



*The MESSENGER
of the
Sweetwater Baptist Association*

*Churches on Mission Together
Celebrating 191 years, 1830 – 2021*

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Sweetwater Baptist Association

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, April 26th, 7:00 p.m.
North Sweetwater Baptist Church, Sweetwater



Sweetwater Baptist Association

WMU – May Meeting Cancelled

Meeting rescheduled for November.

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the righteous are
as bold as a lion
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July 16-17

Churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association...

Welcomes New Pastor

FAIRVIEW TABERNACLE
Pastor Hollie Miller
and wife Paula



Our prayers are with this dear pastor and congregation,
as they share Christ with their community.

Sweetwater Baptist Association

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC

Monday, April 19th, 7:00 p.m.

ROCKY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH, Madisonville

Associational VBS Directors.....Bryan and Kim Williamson

In-person and via Live-Stream

CONCRETE & CRANES

Building on the Love of Jesus!

Motto: *Jesus! Our Strong Foundation*

Scripture focus Philippians 1:6

Daily Content

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



DESTINATION DIG

Unearthing the Truth About Jesus

Motto: *Seek Truth! Find Jesus!*

Scripture focus Jeremiah 29:13

Daily Content

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|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Day 1 Jesus Came as God Promised | Day 5 The Bible is True |
| Day 2 Jesus Demonstrated God's Power | |
| Day 3 Jesus Was Betrayed and Rejected | |
| Day 4 Jesus Died and Rose Again | |



Something new at the VBS Clinic for this year!

We will offer 2 LifeWay presentations, as well as a NON-THEME presentation. Please contact the SBA Office at 423-442-6604 for more information or assistance regarding 2021 VBS materials or supplies.

Director of Missions



Spring causes me to reminisce about days gone by. As I look out my backdoor, it becomes easy to allow my mind the privilege of a journey to simpler times. With my recent struggles from COVID 19, Darnell's hip surgery, and all the constant restrictions placed on us, one hopes for better days. I accept this is the day God has placed me, and I am prepared to serve Him joyfully. However, a mini vacation of the mind can offer temporary relief from the distractions of our day.

I see out my backdoor, daffodils lining the street, as they push toward heaven. The apple tree beside the house hosts thousands of blooms, and the two maple trees in the front yard are clothed in new greenery. The wood stack has a few sticks of wood, while only small rock-size pieces of coal remain in the pile. The brown grass is slowly turning green. In a short time, a push mower with rotating metal bars will clip the new growth. *Whippoorwill* and *Blackberry Winter* will keep the sting of the chilly season with us for a few more weeks. Spring is slowly making its way into East Tennessee.

As a boy, I could generate a small *nest egg* through weeks of selling the *Sweetwater Valley News* at ten cents a copy. Seven cents per newspaper belonged to the newspaper office, while three cents were pure profit. On Wednesday afternoon, the town swarmed with several young boys selling the news.

March is kite flying season and a portion of my profit was used to purchase a kite and string. The kite would cost ten cents and several rolls of string would be bought for another dime. The neighboring field was ideal for kite flying. There were no power lines or trees nearby for the kite to get entangled. On a windy day, several boys would gather for the fun.

To make the kite fly better, a tail was added. Material from mom's clothing scraps was perfect. The object was to see who could get their kite to fly the highest. Sometimes the kite string would break, and the kite would be lost forever. At other times, the kite would be so high it would be hard to see, especially as darkness enveloped the flying amusement. It was great lying on your back, chewing on a piece of straw grass, looking toward heaven. Occasionally, you would pull on the string to feel

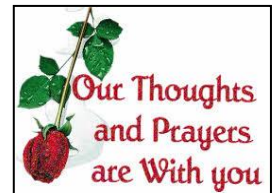
the kite. A gentle tug was all it took to let us know the kite was still up there. That is the way it is with God. Occasionally, He gives a gentle tug on our heart's string to let us know that He is still there.

Time travels quickly between Christmas and Easter, a short three or four months. Yet these two dates represent an eternity of time. Easter provides us hope for everlasting life, an unending season of freedom from COVID 19, hip surgeries, and restrictions. It will be a privilege to "live in a land where we never grow old." By being in the presence of our risen Savior, Jesus Christ, we will experience a continued renewing of living life at its fullest. I hope your church will find ways to make this Easter special.

I hope you have taken a mini vacation with me. If I had three cents today when I heard from heaven, I would have a small *nest egg*. Come to think of it, God keeps the other seven cents in heaven. It is going to be great news someday when we all swarm home.

Happy Easter. --- Tony Rutherford

Christian Sympathy: We want to express our deepest sympathy to the family of Pastor Melvin Martin and Antioch Baptist Church, where he served as pastor. We also send condolences to the families of Mrs. Myrl (June) Vaughn and Mrs. Luke (Deborah) Hall in the passing of these pastor's wives. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with these, as well as the families of several other retired pastors, former pastors, family members and friends that have passed during the past few months.



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

The Sweetwater Baptist Association, *Executive Board Meeting* will be held on **Monday April 26th at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at **North Sweetwater Baptist Church** in Sweetwater. According to the *SBA Constitution and Bylaws*, Executive Members are: Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Council, Pastors/Interim Pastor 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 office for a list of Executive Board Members to be compiled before the meeting.



CHURCH GIFTS: The ministries of the Sweetwater Baptist Association are supported by gifts from our churches. As you review the list of *Church Gifts*, we want to thank you for all gifts received. Your 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, 2020 – February, 2021

| Church/Mission | Oct. 2020 | Nov. 2020 | Dec. 2020 | Jan. 2021 | Feb. 2021 | Total |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| 411 Chapel | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Antioch | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 75.00 |
| Beaty's Chapel | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Bethlehem | 1,020.00 | 788.50 | 1,027.00 | 1,008.00 | 1,178.00 | 5,021.50 |
| Big Creek | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Calvary | 69.72 | 82.92 | 96.00 | 35.34 | 107.94 | 391.92 |
| Cane Creek | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 200.00 | 1,000.00 |
| Cedar Fork | 350.07 | 364.91 | 482.86 | 409.15 | 614.46 | 2,221.45 |
| Cedar Valley | 628.50 | 0.00 | 1,168.92 | 0.00 | 350.70 | 2,148.12 |
| Christianburg | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 305.88 | 305.88 |
| Citico | 62.85 | 94.36 | 77.85 | 46.85 | 121.75 | 403.66 |
| Clifton | 25.00 | 25.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 50.00 | 100.00 |
| Community | 29.23 | 105.84 | 61.68 | 40.53 | 133.44 | 370.72 |
| Compromise | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 250.00 |
| Conasauga | 200.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| Concord | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 868.89 | 868.89 |
| Delano | 690.43 | 283.24 | 291.56 | 292.58 | 312.34 | 1,870.15 |
| Druid Hills | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 200.00 |
| Ebenezer | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Fairview | 0.00 | 120.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 120.00 |
| Fairview Tabernacle | 1,278.59 | 1,519.11 | 1,229.54 | 1,367.31 | 1,713.00 | 7,107.55 |
| Fellowship | 300.00 | 0.00 | 246.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 546.00 |
| Glenlock | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 670.00 | 670.00 |
| Gregory's Chapel | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 500.00 |
| Hopewell Springs | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Howards Chapel | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Island Creek | 300.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 | 300.00 | 1,500.00 |
| Lakeside | 600.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Long Ridge | 0.00 | 1,000.00 | 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 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| 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 | 75.72 | 72.39 | 96.63 | 38.40 | 96.96 | 380.10 |
| Mt. Isabella | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Mt. Zion | 797.86 | 459.39 | 552.91 | 321.47 | 486.59 | 2,618.22 |
| Murray's | 1,633.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,633.00 |
| New Bethany | 1,174.82 | 0.00 | 358.86 | 368.10 | 522.38 | 2,424.16 |
| New Macedonia | 140.00 | 140.00 | 140.00 | 140.00 | 140.00 | 700.00 |
| New Providence | 642.85 | 508.55 | 403.05 | 304.00 | 869.75 | 2,728.20 |
| North Sweetwater | 170.96 | 75.35 | 107.47 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 353.78 |
| Notchey Creek | 477.20 | 477.20 | 477.20 | 477.20 | 477.20 | 2,386.00 |
| Oak Grove | 322.77 | 444.80 | 191.45 | 0.00 | 831.00 | 1,790.02 |
| 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 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Poplar Bluff | 237.20 | 280.77 | 232.40 | 231.03 | 275.34 | 1,256.74 |
| Reed Springs | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Rocky Springs | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 | 1,600.00 |
| Rural Vale | 441.99 | 360.27 | 302.55 | 159.45 | 544.00 | 1,808.26 |
| Shady Grove | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 |
| Shelton Grove | 131.60 | 144.84 | 213.18 | 0.00 | 150.93 | 640.55 |
| Shoal Creek | 0.00 | 285.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 321.00 | 606.00 |

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| 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 | 0.00 | 1,200.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Tellico Plains, First | 444.00 | 424.00 | 562.00 | 425.00 | 539.00 | 2,394.00 |
| Tevis Springs | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| 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 | 0.00 | 55.00 | 60.00 | 0.00 | 89.00 | 204.00 |
| Union McMinn | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 2,000.00 |
| Unity | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Upper Shady Grove | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 250.00 |
| Vonore | 1,513.74 | 2,074.60 | 2,033.71 | 2,026.02 | 1,965.18 | 9,613.25 |
| Walnut Grove | 1,096.74 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,096.74 |
| 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 | 80.84 | 56.67 | 63.04 | 63.64 | 61.84 | 326.03 |
| 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 | 48.73 | 45.57 | 213.18 | 20.30 | 19.89 | 164.88 |
| Total Income | 19,038.08 | 14,241.95 | 14,859.92 | 11,903.04 | 18,795.13 | 78,838.12 |

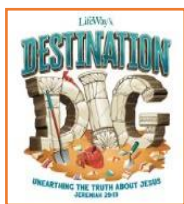
2021 LOCAL MINISTRY OFFERING:

Our churches have responded to the *Isaiah 117 Offering* in a great and mighty way! We thank you for your generous giving of over \$30,000 for the *Isaiah 117* house of Monroe/McMinn County. This house will be used as a place for children to stay while waiting for placement in foster care. Funds will be presented to representatives of *Isaiah 117* at our upcoming *Executive Board Meeting*. Here is a list of gifts that have been received at time of printing:



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| 411 Chapel..... | 1766.00 |
| Big Creek..... | 930.00 |
| Cedar Fork..... | 504.00 |
| Christianburg..... | 500.00 |
| Compromise..... | 345.00 |
| Druid Hill..... | 784.00 |
| Gregory's Chapel..... | 1000.00 |
| Island Creek..... | 2216.00 |
| Long Ridge..... | 2000.00 |
| Mt. Calvary..... | 300.00 |
| Mt. Zion..... | 3042.14 |
| Macedonia..... | 200.00 |
| Millers Chapel..... | 500.00 |
| New Providence..... | 2323.00 |
| North Sweetwater..... | 500.00 |
| Oak Grove..... | 1725.00 |
| Rural Vale..... | 470.00 |
| Rural Vale (given directly to Isaiah 117 Project)..... | 1100.00 |
| South Madisonville..... | 1718.00 |
| Tellico First..... | 1150.00 |
| Tellico (Ballplay)..... | 1882.00 |
| Tevis Springs..... | 600.00 |
| Union Hall..... | 200.00 |
| Union Grove..... | 801.00 |
| Union McMinn..... | 5500.00 |
| Walnut Grove..... | 417.00 |
| Williamsburg..... | 200.00 |
| Tony Rutherford..... | 100.00 |
| SBA Annual Meeting..... | 1501.39 |

ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS/EVENTS/INFORMATION



2021 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC
Monday evening, April 19th
 Training Conference begins at 7:00 p.m.
 Hosted by **Rocky Springs, Madisonville**
 Everyone invited to attend!

Please send us your VBS dates and times and we will publish them in the next issue of *The Messenger*, if space is available!

WMU/LADIES MEETING May Meeting Cancelled.

Due to COVID-19 safeguards and precautions, please contact the Activities Director at the Madisonville Health & Rehab when it is your time to provide the birthday cake.



Madisonville Health & Rehab
Nursing Home Birthday Cake Schedule

For more information contact Activities Director at 442-3990

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|------------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| March | New Providence | April | Oak Grove |
| May | Concord | June | Madisonville, First |
| July | Lakeside | August | 411 Chapel |
| September | Mt. Zion | October | Natchey Creek |
| November | Bethlehem | December | New Bethany |

MISSIONS GET TOGETHER & CONNECTION *virtual* version of the event is being offered on March 19-20, 2021. Individuals, friends, families, and groups will be able to participate in this unique experience. Please check Tennessee Baptist Mission Board website at tnbaptist.org for additional information.

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

The suggested date for the *Week of Prayer for North American Missionaries and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering* was March 7-14. The theme for this year is *The Mission Moves Forward*. **Offering envelopes, posters and prayer guides** are available to churches from the WMU/convention office to help plan, promote and participate in the *Week of Prayer*. **Videos, digital and printable resources** are available online at AnnieArmstrong.com. If you would like to receive AAEO materials for your church, please email



aaeo@namb.net or call 800-634-2462. (Information found online at anniearmstrong.com.)

ISRAEL 2022:

Seats are still available for the January 20-29, 2022 *Israel Group Tour*. Please



contact the SBA Office immediately at 423-442-6604 if you are interested in being part of the group.

GUATEMALA: The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBMB) and Guatemala Baptist Convention have tentatively confirmed plans for Sweetwater Baptist Association mission projects in *Guatemala for 2021*. Project dates are set for June 22-29 and September 14-21. Rules have changed for travel in and out of Guatemala. Proof of negative COVID tests will be required for travel in and out of the United States. Mission volunteers must have a valid passport, as well as any required vaccinations from their doctor or health department. Teams must be held to a maximum of 15 mission volunteers.



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.

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. Training dates will be scheduled as soon as possible.

Sweetwater Baptist Association
2021 Church Growth & Development Conference
 Monday, August 30, 6:30 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!
Mark this date on your calendars!



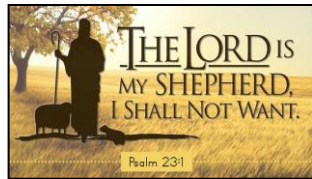
NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: The annual *National Day of Prayer* will be held on **Thursday, May 6th**. The theme for 2021 is *Lord Pour Out Your LOVE, LIFE AND LIBERTY* with Scripture focus on 2 Corinthians 3:17.

Prayer reminds us that we must share God's message of LOVE and LIFE, so that all would come to repentance and know the LIBERTY we experience in Christ alone. Our hope is that the Spirit of the Lord will pour out across America to fill our lives, families, churches and workplaces with the LOVE, LIFE and LIBERTY of our SAVIOR.

Plan now to participate in a *National Day of Prayer* event on Thursday, May 6th. For more information, visit 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 7th** at 6:30 pm. The 6-week study will be *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23*. The cost of the class is \$20.00 per person. Please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association at 442-6604 for additional information or if you are interested in taking this class.



FREE TO ANY CHURCH:

The Association has received some chairs, tables, shelves other furniture and miscellaneous items that can be donated to any church. If your church is interested in any of these items, call or come by the Association.



Gregory's Chapel: A Blessing Box and camera system have been installed at the church.

Notchey Creek:

April 4th, Easter Sunrise Service
 Sunday School 10:00 AM
 Worship Service 11:00 AM
 Visit www.notcheycreekbaptist.org for additional dates and times for upcoming events

Old Sweetwater:

April 2 (Good Friday), 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM:
 Drive thru Nativity
 May 13-15, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM: Church Yard Sale
 March 21, 10:45 AM: Special Singing:
 Adam and Christy Gregory
 April 4 (Easter), 7:00 AM: Sunrise Service at the cemetery, weather permitting

Poplar Bluff: Do you play an instrument or want to learn? We would love for you to join us as we gather to worship the third Friday of each month.

Union McMinn: Free Sunday School Literature. Contact Janie Wilson @ jww1947@tds.net or (423) 887-3950.
 March 28, 6:30 PM - Redeemed Performance
 April 3, 2:00 PM - Jr. Youth Egg Hunt
 April 9-11 - God's Mountain Retreat
 June 6-11, 6:00-8:30 - VBS

Vonore Baptist: Three Services Easter Morning 7:30 AM, 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM.

Lake Side Presents
Singing in the Valley
 An evening of great acoustic gospel music!!!
Lenoir City High School Auditorium
 1485 Old Hwy. 95 • Lenoir City, TN
Saturday, March 27, 2021 at 6:30PM EST
 Doors Open at 5:00

Featuring:

JOURNEY HOME
 Great Gospel Singing

THE PRIMITIVE QUARTET

Tickets: General Seating \$20
 For Tickets and Information call: 423-420-9408 • www.lakesidegospel.com
 Children 11 & Under Free



FOOD BOX GIVE-AWAY: Sweetwater, FBC and Hopewell Springs, along with other area churches recently served as distribution locations for the *USDA Farmers to Families Food Box* program.

Hundreds of boxes were given out, which included fresh dairy, fruits, vegetables and meat. Thank you churches for



serving as the hands and feet of Christ. *Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me. Matthew 25:40*

CHURCH STREAMING/ LICENSING ISSUES:

Some of our churches have reported problems with presentation of special music during livestreaming of services. This occurs especially when the special music is being provided by either purchased performances tracks and/or iTunes purchased performance tracks. This challenging problem was forwarded to the Worship and Music Specialists of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board for their assistance; and we thank them for their feedback and help in this matter. If your church is experiencing this problem, here is their response to possibly handling the situation.

MUSIC



First, the good news...CCLI (www.ccli.com) offers a new solution to legally stream "accompaniment tracks." It's called the *Streaming License Plus*. If you contact them directly, they'll take care of you, or you can sign up online. There is a cost, starting at around \$210 per year. As I understand, this license would be in addition to having the standard Christian Copyright License through CCLI.

Now, the bad news...Even when you have permission to legally stream recorded music (such as through the *Streaming License Plus* referenced above), Facebook's algorithms will sometimes still "block" and "flag" your services when they hear those tracks, because Facebook has no way to know consistently that you have permission to play these recordings. They will usually remove the "flag" once you let them know

about your permission, but it can still take time and be a frustrating process.

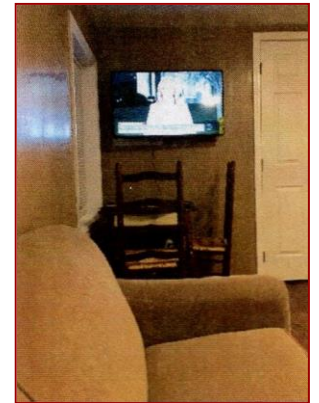
TINY HOUSE UPDATE: Work on the Tiny House is now completed, and the house is in use! Thank you again, churches, for your generous donations that sponsored the construction of two Tiny Houses



to assist with the homeless in



our area. Hopefully, work will begin soon on the second tiny house.



ANNUAL REPORT FOR CORPORATION FILING FOR CHURCHES:

We have received notification that the State of Tennessee will no longer be mailing paper reminders for the filing of *Tennessee Corporation Annual Reports*. (This is the *Annual Report* made to the State of Tennessee if your church is incorporated.)



The renewal information for your *Annual Report* will be sent by email to the email address that is on file with the State of Tennessee for your church. Renewals for *Annual Reports* will still be processed online and are filed electronically at <http://tnbear.tn.gov/>. If no email address is listed for your church, you can use the paperwork and Control Number from last year's *Annual Report* filing. For additional information or if you should have any questions, you can contact the Department of State at 615-741-2286.

Sweetwater Baptist Association
Check Out Our Website
www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com
Visit us on Facebook

YOUTH COMMITTEE: It's OFFICIAL...YOUTH REACH 2021 IS HAPPENING!

Churches will be receiving Registration Packets within the next week or two. Tell your students to mark their calendar for July 16-17 and then make plans to bring them to *Youth Reach 2021*.

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no man
pursueth:
but the
righteous
are bold as
a lion.
Proverbs
28:1



BOLD | youth reach
pigeon forge, tn



speaker: roger williams
music: roger williams & the amuq
comedy: bean & bailey

JULY 16-17, 2021

Registration Due: June 10

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ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS, 2020-2021

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION
Welcome New Pastors
Dr. Hollie Miller..... Fairview Tabernacle

Director of Mission Visits/Miscellaneous:
Old Pond Hill, Unity, Watson Chapel, Union Hall, Union McMinn, Delano,
North Sweetwater, Notchey Creek, Shoal Creek, Glenlock,
Left Notes: Shady Grove, Upper Shady Grove
Online: Poplar Bluff
Other: Quarantined; Darnell (Hospital/Surgery)

Please pray for our churches without pastors:
Antioch, Bethlehem, Conasauga, Trinity, Vonore, Williamsburg



The Upper Room Christian Counseling
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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 29-April 2 Spring Break, Monroe Co Schools
 April 1 Office Closed, Holiday
 April 2 Good Friday
 April 4 Easter
 April 5 Office Closed, Holiday
 April 12 Missions Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 pm
 April 19 VBS Clinic, *Rocky Springs*, Conference, 7:00 pm
 April 21 National Administrative Professional's Day
 April 26 SBA Executive Board Meeting, *North Sweetwater*, 7:00 pm
 May 6 National Day of Prayer
 May 9 Mother's Day
 May 31 Memorial Day, Office Closed, Holiday



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

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Next issue of newsletter will be
May/June

SBA Office Hours
8:30-4:00 pm Monday-Thursday

2021 MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- Guatemala, June 22-29
- Iowa, July 18-23
- Guatemala, September 14-21

Pending travel restrictions, mandates and requirements.