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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC Monday, April 8, 2019

Open House 6:30 p.m. • Conferences 7:00 p.m.
ROCKY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH, Madisonville



Associational VBS Directors Bryan and Kim Williamson
CONFERENCES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS..... TEAM LEADERS
 Babies • Preschool • Kindergarten (babies-kindergarten) David and Debbie McDaniel
 Younger Children (completed 1-2 grades) Kristen Franklin
 Middle Children (completed 3-4 grades) Starr Kimble
 VBX • Preteen • Older Children (completed 5-6 grades) Lance and Amber Patty
 Youth Nick and Holly Farrell
 VBS Pastors • Directors Steven and Kendra McDonald, Hope Dotson
 Music Halea Lingerfelt and Lisa Lingerfelt
 Special Education • Club VBS Exhibit Table
 Mini VBS Exhibit Table/Orders Becky Jones and Sheri Stephens

Sweetwater Baptist Association

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, April 15th, 7:00 p.m.
Westside Baptist Church, Madisonville
(Please make note. Westside Baptist Church to host meeting!)



According to the SBA Constitution and Bylaws, Article VIII: All Pastors, Associational Council (SBA Officers and Committee Chairman) and one elected Executive Board Member from each participating church are entitled to participate in the Executive Board Meetings.

Reaching KIDS in Your Zip

Monday, April 29, 2019
6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Sweetwater
Free Conference .. Everyone Invited



Churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association
Welcome New Pastors and their families...



Union Grove
Pastor Charles Hunt
and wife, Lanette

We are praying for these dear men of God, their families and congregations as they share Jesus in their communities.



New Macedonia
Pastor Mitch Isbill
wife Tammy, and son, Jonathan



Walnut Grove
Pastor Jonas Turpin
wife Erica, and family,
Luke, Deacon and Lydie

KIDS Choir Practice

**VBS
MATERIALS:**
"Mini-Exhibit" of
VBS materials will
be on display at
VBS Clinic.

Join us for CHOIR PRACTICE...

Associational VBS Kid's Choir
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Madisonville

Practice: Sunday, April 7th, 2:00 p.m.
Performance: Monday, April 8th, 7:00 p.m.
(at VBS Clinic)

FREE T-SHIRT FOR PARTICIPANTS: Children and Youth who attend practice AND participate in Associational Kid's VBS Choir performance will receive FREE VBS t-shirt at VBS Clinic.

GIVE-AWAY: A VBS item will be given away at the conclusion of each session in each breakout conference at the VBS Clinic.

Director of Missions



Pastor Steve Teague came by the office the other day requesting a sermon series on Noah and the flood. I was so *washed away* by his request that it caused me to stop and think for a moment. After a quick laugh, our talk turned to the weather we have experienced lately. When Sunday arrived, I honestly readjusted my schedule considering the potential road hazards caused by standing water. What lies beneath standing water can be dangerous. I am sure several churches had to address that same problem. We would never want to put our members in jeopardy by requiring them to travel in unsafe conditions. God sends the rain, He surely understands our dilemma.

The record setting rainfall has not kept the Sweetwater Baptist Association from serving our congregations. The office building remodeling project that was approved in October is nearing completion. Funds for the tiny house are being received and have almost reached the goal of \$15,000.00. Notchey Creek hosted our annual January Evangelism Conference. Dr. Jeff LaBorg provided two nights of excellent preaching, while the Association Choir and the Lingerfelt Family blessed us with moving expressions of worship. The Constitution Committee has worked on a new *Constitution and Bylaws of the Sweetwater Baptist Association* and made it available for each pastor to pick up a copy at the SBA office. SBA also hosted 54 travelers to the Holy Land in January, where lives were changed, challenged, and encouraged. We have truly been humbled with *showers of blessings*.

Blessings *pour down* in different shapes and sizes. A week never goes by without news of how God is touching our churches. Revivals have brought lost souls to salvation and new ministries have birthed children into eternity. Congregations have utilized facilities by setting up and distributing clothing to the struggling in the community. Food pantries have fed families in the name of Jesus. Who can out-give God? No one! By trusting the Father, His blessings are measureless and strong.

We expect blessings to continue to flow. There are two mission trips planned for Guatemala, one in June and another in September. Prayers are being lifted for many to be saved. Medical treatment will be provided to hundreds, and the *river of healing* will allow the Great Physician to open the homes and hearts to His love. God's Word reminds us that "*he shall be like a tree that is planted by the rivers of waters that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper*" (Psalms 1:3). Expect great things and God will surely deliver.

All the churches that plan well for Vacation Bible School will reap a harvest that the rains of spring bring. The watering of the seed and the Light from above produces a healthy and an abundant crop. The workers in the vineyard get to enjoy the fruit of the harvest. Let me encourage you to plant well, water well, cultivate well, and enjoy the blessing God provides.

Enjoy the *sprinkles* that refresh our souls.

---Tony Rutherford

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Sweetwater Baptist Association, *Executive Board Meeting* will be held on **Monday, April 15th at 7:00 pm.** The meeting will be hosted by Westside Baptist Church in Madisonville.



Included on the agenda will be a review of the first draft of the proposed *Constitution and Bylaws of the Sweetwater Baptist Association* that has been prepared by the Constitution Committee. It is projected that a final draft could be presented in October to Messengers at Annual Meeting, 2019.

Associational Council members and Pastors are automatically included as Executive Board members. Each church is allowed (1) additional Executive Board member (in addition to the pastor). Executive Board member names **MUST** be reported to the Associational Office prior to the meeting date.



ISRAEL, 2020: In January, Tony Rutherford led a group of 54 participants to tour Israel. Many returned stating this was "*the trip of a lifetime and something they would never forget*". Others said "*they never imagined they would ever have been given the opportunity to visit the historical and Biblical sites where Jesus walked, preached and performed miracles*".

Pastors, deacons, and/or church leaders, would you and your wife be interested in being part of a team traveling to Israel January 22-31, 2020? Church leaders, you may want to give this some consideration for a *Pastor Appreciation* or *Pastor Christmas* gift for next year.

This 2020 tour is open to anyone interested in being part of the group. Spots are still available! The total cost of the tour is \$3700.00 per person and monthly payments can be negotiated. Please contact the SBA Office at 442-6604 for additional information.

FALL BIBLICAL STUDIES CLASS The fall session for the *Biblical Studies Class* at the Sweetwater Baptist Association office will begin on **Tuesday, September 3rd** at 6:30 pm. The 8-week study course will be *The End Times*.



This will be a non-credit class taught by Dr. Dennis Ellis to help equip young preachers, pastors and Sunday School teachers. The cost of the class is \$20.00 per person. Purchasing books is not required. However, reading or study materials may be recommended by the instructor, and may be found online at Amazon, LifeWay, Ebay, CBD, etc. Please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association at 442-6604 for additional information or if you are interested in taking this class.

CHURCH GIFTS: The Sweetwater Baptist Association is supported by gifts from our churches. In reviewing the list of *Church Gifts*, we want to offer words of gratitude for all gifts received. Church gifts fund the various budget ministry opportunities provided by the Association. Your church's faithful support of the Sweetwater Baptist Association is greatly encouraged and appreciated. Again, we thank all of the Churches for your continued support.



SBA Church Gifts: October, 2018 – February, 2019

Church/Mission	Oct. 2018	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2018	Jan. 2019	Feb. 2019	Total
411 Chapel	0.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Altoona	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Antioch	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	50.00	125.00
Beaty's Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	836.00	780.00	917.00	717.00	935.00	4185.00
Big Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary	104.00	57.06	90.00	107.00	81.00	439.06
Cane Creek	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	1000.00
Cedar Fork	504.70	416.68	433.70	395.49	381.68	2132.25
Cedar Valley	702.88	744.97	721.16	781.18	658.06	3608.25
Christianburg	0.00	283.58	0.00	0.00	243.44	527.02
Citico	71.30	82.80	69.50	85.55	73.70	382.85
Clifton	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	125.00
Community	65.58	42.15	38.56	46.47	39.72	232.48
Compromise	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	250.00
Conasauga	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	500.00
Concord	410.93	0.00	0.00	0.00	427.83	838.76
Delano	390.09	308.72	337.61	406.54	343.42	1786.38
Druid Hills	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Ebenezer	71.00	57.00	82.50	104.00	66.00	380.50
Fairview (Tellico)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	1,317.99	1,243.16	1,254.09	1,325.84	1211.61	6352.69
Fellowship	475.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	315.00	790.00
Glenlock	250.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	750.00
Gregory's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	500.00
Hilltop	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hopewell Springs	91.00	73.00	96.00	72.00	91.00	423.00
Howards Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	771.19	0.00	771.19
Island Creek	300.00	0.00	600.00	300.00	300.00	1500.00
Lakeside	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	600.00
Long Ridge	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00
Lower Chilhowee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Madisonville, First	416.67	416.67	416.67	416.67	416.67	2083.35
Maple Springs	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Miller's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	500.00
Mt. Calvary	86.26	119.41	95.34	126.08	93.30	520.39
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	596.00	552.55	333.00	357.30	500.28	2339.13
Murray's	2,246.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2246.00
New Bethany	383.18	249.89	394.54	338.13	229.73	1595.47
New Macedonia	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	700.00
New Providence	1,040.00	300.00	413.00	350.00	795.00	2898.00
North Sweetwater	261.88	93.00	112.00	115.00	83.58	665.46
Notchey Creek	449.81	449.81	449.81	449.81	449.81	2249.05
Oak Grove	347.56	0.00	724.41	239.92	290.35	1602.24
Oakland	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Old Pond Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	200.00
Old Sweetwater	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	500.00
Paint Rock	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	550.00
Piney Grove	300.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	500.00
Poplar Bluff	197.52	231.90	197.91	209.31	218.70	1055.34
Reed Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	796.34	0.00	796.34
Rocky Springs	400.00	400.00	0.00	800.00	400.00	2000.00
Rural Vale	310.02	414.15	399.62	450.35	477.73	2051.87

Shady Grove	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	200.00
Shelton Grove	186.39	173.92	159.90	0.00	319.70	839.91
Shoal Creek	0.00	186.26	0.00	0.00	200.65	386.91
South Madisonville	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	500.00
Sweetwater, First	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	1750.00
Tellico	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1200.00	1200.00
Tellico, First	654.00	341.00	426.00	575.00	372.00	2368.00
Tevis Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Towee Falls	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	750.00
Trinity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Union Grove	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	600.00
Union Hall	76.00	64.00	57.00	55.00	45.00	297.00
Union McMinn	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	2000.00
Unity	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Upper Shady Grove	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	250.00
Vonore	1,724.72	1,412.41	1,361.72	2,276.55	1328.06	8103.46
Walnut Grove	0.00	106.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	106.95
Watson Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Westside	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Williamsburg	58.55	59.20	62.97	72.70	222.34	475.76
Miscellaneous/TBC	782.00	782.00	782.00	782.00	782.00	3910.00
Misc AM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc Interest	47.46	51.44	52.15	32.99	31.33	215.37
Total Income	19,934.49	13,613.68	13,498.16	16,950.41	16,018.69	80,015.43

SHELTERED IN HIS LOVE OFFERING: Thank you to the Churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association that have responded to the *Sheltered in His Love Offering*. These funds will be used to help build a micro "tiny" house. Here is a list of gifts that have been received at time of printing:



Cedar Fork	400.00
Cedar Valley	1423.36
Citico	241.00
Clifton	93.00
Compromise	200.00
Conasauga	500.00
Druid Hills	388.00
Fairview Tabernacle	1500.00
Fellowship	3254.00
Lakeside	526.00
Long Ridge	1000.00
Lower Chilhowee	228.00
Mt. Calvary	222.00
Mt. Zion	597.00
Macedonia	300.00
Maple Springs	300.00
Millers Chapel	256.00
New Providence	500.00
Notchey Creek	1200.87
Oak Grove	504.00
Oakland	643.00
Rocky Springs	287.00
Rural Vale	913.00
Shelton Grove	348.42
Tellico (Ballplay)	430.00
Tellico, First	435.00
Trinity	250.00
Union Grove	421.00
Union Hall	200.00
Union McMinn	500.00
Upper Shady Grove	125.00
Williamsburg	250.00
Timothy S. and Susan Amos	200.00
Annual Meeting Offerings	785.00
Evangelism Conference Offerings	820.00

We have been advised that the tiny house will be built by students at Sweetwater High School, and once completed will be moved to a permanent location in Sweetwater.

GUATEMALA MISSION PROJECT:

The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBMB) and Guatemala Baptist Convention have confirmed plans for Sweetwater Baptist Association mission projects in *Guatemala for 2019*. Project dates are set for June 18-25 and September 17-24.



Training is required for ALL mission volunteers interested in participating in Guatemala Mission Projects in 2019. A *Guatemala Orientation Training* will be held at the SBA Office in **Madisonville** in mid-April. (All volunteers participating in upcoming Guatemala mission projects at any time during the year must attend an *Orientation Training*.)

Fort Sherman Academy Travel Security Training is required for all volunteers participating in upcoming mission projects in *Guatemala*. This online security training is valid for 2 years.



Mission volunteers must have a valid passport and any required vaccinations from their doctor or health department. The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board requires all participants to attend an orientation training, as well as *More-Life*, cross-cultural, security, travel safety, and child protection training. Much of the training is available online or at the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office.



WMU and LADIES MINISTRY:

Just a reminder that we have two *WMU Meetings* planned for this year. One meeting will be held in the month of May, and the other in the month of November. We are also encouraging

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our ladies to attend the *Associational Old Fashioned Prayer Rally* which is held in the month of August.

Our next *WMU Meeting* will be hosted by New Providence Baptist Church in Tellico Plains, and will be held on Monday evening, May 6th at 7:00 p.m. We are so excited that our program for the evening will be presented by Missionaries Carolyn Outland and Ann Davenport. They will share about their involvement with well-drilling projects in Myanmar. You may remember these two ladies from our WMU Expo several years ago. I know that you will be blessed by their coming, and look forward to seeing you on May 6th at New Providence.

We are so thankful for the birthday cake ministry at East Tennessee Healthcare. Birthday cakes are to be provided by the following ladies groups:

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| March..... New Providence | April..... Oak Grove |
| May..... Concord | June..... Madisonville First |
| July..... Lakeside | August..... 411 Chapel |

If you have a question about the birthday cake ministry, please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association office or call Shelly Wences, Activities Director at East Tennessee Healthcare at 442-3990. *Love in Christ, Charlotte Hollinghead, Associational WMU/Ladies Ministry Director*

Sweetwater Baptist Association
WMU Meeting
 May 6, 2019, 7:00 p.m. New Providence Baptist Church

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS and ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING: March 3-10 is the suggested date for the Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering*. The theme for this year is *Sending Hope*.



One hundred percent of gifts given to the *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering* are used to support more than 5000 Southern Baptist missionaries serving in the United States and Canada. Plan now for you and your church to be part of the *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering* to send the hope of the Gospel across the United States and Canada. *Promotional resources are available at AnnieArmstrong.com.*

MISSIONS GET-TOGETHER AND CONNECTION 2019: Friday, April 5 through Sunday, April 7 is *Missions Get Together and Connection* in Gatlinburg. Registration is now available online at www.tnbaptist.org.



TBMB Ministry Project: This year the ministry project for the WMU, TBMB will benefit refugee ministries across the state. The TBMB, WMU is collecting wash cloths, full-size deodorant, full-size shampoo and conditioner, bar soap (no body wash), full-size body lotion, toothbrushes and toothpaste for the refugee ministry. **These items can be taken to the *Missions Get-together* in Gatlinburg.** (Information taken from Tennessee Baptist Mission Board website at www.tnbaptist.org).



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2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: *In the Wild, Amazing Encounters with Jesus*, LifeWay's 2019 Vacation Bible School, materials, t-shirts and supplies are now available. Orders can be placed at the Sweetwater Baptist Association by calling 423-442-6604, or email becky.jones@bellsouth.net or sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net or drop off orders at the SBA Office in Madisonville. Please come by or call the Associational Office, and we will be happy to help you with your 2019 Vacation Bible School team, resources and supplies.

We want to remind all VBS Directors, teachers and workers that the **Associational VBS Clinic** will be held on **Monday evening, April 8th** at **Rocky Springs Baptist Church**. Open house will begin at 6:30 p.m. and conferences will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The *Associational Kids Choir* will perform at the Clinic. Only one early practice for the *Associational VBS Choir* will be held on **April 7th at 2:00 p.m. at Rocky Springs Baptist Church**. All VBS leaders and workers are encouraged to please mark these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend. Children and Youth who attend practice and participate in the VBS Clinic performance will receive a free *In the Wild VBS t-shirt!* Also this year, at the conclusion of each breakout conference, a free VBS item will be given away at the **VBS Clinic on April 8th!**



The 2019 theme is based on John 20:31 and the motto is "Zoom In! Focus on Jesus!" These fun-filled encounters with Jesus reveal the amazing truth that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God and believing we can have life in His name. Focus on Jesus today, as we prepare for Vacation Bible School, *In the Wild!*

Please call Sweetwater Baptist Association at 442-6604 to...

- Share your Church Vacation Bible School dates
- Report your final numbers at the close of VBS

REACHING KIDS IN YOUR ZIP is designed to equip church staff and volunteers with strategies for reaching unchurched kids and family members in their community. This **FREE** training will benefit all children's leaders regardless of the curriculum used.

NEW THIS YEAR: A special track will be offered for **emerging student leaders**. Bring your youth and youth leaders who will be working with kids through **Mission Trips, VBS, Backyard Kids Club and VBS** this summer. Attendees will receive helps in confidently sharing the Gospel with KIDS and unchurched family members. Please mark this date on your calendar and make plans to attend.



REACHING KIDS IN YOUR ZIP
Monday, April 29, 6:30 p.m. – 8:45 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Sweetwater

Training topics include:

- 10 Things You Need to Know about Working with Kids
- Sharing the Gospel with Kids and Unchurched Family Members

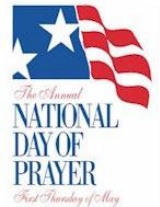
- Expand Your Reach through Student Leaders (Discover ways to invest, equip, and mentor young leaders.)
- Reaching Your Community through Backyard Kids Club
- Developing a Prayer Strategy for Reaching Your Community
- Follow-Up that Makes a Difference
- Keeping Your Ministry Safe and Secure

Register today at www.tnbaptist.org or contact Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, Childhood Specialist, Vicki Hulsey at 1-800-558-2090.

FREE FOOD FOR VBS: It is our understanding that the Monroe County School System will be offering FREE meals and snacks through the USDA Summer Feeding Program, beginning in May. Please contact Lisa Arden at 423-442-2092 with the Monroe County School System to schedule an appointment or for additional information.



NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: The annual *National Day of Prayer* will be held on **Thursday, May 2nd**. The theme for 2019 is *Love One Another* and comes from the words of Jesus in John 13:34. The Scripture chosen challenges us to humble ourselves and unify in prevailing prayer for the next great move of God in America.



Prayer brings people together. Prayer builds bridges between opposing persons. Prayer reminds us that we are created in God's image and he desires for us to represent Him everywhere we go. Our hope is that we as individuals, churches, and community leaders will humble ourselves in prayer for a great move of God in America.

In past years, it has been estimated that over 2-million people have attended more than 30,000 National Day of Prayer observances. Over the years, these services have been held at state capitols, county court houses, city halls, schools, businesses, churches, homes, or people who stopped activities and gathered for a time of prayer.

Please plan now to participate in the *National Day of Prayer* on Thursday, May 2nd. Pray with us. Some suggestions for observing this day set aside for prayer are...prayer breakfasts, prayer walking, student organized prayer time before school, workers gather for prayer time before or at lunch, or join a group for organized prayer at the courthouse or city hall. For more information regarding the *National Day of Prayer*, visit online www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

Gridiron Men's Conference
June 14-15, 2019
Birmingham, Alabama
 Featuring: James Merrill, Tony Evans,
 Jake Olson, Phil Waldrep

For more information go online gridironmen.org
 or call 256.355.1554

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YOUTH COMMITTEE: We are still making final preparations for *Youth Reach*, but we are so excited to share with you that **Andrew Osakue** will be serving as the conference speaker. Andrew is the Associate Pastor of Concord, FBC in Farragut. He served as our speaker a couple of years ago, and did a great job. Another exciting development is the addition of **Roger Williams and the AMUQ (All Mixed-Up Quartet)** to our program. This band serves as the worship band for lots of big events, such as *Hearts on Fire* and *The Jesus Rally*; so we are really honored to have them provide our music at *Youth Reach* this year. Youth Leaders and Pastors will be receiving **Youth Reach 2019 Registration Packets** in the mail soon. Be sure to get your students and chaperones signed up and the registration form returned by June 3rd. As always, join us in lifting up our students in prayer, that they may be witnesses in their schools and communities. ---*Bud Boring, Chairman*



DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING: Tennessee Baptist disaster relief teams have responded to assist in flood relief across our state. Please pray for the areas that are still under water, and are supposed to have more rain in the next couple of days.

Regional Disaster Relief Training for East Tennessee is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, March 23-24 at Red Bank Baptist Church in Chattanooga. Please remember participants must complete the *Introduction to Disaster Relief* training class before a specialty class can be taken. Please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association at 423-442-6604 or Elizabeth Holmes at Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, Disaster Relief Ministry at 615-371-7926 for additional information.

Sweetwater Baptist Association
Church Growth and Development Conference
 Monday, August 26, 2019, 6:45 p.m.
 First Baptist Church, Madisonville

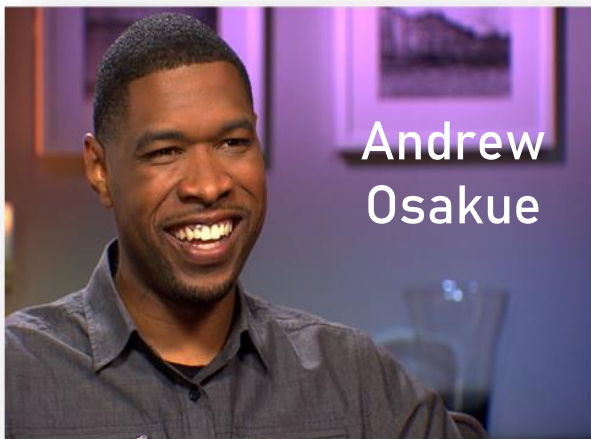
Special Emphasis:
 Church Clerk Training
 Church Treasurer Training
 Child Protection

Something for pastors and all church leadership!



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July 19-20, 2019



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BIG CREEK: We will have **Sunrise Service** on April 21st and regular service will begin at 10:00 am. There will be no evening service. On May 26 at 10:30 a.m. we will have **Homecoming** with lunch to follow. The gospel group *Rescued & Recognized* will be singing. There will be no evening service.



CANE CREEK: Walnut Grove recently called **Jonas Turpin** as their new Pastor. We were honored to ordain Brother Jonas into the ministry on February 24th. Please help us pray for his ministry the congregation at Walnut Grove.



CEDAR VALLEY: We are pleased to announce the recent ordination of 4 new Deacons at Cedar Valley. Please join with us in prayer for these men and their families and they serve the Lord and this congregation. (Greg Allen, Tyler Blankenship, Josh Gourley, Michael Howard)



Roger Williams & The AMUQ



DELANO: We are seeking a pianist for Sunday morning worship services. Please contact 423-506-2387 if interested.



FAIRVIEW TABERNACLE: Everyone is invited to attend our **2019 Passion Play**, "Christ, My Hope, My Glory". Join us as the 150 member cast and choir celebrate the risen Savior.



Dates and Times:

- Sunday, April 14: 6:30 pm
- Saturday, April 20: 6:30 pm
- Sunday, April 21: 10:30 am
- Sunday, April 21, 6:30 pm

ISLAND CREEK: On January 20th, we ordained Brother **Ralph Kidd** into the Gospel Ministry. Ralph was called as the Associate Pastor of Youth at First Red Bank Baptist Church in Sevierville.



NOTCHEY CREEK: Notchey Creek Baptist Church has several special events scheduled during the upcoming months. Pastor Gale Miller invites everyone to attend.

◆ Sunday morning, April 21, 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise

Service

◆ June 2-6, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School (Classes for all ages)

OLD SWEETWATER:

Old Sweetwater Baptist Church will be having a *Friends and Family* dinner on Sunday, March 17th at the close of the 10:45 a.m. worship service. Also, the Morrison Sisters will be singing on Sunday March 31st at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.



ROCKY SPRINGS: We are praising God for nine souls saved during our revival! We are so excited to see God work in these lives. We have several events coming up in the next few weeks. On Monday, April 8, we will be hosting the **2019 Vacation Bible School Clinic**. We encourage everyone who works in VBS to participate. On Sunday, April 7, Children's Choir practice will be held for the Clinic. Bring your kids and let them learn songs for VBS and then bring them Monday night to perform during the clinic. We will be having special Easter Services, with **Sunrise Service** on Sunday, April 21, at McClellan Cemetery, weather permitting. It will begin at 7:00 am. We will have Sunday school at 10:00 am. Come celebrate the risen Savior!



RURAL VALE: During our 2019 **Homecoming Service**, on Sunday, May 26th, we will celebrate the **125 year anniversary** of the organization of our church in 1894. Services will begin at 10:30 am. We praise God for all the members, past and present, that faithfully served the Lord over these past 125 years to keep the doors of

our church open. It is our prayer that Rural Vale will always be a welcoming place where Christ is exalted. All are invited to come worship and celebrate the great things God has done and is doing through Rural Vale Baptist Church.

VONORE: Our **2019 World Mission Conference** will be held April 5-April 7. Our theme verse is Mark 16:15: "And He said to them, go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation". Below is a conference itinerary. Everyone is invited to attend.



Friday, April 5

6:00 pm - 7:30 pm – Worship Center
 Gospel Music: The Talleys
 Guest Speaker: Frank Hicks, Bethlehem Baptist Church
 7:30 pm - 9:00 pm –Family Life Center
 Missionary Exhibits & Light Refreshments

Saturday, April 6

4:00 pm - 5:45 pm –Family Life Center
 Missionary Exhibits & Light Refreshments
 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm – Worship Center
 Gospel Music: Lakeside
 Guest Speaker: Carl Smith, Families on Missions International
 7:30 to 9:00 –Family Life Center
 Missionary Exhibits & Light Refreshments

Sunday, April 7

8:45 am - 9:45 am – Worship Center
 10:00 am -10:45 am – Missionary Presentations
 11:00 am - 11:45 am – Worship Center

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

Welcome New Pastors

Mitch Isbill New Macedonia
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Jonas Turpin Walnut Grove

Director of Mission Visits:

Community, Concord, Shelton Grove, Reed Springs, Mt. Zion, Compromise, Fairview (Tellico), Notchey Creek, Island Creek, Israel, Clifton, Ebenezer, Howards Chapel, Hopewell Springs, Murrays, Cane Creek, Rocky Springs, Upper Shady Grove

Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Fairview (Tellico), Glenlock, Mt. Zion, Murrays, Sweetwater First, Tellico (Ballplay), Towee Falls, Vonore



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Upcoming Events/News

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life." -- John 3:16

March 25-29.....Spring Break, Monroe Co Schools
April 7VBS Children/Youth Choir Practice, *Rocky Springs*, 2:00 pm
April 8VBS Clinic, *Rocky Springs*, Open House, 6:30 pm, Conference, 7:00 pm
April 15SBA Executive Board Meeting, *Westside*, 7:00 pm
April 18-.....Office Closed, Holiday
April 19Good Friday
April 21Easter
April 22Office Closed, Holiday
April 24National Administrative Professional's Day
April 29Reaching Kids in Your Zip, *Sweetwater First*, 6:30 pm
May 6WMU Quarterly Meeting, *New Providence*, 7:00 pm
May 2National Day of Prayer
May 12Mother's Day
TBAOrientation for Guatemala Mission Volunteers, *SBA Office*, 6:30 pm



East TN Healthcare Birthday Cake Schedule

- ♦March - New Providence
- ♦April - Oak Grove
- ♦May - Concord
- ♦June - Madisonville First
- ♦July - Lakeside
- ♦August - 411 Chapel
- ♦September - Mt. Zion

2019 SBA Pastor's Conference

Monday Mornings at 10:00 am

No Pastors Conference on

Monday, April 22 or Monday, May 27
(Holiday-Office Closed)

No Pastor's Conference in Month of June

Meetings Resume on July 1

Please Note: Photographs are taken at all associational meetings and events, and will be used by the association in newsletters, websites and social media sites.

Mother's Day Offering for...



**Tennessee Baptist
Children's Homes**

Father's Day Offering for...



Honor Your Father with a Timely Gift

"It is more blessed to give than to receive." -- Acts 20:35

The Upper Room Christian Counseling, **Macy Small, M.A.**

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SBA Office Hours

Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The next newsletter will be
May/June issue.