

The MESSENGER of the Sweetwater Baptist Association

"Churches on Mission Together"
Celebrating 189 years, 1830 – 2019

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July 19-20, 2019

Smoky Mountain Convention Center, Pigeon Forge



Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. Matthew 16:24



Guest Speaker



Worship Band for Hearts on Fire and The Jesus Rally



2011 Daytona 500 Winner Testimony

Smoky Mountain Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN
\$25.00 per person (lodging NOT included)
Includes conference fee and materials

The Churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association Welcome New Pastors and their Families

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

Pastor Dennis Wiseman wife Samantha and daughter Halie son Jacob (not in photo) Fairview (Tellico)



Pastor Andy Franklin and wife Holly Mt. Zion

Sweetwater Baptist Association Church Growth and Development Conference

Monday, August 26, 2019, 6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Madisonville

Breakout Sessions Include:

- Church Security/Child Protection in the Church
- Church Clerk/ACP Training
- Church Financial Issues: Payroll employees/non-employees)
- Media/Technology in the Church
- Senior Adult Ministry
- Worship in Music
- Youth Round Table



Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting

Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
Tellico Plains, Tennessee

Monday, August 12th, 7:00 p.m.



Pastor and Family Picnic

Notchey Creek Baptist Church
Pavilion Area, Madisonville

Monday, September 9th
Meal at 6:30 p.m.



Southern Baptist Convention Birmingham, Alabama

June 9-12

2019 Annual Meeting and Pastor's Conference

Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex,

2100 Richard Arrington Jr. Blvd N

2019 GUATEMALA MISSION PROJECTS

June 18-25 -- Bethlehem Baptist Church

September 17-24 -- Union McMinn Baptist Church



Fort Sherman Academy
Travel Security Training
Required for all mission volunteers

Director of Missions



“Who Packed Your Parachute?”

Charles Plumb was a US navy jet pilot in Vietnam. After 75 combat missions, his plane was destroyed by a surface-to-air-missile. Plumb ejected and parachuted into enemy hands. He was captured and spent 6 years in a communist, Vietnamese prison. He survived the ordeal and now lectures on lessons learned from that experience.

One day, when Plumb and his wife were sitting in a restaurant, a man at another table came up and said, “You’re Plumb! You flew jet fighters in Vietnam from the aircraft carrier Kitty Hawk. You were shot down!”

“How in the world did you know that?” asked Plumb.

“I packed your parachute,” the man replied.

Plumb gasped in surprise and gratitude. The man pumped his hand and said, “I guess it worked!”

Plumb assured him, “it sure did. If your chute hadn’t worked, I wouldn’t be here today.”

Plumb couldn’t sleep that night, thinking about that man. Plumb said, “I kept wondering what he might have looked like in a Navy uniform: a white hat, a bib in the back and bell-bottom trousers. I wonder how many times I might have seen him and not even said ‘Good morning, how are you?’ or anything, because, you see, I was a fighter pilot, and he was just a sailor.”

Plumb thought of the man-hours the sailor had spent on a long wooden table in the bowels of the ship, carefully weaving the shrouds and folding the silks of each chute, holding in his hands each time the fate of someone he didn’t know.

Now, Plumb asks his audience, “Who’s packing your parachute?”

Everyone has someone who provides what they need to make it through the day. Plumb also points out that he needed many kinds of parachutes when his plane was shot down over enemy territory. He needed his physical parachute, his mental parachute, his emotional parachute, and his spiritual parachute. He called on all these supports before reaching safety.

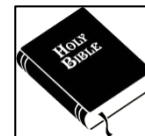
Sometimes in the daily challenges that life gives us, we miss what is really important. We may fail to say “hello,” “please,” or “thank you,” congratulate someone on something wonderful that has happened to them, give a compliment or just do something nice for no reason.

Face it, we have not reached where we are, without help. The Psalmist states, “I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth.” Psalms 121:1-2. Again he writes, “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.” Psalms 46:1. Without

God’s help, we would be lost with no hope, no purpose, and no heaven to gain.

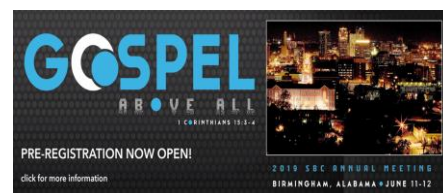
God in his infinite wisdom knows we cannot make it alone. He has placed important people in our lives to aid us on our journey home. Please take time to remember and be thankful to those who have supported you along the way. --Tony Rutherford

FALL BIBLICAL STUDIES CLASS: The next *Biblical Studies Class* at the Sweetwater Baptist Association is scheduled to begin on September 3rd. The course study will be *The End Times*. This will be a non-credit course taught by Dr. Dennis Ellis. The cost of the class will be \$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. Please be sure and mark your calendar for the next class.



**SOUTHERN
BAPTIST
CONVENTION
2019 SBC
Annual Meeting**

Birmingham, Alabama



June 11-12

Register online at www.sbcannualmeeting.net

SBC Pastor’s Conference: June 9-10

Birmingham-Jefferson Convention Complex, Birmingham, Alabama

UPDATE FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD

MEETING: The *Executive Board of the Sweetwater Baptist Association* met on Monday evening, April 15th. We want to thank Pastor Dwight Torbett and Westside Baptist Church for hosting the meeting.



Charles “Bud” Boring served as Moderator for the regular business meeting for the Association. All reports from various ministries of the Association, as well as the *Director of Missions Report* were presented for information only.

The *Associational Treasurer’s Report* was received as printed. The financial statement reported that church gifts and interest for October 1, 2018 through March 31, 2019 totaled \$93,114.82; while budget expenses totaled \$85,049.44.

On behalf of the Constitution Committee, the Director of Missions reviewed the proposed *Constitution and ByLaws of the Sweetwater Baptist Association* that will be presented at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Any proposed revisions/amendments to the proposed *Constitution and ByLaws of the Sweetwater Baptist Association* must be presented in writing to the Sweetwater Baptist Association office by July 15th for consideration by the Constitution Committee.

We thank Moderator Charles “Bud” Boring, Vice Moderator Mitch Ingram, Associational Council Officers and all Committees Members for their leadership in serving the Churches of the Association.



WMU and LADIES MINISTRY:

Thank you to all who attended the *WMU Meeting* at New Providence Baptist Church in May. We also want to thank Pastor Rick Atkins and the ladies of New Providence for

SBA, WMU and/or Ladies Ministry News

graciously hosting the meeting. We know you were blessed as guest missionary speakers, Carolyn Outland and Ann Davenport, shared of their outstanding work with the impoverished children in the slum areas of Myanmar by providing a school, church and water wells.



We also want to thank all of the churches who participate in the *Birthday Cake Ministry* at Madisonville Health and Rehab. For additional information or if you have any questions about the birthday cake ministry, please contact the Activities Director at Madisonville Health and Rehab at 442-3990.

We look forward to seeing you at the next *WMU Meeting* at Rocky Springs Baptist Church in November. Beth Moore, *TBMB*, *WMU*, will be our guest speaker. Please continue to pray for all mission ministries that our churches are participating in, but most of all, pray that the lost in our communities are saved. Thank you for allowing me to be a part of such a great work for His Kingdom. Love in Christ, *Charlotte Hollinghead, Associational WMU/Ladies Ministry Director*



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The counseling center is pleased to announce a new service of **LIFE COACHING**. Counseling services are of course still provided but also now Coaching services for those who may need encouragement, support, and accountability. Specific areas included in the *Life Coaching* are Marriage Coach, Parent Coach, and Spiritual Coach. Please feel free to call the counseling center to discuss



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- INDIVIDUAL, COUPLE, & FAMILY SESSIONS
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 - DIVORCE & GRIEF RECOVERY
 - "MAJOR LEAGUE MARRIAGE" RETREATS
 - SPECIAL EVENTS, CLASSES, & CONFERENCES

Counseling or Coaching, as well as conferences and classes offered.

Macy Small, M.A., NCCA Licensed Clinical Christian Counselor

GUATEMALA MISSION PROJECT:

Would you like to be part of the mission ministry in Guatemala? Please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office at 442-6604 if you are interested in participating in an evangelism mission project in Guatemala in September, 2019. The dates for the project are September 17-24. All mission volunteers participating in the September mission project must provide completed paperwork, a copy of passport and \$200.00 deposit to the Associational Office by May 20th.

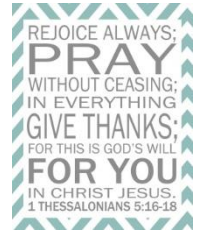


The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board requires all mission volunteers to attend an *Orientation Meeting*, as well as training in *More-Life*, cross-cultural, security, travel safety and child protection. They also require a complete background screening. Much of this training is available on-line or at the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office. In addition, the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board requires all mission volunteers to complete on-line security training by Fort Sherman Academy.



Please pray for teams traveling to Guatemala from Bethlehem in June and Union McMinn in September.

OLD FASHIONED PRAYER MEETING: The *Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting* will be held on Monday evening, **August 12th at 7:00 p.m. Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, in Tellico Plains will host the meeting.** The preacher for the evening will be Rick Harris, Pastor of South Madisonville Baptist Church, and special music will be provided by the Umphrey Trio.



Over the past few years, these prayer meetings have been a great time of prayer and fellowship. Please make a note of this on your calendar, announce it in your church, and encourage everyone to attend. We look forward to seeing you on August 12th at Mt. Calvary. Everyone is invited.

Sweetwater Baptist Association
Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting
Mt. Calvary Baptist Church
Tellico Plains, Tennessee
Monday, August 12th, 7:00 p.m.

Sweetwater Baptist Association

**Pastor and Family Picnic
Food, Fun and Fellowship!
Reservations Required.**



The *Pastor and Family Picnic* will be held on Monday evening, September 9th. The meal for the group will be served at 6:30 p.m. This picnic is a treat for our pastors and their families. We have also invited retired pastors, Associational Officers and Council as our guests. The picnic will be held at the pavilion area at Notchey Creek Baptist Church in Madisonville.

Reservations are required. Please call our office at 442-6604 or email the number from your family that will be attending to sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net or becky.jones@bellsouth.net in order that we can adequately prepare for the correct number in attendance.

2019 SBA HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS:

We want to offer congratulations to all graduating high school seniors in the churches across our Association. Several years ago, the Sweetwater Baptist Association began a scholarship program for graduating high school seniors. We feel the scholarship is a way to say to young people that we believe in them, and would like to be part of their lives as they prepare for the future.



As always, the Scholarship Committee was faced with a difficult task of making the selections for this year, since all were deserving applicants. The 2019 SBA High School Scholarship recipients are:



John Douglas Wiggins
First Baptist Church, Madisonville
Sequayah High School



Luke David Mashburn
Reed Springs Baptist Church
Sweetwater High School



Kenneth Colton Wallis
Union McMinn Baptist Church
McMinn County High School



Zachary Chance Watson
Rural Vale Baptist Church
Tellico Plains High School

We congratulate these students who were each awarded \$500.00 cash scholarships on behalf of the churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Thank you to the churches for providing this scholarship for our young people.

Clerks, Treasurers, Financial, Trustees, Media/Sound Room Operators, Music Directors, Youth and Adult Leaders.

Breakout sessions and leaders are planned as follows:

- Church/Child Protection in the Church Dr. John Powers
- Church Clerk/ACP Training Rebecca Jones
- Church Payroll/Financial Issues Deborah Taylor
- Media/Technology in the Church Raymond Smith
- Senior Adult Ministry Jerry Hyder
- Worship in Music Phillip Johnson
- Youth Round Table Jeremy Shaw

Since we cannot personally reach everyone in your church who might benefit from attending this conference, we depend on you to share this information with other teachers, officers and leadership in your church. Please announce this in your church, mark your calendar, and make plans to attend this important training event.

2019 VBS DATES (chronological)

As reported to the Association by May 6, 2019

Oak Grove	May 19-24	6:30-8:30
Shelton Grove	May 26-30.....	
411 Chapel	June 3-7	6:00-8:00
Cedar Fork	June 2-7	6:00-8:30
Delano.....	June 2-6	6:00-8:30
Fairview Tabernacle	June 2-6	6:00-8:30
Madisonville, FBC.....	June 2-6	6:00-8:45
Notchey Creek.....	June 2-6	6:00-8:30
Old Sweetwater	June 2-6	6:30-8:30
Rocky Springs.....	June 2-6	6:00-8:30
Rural Vale	June 3-7	6:00-8:30
Shoal Creek.....	June 2-7	6:30-8:30
Sweetwater, FBC.....	June 3-7	9:00 am-Noon
Union McMinn.....	June 2-7	6:00-8:30
Big Creek	June 9-14.....	
Conasauga.....	June 10-14	6:00-8:30
Island Creek.....	June 9-14.....	6:30-8:30
New Bethany.....	June 10-14	6:30-9:00
Tellico Plains, FBC	June 9-14.....	6:00-8:45
Vonore	June 9-14.....	6:00
Watson Chapel.....	June 9-12.....	6:15-8:30
Cedar Valley.....	June 19-21	5:30-8:30
Compromise	June 17-21	7:00
Long Ridge.....	June 16-21	7:00-9:00
South Madisonville	June 16-21	6:00-8:00
Trinity.....	June 22	
Union Grove (Niota)	July 7-12	6:30-9:00
New Providence	July 14-19	
Walnut Grove	July 14-18	6:30-8:30
Westside	July 15-19	6:00-8:00
Glenlock.....	July 28-Aug 1	5:30-8:30

Coming Soon.....
Sweetwater Baptist Association
Church Growth and Development Conference
Monday, August 26 2019, 6:30 p.m.
First Baptist Church, Madisonville

CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE: Please mark your calendar for the annual *Church Growth and Development Conference*. The training will be held on **Monday evening, August 26th at 6:30 p.m.** and will be hosted by **First Baptist Church, Madisonville.**



Conferences will be available for all church leadership: Pastors, Sunday School Directors/Assistants, General Leadership, Church

2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: We had a great *Vacation Bible School Clinic* this year! Bryan and I would like to say thank you to everyone who participated in and attended the *Associational VBS Clinic*! We appreciate all the team members and each one who took time to attend. Thank you to the Associational Children's Choir for providing special music, and a special "thank you" to Rocky Springs Baptist Church for hosting the *VBS Clinic*.



In the *Wild, Amazing Encounters With Jesus* theme t-shirts were given to all participants of the VBS Kids Choir, as well as to 6 attendees at the *Associational VBS Clinic*. Conference recipients of the t-shirts were Cody Thompson (Island Creek), Becky Malone (Reed Springs), Darleen Ball (Notchey Creek), Marsha Raper (Rocky Springs), Charles "Bud" Boring (Cedar Fork), and Jason



Thompson (Island Creek). Congratulations to all of these and thank you again to all who attended!



If your church hasn't previously conducted a Vacation Bible School, we encourage you to prayerfully reconsider! There are many tools available to help your church with VBS, including the church *Link-up Plan*. The SBA Ministry Trailer is also available for churches to use during VBS, on a first-come basis. Please call the Associational Office at 442-6604 to reserve the trailer for your church VBS.

We will be happy to help your church with VBS team workers, and/or link-up resources and supplies. If your church needs any assistance with VBS this year, or if you have ANY questions about conducting a VBS, feel free to contact the SBA office for more information.

Once your Vacation Bible School is completed, please remember to send in your *VBS Report*. The information can be sent in to the Sweetwater Baptist Association by calling 442-6604 or emailing becky.jones@bellsouth.net or sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net.

We are praying you have a successful VBS this year as you examine the *Amazing Encounters with Jesus*. Please let us know if we can help your church in anyway. --Kim and Bryan Williamson, *Associational VBS Directors*

(Please note: Additional VBS Clinic photos and Church VBS photos will be posted on the Sweetwater Baptist Association website and Facebook page.)

A special thank you everyone that attended and participated in the



Reaching Your Zip training conference that was recently presented by the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board in our area. We also want to thank Sweetwater, First Baptist Church for hosting this training.



CONASAUGA: Our **Homecoming Service** is June 9, beginning at 10:30 a.m. Our **Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford** will be preaching; **Twice Born** will be singing after lunch. Our **VBS** is June 10-14.

On June 30 at 6:00 p.m., **The Liberty Boys** will be singing in our evening service.



RURAL VALE: On Sunday night, May 19, we will be presenting a slide show of our **Israel trip** at Shady Grove Baptist Church. Service begins at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come worship with us! On May 26, we will celebrate our **125th Year Anniversary** during our **Homecoming Service**. **Fishers of Men** will be singing and we will also be dedicating the addition to our fellowship hall. Services begin at 10:30 a.m. and everyone is welcome. Our "Farm Fresh Faith" VBS will be June 3-7. Meals will be served at 6:00 p.m.; and VBS will run from 6:30-8:30. We have classes for all ages and everyone is invited to come worship with us! ---Misti Pike



CONCORD: We will be having **Revival Services** on June 3-5 at 7:00 p.m. each night. Evangelist will be Aaron Revise. Everyone is invited

VONORE: Vacation Bible School will be June 9-14. Every Wednesday we have **Vertical Student & Kid Ministry**. Supper is provided at 6:00 pm with classes starting at 6:45. Call 423-884-6230 if transportation is needed. ---Teresa White



ISLAND CREEK: On Sunday Night, May 19 @ 6:00 pm, **The Hymnsmen** will be singing. On Sunday, June 2, **Dr. Roc Collins** will be preaching both services (10:45 am, 6:00 pm). **VBS** will be June 9-14, 6:30-8:30. Our **Homecoming** will be on June 23. On June 30 @ 6:00 pm, **Poplar Bluff Praise Team** will be singing.



On Saturday, July 27 at 6:00 pm, Island Creek will be hosting **Operation Christmas Child's "Telling my Story"** will Livia Young.

Livia spent ten years in an orphanage in Romania, and will share her story of receiving a Shoebox gift and the impact that had on her life. Refreshments will be provided. Everyone is welcome.

UKRAINE: For many years, churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association participated in partnership Kingdom work in Ukraine. We have groups from Bethlehem and Union-McMinn that will be traveling to Ukraine to do ministry, visit family and friends in early fall. Please join with us, as we continue to pray for the people of Ukraine, as well as the many pastors, churches and friends that were formed during our time of work in Ukraine.



CHURCH GIFTS: We thank all of the churches for the gifts you have shared that support the various budget ministry opportunities provided by the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Please note, the following report reflects church gifts received through April 26, 2019. Gifts received after this date will appear in the next printed *SBA Church Gift Report*. Please review this information, and contact the Associational Office at 442-6604 if you should have any questions. We thank you again for your support of the budget ministries of the Association.



SBA Church Gifts: October, 2018 – April, 2019

Church/Mission	Oct-Mar	April	May	June	July	Total
411 Chapel	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Altoona	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Antioch	125.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Beaty's Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	5,430.00	1,191.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,621.00
Big Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary	520.27	95.88	0.00	0.00	0.00	616.15
Cane Creek	1,200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00
Cedar Fork	2,490.51	689.42	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,179.93
Cedar Valley	4,848.17	621.92	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,470.09
Christianburg	527.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	527.02
Citico	449.15	79.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	528.15
Clifton	175.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Community	292.66	68.22	0.00	0.00	0.00	360.88
Compromise	300.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
Conasauga	700.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
Concord	838.76	509.86	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,348.62
Delano	2,135.11	373.39	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,508.50
Druid Hills	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Ebenezer	445.50	65.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	510.50
Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	7,753.26	1,445.48	0.00	0.00	0.00	9,198.74
Fellowship	790.00	386.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,176.00
Glenlock	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Gregory's Chapel	600.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
Hilltop	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hopewell Springs	423.00	199.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	622.00
Howards Chapel	771.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	771.19
Island Creek	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.00
Lakeside	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Long Ridge	1,000.00	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	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Madisonville, First	2,500.02	416.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,916.69
Maple Springs	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Miller's Chapel	600.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
Mt. Calvary	620.24	105.36	0.00	0.00	0.00	725.60
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	2,842.38	490.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,333.22
Murray's	2,246.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,246.00
New Bethany	2,095.03	376.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,471.84

New Macedonia	840.00	140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	980.00
New Providence	2,898.00	1,163.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4,061.00
North Sweetwater	737.66	113.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	850.99
Notchey Creek	2,698.86	449.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,148.67
Oak Grove	1,846.24	317.85	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,164.09
Oakland	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Old Pond Hill	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Old Sweetwater	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Paint Rock	660.00	110.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	770.00
Piney Grove	500.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
Poplar Bluff	1,224.42	205.14	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,429.56
Reed Springs	796.34	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	796.34
Rocky Springs	2,000.00	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,800.00
Rural Vale	2,363.97	287.52	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,651.49
Shady Grove	200.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Shelton Grove	960.48	195.51	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,155.99
Shoal Creek	386.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	386.91
South Madisonville	600.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
Sweetwater, First	2,100.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,450.00
Tellico	1,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00
Tellico, First	2,863.00	480.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,343.00
Tevis Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Towee Falls	900.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,050.00
Trinity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Union Grove	720.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	840.00
Union Hall	335.00	68.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	403.00
Union McMinn	2,400.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,800.00
Unity	200.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Upper Shady Grove	250.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Vonore	9,579.01	2,388.81	0.00	0.00	0.00	11,967.82
Walnut Grove	106.95	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	106.95
Watson Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Westside	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Williamsburg	531.43	65.35	0.00	0.00	0.00	596.78
TBC	4,692.00	782.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,474.00
Misc AM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc Interest	246.28	53.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	299.66
Total Income	93,114.82	16,803.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	109,918.37

Associational Office Holiday Schedule

CLOSED – May 27th (Memorial Day)

CLOSED – July 3rd-4th (Holiday-Independence Day)



We thank the Churches of our Association for allowing the office staff this time off with their families.

- Pastor's Conference will not be held from May 27-July 1
- Pastor's Conference will resume on Monday, July 1st

SEE YOU AT THE POLE: Make a note! See You at the Pole will be observed on Wednesday, September 25th. SYATP Arm-bands will be available at the Associational Office mid-September for our churches and area schools.





YOUTH COMMITTEE: We are excited to announce a special guest speaker for Youth Reach. 2011 Daytona 500 Winner, Trevor Bayne, will be sharing his testimony and speaking to our students this year. Trevor is the youngest ever winner of the Daytona 500, and he is known for his strong faith and witness for Christ. I hope all our churches are making plans to bring their students to Youth Reach 2019. Registration forms and payments are

due June 3rd. If you have any questions about the event or registration, contact the staff at the associational office at 423-442-6604. ---Bud Boring, Chairman

BETHLEHEM: We have a Communion/Lord's Supper Table to donate to a church. If interested, please contact Frank Hicks at 423-351-4133.

In Concert...

TRIUMPHANT QUARTET

Wednesday, June 19 @ 7:00pm

Bethlehem Baptist Church

Bring your congregation to this Special Service



WATSON CHAPEL: We have a 70 passenger bus that we would like to swap for a 15 passenger van. If interested, please call Tammy at 423-442-5459.



BIG CREEK: Our Homecoming Service is on May 26, beginning at 10:30 a.m. The group *Rescued & Recognized* will be with us; lunch will be held after service. There will be no evening service. On June 9, at 10:45 a.m., **Allen Frizzell** will be with us, ministering in song. Our "Boot Camp" Vacation Bible School will be June 9-14, from 6:30 pm-8:30 pm. ---DeAnna Jacobs



CEDAR FORK: We have several events this summer. **Memorial Day BBQ** will be on May 26 at 5:00 p.m. Bring a covered dish. Meat will be provided. **VBS** will be June 2-7, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. We will have a **Baby Dedication Service** on June 16 at 11:00 a.m. Our **4th of July BBQ** will be on June 30 at 5:00 pm. Bring a covered dish. Meat will be provided. Our **175th Anniversary/Homecoming** will be celebrated on July 28, beginning at 10:30 a.m. We will have a "Blessing of the Backpacks" on August 4, after the morning worship service. ---Deb Sperling

UNION MCMINN: Our Vacation Bible School will be held June 2-7. Our Homecoming Service will be held August 11. ---Jennifer Glaze



OLD SWEETWATER: Old Sweetwater Baptist Church will be having a **YARD SALE** on May 17 and 18, beginning at 8:00 a.m. In addition to the various items for sale, there will be baked goods, hot dogs, and bbq for purchase at the yard sale. ---Lee Swaim





July 19-20, 2019



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Roger Williams & The AMUQ



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION**Welcome New Pastors**

Dennis Wiseman..... Fairview (Tellico) Andy Franklin..... Mt. Zion

Director of Mission Visits:

Madisonville First, Cedar Valley (Ordination), Lower Chilhowee, New Providence, Rural Vale, Oak Grove, Macedonia, Oakland, Paint Rock, Conasauga, Piney Grove, Tellico First, Poplar Bluff, Shady Grove, Delano, Union McMinn (Scholarship), Maple Springs, Old Pond Hill, Mt. Zion, Reed Springs (Scholarship), Westside, McMinn-Meigs Association, North Sweetwater, Fairview Tabernacle, Trinity, Tellico (Ballplay), Mt. Isabella

Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Glenlock, Murrays, Sweetwater First, Tellico (Ballplay), Towee Falls, Vonore

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Upcoming Events/News

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law." --Galatians 5:22-23

May 27.....Memorial Day
June 9-12...Southern Baptist Convention, Birmingham, AL
June 16.....Father's Day
June 18-25...Summer Mission Project, Guatemala
July 3-4.....Holiday-Independence Day
July 8.....Nominating Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
July 9.....Budget Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
July 19-20..Youth Reach
July 20-26..Summer Mission Project, Iowa
July 29.....Constitution Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
July 30.....Youth Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
August 12...Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting, Mt. Calvary, 7:00 p.m.
August 26...Church Growth and Development Conference, Madisonville First, 6:30 p.m.
September 9 Pastor and Family Picnic, Notchey Creek, 6:30 p.m.

**East TN Healthcare
Birthday Cake Schedule**

- ♦May - Concord
- ♦June - Madisonville First
- ♦July - Lakeside
- ♦August - 411 Chapel
- ♦September - Mt. Zion

SBA Pastor's Conference
Monday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.

- No Pastor's Conference in Month of June
- Pastors Conference to resume on July 1st

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.

2019 Annual Meeting, Sweetwater Baptist Association*Please Note... One-Day Session*

Business Session October 21, 6:30 p.m. Union McMinn Baptist Church, Niota
Worship Session October 21, 7:15 p.m. Union McMinn Baptist Church, Niota

PLEASE NOTE: In an effort to be good stewards and conserve costs, *The Messenger* is not printed and mailed during the summer months of July/August. The next issue of the newsletter will be printed for September/October. It will have very limited space since it will include the Program for the 2019 Associational Annual Meeting, as well as the 2019-2020 Proposed Budget.

The Upper Room Christian Counseling, **Macy Small, M.A.**
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SBA Office Hours Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**Tennessee Baptist
Children's Homes****Mother's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Children's Home**TENNESSEE BAPTIST
**Adult
Homes****Honor Your Father with a Timely Gift**
"It is more blessed to give than to receive." - Acts 20:35**FATHER'S DAY OFFERING FOR TENNESSEE BAPTIST ADULT HOMES****Golden Offering for State Missions**