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of the
Sweetwater Baptist Association



"Churches on Mission Together"
Celebrating 193 years, 1830 – 2023

SWEETWATER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

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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
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SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

2023 Annual Meeting
Monday, October 23

ONE NIGHT
TWO SESSIONS!

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

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

● **Business Session: 6:30 p.m.**

6:00 Associational Council Report.....Video Presentation
6:30 Greetings and Prayer.....Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford
Memorial Report.....Video Presentation
Video Message from Executive Director-Treasurer, TBMBDr. Randy Davis
TBMB.....*Representative*
Welcome and Prayer.....Pastor, Rick Atkins
Presentation of Gavel.....Director of Missions
Call to Order.....Moderator, Darrell Cardin
Business Session.....Moderator
Constitution of Body.....Sheri Stephens
Appointment of Committee on Nominations.....Moderator
Election of Officers.....Vice-Moderator, David Lane
Committee on Nominations.....David Jones
Treasurer's Report.....Sheri Stephens
Presentation of Budget.....Joe Saffles
Director of Missions Report/Presentations.....Tony Rutherford
Presentation of 2024 Calendar/Recommendations.....Director of Missions
Adjourn for Worship.....Vice-Moderator

● **Brief Intermission•Worship Session following Business Session**

Congregational Hymn.....New Providence Baptist Church
Welcome and Prayer.....Vice-Moderator, David Lane
Offertory Hymn.....New Providence Baptist Church
Special Music.....The Lingerfelts
Message.....Moderator, Darrell Cardin
Benediction.....Director of Missions

The Sweetwater Baptist Association Family of Churches Welcome...

NEW ZION
BAPTIST CHURCH

Pastor Brandon Wilcox
wife Marla & Family



Our thoughts and prayers are with this dear pastor and congregation.

Media
CONFERENCE

When
Monday
August 28
6:30 pm

Where
Tribe
Building
FBC Madisonville

Led by
Scott Shepherd, TBMB Specialist

Media, Technology, Apps, Graphics

Resources to enhance livestream, presentations, training, and more

Sponsored by: Sweetwater Baptist Association



PASTOR AND WIFE CHRISTMAS BANQUET: Mark your calendar now for **Monday evening, December 4th at 6:30 p.m.** for the **Annual Pastor and Wife Christmas Banquet!** 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 retired

pastors, associational officers and leadership, as well as their spouses.

We are so excited that The Lore Family will be our special musical guest for the evening! We know you will be blessed as we feature this southern gospel, family singing group. The Lore Family consists of Darren, Sandy, Fayth, Jake and Samuel, from Portsmouth, Ohio. Over the past several years, The Lore Family has ministered in hundreds of services, always striving to ensure that every service has meaning and impact for those in attendance.



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 or sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net.

THE LORE FAMILY *In person*
Monday, December 4, 10:30 am.
Senior Adult Christmas Show
 Vonore Baptist Church, Vonore
Everyone Invited

SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS SHOW: Make plans now to see, **THE LORE FAMILY** while they are in our area. The Sweetwater Baptist Association will feature this southern gospel singing family at our annual **Senior Adult Christmas Show.** This event will be held at **Vonore Baptist Church** on **Monday, December 4th at 10:30 a.m.**



We know you will enjoy **THE LORE FAMILY** as they sing well-known gospel classics, along with their own songs such as, *The World Needs A Song, Didn't He Promise, I Bring You Jesus* and their first **Top 20** song, *He Still Bears the Scars.* Be sure and check out their music online at <http://www.thelorefamilyministries.com>

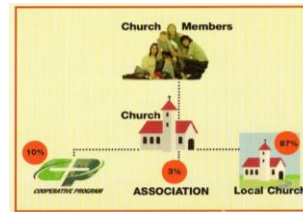
You will not want to miss this special music presentation! Plan to bring your church groups. Everyone is invited to what we know will be an outstanding Christmas Show on **Monday morning, December 4th!** **This is a free event; and all ages are invited.**



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 112 Key Kile Road
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www.fairviewfamily.org

Services include....

- Individual, Marriage & Family Sessions
- Children & Teen Sessions
- Premarital & Marriage Counseling
- Divorce, Addiction & Grief Recovery
- Helps with depression, anxiety, fear, anger, worry and negative emotions.
- Classes, Retreats & Conferences



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 25, 2023

Church	Total	Church	Total
411 Chapel.....	1,500.00	New Macedonia	1,760.00
Antioch	225.00	New Providence	7,877.95
Beaty's Chapel.....	0.00	New Zion	600.00
Bethlehem	14,391.05	North Sweetwater.....	931.87
Big Creek.....	0.00	Notchey Creek	9,135.07
Calvary	813.40	Oak Grove	4,281.05
Cane Creek.....	2,000.00	Oakland	1,477.00
Cedar Fork	5,546.79	Old Pond Hill.....	100.00
Cedar Valley.....	8,090.66	Old Sweetwater.....	1,000.00
Christianburg.....	1,925.62	Paint Rock	1,100.00
Citico	676.05	Piney Grove	1,000.00
Clifton	225.00	Poplar Bluff.....	1,078.01
Community	760.63	Reed Springs	4,075.49
Compromise.....	500.00	Rocky Springs	3,000.00
Conasauga.....	1,800.00	Rural Vale.....	5,261.96
Concord.....	1,020.81	Shady Grove	400.00
Delano	3,528.84	Shelton Grove	1,949.05
Druid Hills	800.00	Shoal Creek	1,367.84
Ebenezer.....	609.00	South Madisonville.....	1,000.00
Fairview	0.00	Sweetwater First	3,500.00
Fairview Tabernacle.....	15,000.00	Tellico	1,200.00
Fellowship	1,584.39	Tellico First.....	4,675.00
Glenlock	3,006.00	Tevis Springs	50.00
Gregory's Chapel	1,000.00	Towee Falls.....	1,500.00
Hopewell Springs	500.00	Trinity.....	500.00
Howards Chapel.....	500.00	Union Grove	1,320.00
Island Creek	3,000.00	Union Hall.....	683.00
Lakeside.....	900.00	Union McMinn	4,000.00
Long Ridge.....	1,000.00	Unity	300.00
Lower Chilhowee.....	0.00	Upper Shady Grove	450.00
Macedonia.....	240.00	Vonore.....	16,870.98
Madisonville, First	4,166.70	Walnut Grove	3,902.10
Maple Springs	750.00	Watson Chapel.....	1,666.70
Miller's Chapel.....	1,000.00	Westside.....	0.00
Mt. Calvary	862.72	Williamsburg.....	438.73
Mt. Isabella.....	0.00	TBMB	7,820.00
Mt. Zion	6,305.65	Miscellaneous	190.25
Murray's.....	1,856.14	Total.....	\$186,845.36
New Bethany.....	4,298.86		

**Program for the 2023 Annual Meeting of the
Sweetwater Baptist Association**

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

Director of Missions **Vice Moderator** **Moderator**
Tony Rutherford David Lane Darrell Cardin

Celebrating 193 Years... 1830-2023

**Monday Evening, October 23, 2023
NEW PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH
Tellico Plains, Tennessee
Business Session**

- 6:00 *Associational Council Report*..... *Video Presentation*
6:30 *Greetings and Prayer*..... *Tony Rutherford*
Director of Missions (Member, Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church)
Memorial Report *Video Presentation*
Video Message..... *Dr. Randy Davis*
Executive Director-Treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board
TBMB..... *TBMB Representative*
Tennessee Baptist Mission Board
Welcome and Prayer..... *Rick Atkins*
New Providence Baptist Church Pastor/Representative
Presentation of Gavel..... *Director of Missions*
Call to Order..... *Darrell Cardin*
Moderator (Pastor, Christianburg Baptist Church)
Business Session *Moderator*
Constitution of Body..... *Sheri Stephens*
Clerk/Treasurer (Member, Notchey Creek Baptist Church)
Appointment of Committee on Nominations..... *Moderator*
Election of Officers *David Lane*
Vice-Moderator (Pastor, Citico Baptist Church)
Committee on Nominations..... *David Jones*
Chairman Committee on Nominations (Member, First Baptist Church, Madisonville)
Treasurer's Report *Sheri Stephens*
Presentation of Budget..... *Joe Saffles*
Budget Committee Chairman (Member, Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church)
Director of Missions Report/ Presentation(s) *Tony Rutherford*
Presentation of 2024 Calendar..... *Director of Missions*
Recommendation(s)..... *Director of Missions*
Old Business *Vice-Moderator*
New Business *Vice-Moderator*
Adjourn *Vice-Moderator*

Brief Intermission

**Monday Evening, October 23, 2023
NEW PROVIDENCE BAPTIST CHURCH
Tellico Plains, Tennessee
Worship Session**

- Congregational Hymn*..... *New Providence Baptist Church*
Welcome and Prayer..... *David Lane*
Vice-Moderator (Pastor, Citico Baptist Church)
Offertory Hymn..... *New Providence Baptist Church*
Special Music..... *The Lingerfelts*
Members, Island Creek Baptist Church
Moderator's Message..... *Darrell Cardin*
Moderator (Pastor, Christianburg Baptist Church)
Benediction..... *Director of Missions*
(Program is subject to change.)

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION Proposed Budget for 2023-2024	Budget for 2022-2023	Proposed Budget for 2023-2024	Increase/ Decrease
I. ASSOCIATIONAL ADMINISTRATION			
DOM Package			
DOM Salary/Housing	60,100.00	61,705.00	+1,605.00
DOM Benefits	9,405.00	10,605.00	+1,200.00
DOM Business Expenses	11,577.00	11,577.00	
Administrative Assistant	28,469.00	28,492.00	+23.00
Adm. Asst Retirement (Salary Reduction)	3,600.00	4,800.00	+1,200.00

Adm. Asst Travel	309.00	309.00	
Ministry Assistant/Receptionist	26,300.00	26,313.00	+13.00
Ministry Assistant/Receptionist Retirement (Salary Reduction)	1,298.00	2,400.00	+1,102.00
Ministry Asst/Receptionist Travel	309.00	309.00	
Staff Social Security	5,092.00	5,302.00	+210.00
Postal Expenses	2,100.00	2,100.00	
Office Supplies	1,980.00	1,680.00	-300.00
Computer/Software	0.00	3,000.00	***+3,000.00
Office Equipment/Copier Maintenance	1,800.00	1,800.00	
New Equipment (including Computers)	1,000.00	4,000.00	+3,000.00
Associational Calendars	770.00	770.00	
Messengers	2,310.00	2,310.00	
II. ASSOCIATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS			
Church Growth & Development	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Vacation Bible School	1,650.00	1,650.00	
Mens Ministry/Brotherhood	750.00	750.00	
Disaster Relief	600.00	600.00	
Womens/Ladies/WMU	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Children	500.00	500.00	
Biblical Studies	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Evangelism	2,500.00	5,000.00	+2,500.00
Local Evangelism/Outreach	1,650.00	1,650.00	
Music	200.00	200.00	
Mission Development	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Student Scholarship (High School Seniors)	2,200.00	2,200.00	
Senior Adult	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Pastor Ministry	3,000.00	3,000.00	
Media Center	200.00	200.00	
Student/Youth	5,000.00	5,000.00	
III. ASSOCIATIONAL MEETING			
Annual Meeting	900.00	900.00	
IV. ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE MAINTENANCE			
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	3,750.00	3,750.00	
Insurance (Office)	5,000.00	5,000.00	
V. MISCELLANEOUS			
General Miscellaneous	650.00	650.00	
Christmas Gift (DOM)	800.00	1,000.00	+200.00
Christmas Gift (AA)	800.00	1,000.00	+200.00
Christmas Gift (RC)	800.00	1,000.00	+200.00
The Tennessee Baptist Convention provides TBC Supplement for the Sweetwater Baptist Association per terms of Covenant Agreement. Total Monthly \$782.00/Annually \$9384.00 20 % Decrease Proposed for 2023-2024 Total Monthly \$625.00/Annually \$7500.00			
TOTALS (7% overall increase)	\$203,269.00	\$217,422.00	+\$14,153.00

+Increase -Decrease ***New Item

Proposed changes for Proposed Budget for 2023-2024:

- Decrease Office Supplies by \$300.00 or a total of \$1680.00 (previously included Computer/Software)
- Add line item for Computer/Software for \$3000.00 (drastic increase in software programs for computers)
- Increase New Equipment and change name to New Equipment (including Computers) by \$3000.00 or a total of \$4000.00 (replacing current office desk top computers which are approximately 12 years old and 6 years old)
- Increase Evangelism by \$2500.00 or a total of \$5000.00 (provides funds for new vision for *East Tennessee Evangelism Rally*)
- Increase DOM by \$3005.00 (\$800.00 Salary; \$805.00 Housing; \$1200.00 Retirement; \$200.00 Christmas Gift)
- Increase Administrative by \$1423.00 (\$23.00 Salary; \$1200.00 Retirement; \$200.00 Christmas Gift)
- Increase Ministry Assistant by \$1315.00 (\$13.00 Salary; \$ 1102.00 Retirement; \$200.00 Christmas Gift)
- Increase Staff Social Security by \$210.00 or a total of \$5302.00

7 % overall increase with total increase of \$14,153.00;
Total Proposed Budget \$217,422.00

In regards to the *Contingency/Savings Account* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, the BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE approved the following work projects totaling \$15,000-\$20,000 that were being considered or presented to the Trustees for approval:



- Approximately \$5000.00 for 20 x 24 carport cover for trailers; (SBA has \$3840.00 available funds in 2021 Golden Offering funds for this project.)
- \$5000.00 quote to install much needed security system (cameras, monitors, etc.) at building. Camera will be on back of building to point toward trailers.
- Quotes are being received for front door entrance area and door intercom system since two people have already fallen at building and others have stumbled at entry.

The Budget/Finance Committee also authorized the SBA Office to move \$50,000 from *Contingency/Savings Account* to a higher paying Money Market Savings Account for a best interest rate with a better yield on savings.

ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS:

- **Annual Church Profile packets** are available for pick up
- **Annual Church Profiles (ACP's) and Messenger Cards** must be completed and returned to the *SBA Office* by October 5th

CHURCH CLERKS: CHURCH CLERKS: A Church Clerk Training is planned for **Tuesday, September 12th** 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 are being distributed for completion. *Annual Church Profile (ACP) packets* and *Messenger cards* for 2023 are still available at the Association Office. If you have not already done so, we would appreciate you stopping by to pick up the ACP packet for your church. The *ACP and Messenger cards* must be completed and returned to the SBA Office by October 5th.

Please remember that in accordance with the *Constitution and By-Laws of the Sweetwater Baptist Association*, each church (in good standing) is allowed 7 Messengers. These are the only people allowed to participate in voting during the business session of the *Annual Meeting*. Messenger names must be submitted on the Messenger Card and returned to the Sweetwater Baptist 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.



If your church would be willing to serve a meal to **Tennessee Wesleyan BCM** students, please contact Joe Delph at 423-333-9452.



Please mark your calendar 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



**SBA
WMU/Ladies
Ministry News**

*Save
the
Date*

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

<https://www.tnbaptist.org/event/connection/> to get more information or to register.



Also, mark your calendar for **Monday, November 6th** for the **Associational WMU/Ladies Ministry Meeting**. It will be held at First Baptist Church in Tellico Plains. We are so excited for you to hear guest speaker, **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*



Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes

Foster Care Program

For information about how to become a foster parent with the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes, visit <https://tennesseechildren.org/foster-care/> or call or text at 865-909-7776.



GOLDEN OFFERING: In 1902 W.C. and Mildred Golden challenged Tennessee Baptists to pray for and give to missions within the state and initiated the offering. The offering was named after the Golden's in 1943. Today, churches are still encouraged to learn about, pray for, give to and serve in missions and ministries in Tennessee.

The *Golden Offering* theme for 2023-2024 is *All Things Tennessee*. The suggested date for the Week of Prayer is September 10-17, with Scripture reference of Matthew 19:26, *...with men this is impossible, but with God all things are possible.*

The *Golden Offering* provides invaluable 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. 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.goldenoffering.org)

YOUTH MINISTRY: Thank you to all the students and leaders who attended this year's Connect Youth Rally. We hope the students were encouraged to stand firm in their walk with Christ and in sharing their faith with others. We ask that you start praying for next year's



event...the committee is already meeting and working to have a great event for the students of our association.

--Josh Croft,
Youth Committee
Chairman



2023 VBS Statistics as reported by the church

Church	Enrolled	Decisions
Lakeside	77	10
Madisonville, First.....	218	4
New Bethany.....	149	7
New Macedonia	150	5
New Zion	73	1
Notchey Creek.....	289	12
Oakland.....	15	0
Old Sweetwater	147	16
Rocky Springs	131	2
Rural Vale.....	76	2
Sweetwater, First	165	5
Tevis Springs.....	23	0
Trinity	62	0
Union Grove.....	121	0
Walnut Grove.....	97	10

I ♥ VBS

Marshall Hill Baptist Church is accepting resumes for the position of Pastor. Resumes will be accepted until the end of August. Send resume to mhbcpulpit@gmail.com.

Church News

BIG CREEK: Upcoming events...

Aug 13: 4-1-Above singing @ 6:00.

Spaghetti supper served @ 4:30.

Aug 26: Women's Conference 11:00-2:00.

Food, games, gifts, and fellowship. There will be a guest speaker and *The House That Mercy Built* will do sign language and share testimonies. Contact DeAnna Jacobs @ 865-224-1850 to register.

Sept 30: Benefit Singing/Dinner/Silent Auction for *Fresh Start Ministry*. Dinner @ 5:00 with auction and singing to follow. Plates are \$10.00 each and includes a drink and dessert.

Oct 1: *Old Timers Day* @ 10:30 with lunch to follow. Tim Menzies will be with us. No evening service.

Oct 8: Tony Rutherford preaching morning service.

Oct 22: John Cain will preaching evening service.



FAIRVIEW TABERNACLE: Our annual "*Judgement Day*" event will be on Sunday, October 22, 3:30 pm – 7:30 pm and on Wednesday, October 25, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Everyone invited.



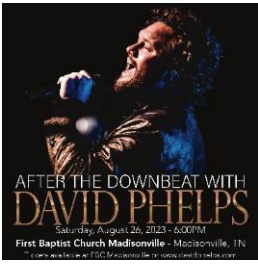
LONG RIDGE: Everyone is invited to our Sunday Night Singings @ 6 pm.

Aug 13: *Foothills Quartet*

Sept 10: *The Hymnsmen*

Oct 1: *Recognized*



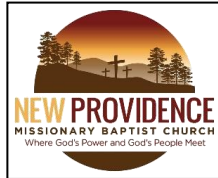


MADISONVILLE, FIRST: David Phelps will be in Concert at First Baptist Church in Madisonville, on August 26th at 6:00 pm (doors open at 5:00 pm). David Phelps served as a member of the Gaither Vocal Band for nearly 20 years, and during that time received numerous Dove Awards, two Grammy Awards, and multiple platinum-selling recording projects. As a solo artist, he's received Dove Award nominations for Male Vocalist of the Year and Long Form Video of the Year and had many Billboard chart-topping projects. General Admission is \$25, Artist Circle tickets are \$45. Tickets can be purchased at the church office (on Tellico Street) or online at www.davidphelps.com.



MT. ZION: Upcoming events...
Aug 20: Homecoming
Oct 27, 7pm-9pm: Trunk or Treat
Nov 21: Hallelujah Celebration

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. If you would like to volunteer or take a tour of the center, please contact 423-519-6899, 423-337-1697 or 423-295-4873.



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.

UNION GROVE: Mark your calendar for September 8th and 9th. We will be hosting **REKINDLE CONFERENCE** (a conference for pastors and preachers). Snacks will be provided, and a Ministers' Wives Fellowship will be held on Saturday morning. The church address is: 966 County Road 316 Niota TN.



UNION MCMINN: Upcoming events...
Oct 8: Pastor Appreciation Day & Fall Festival
Nov 4: Jr. Youth Thanksgiving Dinner
Nov 13-20: Operation Christmas Child Collection 5:30-7:30PM
Nov 18: UMBC Thanksgiving Dinner 6:00PM
Nov 22: Praise & Worship
Nov 26, 6:30 pm: Celebration of Blessings-Redeem & Jr. Youth

Also, mark your calendar for Our 2nd Annual **Men's Conference** is being planned for February 2-3, 2024.



Ordinations

On Sunday, July 2, **Paul Ellis** was ordained as Associate Pastor of **Maple Springs Baptist Church**.

On Saturday, July 8, **Ronnie McDowell** was ordained at **Reed Springs Baptist Church**. Ronnie has been called to serve as Senior Pastor of Riverdale Baptist Church in Georgia.



On Sunday, August 20 at 2:00 pm, **Mike Grant and Ronnie Croft** will be ordained as Deacons at **New Providence Baptist Church**. All ordained men are invited to join the presbytery.

On Sunday, August 27 at 2:00 pm, **New Zion Baptist Church** will ordain **Brandon Wilcox** as their new Pastor.



The **OLD-FASHIONED PRAYER MEETING** was a wonderful night of praise, worship and prayer!



Concord Baptist Church were wonderful hosts and Isaac Sparks, Pastor of Union Grove Baptist Church delivered an exciting and uplifting message about our heritage in Christ. A special treat was having the men from the Monday morning Pastors' Conference providing special music. It was a great night!



Sweetwater Baptist Association

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ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS, 2022-2023

MODERATOR DARRELL CARDIN	VICE MODERATOR DAVID LANE	Associational Council Officers & Committee Chairmen
Committee on Nominations David Jones, Chairman	Constitution Committee Albert Graser, Chairman	Evangelism Committee Steven McDonald, Chairman
Budget/Finance Committee Joe Saffles, Chairman	Disaster Relief Director Jim Jolly	Mission Committee Jim Swabe, Chairman
Personnel Committee Shannon Croft, Chairperson	Scholarship Committee Howie White, Chairman	Trustees Pat McGinnis, Chairman
Music Director Phillip Johnson	Youth Council Josh Croft, Chairman	WMU/Ladies Director Rachel Thompson
	Vacation Bible School Directors Bryan & Kim Williamson	



NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

Welcome New Pastors

Brandon Wilcox..... New Zion

Director of Mission Visits/Miscellaneous:

Shelton Grove (Homecoming); Cane Creek (Ordination); Lakeside; South Madisonville (Ordination); Conasauga; Bethlehem; Guatemala; Fairview (Tellico); Maple Springs (Ordination); Reed Springs (Ordination); Notchey Creek; Poplar Bluff; Mt. Calvary; Shady Grove; Island Creek; Long Ridge; Hopewell Springs; Cedar Fork (Homecoming); Macedonia; Citico (Revival); Citico (Backpack Giveaway); Howards Chapel (Backpack Giveaway); Paint Rock
Vacation Bible School: Poplar Bluff; Citico; South Madisonville; Madisonville First; Rocky Springs; Bethlehem; Big Creek; Fairview Sweetwater; New Macedonia; Mt. Zion; Union McMinn; Watson Chapel; Cedar Fork; Cedar Valley; Vonore; Howards Chapel; Trinity; Island Creek; Old Sweetwater; New Bethany; Shoal Creek; Rural Vale; Towee Falls; New Providence; Mt. Calvary; Glenlock; Notchey Creek; Long Ridge;

Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Calvary, Cane Creek, Ebenezer, Fairview Tabernacle, Hopewell Springs, Lower Chilhowee, Murrays, Tellico (Ballplay)



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

- 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*
- October 23 *Annual Meeting*, New Providence, Business Session 6:30 p.m.
- October 23 *Annual Meeting*, New Providence, Worship Service following Business Session
- November 6 *WMU/Ladies Meeting*, Tellico First, 7:00 p.m.
- November 12-15..... *The Summit, Tennessee Baptist Convention*, Chattanooga
- December 3-10..... *Week of Prayer for International Missions and Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*
- December 4..... *Christmas Show, Vonore, 10:30 a.m.*
- December 4..... *Pastor/Wife Christmas Banquet*, Vonore, 6:30 p.m.
(All 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

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



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February 24, 2024

The Upper Room Christian Counseling

Macy Small, M.A.

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Sweetwater Baptist Association
Monday Pastor's Conference
10:00 a.m.
SBA Office Building
Madisonville



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

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