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Sweetwater Baptist Association

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC
Monday, April 11th, 7:00 p.m.
ROCKY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH, Madisonville

In-person and via Live-Stream

*Spark Studio: Created in Christ,
Designed for God's Purpose*

Motto: Created! Designed! Empowered!
Scripture focus Ephesians 2:10



2022 Associational VBS Team

Associational VBS Directors..... Bryan and Kim Williamson (Rocky Springs)

Training for all VBS age levels!

- Kindergarten..... Karen McDaniel (Notchey Creek)
- Completed 1/2 Grade..... Laura Jones (Bethlehem)
- Completed 3/4 Grade..... Melissa Debety (Miller's Chapel)
- VBX, Preteen Completed 5/6 Grade..... Amber Patty (4th Chapel)
- Youth..... Brandon Russell (Reed Springs)
- Director/Mission/Music/Miscellaneous..... Jada Koch (Madisonville, First)

The daily content for each session is as follows:

- Day 1 God, the Creator God is the marvelous Creator
- Day 2 God, the Designer God uniquely designed us for His purpose
- Day 3 Jesus, the King Jesus is the King that God promised to save us
- Day 4 Jesus, the Redeemer Jesus fulfilled God's plan to save us
- Day 5 Holy Spirit, the Helper The Holy Spirit gives us the power to follow God's plan

Lifeway's VBS materials should be ordered online at lifeway.com. Please contact the SBA Office at 423-442-6604 for more information or if we can be of assistance regarding 2022 VBS materials or supplies.

Sweetwater Baptist Association

Executive Board Meeting
Monday, April 25th, 7:00 p.m.
Walnut Grove Baptist Church, Vonore



Sweetwater Baptist Association
WMU/Ladies Meeting
May 2nd, 7:00 p.m.
Union Grove Baptist Church, Niota

Youth Rally
CONNECT

July 14th, 7:00 p.m.
Hosted by Notchey Creek Baptist Church, Madisonville

Equipping Your Church to do
Personal Evangelism
Monday, March 21
7:00 p.m.

Sweetwater Baptist Association Office
Madisonville, TN
Conference Leader: Chris Moore
Developing Spiritual Growth
for Churches & Members

who's your
ONE?

Director of Missions



Spring has finally arrived in East Tennessee! The trees are budding, and flowers are breaking through the winter soil. Even the air has a twinge of something special about to happen. I wonder if it may have been that way when Mary, the mother of Jesus, and the other women were walking sorrowfully to the tomb of Jesus. Little did they know, they, and the entire world would be eternally altered by the events that were only moments away. Entering the garden with the purpose of completing what Joseph and Nicodemus has started prior to the Sabbath, seemed to be more than their hearts could manage. With their arms filled with supplies necessary to accomplish the task, suddenly they were frozen in their tracks. Their arms were emptied of supplies, and their eyes gazing in astonishment. "Oh, no," must have come from their lips. The stone was rolled away, and the body of Jesus was not there. Something special was happening. This Easter we will celebrate that something special with music, dramas, children's activities, and worship. For He is Risen!!

The Sweetwater Baptist Association is planning some special events for 2022, that we hope will enhance church participations, and kingdom growth. For these plans to be successful, your participation and commitment will be needed.

The first project will be held on Monday, March 21st at 7:00 pm at the Sweetwater Baptist Association office. This will be an Evangelism Training Conference for Pastors, Deacons, and other church leaders, called "Who's Your One". This workshop will be led by Chris Moore, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Madisonville. This program, by the North American Mission Board, combines prayer and an intentional approach to winning your friend, neighbor, or working acquaintance to the Lord. This conference will also include the "3 Circles Evangelism" material which deals with "turning everyday conversations into Gospel conversations." Combining these studies will equip our people to share their personal testimonies with others. We are also including the book "Tell Someone" by Greg Laurie. These materials are written to encourage and inspire us to do what God had call each of us to do...win the lost. Each church in attendance will receive all these materials FREE of cost. Pastors, please mark your calendar for March 21st.

Second, this year's VBS Clinic will be in-person and livestreamed. The Clinic will be held on Monday, April 11th at Rocky Springs Baptist Church. This year's LifeWay theme is *Spark Studio: Created in Christ, Designed for God's Purpose*. The lessons begin with the creation story and conclude with the emphasis that God designed His creation for the purpose of sharing the wonderful story of Christ and His love for us. (Those precious women who came to the tomb to mourn for Jesus would learn of this glorious life that grew out of such deep sorrow.)

Third, this summer, the Sweetwater Baptist Association will have teams returning to the mission field in Iowa and Guatemala. Teams are now being formed to share the gospel and experience something special as we renew our commitment to Christ's call to GO. Reed Springs Baptist Church will be heading up the team to Iowa. If you

are interested in joining their project, please contact Pastor Steven McDonald. Bethlehem Baptist Church will be leading a group to Guatemala. We are also exploring the option to have another small vision team to search out other areas of ministry in Guatemala. If you are interested in any of these projects, please contact the Associational Office for more information.

Finally, a *Pastor/Wife and Deacon/Wife Conference* is being planned for Monday, August 29th. This conference will be held at New Bethany Baptist Church in Sweetwater. Dr. Steve Holt, the Church Services Director with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, will lead the men's conference with topics including how today's deacon can fulfill the biblical mandates of servanthood in the church; how the roles of pastors and deacons are fellow laborers in kingdom building; and how caregiving for the flock was and is the biblical principle of deacon service. Nancy Duggin will be leading the women's portion of the conference. She is the widow of a long-term deacon and will share the important role the wife plays in helping her husband be a successful in ministry. A light meal will be provided to those in attendance.

We hope these events can help increase the ministry and potential growth of our churches for years to come. By involving the leadership of our churches with the strength of the core membership of the congregation, a great impact for the glory of Christ can be made in each of our communities. In John chapter 4, Jesus spoke with the woman at the well. When the disciples returned, Jesus starts a discourse on a harvest that is ready. With the experience of the past two years, surely the harvest is ripe. Christ has commissioned His church to be laborers as He provides the increase. The first step in creating a true sense of revival comes when the heart of the leadership and the congregation are convicted that God has called and empowered each of us to Share the Gospel.

Can you image the strange emotions that rushed through the women as they stood before the open tomb? All the questions that struggled for attention as their minds turned from one thought to another yet finding no answers. Unable to speak, finding comfort only in each other. Yet somehow, they knew something special was happening.

Could this Resurrection Morning be the start of something special in our churches? Try to project your thoughts one year from today. Each member has prayerfully sought the Holy Spirit's leadership in finding a friend or family member to share the Gospel with, and seen new believers enter the church. Don't stop there! Your Deacon Ministry has cared for that family, and other families have nurtured them in maturing in the Gospel. Revival will not be a week-long event; it will be a weekly event as souls are added to the kingdom and more disciples are sent to share the Good News.

Happy Easter. --- Tony Rutherford

Christian Sympathy: Please join with us in prayer for those that have lost family, and friends during the past weeks. We want to express our condolences to the families of retired and former pastors, Kenneth Johnson and Fred Beaty. We also send our deepest sympathy to Pastor Doug and Verna Alexander in the passing of their daughter, Misty Alexander Hayden. (Our thoughts are also with Misty's two sons, Josh and Gabe Brannon.) Our prayers are with these and others that have lost loved ones.



ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS/EVENTS/INFORMATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Sweetwater Baptist Association, *Executive Board Meeting* will be held on **Monday April 25th at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at **Walnut Grove Baptist Church in Vonore.** 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.



2022 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC Monday evening, April 11th

Training Conference begins at 7:00 p.m.
Hosted by **Rocky Springs, Madisonville**
Everyone invited to attend!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS: We want to encourage you to please plan now to attend the **2022 Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic!** It will be held on **Monday evening, April 11th**

at Rocky Springs Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. **We look forward to seeing you there!** (This event will also be available by live-stream.)

LifeWay's **2022 VBS SPARK STUDIOS: Created in Christ, Designed for God's Purpose!** will inspire imagination and kick creativity into high gear. Kids will see the truth that they are God's workmanship, as they learn to use their talents to bring glory and honor to Him. The motto is *Created! Designed! Empowered!* and the theme verse is from Ephesians 2:10, *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*

This year, all LifeWay VBS orders need to be placed online directly with LifeWay. Orders are not being filled through the Association. However, the Associational staff is always available and happy to help you with 2022 Vacation Bible School materials, workers, and resources.

Please remember that the Association offers the "VBS Link-up" program. This allows churches to donate leftover materials and supplies and they are then passed on to other churches to use for free.

If you have not used LifeWay Vacation Bible School materials and supplies in the past, we encourage you to look at and consider the **2022 VBS SPARK STUDIOS: Created in Christ, Designed for**

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

God's Purpose! --*Bryan and Kim Williamson*, Associational VBS Directors



I hope everyone is looking forward to the upcoming *Ladies Ministry/WMU Meeting* on May 2nd at 7:00 pm. Union Grove Baptist Church in Niota will

**SBA
WMU/Ladies
Ministry**

WMU/LADIES MEETING Monday, May 2, 7:00 pm

Meal will be served at 6:00 pm
Union Grove Baptist Church
966 County Road 316, Niota

be our host church for the meeting and our guest speaker for the night will be representatives from the Monroe/McMinn Isaiah 117 House.

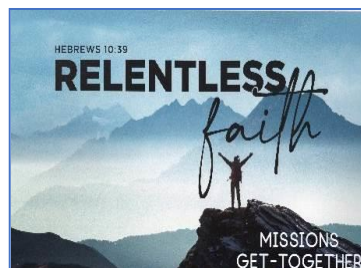
Union Grove has graciously offered to provide dinner before the meeting. The meal will be served at 6:00 pm at the church. The Ladies Group from Union Grove will also be hosting a silent auction during the meal. The proceeds of the auction will go to the Isaiah 117 House. So, plan to bid on some great items for a worthy cause.

As some of you know the Monroe/McMinn Isaiah 117 House is currently under construction in Englewood. This house will be a place that provides physical and emotional support in a safe and loving home for children awaiting foster care placement. Just like any new house, it will need supplies. Our Ministry Project for this meeting will be collecting cleaning supply items for the Isaiah 117 House. Examples of needed items are: small vacuum cleaner, Swiffer dusters, dust mop, Swiffer wet jet, laundry detergent, laundry baskets, disinfectant spray (Microban), Windex, dish soap, bathroom cleaners, dishwashing tablets, counter cleaner, paper towels, disinfectant wipes, hand sanitizer, etc. Our Ladies/WMU Groups are asked to bring these items to the May 2nd meeting, and they will be given to the Isaiah 117 representatives.

I look forward to seeing everyone on May 2nd, but if you are unable to attend, please be in prayer for the meeting and the ministry of Isaiah 117 House. This House will need prayer. Pray for the children who will come through the house and pray for the volunteers that will be the first contact these children have in a new chapter in their lives.

**Ladies
Ministry**

If I can be of any assistance to any of our ladies groups, please feel free to contact me through the associational office or email me directly at racheljthompson20@outlook.com. *Rachel Thompson*, Associational WMU/Ladies Director



**MISSIONS
GET-TOGETHER**
Gatlinburg, Tennessee
April 1-3, 2022
Visit www.tnwmu.org for more information or to register. There is no on-site registration at the event - everyone must pre-register.

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 6-13, 2022. The theme for this year is *UNITED*. 100% of your gifts to the *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering* support North American missions.



North American missionaries depend on your prayers. They are taking the Gospel to people of 350 languages where spiritual and cultural divides are deep and growing. Almost every nation in the world is represented in North America, making it one of the most complex mission fields. It is reported that there are some 366 million people in North America, of which 275 million express they are without the hope of the Gospel! Only the love of Christ can bring true unity and transformation. Please pray!

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.)

ISAIAH 117: The foundation for the *Isaiah 117* house for Monroe/McMinn County has been completed, and framing has begun! This house will be used as a place for children to stay while waiting for placement in foster care. The house is located at the intersection of County Road 517 and 519 in Englewood. Thank you for being part of this ministry.



ISAIAH 117 HOUSE MONROE-MCMINN: Presents: *A Holy Graffiti Night*. Grab your Sharpie and come out to pray and fill the house with

scripture!

March 15th
Community Night
5:00 pm-7:00 pm

March 16th
Youth Group Night
5:30 pm-7:00 pm



Bring your youth group for a time of fellowship, prayer, and scripture writing! We will also have pizza and drinks! Please RSVP by March 15th for Youth Night so we can order pizza.

For more information or to RSVP, contact: Jennifer Collins (jennifer.collins@isaiah117house.com) 423-519-3393, or Adriane Lethcoe (adriane.letchoe@isaiah117house.com) 423-519-8686.



Fresh Start Monroe County is a local ministry that ministers to the needs of the less fortunate. For more information about this ministry, please contact Mike Dotson at 423-836-3235.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: The annual *National Day of Prayer* will be held on **Thursday, May 5th**. The theme for 2022 is *EXALT THE LORD, WHO HAS ESTABLISHED US* based on Colossians 2:6-7.



Let us join together to *exalt* our Lord, God Almighty. He is worthy of our praise. We thank Him for who He is, and what He has done. The Lord never changes, and He hears our prayers. May we *EXALT THE LORD, WHO HAS ESTABLISHED US*, as we pray for our

communities, our state, our country, and our world. Plan now to participate in a *National Day of Prayer* event on Thursday, May 5th. For more information, visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

IOWA: A partnership mission team from the Sweetwater Baptist Association will be traveling to Iowa, July 16-22. These volunteers will work with local pastors and churches in a community near Iowa City called Downey. The team will participate in Vacation Bible Schools, revivals, and door-to-door witnessing.



Please remember this mission team, as well as all other mission teams from our churches, as they share the love of Christ in our communities, across our state, country, and world.

GUATEMALA: The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBMB) and Guatemala Baptist Convention have tentatively confirmed plans for Sweetwater Baptist Association mission projects in *Guatemala*



for 2022. Project dates are tentatively set for June 21-28 and September 13-20. Rules have changed for travel in and out of Guatemala. Everyone must be fully vaccinated (currently 2 doses) and present proof of negative COVID tests (administered within 3 days of check-in) 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. In

addition to the Fort Sherman Travel Security, the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board requires all participants to complete online evangelistic, cross-cultural, and child protection training.



MYANMAR WELLS UPDATE: Praise the Lord! We have received word that the 20th water well in 2022 has already been dug in the country of Myanmar. (There were only 4 water wells dug in the year 2021.) This is during a time of civil unrest and a brutal military takeover in the country. Even while suffering from cruel government treatment, the people of Myanmar are so thankful and proud to have clean water for their daily

living. The water brings them hope, and is always accompanied by the message of Living Water, the real Hope! Thank you for sharing your love through this ministry.

**2022 Disaster Relief Funds for
Tennessee/Kentucky Tornado Victims**

Long Ridge.....	4110.00
Notchey Creek	1824.00
Oak Grove.....	1100.62
South Madisonville.....	671.00
Tellico (Ballplay).....	2500.00
Anonymous	4000.00
Ollie Lankford.....	100.00

UKRAINE RELIEF: Several churches and individuals have asked how they can help the people of Ukraine. Currently, we are not able to securely send funds directly to any of our known contacts in Ukraine. Banks have been closed, and even if we could wire any money, there is no way to guarantee the money would be received by the individuals it is being sent to.



The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board Disaster Relief is partnering with "Send Relief International" to help with providing for the needs of people in Ukraine. **Therefore, if any churches or individuals want to contribute to the Ukraine relief effort, donations can be sent to our office and will be forwarded to the TBMB Disaster Relief. Just note on your check that it is for Ukraine.**

The "Baptist and Reflector" shared this information about the work "Send Relief International" is doing in Ukraine: "Send Relief International began responding with food relief before the invasion and continues to ramp up its efforts...Send Relief continues to collaborate with national partners to provide food, shelter, transportation, clothing and ministry to those displaced and impacted by the crisis in Ukraine."

We are thankful for the TBMB and appreciate all the churches who support the ministries of our State Convention. This is what being Southern Baptist is about...working together doing missions and ministry. We can do more together, than we can alone. Thank you churches for always being generous supporters of missions. Please continue praying for the Ukraine nation and the people of Ukraine.

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, 2021 – February 25, 2022

Church/Mission	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021	Jan. 2022	Feb. 2022	Total
411 Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Antioch	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	100.00
Beaty's Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	1102.00	1,064.00	1,116.70	1,246.50	1,259.00	5,788.20
Big Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary	82.10	104.79	96.66	109.38	104.70	497.63
Cane Creek	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	1,000.00
Cedar Fork	425.74	490.53	413.60	327.11	580.44	2,237.42
Cedar Valley	410.40	0.00	1,292.79	1,587.74	1,602.96	4,893.89
Christianburg	313.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	332.43	645.57
Citico	86.90	64.90	86.30	109.20	0.00	347.30

Clifton	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	125.00
Community	84.30	87.66	66.67	72.60	83.28	394.51
Compromise	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	250.00
Conasauga	0.00	200.00	0.00	100.00	200.00	500.00
Concord	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Delano	358.79	392.40	300.28	328.66	308.60	1,688.73
Druid Hills	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	500.00
Ebenezer	62.00	42.50	95.00	101.00	57.00	357.50
Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	1500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	7,500.00
Fellowship	115.99	208.33	126.58	205.32	130.37	786.59
Glenlock	1002.00	334.00	334.00	334.00	334.00	2,338.00
Gregory's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	500.00
Hopewell Springs	202.00	116.00	145.00	82.00	95.00	640.00
Howards Chapel	0.00	0.00	171.07	0.00	0.00	171.07
Island Creek	300.00	300.00	300.00	600.00	0.00	1,500.00
Lakeside	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	600.00
Long Ridge	1000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	50.00	0.00	100.00	50.00	0.00	200.00
Macedonia	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	40.00	240.00
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	105.30	80.70	141.75	121.17	73.50	522.42
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	493.00	513.40	455.65	520.14	615.05	2,597.24
Murray's	1778.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,778.00
New Bethany	237.79	422.83	434.23	417.45	451.69	1,963.99
New Macedonia	140.00	140.00	0.00	140.00	140.00	560.00
New Providence	620.65	0.00	1,290.67	619.39	694.36	3,225.07
New Zion	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
North Sweetwater	92.39	149.93	70.67	110.83	65.05	488.87
Notchey Creek	491.52	491.52	491.52	491.52	491.52	2,457.60
Oak Grove	804.81	0.00	816.52	0.00	1,150.05	2,771.38
Oakland	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	200.00
Old Pond Hill	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
Old Sweetwater	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	283.80	239.79	295.32	357.39	239.58	1,415.88
Reed Springs	0.00	3,448.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,448.00
Rocky Springs	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	2,000.00
Rural Vale	437.05	451.90	374.27	759.24	355.16	2,377.62
Shady Grove	100.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	500.00
Shelton Grove	205.83	453.79	224.30	215.31	0.00	1,099.23
Shoal Creek	0.00	314.00	0.00	0.00	237.00	551.00
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	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tellico Plains, First	509.00	639.00	434.00	425.00	527.00	2,646.00
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	98.00	51.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	149.00
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	1564.87	2,201.13	1,516.73	2,026.02	1,201.14	9,201.52
Walnut Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Watson Chapel	290.00	290.00	290.00	0.00	166.67	1,036.67
Westside	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Williamsburg	35.00	58.97	65.74	63.64	30.33	217.97
Miscellaneous/TBC	782.00	0.00	782.00	782.00	782.00	3,128.00
Misc AM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc Interest	35.16	35.64	23.31	20.30	21.65	137.88
Total Income	19,871.20	17,683.38	16,848.00	18,089.32	16,654.20	89,033.10



YOUTH COMMITTEE: A Letter to Youth Leaders & Pastors, As we all know, there is a consistent daily invitation for our young people to visit "the dark side". Poisonous influences from Satan are trying to penetrate every aspect of their life. We must be diligent to actively engage the enemy upon their behalf! As you consider this fight for our

youth, I would like to encourage each of you to make our SBA Connect Rally a part of your arsenal. Is July 14th on your event calendar yet, or are you living in a galaxy far, far away? *Josh Croft, Youth Committee Chairman*



Guest Speaker
Ryan Keaton

Music
Scott & Becky Parker

Comedy
Jonnie W

CONNECT

Thursday, July 14, 2022
Notchey Creek Baptist Church
7:00 pm




CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT FILING FOR CHURCHES:

Just a reminder! If your church is incorporated, it is time for the *Tennessee Corporation Annual Report* to be made to the State of Tennessee. The State of Tennessee is no longer mailing paper reminders for the filing of the *Annual Reports*. The renewal information for your *Annual Report* should be sent by email to the email address that is on file with the State of Tennessee for your church.



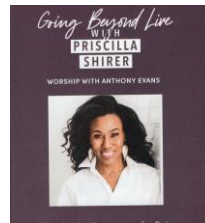
Renewals for *Annual Reports* will still be processed online and are filed electronically at <http://tnbear.tn.gov/>. If no email address is listed for your church, you can use the paperwork and Control Number from last year's *Annual Report* filing. For additional information or if you should have any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

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The UPPER Room Christian Counseling Center seeks to give counsel, helps, guidance, support, and encouragement, for individuals, marriages and families. To speak to a counselor or to get more information, call 865-414-3269 or visit the link www.fairviewfamily.org.



Going Beyond Live Event with
Priscilla Shirer
Worship with Anthony Evans
Saturday, July 16
9:00 am – 3:45 pm

Knoxville Civic Coliseum, Knoxville, TN

Additional information or registration available at www.lifeway.com/goingbeyond

To register by phone, call 800.254.2022

Sweetwater Baptist Association

Pastor & Wife...Deacon & Wife Conference

Monday, August 29th, 6:30 pm
New Bethany Baptist Church, Sweetwater
Meal will be provided (Registration Required)

Called to



Dr. Steve Holt (TBMB, Church Services Director)
Conference Leader for Pastor/Deacons

Mrs. Nancy Duggin (Murfreesboro, TN)
Conference Leader for Wives

Mark this date on your calendars!

Bible Study



FALL BIBLICAL STUDIES CLASS: The fall session for the *Biblical Studies Class* at the Sweetwater Baptist Association office will begin on **Tuesday, September 6th** at 6:30 pm. Currently, an 8-week session is being planned. There will be a 2-week study of *A Tour of Israel*,

with the remaining 6-week study focus on *The Lord's Prayer*. The cost of the class is \$20.00 per person. Please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association at 423-442-6604 for additional information or if you are interested in taking this class.

STREAMING/LICENSING ISSUES for CHURCH MUSIC:

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. The Worship and Music Specialists of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board offered the following help, if your church is experiencing this problem.



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. This license would be in addition to having the standard Christian Copyright License through CCLI.

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.



ISRAEL 2023: Seats are still available for the 2023 *Israel Tour*. Tentative dates for the trip are January 23 thru February 1, 2023. The total cost per person is \$4500.00.

Completed applications and deposits will be due May 3rd. Please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office at 423-442-6604 if you are interested in being part of the group.

ORDINATIONS



On February 27, 2022, **Mt. Calvary Baptist Church** ordained Rob Hamilton as Deacon.



On February 20, 2022, Jake Cook was ordained as Youth Pastor of **Delano Baptist Church**.

CHURCH NEWS

MADISONVILLE, FIRST

- Disciple Now (DNow): March 11-13.
- Children's Consignment Sale: March 18-19.
- Food Pantry: Saturday's 8:00 am – 9:30 am.
- Ladies Meeting "The Gathering": 1st Tuesday each Month, 6:30
- In Concert: "The Sound", Sunday, May 22, 10:30 am



MT. ZION

Mt. Zion will celebrate its 200th Year in 2022! A planning committee is working to gather historical information that will be shared at our official celebration in September. But the celebrating will begin on Sunday, March 20th, when the "time capsule" from our 175th year celebration will be opened.



Bible School is planned for the week of June 5-10. Services will be 6:30-8:00 p.m. each night. Revival will be the week of July 17th.



NEW MACEDONIA

Vacation Bible School will be June 6-10.

NOTCHEY CREEK:

- April 9th Kids Easter Celebration & Egg Hunt
- April 17th, Easter Sunrise Service
- Sunday School 9:45 AM
- Worship Service 10:30 AM



Visit www.notcheycreekbaptist.org for additional dates and times for upcoming events

POPLAR BLUFF

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



Gospel Plow is the 3rd Friday Each Month at 6:00 pm. If you play an instrument or want to learn, we would love for you to join us as we gather to worship!



SWEETWATER, FIRST

We are blessed with the addition two staff members. Kayce Loomis will be serving as our Children's Coordinator and Todd Colbert will be serving as our Worship/Senior Adult Minister.

On Good Friday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m. we will observe a *Tenebrae Service*. Please join us as we share in this special worship service, looking forward to celebrating our Lord's resurrection.

UNION GROVE

We are having a *Tent Revival* on May 9-14 at 6:30 pm nightly. The location will be at the intersection of Hwy. 68 and Hwy. 11 in Sweetwater. The Evangelists will be our Pastor, Isaac Sparks and Michael McLemore (Pastor of 411 Chapel).



WALNUT GROVE

Many exciting things are happening at Walnut Grove. Several families have joined the church and several students have been baptized. We are currently in the process of installing a baptistery. Everyone is invited to our upcoming church events:



- March 12: Hallelujah Olympics for all ages, 2:00 PM
- March 25: Women's Fellowship/Game Night, 5:30 PM
- April 8: Glow in the Dark Easter Egg Hunt & Dinner, 6:00
- April 17: Easter Sunrise Service, 7:00, Breakfast 8:00, Sunday School 10:00, Worship 11:00
- April 29: Women's Conference at Smokin'F Barn, 6:00 PM
- May 1: Sunday Night Fellowship Dinner/Taco Bar, 6:00 PM
- May 29: Youth Sunday
- June 5: Sunday Night Fellowship/Burgers, Hot Dogs, 6PM



WATSON CHAPEL

Our Vacation Bible School will be June 5-8. Our theme will be *Hay Day*. We offer a Community-Wide College and Career Age Bible Study: Monday Nights at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.

If you would be willing to serve on a team of volunteers to build handicap ramps around the Association, please contact the office at 423-442-6604 or becky.jones@bellsouth.net.



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

Director of Mission Visits/Miscellaneous:
 Notchey Creek; Shoal Creek; Concord; New Providence;
 Fairview (Tellico); Clifton

Please pray for our churches without pastors:
 Gregory's Chapel, Lakeside, Lower Chilhowee, Notchey Creek, Vonore (Interim)



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

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 21 Who's Your 1 Evangelism Training, SBA Office, 7:00 p.m.
- March 28-April 1 Spring Break, Monroe County Schools
- April 9 Israel Reunion Team Meeting
- April 11 VBS Clinic, Rocky Springs, 7:00 p.m.
- April 15 Good Friday
- April 17 Easter
- April 19 Missions Committee Meeting, SBA Office, 6:30 p.m.
- April 25 Executive Board Meeting, Walnut Grove, 7:00 p.m.
- May 2 WMU/Ladies Meeting, Union Grove
- May 5 National Day of Prayer
- May 8 Mother's Day
- May 30 Memorial Day
- June 12-16 SBA Annual Meeting & Pastor's Conference, Anaheim, CA
- June 19 Father's Day



Mother's Day Offering for...



Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes

Father's Day Offering for...

Adult Homes
 Honor Your Father with a Timely Gift
 "It is more blessed to give than to receive." -- Luke 11:41

APRIL 3-6TH 6-30 NIGHTLY

RACE TO JESUS

MOUNTAIN SPEEDWAY


FAITH & FAMILY

SUN **PRIMITIVE QUARTET**
 MON **MARK TRAMMEL QUARTET**
 TUES **THE PERRYS**
 WED **DIXIE MELODY BOYS**

RACE TO JESUS
 SPECIAL GUEST **DR. DEAN HAUN**
 AWAKE21.COM

WMU/Ladies Group
 Please check the Activities Director at 442-3990 regarding entrance at facility.
 Madisonville Health & Rehab - Nursing Home Birthday Cake Schedule

March New Providence	April Oak Grove
May Concord	June Madisonville FBC
July Lakeside	August 411 Chapel
September Mt. Zion	October Notchey Creek
November Bethlehem	December New Bethany
January Vonore	February Rocky Springs



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APRIL 3-6
 Smoky Mountain Speedway
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Next issue of newsletter will be
 May/June/July

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

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