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Sweetwater Baptist Association

Executive Board Meeting
Monday, April 27th, 7:00 p.m.
North Sweetwater Baptist Church
Sweetwater, Tennessee



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.

Sweetwater Baptist Association

**VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL CLINIC**
Monday, April 20, 2020



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 (completed 1-2 grades) • 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 Directors..... Laura Jones
 Music..... Kristen Franklin
 Special Education • Club VBS..... Exhibit Table
 Mini VBS Exhibit Table/Orders Becky Jones and Sheri Stephens

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

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

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the righteous are
as bold as a lion
prov 28:1



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Churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association... Welcome New Pastors

Sweetwater, First
Dr. Leonard Markham
and wife, Debra



Gregory's Chapel
Dr. Gerald Atkins
and wife, Vivian



Our prayers are with these dear pastors and congregations, as they share Christ with their communities.

Director of Missions



It is not too late to contribute to the offering for the *Wells of Myanmar*. Thus far, over \$40,000 has been given to bring cups of water to the villages of Myanmar. The cost of a well is approximately \$600.00. Your generosity will bring new opportunities of sharing the Gospel of Christ to the many villages that will experience cups of water that bring life, instead of disease and death. While touring Israel in January, we visited Magdala, a rather recently discovered community near the Sea of Galilee. Magdala was a first century fishing village near the Sea. To keep the fish alive before selling them to the community, fresh running water had to be maintained. Our guide called that water, *living water*. Christ spoke those words to the woman at the well. Today we can still provide *living water* by supporting the efforts in Myanmar.

The feedback from the churches that sent their pastor to Israel has been phenomenal. Pastors have returned to their pulpits filled with new energy and excitement. Their sermons and illustrations are presented in living color. The congregations are not only hearing the Word, but also seeing through the eyes and words of their pastor. Testimonies from several ministers is that "they will never be the same." Congregations have made an investment in the remaining years of preaching and teaching that will enrich, empower, and encourage them. Thank you for sending and thank you for going on this life changing trip. The 2021 trip to Israel is being planned by Dennis Cagle and Jamie Johnson. If you are interested in making the trip next January, I encourage you to contact one of them.

Concrete & Cranes: Building on the Love of Jesus! promises to be an exciting theme for the 2020 Vacation Bible School. Young minds love to use their imagination to build and explore. What better subject can children explore than the life of Jesus and what He has provided for us all. The Lifeway lessons are always informative and challenging. We learned from scripture the importance of a strong foundation. Most of us learned the song about the wise man building upon the rock and the foolish man's failure to build upon the rock. This year's VBS will teach about building on the foundation of love, forgiveness, worth, promise, and life. As adults we have a responsibility to ensure that our children have a firm foundation of faith before they enter the "real world." VBS Directors, please call or come by the office and allow us to help your church order their 2020 VBS materials. Then make sure all your VBS leaders attend the associational training Clinic on April 20th. Let us make this year's VBS one to remember.

Youth Leaders will soon receive material concerning *Youth Reach 2020*. I am excited about this year's program. **BOLD** is the theme with Roger Williams as our guest speaker. His band, the AMUQ (All Mixed-Up Quartet), will provide the music. Those attending last year's conference really enjoyed the music and short testimonies given by Roger. Special entertainment will be provided by *Bean & Bailey*. B&B have been a favorite for our conference in the past. If you have not experienced *Bean & Bailey* in person, you are in for a treat. There are also a couple of exciting changes to this year's conference. First, the location has moved. The conference will be

held in the *Biblical Times Theater* in Pigeon Forge. This is a beautiful theater, with professional sound and lighting. We are excited to be in this venue for *Youth Reach 2020*! Secondly, included in the conference fee is 2 meals for each person. Everyone in attendance will receive supper provided on Friday night, and a full breakfast buffet provided on Saturday morning. The conference is scheduled for July 17-18. Please don't let your students miss the opportunity to worship with others from our association. Youth need to see their friends' worshiping and praying together as God pours His Spirit out and lives are blessed and changed. There is no friend like a Christian friend.

Finally, our June mission trip to Guatemala is nearing the final planning stage. Mission groups that have shown interest are encouraged to contact the office to see if additional spots are available for you or your team to travel and minister to the eager people of Guatemala. Special training and payments must be made soon, and arrangements must be made in Guatemala to prepare for our mission teams. So those interested in this trip need to contact our office immediately.

As we enter the spring season, many churches will celebrate decoration days and plan spring revivals. My prayer is that each congregation is blessed and experiences a Spirit filled revival!!

--- Tony Rutherford

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Sweetwater Baptist Association, *Executive Board Meeting* will be held on **Monday, April 27th at 7:00 pm.** The meeting will be hosted by North Sweetwater Baptist Church in Sweetwater.



Please remember that in accordance with the *Constitution and By-Laws* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association adopted October 21, 2019, *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
2020 Church Growth & Development Conference
Monday, August 31, 6:45 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Madisonville

Breakout Sessions:

- Empowering Your Church thru 40 Days of Prayer
- Church Clerk Training
- Church Treasurer Training
- Local Projects for Women
- Deacon Training

Something for pastors and all church leadership!
Plan now to attend! Everyone Welcome!

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 the Churches for your continued support.



SBA Church Gifts: October, 2019 – February, 2020

Church/Mission	Oct. 2019	Nov. 2019	Dec. 2019	Jan. 2020	Feb. 2020	Total
411 Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Altoona	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Antioch	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	125.00
Beaty's Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	1352.00	893.00	873.00	1,362.00	765.00	5,245.00
Big Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary	100.00	62.49	64.20	78.42	63.45	368.56
Cane Creek	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	1,000.00
Cedar Fork	547.26	437.25	603.01	510.07	443.05	2,540.64
Cedar Valley	793.01	820.88	826.54	1,584.76	1,035.77	5,060.96
Christianburg	0.00	271.74	0.00	0.00	273.31	545.05
Citico	77.95	111.20	85.05	123.85	77.70	475.75
Clifton	0.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	100.00
Community	63.30	40.22	20.52	58.44	36.84	219.32
Compromise	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	250.00
Conasauga	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	200.00	600.00
Concord	824.53	0.00	0.00	0.00	409.57	1,234.10
Delano	380.08	327.59	318.63	353.75	311.76	1,691.81
Druid Hills	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ebenezer	91.00	40.00	65.00	84.00	58.00	338.00
Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	1251.20	1,456.48	1,249.16	927.19	1,189.97	6,074.00
Fellowship	0.00	400.00	165.00	0.00	0.00	565.00
Glenlock	250.00	0.00	500.00	583.33	0.00	1,333.33
Gregory's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	500.00
Hopewell Springs	82.00	88.00	97.00	0.00	198.00	465.00
Howards Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Island Creek	0.00	600.00	300.00	0.00	600.00	1,500.00
Lakeside	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	600.00
Long Ridge	1000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	300.00
Madisonville, First	416.67	416.67	416.67	416.67	416.67	2,083.35
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	114.18	108.90	106.15	108.99	102.26	540.48
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	503.09	338.41	594.17	495.06	636.88	2,567.61
Murray's	1727.13	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,727.13
New Bethany	369.64	372.96	295.50	406.62	328.98	1,773.70
New Macedonia	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	140.00	700.00
New Providence	415.00	500.00	410.00	350.00	425.00	2,100.00
North Sweetwater	0.00	92.38	108.20	101.27	89.82	391.67
Notchey Creek	449.81	449.81	449.81	449.81	449.81	2,249.05
Oak Grove	348.75	368.11	309.70	322.26	396.35	1,745.17
Oakland	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Old Pond Hill	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Old Sweetwater	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Paint Rock	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	550.00
Piney Grove	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Poplar Bluff	201.27	203.58	197.19	206.41	206.56	1,015.01
Reed Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky Springs	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	400.00	400.00	2,000.00
Rural Vale	320.15	454.97	182.24	663.77	266.70	1,887.83
Shady Grove	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	200.00
Shelton Grove	0.00	324.90	0.00	346.66	0.00	671.56
Shoal Creek	0.00	214.00	0.00	0.00	239.00	453.00
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	1,750.00

Tellico	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	1,200.00
Tellico Plains, First	574.00	374.00	480.00	511.00	425.00	2,364.00
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	70.00	50.00	64.00	70.00	45.00	299.00
Union McMinn	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	2,000.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Upper Shady Grove	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	250.00
Vonore	2671.45	1,633.73	1,594.72	2,254.85	1,960.66	10,115.41
Walnut Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,332.26	0.00	1,332.26
Watson Chapel	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	290.00	1,790.00
Westside	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Williamsburg	56.64	56.94	63.77	49.04	47.37	273.76
Miscellaneous/TBC	782.00	782.00	782.00	782.00	782.00	3,910.00
Misc AM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc Interest	62.75	62.36	49.66	28.41	28.30	231.48
Total Income	18,789.86	14,672.57	17,290.89	18,880.89	15,118.78	84,752.99

2020 GIVE A CUP OF WATER OFFERING :

Thank you to the many that have responded to the *Cup of Water Offering*. These funds will be used drill water wells in the country of Myanmar. Here is a list of gifts that have been received at time of printing:



Bethlehem	3374.00
Big Creek	600.00
Calvary	360.00
Cedar Fork	1360.00
Christianburg	300.00
Conasauga	600.00
Concord	638.00
Fairview (Tellico)	500.00
Fairview Tabernacle	3522.00
Hopewell Springs	600.00
Lakeside	1476.00
Mt. Calvary	2400.00
Millers Chapel	210.00
Murrays	400.00
New Macedonia	1388.00
New Providence	1235.00
Notchey Creek	9160.10
Oak Grove	1529.00
Oakland	762.00
Rocky Springs	2400.00
Rural Vale	1363.00
Shelton Grove	1200.00
South Madisonville	1411.00
Tevis Springs	600.00
Union Grove	600.00
Union McMinn Brotherhood	600.00
Union McMinn	600.00
Walnut Grove	353.00
Williamsburg	600.00
Hector and Heather Jaramillo	600.00
Connie Redmond	600.00
David and Becky Reed	600.00
Scott/Sondra White	600.00
Judy Nichols	500.00
Anonymous	600.00
Associational Annual Meeting	1566.00
Associational Meeting – Evangelism Rally	1245.00
Northport	600.00

GUATEMALA: The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBMB) and Guatemala Baptist Convention have confirmed plans for Sweetwater Baptist Association mission projects in *Guatemala for 2020*. Project dates are set for June 23-30, June 30-July 7 and September 15-22. We are excited that teams from Bethlehem, Madisonville First and Union McMinn have already committed to be part of these mission projects.



Training is required for ALL mission volunteers interested in participating in Guatemala Mission Projects in 2020. A **Guatemala Orientation Training** will be held at the SBA Office in Madisonville on **Monday evening, March 30th at 6:30 p.m.** (All volunteers participating in upcoming Guatemala mission projects **at any time** during the year must attend an *Orientation Training*.)

Guatemala Orientation Training
Monday, March 30, 6:30 p.m.
SBA Office, Madisonville



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:
 The next WMU Meeting will be held on May 4th. The meeting will be hosted by Fairview Baptist

SBA WMU and Ladies Ministry News

Tabernacle Church in Sweetwater. We look forward to seeing all of our ladies at that meeting. The special guest speaker for the evening will be Andrew Wood, Executive Director of HOPE.

The Hope Resource Center is Knoxville's only healthcare center for women with cost-free services provided by licensed medical professionals. Services include pregnancy testing, ultrasound imaging, baby shop, women's wellness care, parenting education and mentoring. **Ladies are asked to please bring items for a baby shower to the WMU Meeting. These items will be given to the Hope Center for use in their ongoing ministries.**

Birthday cakes for East Tennessee Healthcare are to be provided by the Ladies Ministry Groups as follows:

March	New Providence	April	Oak Grove
May	Concord	June	Madisonville First

If you have any questions about the Birthday Cake Ministry, please contact East Tennessee Health Care at 423-442-3990.

Sweetwater Baptist Association
WMU Meeting, May 4, 2020, 7:00 p.m.
 Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church, Sweetwater, Tennessee
Please bring a baby gift for the Hope Resource Center!

My prayer is that we may have a greater desire for missions in 2020. *Love in Christ, Charlotte Hollinghead, Associational WMU/Ladies Ministry Director*

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS and ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING:

March 1-8 is the suggested date for the *Week of Prayer for North American Missionaries and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering*. **Offering envelopes, posters and prayer guides** are available to churches from the WMU/convention office in early January. **Videos, digital and printable resources** are available online at AnnieArmstrong.com. A **planning guide with DVD/CD ROM** format is also available from the North American Mission Board for churches. If you would like to receive AAEO materials for your church, please email aaeo@namb.net or call 800-634-2462. (*Information found on-line at anniearmstrong.com.*)



MISSIONS GET-TOGETHER & CONNECTION:

Missions Get-together and Connection is held at the Gatlinburg Convention Center, March 20-22, 2020. Additional information available at



www.tnbaptist.org



TBMB Ministry Project: This year the ministry project for the WMU, TBMB will benefit *City Reach Memphis* and *City Reach Chattanooga*. The TBMB, WMU is collecting toothbrushes, multi-vitamins for adults and children, Bibles, boar bristle hairbrushes, school supplies, travel size toothpaste, hand sanitizer, shampoo, conditioner and deodorant for *City Reach*. Additional information is available by contacting Denise Bronaugh with the WMU, TBMB at dbronaugh@tnbaptist.org. (*Information taken from Tennessee Baptist Mission Board website at www.tnbaptist.org.*)



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MARRIAGE RETREATS





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 2020: It is a good time now to plan for Vacation Bible School, 2020. We want to help you get started, so please mark the following date on your calendars!

The **Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic** will be held on **Monday evening, April 20th**. Open House to view rooms, decorations, etc. will begin at 6:30 p.m. and Training Conferences will begin at 7:00 p.m. **The VBS Clinic** will be hosted by **Rocky Springs Baptist** in **Madisonville!** All Vacation Bible School leaders, teachers, and helpers are encouraged to attend.

If your church does not have Vacation Bible School, we encourage you to prayerfully reconsider. Please remember that we have the **Link-up Plan**, where churches recycle the current LifeWay theme material and decorations here at the Sweetwater Baptist Association office during the summer. In addition, we want to help all churches as you plan, promote, and prepare for Vacation Bible School.

If your church needs any assistance with VBS for 2020, please feel free to contact the SBA Office at 442-6604 for more information. We look forward to seeing you and your team of VBS workers at the **VBS Clinic on April 20th**.

Send us your VBS Dates & Times and we will publish them in the next issue of *The Messenger!*

2020 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL MATERIALS: Lifeway's 2020 Vacation Bible School materials are available now. Please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association office at 442-6604, and we will be happy to help you with your 2020 VBS kits, materials and supplies!



This summer, kids will learn of the foundation that lasts! The VBS theme is *Concrete & Cranes: Building on the Love of Jesus!* So, grab your hard hat and a tool belt! As kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will learn to build their faith on Jesus, as they uncover the truth that He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion.

The 2020 VBS Motto is *Jesus! Our Strong Foundation!* with **Scripture** focus from Philippians 1:6. The daily content for each session is as follows:

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|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Day 1 Foundation of Love | Day 2 Foundation of Forgiveness |
| Day 3 Foundation of Worth | Day 4 Foundation of Promise |
| Day 5 Foundation of Life | |

We look forward to helping you with your Vacation Bible School needs. We will be happy to assist you with 2020 materials and supplies, or even a team of VBS workers. We are praying for our churches and for your Vacation Bible Schools.

FREE FOOD FOR VBS: The Monroe County School System will be offering free meals and snacks again this year through the **USDA**



Summer Feeding Program. Please contact the school at 423-442-2092 for additional information.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: The annual *National Day of Prayer* will be held on **Thursday, May 7th**. The theme for 2020 is *PRAY God's Glory Across the Earth*, with Scripture focus on Habakkuk 2:14



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 7th. 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.

FALL BIBLICAL STUDIES CLASS The fall session for the *Biblical Studies Class* at the Sweetwater Baptist Association office will begin on **Tuesday, September 1st** at 6:30 pm. The 8-week study will be *Practical Theology*. This will be a non-credit class taught by various instructors to help equip young preachers, pastors, church leaders and teachers. Topics will include *Pastor/Deacon Relationship; Parliamentary Procedure; Conducting Business Meetings; Conducting Weddings/Funerals* and others. 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 instructors. Please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association at 442-6604 for additional information or if you are interested in taking this class.



CLEAR...BOLD...STRONG
June 19-20, 2020 --Huntsville, AL
 Propst Arena Von Braun Center
GRIDIRON Men's Conference
Speakers: David Jeremiah, Phil Waldrep, Rick Burgess, Steve Farrar, Josh Reavis
 Worship Leader: Charles Billingsley
www.gridironmen.org

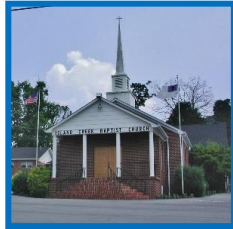


FAIRVIEW TABERNACLE: This year's *Passion Play* is titled "He is Worthy". Performances will be Sunday, April 5 at 6:30 PM, Saturday, April 11 at 6:30 PM and Sunday, April 12 at 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM.

On Wednesday, May 6 at 6:30 pm, comedian **Dennis Swanberg** will be giving a FREE concert at Fairview. Everyone is invited to attend.

ISLAND CREEK: Upcoming events at Island Creek:

- Sunday, March 22, 6:00 pm – *The Harmony Trio* singing
- Wed, April 8, 7:00 pm - Community-wide Easter Egg Hunt
- Sunday, May 3, 6:00 pm – *The Hymnsmen Quartet* singing
- June 7-12 – Vacation Bible School



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

♦ Saturday, April 11, *Kid's Easter Celebration, 10:30 a.m.-noon*

♦ Sunday morning, April 12, 7:00 a.m. *Easter Sunrise Service*

♦ Wednesday, May 27, 7:00 p.m. *VBS Kickoff and Picnic*

♦ May 31-June 4, 6:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. *Vacation Bible School*
(Classes for all ages)

ROCKY SPRINGS: We are proud to announce our new deacon, David Spiva. David was ordained on January 26. He and his wife Sara are a blessing to our church. Please join us in prayer for David and Sara.



SOUTH MADISONVILLE: We are hosting a *Men's Meeting* on Monday, March 16th at 7:00 pm. **Dr. Lon Shoopman** will be preaching.

All men are invited to attend.

VONORE: Join our Student Ministry as they guide us through the Passion Week. This event is titled "Stages of the Cross" and is being presented on Good Friday, April 10 at 6:30 pm. We will meet in the church Sanctuary.



Our Homecoming will be celebrated on May 24th; and **VBS** will be held June 1-7 from 6:00 pm – 8:30 pm. Everyone is invited to join us!



WALNUT GROVE: Great things are happening at Walnut Grove. The Lord is blessing our church in many ways. We have some exciting and fun events scheduled and would love to invite everyone out to worship and

fellowship with us.

- March 22, 11:00 am – Gideon Speaker Jeff Pike.
- March 29, 5:00 pm - Special Singing concert from our very own Max Burnette followed by finger foods.
- April 4, 10:00 am - Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt.
- April 12, 6:00 am - Sunrise Service followed by breakfast.
- April 25, 5:00 pm - Youth Fundraiser BINGO Night.
- May 30, 11:00 am - VBS Kick-off /Registration.
- May 31-June 4, 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm – Vacation Bible School.

DISASTER RELIEF UPDATE: Once again, our churches have responded in a great way to meet the needs of others. On March 3, **tornadoes** devastated Middle Tennessee and within days our churches began gathering supplies and donating funds to Disaster Relief efforts. By the time you read this, truck loads of supplies will have been delivered to the Cookeville and Nashville areas. If you would like to contribute to the relief efforts, we can still accept funds for the **Tennessee Baptist Mission Board's Disaster Relief Fund**.



All money donated for tornado relief will go toward helping the families, churches and communities that were affected by the tornadoes. In the weeks and months to come, should other opportunities arise that our Association can help with, we will pass that word on the churches. Thank you all so much for your giving and compassion to those in need. Continue in prayer for these families.

Israel 2021... Even though the Association is not planning a 2021 trip, you still have an opportunity to go make this life-changing journey next year.

Dr. Dennis Cagle & Rev. Jamie Johnson are planning a 2021 Israel trip in January. Anyone interested would need to sign-up ASAP. For more information, contact Dennis or Jamie.



Dennis Cagle: 865-360-1702
Jamie Johnson: 423-261-5581

Chota Community Health Services is hosting a **FREE Health Fair and Screenings** on Thursday, April 23rd from 8:00 am – 4:00 pm. For more information, call 423-442-2622.

Springview Baptist Church, Maryville, is seeking a **Bi-vocational Music Director**. Send resumé to 4220 US Hwy 411 S, Maryville, TN 37801 or springviewbaptist@gmail.com. Questions may be directed to 865-310-4818.

TINY HOUSE UPDATE: Last year our churches generously participated in a local ministry project to help the homeless in our county. Over \$24,000 was given to help build two (2) "tiny houses", which will be used for temporary housing for families and individuals facing homelessness.



Your gifts were



donated to "Shelter My Sheep" ministries which works in conjunction with the *Monroe County Homeless Coalition*. The houses are being constructed by Sweetwater High School's Building CTE classes and will be placed in Sweetwater. All of the rain this winter has slowed down the process, but we wanted to share some updated pictures, showing the progress on the tiny houses. Thank you to our churches and church members

who are so generous to help those in need.

Lake Side Presents
Singing in the Valley
 An evening of great BLUEGRASS GOSPEL!
 Lenoir City High School Auditorium
 1485 Old Hwy. 95 • Lenoir City, TN
 Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 6:00PM EST
 Doors Open at 5:00
 Featuring:
Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver
 and *Lake Side*
 Great Gospel Singing
 Tickets: Artist Circle \$25 & General Seating \$20
 For Tickets and Information call: 423-420-9408 • www.lakesidegospel.com
 Children 11 & Under Free

YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE
 March 13-14, Nashville Municipal Auditorium

SPEAKERS & ARTISTS

- CLAYTON KING - Friday Speaker
- NICK PERSON - Saturday Speaker
- DANIEL DOSS - Friday & Saturday Worship
- COLTON DIXON - Friday Opening Concert
- LOCAL SOUND - Saturday Opening Concert
- 321 IMPROV - Friday Late Night Comedy



For further information, contact Jay Barbier (barbier@tnbaptist.org) or Martha Espinoza (615.371.7916) (mespinoza@tnbaptist.org) www.yectn.org



YOUTH COMMITTEE: BIG CHANGES TO YOUTH REACH!! We are so excited to let you know about all the changes and upgrades to our annual youth conference. First, we have moved locations. We will still be in Pigeon Forge, but the conference will be held in the beautiful "Biblical Times Dinner Theater". This venue features theater seating, state of the art audio/visual technology and in a great location at traffic light #2. Secondly, two (2) meals will

be provided for everyone! This should save a lot of money, time and hassle for our churches and students! Finally, we have amazing guests on the program. **Roger Williams and the "All Mixed Up Quartet"** will be back to provide the music; and Roger will also be serving as the conference speaker. We also have "Bean & Bailey" on the program this year. They are a hilarious comedy duo who do shows all over the country and we are really excited to have them at **Youth Reach 2020!** Pastors and Youth Leaders have been mailed registration packets. Please start getting your students signed up, so you can turn in your registration forms on time. We hope to see you this summer!
 ---Bud Boring

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 the righteous are as bold as a lion
 prov 28:1
youth reach 2020
july 17-18
 speaker: roger williams
 music: roger williams & the amuq
 comedy: bean & bailey
 New Pigeon Forge Location
 BIBLICAL TIMES Dinner Theater
 www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com
 Registrations Due: June 10

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

Welcome New Pastors
Sweetwater First.....Dr. Leonard Markham
Gregory's Chapel.....Dr. Gerald Atkins


Director of Mission Visits:
Union-McMinn, Shady Grove, Mt. Calvary, Northport, Murray's, Israel, Vonore, Lakeside, Rural Vale (Revival), Old Sweetwater, Island Creek (Revival), Old Pond Hill

Please pray for our churches without pastors:
Conasauga, Lower Chilhowee, Murrays, Trinity



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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 23-29.....Spring Break, Monroe Co Schools
 - April 6Missions Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.
 - April 9Office Closed, Holiday
 - April 10Good Friday
 - April 12Easter
 - April 13Office Closed, Holiday
 - April 20VBS Clinic, *Rocky Springs*, Open House, 6:30 pm, Conference, 7:00 pm
 - April 22National Administrative Professional's Day
 - April 27SBA Executive Board Meeting, *North Sweetwater*, 7:00 pm
 - May 4WMU Quarterly Meeting, *Fairview Tabernacle*, 7:00 pm
 - May 7National Day of Prayer
 - May 10Mother's Day
 - May 25Memorial Day
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- 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

2020 SBA Pastor's Conference
Monday Mornings at 10:00 am
No Pastors Conference on
Monday, April 13 or Monday, May 25
(Holiday-Office Closed)
No Pastor's Conference in Month of June
Meetings Resume on July 6

The Upper Room Christian Counseling, **Macy Small, M.A.**
112 Key Kile Road, Sweetwater, TN 37874, 865.414.3269

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

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

The next newsletter will be
May/June issue.

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.