

The Messenger of the Sweetwater Baptist Association

"Churches on Mission Together"
Celebrating 188 years, 1830 – 2018

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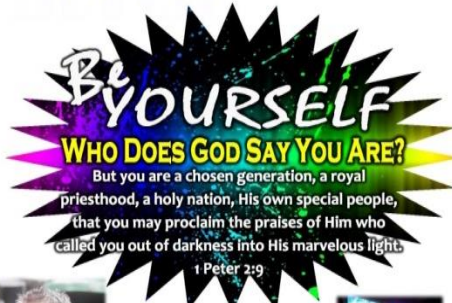
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**Youth
REACH
2018**

*July
20-21*
PIGEON FORGE, TN



GUEST SPEAKER
T.J. Gilliam



TESTIMONY
Brandon Blair



MUSIC
Life Wide Open

Registrations Due
June 4

Sweetwater Baptist Association, Family of Churches Welcome

**Pastor
Steven McDonald**
Wife, Kendra, and
Children, Hannah,
Andrew and Abbie



Reed Springs

We are praying for these dear men of God,
their families and congregations as they
work to share Jesus in their communities.



Pastor Noah Russell

Wife, Joy, Children and Grandchildren

Upper Shady Grove

Smoky Mountain Convention Center
Pigeon Forge, TN

\$25.00 per person (Lodging NOT included)
Includes conference fee and materials

Sweetwater Baptist Association

Kids Camp

Saturday, August 11th
For All Kids Ages 5-12



**Associational Emphasis Week and
Week of Prayer for Associational Missions
May 20-27, 2018**



**Southern
Baptist Convention**
Dallas, TX
June 12-13, 2018

Register online at www.sbcannualmeeting.net
SBC Pastor's Conference: June 10-11

Sweetwater Baptist Association
and
Tennessee Baptist Mission Board
presents



Serve from the Neighborhood to the Nations
Church Growth and Development Conference
Monday, August 27, 2018
6:30 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Madisonville
Training Conference for all Church Leadership.

Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting

Hosted by Christianburg Baptist Church
Sweetwater, Tennessee
Monday, August 13th 7:00 p.m.



Pastor and Family Picnic

Notchey Creek Baptist Church
Pavilion Area, Madisonville

Monday, September 10th
Meal at 6:30 p.m.



2018 GUATEMALA MISSION PROJECTS
June 19-26 Bethlehem Baptist Church
September 18-25 Union McMinn Baptist Church

**Fort Sherman Academy
Travel Security Training**



Saturday, September 8th, 9:00 a.m.
Union McMinn Baptist Church, Niota
Completion of course will certify security training through 2020.

**All mission volunteers are urged
to attend training!**

Director of Missions



PARTICIPATION: The Sweetwater Baptist Association has welcomed several new churches into its family of churches over the past few years. The petitioning process for membership includes a meeting with our Mission Committee and the leadership of the petitioning church. Recently, such a meeting for the petitioning process of one church was typical until a question came from a representative of the petitioning church. They stated, "We know the Sweetwater Baptist Association can help us, but, how can we help the Association?" Unique! My answer to this church applies to all the churches in our Association. "**PARTICIPATION!**"

The Sweetwater Baptist Association plans and carries out many activities and events throughout the year. Only those who participate receive the benefits from the training and fellowship of being co-laborers together with Christ in touching lives at home and around the world. We truly are grateful for the financial support the churches contribute to the ministries through our Association. However, much of the rewards of the gifts are left on the table because of the lack of "**PARTICIPATION.**"

Any relationship is enhanced when we participate with others. By participating in our local church events, we develop a stronger commitment to our church. Church families grow closer by participating in various celebrations, activities and events. In doing this, our church family becomes an extended family. We become family by participation. Sharing a mission adventure to another country or undertaking a God-size task here in our neighborhood, helps bring together those that participate. A common bond, an unbroken thread, and a sense of brotherhood is developed by "**PARTICIPATION.**"

Although we are separate churches, we are also united, because of the blood of Christ that makes us HIS CHURCH. The scripture repeatedly calls us to be ONE. Historically, Southern Baptists have accepted that "call" to cooperate in reaching our community, our state, and our world for the sake of Christ. This is best accomplished when we join together our prayers, labor and resources to that common goal. "**PARTICIPATION!**"

Throughout this newsletter, you will find listed many opportunities to participate on mission together. Just a few are (1) *Youth Reach* (2) *Serve from the Neighborhood to the Nations* (3) *Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting* and (4) *Fort Sherman Security Training*.

--Tony Rutherford



SEMINARY EXTENSION: The next *Seminary Extension Class* at the Sweetwater Baptist Association is scheduled to begin on September 4th. The course study will be preaching/teaching through *1 Peter*. This will be a non-credit course taught by

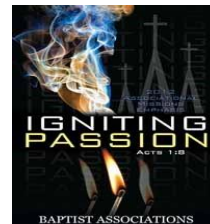
Tony Rutherford. The cost of the class will be \$20.00 per person. Please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association at 442-6604 for

additional information or if you are interested in taking this class. Please be sure and mark your calendar for the next class scheduled for September.

Associational Emphasis Week and Week of Prayer for Associational Missions

May 20-27, 2018

Prayer for Churches, Pastors, Staff, Officers and Committees of the Sweetwater Baptist Association



SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION 2018

SBC Annual Meeting

Dallas, Texas

June 12-13

Register online at www.sbcannualmeeting.net

SBC Pastor's Conference: June 10-11

Kay Bailey Dallas Convention Center, Dallas

UPDATE FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

The Executive Board of the Sweetwater Baptist Association met on Monday evening, April 16th. We want to thank Pastor Jeremy McNally and Island Creek Baptist Church for hosting the meeting.



Greg McCosh served as Moderator for the regular business meeting for the Association. Union Grove Baptist Church and Union McMinn Baptist Church were welcomed as first-time participating member congregations. Reports from various ministries of the Association, as well as the Director of Missions Report were presented for information. The Evangelism Committee reported that they were currently working on a 2-night *Evangelism Conference* for 2019.

The Associational Treasurer's report was received as printed. The financial statement reported that church gifts and interest for October 1, 2017 through March 31, 2018 totaled \$94,416.51; while budget expenses totaled \$81,435.14.

Items presented for business and approved by Executive Board Members included: (1) Recommendation from Program Committee to suspend rules of *Constitution and Bylaws* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association in regards to the Annual Meeting in order to allow Annual Meeting, 2018 to be held as a one-day event; and (2) Recommendation from Missions Committee that the petition request for membership from Delano Baptist Church (Interim Pastor, Dennis Cagle) be accepted in accordance with Procedures for Petitioning the Sweetwater Baptist Association, and that Delano Baptist Church be taken under the watch-care of the Sweetwater Baptist Association for one year, pending the vote of Messengers at the 2019 Annual Meeting. Representatives from Delano Baptist Church in attendance were recognized and welcomed to the meeting.

We are excited that the Lord is providing us these opportunities to do ministry together.

Thank You

We want to thank all the churches and individuals who gave to the Rev. Taylor Duncan offering. Those funds have now been given to Taylor's family to help with medical and funeral expenses. (Pictured: Tony Rutherford presenting check to Frank & Tiny Duncan).



A note of thanks from the Duncan

Family: With Special Thanks to All of You..."To know you is to know people who are kind, considerate and thoughtful. To know you is to be grateful for the special things you do. For everything you've done...for being the special people that you are...thank you very much." Please keep praying for us. *The Taylor Duncan Family- Frank, Tiny, Amanda, Alisha and Joey.*

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, 2018. The dates for the project are September 18-25.



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 June 1st. The paperwork and additional information regarding the September mission project is available online at www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com or at the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office.



The Tennessee Baptist Convention requires all new 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 the training is available on-line or at the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office.

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

Security training for ALL short-term mission teams is being presented by the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board by **Fort Sherman Academy** on **Saturday, September 8th**. This training will be held at Union McMinn Baptist Church in Niota, and will begin at 9:00 a.m. **Security training is valid for 2 years. All volunteers that plan to participate in upcoming mission projects are urged to attend this training.**



Fort Sherman Academy Travel Security Training
Saturday, September 8th, 9:00 a.m.

Union McMinn Baptist Church, Niota

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WMU and LADIES MINISTRY:

Thank you to all who attended the *WMU Meeting* at North Sweetwater Baptist Church in May. We also want to thank Pastor Bill Wilson and the ladies of North Sweetwater for graciously hosting the meeting. We were blessed as our Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford, shared a slide presentation from his recent trip to Israel.

SBA, WMU and/or Ladies Ministry News

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.

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*

Sweetwater Baptist Association

KIDS CAMP

For All Kids, Ages 5-12
Saturday, August 11th
Watch for further details!



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2018 LIFEWAY'S CONFERENCE for MEN
August 10-11
Hendersonville, TN



For more information visit www.LifeWay.com/MainEvent

More details are available at lifeway.com/Event/mens
Registration available by calling 1-800-254-2022.

OLD FASHIONED PRAYER MEETING:

The Association has planned an *Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting* on Monday evening, August 13th at 7:00 p.m. Christianburg Baptist Church will host the meeting. 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.



Sweetwater Baptist Association
Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting
 Hosted by Christianburg Baptist Church
 Sweetwater, Tennessee
Monday, August 13th, 7:00 p.m.

CHURCH GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE:

This year the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board will partner with the Sweetwater Baptist Association as we present *Serve from the Neighborhood to the Nations* training. This will be in conjunction with our annual **Church Growth and Development Conference**. The training will be held on **Monday evening, August 27th at 6:30 p.m.** and will be hosted by **First Baptist Church, Madisonville**. We understand this will be a "pilot" training conference for the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. The main focus will be on mission training, with additional breakout sessions for Clerk Training and Church Treasurer Training.



Breakout sessions are planned as follows:

- Local/State/Home Missions
- North American Missions
- International Missions
- Clerk Training/ACP Training
- Church Treasurer Training



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.

Coming Soon.....
 Sweetwater Baptist Association and Tennessee Baptist Mission Board presents
Serve from the Neighborhood to the Nations
Church Growth and Development Conference
Monday, August 27, 2018, 6:30 p.m.
 First Baptist Church, Madisonville
 Watch for further details!

FREE CHURCH PEWS: Corinth Baptist Church in Loudon has three (3) church pews to give away. They have two 14 ft. pews and one 10 ft. pew. Please contact Elaine Tilley at 865-591-2595 for more information.



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 10th. The meal for the group will be served at 6:30 p.m.

This picnic is a treat for our pastors and their family. 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.

2018 SBA HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS:

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.



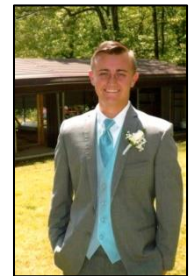
As always, the Scholarship Committee was faced with a difficult task of making the selections for this year. There were many numerous, deserving applicants. The 2018 SBA High School Scholarship recipients are:

(left to right)

Anna Leming
Kiley Spradlin



Tanner Mason
Lizabeth Simmons



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| Anna Leming | 411 Chapel Baptist Church | Sequoyah High School |
| Kiley Spradlin | New Bethany Baptist Church | Sweetwater High School |
| Tanner Mason | Piney Grove Baptist Church | Tellico Plains High School |
| Lizabeth Simmons | Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church | Loudon 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.

Sweetwater Baptist Association

10 Day Israel Trip, 2019

January 24-February 2

Hosted by Tony Rutherford



Fifty-five (55) participants have now officially registered for the Sweetwater Baptist Association's Israel Group Tour through Yael Adventures. The trip dates are January 24-February 2, 2019.

A group meeting with our representative from Yael Adventures is being planned for June. Additional details regarding meeting place, date and time will be forthcoming, as they becomes available.

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, 2018. 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, 2017 – April 26, 2018

Church/Mission	Oct-Mar Total	April	May	June	July	Total
411 Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Altoona	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Antioch	150.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Beaty's Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	5569.00	1006.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6575.00
Big Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary	577.18	8100	0.00	0.00	0.00	658.18
Cane Creek	1200.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1400.00
Cedar Fork	2834.27	393.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	3227.39
Cedar Valley	4821.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	4821.61
Christianburg	580.55	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	580.55
Citico	427.50	84.65	0.00	0.00	0.00	512.15
Clifton	150.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	175.00
Community	263.88	45.09	0.00	0.00	0.00	308.97
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	785.01	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	785.01
Delano	645.85	286.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	932.16
Druid Hills	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Ebenezer	419.35	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	489.35
Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	7397.22	1337.50	0.00	0.00	0.00	8734.72
Fellowship	315.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	315.00
Glenlock	1000.00	450.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1450.00
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	1011.00	184.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1195.00
Howards Chapel	0.00	414.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	414.00
Island Creek	2100.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2400.00
Lakeside	600.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
Long Ridge	1000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00
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	2500.02	416.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	2916.69
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	621.00	94.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	715.00
Mt. Isabella	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Mt. Zion	3432.09	620.71	0.00	0.00	0.00	4052.80
Murray's	2596.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2596.00
New Bethany	2265.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2265.60
New Macedonia	140.00	140.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	280.00
New Providence	2533.00	403.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2936.00
North Sweetwater	661.11	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	661.11
Notchey Creek	2620.20	436.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	3056.90
Oak Grove	1962.25	358.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2320.25
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	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Poplar Bluff	1632.19	252.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	1884.34
Reed Springs	1579.10	589.32	0.00	0.00	0.00	2168.42
Rocky Springs	2900.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3300.00
Rural Vale	1988.51	380.99	0.00	0.00	0.00	2369.50
Shady Grove	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Shelton Grove	591.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	591.31
Shoal Creek	431.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	431.00
South Madisonville	600.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	800.00
Sweetwater, First	2100.00	350.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2450.00
Tellico	1200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1200.00
Tellico, First	2860.00	415.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3275.00
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	1050.00
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	156.00	71.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	227.00
Union McMinn	2400.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2800.00
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	11712.52	1656.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	13369.13
Walnut Grove	565.34	109.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	674.93
Watson Chapel	388.89	777.78	0.00	0.00	0.00	1166.67
Westside	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Williamsburg	217.47	145.94	0.00	0.00	0.00	363.41
TBC	4692.00	782.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5474.00
Misc AM	25.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Misc Interest	158.49	33.61	0.00	0.00	0.00	192.10
Total Income	94,416.51	15164.74	0.00	0.00	0.00	109,581.25

HILLTOP: Our church is in need of someone to play the Piano for our services. If anyone would be interested, please contact our Pastor, Chris Gee at 423-836-7750.



Associational Office Holiday Schedule

CLOSED – May 28th (Memorial Day)
CLOSED – July 4th (Independence Day) and July 5th



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

- Pastor's Conference will not be held from May 28-July 2.
- Pastor's Conference will resume on Monday, July 9th.

2018 VBS DATES

As reported to the Association by May 10, 2018

Big Creek.....	June 10-13	6:30-8:30
Cedar Fork	June 17-22	
Cedar Valley	May 23-25	5:30-8:30
Compromise.....	June 18-22	7:00
Conasauga.....	June 11-15	6:00-8:30
Fairview Tabernacle	June 3-7.....	6:00-8:30
Glenlock	July 29-Aug 2	5:30-8:30
Hopewell Springs.....	June 3-8	6:00
Island Creek	June 10-15.....	6:30-8:30
Lakeside	June 10-15.....	6:30
Madisonville, First	June 3-7.....	6:00-8:45
Miller's Chapel	June 17-22	
Mt. Zion.....	June 3-8	6:30-8:30
New Bethany.....	June 11-15	6:30-9:00
New Providence	July 15-20	6:30-9:00
Notchey Creek.....	June 3-7.....	6:00-8:30
Old Sweetwater.....	June 3-6.....	
Reed Springs.....	June 18-22	6:30-9:00
Rocky Springs	June 3-7.....	6:00
Rural Vale	June 4-8	6:30-8:30
Shady Grove.....	June 23.....	
Shelton Grove	May 27-31.....	
Shoal Creek	June 3-8	6:30-8:30
Sweetwater, First.....	June 4-8	9 am - Noon
Union McMinn	June 3-8	6:00-8:30
Vonore.....	June 10-15.....	6:00-8:30
Walnut Grove.....	July 15-19.....	6:30-8:30
Watson Chapel	June 10-13	
Westside.....	July 16-20	6:00-8:00

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.

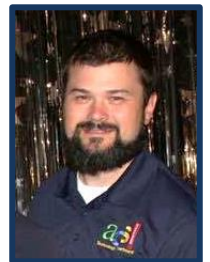
We will be happy to help your church with VBS team workers, and/or link-up resources and supplies. If your church needs any assistance with VBS this year, or if you have ANY questions about conducting a VBS, feel free to contact the SBA office for more information.

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. It is our understanding that LifeWay is no longer receiving and processing the information.

We are praying each one has a successful VBS this year. Please let us know if we can help your church in anyway. **GAME ON!** --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.)

YOUTH COMMITTEE: YOUTH REACH 2018
Registration Forms and Payments are Due June 4th! We hope your church is getting your students signed up and gearing up for a great time in Pigeon Forge this summer. It will be here before you know it...so get those forms filled out and returned to the office. Looking forward to seeing our students coming together to worship and get refreshed as they prepare to head back to school in August.



2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Bryan and I would like to say thank you to everyone who participated in and attended the Associational VBS Clinic this year! 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*.

VBS *Game ON!* theme t-shirts were given to 7 attendees at the



Associational VBS Clinic. Recipients of the t-shirts were Geneva McDowell (Reed Springs), Tammie Lingerfelt (Island Creek), Jordan Best (Island Creek), Lorida Burke (Big Creek), Mikki Hooven (Notchey Creek), Sandra Anderson (Union McMinn) and Stephanie Lane (Citico). Congratulations to all of these and thank you again to all who attended!

Youth REACH 2018

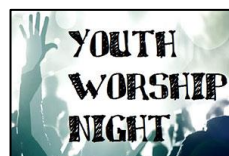


GUEST SPEAKER
T.J. Gilliam

July 20-21
PIGEON FORGE



TESTIMONY
Brandon Blair



TRINITY: We are beginning a new ministry called **C.R.E.W.** This will be a **worship meeting for youth groups** and college and career groups. The service will be held the last Wednesday of each month at 6:45. All churches are invited to bring their students and college and career classes.



GLENLOCK: We will celebrate **Homecoming** on May 27. *Twice Born* will be singing in the afternoon service. Everyone is invited to join us. Our **Back to School Give-Away** will be July 28, beginning at 8:30 am.

RURAL VALE: **Vacation Bible School** will be June 4-8 from 6:30-8:30 PM. We will provide a hot supper each night and we have classes for all ages, even adults. Our **Homecoming Service** is May 27 at 10:30 AM. Everyone is invited.

SHELTON GROVE: We will be celebrating our **Homecoming Service** on June 3. Special Singers will be the *Botts Family*. Everyone is invited to attend.

WESTSIDE: Our **Homecoming Service** will be September 16th beginning at 10:00 am. Everyone is invited to join us.



CONASAUGA: Our **VBS Kick-off Rally** will be held at Etowah Splash Pad on Saturday, June 9th at 2:00 pm. Our **Homecoming Service** will be June 10th, beginning at 10:30 AM. Tony Rutherford will be preaching. We will have lunch and then *Twice Born* will be singing in the afternoon service. From July 23-28, we will be having an **Old Fashioned Tent Revival**. Services will be at 7:00 pm nightly, and held in the field near the church on Old Mecca Pike Road. Evangelists will be Daniel Stewart and Mickey Stewart from Robbinsville, NC. Everyone is invited.

MT. CALVARY: On Sunday, February 11th, we ordained Brother Cody Harris into the Gospel Ministry. Brother Cody was called to Pastor Galilee Baptist Church in Cleveland, TN. We thank God for this young pastor and ask for everyone to keep him in their prayers.



WALNUT GROVE: On June 1st at 6:00 pm, we will host our **2nd Annual "Pick & Grin"**. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy an evening of great Bluegrass Gospel Music. Also, for anyone who plays or sings, come out and do a couple of your favorite gospel songs. Free food; free music; and free fun for all. But, most of all, it's a time for our community to come together and enjoy a wonderful evening of fellowship as we worship our Lord Jesus. For more information or directions, contact Pastor Bill Johnson at 423-337-1689.

CLIFTON: We recently celebrated the 1-year anniversary of our new pastor, Justin Tuttle. We are so BLESSED to have Justin, Kendra, SaraBeth and Silas as part of our church family. We love our pastor and pray that GOD richly blesses him for his service.



MT. ZION: We invite everyone to join us at our **monthly singings**.

Sunday, May 27, 6:00 pm - Turning Point

Sunday, June 24, 6:00 pm - Robinson Family

Friday, July 27, 7:00 pm - Redeemed Quartet



FAIRVIEW TABERNACLE: Our **"Game On" VBS** will be June 3-7, from 6:00 PM to 8:30 PM. We will have classes for ages 4 through adults.

We are offering a **PowerUp Basketball Camp** this summer. Children will learn the fundamentals of basketball, as well as learn about Jesus and using their gifts and talents to serve Him. Camp will be led by local coaches and athletes, and Fairview Children's Ministries. For more information or to register, call the church office at 423-337-6208.

Fairview Tabernacle's PowerUp Basketball Camp

- Dates: July 9-12
- Ages: Grades 1-6 (completed grade)
- Early Registration Cost: \$55 (before July 1st)
- Late Registration Cost: \$65 (after July 1st/at the door)

UNION MCMINN: On May 19th at 9:00 a.m., we will be hosting an *Operation Christmas Child* **Shoebbox Clinic**. Training will include "How to Pack a Shoebbox". Everyone is invited to attend.

Our **Vacation Bible School** will be held June 3-8, from 6:00-8:30. Supper will be served nightly, and our #Redeemed Team will be performing for Family Night on Friday.



We will have a **Back to School Bash** on Saturday, July 28th at 4:00 pm. The #Redeemed Team will be performing.

Our **Homecoming Service** will be August 12th. Everyone is invited to join us for any of these events.

LAKESIDE: We will have **Revival**, beginning Sunday, May 20 at 6:00 pm. Services will begin at 7:00 the rest of the week. Prayer Room begins 30 minutes before service time. Evangelist will be Rev. Steve Strickland.



Our **Vacation Bible School** will be June 10-15, beginning at 6:30 PM. Our theme is: "ShipWrecked – Rescued by Jesus". There will be classes for ALL ages. For Ride information, call 423-253-4742.



MADISONVILLE, FIRST: We are proud to announce our **Upward Soccer Program** coming this Summer and Fall! Registrations will be taken June 4 through July 13. The Fall Season will begin the week of August 13, 2018.

Upward Soccer Camp/Evaluation

- Dates: July 14 and July 21
- Times: 9:00 am to 12 Noon

Players can come anytime between 9 and noon, but must attend at least one of the evaluation days. You can find more information in the upcoming weeks on our website www.fbcmadisonville.org.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION**Welcome New Pastors**Steven McDonald.....Reed Springs
Noah Russell.....Upper Shady Grove**Director of Mission Visits:**

Upper Shady Grove, Delano, New Macedonia, Citico, Clifton, Compromise, Victory, Gregory's Chapel, North Sweetwater, Watson Chapel, Glenlock, South Madisonville, Fairview (Tellico), Trinity, Murray's, Ebenezer, Antioch, Druid Hill, Union McMinn, Concord, Long Ridge

Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Delano, Glenlock, Long Ridge, Murray's, New Macedonia, 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 19.....Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Clinic, Union McMinn, 9:00 a.m.
 May 21.....Program Committee (Virtual Meeting)
 May 29.....Memorial Day
 June 10-13...Southern Baptist Convention, Dallas, TX
 June 17.....Father's Day
 June 19-26...Summer Mission Project, Guatemala
 July 4.....Independence Day
 July 9.....Nominating Committee Meeting
 July 10.....Budget Committee Meeting
 July 20-21..Youth Reach
 July 23.....Youth Committee Meeting
 August 11...Kids Camp, for kids ages 5-12
 August 13...Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting, Christianburg, 7:00 p.m.
 August 27...Church Growth and Development Conference, Madisonville First, 6:45 p.m.
 September 10 Pastor and Family Picnic, Notchey Creek, 6:30 p.m.



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 2018 Associational Annual Meeting, as well as the 2018-2019 Proposed Budget.

Information for the next newsletter
must be received by **AUGUST 5th**.**SBA Office Hours**
Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.**East TN Healthcare
Birthday Cake Schedule**

- ♦May - Island Creek
- ♦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
- No Pastors Conference on Monday, July 2nd
- Pastors Conference to resume on July 9th

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.

2018 Annual Meeting, Sweetwater Baptist Association

Please Note... New "Trial" Format... One-Day Session
 Business Session October 16, 6:30 p.m. Fairview Tabernacle Baptist Church, Sweetwater
 Worship Session October 16, 7:30 p.m. Fairview Tabernacle Baptist Church, Sweetwater

**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**