mar 24-29 *Spring Break, Monroe County Schools*

Mar 29 Good Friday

Mar 31 Easter

Apr 2 Missions Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.

Apr 11-13 TBMB WMU Missions Get-Together, *Brentwood*

Apr 15 Executive Board Meeting, *Druid Hills*, 7:00 p.m.

♥ HAPPY
Valentine's
DAY ♥

happy
Easter

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W-2 and 1099 Forms

IRS Forms will be available upon request at the SBA Office

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The Association Office will be closed in observance of the Christmas holidays. We are thankful to the Association for allowing us this time to spend with family and friends.

– The Associational Staff

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WMU/Ladies Group

Please check the Activities Director at 442-3990 for
Madisonville Health & Rehab – Nursing Home Birthday Cake Schedule

January Vonore

February Rocky Springs

March New Providence

April Oak Grove

May Concord

June Madisonville FBC

July Lakeside

August 411 Chapel

September Mt. Zion

October Notchey Creek

November Bethlehem

December New Bethany

