

*The MESSENGER*  
of the  
*Sweetwater Baptist Association*



*"Churches on Mission Together"*  
Celebrating 188 years, 1830 - 2018

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Sweetwater Baptist Association and  
Tennessee Baptist Convention *presents*

**Serve Conference, 2018**  
*from the Neighborhood*  
*to the Nations*



Hosted by **First Baptist Church, Madisonville**  
**Monday, August 27, 6:30 p.m.**

Special Music..... *First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Praise Band*

**Guest Speakers:**

- Dr. Randy Davis ..... *Executive Director-Treasurer, TBMB*
- Kim Margrave ..... *Volunteer Missions Specialist, TBMB*
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**Valuable information and training for all church leaders.**

Learn how your church can engage in reaching the neighborhoods to nations thru Disaster Relief, Compassion Ministries and Partnership Missions

- **Free Conference - No pre-registration required for Conference.**
- **Everyone invited! Please announce in your church!**
- **For more information, contact SBA Office at 423-442-6604.**

**SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**2018 Annual Meeting**

**Monday, October 15, 2018**

**Fairview Tabernacle Baptist Church**  
**Sweetwater, Tennessee**

Theme: *The Way* ---John 14:6



● **Business Session: 6:30 p.m.**

- Mission Committee Report/Recommendation
- Presentation of Budget
- Election of Officers
- Director of Missions Report

● **Worship Session: 7:15 p.m.**

- Moderator's Message: Greg McCosh, *Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Madisonville*
- Video Message from Dr. Randy Davis, *Executive Director-Treasurer, TBC*

**New Format...  
ONE DAY – TWO SESSIONS!**

*Annual Church Profiles (ACP's) and Messenger Cards  
must be completed and returned to the SBA Office by October 4<sup>th</sup>.*

Sweetwater Baptist Association, Family of Churches, Welcomes....



**Pastor Steve Teague**  
and wife, **Connie**

**LONG RIDGE**  
**BAPTIST CHURCH**

Our prayers are with this dear man of God, his family, and congregation as they work together to share Christ in their community.

**MEMBERS OF YOUR CHOIR ARE INVITED TO JOIN...**

Associational Choir to provide special music at  
Worship Session of Annual Meeting on  
October 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:15 p.m. at  
Fairview Tabernacle Baptist Church, Sweetwater, TN  
Phillip Johnson (Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church)  
will serve as Music Director.  
Listening cd's will be available at the SBA Office.

## Director of Missions

**I Believe in the Power of Prayer:** James declares to his readers that “ye have not, because ye ask



not” (4:2 KJV). James addresses the Christian who struggles with obedience as they walk in faith. A struggling believer is weakened and is easily captured by a moment of temptation. They can become a casualty in the spiritual warfare that surrounds every child of God.

James continues in verse three by stating, “Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss,” (KJV). Often when we do pray our requests are misdirected. When Jesus was teaching His disciples to pray, He stressed that the Father’s will was/is more important than our request. The Father knows what is best for His children. The direction of our pleas may lead us down the wrong road if we are not careful. We are often misguided when we think because we ask for something or convince ourselves something is “God’s will” that God is obligated to answer our prayer in the affirmative. Seeking the Holy Spirit’s guidance will help us avoid a powerless prayer.

The study of James shows that prayer does not provide us a request list for our desires to be fulfilled. Prayer in the correct spirit will literally change our lives. Maybe that is the point! We want prayer to change the situation in which we find ourselves. Instead, the *power of prayer* may not change our situation, but the change will be in the one who sacrifices themselves on the altar of faith. The *power of prayer* changes ME!

Ministers often experience a “*Holy Affirmation*” while standing in the pulpit presenting God’s Word. A sense of euphoria permeates the orator delivering a message for God. The pastor has given his week to studying the Truth and calling upon the Author of the Word for insights that can only come from above. An enhanced sensitivity to His Holiness brings the messenger into an unexplainable taste of Divine. This occurs because of the *power of prayer*.

A recent event in my life caused me to consider the true *power of prayer*. As many of you know, an experience with a kidney stone led to the discovery to a 3.5 cm renal cell carcinoma mass in my right kidney. While I battled the pain of the stone, my prayer was simple and direct, “Lord, help me pass this stone and relieve the pain.” Hours of what I considered unanswered prayer led me to the emergency room for treatment. The professionals ran tests on my kidneys, and sure enough, discovered a stone working its way through my body. However, that is not all they found. The cancer mass showed up on the x-ray machine. Greater attention would be required to bring about healing. Therefore, my prayer was really misguided. Little did I know that God caused the kidney stone to allow the doctors to discover a greater issue.

The word cancer has the power to take away the euphoria that permeates this preacher. The “*Holy Affirmation*” fades into the background, and the enhanced sensitivity appears far removed. This news has caused me to rethink how my prayer life can best serve me, others, and the discovery of what God truly wants me to experience. When life is on the line: *I Believe in the Power of Prayer.*

---Tony Rutherford

**Just a note:** The surgery has been scheduled for September 19th at Tennova Hospital.



**BIBLICAL STUDIES CLASS:** A Biblical Studies Class at the Sweetwater Baptist Association office will begin on September 4<sup>th</sup>. The 8-week course will meet each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m., and will be the Study of *James*.

This will be a non-credit class taught by Dr. John Powers to help equip young preachers, pastors and Sunday School teachers. The cost of the class will be \$20.00 per person. Purchasing books is not required. However, suggested authors to read on *James* include: Warren Wiersby, John MacArthur, John Phillips and William Barclay. These books may be found online at Amazon, LifeWay, Ebay, CBD, etc. Please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association at 442-6604 for additional information or if you are interested in taking this class.

**GUATEMALA MISSION PROJECT:** In June, a team of 16 short term mission volunteers from Bethlehem Baptist Church travelled to Guatemala as part of the on-going TBMB mission partnership with Guatemala. Ministry work included: Vacation Bible School, free medical clinic, women’s workshop on prayer, ladies Bible study, men’s Bible study, door-to-door evangelism, clothes clinic and construction project.



In September, a team of 14 mission volunteers from Union McMinn Baptist Church will travel to Guatemala to work in a new location. Please pray for these volunteers as they share Christ with the people of Guatemala.

We are hopeful that teams will return in 2019 to continue ministry projects where ministry focus has already been established or to begin evangelistic work in new areas. We have already confirmed 2019 project dates of June 18-25 and September 17-24 with the missionary. If you are interested in serving on a 2019 mission team in Guatemala or scheduling a 2019 mission team for Guatemala, please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association.

### Fort Sherman Academy Travel Security Training Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m.

Union McMinn Baptist Church, Niota

Completion of course will certify security training through 2020.

All short-term mission volunteers are encouraged to attend mission training on Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:30 a.m. at Union McMinn Baptist Church. The training is being presented by the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board by **Fort Sherman Academy and is valid for 2 years**. The cost for the training is \$25.00 per person. All volunteers that plan to participate in upcoming mission projects are urged to attend this training.



### Israel Trip, 2019 and Israel, 2020 Sweetwater Baptist Association

and Yael Adventure, Hosted by Tony Rutherford:

Fifty-five participants will be traveling to Israel, January 24-February 2, 2019. A group meeting (with our representative from Yael Adventures) is being planned for all participants of the 2019 Israel Trip for mid-August. Please watch for additional details!



The 2019 is booked; however, we are now accepting names for a 2020 trip to Israel. If you are interested in participating in the 2020 trip to Israel, please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association office for more information.

**UKRAINE:** Please continue to pray for the people of Ukraine. We have groups from Bethlehem, Oak Grove, and Union-McMinn that have been or will be traveling to Ukraine to do ministry, visit family and friends over the next few months. For many years, churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association participated in partnership Kingdom work in Ukraine. Our prayers continue for the many pastors, churches and friends that were formed during our time of work in Ukraine.



**SERVE CONFERENCE:** A "pilot conference" is being offered by the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board on Monday evening, August 27<sup>th</sup>. We invite you to attend the *Serve Conference* that will be hosted by First Baptist Church in Madisonville. The conference begins at 6:30 p.m.



The purpose of this conference is to equip, train and strengthen church leadership and church workers in the area of ministry opportunities. Valuable information and training will be offered for all church leaders. Learn how your church can engage in reaching our people from our neighborhoods to the nations thru Disaster Relief, Compassion Ministries and Partnership Missions.

Since we cannot personally reach everyone that might benefit from attending this conference, **we would appreciate your sharing this information with teachers, officers, mission workers and leadership in your church.**

We look forward to seeing you and others from your church on the 27<sup>th</sup> of August at the First Baptist Church in Madisonville. Everyone is invited.

**PASTOR AND FAMILY PICNIC:** Pastors and their families are invited to join us for the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Pastor and Family Picnic on Monday evening, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at Notchey Creek Baptist Church, Pavilion Picnic Area. Reservations are required for the meal. Please contact SBA Office at 442-6604 to confirm a number in your family for the picnic or for additional information.



**ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS:** You should have already picked up your Annual Church Profile (ACP) packet and Messenger cards for the 2018 Annual Meeting. The ACP and Messenger cards must be completed and returned to the SBA Office by October 4<sup>th</sup>. Please remember that in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, each church is entitled to ten (10) Messengers and two (2) alternates. A **Messenger card must be completed for all pastors,** as well as **Officers and Committee Chairman of the Association** in order for them to participate in the business of the Association.



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.

**ANNUAL MEETING:** In reviewing the program for the 2018 Annual Meeting, you will note a significant change! The Program Committee recommended and the Executive Board approved that the *Constitution and Bylaws* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, in regards to the Annual Meeting, be suspended. This will allow for Annual Meeting, 2018 to be held as a one-day event. You will note that the Business Session will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Monday evening, October 15<sup>th</sup> and the Worship Service will begin at 7:15 p.m. on October 15<sup>th</sup>. One day, two sessions! Both sessions will be held at Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church in Sweetwater. Please join us for both sessions on the same day!



**ASSOCIATIONAL CHOIR TO SING AT ANNUAL MEETING:** Members of your church choir are invited to be part of the Associational Choir that will provide special music at the 2018 Annual Meeting. The Worship Session will be held on Monday evening, October 15<sup>th</sup> at Fairview Baptist

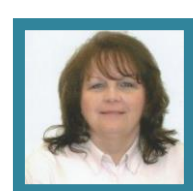


Tabernacle Church, Sweetwater. The choir will need to meet at the church on the 15<sup>th</sup> of October by 6:45 p.m. in order to prepare for the worship session which begins at 7:15 p.m. Phillip Johnson from Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church, and Associational Music Director, will serve as the Music Director. Listening cd's will be available at the Associational Office. Please stop by the SBA Office at your convenience to pick up a copy of the cd and feel free to make additional copies.

**DID YOU RECEIVE A LETTER FROM THE IMB?**



Several mission volunteers in our association have received a letter from the International Mission Board regarding the IMB database breach. This is a real letter from the IMB, and anyone who received it should follow the instructions in the letter to enroll in the free identity protection and credit monitoring program. The security breach did not affect all records, so if you didn't receive a letter, your information was not compromised. More information can be found in the Baptist Press at [www.bpnews.net](http://www.bpnews.net).



**WMU/LADIES MINISTRY NEWS:** The Week of Prayer for State Missions and the Golden Offering for



Tennessee Missions supports missions and ministries in Tennessee. In 1902, W.C. and Mildred Golden challenged Tennessee Baptists to pray for and give to missions within the state. They initiated the offering that was later named after them. Today, churches are still encouraged to learn about Tennessee missions and ministry as they participate in the Week of Prayer for Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. Please pray for, give to and serve in missions and ministries in Tennessee.

The suggested date for the 2018 Week of Prayer for Golden Offering and Tennessee Missions is September 9-16. However, your church leaders may choose to observe the season of prayer and offering at any time. The theme for 2018 is, "Pursue the One", and is based on Philippians 2:2.



Tennessee is a mission field; our mission field. We are to be united and intent on one purpose, sharing the Gospel. Pursue one person, one family, one town, one people group, to reach Tennessee for Christ. Make a difference, one life at a time by being the one to tell, to love. (Info taken from [tnbaptist.org](http://tnbaptist.org) and [goldenoffering.org](http://goldenoffering.org).)

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. Remember when it's your time to provide the birthday cakes... **August:** 411 Chapel; **September:** Mt. Zion; **October:** Notchey Creek; **November:** Bethlehem; and **December:** New Bethany.



I look forward to seeing you at Bethlehem Baptist Church on November 5<sup>th</sup> at the WMU Meeting.

May God bless you as you go out into the mission field. Love in Christ, *Charlotte Hollinghead*, Associational WMU Director

**Macy Small, M.A.**  
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Many individuals and families have greatly benefited from sharing their struggle with a counselor. You may benefit from talking to a counselor. Whatever your struggle, reach out for hope and help. *Macy Small, M.A., The Upper Room Christian Counseling*

**Services include....**

- Children, Teen, & Family Counseling
- Premarital & Marriage Counseling
- Divorce & Grief Recovery
- Individual sessions for stress, addictions, anger, self-esteem, & other personal struggles
- Classes & workshops

**2018 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL STATISTICS:**

We have already received some fantastic numbers for 2018 Vacation Bible Schools, but need to receive VBS reports for 2018 from all our churches. This information should include total enrollment, average attendance and number of



decisions for Christ.

If your church has not sent in your VBS report, please call the SBA office at 442-6604 or email [becky.jones@bellsouth.net](mailto:becky.jones@bellsouth.net) or [sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net](mailto:sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net) with your VBS numbers immediately. This information will appear in the 2018 Minutes of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. *Kim and Bryan Williamson, Associational VBS Directors*

Vacation Bible School - 2018 Report (*As reported to the association*)			
Church	Enrollment	Avg Attendance	Decisions for Christ
411 CHAPEL	111	107	1
BETHLEHEM	293	270	10
BIG CREEK	52	50	0
CEDAR FORK	56	47	0
CITICO	66	66	0
CONASAUGA	66	58	0
FAIRVIEW TABERNACLE	344	278	15
ISLAND CREEK	133	120	5
LAKESIDE	82	74	1
MADISONVILLE FIRST	176	105	7
MILLER'S CHAPEL	100	98	1
MT CALVARY	72	72	6
MURRAY'S	42	42	0
NEW BETHANY	152	117	5
NOTCHEY CREEK	294	261	20
OAK GROVE	104	84	2
OAKLAND	20	20	0
OLD SWEETWATER	98	98	20
REED SPRINGS	140	129	10
ROCKY SPRINGS	99	79	2
RURAL VALE	90	85	0
WATSON CHAPEL	351	250	22
Association Totals :	2941	2510	127

**2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** Lifeway's Vacation Bible School Jump-Start Kits for 2019 will soon be released and **will be available at the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office in December.** Please call the SBA Office at 442-6604 to reserve a kit for your church.



Next summer, kids will seek animals in rainforests, grasslands, frozen tundra and even the Rocky Mountains with the 2019 Vacation Bible School theme, **In the Wild! Amazing Encounters with Jesus.** Kids will embark as photographers seeking to snap pictures of animals. Along the way, they will focus on amazing, real-life encounters people had with Jesus. They will discover how Biblical snapshots of the Savior provide an opportunity to respond to the Gospel. The adventure of a lifetime awaits, as the amazing truth is revealed that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that we can have life in His name.

The VBS Motto is *Zoom in! Focus on Jesus!* with Scripture focus from John 20:31. The Biblical Story/Point for each session is as follows:

- (1) Encounter in the Temple *Jesus knew why He came*
- (2) Encounter at the River *Jesus is the Son of God*
- (3) Encounter on the Water *Jesus proved He is God's Son*
- (4) Encounter at the Tomb *Jesus rose from the dead*
- (5) Encounter on the Road *The Bible was written so I can believe*



All 2019 VBS materials will be at the SBA Office in January, and of course, the VBS Clinic will be in early spring and then VBS Link-up in the summer, 2019! If you have not used LifeWay Vacation Bible School materials and supplies in the past, we encourage you to stop by the Associational Office to look at the *Jump-Start Kits*. We will be happy to help you with your 2019 Vacation Bible School team, resources and supplies.



**PASTOR AND WIFE CHRISTMAS BANQUET:** The **Annual Pastor and Wife Christmas Banquet** will be held on **Monday evening, December 3rd at 6:30 p.m.** The catered meal/banquet will be held at Vonore Baptist Church, Family Life Center in Vonore. In addition to pastors and their wives, our invitation includes seminary extension students, retired pastors, associational officers and leadership, as well as their spouses.



**Dr. Charles S. Lowery will be our guest for the Pastor/Wife Christmas Banquet.** Due to limited space and to help plan the meal, **reservations are required.** Please call the SBA Office at 442-6604 or email the number attending to [becky.jones@bellsouth.net](mailto:becky.jones@bellsouth.net) or [sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net](mailto:sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net).

**DR. CHARLES LOWERY:** All of our churches will have opportunities to see Dr. Lowery while he is in our area. Dr. Lowery will be the guest speaker on **Sunday evening, December 2nd at Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church, Sweetwater.** The service begins at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is invited.

In addition, Dr. Lowery will be hosting a **Senior Adult Christmas Celebration at Vonore Baptist Church on Monday, December 3rd at 10:30 a.m.** This is a free event; and all ages are invited.

**Charles Lowery – in Person**

♦ **Sunday, December 2, 6:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday Evening Worship Service**  
 Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church, Sweetwater

♦ **Monday, December 3, 10:30 a.m.**  
**Senior Adult Christmas Celebration**  
 Vonore Baptist Church, Vonore

**Free** **Everyone Invited**

Dr. Charles S. Lowery, Ph.D. is president and CEO of Lowery Institute for Excellence, Inc. His diverse background includes private practice, college professor, management consultant and corporate motivator. He uses laughter to promote faith and family values in a lighthearted and humorous way. His unique style of humor, encouragement and motivation has made him one of the most sought after speakers in the country. Dr. Lowery is a seasoned communicator, teacher, author, humorist and motivator.



**The Life Chain** will be held on October 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-3:00 pm. It will begin at New Providence Rd, Tellico. *The Life Chain* is a silent, prayerful stand against abortion. This will be the 28<sup>th</sup> year for the stand. We urge everyone to come and stand in defense of those innocent lives taken through abortion. For more information, contact Alda Roberts at 261-2322 or LaVerne Davis at 261-2259.

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



**SBA Church Gifts through July 26, 2018**

Church/Mission.....	Total
411 Chapel.....	750.00
Altoona.....	0.00
Antioch.....	275.00
Beaty's Chapel.....	0.00
Bethlehem.....	9212.00
Big Creek.....	500.00
Calvary.....	939.24
Cane Creek.....	2000.00
Cedar Fork.....	4679.55
Cedar Valley.....	7177.59
Christianburg.....	858.90
Citico.....	709.20
Clifton.....	250.00
Community.....	457.86
Compromise.....	500.00
Conasauga.....	1100.00
Concord.....	1689.53
Delano.....	1870.15
Druid Hills.....	60.00
Ebenezer.....	688.85
Fairview.....	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle.....	12,580.77
Fellowship.....	1105.00
Glenlock.....	1950.00
Gregory's Chapel.....	1000.00
Hilltop.....	0.00
Hopewell Springs.....	1732.00
Howards Chapel.....	414.00
Island Creek.....	3300.00
Lakeside.....	900.00
Long Ridge.....	1000.00
Lower Chilhowee.....	0.00
Macedonia.....	200.00
Madisonville, First.....	4166.70
Maple Springs.....	500.00
Miller's Chapel.....	1000.00
Mt. Calvary.....	946.12
Mt. Isabella.....	100.00
Mt. Zion.....	5523.94
Murray's.....	2596.00
New Bethany.....	3301.85
New Macedonia.....	700.00
New Providence.....	4516.00
North Sweetwater.....	1096.25
Notchey Creek.....	4367.00
Oak Grove.....	3265.01
Oakland.....	300.00
Old Pond Hill.....	300.00
Old Sweetwater.....	1000.00
Paint Rock.....	1100.00
Piney Grove.....	1000.00
Poplar Bluff.....	2520.00
Reed Springs.....	2794.50
Rocky Springs.....	4500.00
Rural Vale.....	3557.06
Shady Grove.....	200.00
Shelton Grove.....	874.84
Shoal Creek.....	623.00

South Madisonville.....	1100.00
Sweetwater, First.....	3500.00
Tellico.....	1200.00
Tellico Plains, First.....	4851.00
Tevis Springs.....	0.00
Towee Falls.....	1500.00
Trinity.....	00.00
Union Grove - Niota.....	1200.00
Union Hall.....	337.00
Union McMinn-Niota.....	4000.00
Unity.....	0.00
Upper Shady Grove.....	500.00
Vonore.....	18,258.08
Walnut Grove.....	1243.72
Watson Chapel.....	1166.67
Westside.....	0.00
Williamsburg.....	497.95
TBC.....	7820.00
Miscellaneous/AM.....	50.00
Miscellaneous/Interest.....	308.96
<b>Total Income.....</b>	<b>\$156,281.29</b>

**SEE YOU AT THE POLE:** See You at the Pole will be observed on Wednesday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. SYATP Arm-bands will be available at the Associational Office for our churches and area schools.



**YOUTH COMMITTEE:** YOUTH REACH 2018 has come and gone, but the results will last through eternity. Praise God for at least 4 professions of faith; and one young man announced his call to preach while with his youth group at Youth Reach. What an awesome time with the students in our association.



We ask that everyone will be praying for our students as they are returning to school this month. They have amazing potential to be the light in a dark world. But they need our prayers and encouragement.

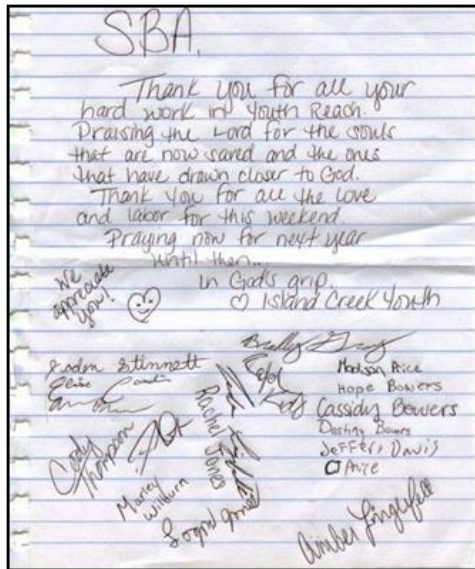


Let's commit together to lift up the young people in our churches, so they may reach the unchurched in their schools.



Visit us on facebook to see more pictures from Youth Reach!





**WESTSIDE:** Our Homecoming Service will be held September 16<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. Everyone is invited to join us. Each year, our church provides approx. 300 food boxes locally and on mission projects. Any non-perishable food donations would be greatly appreciated. Anyone willing to donate can leave their items at the Sweetwater Baptist Association or contact Pastor Dwight Torbett at 423-519-3305 or Wanda Colley at 865-228-8286. Thank you.



**UPPER SHADY GROVE:** We held a VBS under the leadership of our new Pastor, Rev. Noah Russell and his wife, Joy. We had a great attendance and averaged 47 people. One soul was saved. We would like to thank our Pastor and church, as well as Watson Chapel for all their

help. We pray next year will be even better.

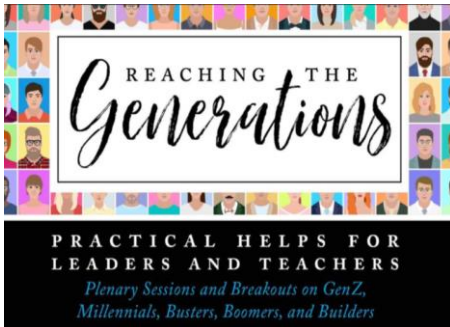
**Warren Jackson** is offering a free **Church Tax and Accounting Seminar** for Pastors, Treasurers, Financial Secretaries, etc. Contact Elle at 423-745-9314 to register (breakfast will be provided). The seminar will be from 9 am – 11 am.



- August 28 – Watson Chapel Baptist Church
- August 30 – Keith Memorial UMC, Athens

**TBMB Youth Leader Conference  
 Monday, August 20, 2018**

Oakwood Baptist Church, 4501 Bonny Oaks Dr, Chattanooga



NO REGISTRATION REQUIRED

**Schedule:**

- 6:30 pm-7:15 pm –Youth Leader Plenary Session
- 7:25 pm-8:10 pm –Teaching/Discipling Youth Breakout
- 8:15 pm-9:00 pm –Connecting/Reaching Youth Breakout

**FAIRVIEW TABERNACLE:** Everyone is invited to our annual fall program “Judgment Day”. However, please note, some of the content and topics may not be suitable for younger children. Parental discretion is advised. Reservations are not needed but we do recommend arriving early.

**Judgment Day**

**Church Youth Group Night:**  
 Wednesday, Oct. 24, 5:30 pm –8:00 pm

**Open to Everyone:**  
 Saturday & Sunday:  
 October 27-28, 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm

**CONASAUGA:** You are invited to attend Old Timers Day and Harvest Dinner on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Service will begin at 10:30 am; Tony Rutherford will be preaching.



**MILLER’S CHAPEL:** On Sunday, Aug. 12, we will join other churches from East Tennessee and North Carolina at the annual *Meeting On The Mountain*. Services will be held at Stratton’s Meadow on Cherohala Skyway. This event is hosted by Rev. Daniel Stewart each year. Bring a covered dish

lunch and join us for a wonderful day of worship with our brothers and sisters in Christ.



**NOTCHEY CREEK:** Pastor Gale Miller invites everyone to attend *Homecoming Services* at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup>.

*Hallelujah Night* will be held on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 until 7:00 pm in the church outdoor pavilion area. Free food, fun, cake walk, inflatables, and of course - CANDY! This is our annual fall celebration for the church and community. Everyone is invited.



**WATSON CHAPEL:** We will be having Revival services the week of August 20<sup>th</sup>. The evangelists will be Tommy Self and Ronald Blair. Everyone is invited to join us.

**October - Pastor Appreciation Month**

**Pastor Appreciation Day** is an excellent opportunity for churches to affirm love and appreciation to those who are called by God and serving as Shepherds of the Church.

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.

Church leaders, the 2019 trip is booked but, you might want to consider providing a trip to Israel for your pastor in 2020 for Pastor Appreciation or a Christmas gift. Please contact the SBA Office at 442-6604 for additional information regarding dates, costs, etc. for 2020 trip to Israel.

Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**2018 Annual Meeting Program**

Theme: *The Way* – John 14:6

**Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church, Sweetwater**  
 Monday Evening, October 15, 2018  
 Business Session I: 6:30 p.m. Worship Session 2: 7:15 p.m.

Program Committee

Dennis Robinson, Frank Crawford, Ronnie Dalton, Vernon Webb, Dennis Lingerfelt

Director of Missions

Vice-Moderator

Moderator

**Tony Rutherford**

**Charles "Bud Boring**

**Greg McCosh**

Celebrating 188 Years...1830-2018

**October 15, 2018**

**Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church, Sweetwater**  
**Monday Evening Program**  
**Business Session I, 6:30 p.m.**

- 6:30 *Welcome and Prayer* ..... Pastor, *Johnny Carr*  
*Presentation of Gavel* ..... Director of Missions  
*Call to Order* ..... Moderator  
*Business Session* ..... Moderator  
*Constitution of Body* ..... Sheri Stephens  
*Report of Program Committee* ..... Dennis Robinson  
*Director of Missions Report* ..... Tony Rutherford  
*Appointment of Committee on Nominations* ..... Moderator  
*Election of Officers* ..... Vice-Moderator  
*Committee on Nominations* ..... Tim Swabe  
*Treasurer's Report* ..... Sheri Stephens  
*Presentation of Budget* ..... Jim Swabe  
*Missions Committee Report/ Recommendations* ..... Carl Croft  
*Presentation of 2019 Calendar* ..... Director of Missions  
 7:10 *Adjourn for Worship* ..... Vice-Moderator

**Monday Evening Program**

**Worship Session 2, 7:15 p.m.**

- 7:15 *Associational Council Report* ..... Video Presentation  
*Memorial Report* ..... Video Presentation  
 7:20 *Welcome* ..... Vice-Moderator  
*Offering* ..... Associational Choir  
*Video Message from Executive Director-Treasurer, TBMB* .... Dr. Randy Davis  
*TBMB Representative* .....  
*Special Music* ..... Associational Choir  
 7:30 *Message* ..... Moderator  
*Benediction* ..... Incoming Moderator

All offerings to be used for the SBA Mission Ministries.

The 2018 Associational Council Report includes Recognition of New Pastors.  
 All written reports for the Ministries of the Sweetwater Baptist Association and  
 the Reports for the Ministries of the TBMB are included in the  
 2018 Minutes of the Sweetwater Baptist Association.

**Sweetwater Baptist Association**  
**Proposed Budget for 2018-2019**

The Budget Committee recommends the Proposed Budget for 2018-2019 be adopted with the proposed changes, as follows.

1. Increase DOM Salary/Housing by \$760.00 (2% overall increase in package)
2. Increase DOM Benefits by \$240.00
3. If funds are available, the Working Agreements for Ministry Assistants authorize yearly salary increases. The following are recommended:
  - (a) Increase Administrative Assistant Salary by \$690.00 (2% % increase)
  - (b) Increase Receptionist Salary by \$612.00 (2% % increase)
  - (c) Increase Staff Social Security by \$98.00 (to reflect staff salary increases)
4. Section II. Associational Organizations
  - (a) Increase Womens (WMU) Ministry by \$170.00 (will include all ladies ministries, WMU, Baptist Young Women, etc. ladies conferences, speakers, etc.)
  - (b) Eliminate \$110.00 for Baptist Young Women (included in Women's Ministry)
  - (c) Add new line item, \$500.00 for Children's Ministry (conference, activities, speaker, etc. for all age children)
  - (d) Eliminate \$75.00 for Royal Ambassadors (included in Children's Ministry)
  - (e) Eliminate \$110.00 for Acteens (included in Children's Ministry)
  - (f) Eliminate \$110.00 for Girls in Action (included in Children's Ministry)
  - (g) Eliminate \$110.00 for Mission Friends (included in Children's Ministry)
  - (h) Add new line item, \$1000.00 for Biblical Studies (Preaching/Teaching Class at SBA Office)

**Sweetwater Baptist Association--Proposed Budget for 2018-2018**

I. ASSOCIATIONAL ADMINISTRATION	Budget for 2017-2018	Proposed Budget for 2018-2019	Increase/Decrease
DOM Package:			
DOM Salary/Housing (2%)	54,888.00	55,888.00	+760.00
DOM Benefits	7,966.00	7,966.00	+240.00
DOM Business Expenses	11,240.00	11,240.00	
Administrative Assistant (2 3/4%)	25,092.00	25,782.00	+690.00
Adm Asst Retirement Allowance	2,300.00	2,300.00	
Adm Asst Travel Allowance	300.00	300.00	
Receptionist (2 3/4%)	22,267.00	22,879.00	+612.00
Receptionist Retirement Allowance	1,260.00	1,260.00	
Receptionist Travel Allowance	300.00	300.00	
Staff Social Security	4,373.00	4,471.00	+98.00
Postal Expenses	2,100.00	2,100.00	
Office Supplies	1,980.00	1,980.00	
Office Equipment/Copier Maintenance	1,800.00	1,800.00	
New Equipment	990.00	990.00	
Associational Calendars	770.00	770.00	
Messengers	2,310.00	2,310.00	
<b>II. ASSOCIATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>			
Church Growth and Development	990.00	990.00	
Vacation Bible School	1,650.00	1,650.00	
Mens Ministry/Brotherhood	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Disaster Relief	900.00	900.00	
Royal Ambassadors	75.00	0.00	-75.00
Womens Ministry/WMU	330.00	500.00	+170.00
Baptist Young Women	110.00	0.00	-110.00
Childrens Ministry	0.00	500.00	+500.00***
Acteens	110.00	0.00	-110.00
Girls In Action	110.00	0.00	-110.00
Mission Friends	110.00	0.00	-110.00
Biblical Studies	0.00	1,000.00	+1000.00***
Evangelism	1,650.00	1,650.00	
Local Evangelism/Outreach Trailer	1,650.00	1,650.00	
Music	200.00	200.00	
Missions Development	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Marriage & Family Counseling Ministry	200.00	200.00	
Student Scholarship Fund (High School Seniors)	2,200.00	2,200.00	
Pastor Ministry	2,300.00	2,300.00	
Media Center	200.00	200.00	
<b>III. ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS</b>			
Annual Meeting	880.00	880.00	
Student Ministry/Youth	990.00	990.00	
<b>IV. ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE MAINTENANCE</b>			
Building Maintenance	3,000.00	3,000.00	
General Maintenance	3,400.00	3,400.00	
Telephone/Internet/Website	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Utilities	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Insurance (Office)	3,300.00	3,300.00	
<b>V. MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
General Miscellaneous	630.00	630.00	
Christmas Gift (DOM)	500.00	500.00	
Christmas Gift (AA)	500.00	500.00	
Christmas Gift (RC)	500.00	500.00	
<small>The Tennessee Baptist Convention provides TBC Supplement for the Sweetwater Baptist Association per terms of Covenant Agreement. Total Monthly \$782.00/Annually \$9384.00</small>			
<b>TOTALS (2 % overall increase)</b>	<b>\$175,421.00</b>	<b>\$178,976.00</b>	<b>\$3555.00</b>

+ Increase -Decrease \*\*\*New Item

The proposed overall budget INCREASE is \$3555.00 or a total budget of \$178,976.00. This is a proposed budget increase of 2%.

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**ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS**

<b>MODERATOR</b> Greg McCosh	<b>VICE MODERATOR</b> Charles "Bud" Boring	<b>Associational Council</b> Officers & Committee Chairmen
Pastor Advisor Frank Hicks	Church Growth/Leadership Director Frank Crawford	Mission Committee Carl Croft, Chairman
Disaster Relief Director Tony Curtis	Historian Kay James	Media Ministry Director Betty Wolfe
Men's Ministry Director Bryan Coffey	Music Director Phillip Johnson	Prayer Ministry Director Svitlana Self
RA Director Phil Roy	WMU Director Charlotte Hollinghead	Vacation Bible School Directors Bryan and Kim Williamson
Preschool/Mission Friends Director Savonna Chambers	Girls/GA Director Kendra McDonald	Acteens Director Connie Gardner
Annuity Committee Director of Missions	Bivocational Pastors Council SBA Office Staff	Christian Life Committee Darrell Cardin, Chairman
Committee on Nominations Tim Swabe, Chairman	Constitution Committee Kay James, Chairperson	Evangelism Committee Lon Shoopman, Chairman
Finance Committee Jim Swabe, Chairman	Program Committee Dennis Robinson, Chairman	Scholarship Committee Chris Hollinghead, Chairman
Trustees Carl "Buddy" Richesin, Chairman	Youth Council Anthony Smith, Chairman	

**NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION**  
**Welcome New Pastors**  
 Long Ridge.....Steve Teague

**Director of Mission Visits:**  
 411 Chapel, Bethlehem, Big Creek, Cedar Fork, Cedar Valley, Conasauga, Delano, DOM Retreat, Fairview Tabernacle, Guatemala, Hopewell, Island Creek, Lakeside, Long Ridge, Macedonia, Madisonville First, Miller's Chapel, Mt. Calvary, Mt. Zion, New Bethany, New Macedonia, New Providence, Notchey Creek, Oak Grove, Old Sweetwater, Paint Rock, Piney Grove, Pisgah, Reed Springs, Rocky Spring, Rural Vale, Shelton Grove, Shoal Creek, South Madisonville, Sweetwater First, Tellico First, Towee Falls, Union McMinn, Victory (Athens), Vonore, Watson Chapel

**Please pray for our churches without pastors:**  
 Delano, Druid Hill, Fairview (Tellico), Glenlock, Murrays, New Macedonia, Tellico (Ballplay), Towee Falls, Union Grove, Vonore, Williamsburg



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**Upcoming Events** "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." -Acts 4:12

- August 27 .....*Serve Conference*, Madisonville First, 6:30 p.m.
- September 4 .....*Seminary Extension Classes* begins @ SBA Office, 6:30 p.m.
- September 9-16 .....*Week of Prayer for State Missions and Golden Offering*
- September 10 .....*Pastor/Family Picnic*, Notchey Creek Pavilion, 6:30 p.m.
- September 26 .....*See You at the Pole*
- October 15 .....*Annual Meeting*, Fairview Tabernacle, Business Session 6:30 p.m.
- October 15 .....*Annual Meeting*, Fairview Tabernacle, Worship Service 7:15 p.m.
- November 5 .....*WMU Quarterly Meeting*, Bethlehem, 7:00 p.m.
- November 12-14....*The Summit, Tennessee Baptist Convention*, West Jackson
- December 2-9 .....*Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*
- December 3 .....*Pastor/Wife Christmas Banquet*, Vonore, 6:30 p.m.

**Madisonville Health & Rehab - Birthday Cake Schedule**

<b>August</b> 411 Chapel	<b>September</b> Mt. Zion
<b>October</b> Notchey Creek	<b>November</b> Bethlehem
<b>December</b> New Bethany	

**SBA Pastor's Conference**, Monday Mornings, 10:00 a.m.  
 SBA Office Building, Madisonville, Everyone Welcome!

Information for the next newsletter must be received by **November 10**

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

*Plan now to attend*.....Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**2019 Association Evangelism Conference**  
**Monday & Tuesday, January 21 & 22**

**Dr. Jeff LaBorg**  
 Conference Speaker  
 Senior Pastor  
 Fairview Baptist Church, Corryton



Hosted by: **Notchey Creek Baptist Church**  
 Madisonville, Tennessee

Theme: *The Way* -John 14:6  
**EVERYONE INVITED!**

**Two Nights!**  
 6:45 p.m.

*The Summit*  
 Tennessee Baptist Convention



**November 12-14, 2018**  
 West Jackson Baptist Church  
 Annual Gathering of Tennessee Baptists

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