

The MESSENGER of the Sweetwater Baptist Association



"Churches on Mission Together"
Celebrating 190 years, 1830 – 2020

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**2021 Associational Evangelism Rally
January 18 & 19, 6:45 p.m.**

Hosted by **Notchey Creek Baptist Church**, Madisonville, TN



Dr. Bartholomew Orr, Conference Speaker
Senior Pastor, Brown Missionary Baptist Church, Southaven, MS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Monday: Phillip Johnson & Fairview Tabernacle Ensemble

Tuesday: The Hymnsmen Quartet

Theme: *Our Compass: The Cross*

EVERYONE INVITED!

Sweetwater Baptist Association

- **Pastor and Wife
Christmas Banquet**

- **Senior Adult
Christmas Show**



Both Events Rescheduled For 2021

Churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association

Welcomes New Pastor



MURRAYS

**Pastor Stone Gray
and wife Kaitlyn**

We are praying for this pastor, his wife and the congregation, as they share Christ in their community.

Annual Meeting, 2020

Sweetwater Baptist Association

Please pray for the *2020-2021 Leadership* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association as they serve.



(left to right) Lewis Jones, 2020-2021 Moderator (Pastor, Island Creek)
Mitch Ingram, 2019-2020 Outgoing Moderator (Pastor, Lakeside)
Tony Rutherford (Director of Missions)
(not pictured) Michael McLemore, 2020-2021 Vice-Moderator (Pastor, 411 Chapel)

"Thank you" Churches of the SBA for providing over \$48,000 for the water-well offering for Myanmar.



Check for funds was presented to Carolyn Outland and Ann Davenport with Care Ministries by the Director of Missions.

Director of Missions



A special *thank you* to Pastor Andrew Osakue and the wonderful folks at Vonore Baptist Church for their hosting of the 190th Annual Meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Pastor Andrew did an excellent devotion, as he encouraged us to seek God's presence, whether we are in the village or a desolate place. Also, gratitude is passed to those in attendance who were considerate of others by wearing masks and social distancing. Everyone's cooperation provided a safe and successful Annual Meeting.

A highlight of the meeting was the presentation of the Myanmar funds to Carolyn Outland and Ann Davenport of Care Ministries. The churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association gave in excess of \$48,000 to the poverty-stricken community. As soon as possible, fresh water will be flowing from the wells God has provided through your generosity. Imagine when the day comes, as you stroll through heaven and a stranger comes up to you and says, "thank you...you do not know me, but you gave me food when I was hungry, water when I was thirsty, and clothed me when I was naked." What a blessing that will be!

A new project was proposed for 2020-2021. Many of you are aware of the *Isaiah 117* house. This ministry is concerned for the care of children that are caught in a difficult family situation. On many occasions, the Department of Childrens Services is called into domestic situations that have become dangerous to the children. Emergency housing is required for these children until they can be placed in protective care. Presently these displaced children are sleeping on the floor at the DCS office or at another location, and this only adds to their disturbing circumstances. On an average 2-3 children need this protective care weekly. One house is being planned for Monroe and McMinn County. Adults often make bad choices that place these innocent children's lives in destructive situations. We are biblically challenged to care for the helpless of our society. Our goal in the *Isaiah 117* project is \$10,000. Please pray and give!

Our Moderator, Mitch Ingram and all the Association Committee Leadership presented encouraging reports and were extremely professional in fulfilling their duties for our congregations. We are blessed and honored to have people of high character filling these positions. Also, Sheri and Becky work tirelessly to make sure everything is carried out perfectly. We are blessed to serve our Lord through the Sweetwater Baptist Association.

Having just completed my 10th Annual Meeting, it is needless to say, there has been none like this one! Pastors, I have truly felt your pain! Four months into our 2019-2020 church year, things were looking great. Plans for a productive year were in place, and the promise of reaching the lost were breaking forth with the spring. However, God chose to allow a "we've never done it this way before" to shatter our plans and call us to seek His direction as we circumvent the course He has chosen for us. The God of our future promised to never forsake us. Therefore, we can expect God to do something great through His Church. It may be days, weeks or years before the

church realizes how God has moved during this pandemic. God does not act without the purpose to bring Himself glory. So, we can be assured that God is at work in our midst and His handprint is on the day in which we live. I, for one, am looking forward to seeing what God has done!

Darnell and I pray you have a *Blessed Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.* --Tony

REPORT FROM ANNUAL MEETING, 2020:

Even under the most unusual circumstances, Messengers gathered for the 190th Session of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. "Our Compass: The Cross" was the theme for the 2020 Annual Meeting. The opening welcome, devotion and prayer was presented by Pastor Andrew Osakue, Vonore Baptist Church. Denise Bronaugh shared a word of greetings from the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and presented a plaque to the Sweetwater Baptist Association on behalf of churches of the Association that participated in the *Golden Mission Offering*. The *Memorial Report* included *Dedication of the 2020 Minutes* of the Association in memory of retired or former pastors: Eddie McDaniel, Clinton Riddle, Russell Jones, Robert (Bob) Hatley, James (Jim) Millsaps and Barney Tipton. These men were dearly beloved and faithful servants to this Association and our Lord. They will be sadly missed.



Our Moderator, Mitch Ingram did an outstanding job in leading the Business Session. Items approved by Messengers included: Lewis Jones (Pastor of Island Creek) will serve as Moderator for 2020-2021 and Michael McLemore (Pastor of 411 Chapel) was elected as Vice-Moderator for 2020-2021; a land trade was made with the new property owner of adjoining property giving a triangle of land near the disaster relief building for a triangle of road frontage; churches were encouraged to pray for and receive an offering for *Isaiah 117* project in February 2021; and a proposed budget of \$186,223.00 was approved. We thank our Moderator, Mitch Ingram for his humble spirit and outstanding leadership this past year.

No items were presented by the Missions Committee for consideration; however, the *Missions Committee Report* indicated that churches have continued to be on mission here at home and around our world. In addition to the funds received for Myanmar, disaster relief supplies and funds were provided for devastating tornadoes and hurricanes in Tennessee and gulf coast regions. It was reported that Altoona withdrew membership from the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Short-term mission projects are being planned for 2021 in Guatemala and Iowa.

We want to thank 60+ Pastors, Messengers and visitors from churches represented that were in attendance for the sessions. We want to thank the host church, Vonore Baptist Church and Pastor Andrew Osakue. We also want to thank the Program Committee, and everyone that served on the program for this year's Annual Meeting. Please pray for the Program Committee as they plan and prepare for *Annual Meeting, 2021*.

A NOTE OF THANKS: Sweetwater Baptist Association, "We thank our God upon every remembrance of you." Philippians 1:3.



There are not enough words to adequately express our surprise and gratitude for your overwhelming, generous donation to the Myanmar water wells and feeding program. We feel much like Paul when he wrote about the churches in Macedonia, "In a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. For I testify that according to their ability and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord....and this, not as we had expected but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God." II Cor. 8:2-3, 5.

Ann and I wish we could personally thank every person in every church that gave so that people on the other side of the world could survive starvation during this pandemic. When the lockdown is lifted, there will be new wells dug that will provide clean water to thousands of people. In providing clean water, the door is opened to share the Living Water to those who are dying for lack of knowledge of the one and only Savior. We at Care Ministries have no doubt that when "the roll is called up yonder" there will be many people from Myanmar entering heaven's gate due to generous, compassionate Christians in Sweetwater Association.

We pray God will richly bless Sweetwater Association, the churches and individuals who showed their love through their actions. Blessings, Carolyn (Carolyn Outland and Ann Davenport, Care Ministries, Inc. *Myanmar Project 2020*)

2021 ASSOCIATIONAL EVANGELISM RALLY: We want to personally invite you and your church to attend the **2021 Sweetwater Baptist Association Evangelism Rally!**



The Evangelism Committee has planned a 2-night *Evangelism Rally* again for 2021! The meeting will be held on **Monday and Tuesday, January 18 & 19**. Both nights will be hosted by **Notchey Creek Baptist Church** in Madisonville. The meeting will begin at **6:45 p.m.** each evening.

Our conference speaker is **Dr. Bartholomew Orr**. Dr. Orr currently serves as Senior Pastor of Brown Missionary Baptist Church, Southaven, MS. Dr. Orr loves God and loves to do Kingdom work. He has a strong commitment to the local church, a love for the Word of God, and a heart for lost souls. We are excited to have Dr. Orr to come and share with us for both evenings.

We know you will be blessed as special music on Monday evening will be provided by Phillip Johnson and an Ensemble from Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church. Phillip is Minister of Music at Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church in Sweetwater. We are also so fortunate to have Phillip to serve as our Associational Music Director.

Then we know you will receive an added blessing as The Hymnsmen Quartet will provide special music on Tuesday evening.

This *Evangelism Rally* will encourage you, as a pastor and/or leader in your church, and help us keep our focus on what Jesus has called

us to do. No matter what we do, there is nothing more important than evangelism. Please encourage your church leaders and members to attend the *Evangelism Rally*. You will not want to miss this great event! Everyone is invited to attend. Mark your calendars for **Monday and Tuesday evening, January 18th and 19th at Notchey Creek Baptist Church!**

EVENTS RESCHEDULED FOR 2021: SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS SHOW & CHRISTMAS BANQUET:

After carefully evaluating recent data regarding the increase in COVID-19 in our area, **we felt it was necessary to cancel and reschedule our annual Senior Adult Christmas Show and Christmas Banquet.** This was not an easy decision to make; and **we regret having to cancel these events for 2020.** However, out of safety and concern for our pastors and church families, we feel this is in the best interest of our churches and congregations. We do not feel it would be a good idea to bring so many people from different churches together in one place this year.



We always look forward to this special time of fellowship. Therefore, plans have already been made, and **the Christmas Show and Christmas Banquet have already been rescheduled for 2021.** Aaron Wilburn has already been confirmed and will be our guest humorist/musician for December, 2021. Again, we feel it was best to cancel these events for 2020, but look forward to enjoying the Christmas season together at another less disturbing time.

HOLY LAND GROUP TOUR, 2022 Sweetwater Baptist Association and Yael Adventure

(Hosted by Tony Rutherford) Would you like to be part of the *Holy Land Tour 2022*? The dates of the tour are January 20-29 and the total cost is \$4000.00 per person. If so, please contact the SBA Office at 423-442-6604 immediately for additional information; we still have seats available.

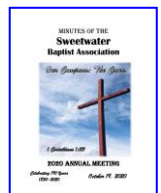


BIBLICAL STUDIES CLASS: The winter session for the Biblical Studies Class at the Sweetwater Baptist Association office will begin on Tuesday, January 5th at 6:30 p.m. This 8-week study will be *The Tabernacle*. This will be a non-credit class taught by Tony Rutherford; the cost of the class is \$20.00 per person.



ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS:

The **2020 Minutes of the 190th Annual Meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association** are now at the printers and will be available for pickup in the SBA office very soon. If your church ordered *Minutes of the Annual Meeting*, please stop by the Association Office at your convenience to pick up your copies. This year the *2020 Minutes* were dedicated in memory of retired or former pastors, Eddie McDaniel, Clinton Riddle, Russell Jones, Robert (Bob) Hatley, James (Jim) Millsaps and Barney Tipton. Extra copies of the *Minutes* are available at \$7.00 per printed copy on a first-come, first-serve basis. The *Minutes of the 190th Annual Meeting* are also available on our website at www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com.



2021 SBA CALENDARS will soon be available at the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office. We have asked that *2021 Associational Calendars* be picked up, if possible.



We hope Pastors and Church Leadership will use the calendar in planning church events for 2021, and anything we have scheduled would not hinder any of the events at one of the churches. This allows each of us the opportunity to support the ministries that are offered by both the Association and each of our churches.

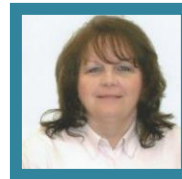
2021 HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Just a reminder to our pastor and youth leaders! Information regarding the Sweetwater Baptist Association, *High School Scholarship* program will be available for a limited time online on our website at www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com or can be picked up at the Associational Office. Scholarship applications for 2021 must be completed and returned to the Association Office by **March 1st**. Please help us get this word out to our students by announcing this to your church.



- We are sending more missionaries to the nations
- We are reaching more people groups with the Gospel

Yet billions remain lost! We still have much work to be done. It will take all of us to share the Great Commission, to **every church, every nation**, among unreached people and places. *(Information taken from www.imb.org.)*



WMU/LADIES MINISTRY NEWS:

Due to COVID-19 safeguards and precautions, the



Madisonville Health and Rehab has advised that they are currently not accepting monthly birthday cakes. However, we ask that you please contact the Activities Director at the Madisonville Health and Rehab at 442-3990 when it is your time to provide the birthday cake. Since rules at the location are constantly changing, updated precautions are being implemented concerning entrance at the nursing home continuously. We want to thank all the churches who participate in the *Birthday Cake Ministry* at Madisonville Health and Rehab.

- November:** Bethlehem
- January:** Vonore
- March:** New Providence

- December:** New Bethany
- February:** Rocky Springs
- April:** Oak Grove

We were so saddened that the *WMU/Ladies Meeting* on November 2nd had to be cancelled. However, we look forward to seeing you on May 3rd at Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church for the next scheduled *WMU/Ladies Meeting*. 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 May WMU Meeting. These items will be given to the Hope Center for use in their ongoing ministries. You may want to begin planning for this special time.** Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas, Love in Christ, *Charlotte Hollinghead*, Associational WMU Director



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The **UPPER Room Christian Counseling Center** provides pastoral counseling, combining counseling and pastoral guidance from a Bible-based, Christian perspective. It helps individuals and families address the struggles and issues of life in both a clinical and spiritual way. The counseling ministry helps individuals discover their identity in Christ, and find healing and purpose in their relationships with God, themselves and others. For more information, call 865.414.3269 or check the counseling link at www.fairviewfamily.org **Macy Small, M.A., The Upper Room Christian Counseling.**



LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS:

The *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering* has been supporting missionaries among the unreached since 1888. Your giving makes this work possible and enables missionaries to be sent to make disciples and multiply churches among unreached people and places for the glory of God. The suggested date for the *Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering* is November 29-December 6. Plan now to be part in the *Week of Prayer for International Missions* and the *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*. The theme for this year is *A Great Multitude + You*.



100% of gifts to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering fund IMB missionaries who are making disciples and multiplying churches among unreached people and places. Here are examples of how your church is making an impact through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering:

Missions Get Together & Connection



March 19-21, 2021

Gatlinburg Convention Center, Gatlinburg, TN
www.tnwmu.org

ISAIAH 117: When children are taken from their homes, out of concern for their welfare, they are usually brought to the Department of Children's Services Office. Sometimes they wait several hours or days until placement with a foster family. Often, these children have nothing with them, and thus are scared and lonely. *Isaiah 117* is a ministry devoted to providing comfort for the children in what can be a most confusing time in their lives. Monroe and McMinn County are in the process of working together to make available a comfortable space for the children in these counties during this time of need. Messengers at the 2020 Annual Meeting voted for churches to pray for and receive an offering for the *Isaiah 117* project in February, 2021. Please plan now for your church to be part of this worthwhile project.



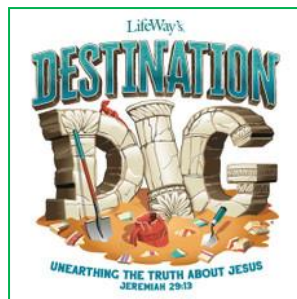
GUATEMALA MISSION PROJECT:

We are praying for short-term mission volunteers to serve on ministry teams in 2021 in Guatemala. It is hopeful that established ministry work will continue where focus has already begun by current teams, and additional work will begin in different areas of Guatemala by new teams. If you are interested in serving on a 2021 mission team in Guatemala, please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Project dates are tentatively planned for June 22-29, June 29-July 6 and September 14-21.



having recently traveled or planning to travel to Israel, we think you will be excited!

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:

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| 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 |

The 2021 Associational VBS Clinic will be held on **Monday evening, April 19th** at Rocky Springs Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there!

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*.

Watch for additional information about Vacation Bible School and the VBS Clinic. We pray you have a blessed and joyous Christmas and New Year! **Bryan and Kim Williamson, Associational VBS Directors**

YOUTH COMMITTEE: The start of a new Associational year brings new council members to our committees. **Cody Dalton** moves into the chairman position on the Youth Committee. Cody has faithfully served on this committee for the past 4 years and will finish out his 5th year as Chairman. Cody also serves as the Youth Pastor of *Cane Creek Baptist Church*. We appreciate Cody's service to his church and to the Association.



As everyone is aware, 2020 brought many challenges to the way we are able to serve in our churches and within the Association. But, we are hopeful we will be able to proceed with our events and meetings as scheduled in 2021. We are continuing to plan for **Youth Reach 2021**, and already have an awesome line-up of program guests and a great new location for the conference! Registration packets are scheduled to be sent out in March or April, so go ahead and mark your calendars for **July 16-17** for **Youth Reach**.



On September 23rd, the annual student prayer event "**See You at the Pole**" was observed at many area schools. It is encouraging to see so many young people meeting before school to have a time of prayer for their

schools, communities and our nation.

Niles Ferry Baptist Church in Greenback has openings for the following positions: Senior Pastor, Youth Pastor and Music Minister. For more information please contact 865-407-9972 or 865-216-9912.

CHURCH GIFTS: We are so thankful to the churches for the gifts you have shared with the Sweetwater Baptist Association. These gifts support the various budget ministries of the Association.



We wanted to share a *Yearly Report* of our *Church Gifts* for **October 2019 through September 2020** which totaled \$190,426.29, as reported at *Annual Meeting, 2020*. You will note the second column of the following list shows total gifts for each church for 2019-2020. In addition, we have included church gifts for the new Associational year beginning October 1, 2020. Church gifts received for the month of October 2020 totaled \$19,038.08 and appear in the last column.

Again, we thank you for your giving for Kingdom work. Please review this information and contact our office if you should have any questions.

**SBA Church Gifts
Yearly Report for 2019-2020 and
Church Gifts for Month of October 2020**

| Church/Mission | 2019-2020 Totals | October, 2020 |
|---------------------|------------------|---------------|
| 411 Chapel | 1500.00 | 0.00 |
| Antioch | 275.00 | 25.00 |
| Beaty's Chapel | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Bethlehem | 12,336.11 | 1020.00 |
| Big Creek | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| Calvary | 1067.09 | 69.72 |
| Cane Creek | 2400.00 | 200.00 |
| Cedar Fork | 5574.12 | 350.07 |
| Cedar Valley | 9467.43 | 628.50 |
| Christianburg | 545.05 | 0.00 |
| Citico | 798.20 | 62.85 |
| Clifton | 275.00 | 25.00 |
| Community | 587.40 | 29.23 |
| Compromise | 600.00 | 50.00 |
| Conasauga | 1200.00 | 200.00 |
| Concord | 2000.39 | 0.00 |
| Delano | 3735.92 | 690.43 |
| Druid Hills | 60.00 | 0.00 |
| Ebenezer | 509.77 | 0.00 |
| Fairview | 240.00 | 0.00 |
| Fairview Tabernacle | 16,084.76 | 1278.59 |
| Fellowship | 1167.00 | 300.00 |
| Glenlock | 2666.65 | 0.00 |
| Gregory's Chapel | 1200.00 | 100.00 |
| Hopewell Springs | 667.00 | 0.00 |
| Howards Chapel | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Island Creek | 3600.00 | 300.00 |
| Lakeside | 900.00 | 600.00 |
| Long Ridge | 1000.00 | 0.00 |
| Lower Chilhowee | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Macedonia | 300.00 | 0.00 |
| Madisonville, First | 5000.04 | 416.67 |
| Maple Springs | 500.00 | 500.00 |
| Miller's Chapel | 1200.00 | 100.00 |
| Mt. Calvary | 1056.47 | 75.72 |
| Mt. Isabella | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Mt. Zion | 5961.24 | 797.86 |
| Murray's | 1727.13 | 1633.00 |
| New Bethany | 4665.69 | 1174.82 |
| New Macedonia | 1680.00 | 140.00 |
| New Providence | 5601.38 | 642.85 |

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| North Sweetwater | 1055.26 | 170.96 |
| Notchey Creek | 5587.02 | 477.20 |
| Oak Grove | 4280.07 | 322.77 |
| Oakland | 400.00 | 0.00 |
| Old Pond Hill | 100.00 | 0.00 |
| Old Sweetwater | 1000.00 | 0.00 |
| Paint Rock | 1320.00 | 110.00 |
| Piney Grove | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| Poplar Bluff | 2365.55 | 237.20 |
| Reed Springs | 1165.34 | 0.00 |
| Rocky Springs | 5000.00 | 400.00 |
| Rural Vale | 4375.79 | 441.99 |
| Shady Grove | 400.00 | 100.00 |
| Shelton Grove | 2096.80 | 131.60 |
| Shoal Creek | 897.38 | 0.00 |
| South Madisonville | 1200.00 | 100.00 |
| Sweetwater, First | 4200.00 | 350.00 |
| Tellico | 1200.00 | 0.00 |
| Tellico Plains, First | 5779.00 | 444.00 |
| Tevis Springs | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Towee Falls | 1800.00 | 150.00 |
| Trinity | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| Union Grove | 1440.00 | 120.00 |
| Union Hall | 525.00 | 0.00 |
| Union McMinn | 4800.00 | 400.00 |
| Unity | 500.00 | 0.00 |
| Upper Shady Grove | 650.00 | 50.00 |
| Vonore | 23,182.56 | 1513.74 |
| Walnut Grove | 2666.26 | 1096.74 |
| Watson Chapel | 2080.00 | 0.00 |
| Westside | 220.00 | 0.00 |
| Williamsburg | 583.48 | 80.84 |
| Miscellaneous/TBC | 9384.00 | 782.00 |
| Misc AM | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Misc Interest | 523.94 | 48.73 |
| Total Income | 190,426.29 | 19,038.08 |

FELLOWSHIP ROLLER SKATE

Saturday, November 14, 2020
11:30am—1:30pm

**AT
ROLL ARENA
PARTYZONE**

- Gospel Music
- Option to stay for the public session from 2:00-6:00pm
- No outside food or drink allowed

2801 E. Broadway Ave.
Maryville, TN 37804

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For more information:
Contact Event Coordinator,
Ed Cullen at 340-514-3728

CHURCH NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

• CANE CREEK

Deacon Ordination (Kevin Wiseman): December 6, 3:00 pm

• ISLAND CREEK

Drive-Thru Nativity: Friday and Saturday nights,
December 18 & 19, 6:00–8:00 pm each evening
Children's Christmas Program: Sunday morning,
December 20, 10:30 am

• NOTCHEY CREEK

Visit our website for upcoming Thanksgiving & Christmas events www.notcheycreekbaptist.org

• POPLAR BLUFF

Community Thanksgiving Dinner: November 28, 12:00 Noon
Eat-in or pick-up; first come, first served.

• VONORE BAPTIST

Christmas at Vonore: December 13, 11:00 am & 4:00 pm



NATIONAL COLLECTION WEEK NOVEMBER 16-23, 2020

2 Drop-Off Locations in our Association

Island Creek Baptist Church

2505 Highway 411 - Madisonville, TN 37354

Mon-Fri (Nov 16-20)..... 11:00 am – 6:00 pm

Sat (Nov 21) 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Sun (Nov 22) 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Mon (Nov 23)..... 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Union McMinn Baptist Church

314 County Road 316 - Niota, TN 37826

Mon-Fri (Nov 16-20)..... 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

Sat (Nov 21) 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Sun (Nov 22) 2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Mon (Nov 23)..... 9:00 am – 11:00 am

ORDINATIONS and SPECIAL MILESTONE ANNIVERSARIES: While it's not always possible to make it to each one, our Director of Missions tries to attend as many ordination services and special milestone anniversaries for our churches as possible.

Josh Sloan Ordination at Shoal Creek Baptist Church. Josh has been called to his first pastorate at Lower Chilhowee Baptist Church. *Pictured: Josh Sloan, Harold Sloan, Steve Strickland*



Justin Roberts Deacon Ordination at Fairview Baptist Church (Tellico). *Pictured: Justin Roberts and Tim Standridge.*

Tim Pike Deacon Ordination at Rural Vale Baptist Church. *Pictured: Carroll Hamilton and Tim Pike.*



Anthony Smith Deacon Ordination at Concord. *Pictured: Ashley & Anthony Smith, Neal Pillion.*

Old Sweetwater Baptist Church recently celebrated their 200-Year Anniversary. Tony presented a keepsake plaque from the *Tennessee Baptist Mission Board* in honor of this milestone. *Pictured: Tony Rutherford and Richard Lane.*



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NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

Welcome New Pastors

MurraysStone Gray

Director of Mission Visits:

Conasauga, Towee Falls, Trinity, Millers Chapel, Upper Shady Grove, Tellico (Ballplay), Mt. Isabella, Tevis Springs, Old Sweetwater (Homecoming), Fairview (Tellico, Deacon Ordination), Unity, Northport, Big Creek, Union Grove, 411 Chapel, Oak Grove, Antioch, Concord (Deacon Ordination), Ebenezer, Compromise, Bethlehem, Calvary, Community, Citico, Oakland, Union Grove (Ordination Isaac Sparks), Island Creek, Cedar Valley, Cedar Fork, Lower Chillhowee, Druid Hills, Christianburg, Mt. Calvary, Murrays, Lakeside, Sweetwater First, Vonore (Annual Meeting), New Bethany, Howards Chapel, Reed Springs (on-line)

Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Conasauga, Fairview (Tellico), Fairview Tabernacle, Trinity



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year
Sweetwater Baptist Association

*Tony Rutherford,
Becky Jones and Sheri Stephens*

Upcoming Events/News

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace, good will toward men.”

—Luke 2:14

November 26...Thanksgiving Day
Nov 29-Dec 6...*Week of Prayer for International Missions*
and *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*

December 25 Christmas Day



January 1 New Year's Day
January 5 *Biblical Studies* Classes Begin
January 18 & 19 *SBA Evangelism Rally*,
Notchey Creek, 6:45 p.m.



Newsletter:

The next issue of the Newsletter will be
January/February.

PLEASE NOTE: Photos are taken at all associational meetings and events. These may be used by the Association in newsletters, on our website or social media sites.

Check Out Our Website

www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com

Visit us on Facebook

SBA Pastor's Conference

Monday Mornings at 10:00 a.m.
No Pastor's Conference in Month of December
Pastors Conference will resume on January 4th

WMU/Ladies Group

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

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



SBA Office Hours

Monday-Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Association Office will be closed December 20th-January 3rd in observance of the holidays. We are thankful to the Association for allowing us this time to spend with family and friends. – The Associational Staff