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*Sweetwater Baptist Association*



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Celebrating 193 years, 1830 – 2023

**SWEETWATER**  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**MEDIA CONFERENCE**

**Monday, August 28 6:30 p.m.**



**TRIBE BUILDING, First Baptist Church, Madisonville**

Located at 114 College Street, Madisonville

**Dr. Scott Shepherd**

*TBMR, Worship & Music Specialist/Partnership Missions Specialist*

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**2023 Annual Meeting**

**Monday, October 23**

ONE DAY .. TWO SESSIONS!  
Program subject to change.

Hosted by: **New Providence Baptist Church, Tellico Plains**

Theme: *He Restoreth My Soul* Psalm 23:3

• **Business Session: 6:30 p.m.**

Election of Officers      Treasurer's Report  
Presentation of Budget      Director of Missions Report

• **Worship Service following Business Session**

Special Singing      Moderator's Message

**Moderator Darrell Cardin**      **Vice-Moderator David Lane**

Pastor, Christianburg Baptist Church

Pastor, Citico Baptist Church

*2023 Annual Meeting Program and 2023-2024 Proposed Budget will appear in next issue of Newsletter.*

**ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS**

- Annual Church Profile packets will soon be available for pick-up
- Annual Church Profiles (ACP's) and Messenger Cards must be completed and returned to the SBA Office by October 5<sup>th</sup>

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

**Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting**

**Concord Baptist Church**

Located 3115 Upper Concord Rd, Ten Mile

**Monday, August 7**

**7:00 p.m.**



**Isaac Sparks**

Guest Preacher

Pastor, Union Grove Baptist Church

Special Music by:

Monday Morning  
Pastors Conference Group

**EVERYONE INVITED!**

Sweetwater Baptist Association presents...

**CONNECT**

*Student Worship Rally*

**JULY 13 @ 7 PM**

**NOTCHEY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH**

The Sweetwater Baptist Association Family of Churches Welcome....



**PASTOR**  
**SAM BAINES**  
wife Rhonda and Family  
**TEVIS SPRINGS**

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

## Director of Missions

By now much of the Vacation Bible School materials and decorations have been packed away



or donated. Many positive reports are being received and we are excited about the number of professions of faith reported and additions to the church. God has truly blessed your efforts in sharing His precious love. By visiting almost 30 Vacation Bible Schools this year, I noticed all the different themes. However, no matter the theme being used, I noted that each shared the life-changing grace that Jesus brings to a believer. Sharing Christ is fulfilling the mandate of God upon the congregations of His church.

As you read this, the mission teams to Guatemala are experiencing what God is doing among the wonderful people there. First, let me thank you for your support of this past February's love offering to help one of the churches in Guatemala finish some much-needed work to their building and property. It is humbling to witness how God moves among the people to bring His amazing grace. While our teams are in Guatemala, the sick will receive medical treatment, the hungry will be fed, the lost will have the gospel preached unto them. The teaching of Jesus will be brought to life. It reminds us of John the Baptist in prison sending word to Jesus: "Art thou he that should come, or do we look for another?" Jesus answered and said unto them: "Go and show John again those things which ye do hear and see: the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them."

It is almost time for CONNECT! Our summer Youth Rally is only days away. Mark your calendar for Thursday, July 13 at 7:00 pm. All students are encouraged to gather at Notchey Creek Baptist Church for the annual youth rally. It is incumbent that the adults in the congregation support the youth as they learn to worship and praise the Lord in a unifying assembly. Coming together will be an encouragement to stand for Christ as a new school year is about to start. Strength comes when we know that we are not alone. Paul refers to "a great cloud of witnesses" when he addresses the readers of Hebrews. Let us gather to CONNECT with our Lord, CONNECT with each other, CONNECT with the lost, and be one in Christ because He alone is WORTHY! --Tony

## BIBLICAL STUDIES

**CLASS:** The next *Biblical Studies Class* at the Sweetwater Baptist Association is scheduled to begin on Tuesday evening, **September 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** Please be sure and mark your calendar!



This non-credit course taught by Wayne Stockstill will be **Preaching thru The Beatitudes**. The cost of the class will be \$20.00 per person. This class is open to everyone: pastors, preachers, and teachers. Please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association at 442-6604 for additional information or if you are interested in taking this class.

## Sweetwater Baptist Association Monday Morning Pastor's Conference 10:00 a.m.

Due to a scheduling conflict, the meetings will resume on Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at SBA Office in Madisonville. Please join us!

**PASTOR & FAMILY PICNIC:** Pastors and their families are invited to join us for the Sweetwater Baptist Association, *Pastor & Family Picnic* on **Monday evening, September 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.** It will be held at the Notchey Creek Baptist Church, Pavilion Picnic Area. Reservations are required for the meal. Please mark this date on your calendar, and watch for information regarding reservations for the picnic!



## OCTOBER is Pastor Appreciation Month

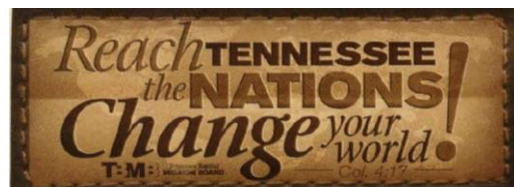
**Pastor Appreciation Month/Day** is an excellent opportunity for churches to affirm love and appreciation to the men of God who are called and serve the Churches. Suggestions for celebrating **Pastor Appreciation Day** include presentation of appreciation certificate or plaque, gift certificate or monetary gift, reception following service, special prayer time for family, spiritual guidance and encouragement. We are so thankful for our pastors and their families, and their ministry to the churches and communities.

## ISAIAH 117 HOUSE:

The beautiful *Isaiah 117* house for Monroe/McMinn County is complete and operational! The house is located at the intersection of County Road 517 and 519 in Englewood. If you would like



more information about this project, please call Monroe County Expansion Coordinator, Jennifer Collins at 423-518-3760 EXT 617 or email [jennifer.collins@isaiah117house.com](mailto:jennifer.collins@isaiah117house.com)



Associational Missions  
The Cooperative Program  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®  
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®  
Golden Offering for Tennessee  
Father's Day Offering  
Children's Home Offering

**CHURCH GIFTS:** We are so thankful to the churches for the gifts you have shared with the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Your church gifts support the various budget opportunities provided by the SBA. Please review the following information, and contact our office if you should have any questions. We thank you again for your giving Spirit and support of the budget ministries of the Association.



Upper Shady Grove	250.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	400.00
Vonore	9,895.14	1,694.06	2,144.56	1,943.25	15,477.01
Walnut Grove	1,859.00	1,020.55	0.00		2,879.55
Watson Chapel	1,000.02	0.00	0.00		1,000.02
Westside	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Williamsburg	308.24	36.80	44.43	22.70	412.17
TBMB	4,692.00	782.00	782.00	782.00	7,038.00
Misc AM	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Misc Interest	114.90	18.32	18.10	21.38	172.70
Total Income	115,264.00	18,491.12	16,814.94	16,318.48	166,888.54

**SBA Church Gifts: October, 2022 – June 20, 2023**

Church/Mission	Oct-Mar	April	May	June	July	Total
411 Chapel	1,500.00	0.00	0.00			1,500.00
Antioch	125.00	50.00	0.00	25.00		200.00
Beaty's Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Bethlehem	9,117.05	1,363.50	1,448.00	1,358.00		13,286.55
Big Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Calvary	534.70	96.33	68.25	62.40		761.68
Cane Creek	1,200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00		1,800.00
Cedar Fork	3,313.22	594.37	646.70	488.29		5,042.58
Cedar Valley	5,505.15	0.00	1,103.57	1,481.94		8,090.66
Christianburg	1,243.42	0.00	682.20			1,925.62
Citico	470.90	82.45	0.00	64.20		617.55
Clifton	125.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		200.00
Community	473.16	79.02	80.31	59.43		691.92
Compromise	300.00	50.00	50.00	50.00		450.00
Conasauga	700.00	200.00	300.00			1,200.00
Concord	1,020.81	0.00	0.00			1,020.81
Delano	2,042.57	389.12	416.44	357.06		3,185.19
Druid Hills	400.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		700.00
Ebenezer	414.00	45.00	50.00	50.00		559.00
Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	9,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00		13,500.00
Fellowship	999.10	103.39	166.34			1,268.83
Glenlock	2,004.00	334.00	334.00	334.00		3,006.00
Gregory's Chapel	600.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		900.00
Hopewell Springs	500.00	0.00	0.00			500.00
Howards Chapel	400.00	100.00	0.00			500.00
Island Creek	1,800.00	600.00	300.00			2,700.00
Lakeside	600.00	0.00	0.00	300.00		900.00
Long Ridge	1,000.00	0.00	0.00			1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Macedonia	200.00	0.00	40.00			240.00
Madisonville, First	2,500.02	416.67	416.67			3,333.36
Maple Springs	750.00	0.00	0.00			750.00
Miller's Chapel	600.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		900.00
Mt. Calvary	491.42	81.36	80.09	112.50		765.37
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Mt. Zion	3,910.46	663.93	622.95	521.81		5,719.15
Murray's	1,856.14	0.00	0.00			1,856.14
New Bethany	2,535.63	359.35	671.16	321.30		3,887.44
New Macedonia	960.00	200.00	200.00	200.00		1,560.00
New Providence	4,956.90	783.36	709.07	689.62		7,138.95
New Zion	600.00	0.00	0.00			600.00
North Sweetwater	564.94	52.72	110.92	83.43		812.01
Notchey Creek	5,474.78	883.49	0.00	1,085.33		7,443.60
Oak Grove	2,805.79	301.78	589.85	168.41		3,865.83
Oakland	1,077.00	200.00	0.00			1,277.00
Old Pond Hill	0.00	100.00	0.00			100.00
Old Sweetwater	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00		1,000.00
Paint Rock	660.00	110.00	110.00	110.00		990.00
Piney Grove	1,000.00	0.00	0.00			1,000.00
Poplar Bluff	516.99	142.55	171.87			831.41
Reed Springs	2,483.49	1,592.00	0.00			4,075.49
Rocky Springs	1,800.00	0.00	0.00	800.00		2,600.00
Rural Vale	2,676.95	1,038.19	0.00	363.30		4,078.44
Shady Grove	400.00	0.00	0.00			400.00
Shelton Grove	884.11	219.81	176.88	320.13		1,600.93
Shoal Creek	553.00	0.00	295.58			848.58
South Madisonville	600.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		900.00
Sweetwater, First	2,100.00	350.00	350.00	350.00		3,150.00
Tellico	1,200.00	0.00	0.00			1,200.00
Tellico, First	2,815.00	459.00	575.00	423.00		4,272.00
Tevis Springs	25.00	0.00	0.00	25.00		50.00
Towee Falls	900.00	150.00	150.00	150.00		1,350.00
Trinity	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Union Grove	720.00	120.00	240.00	120.00		1,200.00
Union Hall	339.00	73.00	95.00			507.00
Union McMinn	2,400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00		3,600.00
Unity	100.00	0.00	0.00			100.00

**CHURCH CLERKS:** A Church Clerk Training is planned for **Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>** at the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office. The conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m.



This training comes just in time as *Annual Church Profile (ACP)* packets and *Messenger* cards for 2023 will soon be distributed for completion. The *ACP* and *Messenger* cards must be completed and returned to the SBA Office by October 5<sup>th</sup>.

If you need help completing your *Messenger* cards or *ACP*, please contact the Associational Office at 442-442-6604 and we will be happy to assist you in this process.



**SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS SHOW:** Make plans now to see **THE LORE FAMILY** in concert! The

Sweetwater Baptist Association will feature this southern gospel, family singing group at our annual *Senior Adult Christmas Show* on **Monday morning, December 4<sup>th</sup>**. The event will be held at Vonore Baptist Church at 10:30 a.m.

The Lore Family consists of Darren, Sandy, Fayth, Jake and Samuel, who reside in Portsmouth, Ohio. Over the past several years, The Lore Family has ministered in hundreds of services. The family makes it a point to ensure that each concert or ministry opportunity is fulfilled in excellence and authenticity. They strive to ensure that every service has meaning and impact for those in attendance.



This is a free Christmas show for all ages! Begin planning now to bring a group from your church! Everyone is invited!



The **UPPER Room Christian Counseling Center** provides Pastoral counseling, combining

counseling and pastoral guidance from a Bible-based, Christian perspective. It helps individuals address the struggles and issues of life in both a clinical and spiritual way – struggles such as **anxiety, fear, choices, anger, and grief**. The counseling ministry helps **individuals, couples, and families** find healing and purpose with themselves, with God, and in their relationships. **865.414.3269.**

**GUATEMALA:** We want to thank everyone that shared in the February *Love Offering for the Lamb of God Baptist Church at Las Mercedes* in Guatemala. This church was in need of three (3) major building projects which included construction of bathrooms, covering for an existing well, and installation of flooring in the sanctuary. Work on these projects is nearing completion. Thank you for sharing in this ministry.



Mission teams from Bethlehem Baptist Church and Poplar Bluff Baptist Church are traveling to Guatemala to share the Gospel of Christ, June 20-27. Volunteers from Bethlehem will be returning to continue on-going mission work with Pastor Hugo Barrios at the Jesus is the Way Baptist Church at El Cañal. Vacation Bible School, medical clinics, Bible Study, and revivals have all been planned.



The team from Poplar Bluff will visit new locations for future ministry/evangelism opportunities. In addition, they will take part in ongoing work at various locations, including a medical clinic and food give-away. Plans also include visiting the Lamb of God Baptist Church at Las Mercedes where Pastor Fred Aguilar Osoria serves. Please pray for these volunteers as they serve.

Funds received for <b>GUATEMALA MISSION OFFERING</b> <b>Las Mercedes Baptist Church</b>	
Cane Creek.....	200.00
Cedar Fork.....	1,000.00
Clifton.....	200.00
Concord.....	200.00
Hopewell Springs.....	3,144.50
Howards Chapel.....	200.00
Lakeside.....	329.00
Long Ridge.....	801.00
Macedonia.....	200.00
Mt. Zion.....	570.00
New Macedonia.....	1,945.00
Notchey Creek.....	1,616.00
Oak Grove.....	795.00
Old Pond Hill.....	200.00
Rural Vale.....	854.15
Tevis Springs.....	100.00
Union Grove.....	288.00
Walnut Grove.....	542.00
Etta Hawke and Betsy Riley (in memory of Mrs. Beryl Cagle).....	50.00
Tommy and Cindy Lemmonds.....	25.00
Annual Meeting Offering 2022.....	1,332.00
Evangelism Rally Offering 2023.....	1,680.26

Miscellaneous Funds received for <b>GUATEMALA MINISTRIES</b>	
Union McMinn (Pastor Fred Salary Support, Nov. 2022).....	1200.00
Birchfield (Pastor Hugo VBS, Nov. 2022).....	500.00
Greg Watson (Pastor Hugo VBS, Nov. 2022).....	35.00

Please mark your calendars for September 15-17 for **CONNECTION FOR GIRLS**. This is Tennessee Baptist's mission event for middle and high school girls. This will be a great weekend to help young ladies develop a love for missions. Pre-registration is required, so visit <https://www.tnbaptist.org/event/connection/> to get more information or to register.

**SBA  
WMU/Ladies  
Ministry News**

*Save the Date*

**WMU/LADIES MEETING**  
**Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**  
**7:00 pm**  
First Baptist Church, Tellico Plains

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DO YOU GET JESUS?

september 15 - 17

cookeville, tennessee  
tennessee tech bcm

connection

JOIN US FOR THE 2023

missions event  
for girls in  
grades 6-12

Also, mark your calendar for **Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>** for the *Associational WMU/Ladies Ministry Meeting*. It will be held at First Baptist Church in Tellico Plains. We are so excited that the guest speaker for the meeting will be **Jennifer Hand**. Jenn is a trauma/crisis counselor who travels all over the world doing mission work. Just over the past year, she has served in Ukraine, Dominican Republic, Turkey, Syria, Nicaragua and Italy. Jenn is also an author and podcaster. She is a gifted storyteller, who will share heartfelt stories of her mission work, while keeping you engaged (and laughing) the whole time. Ladies, you don't want to miss this meeting! *Love in Christ, Rachel Thompson, Associational WMU/Ladies Ministry Director*

**GOLDEN OFFERING:** The *Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions* is the annual state missions offering that provides invaluable financial support for ministries that help reach Tennesseans for Christ. The offering is collected all year, with a special emphasis on giving and praying in September. Your gifts through the *Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions* provide support for Tennessee ministries; sustaining state ministries not funded through the Cooperative Program.



The offering is named after W.C. & Mildred Golden, who suggested the week of prayer for state missions and a state missions offering in 1902. They challenged Tennessee Baptists to pray for and give to missions within the state and initiated the offering. The offering was named after the Golden family in 1943. Today, churches are still encouraged to learn about, pray for, give to and serve in missions and ministries in Tennessee. Please join other churches in being part of the season of prayer for Tennessee and the *Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions*. (Information taken from [www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org))

**Do you see Tennessee's "Spiritually Lost"?**

Now that you've seen Tennessee, will you **watch** or will you **reach**?

**I CAN'T FIND MY WAY.**

- Approximate population: 7 million
- Unchurched/spiritually lost: 4 million
- Total households: 3 million
- Approximately 80% of the population of most counties in Tennessee will not worship in any church this Sunday
- 40-60% of Tennesseans classified themselves as unclaimed (not part of any religion)
- 2017 baptisms: 20,700 (projected 2017 ACP total; 2% increase over 2016 ACP)

*We know it is Jesus who changes people's hearts, but you and your church make a difference because you carry His gospel and His compassion to a hurting world just steps from your door.*

Colossians 4:17

"See to it that you complete the ministry you have received in the Lord."

Colossians 4:17

**Do you see opportunities**  
...to change Tennessee?  
...to change your world?

The good news...you're not alone.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Summer isn't over yet...there are still lots of Vacation Bible Schools going on in the Association. Here's an updated list:

<b>2023 VBS Dates</b>	
<i>(as reported by each church)</i>	
June 18-23.....6:00-9:00.....	New Providence ..... <i>Keepers of the Kingdom</i>
June 18-23.....6:30-9:00.....	Mt. Calvary .....
June 19-23.....6:30-8:30.....	Lakeside..... <i>God Likes People</i>
June 19-23.....	New Zion .....
June 19-23.....	Reed Springs .....
June 25-27.....6:00-8:00.....	Cane Creek .....
June 25-29.....5:30-8:00.....	Cedar Valley..... <i>Keepers of the Kingdom</i>
June 25-30.....	Union Grove.....
June 25-29.....6:00-8:30.....	Walnut Grove.....
July 10-14.....9:00 am.....	Sweetwater, FBC..... <i>Fine Arts Camp</i>
July 15.....10:00-4:00.....	Shady Grove .....
July 16-20.....5:30.....	Glenlock .....
July 23-27.....6:00-8:00.....	Long Ridge <i>Armour of God/Bible Boot Camp</i>
July 23-28.....6:15-8:45.....	Notchey Creek..... <i>Keepers of the Kingdom</i>
July 24-28.....6:30.....	Maple Springs.....

## CHURCH NEWS

**LAKESIDE:** We will be hosting *The Hymnsmen Quartet* on Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM. Everyone Welcome!



**LOWER CHILHOWEE:** We are so excited to announce, after a year of suspended services, our **worship services will resume on Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup>**. We will be meeting each Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m. for Worship. Brother Joey Bivens will be serving as our Interim Pastor. Please pray for our church to grow as we strive to be a soul-winning church for the kingdom.



**MADISONVILLE, FIRST:** First Baptist Church is seeking a full-time Worship Pastor to lead our blended worship services which include sanctuary choir, worship band and praise team. For more information, visit our website at [www.fbcmadisonville.org](http://www.fbcmadisonville.org). Resumes may be sent to Pastor Chris Moore at [chris@fbcmadisonville.org](mailto:chris@fbcmadisonville.org).

**MAPLE SPRINGS:** Brother Paul Ellis has been called to serve as our Associate Pastor and will be ordained on July 2<sup>nd</sup> at 2:00 pm. All ordained men are invited to join the presbytery for the service. It will be held at Maple Springs Baptist Church, 221 Maple Springs Rd, Tellico Plains. We also want to thank the Associational Scholarship Committee for selecting Sarah Lynn for one of the 2023 High School Scholarships (pictured: Youth Leaders Megan and Adam Martin presenting scholarship to Sarah Lynn).



**NEW PROVIDENCE:** New Providence Mission Center located at 451 New Providence Rd in Tellico Plains is in our old church building. It



provides clothing, food, hygiene items, health and beauty items, household goods, children's items and supplies along with children's clothing and toys. We are accepting donations of these items and monetary donations. We invite our sister churches to join us in this ministry. Many needs have been met already and we look forward to seeing what God continues to do through the blessing of this ministry. If you would like to volunteer to help in the center, please let us know. We are also happy to give a tour of the center for those who are interested and want to know more about it. God has truly blessed. For more information, feel free to contact 423-519-6899, 423-337-1697 or 423-295-4873.

**NOTCHEY CREEK:** Our VBS Kickoff/Registration will be Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm; VBS will be July 24-28, 6:15-8:45 pm. Our Revival will be held August 20-24. Sunday Morning Services: 8:30 and 10:45 a.m.; Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m.; Monday-Thursday: 7:00 p.m. Evangelist will be Michael Mason (Evangelist, Author, Song Writer & Singer [www.michaelmasonministries.com](http://www.michaelmasonministries.com)).



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

**REED SPRINGS:** Brother Ronnie McDowell has been called to serve as Senior Pastor of Riverdale Baptist Church in Georgia. He will be ordained at Reed Springs on Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m. All ordained men are invited to join the presbytery. The church is located at 121 Reed Springs Church Rd, Philadelphia, TN.



**ROCKY SPRINGS:** We want to invite everyone to attend a Summer Youth Rally at Sequoyah High School, June 28-July 1.

## Summer Youth Rally

at Sequoyah High School  
June 28 – July 1 @ 6:30 pm  
June 28 Kickoff: Food, Fun & Fellowship



will be held on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. Our Homecoming service will be held on August 13<sup>th</sup>.

**UNION MCMINN:** Our 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration

**LOCAL MISSION PROJECT:  
MISSION ON THE MOUNTAIN**

*Unity Baptist Church from Sylvester, Georgia* will be doing a mission project in our Association on July 29<sup>th</sup>. They will be giving away backpacks, school supplies, blankets, hygiene items, etc. at two locations in the Citico area.

*Back-to-School*

## back-pack give-away

### SATURDAY, JULY 29

*2 Locations to Choose From*

**Citico Fire Hall  
@ Noon**

1665 Citico Rd, Vonore

**Howard's Chapel  
Baptist Church  
@ 6:00 pm**

424 Old Citico Rd, Vonore

**free food/snacks**

*provided by  
Citico Baptist Church &  
Howard's Chapel Baptist Church*

\*while supplies last

## ORDINATIONS

On Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, **New Macedonia Baptist Church** ordained three new Deacons, Kyle Allmond, Ben Curtis and Taylor Morris.



On Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>, **Cane Creek Baptist Church** ordained Jeff Dalton. Jeff was called to be the Youth Pastor at **Poplar Bluff Baptist Church**. (Pictured: Carroll Hamilton and Jeff Dalton)

On Sunday, June 11, Sam Baines was ordained by **South Madisonville Baptist Church**. Sam was called to serve as Pastor of **Tevis Springs Baptist Church**. (Pictured: Grady Butler and Sam Baines)



Sweetwater Baptist Association presents...

# CONNECT

## Student Worship Rally

### JULY 13 @ 7 PM

NOTCHEY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



## Ryan Keaton

## Roger Williams & the AMUQ



Sweetwater Baptist Association



## Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting

### Monday, August 7<sup>th</sup>

7:00 p.m.

Hosted by: *Concord Baptist Church*  
3115 Upper Concord Road, Concord, TN



**Guest Preachers:**  
**Isaac Sparks**  
Pastor, Union Grove Baptist Church  
Message of Prayer

**Special Music By:**  
Monday Morning Pastor  
Conference Singers

**Our Heritage Lives On**  
And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might; And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up. -----Deuteronomy 6:5-7

### Everyone Invited!

## Church Clerk Training Seminar

### Tuesday, September 12

@ Sweetwater Baptist Association

*Two times to choose from*

### 10:00 am or 6:30 pm

Topics

- Business Meeting Minutes
- Membership
- A.C.P. Reporting

# Media CONFERENCE

*When*  
**Monday**  
**August 28**  
**6:30 pm**

*Where*  
**Tribe**  
**Building**  
FBC Madisonville

*Lead by*  
**Scott Shepherd, TBMB Specialist**

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### NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

#### Welcome New Pastors

Sam Baines .....Tevis Springs

#### Director of Mission Visits/Miscellaneous:

Surgery Recovery; Calvary; Oak Grove (Executive Board); Glenlock; Beaty's Chapel; Notchey Creek (WMU Meeting); Gregory's Chapel; Clifton; Tellico (Revival); Fairview Tabernacle; Community; Compromise; Citico; Shelton Grove; Oak Grove; Concord; Lower Chilhowee; Druid Hill; Ebenezer

Online: Bethlehem; Walnut Grove; Fellowship; Murray's;

#### Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Calvary, Cane Creek, Hopewell Springs, Lower Chilhowee, Murrays, New Zion, Tellico (Ballplay)



### Upcoming Events

"If my people, which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land." --2 Chronicles 7:14

- July 3-4 ..... Office Closed, Independence Day
- July 10..... Nominating Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., *SBA Office*
- July 11..... Budget Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., *SBA Office*
- July 13..... CONNNECT, Youth Rally, *Notchey Creek*, 7:00 p.m.
- July 31..... Youth Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., *SBA Office*
- August 7 ..... Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m., *Concord*
- August 28 ..... Media Conference, 6:30 p.m., *Madisonville First, TRIBE Building*
- September 5 *Biblical Studies Classes*, SBA Office, 6:30 p.m.
- September 10-17 *Week of Prayer for State Missions and Golden Offering*
- September 11 *Pastor/Family Picnic*, Notchey Creek Pavilion, 6:30 p.m.
- September 12 Church Clerk Training, 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- September 25..... Mission Committee Meeting, SBA Office, 6:30 p.m.
- September 27 ..... See You at the Pole

*(Meetings and events subject to change)*

### WMU/Ladies Group

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

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



## February 24, 2024



## Pastor, Preacher and Leadership Conference

Housed by **Notchey Creek Baptist Church**  
(Watch for further details!)

Sweetwater Baptist Association

### Monday Pastor's Conference, 10:00 a.m.

Meetings will resume on July 17<sup>th</sup>  
at SBA Office in Madisonville

The Upper Room Christian Counseling

**Macy Small, M.A.**

112 Key Kile Rd, Sweetwater, TN 37874  
**865.414.3269**

**SBA Office Hours** Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

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