

# The MESSENGER of the Sweetwater Baptist Association

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

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## Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting

Poplar Bluff Baptist Church  
Tellico Plains, Tennessee

**Monday, August 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 p.m.**

*Prayer Makes A Difference*



Southern Baptist Convention  
**Pastor's Conference &  
Annual Meeting**  
**June 13-16**  
Nashville, TN



Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**Pastor and Family Picnic**  
Notchey Creek Baptist Church  
Pavilion Area, Madisonville  
**Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Meal at 6:30 p.m.**

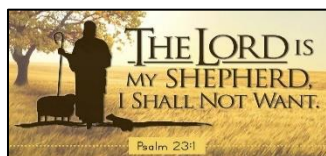


**Fall Biblical Studies**  
**A Shepherd Looks at**  
**Psalm 23**  
(6-week study)  
**Begins September 7<sup>th</sup>**

SBA Office

Cost: \$20.00 per person (non-credit)

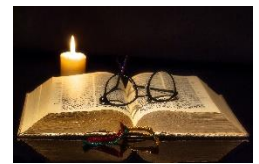
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Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**2021 Pastor's Conference**  
**Monday Mornings at 10:00 am**  
**To continue in June**

### Guest Speakers:

June 7: Frank Hicks  
June 14: Chris Moore  
June 21: Richard Lane  
June 28: Tyler Martin



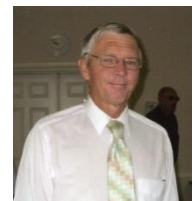
Sweetwater Baptist Association

# CONNECT

Thursday, July 15, 7:00 p.m.  
Notchey Creek Baptist Church

Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**Welcomes New Pastors**

**CONASAUGA**  
*Pastor Tony Curtis*  
*and wife Teresa*



**FAIRVIEW** (Tellico)  
*Pastor John Coleman*  
*and wife Glenda*

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

Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**2021 Church Growth &  
Development Conference**  
Monday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 p.m.  
**First Baptist Church, Madisonville**

### Breakout Sessions Include:

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



*Something for pastors and all church leadership!*

Plan now to attend!

*Everyone Welcome!*



## Director of Missions

As a witness of the churches struggling with this



Covid-19 virus, I am reminded of watching my children and grandchildren learning to walk. Anxiety and frustration are expressed with each fall, while every step forward produces smiles and laughter. With outstretched arms, a toddler bounces forward seeking a resting place and a hug of approval.

Pastors have experienced a dual role of learner and leader simultaneously. You have traveled new and troublesome territory while guiding and protecting your flock. As a shepherd, you are responsible for the welfare of those under your care. Many of your parishioners have been willing and supportive members, while others have questioned and suggested other ways to traverse this new landscape. The dawning of each new day has brought unexpected obstacles that required earnest consideration from above. Your faithfulness to your congregation and remaining true to the call of God upon your life has been an encouragement to the community you serve.

With each wobbled step and tumble, a child must have the desire and courage to try again. They must learn failure will eventually lead to successfully reaching the goal of walking and eventually running the good race. Our churches have tried repeatedly to help "flatten the curve" for community health. Many of you have started and stopped in-person worship several times. Covid has slipped in and offered to steal your worship. God has provided you wisdom of how to adjust and still move forward proclaiming His wonderful, powerful, life changing Word. Testimonies have been bountiful of God's amazing grace and how He has continued to bless your people.

For a child to accomplish maximum speed in running, the legs and arms must work in unison with lifting arms and pumping legs in synchronized cadence. The same is true with the church, the whole body must labor in love together, praying in one accord seeking the leadership of the Holy Spirit. An accomplished runner can reach maximum speed in a few short strides. Our congregations are accomplished at being church. Let us do that which we know to do and what we have successfully performed in the past. God has brought us through an undeniable training regimen to equip His church for the final rush to victory.

It has come time for us to soar again like the eagles God has called us to be. He has demanded we run and not be weary and walk and not faint. In January's newsletter, I asked you to begin putting together plans to reopen all your church programs. I hope you have prayerfully sought God's directions of moving forward in total in-person church activities. Hopefully, by mid-summer Vacation Bible Schools will be plentiful. The tape that has separated our fellowship will be gone; Sunday School classes will be overflowing with adults and children seeking wisdom that only comes from God's Holy Word; and we will rejoice in baptisms, weddings, and homecomings, as celebration meals are shared by family and friends. Choir music will soften the hearts, as revival preaching sparkles like diamonds in the sky, and repenting sinners encounter our gracious loving Savior.

It is time!

--Tony Rutherford

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** The *Executive Board* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association met on Monday evening, April 26<sup>th</sup> at North Sweetwater Baptist Church. Our Moderator and Vice Moderator were not able to be in attendance. Therefore, Doug Alexander was elected to serve as Moderator Pro Tem. The agenda for the meeting included reports from the Director of Missions and Treasurer, as well as various associational departments. In addition, a check in the amount of \$41,323.53 was presented to representatives from *Isaiah 117* from the churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Here is an abbreviated version of reports and updates.



### Director of Missions Report:

- Land deeds for transfer of property at SBA Office have been signed and returned to attorney
- Mission projects are being planned for Guatemala and Iowa for summer
- *Youth Reach* has now been changed to **CONNECT** and scheduled this year for July 15<sup>th</sup> at Notchey Creek
- *Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting*, August 9, 7:00 p.m., Poplar Bluff
- *Church Growth & Development Conference*, Madisonville First, August 30, 6:30 p.m.  
(1)Empowering Your Church thru 40 Days of Prayer (2) Church Clerk Training (3)Church Treasurer/Financial Issues (4)Deacon Training (5)Local Projects for Women
- *Annual Meeting*, October 18<sup>th</sup>, Madisonville First
- *Constitution & By-Laws of the Sweetwater Baptist Association* state that churches holding membership must participate financially in the work of the Association and must file an Annual Report (ACP) in order to be permitted voting privileges. Churches are allowed 7 voting Messengers.

### Financial Report October 1, 2020 – March 31, 2021:

- Church gifts continue to be strong while operating expenses remain below budget. (*A list of church gifts through April is provided in this issue of The Messenger.*)

### Evangelism:

- Dr. Bartholomew Orr, Brown Baptist Church, Southaven, MS confirmed as guest preacher for *2022 Evangelism Rally*, January 10-11 at Notchey Creek

### Scholarship

- High School Scholarship selections have been made and presented (*a list of 2021 recipients are included in this issue of newsletter*)

We want to thank host Pastor Bill Wilson and North Sweetwater for their gracious welcome, as well as a "thank you" to Pastor Doug Alexander for the great leadership he provided in serving as Moderator Pro tem for the *Executive Board Meeting*. In addition, we appreciate Moderator Lewis Jones, Vice Moderator Michael McLemore, the Associational Council/Officers and all Committees Members for their leadership in serving the Churches of the Association.

**2021 SBA HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS:**

We want to offer congratulations to all graduating high school seniors in the churches across our Association. The Sweetwater Baptist Association began a scholarship program several years ago 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 2021 SBA High School Scholarship recipients are:



**Abbey Borden**

Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church  
Sequoyah High School



**Abbey Barr**

Sweetwater, First Baptist Church  
Sweetwater High School



**Mikeala White**

Vonore Baptist Church  
William Blount High School



**Jaden Hollinghead**

New Providence 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.

**CHURCH GIFTS:** We thank all 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, 2021. 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, 2020 – April, 2021**

Church/Mission	Oct-March	April	May	June	July	Total
411 Chapel	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	6,475.50	1,209.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	7,684.50
Big Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary	481.92	97.38	0.00	0.00	0.00	579.30
Cane Creek	1,200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,400.00
Cedar Fork	2,764.44	564.97	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,329.41
Cedar Valley	3,765.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,765.12

Christianburg	611.76	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	611.76
Citico	512.76	126.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	638.76
Clifton	125.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Community	448.30	93.87	0.00	0.00	0.00	542.17
Compromise	300.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
Conasauga	700.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00
Concord	868.89	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	868.89
Delano	2,227.58	331.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,559.20
Druid Hills	300.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Ebenezer	200.00	75.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.00
Fairview	120.00	120.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	240.00
Fairview						
Tabernacle	8,704.41	2,211.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	10,915.65
Fellowship	866.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	866.00
Glenlock	670.00	1,003.33	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,673.33
Gregory's Chapel	600.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	700.00
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	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,800.00
Lakeside	1,200.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
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	466.68	105.25	0.00	0.00	0.00	571.93
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	3,010.74	459.27	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,470.01
Murray's	1,633.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,633.00
New Bethany	2,643.52	501.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,145.48
New Macedonia	840.00	140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	980.00
New Providence	3,225.05	537.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,762.10
North						
Sweetwater	965.40	87.83	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,053.23
Notchey Creek	2,863.20	477.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,340.40
Oak Grove	1,790.02	995.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,785.57
Oakland	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Old Pond Hill	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
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	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Poplar Bluff	1,523.66	248.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,772.27
Reed Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky Springs	2,400.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,800.00
Rural Vale	2,177.83	313.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,491.63
Shady Grove	200.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Shelton Grove	640.55	213.57	0.00	0.00	0.00	854.12
Shoal Creek	606.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	606.00
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	2,854.00	501.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,355.00
Tevis Springs	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Towee Falls	1,050.00	0.00	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	262.00	49.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	311.00
Union McMinn	2,400.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,800.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Upper Shady						
Grove	300.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	350.00
Vonore	11,106.93	1,744.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,851.30
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	364.63	44.77	0.00	0.00	0.00	409.40
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	186.36	31.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	217.73
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>95,345.01</b>	<b>16,111.68</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>111,456.69</b>

**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. Teams from Bethlehem and Union McMinn will be returning to continue on-going mission work with pastors and people of Guatemala. Project dates are set for July 20-27 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:**

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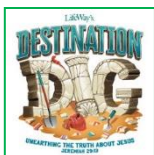
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**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS:** We want to thank Pastor Greg McCosh and Rocky Springs Baptist Church for hosting our 2021 Vacation Bible School Clinic. Thank you also to all that attended in-person or watched on-line!

LifeWay's 2021 VBS *Destination Dig: Unearthing the Truth About Jesus* takes kids to present-day Israel to become junior archaeologists. They will study pieces of the past to learn who Jesus is and why He came. Kids will unearth more than dirt, as they dig up exciting evidence that proves Biblical events were not just stories. They will explore real-life finds that help uncover the truth about Jesus. Along the way, kids discover the truth that God reveals Himself to us when we seek and search Him with all



our hearts. The theme verse is from Jeremiah 29:13, and the motto is Seek Truth! Find Jesus!

The daily content and story for each session is as follows:

Day 1	Jesus Came as God Promised	Jesus Was Born
Day 2	Jesus Demonstrated God's Power	Jesus Healed a Blind Man
Day 3	Jesus Was Betrayed and Rejected	Jesus Experienced Betrayal and Rejection
Day 4	Jesus Died and Rose Again	Jesus is Alive
Day 5	The Bible is True	Phillip Told the Good News

As you plan your VBS, 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. (Thank you to each church who participates each year in this program.)



The Associational staff and VBS team are available and happy to help you with 2021 Vacation Bible School materials, workers and resources. If you have not used LifeWay Vacation Bible School materials and supplies in the past, we encourage you to look at and consider the 2021 *Jump-Start Kits*.

With so many from our Association having recently traveled or planning to travel to Israel, we think you will be excited about this year's theme! **Bryan and Kim Williamson**, Associational VBS Directors

**Please send the SBA Office the following:**

- Any Link-up supplies for other churches to use, once your VBS is over



**WMU and LADIES MINISTRY:** The WMU/Ladies Meeting scheduled for Monday evening, May 3<sup>rd</sup>, at Fairview Baptist

**SBA WMU and Ladies Ministry News**

Tabernacle Church in Sweetwater has been cancelled. Our next ladies meeting will be November 1<sup>st</sup>. Hopefully, the special guest speaker for the evening will be Andrew Wood, Executive Director of HOPE.

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

My prayer is that we may have a greater desire for missions in 2021. *Love in Christ, Charlotte Hollinghead, Associational WMU/Ladies Ministry Director*

**IOWA MISSIONS:** Several of our churches will be participating in mission opportunities in our communities, across our state and country during the next few weeks.



A team from Reed Springs will be traveling to Iowa, July 18-23. This partnership mission team from the Sweetwater Baptist Association will work with a local pastor and church in a community near Iowa City called Downey. The team will join in Vacation Bible School, revivals and door-to-door witnessing.

Please remember all of these mission teams in your prayers, as they make the love of Christ known to others.



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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 at [www.fairviewfamily.org](http://www.fairviewfamily.org).

**Services Include:**

- ❖ *Premarital & Marriage Counseling*
- ❖ *Children, Teens, & Family Counseling*
- ❖ *Divorce & Grief Recovery*
- ❖ *Individual counseling for anxiety, stress, addictions, anger, self-worth, & coping skills*
- ❖ *Classes, Retreats, & Conferences*



**THANK YOU...**

In April, the office staff was treated to lunch on the river for Administrative Professionals' Day. We are blessed to serve the churches in the Sweetwater Baptist Association.  
---Sheri and Becky



**CONASAUGA:**

- Welcome New Pastor, Brother Tony Curtis!
- On Youth Sunday, May 30, 10:30 am, we will present a children's play: *A Child's Life With Jesus*.
- Homecoming will be held on June 13th.
- VBS will include classes for all ages, including adults.

**POPLAR BLUFF:**

- *Gospel Plow* is the 3<sup>RD</sup> 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, FBC:**

- Shine Your Light for Jesus Creative Arts Camp  
June 7-11, 9:00 am-Noon for Completed Kindergarten thru 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
June 14-18, 10:00 am-2:00 pm for Completed 3<sup>rd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grade

**WALNUT GROVE:**

- May 30, 11:00 am: Youth Sunday/Honoring Graduates
- June 6, 10:00 am: Starting Sunday School again
- June 6, 6: 00 pm: Starting Sunday Nights again with Special Singing *Heaven's Highway Trio*
- June 27, 2:00 pm: Deacon Ordination for Kris Treadway

**WATSON CHAPEL:**

- Community-Wide College and Career Bible Study: Monday Nights at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.



**ISAIAH 117 HOUSE FUNDRAISER:** Lemonade Stand Challenge is July 17, 2021. Youth groups, churches, businesses, and families are asked to host lemonade stands all over Monroe and McMinn Counties. All proceeds will benefit the Isaiah 117 House

Monroe-McMinn. Participants can choose their own locations and times; Isaiah 117 will provide signs to each of the stands. If you would like to host a stand, or if you would like more information, please contact Jennifer at 423-519-3393 or [jennifer.collins@isaiah117house.com](mailto:jennifer.collins@isaiah117house.com).

**ORDINATIONS**



Delano Baptist Church recently ordained 3 new deacons (Pat Kelly, John Hensley, and Eric Morgan). Also pictured, Pastor Jamie Johnson.



Fairview Baptist Church recently called John Coleman as Pastor. John was ordained on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at Lee's Chapel. Pictured with Rev. Coleman is his family.

*Let's go to*  
**Vacation Bible School**

- Conasauga..... June 14-18 ..... 6:00-8:30
- Concord..... June 19 .....
- Delano ..... June 19 ..... 11:00-5:30
- Druid Hill ..... June 19 ..... 9:00-3:00
- Fairview Tabernacle .... May 23-27 ..... 6:00-8:30
- Gregory's Chapel..... June 13-16 .....
- Madisonville, FBC..... June 6-10 ..... 6:00-8:45
- Mt. Zion ..... June 6-11 .....
- New Bethany ..... June 13-18 .....
- New Macedonia ..... June 7-11 ..... 6:00-8:30
- Old Sweetwater ..... July 18-23 ..... 6:30-8:30
- Union McMinn ..... June 6-11 ..... 6:00-8:30
- Walnut Grove..... July 11-14 ..... 6:30
- Watson Chapel..... June 6-9 .....

**CONNECT** YOUTH COMMITTEE:

A lot has happened since our last newsletter was published. Due to ongoing scheduling issues with the event venues in Pigeon Forge, the Youth Committee has decided to make some changes to our summer event for the students in our association. Instead of having **Youth Reach** in Pigeon Forge, we have made some adjustments and will now be having a 1-night rally locally. We are calling this event **CONNECT**. We are asking all our churches to bring their students and invite/bring all the lost or unchurched students you can round up. We are happy to announce that we will have the same program guests for **CONNECT**. **Roger Williams** will be the guest speaker, and he and his band (the **AMUQ...All Mixed-Up Quartet**) will be providing the music, and Christian Comedy duo, **Bean & Bailey** will be making us laugh while also sharing a message of faith. A great benefit of having this event locally is that there is no registration fee needed from the students/churches. This is a free event...so bring as many students as you can! **CONNECT** will be held at **Notchey Creek Baptist Church** on **Thursday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm**. We are also asking youth leaders and pastors to build on this rally by planning a full weekend of ministry and fellowship for their individual youth groups. All pastors and youth leaders should have already received a packet in the mail...but if you didn't get one and would like more information about **CONNECT**, please contact the associational office.

*Lake Side* PRESENTS

# SUMMER CONCERT Series

TATE & LYLE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER  
1470 ROBERSON SPRING ROAD  
LOUDON, TENNESSEE

Mask & Social Distancing will be requested.  
Bring Your Own Chair!  
Refreshments Will Be Available!  
**6PM** EACH NIGHT  
GATE OPENS AT 5PM

Ticket Price is \$20/Person • Children under 11 are free • Tickets are only available at the Gate

**SATURDAY MAY 22nd**

The King James Boys

AWARD WINNING

DOYLE LAWSON & QUICKSILVER

Lake Side

**SATURDAY JUNE 12TH**

IBMA AWARD WINNING

RUSSELL MOORE & BIRD TYTE OUT

Lake Side

A Night of Bluegrass

**SATURDAY JULY 10th**

IBMA & DOVE AWARD WINNING

BLUE HIGHWAY

A Night of Bluegrass

Lake Side

**SATURDAY JULY 31st**

Night of Southern & Bluegrass Gospel

World Famous Chuck Wagon Gang!

Lake Side

For Information Call - 423-420-9408 - [www.lakesidegospel.com](http://www.lakesidegospel.com) • Tickets Only At Gate • Children 11 & Under Free

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*1-Night Youth Rally*

**THUR JULY 15 @ 7PM**

**Notchey Creek Baptist Church**



**Special Guests:**

**Roger Williams & the AMUQ**

**Bean & Bailey**

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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

### Welcome New Pastors

Conasauga.....Tony Curtis Fairview (Tellico).....John Coleman

### Director of Mission Visits:

Macedonia, Beaty's Chapel, Mt. Isabella, Upper Shady Grove, Rocky Springs, Delano, Shelton Grove, New Providence (Scholarship Presentation), Towee Falls, Vonore, (Scholarship Presentation); Fairview Tabernacle (Scholarship Presentation), Conasauga (Easter), Shoal Creek, Darnell (Hospital), Sweetwater First (Scholarship Presentation), Union Grove, Walnut Grove, Maple Springs, Westside, North Sweetwater (Executive Board Meeting), Macedonia (Revival),  
Left Notes: Tevis Springs, Trinity, Murray's, Oakland, Tellico (Ballplay)

### Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Antioch, Bethlehem, Cedar Fork, Miller's Chapel, Trinity, Vonore, Williamsburg



## SBA Pastors' Conference is starting back in June! (Mondays @ 10:00 am)

- June 7: Frank Hicks
- June 14: Chris Moore
- June 21: Richard Lane
- June 28: Tyler Martin

## Upcoming

"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

May 31..... Memorial Day, Office Closed, Holiday  
June 13-16. SBA Annual Meeting & Pastor's Conference, *Nashville*  
June 22-29 ..... Guatemala Mission Trip  
July 12..... Budget Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., *SBA Office*  
July 13..... Nominating Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., *SBA Office*  
July 15..... Connect, Natchey Creek, 7:00 p.m.  
July 18-23. Iowa Mission Trip  
July 20-27 Guatemala Mission Trip  
July 26..... Youth Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., *SBA Office*  
August 9..... Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m., *Paplar Bluff*  
August 30 . Church Growth & Development Conf, 6:30 p.m., *Madisonville First*



### WMU/Ladies Group

Nursing Home Birthday Cake Schedule

Madisonville Health & Rehab: *For more information contact Activities Director at 442-3990*

<b>May</b>	Concord	<b>September</b>	Mt. Zion
<b>June</b>	Madisonville, First	<b>October</b>	Natchey Creek
<b>July</b>	Lakeside	<b>November</b>	Bethlehem
<b>August</b>	411 Chapel	<b>December</b>	New Bethany

### 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

### 2021 MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

- Guatemala, July 20-27
- Iowa, July 18-23
- Guatemala, September 14-21

### SBA Office Hours

8:30-4:00 pm  
Monday-Thursday

Pending travel restrictions, mandates and requirements.

Next issue of newsletter will be July/August/September

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