

Minutes of the 194th Annual Meeting
of the Sweetwater Baptist Association
and
October 21, 2024
Annual Meeting

Dedicated in Memory of Former Pastors



Joseph Ronnie Moore



Wayne Caloway Nichols



Charles Gale Miller



Ronnie C. Watson

...Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.
-- 2 Timothy 4:8

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2024 Annual Meeting, First Baptist Church, Sweetwater



We thank Pastor Jason Pounds and First Baptist Church, Sweetwater for hosting the 194th Annual Meeting.



Thank you, Abigail Millsaps, Citico Baptist Church, for blessing us with your special music.

Messengers were graciously welcomed and excited to worship together!



The Moderator's Plaque was presented to David Lane for a job well done.



By vote of Messengers, Bible Baptist Church was received as a member church of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. We welcome this congregation to our

family of churches.



Moderator, David Lane and Vice-Moderator, Jamie Johnson prepared for the Business Session.

We thank our Vice-Moderator, Jamie Johnson, and our Moderator, David Lane for their outstanding service during the past year. We also thank the Moderator for sharing the Moderator's Message from Ephesians 5:6 and encouraging us to look at our light...the Light of Jesus Christ and salvation. Please pray for the 2024-2025 Leadership of the SBA.

Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford accepted a Golden Offering plaque from Donna Blaydes, Preschool-Children Specialist, TBMB.



During his 14th annual report to the Association of Churches, the Director of Missions shared of mission work at home, locally, across our state, country and around our world.



(left to right)
 Gabe Brannon, Vice-Moderator 2024-2025 (Pastor, Union McMinn)
 Tony Rutherford, (Director of Missions)
 Jamie Johnson, 2024-2025 Moderator (Pastor, Delana)
 David Lane, Out-going Moderator (Pastor, Citico)

Program of the 194th Annual Session of the
Sweetwater Baptist Association
2024 Annual Meeting Program

Theme: My Light and My Salvation

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?... –Psalm 27:1

Director of Missions Tony Rutherford	Vice Moderator Jamie Johnson	Moderator David Lane
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Celebrating 194 Years... 1830-2024



Monday Evening, October 21, 2024

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Sweetwater, Tennessee

Business Session

6:00	<i>Associational Council Report</i>	<i>Video Presentation</i>
6:30	<i>Greetings and Prayer</i>	<i>Tony Rutherford</i>
	Director of Missions (Member, Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church)	
	<i>Memorial Report</i>	<i>Video Presentation</i>
	<i>Video Message</i>	<i>Dr. Randy Davis</i>
	Executive Director-Treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board	
	<i>TBMB Representative</i>	<i>Donna Blaydes</i>
	Preschool, Children Specialist, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board	
	<i>Welcome and Prayer</i>	<i>Jason Pounds</i>
	Pastor, First Baptist Church, Sweetwater	
	<i>Presentation of Gavel</i>	<i>Director of Missions</i>
	<i>Call to Order</i>	<i>David Lane</i>
	Moderator (Pastor, Citico Baptist Church)	
	<i>Business Session</i>	<i>Moderator</i>
	<i>Constitution of Body</i>	<i>Becky Jones</i>
	Clerk (Member, First Baptist Church, Madisonville)	
	<i>Appointment of Committee on Nominations</i>	<i>Moderator</i>
	<i>Election of Officers</i>	<i>Jamie Johnson</i>
	Vice-Moderator (Pastor, Delano Baptist Church)	
	<i>Committee on Nominations</i>	<i>Joel Tilson</i>
	Chairman Committee on Nominations (Pastor, Cedar Valley Baptist Church, Sweetwater)	
	<i>Mission Committee Recommendation</i>	<i>Rick Harris</i>
	Mission Committee Chairman (Pastor, South Madisonville Baptist Church, Madisonville)	
	<i>Treasurer's Report</i>	<i>Sheri Stephens</i>
	Treasurer (Member, Notchey Creek Baptist Church)	
	<i>Presentation of Budget</i>	<i>Richard Parker</i>
	Budget Committee Chairman (Pastor, First Baptist Church, Tellico Plains)	
	<i>Director of Missions Report</i>	<i>Tony Rutherford</i>
	<i>Presentation of 2025 Calendar</i>	<i>Director of Missions</i>
	<i>Recommendation(s) & Presentation(s)</i>	<i>Director of Missions</i>
	<i>Old Business</i>	<i>Vice-Moderator</i>
	<i>New Business</i>	<i>Vice-Moderator</i>
	<i>Adjourn</i>	<i>Vice-Moderator</i>

Brief Intermission

Monday Evening, October 21, 2024
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, Sweetwater, Tennessee
Worship Session

Congregational Hymn *Sweetwater, First Baptist Church*
Welcome and Prayer *Jamie Johnson*
Vice-Moderator (Pastor, Delano Baptist Church)
Special Music *Abigail Millsaps*
Member (Citico Baptist Church)
Moderator's Message *David Lane*
Moderator (Pastor, Citico Baptist Church)
Benediction *Director of Missions*

2024 Annual Meeting and Minutes of 194th Annual Meeting of Sweetwater Baptist Association
are dedicated in memory of former pastors,
Joseph Ronnie Moore, Wayne Caloway Nichols, Ronnie C. Watson, and Charles Gale Miller.

VOTING MESSENGERS:

- Each participating church, meeting requirements, is entitled to seven (7) Messengers to participate in the business of the Association. (Pastors/Interim Pastors, shall be one of the Messengers, and six additional Messengers, whose names have been submitted to the Association Office, shall make up the total seven voting Messengers for each church.)
- Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Associational Council will be considered automatic Messengers to the Annual Meeting.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Please complete registration form on front of handout, tear off, and leave on pew. We will collect all registration forms at the close of the service. We ask that everyone please register.
- All Messengers must register at Registration table. Messenger nametag will be given during registration, before the Annual Meeting Session, and only one Messenger nametag is issued to each Messenger. Ballots will be distributed to Messengers, only if Moderator calls for a vote by ballot, and only Messengers with Messenger nametag will be given ballots. Lost or misplaced Messenger nametags and/or ballots cannot be replaced.

Please note: All reports for the ministries of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, and available reports from the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, North American Mission Board and International Mission Board are included in the *2024 Minutes of the Sweetwater Baptist Association*. The 2024 Associational Council Report includes Recognition of New Pastors.

2024 Minute Books can be ordered and purchased from Sweetwater Baptist Association for \$7.00 each.

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION - HISTORICAL REPORT

DATE	PLACE OF MEETING	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK
1923	Tellico Plains Baptist Church	T.W. Gaylor		
1924	Hopewell Springs Baptist Church	O.E. Fleming	W.A. Ghormeley	R.D. Malone
1925	Chestua Baptist Church	J.E. Vaughn	W.A. Ghormeley	Ray D. Hicks
1926	Madisonville, First Baptist Church	O. B. Fleming	W.A. Ghormeley	J.E. Vaughn
1927	Old Sweetwater Baptist Church	Joe Davie	W.A. Ghormeley	J.E. Vaughn
1928	Christianburg Baptist Church	L.O. McCracken	W.A. Ghormeley	O.D. Fleming
1929	Blairland Baptist Church	J.H. Atkins	W.A. Ghormeley	O.D. Fleming
1930	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	J.H. Sharp	W.A. Ghormeley	O.D. Fleming
1931	Tellico Plains Baptist Church	T.W. Hill	N.M. McDaniel	O.D. Fleming
1932	Notchey Creek Baptist Church	C.C. Slaeagle	N.M. McDaniel	O.D. Fleming
1933	Mt. Zion Baptist Church	J. F. Wolfenbarger	N.M. McDaniel	George C. Watson
1934	Rocky Springs Baptist Church	J.B. Tallent	N.M. McDaniel	George C. Watson
1935	Loudon Baptist Church	J.H. O. Clevenger	J.B. Tallent	George C. Watson
1936	Old Sweetwater Baptist Church	J.R. Hodges	J.B. Tallent	George C. Watson
1937	Madisonville, First Baptist Church	Ray H. Dunn	W.A. Carroll	Mrs. Theo Sloan
1938	Chestua Baptist Church	C.S. McCoy	George C. Watson	Mr. Theo Sloan
1939	Notchey Creek Baptist Church	J.W. Newman	George C. Watson	Mrs. Theo Sloan
1940	Vonore Baptist Church	Roy Creasman	R.G. Cansler	W.R. Haun
1941	East Sweetwater Baptist Church	George G. Watson	J.R. Hodges	W.R. Haun
1942	Tellico Plains Baptist Church	Dr. A. F. Mahan	J.R. Hodges	W.R. Haun
1943	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	J.H. Atkins	J.R. Hodges	W.R. Haun
1944	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	Dr. O.W. Taylor	J.R. Hodges	C.W. Gosnell
1945	Philadelphia Baptist Church	E.G. Ingle	Henry Veal	E.R. Webster
1946	Prospect Baptist Church	O.D. Fleming	Henry Veal	E.R. Webster
1947	Glenlock Baptist Church	James Tilley	Henry Veal	E.R. Webster
1948	Corinth Baptist Church	Chester Millsaps	Henry Veal	E.R. Webster
1949	Reed Springs Baptist Church	A.B. Coutney	J.W. Newman	E.R. Webster
1950	Reed Springs Baptist Church	Virgil Tallent	John L. Tilley	George G. Watson
	North Sweetwater Baptist Church			
1951	Holly Springs Baptist Church	James Windham	E.H. Thomas	W. Paul Hall
	Chestua Baptist Church			
1952	Tellico Plains Baptist Church	Edd Rickman	E.H. Thomas	W. Paul Hall
	Oak Grove Baptist Church			
1953	Madisonville, First Baptist Church	Thomas Franks	E.H. Thomas	W. Paul Hall
	Fairview Baptist Church			
1954	Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church	Wallace E. Cowan	E.H. Thomas	W. Paul Hall
1955	Mt. Zion Baptist Church	O.C. Rainwater	E.H. Thomas	Ray Hicks
1956	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	J.B. Watson	W.R. White	Ray Hicks
1957	Chestua Baptist Church	Clifford Debety	W.R. White	Dr. John L. Tillery
1958	Friendship Baptist Church	James Patton	W.R. White	Dr. John L. Tillery
1959	Tellico, First Baptist Church	High Ensminger	W.R. White	Dr. John L. Tillery
1960	Hopewell Springs Baptist Church	Roscoe Long	Rev. John Smith	Dr. John L. Tillery
1961	South Madisonville Baptist Church	Dr. Fred Kendall	Rev. John Smith	Dr. John L. Tillery
1962	Poplar Bluff Baptist Church	J.B. Watson	D. Mynatt-Protem	Dr. John L. Tillery
1963	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	Lewis Rhodes	Jewell Watson	Dr. John L. Tillery
1964	Rocky Springs Baptist Church	David Walker	James Clapp	Dr. John L. Tillery
1965	Old Sweetwater Baptist Church	C.A. McKenzie	Virgil Tubyfill	Rev. Robert Sharp
1966	Cedar Fork Baptist Church	Billy Jones	Joe Little	Rev. Robert Sharp
1967	Bethlehem Baptist Church	Eugene Leaman	Anderson McCulley	Billy Jones
1968	Old Sweetwater Baptist Church	John Kosier	James Atkins	Billy Jones
1969	Cedar Fork Baptist Church	Anderson McCulley	George Pittman	John Kosier
1970	Chestua Baptist Church	Van Millsaps	George Pittman	John Kosier
1971	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	J.B. Crisp	Ralph Millsaps	John Kosier

1972	Old Sweetwater Baptist Church Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Bennie Creel	Ralph Millsaps	John Kosier
1973	Island Creek Baptist Church Notchey Creek Baptist Church	Jonas Stewart	R.L. Davis	Steve Byrum
1974	Madisonville, First Baptist Church Reed Springs Baptist Church	Victor Houston	Quentin Lee (Asst)	Clinton Riddle
1975	Gregory's Chapel Baptist Church Bethlehem Baptist Church	Keller Brown	Anderson McCulley	Clinton Riddle
1976	Rocky Springs Baptist Church Murrays Baptist Church	Lester Young	Fred Tate	Horace C. Brown
1977	411 Chapel Baptist Church Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	Benny Woods	Fred Tate	Horace C. Brown
1978	Vonore Baptist Church Tellico, First Baptist Church	Ralph Patton	Elmer Hurst	Horace C. Brown
1979	Lakeside Baptist Church Notchey Creek Baptist Church	Nevil Smith	Grover McCrary	Horace C. Brown
1980	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church Mt. Zion Baptist Church Old Sweetwater Baptist Church	James Patton	Robert D. Moore	Nevil Smith
1981	Tellico Plains Baptist Church Island Creek Baptist Church	Anderson McCulley	Joe Caldwell	Nevil Smith
1982	North Sweetwater Baptist Church Friendship Baptist Church	Joe Caldwell	Grady Miller	Nevil Smith
1983	Fairview Tabernacle Baptist Church Unicoi Baptist Church	David Allison	Bruce Poplin	Nevil Smith
1984	Hopewell Springs Baptist Church Cedar Fork Baptist Church	Virgil Tallent	Virgil Tallent	Nevil Smith
1985	Tellico, First Baptist Church Oak Grove Baptist Church	Frank Hicks	James Jackson	Nevil Smith
1986	Glenlock Baptist Church South Madisonville Baptist Church	Dr. John Tillery	Dewey Raley	Nevil Smith
1987	Mt. Zion Baptist Church Mt. Harmony Baptist Church	John Tipton	Don Rockholt	Nevil Smith
1988	Notchey Creek Baptist Church Fairview Tabernacle Baptist Church	Robert Spradlin	Doug Alexander	Nevil Smith
1989	North Sweetwater Baptist Church New Providence Baptist Church	R.L. Davis	James Harris	Nevil Smith
1990	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church South Madisonville Baptist Church Tellico Plains, First Baptist Church	Clint Riddle	Frank Hicks	Doug Alexander
1991	Glenlock Baptist Church Bethlehem Baptist Church Vonore Baptist Church	Lon Shoopman	David Allison	Glenda Spradlin
1992	Madisonville, First Baptist Church New Macedonia Baptist Church Long Ridge Baptist Church	Alvin Patton	Robert Spradlin	Glenda Spradlin
1993	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church Chestua Baptist Church Mt. Harmony Baptist Church	Tommy Self	Lon Shoopman	Sandra Oaks
1994	Lakeside Baptist Church North Sweetwater Baptist Church Fairview-(Ballplay) Baptist Church	Clayton Dunsmore	Gerald Atkins	Shannon Clayton
1995	Vonore Baptist Church Cedar Fork Baptist Church Notchey Creek Baptist Church	Virgil Turbyfill	Gale Miller	Shannon Clayton
1996	Notchey Creek Baptist Church	James Atkins	Clayton Dunsmore	Evelyn Summers

	New Providence Baptist Church			
	South Madisonville Baptist Church			
1997	Tellico Plains, First Baptist Church	Russ Cooper	Lee Chorn	Sheri Stephens
	Reed Springs Baptist Church			
	Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church			
1998	Madisonville, First Baptist Church	Don Edwards	Tommy Self	Sheri Stephens
	Oak Grove Baptist Church			
	North Sweetwater Baptist Church			
1999	Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Richard Parker	Tommy Self	Sheri Stephens
	Tellico Plains, First Baptist Church			
	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church			
2000	South Madisonville Baptist Church	Dwayne Leming	Russ Cooper	Sheri Stephens
	Vonore Baptist Church			
	Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church			
2001	Bethlehem Baptist Church	Anderson McCulley	Steve Teague	Sheri Stephens
	Cedar Fork Baptist Church			
	Tellico Plains, First Baptist Church			
2002	Poplar Bluff Baptist Church	Chris Farmer	Richard Parker	Sheri Stephens
	New Macedonia Baptist Church			
	Watson's Chapel Baptist Church			
2003	Lakeside Baptist Church	Bill Roberts	Clint Riddle	Sheri Stephens
	Hopewell Springs Baptist Church			
	New Providence Baptist Church			
2004	Glenlock Baptist Church	B.J. Wall	Tony Collins	Sheri Stephens
	411 Chapel Baptist Church			
	Notchey Creek Baptist Church			
2005	Madisonville, First Baptist Church	Shane Bryson	Chad Kirkpatrick	Sheri Stephens
	Westside Baptist Church			
	Vonore Baptist Church			
2006	Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church	Darrell Franklin	Mike Williams	Sheri Stephens
	Rocky Springs Baptist Church			
	Bethlehem Baptist Church			
2007	Tellico Plains, First Baptist Church,	Russ Cooper	Chris Farmer	Sheri Stephens
	Trinity Baptist Church			
	Watson Chapel Baptist Church			
2008	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church,	Johnny Carr	Jarrod Johnson	Sheri Stephens
	Island Creek Baptist Church			
	Mt. Zion Baptist Church			
2009	Notchey Creek Baptist Church	Mike Williams	Steve Teague	Sheri Stephens
	Cedar Valley Baptist Church			
	Hopewell Springs Baptist Church			
2010	New Macedonia Baptist Church	Dennis Cagle	Bill White	Sheri Stephens
	Poplar Bluff Baptist Church			
	Rocky Springs Baptist Church			
2011	Madisonville, First Baptist Church,	Frank Hicks	Steven McDonald	Sheri Stephens
	North Sweetwater Baptist Church			
	Vonore Baptist Church			
2012	Glenlock Baptist Church	Dr. Lon Shoopman	Mike Williams	Sheri Stephens
	Bethlehem Baptist Church			
2013	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	Dr. H. Dean Haun	Mike DeLand	Sheri Stephens
	Tellico Plains, First Baptist Church			
2014	Hopewell Springs Baptist Church	Dr. Edward Johnson	Carroll Hamilton	Sheri Stephens
	New Providence Baptist Church			
2015	Watson Chapel Baptist Church	Dr. John Powers	Roman Hamilton	Sheri Stephens
	Long Ridge Baptist Church			

2016	New Macedonia Baptist Church Lakeside Baptist Church	Dr. Ronnie Owens	David Chambers	Sheri Stephens
2017	411 Chapel Baptist Church Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Dr. Doug Sager	Carroll Hamilton	Sheri Stephens
2018	Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church	Greg McCosh	Greg McCosh	Sheri Stephens
2019	Union McMinn Baptist Church	Charles "Bud" Boring	Charles "Bud" Boring	Sheri Stephens
2020	Vonore Baptist Church	Mitch Ingram	Mitch Ingram	Sheri Stephens
2021	Madisonville, First Baptist Church	Lewis Jones	Lewis Jones	Becky Jones
2022	Bethlehem Baptist Church	Michael McLemore	Michael McLemore	Sheri Stephens
2023	New Providence Baptist Church	Darrell Cardin	Darrell Cardin	Becky Jones
2024	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	David Lane	David Lane	Becky Jones

**CONSTITUTION of the
SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.**

(adopted by Messengers at 189th Annual Meeting, October 21, 2019)

PREAMBLE

We declare and establish this constitution to preserve and secure the principles of our faith, and to govern the Association in an orderly manner. This constitution will help preserve the liberties of each individual church.

NAME

The body shall be known as Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. located in Madisonville, Tennessee.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to empower, encourage and equip the churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. to strategically reach the lost for Christ locally, as well as across the world, through cooperating together with the churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc., Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and Southern Baptist Convention.

OBJECTIVES

- To promote a kindred spirit, foster Christian fellowship and committed cooperation in shared ministry among the affiliated churches.
- To uphold the doctrines and principles of our Baptist Faith and encourage our churches to be loyal to these principles.
- To promote mission giving to the Association and Southern Baptist entities.
- To provide local and international mission opportunities for churches.
- To provide training for all areas of Christian ministry.
- To aid and assist member churches and pastors.
- To be available to pastors and churches to assist with conflict resolution, if requested.
- To support future decisions made by the Executive Board or the Messengers to the Associational Annual Meeting.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Holy Bible is the inspired word of God and is the basis for any statement of faith. This Association relies on the Bible for instruction on all matters concerning ordinances, ministries, activities, membership and employment. The Holy Bible is the sole guidance for faith and practice and all activities are to be consistent with, and not contrary to, the teaching of scripture. As an additional means of applying scripture to daily living and governing of the body, this Association adheres to the *Articles of Faith* listed in the *Baptist Faith and Message* as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, June 14, 2000.

RELATIONSHIPS

The government of the *Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc.* is vested in the member churches that compose it. The Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. will cooperate with and support the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and the Southern Baptist Convention, as long as said entities are in agreement with the statement of faith for Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc.

This *Constitution* was approved and adopted by the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. on October 21, 2019.

Signed by: *Sheri Stephens, Clerk 10/21/2019*

THE BY-LAWS OF SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

I. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The Association is a self-governing fellowship of member churches sharing a common faith and mission. The churches of the Association are autonomous. The fellowship of churches involves oneness, shared life and support; a common faith, grounded in harmony in faith and practice.

The Association shall be composed of churches affiliated and cooperative with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and Southern Baptist Convention, and which are in conformity with the purposes of the Association in their doctrine, polity and practice, and which have given evidence of support to the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc., the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

SECTION 2: NEW CHURCH ADMISSIONS

Churches desiring to affiliate with the Association shall make a written petition to the Mission Committee for consideration. They must also submit a copy of the record where the church has voted to request membership. The following information must be included in the petition:

- A brief history of the organization of the church/mission
- Evidence of cooperation or intention of cooperation with the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc., Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and the Southern Baptist Convention.
- A written statement of the *Articles of Faith and Covenant* that the church has adopted.
- A brief history of the achievements of the church to date of petition. (*For example:* has the church acquired property; has the church constructed a building; how often do they have preaching services at the church, etc.)
- A listing of current church leadership with contact information at time of petitioning.

SECTION 3: PROCEDURE FOR NEW CHURCH ADMISSIONS

The Associational Missions Committee shall investigate the petitioning church and based upon their investigation, can choose to make a recommendation during business session to place said church under watch care. If accepted, the petitioning church will be placed under the watch care of the Association for a minimum of six (6) months. A majority vote is required to place said church under watch care.

During this time the accepted church will be entitled to all rights and privileges of the Association, except that of voting. At the conclusion of the watch care, the Missions Committee will again meet with the church to give opportunity for any questions or suggestions, by either the church or the Missions Committee.

At the conclusion of the watch care period, the Missions Committee can choose to recommend during business session to accept the petitioning church. A two-thirds majority vote during the business session will be necessary

for admission into the Association. If admitted, a church shall be considered a regular standing congregation with full privileges at the ensuing Associational Meetings.

If the recommendations of the Missions Committee concerning the said church do not receive a two-thirds majority vote of the voting business members present, it shall be automatically referred back to the Missions Committee.

II. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 1: ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

It shall be the duty and the responsibility of the churches to correspond with the Association by annual church report/letter each year on the forms furnished to the churches for that purpose. This report/letter is expected to be in the Associational office by the due date.

SECTION 2: FINANCES

It is understood that membership in the Association involves financial obligation to support its ministries with regular, proportionate gift. Churches affiliated with the Association must annually share in the financial support of the work of the Association.

SECTION 3: FAILURE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS

A church holding membership in the Association must participate financially in the work of the Association and must file an annual report of its work to the Association. If a church fails to meet either of these two requirements, then the Association shall initiate the following process in an effort to redeem such a church back into active participation and fellowship:

- 1) The first year a church fails to meet a requirement, the Director of Missions and/or Missions Committee will make a personal contact with the church and/or pastor for the purpose of seeking to discover what the difficulty may be and to encourage the church to participate.
- 2) If a church fails to meet a requirement for two (2) consecutive years, that church will not be recognized as a participating church during business session(s). Said church will not be permitted to have voting privileges. Executive Board members and Messengers will not be recognized. Once both church membership requirements are met, voting privileges will be reinstated and Executive Board members and Messengers will be recognized.

III. AUTHORITY

The Association shall have no ecclesiastical jurisdiction over churches' internal affairs. The Association is available to advise, give counsel and propose measures.

The Association shall have power to withdraw fellowship from any church which departs from the doctrines and practices adhered to by this Constitution, and set forth in *Baptist Faith and Message* as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, June 14, 2000.

Any questions concerning fellowship with the churches shall be referred in writing to the Missions Committee. After consideration, the Missions Committee shall submit their recommendations to the business sessions.

IV. SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OFFICE POLICIES, PROCEDURES & PERSONNEL HANDBOOK (aka *SBA Handbook*)

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc., *Office Policies, Procedures & Personnel Handbook (aka SBA Handbook)* will be used as a guideline for office operations and procedures. The *SBA Handbook* is not part of the *By-laws of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc.* The *SBA Handbook* defines job descriptions for staff, department directors and non-standing committees. Non-standing committees and departments may be added or removed as the needs of the Association dictates and do not require any Constitutional or Bylaw amendment. The *SBA Handbook* also includes building and property usage guidelines. The *SBA Handbook* may be updated or revised, as

needed. Updates or revisions may be made to the *SBA Handbook* by the appropriate Committees and/or Officers of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc.

V. MEETINGS

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Associational Executive Board shall meet annually as specified by the Associational Calendar of Events. The Executive Board shall be responsible to hear and transact business presented on behalf of the Association.

A. QUORUM

A quorum consists of those eligible Executive Board Members who are in attendance at the meeting that has been properly called.

B. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Executive Board Members shall consist of:

- Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Associational Council,
- Pastor/Interim Pastor or in the event the church has no Pastor or Interim Pastor, the Chairman of the Deacon becomes the first Executive Board Member from each church,
- One elected Executive Board Member from each church.

Names of Executive Board members from each church must be submitted to the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. in order for a list of Executive Board Members to be compiled. Each member church is permitted to have two (2) voting Executive Board members. One member must be the Pastor or Interim Pastor. In the event the church has no Pastor or Interim Pastor, the Chairman of the Deacon becomes the first Executive Board Member. The second Executive Board member shall be one (1) elected member from the participating church. All Executive Board Members must be a member of the church they represent. All Executive Board Members must be age 18 or older.

The Executive Board list shall include Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Associational Council. Members of the Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Associational Council will be considered automatic Executive Board Members with voting privileges, and do not have to be duly elected by their participating church(es). The Associational Staff will not be considered as the one duly elected Executive Board Member to represent their participating church(es).

Visitors will be welcome to attend the business session, but only registered Executive Board members will be allowed to participate in the business session.

SECTION 2: ANNUAL MEETING

The Associational Messengers shall meet annually as specified by the Associational Calendar of Events. The Messengers of the Associational Annual Meeting shall be responsible to hear and transact business presented on behalf of the Association.

A. QUORUM

A quorum consists of those eligible Messengers who are in attendance at the meeting that has been properly called.

B. MESSENGERS TO ANNUAL MEETING

Messengers shall consist of:

- Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Associational Council
- Pastor/Interim Pastor or in the event the church has no Pastor or Interim Pastor, the Chairman of the Deacon becomes the first Messenger from each church; and shall be first of seven (7) Messengers,
- Six elected Messengers from each church for a total of seven (7) Messengers.

Each member church will be entitled to seven (7) Messengers. Messengers, other than the Pastor, shall be duly elected by their participating church, prior to the Annual Meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. Names of Messengers must be submitted to Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. office in order for list of Messengers to be compiled.

The Messenger list shall include Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Associational Council. Members of the Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Associational Council will be considered automatic Messengers to the Annual Meeting and do not have to be duly elected by their participating church(es). The Associational staff will not be considered as one of the duly elected Messengers to represent their participating church(es).

Messenger registration card(s) or form(s) will be made available to the church clerks of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. to submit names of Messengers. Messenger registration(s) must be returned, prior to the Annual Meeting to the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. office, by the due date as set by the Associational Calendar of Events.

During Annual Meeting registration, each Messenger will be presented a Messenger name-tag by the Associational Clerk or Assistant Clerk. The Messenger will be required to wear the name-tag during the Annual Meeting in order to participate in business session. All Messengers must be a member of the church they represent. All Messengers must be age 18 or older.

Visitors will be welcome to attend any and all of the Annual Meeting Sessions, but only registered Messengers will be allowed to participate in the business session.

SECTION 3: SPECIAL MEETING

The Executive Board may be called into a special session at a time and place set by the Director of Missions, or Missions Committee Chairman provided churches are notified at least ten (10) days before the special meeting. The notification should state the time, place and purpose of the meeting. All special meetings may deal only with the stated purpose(s) of the meeting.

SECTION 4: ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING

The Annual Meeting business session(s) may be considered and also constitute the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

A. QUORUM

The quorum consists of those eligible members who are in attendance at the business meeting, provided it is a regular business meeting.

SECTION 5: VOTING RIGHTS OF MEMBER CHURCHES

Registered member(s) present of member church(es) of good standing and having met all requirements (per Item II. *Church Membership Requirements, Section 3. Failure to Meet Requirements*) are entitled to vote in all elections and on all questions.

SECTION 6: VOTE

The type of vote used shall be determined by the Moderator.

SECTION 7: RULES OF BUSINESS AND DECORUM

- Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall be used as authority in all deliberations of the Association.
- Moderator shall call to order each session at the appointed time.
- Any member wishing to address the Association shall rise in place and address the Moderator.
- Moderator shall decide points of order, subject to an appeal from his decision to the Association. He shall have the preference to speak to or explain when an appeal is taken from this decision.

VI. STAFF OF THE ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. will be served by employed staff, as deemed necessary. All employed staff of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. are voting members during business sessions.

SECTION 2: DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

- Job description provided in *SBA Handbook*
- When necessary, position shall be filled by recommendation of the Missions Committee, with a two-thirds majority vote, during business session.
- Employment shall be for an indefinite period of time.

SECTION 3: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

- Job description provided in *SBA Handbook*
- Employed for an indefinite period of time upon the recommendation of the Director of Missions, with the approval of the Personnel Committee. No vote of the Association is needed for employment.

SECTION 4: MINISTRY ASSISTANT

- Job description provided in *SBA Handbook*
- Employed for an indefinite period of time upon the recommendation of the Director of Missions, with the approval of the Personnel Committee. No vote of the Association is needed for employment.

VII. OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. will be served by officers, as deemed necessary. All officers of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. are voting members during business sessions.

SECTION 2: DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

- Shall work with all officers of the Association and its organizations and the committees in giving counsel, guidance and oversight to every phase of the Associational work.
- Shall serve as ex-officio member with all committees of the Association.

SECTION 3: MODERATOR

- After fulfilling term as Vice-Moderator, will automatically assume the office of Moderator for the coming year.
- In the event Vice-Moderator cannot serve assume office as Moderator, he shall be nominated by and elected by a majority vote of Messengers at Associational Annual meeting.
- Cannot serve more than (1) year in succession.
- Shall preside at all regular or special called meetings of the Association.
- Shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees.
- Will appoint two (2) members of the Committee on Nominations during the Annual Meeting.
- Will serve as member of the Committee on Nominations with voting privileges.

SECTION 4: VICE MODERATOR

- Shall be nominated by and elected by a majority vote of Messengers at Associational Annual meeting.
- Shall preside in the absence of or at the request of the Moderator at Executive Board Meeting or Associational Annual Meeting.
- Will automatically assume the office of Moderator for the remainder of the term, in the event the Moderator cannot complete his term.
- At the end of 1 year term as Vice Moderator, will automatically assume the office of Moderator for the following year.

SECTION 5: CLERK/ASSISTANT CLERK:

- Office filled by Administrative Assistant or Ministry Assistant as defined in *SBA Handbook*.
- Shall be responsible for keeping accurate minutes of all business meetings.
- Shall compile reports from committees and churches in the annual *Minutes of Sweetwater Baptist Association*.
- Shall hold all records as property of the Association.
- Shall return records in possession at time of resignation or change of officer to Association.

SECTION 6: TREASURER/ASSISTANT TREASURER:

- Office filled by Administrative Assistant or Ministry Assistant as defined in *SBA Handbook*.
- Shall be responsible for keeping accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of all monies handled by the Association.
- Shall prepare a written report for business meetings of Association.
- Shall print Associational budget in the associational newsletter prior to the Annual Meeting.
- Ex-officio member of the Finance Committee.
- Shall hold all records as property of the Association.
- Shall return records in possession at time of resignation or change of officer to Association.

VIII. CORPORATE OFFICERS

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The officers of the corporation are the officers who can act on behalf of the corporation. These officers have no power other than those express powers given to them by the corporation.

The term of the corporate officers shall run for the period of one year, coinciding with the Associational year or until their successors are chosen and elected. The President and Secretary are voting officers of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. during business sessions.

SECTION 2: PRESIDENT

The office of President is held by the Director of Missions position. The President shall have general and active management of the Corporation, and shall see that all orders and resolutions are carried into effect.

SECTION 3: SECRETARY

The office of Secretary is held by the Treasurer position. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the corporation and shall be responsible for preparing the minutes of such meetings.

IX. COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: GENERAL

Committees are responsible for planning and promoting the work and ministries of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. The Association will be served by five (5) standing Committees. Additional Committees may be established according to the needs of the Association. Committees, other than standing Committees, will be defined in the *SBA Handbook*.

All committees shall be under Associational control; all committee members/officers must be elected by vote of Messengers at Annual Meeting. Committees are required to report as needed to the Association. All committee members must be members of participating churches. All committee members must be 18 years of age or older.

SECTION 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR STANDING COMMITTEES:

- Each committee shall be composed of at least three (3) and no more than five (5) members, all of which are in good standing of an affiliated church of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc.
- Committee members shall assume their elected duties on adjournment of the current Annual Meeting of the Association.

- Members who have fulfilled their term shall not be eligible for re-election to the same Committee until out of such office for one Associational year.
- Individuals are not eligible to serve on more than two committees simultaneously, except those who serve on standing committees by virtue of their office. This restriction shall not prevent one from serving on special committees.
- Members of Committees shall be on a rotating basis. Upon completion of serving term, the Senior Committee Member(s) will move off, and a new member(s) is added.
- The new Chairman of a Committee shall be the one next in seniority on the Committee. Committee members may deem it necessary to request a change in chairmanship.
- Committees will meet as necessary.
- Committees shall report as needed to the Association through the Chairman or through an appointed Committee representative. Reports will be made during business sessions.

X. STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. will be served by five (5) standing Committees.

SECTION 2. COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

- Shall be responsible for bringing recommendations for all committee members of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc.
- Shall be responsible for bringing recommendations for all Department Directors of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc.
- Two (2) members of the Committee on Nominations will be appointed by the Moderator during the Annual Meeting. They will replace two (2) senior members of the Committee on Nominations who will rotate off the Committee on Nominations each year.
- The incoming Moderator will serve as a member of the Committee on Nominations with voting privileges.

SECTION 3. BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Shall prepare and present the proposed annual operating budget.

SECTION 4. MISSIONS COMMITTEE

- Shall be responsible for promotion, development and guidance of the mission work of the Association.
- Shall assist the Director of Missions in working with the churches in mission related and church related issues.
- Will be responsible to serve as a Search Committee and present a candidate for Director of Missions, as needed.

SECTION 5. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- Will be responsible for working with the Director of Missions to employ all office staff and personnel.
- Will have the responsibility of giving assistance to office personnel employed by the Association.
- Is not responsible for hiring Director of Missions.

SECTION 6. TRUSTEES

- Will hold in trust the property of the Association.
- Will have the actual care of the real and personal property, but shall have no power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease or transfer any property without a specific vote of the Association authorizing such action.

- Will execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all leases, agreements, deeds, mortgages, deeds of trust and any and all other papers, instruments or other documents, but only after authorized to do so.
- A majority of Trustees must sign all legal papers in behalf of the Association, and such signing must be witnessed by the Director of Missions.

XI. DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: GENERAL

Department directors shall work with the Director of Missions to promote and direct ministry opportunities of respective departments to plan meetings to train and equip the churches. Associational Department Directors are defined in the *SBA Handbook*. Associational Department Directors may be added or removed as needed.

XII. ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The Associational Council of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. shall be composed of Associational Staff, Associational Committee Chairmen and Associational Department Directors. The Associational Council shall work with the Director of Missions to plan and promote Associational training, events, mission and activities.

XIII. USE OF PROPERTIES

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The intended use of buildings or property of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. is solely for Associational administration and ministries. Buildings or property cannot be used as meeting space by individuals, community or civic organizations except for member churches as defined in the *SBA Handbook*. Properties cannot be used for any purpose that is in violation of biblical doctrine. Further use of building and property is defined in the *SBA Handbook*.

XIV. FISCAL YEAR

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The fiscal year shall run concurrently with the Associational year which begins on October 1 and ends September 30.

XV. AMENDMENT(S)

SECTION 1: GENERAL

Proposed amendment(s) to the *Constitution and By-laws* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. will be presented by the Constitution Committee. Notification of proposed amendments to the *Constitution or By-Laws* must be presented to the churches in writing 30 days in advance of the business session and voted on at ensuing business session of the Association. Amendments to the *Constitution or By-laws* shall be made by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present who are entitled to vote during business session of the Association.

Proposed amendment(s) to the *Constitution or By-laws*, presented from the floor during a business session, will be referred to the Constitution Committee for consideration.

Amendment(s) must be added to and kept with the official copy of the *Constitution and By-laws* at the time they are passed.

These *By-laws* were approved and adopted by the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. on October 21, 2019.

Signed by: Sheri Stephens, Clerk 10/21/2019

adopted 10.21.2019

**PROCEEDINGS of the 194th Annual Session of the
SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Celebrating 194 years, 1830-2024**

Theme: ...my light and my salvation... Psalm 27:1

Business Session: Sweetwater, First Baptist Church October 21, 2024, Monday evening, 6:30 p.m.

1. The 2024 SBA Associational Council Report video presentation of the ministries of the Sweetwater Baptist Association was presented.
2. Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford shared a word of thanks to Pastor Jason Pounds and First Baptist Church, Sweetwater for hosting the 194th Annual Meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. The Director of Missions also presented greetings and the opening prayer.
3. The *Memorial Report* was presented as a *PowerPoint* presentation of names of those that had passed away during the year. The *Annual Meeting* and *Minutes of the Sweetwater Baptist Association for 2024* were dedicated in memory of former pastors: Joseph Ronnie Moore, Wayne Caloway Nichols, Ronnie C. Watson and Charles Gale Miller.
4. A video message from Dr. Randy Davis, Executive Director-Treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board was presented.
5. Donna Blaydes, Preschool-Children Specialist, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, shared a word of greetings from the TBMB and presented a plaque for Golden Offering giving to the Director of Missions. 14 churches of the SBA provided gifts to the GSMD offering.
6. Pastor Jason Pounds, First Baptist Church, Sweetwater shared a word of greetings, welcome and prayer.
7. The Director of Missions presented the "Anderson McCulley" gavel to Moderator, David Lane.
8. Moderator, David Lane, Pastor Citico Baptist Church, shared a word of welcome, and that it was his privilege to call to order the 194th *Annual Meeting* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association.
9. Clerk, Becky Jones, moved that Messengers from the churches present constitute a quorum, and be duly seated to conduct the business of the 194th *Annual Meeting* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Second by Jonas Turpin, motion carried unanimously.
10. The Moderator thanked the Messengers for the prayers and the opportunity to serve as Vice-Moderator and Moderator and to be part of the various Committees during the past years. The Moderator appointed Steve Strickland, Shoal Creek Baptist Church and Andy Franklin, Mt Zion Baptist Church to serve on the *Committee on Nominations*.
11. After a brief transition of power from Moderator David Lane to Vice-Moderator Jamie Johnson, Pastor, Delano Baptist Church, the Vice-Moderator presided over the remaining sessions for the evening.
12. The Moderator stated during the Election of Officers, that historically, the Vice-Moderator automatically moves into the Moderator position for the upcoming year for the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Thus, Jamie Johnson, Pastor of Delano Baptist Church, would serve as Moderator for 2024-2025.
13. Howie White nominated Gabe Brannon, Pastor Union McMinn Baptist Church, to serve as Vice-Moderator for the 2024-2025 Associational Year. With no further nominations, motion by Darrell Cardin, second by Jarrod Johnson that nominations cease, and that Gabe Brannon be elected by acclamation. Motion carried, with no opposition.
14. Messengers were instructed by the Moderator that the Officers for 2024-2025 were Jamie Johnson, Moderator and Gabe Brannon, Vice-Moderator.
15. Committee Member, Jarrod Johnson presented the *Committee on Nominations Report* for 2024-2025 and moved to adopt the report as printed in the *Messenger Handout* booklet. Motion carried, with no opposition.
16. Mission Committee Chairman, Rick Harris presented on behalf of the Missions Committee that in accordance with the *Procedures for New Church Admissions* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, the Missions Committee recommends that the petition request for membership from Bible Baptist Church, Tellico Plains (Kevin Miller, Pastor) be accepted. Bible Baptist Church was placed under watch-care of the Association for six (6) months by vote of Executive Board Members at the April Meeting, 2024. During this time, Bible Baptist Church has had all rights and privileges of the Association, except voting. This congregation has been actively attending meetings and financially supporting the work of the Association. Motion carried, with no opposition.

17. Motion by Sheri Stephens to adopt the *Treasurer's Report* as presented; second by Carroll Hamilton . Motion carried, with no opposition.
18. *Finance/Budget Committee Report* was presented by Committee Chairman, Richard Parker. He reviewed the proposed budget changes as printed in the *Messenger Handout* and moved the adoption of the budget for 2024-2025. Motion carried, with no opposition.
19. Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford, shared 14th Annual *DOM Report* to the Messengers of the Association. He thanked the churches for their prayers and for welcoming him as he visited the family of churches. He thanked the churches for their continuous gracious giving. He stated that his written report and statistical report were included in the *Messenger Handout*.
20. Motion by Tony Rutherford, second by Jarrod Johnson to accept the *2025 Calendar of Activities for the Sweetwater Baptist Association* as printed in the *2024 Messenger Handout* with any further changes or stipulations that might be needed in the future. Motion carried, with no opposition.
21. Motion by Tony Rutherford, second by Kevin Manis, to receive all reports of the ministries of the Sweetwater Baptist Association and Tennessee Baptist Mission Board to be included in the *2024 Book of Reports*. Motion carried, with no opposition.
22. Motion by Tony Rutherford, second by Richard Parker that the 2024 Annual Meeting and 2024 Associational Minutes be dedicated in memory of former pastors Joseph Ronnie Moore, Wayne Caloway Nichols, Ronnie C. Watson and Charles Gale Miller.
23. The Director of Missions presented a plaque for outstanding service and leadership to Moderator, David Lane.
24. The Moderator called for old business, and there was none.
25. The Moderator called for new business, and there was none.
26. The Moderator thanked Pastor Jason Pounds and First Baptist Church, Sweetwater for hosting the meeting.
27. Motion to adjourn by Jarrod Johnson second by Kenny Keller and the meeting adjourned with prayer led by Pastor Jamie Johnson.

7:32 p.m. *Brief Intermission at conclusion of Business Session*

Worship Session: First Baptist Church, Sweetwater October 21, 2024, Monday evening

28. After a brief intermission, the meeting reconvened for worship, with Music Director Todd Colbert, First Baptist Church, Sweetwater leading the congregation in singing, *The Old Rugged Cross*.
29. We were blessed as special music was presented by Abigail Millsaps from Citico Baptist Church. Song selections included: *Your Cry Has Woken the Master* and *What a Day That Will Be*.
30. David Lane presented the Moderator's Message. He shared scripture from Ephesians 5:6, Matthew 6:22-23 and I John 1:5-7, and encouraged us to look at our light...a light of darkness or the Light of Jesus Christ and salvation.
31. The Director of Missions shared a word of thanks to First Baptist Church, Musicians, Sound and Media, and Pastor Jason Pounds for hosting the meeting, Abigail Millsaps for the special music, Pastor Jamie Johnson for serving as Vice-Moderator, Pastor David Lane for serving as Moderator and sharing the *Moderator's Message*, and to the Messengers and all in attendance for the sessions.
32. The meeting was closed in prayer by Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford.

REGISTRATION FOR 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Messengers	107
Pastors	26
Visitors	37
Total Attendance	170
Churches Represented	36

Sheri Stephens, Clerk

Becky Jones, Assistant Clerk

David Lane, Moderator

Jamie Johnson, Vice-Moderator

Tony J. Rutherford, Director of Missions

8:42 p.m.

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Sweetwater Baptist Association
DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT
October 1, 2023- September 30, 2024
He Restoreth My Soul

When David penned the words “He restoreth my soul” in Psalms 23:3, He is writing out of his own experience. There were times in David’s life that he would encounter giants who challenged his faith or slay the lion and the bear which desired to feast on the sheep under his care. Once David walked among the world leaders with his head held high and his heart in tune with His God. By the time these words flowed from David’s lips, he had journeyed through the valley of the shadow of death because of his choices. This Psalmist was in great need of revival.

For 194 years, God has led the Sweetwater Baptist Association to present the gospel which has the power to restore souls locally, nationally, and globally. This year the SBA has successfully carried the message of Christ to the areas God has opened for us to minister. God has touched lives through the churches of the SBA in sharing His love with children through Vacation Bible School, with a youth conference reaching nearly five hundred, and with adults through revivals. These events have caused a “Stirring of the Waters” and encouraged people to come forth in baptism. VBS and revival were shared with the Downey Baptist Church again this year in Iowa. Also, three teams representing Christ and the SBA in Guatemala where over forty persons made professions of faith, fifty bags of food were distributed, and 100s of children learned the joy of a loving Savior.

We often refer to revival as a designated period of time of gathered meetings. When in reality, revival should be experienced daily. Remember the days when revival was a community event? Churches would band together, cottage prayer meetings were held, and all other plans were put on hold. The event was scheduled for at least two weeks. The evangelist was selected, and the community was flooded with advertisements.

Excitement filled the air as the days of revival grew nearby. Extra visits were made to the unchurched, and the inactive members were encouraged to attend. There was definitely a buzz in the air. Extra time was put into choir practice, and prayer lists grew to an all-time high. Special places were designated as prayer areas. There was one for the men and another for the women. The youth also joined in, praying for their family and friends.

It seems as though the first week was given to the renewal of the church. The preaching was aimed for the struggling saints. It was not unusual to see saintly men and women on their knees before the Lord. They would come with tears streaming down their cheeks, praying, and agonizing with Jesus. I am sure their concerns included their own struggles, burdens for lost loved ones, and a heartfelt desire for God to “restore my soul.” Internal problems of the church were resolved during the first week of revival.

The second week of revival took on a new target: the lost and unchurched. The preacher’s voice would rise to the point that one could almost feel the flames of hell or see the lights of glory. As sinners one by one journeyed down the aisle calling upon Christ for salvation and repenting of thoughts and actions that separated them from a joyful relationship with God.

Restoring the Soul (Revival) is something that our country needs to experience. However, we cannot generate the power to bring the masses to an altar of prayer, nor are we guaranteed another outpouring of the Holy Spirit such as Pentecost. However, God’s Word promises that He will not turn away a repenting heart. Will you join me in pleading “HE RESTORETH MY SOUL!”

**Director of Missions
Statistical Annual Report
October 1, 2023 - September 30, 2024**

Church Visits (within the Association)	156
Church Visits (outside the Association)	13
Total Church Visits	169
Pulpit Committee Contacts.....	53
Ordinations	4
Revivals	2
Hospital & Funeral Home Visits	3
Funerals	3
Committee Meetings	8
Associational Meetings.....	4
SBA Pastor’s Conference	30
Travel Miles (Car).....	11,168
Miles Traveled (air travel-approximate).....	4,936
Total Miles Traveled	16,104

Special Missions Projects

SBA: Mountain Give Away.....December 2023	Howards and Citico
Guatemala mission.....June 2024	Bethlehem and Poplar Bluff
Iowa Mission	July 2024..... Notchey Creek
Work with Lower Chilhowee	May 23-Sept. 2024
Weekend At Calvary	June 7-9

Special Events

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual Meeting SBA, Oct. 2023 • Senior Adult Christmas Celebration, Dec. 2023 • Pastor’s Christmas Banquet, Dec.2023 • Seminary Extension, The Armor of God, Sept-Oct 2024 • Evangelism Conference, Dr. Roc Collins, Feb. 2024 • Connect Youth Rally March, 2024 • VBS Showcase March, 2024 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SBA Executive Board, April 2024 • Attended National Day of Prayer, May 2024 • Scholarship Presentation 2024 (4) • VBS Visits, June 2024 (35) • SBA Prayer Meeting, Delano, August 2024 • Guidestone Conference August, 2024 • Church Clerk Conference 2024 • Pastors Annual Picnic, Sept. 2024 • WMU/Ladies Meeting (2) |
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DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS
UPDATES/PRESENTATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
to Messengers of 2024 Annual Meeting

- (1) **RECOMMENDATION TO MESSENGERS OF ANNUAL MEETING:** Motion to adopt the *2025 Associational Calendar of Events*, as printed in the *2024 Messenger Handout*, with any further changes or stipulations that might be needed in the future.

- (2) **RECOMMENDATION TO MESSENGERS OF ANNUAL MEETING:** Motion to receive all reports of the ministries of the Sweetwater Baptist Association and Tennessee Baptist Mission Board to be included in *2024 Annual Minutes of the Sweetwater Baptist Association*.

- (3) Presentation of Moderator’s Plaque to David Lane.

- (4) *2024 Annual Meeting* and *2024 Minutes of the Sweetwater Baptist Association* dedicated in memory of former pastors, Joseph Ronnie Moore, Wayne Caloway Nichols, Ronnie C. Watson and Charles Gale Miller.

TONY RUTHERFORD, DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 2025

January		Aug 25	Church Clerk Training, 6:30 pm
Jan 1-2	Office Closed, Holiday	Aug 26	Church Clerk Training, 10:00 am
February		September	
Feb 22	East TN Evangelism Rally, Notchey Creek	Sept 1	Office Closed, Holiday
Feb 24	Youth Committee Meeting	Sept 2	Biblical Studies Class Begins
March		Sept 22	Pastor & Family Picnic, Notchey Creek
Mar 1	Scholarship Applications Due	Sept 29	Mission Committee Meeting
Mar 10	VBS Showcase, SBA Office	October	
Mar 15	CONNECT Youth Rally, Fairview Tabernacle	Oct 2	ACP/Messenger Cards Due
Mar 31	Mission Committee Meeting	Oct 20	SBA Annual Meeting, New Macedonia
April		November	
Apr 7	Youth Committee Meeting	Nov 3	WMU/Ladies Meeting, Madisonville, First
Apr 14	Executive Board Meeting, Cedar Fork	Nov 26-27	Office Closed, Holiday
Apr 17, 21	Office Closed, Holiday	December	
May		Dec 8	Senior Adult Christmas Show, Union McMinn
May 5	WMU/Ladies Meeting, Shelton Grove	Dec 8	Pastors/Wives Christmas Banquet, Union McMinn
May 26	Office Closed, Holiday	Dec 22-Jan 4	Office Closed, Holiday
June		SBA Pastor’s Conference	
Jun 17-24	Guatemala Mission Trip #1	Meets each Monday at 10:00 am; except in June and December or if office is closed for weather, holiday, or event	
Jun 24-Jul 1	Guatemala Mission Trip #2	SBA Office Hours	
July		Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm	
Jul 2-3	Office Closed, Holiday	*Calendar of Events may be subject to change	
Jul 12-19	Iowa Mission Trip	*Calendar of Events may be subject to change	
Jul 21	Nominating Committee Meeting		
Jul 22	Budget Comm Meeting		
August			
Aug 5	Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting, Trinity		

Sweetwater Baptist Association
ASSOCIATIONAL STAFF, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES, 2024-2025
Committee on Nominations Report, 2024-2025
Joel Tilson, Committee Chairman
***Officers or Committee Members Added 2024**

ASSOCIATIONAL STAFF:

Director of Missions..... Tony Rutherford
 Administrative Assistant/Treasurer/Clerk Sheri Stephens
 Ministry Assistant/Assistant Treasurer/Assistant Clerk.....Becky Jones

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS:

*Evangelism Director Shane Johnston
 Music Director Phillip Johnson
 Women’s Ministry/Ladies Director Rachel Thompson

By Vote of Messengers:

Moderator Jamie Johnson
 Vice Moderator..... Gabe Brannon

STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:

Bill Wilson, Chairman (2025)
 Gabe Brannon (2025)
 Moderator Jamie Johnson
 *Steve Strickland (2026)
 *Andy Franklin (2026)

BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE:

Gid Redmond, Chairman (2025)
 Trey Ferguson (2027)
 Wendi Stakely (2026)
 Jonas Turpin (2028)
 *Roman Hamilton (2029)

MISSION COMMITTEE:

Gerald Lynn, Chairman (2025)
 Danny Lingerfelt (2026)
 Lon Shoopman (2027)
 Carroll Hamilton (2028)
 *Darrell Cardin (2029)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Donna McKee, Chairperson (2025)
 Donita Moore (2026)
 *Scarlett Mashburn (2027)

TRUSTEES:

Dan Sliger, Chairman (2025)
 Albert Graser (2026)
 *Joe Barr (2027)

NON-STANDING COMMITTEES

YOUTH COUNCIL:

Nick Farrell, Chairman (2025)
 *Jarrod Johnson (2026)
 *Trey Helms (2027)
 *Cody Hill (2028)
 *Isaac Sparks (2029)

*Added 2024-2025
 (Year term ends to serve)

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Year End Financial Statement
General Account: October 1, 2023 to September 30, 2024

Balance Forward	\$87,685.50
<u>Income:</u>	
Church Gifts	214,371.13
Interest	225.22
Subtotal	214,596.35
Designated Gifts	204,751.54
Total Income	419,347.89
<u>Expenses:</u>	
Budget Expense	(209,128.15)
Designated Expense.....	(207,850.86)
Total Expense.....	(416,979.01)
Balance 09.25.2023	\$90,054.38
Designated Accounts	(69,926.47)
Total Unobligated Account Balance 09.30.2024	<u>\$20,127.91</u>

<u>Designated:</u>	
Disaster Relief Building: building, tools, equipment maintenance	548.95
Ministry Trailers/Upkeep/Repair/Supplies/Maintenance	3,758.03
Youth/Student Ministry	7,626.93
Staff Family/Marriage Counselor Ministry	8,565.00
Israel	7,710.48
WMU/Ladies Ministry/MK	1,852.63
Local Community Ministry	1,445.13
Local Evangelism	1,150.00
Mission Development	2,186.28
2024 GSMO TBMB	7,740.53
SBA Office/Building	1,423.40
Building renovations	3,107.22
Iowa Mission Ministry	153.93
Guatemala Mission Ministry	653.61
Haiti Orphanage	10,604.00
Bible Study Class/Seminary Extension	1,862.78
VBS Supplies	559.64
Bibles/Marked New Testaments (5.25 each)	501.11
Secretarial Office	556.92
SBA Evangelism Rally	3,659.97
SBA Pastor/Wife Christmas Banquet	3,699.93
SBA Pastor Benevolent/Monday Conference/Supplies	560.00
Total Designated 09.2024	69,926.47

MIDDLE EAST CONFLICT FUND ... Israel - Relief

Christianburg	1,000.00
Long Ridge	1,355.00
New Providence	5,454.00
Notchey Creek	4,014.00
Rural Vale	4,288.00
Shady Grove	2,300.00
Union McMinn	5,000.00
Vonore	5,000.00
Vonore, Bess Ellis Circle, WMU	200.00
Vonore, Fellowship Sunday School.....	200.00
Vonore, Willing Workers Sunday School Class	125.00
Miriam/William Post	100.00
Bible Baptist	2,200.00
Glorybound	500.00
Buddy Morgan.....	100.00
Frances/Clayton Dunsmore.....	500.00
Maxine Cole/Jan Pilkey.....	40.00
Anonymous	32,500.00
Anonymous	500.00

INTERNATIONAL MISSION PROJECT

Bethlehem-Guatemala: Support Pastor Hugo (Oct, 2023).....	4,200.00
Bethlehem-Guatemala: Support Pastor Ricardo (Oct, 2023)	1,200.00
Bethlehem-Guatemala: Medical Clinic (June, 2024).....	750.00
Poplar Bluff-Guatemala: - Support Pastor Antonio, Macedonia (Jan, 2024)	1,800.00
Poplar Bluff- Guatemala: Medical Clinic (May, 2024)	1,500.00
Poplar Bluff-Guatemala: Doctors (May, 2024).....	700.00
Birchfield-Guatemala: Medical Clinic (May, 2024)	750.00
Anonymous-Guatemala Missions (Nov, 2023)	100.00
William Watson-Ukraine Ministry & Churches; Mt Calvary BC Khmelnytsky City, Ukraine (Feb, 2024)	5,000.00

HAITI MISSION PROJECT-Yahve Shamma Orphanage with Pastor Gaetan Alcegaire

Christianburg	500.00
Citico	1,000.00
Howards Chapel	100.00
Lakeside.....	1,000.00
Long Ridge	500.00
New Macedonia	2,860.00
Notchey Creek	2,456.00
Oak Grove	780.00
Rural Vale	408.00
Anonymous	500.00
Tony and Darnell Rutherford.....	500.00

MISCELLANEOUS: LOCAL/HOME MISSIONS

Mike/Carol Akins (Pastor Christmas Fund)	100.00
Anonymous (Pastor Christmas Fund)	200.00
Lower Chilhowee (assist in church mailout)	150.00
Anonymous (Pastor Benevolent).....	310.00

TENNESSEE BAPTIST MISSION BOARD

Antioch (CP).....	275.00
Clifton (LMCO)	65.00
Clifton (AAEO)	159.00
Clifton (TBAH).....	142.00
Clifton (TBCH).....	105.00
Howard's Chapel (LMCO)	400.00
Macedonia (LMCO)	200.00
Macedonia (TBAH)	200.00
Macedonia (AAEO)	200.00
Walnut Grove (LMCO)	40.00
Walnut Grove (AAEO).....	198.00
Williamsburg (CP).....	50.50
Williamsburg (TBCH)	373.53
Williamsburg (AAEO).....	101.58

TENNESSEE BAPTIST MISSION BOARD cont'd

Williamsburg (GO).....	77.46
Williamsburg (TBAH)	46.42
Williamsburg (LMCO)	97.68

**SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
2023-2024 CHURCH/MISSION GIFTS**

(Report reflects deposits through September 23,2024)

411 Chapel.....	1,500.00	North Sweetwater	1,212.31
Antioch	300.00	Notchey Creek	8,404.42
Beaty's Chapel	200.00	Oak Grove.....	4,606.34
Bethlehem	13,323.50	Oakland	800.00
Bible.....	1,300.00	Old Pond Hill.....	100.00
Big Creek.....	0.00	Old Sweetwater	1,000.00
Calvary.....	60.00	Paint Rock.....	1,320.00
Cane Creek	2,400.00	Piney Grove	500.00
Cedar Fork	5,387.99	Poplar Bluff.....	900.00
Cedar Valley.....	11,510.12	Reed Springs.....	1,534.00
Christianburg	3,519.69	Rocky Springs.....	5,800.00
Citico.....	753.20	Rural Vale	4,975.19
Clifton	300.00	Shady Grove	1,000.00
Community.....	1,762.83	Shelton Grove.....	2,581.06
Compromise	600.00	Shoal Creek.....	1,189.00
Conasauga	3,600.00	South Madisonville.....	1,200.00
Concord	1,386.07	Sweetwater First	4,200.00
Delano	4,076.79	Tellico	1,500.00
Druid Hills	1,100.00	Tellico First	6,242.00
Ebenezer.....	677.00	Tevis Springs.....	425.00
Fairview	0.00	Towee Falls.....	1,800.00
Fairview Tabernacle	18,000.00	Trinity	0.00
Fellowship	1,712.98	Union Grove	1,440.00
Glenlock.....	4,008.00	Union Hall.....	819.00
Gregory's Chapel	1,100.00	Union McMinn.....	4,800.00
Hopewell Springs.....	500.00	Unity	300.00
Howard's Chapel	1,800.00	Upper Shady Grove	550.00
Island Creek	3,300.00	Vonore.....	20,568.65
Lakeside.....	900.00	Walnut Grove	1,502.62
Long Ridge	1,000.00	Watson Chapel	2,000.04
Lower Chilhowee.....	50.00	Westside.....	100.00
Macedonia.....	600.00	Williamsburg	478.06
Madisonville First	5,000.04	Miscellaneous/TBC.....	7,824.00
Maple Springs.....	750.00	Miscellaneous AM	60.06
Miller's Chapel.....	1,200.00	Miscellaneous/Interest	225.22
Mt. Calvary	1,212.54	Total	\$214,596.35
Mt. Isabella.....	0.00		
Mt. Zion	7,452.84		
Murray's	2,406.00		
New Bethany	5,377.95		
New Macedonia	2,400.00		
New Providence	9,661.84		
New Zion	450.00		

(Note: Church Gifts do not include designated gifts to the Sweetwater Baptist Association)

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
2023-2024 CHURCH/MISSION GIFTS
(Report reflects deposits through September 23, 2024)

Church Gifts	OCT 2023	Nov	Dec	JAN 2024	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Total
411 Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Antioch	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	300.00
Beaty's Chapel	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Bethlehem	1,512.50	2,762.00	1,042.50	1,419.00	1,078.00	2,011.50	583.00	583.00	583.00	583.00	583.00	583.00	13,323.50
Bible Baptist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,300.00
Big Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Cane Creek	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	2,400.00
Cedar Fork	513.66	611.10	464.38	485.10	345.59	464.61	471.94	396.76	479.22	479.92	297.71	378.00	5,387.99
Cedar Valley	889.26	1,223.41	1,029.15	766.68	1,575.27	0.00	1,902.15	0.00	1,654.47	778.60	824.53	866.60	11,510.12
Christianburg	0.00	1,351.55	0.00	728.15	0.00	0.00	643.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	796.99	0.00	3,519.69
Citico	14.85	87.95	24.50	63.40	0.00	104.75	39.20	42.05	48.25	58.95	63.20	206.10	753.20
Clifton	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	300.00
Community	62.97	110.97	67.47	91.47	46.80	814.47	60.57	79.08	64.08	99.75	189.90	75.30	1,762.83
Compromise	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	600.00
Conasauga	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	3,600.00
Concord	1,386.07	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,386.07
Delano	322.13	355.88	296.36	385.60	309.86	307.32	446.94	303.23	319.63	405.41	329.02	295.41	4,076.79
Druid Hills	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,100.00
Ebenezer	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	77.00	80.00	125.00	30.00	95.00	150.00	90.00	677.00
Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	18,000.00
Fellowship	186.11	161.35	168.67	198.46	124.29	150.50	140.81	108.30	0.00	255.18	98.85	120.46	1,712.98
Glenlock	334.00	334.00	334.00	334.00	334.00	334.00	334.00	334.00	334.00	334.00	334.00	334.00	4,008.00
Gregory's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	1,100.00
Hopewell Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Howard's Chapel	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	1,800.00
Island Creek	300.00	300.00	0.00	600.00	300.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	3,300.00
Lakeside	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00	0.00	900.00
Long Ridge	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Macedonia	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	600.00
Madisonville First	416.67	416.67	416.67	416.67	416.67	416.67	416.67	0.00	833.34	416.67	416.67	416.67	5,000.04
Maple Springs	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Miller's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,200.00
Mt. Calvary	78.06	128.77	101.76	105.40	107.31	101.07	93.06	119.49	88.08	84.27	107.29	97.98	1,212.54
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	565.78	784.50	581.15	603.50	486.50	717.77	558.40	724.70	563.25	642.46	583.25	641.58	7,452.84
Murray's	2,406.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,406.00
New Bethany	337.49	691.92	421.05	448.20	352.30	346.23	579.16	556.08	409.84	411.78	409.07	414.83	5,377.95
New Macedonia	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	2,400.00
New Providence	686.51	962.03	878.21	917.48	665.85	657.40	828.86	881.15	736.30	978.55	762.50	707.00	9,661.84
New Zion	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	450.00
North Sweetwater	80.05	99.82	94.50	0.00	60.18	125.91	188.33	137.65	116.70	102.11	0.00	207.06	1,212.31
Notchey Creek	916.97	916.97	618.56	640.41	546.51	758.48	644.31	682.86	753.86	568.89	617.85	738.75	8,404.42
Oak Grove	496.13	297.82	297.00	704.29	394.16	388.70	356.76	415.38	314.20	315.48	298.49	327.93	4,606.34
Oakland	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	800.00
Old Pond Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Old Sweetwater	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Paint Rock	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	1,320.00
Piney Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Poplar Bluff	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	900.00
Reed Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,534.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,534.00
Rocky Springs	2,200.00	400.00	800.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	400.00	400.00	0.00	800.00	0.00	5,800.00
Rural Vale	406.69	644.57	355.18	380.16	349.51	0.00	873.82	688.50	461.16	338.19	477.41	0.00	4,975.19
Shady Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Shelton Grove	152.14	387.46	0.00	223.67	211.76	177.18	428.70	0.00	478.28	0.00	239.08	282.79	2,581.06

Shoal Creek	385.00	0.00	0.00	250.00	0.00	0.00	288.00	0.00	0.00	266.00	0.00	0.00	1,189.00
South Madisonville	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,200.00
Sweetwater First	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	4,200.00
Tellico	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Tellico First	430.00	637.00	379.00	610.00	447.00	452.00	589.00	471.00	467.00	561.00	471.00	728.00	6,242.00
Tevis Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	425.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	425.00
Towee Falls	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	1,800.00
Trinity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Union Grove	240.00	0.00	240.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	0.00	240.00	0.00	120.00	1,440.00
Union Hall	135.00	96.00	62.00	48.00	0.00	124.00	0.00	0.00	70.00	106.00	178.00	0.00	819.00
Union McMinn	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	4,800.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	300.00
Upper Shady Grove	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	550.00
Vonore	1,565.71	1,995.94	1,498.92	2,103.35	1,646.93	1,688.13	2,570.77	1,973.11	0.00	2,085.93	3,439.86	0.00	20,568.65
Walnut Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	751.31	0.00	0.00	751.31	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,502.62
Watson Chapel	0.00	333.34	0.00	333.34	166.67	166.67	166.67	166.67	0.00	0.00	500.01	166.67	2,000.04
Westside	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Williamsburg	50.50	43.50	54.16	0.00	0.00	122.12	56.86	0.00	46.39	0.00	0.00	104.53	478.06
TBC	782.00	782.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	7,824.00
Misc AM	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	60.06
Misc Int	17.21	17.63	19.07	15.82	15.52	17.47	22.22	23.39	0.00	50.75	9.13	17.01	225.22
TOTAL GIFTS	24,809.52	20,954.15	14,780.26	21,729.46	15,121.68	18,063.95	20,495.51	14,242.40	15,887.05	15,893.89	18,812.81	13,805.67	214,596.35

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

LOCAL/FOREIGN MINISTRIES FUND	31,906.01
Foreign Mission Ministry	4,938.96
SBA/Local Ministry.....	18,467.05
Disaster Relief Ministry.....	8,500.00
CONTINGENCY FUND	52,533.80
MONEY MARKET/SAVINGS FUND	57,140.37
TOTAL ACCOUNT BALANCE	<u>\$141,580.18</u>

**Addendum to 2023-2024 Financial Report for Sweetwater Baptist Association
Disaster Relief Funds from
Churches, Individual, and Company for
East Tennessee Flood Relief Funds
(as of October 14, 2024)**

Calvary	Disaster Relief - East TN	700.00
Conasauga	Disaster Relief - East TN	1,000.00
Concord	Disaster Relief - East TN	100.00
Delano	Disaster Relief - East TN	868.00
Delano	Disaster Relief - East TN	886.00
Gregory's Chapel	Disaster Relief - East TN	1,084.29
Howards Chapel.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	100.00
Long Ridge	Disaster Relief - East TN	500.00
Macedonia	Disaster Relief - East TN	200.00
New Macedonia.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	19,280.00
North Sweetwater	Disaster Relief - East TN	1,000.00
Notchey Creek	Disaster Relief - East TN	7,028.00
Oak Grove	Disaster Relief - East TN	1,870.00
Old Sweetwater	Disaster Relief - East TN	510.00
Poplar Bluff	Disaster Relief - East TN	1,134.00
Union Hall	Disaster Relief - East TN	545.00
Union McMinn.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	1,300.00
Upper Shady Grove.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	200.00
Vonore	Disaster Relief - East TN	30.00
Morganton.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	2,453.00
Jane Akens	Disaster Relief - East TN	400.00
Lisa Archer	Disaster Relief - East TN	50.00
Freddie/Shirley Atkins	Disaster Relief - East TN	100.00
Richard/Peggy Berrong.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	500.00
Freddy L. Crabtree	Disaster Relief - East TN	500.00
Darrell/Michelle Davis	Disaster Relief - East TN	100.00
Reed/Sandra Duncan Sopia Mauck	Disaster Relief - East TN	1,000.00

James Fairweather.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	1,000.00
Debbie Gentry	Disaster Relief - East TN	200.00
Jacquita Hicks	Disaster Relief - East TN	100.00
Joe/Faye Kinsler	Disaster Relief - East TN	100.00
Thomas/June Latham	Disaster Relief - East TN	100.00
Wanda Lovingood.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	100.00
Bobby/Gail McConkey	Disaster Relief - East TN	1,000.00
Martha Moree	Disaster Relief - East TN	100.00
Susan Newman	Disaster Relief - East TN	500.00
Nema Sue Ortiz.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	300.00
Laverta Peels.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	2,000.00
Nathan Phillips.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	500.00
Barry/Svitlana Self	Disaster Relief - East TN	500.00
Laquita Thomas	Disaster Relief - East TN	100.00
Morgan/Phyllis Viar	Disaster Relief - East TN	340.00
J.Allan/Barbara Watson.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	100.00
City of Sweetwater	Disaster Relief - East TN	200.00
Coop - Adrian.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	100.00
Custom Heat & Ai	Disaster Relief - East TN	500.00

Disaster Relief Funds from Churches, Individual, and Company for East Tennessee Flood Relief Funds (as of October 14, 2024)

Jtekt	Disaster Relief - East TN	280.00
Madisonville Primary School	Disaster Relief - East TN	500.00
Matthew Cansler Excavating	Disaster Relief - East TN	500.00
Sweetwater, US Post Office.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	400.00
Thomas Brown Ministry	Disaster Relief - East TN	300.00
100F 280 Sweetwater Valley Lodge.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	200.00
Anonymous.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	5.00
Anonymous.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	200.00
Anonymous.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	50.00
Anonymous.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	100.00
Anonymous.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	200.00
Anonymous.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	100.00
Anonymous.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	20.00
Anonymous.....	Disaster Relief - East TN	204.00

Balance as of October 14, 2024 **54,337.29**

SHERI STEPHENS, TREASURER

- (a) Increase DOM by \$3085.00 (To be distributed by employee: Salary \$943.00; Housing \$942.00; Retirement \$1200.00)
- (b) Increase Administrative by \$1425.00 (To be distributed by employee: Salary \$825.00; Retirement \$600.00)
- (c) Increase Ministry Assistant by \$1316.00 (To be distributed by employee: Salary \$716.00; Retirement \$600.00)
- (d) Increase Staff Social Security (Employer) by \$210.00 or a total of \$5512.00
- (e) Increase Insurance (Office) by \$2,000.00 or a total of \$7,000.00
- (f) Add new line item for \$1500.00 for *Staff Bonus for 5-year service* (\$500.00 to be paid for 5-years' service; and \$1000.00 for 10-years' service, and continue with \$1,000.00 at every 5-year increment of service following. (Bonus amounts are not retroactive.)

4% overall increase with total increase of \$9536.00; Total Proposed Budget \$226,958.00

CLERK'S REPORT
October, 2023-September, 2024

Clerk, Sheri Stephens
Moderator, David Lane

Assistant Clerk, Becky Jones
Vice-Moderator, Jamie Johnson

Director Of Missions, Tony Rutherford

This brief report highlights recommendations brought before the Executive Board this past year. The Board regularly hears reports from various departments such as Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Missions Committee, VBS, Church Growth and Development, etc. at each meeting. These reports are given, in the most part, for information only. A review of the previous Minutes, Director of Missions Semi-annual Report and Treasurer's Report are presented to the Executive Board, as well.

April 15, 2024

- (1) The Executive Board met on April 15, 2024 at Druid Hills Baptist Church in Tellico Plains, with a total of 36 present and 21 churches represented. Various reports were presented and received for information only. Highlights of the meeting included:
- (2) The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sheri Stephens; motion to accept report by Treasurer, second by Gerald Atkins, motion carried with no opposition.
- (3) Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford, shared his report on church visits, committee meetings, etc. and presented an update of local mission ministries and work around our world. The report included updates on the Evangelism Rally, Youth Connect, as well as 2024 High School Scholarship presentations to:

Sequoyah—Alicia Starr Kimble (Rocky Springs) Sweetwater—David Blaine Watson (Madisonville, FBC)
Tellico Plains—Kloey Elizabeth Stinnett (Shoal Creek) All Other/Loudon HS—Addison Kate Garner (Fairview Tabernacle)

He further shared that recipients of the Vacation Bible School sampler kits following the *VBS Showcase* were:

New Bethany, Maple Springs, Cedar Fork, Old Sweetwater, and Trinity. In addition, a VBS kit was purchased for a church that had indicated to the Association Office that they had not had VBS in several years. Additional information was shared about the upcoming Iowa mission project, Guatemala missions, and local mission project planned at Calvary and ongoing work with Lower Chilhowee.

- (4) Missions Committee Chairman, Rick Harris presented on behalf of the Missions Committee that in accordance with the *Procedures for New Church Admissions* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, the Missions Committee recommended that the petition request for membership from Bible Baptist Church, Tellico Plains (Kevin Miller, Pastor) be accepted, and Bible Baptist Church be placed under watch-care of the Association for six (6) months, until Annual Meeting, 2024. During this time, Bible Baptist Church would have all rights and privileges of the Association, except voting. Motion carried with no opposition. Pastor Kevin Miller and representatives of Bible Baptist Church in attendance were welcomed and recognized.
- (5) There was no old business and no new business
- (6) Motion to adjourn by Gerald Atkins, second by Gabe Brannon, motion carried with no opposition.
- (7) The meeting was closed in prayer led by Mitch Isbill, Pastor of New Macedonia Baptist Church.

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT, 2024
Sweetwater Baptist Association
2023-2024 ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL/OFFICERS

Moderator	David Lane
Vice-Moderator	Jamie Johnson
Committee on Nominations Chairman	Joel Tilson
Budget/Finance Committee Chairman	Richard Parker
Missions Committee Chairman	Rick Harris
Music Director	Phillip Johnson
Personnel Committee Chairman	Janet Lynn
Scholarship Committee Chairperson	Christy McCosh
Trustees Committee Chairman	Darrell Atkins
WMU/Ladies Ministry Director	Rachel Thompson
Youth Committee Chairman	Kevin Manis

ANNUAL MEETING: The 193rd *Annual Meeting* was hosted by Pastor Rick Atkins and New Providence Baptist Church on October 23rd. Vice-Moderator, David Lane did an outstanding job in leading the Business Session, and Moderator, Darrell Cardin shared the message for the evening. The Memorial Report included Dedication of the 2023 Minutes of the Association in memory of former pastors: Dennis Robinson and Frank Hicks. The *2024 Annual Meeting* is scheduled for October 21, at First Baptist Church, Sweetwater and it has been confirmed that the *2025 Annual Meeting* will be hosted by New Macedonia Baptist Church on October 20, 2025.

BIBLICAL STUDIES CLASS: The fall session for the *2023 Biblical Studies Class* began on September 5th. The non-credit course, *Preaching Thru the Beatitudes* was taught by Wayne Stockstill, retired pastor, author, and member of First Baptist Church, Madisonville.

The *2024 Biblical Studies Class* began on September 10th. The non-credit course, *The Armor of God: Being Ready for Battle*, was taught by Dr. Donald L. Parker, retired Director of Missions from California, and member of First Baptist Church, Madisonville.

CHRISTIAN LIFE: With no licensed Christian counselor seeing clients on a regular basis in the associational office, the Sweetwater Baptist Association refers potential clients to Macy Small, founder of *The Upper Room* Christian Counseling Service. Macy specializes in Premarital, Marriage, and Family Sessions. Children and Teen Sessions are also available. She offers Divorce, Addiction and Grief Recovery, as well as Individual Counseling for depression, anxiety, fear, anger, worry, and negative emotions. Sessions are available at Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church in Sweetwater. For more information, or to schedule a visit with Macy, please call 865-414-3269 or visit the link at www.fairviewfamily.org.

CHRISTMAS: The 2023 *Senior Adult Christmas Show* was held on December 4th at Vonore Baptist Church with special guests, The Lore Family. This southern gospel singing family was also featured at the Pastor and Wife Christmas Banquet on the same evening.

The *2024 Senior Adult Christmas Show* will be held on December 9th and will be hosted by Union-McMinn Baptist Church. Special guests for the evening will be The Lore Family.

The *2025 Senior Adult Christmas Show* will be held on December 8th at Union McMinn Baptist Church. The *2025 Pastor & Wives Christmas Banquet* will also be hosted by Union McMinn Baptist Church, and held on December 8th.

CLERK TRAINING: A *Church Clerk Training* was offered on September 10, 2024 with topics that included writing Minutes of Business Meetings, Church Membership and Completing ACP Reports. The overall attendance was 13 with 10 churches represented. The Seminar was led by Rebecca Jones. The *2025 Church Clerk Training* is planned for August 26th.

DISASTER RELIEF: During the past year, the Churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association have responded in a great way to meet the needs of others.

In late August/September 2023, the Tellico Plains area suffered storm damage from flash flood waters. Churches responded to the needs by helping families by providing funds and bottled water. In addition, the baptismal area at Poplar Bluff Baptist Church was heavily damaged. Many churches in our Association have used this location for baptisms over the years. Volunteers assisted with repairs and donations were received to help in the reconstruction of this facility. Teams also assisted in the water removal and mud out of businesses and residences.

After the invasion of the Gaza Strip into Israel last October, churches collected items to be sent to the field by the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. A trailer load of supplies was collected as part of the shipment to help those that were impacted by the ongoing conflict in Israel. In addition, individuals, groups and churches provided over \$65,000+ in monetary gifts that were shared with the TBMB for the *Middle East Conflict/Disaster Relief Fund*.

Many of our churches have continued to provide prayers, support and ongoing relief for the people of Ukraine. Our Resident Interpreter, Svitlana Self continues to be available to share the needs of churches, pastors, families and friends that remain in Ukraine. She can also assist with the distribution of monetary gifts to assist those that remain in the Ukraine. Thank you to the many churches for ministering to those deeply affected and severely impacted by the crisis in Ukraine. Thank you for always being generous supporters of missions.

In late September, 2024 many areas of upper East Tennessee and North Carolina were destroyed by the leftovers of Hurricane Helene. Continued rain and wind brought devastating damage to these areas with the worst flood in history. Local churches responded with feeding teams, heavy equipment teams, and supplies. A tractor/trail load of supplies as well as the disaster relief trailer were filled by our churches and delivered to the affected areas. Many families, homes and communities have suffered great loss through damaging floods. Lives have been impacted. Yet our churches responded to the victims by providing much needed necessities and financial assistance totaling over \$54,337.00.

Thank you for being part of missions here at home and across our country. Our prayers continue to be with the many that have been affected by this disaster relief tragedies.

EVANGELISM RALLY: Dr. Roc Collins, Strategic Objectives Director, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, served as the guest preacher for the *2024 Associational Evangelism Rally* held on February 24 and hosted by Notchey Creek Baptist Church. Special music on Saturday evening was provided by Daniel Doss Band. In addition to the Evangelism Rally, the TBMB provided TMBM *IgniteTN* a presentation for pastors and their wives prior to the *Evangelism Rally*. This was a *WinTN 30 Day Prayer Challenge*.

The *2025 East Tennessee Evangelism Rally* is being planned for Saturday, February 22 and will be held at Notchey Creek Baptist Church.

Churches were encouraged to evangelize with the enthusiasm of carrying the Great Commission to our communities and challenged to *Stir The Waters* in August. We celebrated as baptisms were reported during the month of August.

EVANGELISM: EAST TENNESSEE PASTORS, PREACHERS & LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE: Notchey Creek Baptist Church in conjunction with the Sweetwater Baptist Association hosted the *2024 Pastors/Preachers/Leadership Conference* on Saturday, February 24th. Dr. Dean Haun shared *Biblically Standing Up to our Culture*; Rev. Allan Taylor shared *Evangelism through the Sunday School* and Dr. Collins shared *Personal and Public Evangelism*. Special Music was provided by Daniel Doss Band.

Plans now call for the 2025 *East Tennessee Evangelism Rally* to be held on February 22, 2025 for all pastors, preachers, church leaders and church members. This training event will be hosted by Notchey Creek Baptist Church, and program to include: Dr. Randy Davis, Dr. Roc Collins, and Dr. Phil Hoskins, with music by the Notchey Creek Praise Team during the day session. The evening session on February 22nd will feature preaching by Dr. Roc Collins.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Members of the Executive Board met at Druid Baptist Church on April 15th for the regular *Semi-Annual Business Meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association*, with 21 churches represented and 36 in attendance. (See *Clerk's Report* for additional information.)

The initial petition request for membership from Bible Baptist Church, Tellico Plains, TN was accepted at the April Executive Board Meeting, 2024. Since that time, the church has been under watch-care and had full privileges except voting. Having completed the time of watch-care, the final recommendation for membership to the Sweetwater Baptist Association for Bible Baptist Church will be presented by the Missions Committee at the October, 2024 Annual Meeting.

The 2025 *Semi-Annual Meeting* will be held at Cedar Fork Baptist Church on April 14th.

GUATEMALA: A mission team from Poplar Bluff Baptist Church traveled to Guatemala June 18-25 to share the Gospel. This team of 11 worked with Pastor Antonio at Iglesia Bautista Macedonia, Aldea La Union, Macedonia Baptist Church, La Union. Ministry included: (1) Women's Workshop or Ladies Bible Study (2) Men's Bible Study (3) Vacation Bible School (4) Door-to-door Witnessing (5) Evangelism/Crusade/Revival (6) Medical Clinic (7) Sports Evangelism (8) Food give-away.

Volunteers from Bethlehem Baptist Church returned to Guatemala, June 25-July 2 to continue on-going mission work with Pastor Hugo Barrios at the Jesús es El Camino Baptist Church El Cañal, Pastor Hugo Barrios. IN addition, the team worked with Cristo La Unica Esperanza, La Palmita, Baptist Mission and Las Mercedes, Pastor Fred Aguilar, Cordero de Dios Baptist Church. Movement of team was fluid, once there. Ministry for the youth and adults included: (1) Women's Workshop on Prayer (2) Ladies Bible Study at all locations (3) Men's Bible Study (4) Vacation Bible School (5) Door-to-door Witnessing (6) Visit Schools (7) Evangelism/Crusade/Revival (8) Medical Clinic

Guatemala mission projects are being planned for 2025. The tentative dates are Poplar Bluff team June 17-24 and Bethlehem team June 24-July 1.

HAITI: In 2010, the Sweetwater Baptist Association of Churches partnered with Pastor Gaetan Alcegaire and the Yahve Shamma Orphanage in Haiti after a devastating earthquake. Even though that partnership officially ended in 2016, we have continued to correspond with Pastor Gaetan. When we learned of a great need for food and support for the 43 children currently in the care at the orphanage, the churches of the Association were asked to please be part of a ministry to support the children in Haiti by receiving a special love offering for the Haiti orphanage.

IOWA MISSION PROJECT: Members from Notchey Creek Baptist Church, Bethlehem Baptist Church, Union McMinn Baptist Church and Fairview Baptist Tabernacle making up a team of 13 mission volunteers, participated in an Iowa Mission Project, July 13-18. Vacation Bible School and revival was held at Downy Baptist Church in West Branch, Iowa.

LOCAL/OUTREACH: The Sweetwater Baptist Association helped to facilitate *Winter Hat and Toboggan Give-aways* at Citico and Howard's Chapel. These ministries were in conjunction with Pastor Dudley Cook and Unity Baptist Church, Silvester, GA. A *Weekend at Calvary* was planned to introduce the new pastor to the community. This included a Saturday event of singing and fellowship, and worship on Sunday.

The Association also assisted numerous churches in the development of mailouts for *Every Door Direct Mail* for various revivals, Vacation Bible Schools and new pastor announcements for their communities. As the Association Office was

made aware of the requests, churches were encouraged to provide handicap ramps for those in need. Congregations responded in a great way by providing assistance in their communities.

All churches were encouraged to participate in the *Stir the Waters initiative* and report the number of baptisms during the month of August. The 2024 ACP Reports indicated a total of 420 baptisms across our Association.

LOWER CHILHOWEE: The Sweetwater Baptist Association continues to assist Lower Chilhowee Baptist Church as they reactivate their Worship Services. Joey Bivens has been called to serve as Pastor. All other official positions for the Church continue to be vacated. The church has appointed two temporary Trustees to facilitate matters between the Church and the Association. Our prayers continue to be with this congregation.

MEDIA: In 2024, three (3) new Bible Studies were added to the Associational Media Center. There are now a total of 58 studies available for check-out. The new studies are:

1. *Balanced & Blessed: Marriage Bible Study* by Dr. Charles Lowery
2. *Grounded: Proverbs and James (Youth Study)* by Clayton & Sharie King
3. *Play the Man (Men's Bible Study)* by Mark Batterson

PASTOR/FAMILY/CHURCHES: The *Pastor/Family Picnic* was held on September 23rd at the pavilion area at Notchey Creek Baptist Church. Approximately 40 attended the annual bbq meal that is provided by the Sweetwater Baptist Association for pastors and their families. The *2025 Pastor/Family Picnic* is scheduled for September 22nd.

Churches were encouraged to affirm their love and appreciate to the men of God as they observed *Pastor Appreciation Month/Day* during October.

Monday Morning Pastor's Conference gathers at the SBA office at 10:00 a.m. for fellowship, singing, and preaching on Monday mornings. The Pastor's Conference does not meet in the months of June and December.

New Pastors during the year were...

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| ▪ Kevin Miller | Bible Baptist |
| ▪ Calvary | Jon-Michael Foster |
| ▪ Ebenezer | Ethan Thompson |
| ▪ Fairview Tabernacle | Jason Robertson |
| ▪ Murrays | Dakota McLemore |
| ▪ Tellico (Ballplay) | Chris Crowder |
| ▪ Unity | Mike Blair |
| ▪ Chris Holloway | Williamsburg |

Our prayers are with all of these pastors, their families and congregations, as they work together to share the love of Christ with their communities. We welcome Bible Baptist Church to our fellowship of churches.

Pastors were encouraged to enroll to receive text messages from the SBA Office. Messages consist of announcements for Associational or Church events.

Churches without pastors are:

- Cedar Fork, Concord, Fairview (Tellico), Hopewell Springs

Our prayers are with these congregations as they seek a shepherd to serve their flocks.

In memory:

Our hearts were deeply saddened this year in the loss of former pastors, Joseph Ronnie Moore, Wayne Caloway Nichols, Ronnie C. Watson and Charles Gale Miller. These dear men of God were much loved and respected by family, friends and the people of the Association. Their sweet spirit will remain in our hearts, and they will be sadly missed.

Churches were encouraged to participate in the...

- Week of Prayer for State Missions and *Golden Offering* for Tennessee Missions
- *Mother's Day Offering* for Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes
- *Father's Day Offering* for Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes
- Week of Prayer for North American Missions and *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering*
- Week of Prayer for International Missions and *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*
 - Cooperative Program
 - Associational Missions

TBMB/SBC: Pastors and church leaders were encouraged to attend :

- *2023 Annual Meeting*, The Summit, Chattanooga Convention Center, November 12-15
- *2024 State Evangelism Conference*, April 7, New Vision Baptist Church, Murfreesboro
- *2024 Bivocational Pastor/Wife Retreat*, Pigeon Forge, January 25-27
- *2024 Missions Get-Together*, April 11-13, Brentwood Baptist Church
- *2024 YEC*, Black Oaks Heights Baptist, Knoxville, March 1-2
- *2024 Southern Baptist Convention*, June 9-12, Pastors Conference & Annual Meeting, Indianapolis
- *2024 Annual Meeting of Tennessee Baptist*, The Summit, will be held November 10-13 in Murfreesboro

Miscellaneous Information:

- October is *Pastor Appreciation Month*
- Complete *Annual Report Corporation Filing* at <http://tnbear.tn.gov/>
- Helps for ministering to unwed mothers, new mothers, babies..
 - Hope Resource Center, Knoxville 865-525-4673 <https://knoxvillehope.com/resources/> Andrew Wood, Executive Director
 - Embrace Grace <https://embracegrace.com/>
 - Beth Moore, TBMB, Compassion Ministry Specialists, 423-440-6225 bmoore@tnbaptist.org
 - Homeless Management 423-442-4143
 - Helping Hands, www.helpinghandsact.com

PRAYER: Pastors and church leaders were encouraged to participate in the *National Day of Prayer*, May 2nd. During the month of August, the Director of Missions also encouraged pastors to *Stir the Waters*, and celebrate baptisms whether one person or more were being baptized. Each candidate represented a profession of faith in Christ, which caused a great rejoicing in heaven.

An *Old-Fashioned Prayer Meeting* was hosted by Pastor Jamie Johnson and Delano Baptist Church on August 5th. Approximately 75 were in attendance, with 10 churches represented. Pastor Brandon Wilcox was the guest preacher, and special music was provided by the Conasauga Baptist Church Singers. The *Old-Fashioned Prayer Meeting* for 2025 is scheduled for August 4th and will be hosted by Trinity Baptist Church.

RETIREMENT SEMINAR: Dr. Roger (Sing) Oldham, Pastor Engagement, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board lead the *Retirement Seminar* held on August 26th at the SBA Office Building in Madisonville. This seminar was available for all pastors, church staff and church employees. No matter the stage in life, the conference was to help us be forward

thinking to understand retirement planning in order to prepare for Social Security benefit eligibility and available resources, as well as the best time to establish retirement benefits and savings plans.

SCHOLARSHIP: A drawing for four (4) names for the *SBA High School Scholarships* for the amount of \$500.00 each was held. Students receiving the *2024 SBA High School Scholarship* were:

- \$500.00 Tellico Plains High School Kloey Elizabeth Stinnett Shoal Creek
- \$500.00 Sweetwater High School David Blaine Watson Madisonville First
- \$500.00 Loudon High School Addison Kate Garner Fairview Tabernacle
- \$500.00 Sequoyah High School Alicia Starr Kimble Rocky Springs

TRUSTEES: The SBA building continues to be updated, as we make repairs and upgrades at the Associational Office. Improvements for all offices and the downstairs conference room have been made, as needed.

The ministry and disaster relief trailers continue to be well kept, and in good repair. No known repairs are currently needed at the disaster relief building, as it continues to be well preserved. Computers, printers and office equipment continue to be maintained and updated to the current operating systems.

Work continued at the entrance at the front door to correct an ongoing problem, since 2 people have fallen in the last 3 years. The door has been replaced at the entranceway and the small step at the sidewalk has been painted to call special attention at the front porch.

We are so thankful to the many volunteers that work together to keep the Associational Office building, equipment and trailers in good repair in order to have a great place for the churches of the Association to do ministry.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SHOWCASE: A *VBS Showcase* was held at the SBA Office on Monday evening, March 18th. Five different VBS themes were on display at the Associational Office. Pastors, VBS Directors and Church Leaders were invited to see the options that were available for their church. The 5 Sampler Kits were given away at the end of the month following the *Showcase*. (See *2024 VBS Statistical Report*). The *VBS Showcase* for 2025 is planned for March 10th.

WMU/LADIES MEETING: The WMU/Ladies met on November 6th at First Baptist Church, Tellico Plains. Eleven (11) churches were represented with approximately 40 in attendance. The guest speaker for the evening was Jennifer Hand, trauma/crisis counselor who travels all over the world doing mission work. The offering received for the evening was \$685.00+, and was given to *Jenn's Coming Alive Ministries*.

Reed Springs Baptist Church hosted the *2024 WMU/Ladies Meeting* on May 6th. The guest speaker for the evening was Carolyn Outland, Care Ministries, Missionaries to Myanmar; (Ann Davenport was scheduled to also be part of the program, but was not able to be in attendance due to a recent car accident.) Thirteen (13) churches were represented with 50+ in attendance. The offering received was \$495.00 which was given to the guest speaker for their ongoing mission involvement with *Care Ministries*.

The *WMU/Ladies Meetings* are scheduled as follows:

- November 4, 2024 Mt. Zion Baptist Church
- May 5, 2025 Shelton Grove Baptist Church
- November 3, 2025 First Baptist Church, Madisonville

The WMU/Ladies Groups are encouraged to participate in the monthly Nursing Home Birthday Cake program at the Madisonville Health & Rehab. Contact information for the facility is the Activities Director at 442-3990.

Girls in grades 6-12 were encouraged to attend the *2024 Connection* September 13-15.

YOUTH: The Youth Committee planned the 4th annual **CONNECT Youth Rally**. This year's event was held on Saturday, March 9, 2024, at Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church in Sweetwater. There were approximately 500 people in attendance, with approximately 17 churches represented. The music was led by youth bands from Sweetwater, First Baptist Church and Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church. Shaq Hardy served as the conference preacher. Shaq is a youth minister at Red Bank Baptist Church in Chattanooga.

CONNECT 2025 is being planned for Saturday, March 15, 2025, at Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church in Sweetwater. The guest evangelist will be Justin Worden (youth minister at First Baptist Church, Cleveland, TN). Music will be provided by the youth band from Fairview Tabernacle.

In September 2024, hundreds of area students participated in the annual prayer event, "*See you at the Pole*". The association provided SYATP armbands to churches, youth groups and FCA groups. We are happy to be a small part of this great event.

YEC 2025 will be held on March 28-29 at Black Oak Heights Baptist Church in Knoxville.

2024 BAPTIST & REFLECTOR

Lonnie Wilkey, Editor

Since 1835, the *Baptist and Reflector* has produced and shared articles and columns that impact Tennessee Baptist Convention churches.

The *B&R* is mailed to nearly homes 26 weeks a year, reaching nearly 40,000 readers. For nearly 11 years in a row, the *B&R* staff has been recognized for excellence in journalism by the Baptist Communicators Association in its annual awards competition.

In addition, the *B&R* website has grown steadily since it was introduced in late 2015. Our number of page views grows steadily. We also send out a weekly newsletter highlighting not only the top stories in the print issue but other articles that are posted on the website but may not appear in the print issue.

The goal of the paper is to "tell the story of Tennessee Baptists" through news, feature stories and photographs. In 2024, the paper focused on articles highlighting the Five Objectives, a 10-year focus that ends this year while at the same time beginning coverage of stories featuring the Acts 2:17 Initiative which messengers approved at last year's annual meeting in Chattanooga.

In addition, the *B&R* continued to inform Tennessee Baptists about BlueOval City, located in Haywood County, roughly 40 miles east of Memphis. BlueOval City in Stanton will eventually become a massive Ford plant that covers approximately 4,100 acres. Upcoming articles will continue to keep readers informed of the numerous opportunities that will be available in the months and years to come in West Tennessee.

Tennessee Baptists already have been involved in a lot of disaster relief efforts throughout our state and nation. Teams recently served in Iowa and Texas.

The *Baptist and Reflector* continues to utilize social media tools such as Twitter and Facebook and other outlets to keep Tennessee Baptists aware of breaking news.

The staff monitors trends that could affect Tennessee Baptists and prints those stories to keep readers informed. We also have kept our readers informed of current events throughout the Southern Baptist Convention as well.

The paper continually seeks to enlist new subscribers, either through individual subscriptions or our church plan. We need more churches willing to send the paper to their leadership such as deacons, Sunday School teachers, etc.

For more information about subscriptions, call the *Baptist & Reflector* office at 1-800-558-2090 or (615) 371-2003. We value your support.

2024 BAPTIST MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Memphis, Tennessee

Jason Little, President and CEO

Baptist Memorial Health Care began as a 150-bed hospital in downtown Memphis in 1912. It was formed by the Southern Baptist Conventions of Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas because they recognized a tremendous need for a health care facility in this part of the country. The hospital eventually grew to become the largest private hospital in the world.

The Baptist Memorial Health Care system was created in 1981 to provide an integrated health care delivery system offering a full continuum of care to communities throughout the Mid-South. Today, a total of 24 hospitals in Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi; an 1,100-member physician group; and dozens of other entities are affiliated with Baptist.

Baptist Memorial Health Care's staff chaplains are a part of the health care team. Patients, family members and employees know they can ask for a chaplain at any time to augment our health care with spiritual or emotional care.

- The Rev. Jimmy Terry Preaching Series, hosted by Baptist's Pastoral Care Department, observed its seventh anniversary this year. The series, named in memory of a beloved member of Baptist's Board of Trustees and the founder of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Clarksville, Tennessee, welcomes a speaker each month to deliver an evangelical message from Baptist's flagship hospital. Video recordings of each event are posted on our Facebook page. They have been viewed more than 140,000 times and have reached 116,000 people in the past year.
- The Jackson Clinic and Baptist opened the Jackson Clinic-Baptist Outpatient Campus in Jackson, Tennessee. The campus' first facility, a 155,000-square-foot, two-story medical building, includes an outpatient surgery department, diagnostic services and 148 patient exam rooms.
- The Spence and Becky Wilson Baptist Children's Hospital in Memphis is beginning a \$1.2 million project to expand its ear, nose and throat; orthopedic; and general surgical services. Funded by the Baptist Memorial Health Care Foundation, the project will allow the hospital to accommodate up to 286 new surgeries a year.
- The Baptist Health Sciences University College of Osteopathic Medicine's first class of about 90 students will begin their studies in August. Earlier this year, we hosted a ribbon cutting for the 100,000-square-foot College of Osteopathic Medicine building, and First Horizon Bank generously pledged \$1 million to the Baptist College of Osteopathic Medicine Capital Campaign.
- Lown Institute, a nonpartisan think tank, announced that Baptist Memphis had a "fair share surplus" of \$34 million — meaning we gave back that much more to our communities than we received in estimated tax breaks. No other Tennessee hospital had a surplus that large.

2024 TENNESSEE BAPTIST ADULT HOMES, INC.

Report to Associations
Sincerely, Mark Anderson, President/Treasurer

Phase 1 of the construction of Baptist Village in Humboldt is complete! However, there have been some significant financial issues that have caused a, hopefully temporary, hold on opening. So, we are a bit cautious about making predictions about when this ministry will be available. More about that later in this report. When the entire Baptist Village Humboldt project is completed, there will be 10 duplexes serving 20 financially needy retired pastors and missionaries.

Regarding the financial issues mentioned above, we have downsized our ministry. Here is a snapshot of the steps we took to downsize.

- As White House, in Lebanon, had only 3/8 residents in May, these three men were moved to the one vacancy at Nabi House and the two male vacancies at Rainbow Acres, Jacksboro. This was accomplished in May 2024.
- As White House, in Lebanon, was built to be a group home and, therefore, likely not appealing to a single family looking for a home, the women who live at our Brooks Home facility in Nashville were moved to the larger White House location. Half of the women were moved on June 14th and the other half on June 29th.
- Now that the Brooks Home facility is vacant, it will be freshened up and prepared to be sold. It is in Davidson County and is a single-family home with a finished basement; ideal for a family looking to purchase a home.

It is our hope and belief that this downsizing will make us “right sized” and that there will not be need for further downsizing. Our Father’s Day Offering is one way and our best way to eliminate further cuts to our ministry. As of July 29th, receipts through the 2024 Father’s Day Offering total \$405,628?

Thank you, Tennessee Baptists, for your prayers and your financial support! Thank you for... Showing What Love Is!

2024 TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN’S HOMES

Defending the Defenseless,
Greg McCoy, President/Treasurer
tennesseechildren.org 615-376-3140

Tennessee Baptist Children’s Homes has been welcoming children in hard places with the love of Christ for 133 years! Because of the faithfulness of churches, businesses and individuals who have a heart for children and families who are struggling, we have been able to serve over 255 children and their families over the past year. Thank you for your prayers, for your service, and for sharing your financial resources with TBCH. Our ministry operates without the use of government funds. We have chosen to rely on God’s provision through His people to supply the resources necessary to meet the needs of the children and families we serve.

TBCH serves children through two programs. Our **Foster Care** program allows us to place children who are in the state’s custody into homes where Jesus is loved and served and where children will have this godly influence in their lives for however long they reside in that home. Our foster care team and volunteers span from Memphis to Kingsport. The other program for providing gospel centered care is our **Residential Care** program. Our campuses in Brentwood, Chattanooga and Millington are all in the process of exciting changes related to our Firm Foundations Project.

One of the core values that drives our ministry is that we will provide a safe environment for the children we serve. TBCH has made changes throughout the years to fulfill this core value and we are now faced with the need to make the change in our residential care program to individual bedrooms and baths for each resident. Because of what many of our children have experienced or been exposed to, this need becomes more apparent as each year passes.

TBCH is making sacrifices to bring this vision into reality. We are reducing the size of our campuses without reducing the number of children we serve. While liquidated property is helping us put our plans into action we are still in great need of your financial assistance. Thank you to those of you whose churches give faithfully to the Cooperative Program and who also make a direct gift to TBCH through the Mother's Day

Offering or through your annual missions offerings!

- 255 children served in the past year
- 23 adoptions in the last fiscal year and 12 so far this year
- 14 professions of faith in the last fiscal year and 13 so far this year- Praise the Lord!
- 68 foster homes statewide as of the writing of this report
- 128 children in care as of the writing of this report

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Annual Report To Associations

Since 1938 the Tennessee Baptist Foundation has been of service to Tennessee Baptists and Kingdom causes around the world. The assets under management of the Foundation have grown from \$6,577 to \$199 million during that time. God continues to bless this ministry and we are pleased to make our report to the associations as to highlights for the fiscal year 2023-24 thus far. The Foundation is pleased to offer the following services to Tennessee Baptists:

- ◆ Presenting informational Faith-based estate planning seminars for churches
- ◆ Working with individuals, helping them develop distinctively Christian personal estate plans
- ◆ Assisting individuals in their establishment of various Charitable Trusts
- ◆ Serving as Trustee of trusts and funds committed to its care
- ◆ Providing investment services to Tennessee Baptist churches, associations and institutions
- ◆ Helping churches establish Legacy Ministries
- ◆ Facilitating loans to Tennessee Baptist churches/associations
- ◆ Providing grants for qualifying new ministries and projects

Highlights of the Foundation's stewardship thus far for this fiscal year include (as of June 30, 2024):

- ✓ Client Accounts: 1,152
- ✓ Assets under management: \$199,059,742
- ✓ New accounts and additions: \$14,036,898 (17 new accounts)
- ✓ Educational scholarships: 166 - totaling \$217,500 for 2024-2025 academic year. (Awarded over \$6.5 million in scholarships since 1987)
- ✓ Special Project Grants: we have distributed \$18,562 to assist 4 ministry projects.
- ✓ Cooperative Program: \$356,260 distributed. Projected to give over \$500,000 by October 31
- ✓ Baptist and charitable causes: \$2,641,514 distributed. Projected to give over \$3.5 million by October 31
- ✓ Sam Warner, former Vice President of Development at the Georgia Baptist Foundation, selected as the new President-Treasurer of the Foundation

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation continues its commitment to faithfully steward God's resources, while striving to further God's Kingdom.

2024 TENNESSEE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

Annual Report

Ramona Hicks, President

Vickie Anderson, Executive Director-Treasurer

Tennessee WMU encourages and equips churches and individuals to engage in missions learning and involvement that enables them to fulfill the Great Commission. This report shares information about some of the state events, ministries, and initiatives that have taken place.

Christian Job Corps is a ministry of WMU that seeks to help men and women break the cycle of poverty through job and life skill classes, Bible study, and mentoring. There are 15 Tennessee Christian Job Corps sites in 13 locations. In their 2024 annual ministry reports, these sites reported 1,305 participants in their various programs, 115 graduates, four decisions for Christ, and 342 volunteers serving 16,995 volunteer hours.

Tennessee CJC Sites	Serving	Location	Site Coordinator
Begin Anew – Madison, CJC	Men & Women	Madison	Andrea Waters
Begin Anew – Nashville, CWJC	Women	Nashville	Tonya LaDeau
Begin Anew – Franklin, CJC	Men & Women	Franklin	Landon Stratton
Begin Anew – Woodbine, CJC	Men & Women	Woodbine	Christopher Hodgen
Begin Anew – Online, CJC	Men & Women	Online	Shane Hitchcock
Champion Recovery Community, CWJC	Women	Jasper	Alyson Riley
Down Home Missions, CWJC/CMJC	Men & Women	Beech Grove	Buck & Annie Barton
Gibson County CWJC	Women	Trenton	Christy Skelton
Greater KY Lake, CWJC/CMJC	Men & Women	Paris	Kenny & Sandy Loudon
Empowered to Hope, CWJC	Women	Collierville	Julia Binford
Moving Forward with CWJC	Women	Chattanooga	Beth Ray
SWC Transformation Place, CWJC	Women	Chattanooga	Cynthia Brown
WEBS CWJC	Women	Memphis	Pat Culp

Tennessee WMU missionary care ministries are supported through funds from the Missions for Life Fund and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.

- **Missionary Parents Fellowship (MPF):** On September 8-9, 2023, 18 parents of IMB missionaries gathered with program personnel at First Baptist Church Hendersonville for fellowship, information, prayer, and encouragement. Tennessee WMU supports the Tennessee MPF by maintaining its database, distributing communication/promotion materials, and helping to coordinate and host the annual state retreat.
- **Encourage Collegiate MKs:** Each year Tennessee WMU assigns a Missionary Kid (MK) who is attending college in Tennessee to every association so churches can encourage them. Eleven MKs were assigned to associations for the 2023-24 school year.
- **Former Missionary Fellowships:** Former missionaries in West, Middle, and East TN gather several times each year for fellowship, connection, and encouragement. Tennessee WMU provides funds for meals during these gatherings.
- **Christmas Gifts:** In December 2023, Tennessee WMU sent gifts to missionary kids and retired missionaries. A \$150 gift was sent to 12 MKs whose parents serve with IMB and are from Tennessee, and a \$50 gift was sent to 69 retired IMB missionaries born in Tennessee.
- **MK Re-Entry Retreat:** Seven missionary kids from Tennessee received travel assistance funds to attend the MK Re-Entry Retreat, hosted by Missouri WMU and the International Mission Board, from August 6 to 10, 2024.
- **Missionary Homes in Mt. Juliet:** The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board has two missionary homes in Mt. Juliet that provide much-needed rest for missionaries on stateside assignment: the Tennessee WMU Missionary

House (Mary's House) and the Missions Mobilization Center (MMC) Missions House. Tennessee WMU takes care of reservations and hosts the missionary families for both houses. Donated gift cards are used to stock pantry staples and other household items.

As part of Tennessee WMU's prayer advocacy partnership with Denver, Tennessee WMU sent a mission team of eight women to Denver from September 7 to 11, 2023. The team met with eight church planters and prayed for them, their ministry and family, and the community around the church. Tennessee WMU has sent nine teams to serve in Denver in the past seven years, meeting with over 30 church planters to pray and serve their communities.

The 2023 Connection was held at TN Tech University BCM on September 15-17, 2023, and had 87 youth girls and leaders representing 11 churches in attendance. The event featured Bible study leader Arbor Diggs and IMB missionary speakers Aaron and Alisha.

RA Camp-o-ree was held on October 14-16, 2023, at Linden Valley Baptist Conference Center with 355 boys, leaders, and personnel in attendance. Boys participated in a multitude of activities, challenges, and crafts while enjoying the great outdoors, meeting missionaries, and attending two action packed worship services. This missions camping event for boys grades 1-12 is hosted by Mid-South Royal Ambassadors and Tennessee WMU.

In 2023, Tennessee WMU celebrated 135 years since its organization on October 19, 1888, in Columbia, TN. From the beginning, our purpose has been to make disciples of Jesus, who live on mission through praying, giving, and serving. On November 4, 2023, over 175 people gathered for a birthday celebration at the Missions Mobilization Center in Mt. Juliet to remember the rich legacy left by those who came before us and to celebrate the possibilities and opportunities in the days ahead.

Tennessee WMU produced the *Kids Missions eXperience (KMX): To the Rescue* free downloadable missions event kit for children in grades 1-6 with plans, ideas, tips, and instructions to help churches host a missions event for the children in their church or community. The event kit included a Bible lesson, missions lesson highlighting Disaster Relief ministries, and suggestions for crafts, games, and mission projects.

The 2024 Missions Get-Together was held at Brentwood Baptist Church on April 11-13, with a total attendance of 548 people representing over 125 churches. Participants attended four general sessions and six breakout sessions and connected with over 30 missions and ministry leaders. Participants donated ~~brought~~ over 27,000 items, \$473 in cash, and \$2,025 in gift cards for Baptist Collegiate Ministries across the state through the event ministry project. An additional \$14,727 was given through the event **missions offering, benefiting** the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions (90%) and the TN WMU Missions for Life Fund (10%).

The 2024 Tennessee WMU Annual Meeting occurred on April 12 during the Friday morning general session of Missions Get-Together. The meeting included highlights of the work of Tennessee WMU and the election of 2024-25 state officers and new Executive Board members.

- State Officers: President: Ramona Hicks, Recording Secretary: Linda Rader, Vice President, East: Anna Huggins, Vice President, Middle: Kim Griffin, Vice President, West: Sandy Louden
- Executive Board members: Jenice Pearson, Cathy Huggins, Heather McAfee

Tennessee WMU awarded \$38,000 in scholarships to 37 students attending graduate school, seminary, and undergraduate schools in Tennessee during the 2024-25 school year. These scholarships are funded through endowments, invested funds, and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.

The 2023-24 Tennessee Missions Emphasis theme was "All Things Tennessee." The suggested dates for the Week of Prayer for State Missions were September 10-27, and the 2023-24 Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions goal was \$2,700,000. The total amount given as of August 12, 2024, was \$2,413,116.91. The offering year goes from September 1 – August 31. For we are laborers together with God,

2024 CARSON-NEWMAN UNIVERSITY
ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT
Submitted by Charles A. Fowler, President

From a dream, to development, to its August 1851 opening, Baptists of this state have been instrumental in the creation, maintenance and growth of Carson-Newman. Your partnership and support enable us as Christian educators to help our students reach their full potential as educated citizens and worldwide servant-leaders.

We have had a blessed year at Mossy Creek. Highlights of this past year include:

- Carson-Newman celebrated its third-largest total enrollment in its 172-year history, reporting admission of 2,735 students – a nearly 6% increase from the previous year.
- The University graduated a total of 600 students during the 2023-24 school year.
- The University entered its third year of a five-year strategic plan entitled *“Acorns to Oaks: Pursuing God’s Preferred Future.”* The first fruits of this initiative were opening and utilizing the new state-of-the-art Drama and Ted Russell Center, home to C-N’s School of Health Sciences.
- As of July 2024, the University is overseeing the final stages of completion of the largest construction project in its history — West Campus Commons. This 110,000 sq. foot residence life complex will house 524 students this fall.
- The University broke ground on a new Child Development Lab. This educational facility overseen by the Family & Consumer Science Department will afford children a new learning environment promoting physical, emotional, social, cognitive and language development, while also providing C-N students needed hands-on experience instrumental in their academic pursuits.
- Other campus projects included a new playing surface in Holt Fieldhouse, new turf for McCown Soccer Field and Burke-Tarr Stadium, as well as a stadium video screen and scoreboard.
- The University opened a new Recreation Park on the west end of campus. This facility includes two pickleball courts, two basketball courts, three beach volleyball courts, a softball field, a soccer field and a seating area.
- The Princeton Review cited C-N in its “2024 Best Colleges: Region by Region.” It also recognized C-N in its “Best Online Nursing School Master’s Program.” The University was also named a “College of Distinction” and a “Christian College of Distinction” by the organization Colleges of Distinction for the 10th consecutive year.
- Christianity Today cited the archeological dig of Hyrcania, Herod the Great’s desert fortress, in its “Biblical Archeology’s Top 10 Discoveries for 2023.” The dig was performed by teams from Carson-Newman, Hebrew University, and American Veterans Archeological Recovery.
- In partnership with First Baptist Church Mt. Juliet and Mount Juliet Christian Academy, C-N opened the Nashville Education Center, expanding options for those in Middle Tennessee seeking a C-N degree.
- The University had a successful first year with its new Prison Ministry at Morgan County Correctional Complex. The cohort of 14 students began their pursuit of a Bachelor of Arts in Christian Studies with an emphasis in Ministry Studies. By the end of the Spring Semester, the majority of students made either the President’s (4.0 GPA) or Dean’s (3.5 – 3.9 GPA) lists.
- In partnership with Manley Baptist Church, we were grateful that students chose to express public professions of faith in Christ by being baptized in Mossy Creek on C-N’s campus during the fall. There were many other public professions of faith who chose to pursue baptism at their home churches instead of in Mossy Creek. We celebrate the life-changing impact of the Gospel that is transforming lives across our campus.

- Partnering with NAMB’s GenSend program, C-N students spread the love of Christ, serving on mission trips in Denver, Los Angeles, Honolulu, Washington, D.C., and Honduras.
- The University presented the annual Ken Sparks Award to 1987 alumnus Jeff Lovingood, who serves as senior associate pastor at First Baptist Cleveland.

Highlights presented here are made possible because of the cooperation, support and generosity of Tennessee Baptists.

2024 THE KING’S ACADEMY

In Christ, Jeremy Sandefur, Head of School

Since 1880, Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy has been serving East Tennessee and the world as a distinctively Christian school. For the last 30 years, Tennessee Baptists' accredited Christian boarding and day school has operated under the name of The King's Academy. Located in Seymour, TN, amidst the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, TKA represents students from across the world. God has blessed us with several significant opportunities to share and advance our mission this year, allowing us to present the gospel to students from nations previously unreached by The King's Academy. It is our fervent prayer that our students will continue to spread the gospel to others, showcasing their achievements and God-given talents along the way.

God's movement and reach continue to unfold through the ministries of The King's Academy as seen below:

- **Countries Represented for the Upcoming School Year:** Currently 18 countries are represented, with the potential of 21 pending VISA applications. This diversity enriches our community and broadens the perspectives within our student body.
- **25% Increase in Dorm Students:** This significant rise in dormitory students underscores the growing appeal and trust in our boarding program, highlighting our commitment to providing a nurturing and supportive residential environment.
- **27 Decisions for Christ:** Witnessing 27 students make decisions for Christ over the past year has been a significant spiritual milestone for our school community, reaffirming our commitment to nurturing faith and spiritual growth.
- **Fundraising:** We have raised over \$1,000,000 in the past fiscal year. This achievement reflects the generous support of our community and the effectiveness of our development efforts.
- **Director of Spiritual Formation:** The creation of a new “Director of Spiritual Formation” position marks our dedication to furthering the spiritual development of our students, providing leadership and guidance in their faith journeys.
- **ACSI Accreditation:** Receiving official ACSI Accreditation, valid for the next six years, reflects our unwavering dedication to academic excellence, Christian values, and continuous improvement, validating our efforts to provide a high-quality education rooted in faith.
- **Financial Sustainability:** We have made significant strides in our financial sustainability, transitioning from a reliance on development funding to cover operations to a remarkable decrease of nearly 60%. This shift has enabled us to allocate funds raised through development efforts more effectively towards enhancing our school and enriching the student experience.
- **Smothers Road Ownership:** Smothers Road, the access road to The King's Academy, is now privately owned. This exciting development allows us greater control over our campus security and traffic management. As part of our ongoing commitment to ensuring the safety of our students and staff, we are initiating the process of installing gates throughout the campus. These gates will enhance security measures and regulate access, providing peace of mind for our TKA community.

These highlights are just a glimpse into the incredible things that Christ is doing on our campus. As we continue to uphold our mission and values, we eagerly anticipate even more blessings, transformations, and opportunities to witness God's hand at work in the lives of our students, staff, and community.

2024 UNION UNIVERSITY
Gratefully, Samuel W. “Dub” Oliver, Ph.D.
President, Union University

At Union University, we are honored to partner with Tennessee Baptists as we pursue our mission of providing Christ-centered education that promotes excellence and character development in service to Church and society. The encouragement, prayers, and support of our Tennessee Baptist friends are invaluable in our work of preparing students for a lifetime of service and leadership.

Our motto, “Religio et Eruditio,” is a Latin phrase that can be translated as “Religion and Education.” Or, put another way, “Faith and Learning.” As such, we’ve adopted a new tagline at Union: “Where Faith and Knowledge Unite.” That tagline encompasses the work we do. Uncompromising in our convictions, committed to the truth of Scripture, and passionate about providing students with an excellent education, we seek to be a place where students don’t sacrifice academic rigor or faithfulness to Christ. Christ is Lord over every discipline, and students at Union learn what it means to be Christian teachers, nurses, business leaders, scientists, parents, neighbors, and professionals in whatever path they pursue.

The Lord has continued to bless Union over the past year. Some highlights include:

- We continue to work toward completion of our comprehensive fundraising campaign, “Union 200: Tradition. Truth. Transformation.” Our goal is \$80 million, and just over \$45 million has been given and pledged toward that goal thus far.
- Construction is well underway on a new academic building on the Great Lawn that will house the McAfee School of Business and the computer science and engineering departments. We expect the building to be completed during the 2025 spring semester.
- We’ve filled several key leadership positions over the last year, including Jacob Shatzer as provost, Ray Van Neste as vice president for university ministries, Kenneth Lewis as dean for the Memphis College of Urban and Theological Studies, Dan Slater as dean for the McAfee School of Business, Todd Stanfield as dean for the School of Social Work, and Kim Jones as dean for the College of Pharmacy.
- Union’s School of Theology and Missions recently published a new book, *Recognizing and Responding to the Messiah: Sermons on the Gospel of Mark*, a collection of chapel sermons from Union faculty and staff.
- We announced plans to move forward with fundraising for a new chapel, a facility that will embody Union’s steadfast dedication to Christ-centered education.
- Graduates from our Bachelor of Science in Nursing program in Jackson scored a 100 percent pass rate on the national registered nurse licensure exam. The national pass rate was 87.62 percent.

None of this would be possible without the Lord’s provision and without the support of Tennessee Baptists. Thank you. We are grateful for your friendship, and we ask for your continued prayers as we seek to be faithful to our mission.

NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD
Annual Report, 2024

At NAMB, it’s all about the gospel, and we are here to serve and support pastors and churches as they minister on the front lines of pushing back lostness. Our more than 6,600 missionaries and chaplains were discipled, raised up and called out from local Southern Baptist churches, and we are grateful for each one of them. Thank you for giving to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® and the Cooperative Program.

Here are some highlights of how God is working through our partnership with Southern Baptists:

Our Evangelism Team is seeing great engagement from churches. In 2023 more than 10,000 copies of NAMB's new [Evangelism Kit](#) were distributed to churches. The kit is designed to help pastors create a culture of evangelism in their church that will endure even as programs and emphases come and go. We had the opportunity to train more than 1,300 pastors and ministry leaders who plan to implement the training in their churches. Our [Refresh Retreats](#) give ministry leaders a chance to be equipped, encouraged and re-energized, and in 2023 we were able to provide this experience for more than 1,200 pastors and their wives. Since launching our [Youth Leader Coaching Network](#) in 2021, more than 800 youth leaders have attended the in-person gatherings, and more than 1,500 youth leaders have participated in the online sessions. Our [Collegiate Coaching Network](#) launched in the spring of 2022, and since then has had more than 260 collegiate leaders participate in the in-person gatherings and more than 400 engaged through the online sessions. Both networks equip leaders to engage students in evangelism, discipleship and missions.

Send Network, our church planting arm, is helping Southern Baptists start new churches everywhere for everyone. In 2023, we celebrated as Southern Baptists surpassed more than 10,000 new churches started since 2010, an incredible testimony to God's faithfulness and the Great Commission commitment our churches have. Under Vance Pitman's leadership, more than 400 church planters attended Send Network orientation at NAMB in 2023. In addition, we hosted five [Send Network Gatherings](#) throughout North America where church planters and their wives received training, coaching and encouragement as they met with fellow planting couples and Send Network leaders. Also in 2023, we launched the new [Mobilization Pathway](#) which helps churches take their next step in church planting.

Send Relief, the compassion ministry we lead in collaboration with the International Mission Board, is meeting immediate needs for thousands of people while also pointing them to salvation in Christ. In North America, Send Relief engaged more than 33,000 volunteers from more than 3,300 churches in 2023. We also added new resources designed to help churches start and sustain gospel-centered compassion ministries in their local communities. Send Relief has launched seven new video courses as part of its [Church Guide to Ministry](#), with expert practitioners in each of their respective fields. We have also cultivated a network of [Affiliate](#)

[Ministry Centers](#) over the last year, allowing Send Relief to walk alongside other like-minded ministries in the hope of elevating their presence and sharing their best practices as they seek to serve their communities and resource SBC churches.

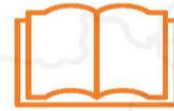
NAMB-endorsed Southern Baptist Chaplains number more than 3,300 as they serve and minister all over the globe, reaching people that churches often cannot access. This includes more than 1,100 military chaplains who serve men and women in the United States Armed Services stationed on military bases throughout the world. In addition to endorsing chaplains on behalf of Southern Baptists, NAMB [provides training, resources and encouragement](#) to chaplains serving in hospitals, prisons, in disaster settings, law enforcement and as first responders. In 2023, Southern Baptist chaplains presented the gospel 95,627 times, resulting in 18,408 professions of faith and more than 1,600 baptisms.

Thank you, Southern Baptists, for the privilege to serve you and to partner with you in taking the gospel to North America.

INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD
Annual Report, 2024

Celebrating God's work in 2023

As reported by IMB missionaries and partners



141,206
new Christ followers

116,992
baptisms around
the world

879,798
people who heard
the gospel



885,964
views of digital gospel
content in multiple
languages

269,571
individuals disciplined globally

63,481
national believers trained in
leadership and evangelism

21,992
national believers trained to send
missionaries cross-culturally



401,654
people served by human
needs projects

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2024 HISTORICAL REPORT

411 Chapel

May 19, 2024-Celebrated our 50th Anniversary as a church. We honored former Pastors and their wives; recognized our oldest living charter member; had special singing; former member, Mayor Mitch Ingram delivered the message; a meal was served; a time capsule was buried; along with other activities.

Bethlehem

2024 -Hosted, fellowshiped and participated in supporting missionaries from *Ramu Valley Academy*, Papua New Guinea; South Sudan and *Pioneer Missions*; continued support for the *Inspiration Center*, Shepetivka, Ukraine.

Jan 2024-Jesse Bunch, Greg Watson & Jake Evans participated in a short-term mission trip to Coatepeque, Guatemala, ministering alongside Pastors: Otto Echeveria, Coatepeque Baptist Church, Hugo Barrios, Jesus is the Way Church, El Canal, and Fred Aguilar Osoria of Lamb of God Church, Las Mercedes, Colomba.

Mar 2024-Joined Poplar Bluff Baptist Church in a community yard sale to benefit individuals participating in short-term mission trips to Guatemala in 2024.

Apr 3, 2024-Elected Carl Croft as Pastor-Associate/Senior Adults; Elected Jesse Bunch as Pastor-Associate/Administration/Discipleship

Apr 27, 2024-James (Jesse) Howard Bunch was questioned before a presbytery of ordained ministers prior to his ordination.

Apr 28, 2024-James (Jesse) Howard Bunch was ordained as a minister of the Gospel.

Jun/Jul 2024-19 individuals participated with others from New Bethany, Birchfield and Tellico Plains, First Baptist Churches on mission in Guatemala working in the churches and communities of El Canal, La Palmita and Las Mercedes. 2 members joined with others from Notchey Creek and Union McMinn Baptist Churches on mission at Downey Baptist Church in Iowa. Ministries included VBS, Revival services and construction projects.

May-Jul 2024-Bethlehem Community Garden served people with fresh vegetables.

Aug 2024-Participated in the mission of Buckner's "Shoes for Orphan Souls". Hosted missionary Marissa Myers from Ramu Valley Academy in Madang Papua New Guinea.

Calvary

Called and ordained new Pastor, Jon Foster (July 6, 2024)

Cane Creek

Cody Dalton was elected as Pastor; The church made use of the baptistry a few times; The church jail ministry is growing with several people being vetted to minister/volunteer; WMU was established to foster a community outreach about the women of the congregation.

Citico

New windows & blinds; Re-covering of pews; New curtains for stage; New back doors

Concord

We celebrated our 200-Year Anniversary.

Fairview Tabernacle

Completion of new Administration/Educational Building; Celebrated church's 75th Anniversary.

Howard's Chapel

Began construction on Fellowship Hall; Hosted Coat/Blanket Give-Away at Christmas.

Lakeside

Installed handrails in baptistry.

Long Ridge

Nov 2023, Installed new roof; Observed Veteran's Day Service

Dec 2023, Sound System was upgraded

June 2024, VBS

July 2024, Installed new back door, new ramp/walkway to Fellowship Hall, new stairs in Sunday School area, Painted sanctuary

Madisonville, First

Aug 11, 2024: Rev. Denny Moore retired after 5 years as Associate Pastor and 52 years in Ministry.

Maple Springs

Mar 3, 2024, Ordained Christopher Brummett and Garry Nabors

Miller's Chapel

Painted outside of church.

Mt. Calvary

We celebrated Pastor Gerald Lynn's 30th year in the ministry.

Notchey Creek

Business Meeting Votes: Demolish the church building which was built in 1897; Pursue a plan to address facility needs through the following: a) Educational building where the old sanctuary was demolished, b) Expand the Fellowship Hall by approximately 4,000 sq ft, c) Multi-Purpose building adjacent to the pavilion; Hire the Lewis Group to take the proposed plan and turn into a Conceptual Design; Expand the parking lot between the current church sign and County Farm Rd; Hire Lewis Group for a Schematic Design on a building; Build a 120x90 metal building.

Oak Grove

Installed camera & streaming equipment; Awnings & gutters were replaced; Fellowship improvements included roof repairs; Basement lights changed to LED; Outdoor lighting added about building and playground; Installed a camera in the church van.

Old Sweetwater

Continuing finishing of new building; Ordained 3 new Deacons on March 24, 2024 (Mark Wilson, Mark Ingram, Lee Swaim).

Poplar Bluff

A historic flood washed baptistry away in August 2023. The baptistry was dug out, concreted and rebuilt in early 2024.

Shady Grove

Cleared new property adjoining the church; Church pews were re-covered.

Shoal Creek

Finished installation of a kid's playground, named "Patience Park" (Sept 2024).
Installed stairlift to assist members with health needs so they can participate in dinners, showers and other events.

South Madisonville

Mar 17, 2024-Licensed Chris Shaw as a gospel preacher.

Sweetwater, First

New Children's Coordinator: Patricia Wheeler; Finish the Vision-Stewardship Campaign.

Trinity

Installed shower in one of our bathrooms; Moved sound room inside the sanctuary; 2 Blessing Box Food Drives (Men v. Women...Men collected the most cans); Began a group texting service; Ordained Kameron Tuck as a Preacher; Church member, Tina Cano Lee traveled to Zambia on a mission trip, the church supported her financially and with sending dresses/hygiene products; Planted/Harvested community garden; Supports the following ministries: Fresh Starts, High Five/Supplies (back to school), Halloween in the City, Jail Ministry, Loaves and Fishes; 23 new members joined the church this year.

Union Grove

Finished construction in classroom, knocked out a wall, installed and painted drywall; installed pot lights; painted floor, installed trip and new wall outlets. Installed new gutters. Installed new tin over handicap ramp.

Union McMinn

Mission Trip: June 8-15 to Clear Creek Bible College for construction/repair work and VBS; Men’s Conference and Women’s Conference.

Vonore

New Staff: Sharon Jones (Administrative Assistant); Jodi Saffles (Financial Administrator)
Missions: 22nd Car Show; Free Laundry Days; Honduras; Malawi; Mexico; School Events (faculty gift certificates, paper drive, back to school bash/faculty appreciation); Youth Trip to Montana; Backpacks for Homeless Center; Springbrook Apartment Luncheons; Madisonville Community Café

Walnut Grove

VBS; TBMB Backpacks; Free Snowcones; Isaiah 117; New Concrete Ramp; Blessing Box

Westside

Back to school give-aways; Clothing give-aways; Christmas give-aways; Toys for Tots; Auction for Kaylieh Couch.

Williamsburg

Sept 17, 2023: Celebrated 125th Anniversary

2024 MEMORIAL REPORT

Bethlehem

Patrick Butler
Allen Gray
Don Holcomb
Jessica Newman
Betty Patterson

Big Creek

Erma L. Martin
Renota Jespersion

Cane Creek

Ila Mitchell
Bill Watson

Cedar Fork

Henry Dawson
Dortha Francis
Jane McGinnis

Cedar Valley

Ruth Watson

Citico

Jim Dupes
Neal Tallent

Clifton

Hope Colvin
Donnie Cooper

Conasauga

Terry Verhine
Concord
Dana Patterson
Delano
Karen Barrett
Amanda Lankford

Fairview (Tellico)

Mary Sloan

Fairview Tabernacle

Shelia Beeler
Betty Houser
Ace Mason
Reese McDonnell
Wilma Ratledge

Gregory’s Chapel

Caloway Nichols
Howard’s Chapel
Lois Craig

Island Creek

June Borden
Glen Rodgers

Lakeside

Freddie Cathcart
David McLemore
Mildred Millsaps
Linda Cansler Schrock
Mary Ann Millsaps Summitt

Long Ridge

Michael Brannon
Patrick Butler
Iva Lee Jones
Carolyn Moore

Madisonville, First

Joan Acres
Marilyn Atkins
Debbie Cook
Brian Draa
Mary Ellis
Sue Epperson
John Kazinec
Gale Miller
Robert Miller
Marcene Phillips
E.C. Stanley

Maple Springs

Wade Lindner

Mt. Calvary
Jimmy Shanahan
Goldine Young
Tommy Young

Mt. Zion
James Giles

New Bethany
Eve Hoenshell
David Lonas
Doug Rickman

New Macedonia
Gene Bridges
Alice Greene
B.J. Richardson
Darrell Russell
Jimmy Shanahan
Nina Stafford

New Zion
Donnie Vie Craig
Kitty Hamilton
Billie Rose Hammonds
Ann Hammonds
Tom Triplett

North Sweetwater
Jo Garrett
Brenda Willett

Notchey Creek
Norma Jean Adams
Carolyn Belcher
Dana Belcher
Bobbie Jean Fadeley
Greely Gibson
Iva Lee Gibson
Eula Faye McDaniel
Rev. Ronnie Watson
Wilma Watson

Oak Grove
Hazel Kirkland
Rodger Kirkland
Naomi Palmatier

Oakland
Carol Capps

Old Pond Hill
Randy Charles
Sybil Irons

Old Sweetwater
J.L. Millsaps
Ruth Millsaps
Jerry Owens
William Prince

Reed Springs
Ruby Hill
Maudeen Ingram
Shirley Jones
Linda Miller
Janette Pena
Bobbie Stallcup

Rocky Springs
Donna Bradley
Verlin Gibby
Phyllis Murr Watson

Rural Vale
Ruby Murphy
Tamara Davis

Shady Grove
Ed Leach

Shelton Grove
Janet Thomas

Shoal Creek
Patrick Butler
Ora Long
Alice Majors
Jim Newman

South Madisonville
Jerry Kiser

Sweetwater, First
Zora "Nell" Elsea
Joe Estes
Jo Garrett
Winona McClung
Mary Millsaps
Ann Sutton
Carl Walker

Tellico Plains, First
Jack Fulbright

Towee Falls
Archie Freeman
Virginia Dockery Byrd Lee
Billie Roberts

Union Grove
Bobbie Melton Lingerfelt

Union Hall
Virgie Croft
Angie Stewart

Union McMinn
Marcie Galyon
Dorothy Frisbie
Jackie Julian Knox
Charlotte Frisbie Lairmore
Ricky Willis

Unity
Gordon Raper

Upper Shady Grove
Marvin C. King

Vonore
Willard Howard
Ronnie Moore
Marilyn Shaw

Watson Chapel
Tim Underwood

Westside
Reece Swabe
Ronnie Taylor
Charlotte Williams

MESSENGERS TO THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

411 Chapel	Michael McLemore Allen Ingram	Jamie McLemore Chad Leming	Ed Dawson Kelly Leming	Deborah Dawson
Antioch	Danny Roberts Johnny Matoy	Crystal Roberts Wilma Matoy	Wilburn Aikens Dean Rogers	Phyllis Aikens
Beaty's Chapel	NONE REPORTED (Larry Walker)			
Bethlehem	Zad Tomberlin Steve Moore	Jesse Bunch Ron Richardson	Albert Graser Donald Torbett	Donna McKee
Bible	Not Eligible for Messengers in 2024			
Big Creek	Michael Jacobs Chris Mason	Deanna Jacobs Corky Mason	Gary Lyons	Bree Lyons
Calvary	Jon Foster	Darby Frerichs	Drew Frerichs	Joe Frerichs
Cane Creek	Cody Dalton Ronnie Lynn	Deborah Dalton Rebecca Pearson	Ronnie Dalton Kevin Wiseman	Jared Hudgins
Cedar Fork	Pat McGinnis	Brenda McGinnis	Addie Parkhurst	Bill Viar Eva Viar
Cedar Valley	Joel Tilson Bill Kollock	Josh Gourley David McHan	Tommy Harrill Josh Stovall	Mike Howard
Christianburg	Darrell Cardin William Humphreys	Elaine Dotson	Johnny Gibson Tommy Saint	Shane Hobbs Mack Wilson
Citico	David Lane Sarah Davis	Shannon Butler Brent Loveday	Karis Butler Janie Loveday	Brannon Davis
Clifton	Ronnie Rhea Melinda Spurling	Carol Rhea Dennis Wiseman	Jaime Colvin Samantha Wiseman	Shane Roberts
Community	Dennis Atkins	Jack Russell	Matthew Russell	Matthew Yearwood
Compromise	Delbert Umphrey	Glenda Hughes	Marvin Umphrey	Ronnie Umphrey
Conasauga	Tony Curtis	DeLane Stiles	Randy Rayburn	
Concord	Chris Lindner Jane Roper	Jessica Godsey Anthony Smith	Robert Livingston Ashley Smith	Jim Roper
Delano	Jamie Johnson	Chuck Burgess		
Druid Hill	NONE REPORTED (Ronnie Davis)			
Ebenezer	NONE REPORTED (Mike Blair)			
Fairview (Tellico)	John Coleman Billy Taylor	Justin Roberts	Thomas Standridge	Tim Standridge
Fairview Tabernacle	Jason Robertson Ron Mincey	Nick Farrell	James Jenkins	Yvonne Jenkins
Fellowship	NONE REPORTED (Derek McCosh)			
Glenlock	Lon Shoopman Michael Byrum	Debbie Allen Roger Coleman	Dean Babb Randy McCool	Rodney Bowers
Gregory's Chapel	T.J. Wattenbarger Tim Wattenbarger	Michael Gunn	Kenny Keller	Jason Smith
Hopewell Springs	NONE REPORTED (No Pastor)			
Howards Chapel	Ronnie Best Robert Costner	Tangie Best Carol Peters	Pearce Baker Wayne Peters	Marleta Costner
Island Creek	Lewis Jones Tracy Maxwell	Dennis Lingerfelt Chad Price	Danny Lingerfelt Jason Thompson	Ronnie Moses
Lakeside	Gerald Atkins Barbara Brown	Vivian Atkins Harry Brown	Doug Blankenship Allen Cansler	Rhonda Blankenship
Long Ridge	Steve Teague Denver Roberts	James Graves Steve Thompson	Wayne Moser	William O'Dell
Lower Chilhowee	Joey Bivens	Judy Bivens	Kenny Lewis	
Macedonia	Arthur Andrew Moser	Alice Moser	Carolyn Stewart	Craig Stewart
Madisonville, First	Chris Moore			
Maple Springs	Vernon Webb			
Miller's Chapel	Micah Collins Robert Miller	Greg Colvin Shane Miller	Roger Lovin Jesse Powell	Kraig Miller
Mt. Calvary	Gerald Lynn Kaye McDaniel	Janet Lynn Scott Teague	Edie Davis Trisha Teague	David McDaniel

MESSENGERS TO THE 2024 ANNUAL MEETING

Mt. Isabella	NONE REPORTED (Josh Butler)			
Mt. Zion	Andy Franklin	Holly Franklin	Louise Couch	Edna Franklin
	Bruce Millsaps	Donna Millsaps		
Murray's	Dakota McLemore	David Edgmon	Carl "Buddy" Richesin, Jr	
New Bethany	Matthew Johnson	Lisa Allen	Margie Gray	Judy Webb
New Macedonia	Mitch Isbill	David Allmond	Kyle Allmond	James Barr
	Ben Curtis	Toby Massey	Taylor Morris	
New Providence	Rick Atkins	Trey Ferguson	Steven Patton	Tia Patton
	Dan Sliger	Gary Williams	Pam Williams	
New Zion	Brandon Wilcox	Marla Wilcox	Archie Campbell	J.J. Carson
	Chelsie Stewart	Don Stewart	Scott Stewart	
North Sweetwater	Bill Wilson	Judy Wilson	Claretta Crosby	Gary Crosby
	Allen Ingram	Leslea Morton	Melanie Reed	
Notchey Creek	Shane Johnston	Michael Conti	Mikki Hooven	Ronny Jones
	Sharon Jones	Audrey Stephens	Sheri Stephens	
Oak Grove	Wayne Trentham	MaryAnn Trentham	Steve Carringer	Barbara Carringer
	Olin Flowers	Jill Flowers	Russell Tallent	
Oakland	Jim Swabe	Tracy Swabe	Martha Bush	Jason Hicks
	Cheryl Hicks	Marion Randolph	Sandi Seacrest	
Old Pond Hill	Myrl Vaughn			
Old Sweetwater	Richard Lane	Josh Croft		
Paint Rock	Keith Kile	Marie Selvidge	Heather Sharp	
Piney Grove	NONE REPORTED (Ollie Lankford)			
Poplar Bluff	Roman Hamilton	Jon Harris	Roger Powers	Randy Wear
Reed Springs	Steven McDonald	Leonard Grimes	Newell Grimes	Joe Malone
	Becky Malone	David Mashburn	Scarlett Mashburn	
Rocky Springs	Greg McCosh	Freddie Atkins	Dan Martin	Tammie Martin
	David Winters			
Rural Vale	Carroll Hamilton	Cynthia Hamilton	Allen Cain	Madeline Lynn
	Nickey Lynn	Danny Martin	LeAnne Martin	
Shady Grove	BJ Wall	Diane Wall	Ronnie Hale	Buddy Hunt
	Luke Keller	Debra Morgan	Roger Morgan	
Shelton Grove	Tim Watson	Bryan Carter	Andy Edgemon	Lee Roy Edgemon
	Dewey Henry	Will Thompson	Brandon Watson	
Shoal Creek	Steve Strickland	Bill Jones	Jerry Moses	Braden Strickland
	Trey Strickland			
South Madisonville	Rick Harris	Connie Harris	Bobby Morgan	Sue Morgan
	Willie O'Dell	Marilu O'Dell	John Patterson	
Sweetwater, First	Jason Pounds	Todd Colbert	Cindy Lemmonds	Tommy Lemmonds
Tellico (Ballplay)	Chris Crowder	Bobby Best	Mark Best	April Best
	Michael Hunt	MaShell Hunt	Harold Sloan	
Tellico Plains, First	Richard Parker	Marilyn Parker	Bob Coder	Richard Horine
	Susan Newman	Lesley Zavracky	Matt Zavracky	
Tevis Springs	Sam Baines	James Bright		
Towee Falls	Steven Stone	Gerald Burrell	Devon Byrd	Isaac Byrd
Trinity	Jarrold Johnson	Ray Steen	Mitchell Wicker	Bryant Woods
	Rebecca Woods			
Union Grove	Isaac Sparks	Tammy Buchanon	Tim Geehan	Karen Goins
	Steve Hanely	Jamie Hanley	Holly Paul	
Union Hall	NONE REPORTED (Tom Chadwick)			
Union McMinn	Gabe Brannon	Bryan Coffey	Jack Ingram	Veronica Ingram
	Howie White	Scott White	Gerald Wilson	
Unity	Mike Blair	Michelle Blair		
Upper Shady Grove	NONE REPORTED (Noah Russell)			
Vonore	Dustin George	Rebecca George	Mike Akins	Gary Kirkland
	Kim Kirkland	Don Williams	Fred Smith	

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Walnut Grove	Jonas Turpin Kevin Manis	Leonard Blevins Kris Treadway	Daniel Dickenson James "Bo" Wheat	Jonas Henderson
Watson Chapel	Jason Blair Richard Derrick	Hunter Blair Alan Lovin	Brian Balsinger Dale Stremoha	Chris Burnette
Westside	NONE REPORTED (Dwight Torbett)			
Williamsburg	Chris Holloway David Miller	Melissa Holloway	BW Ledford	Elden Ledford

***2024 MESSENGERS - ASSOCIATIONAL STAFF/COUNCIL (not otherwise listed as Church Messengers)**

Tony Rutherford (SBA Staff)
Becky Jones (SBA Staff)

2023-2024 Council (non-pastors, non-church messengers)

Darrell Atkins (Trustees Chairman)
Phillip Johnson (SBA Music Director)
Rachel Thompson (WMU/Ladies Ministry Director)

Sweetwater Baptist Association 2024-2025 Leadership Summary

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Congregation	Pastor	Chairman of Deacons	Youth Pastor/Director
411 Chapel	Michael McLemore	Chad Leming	Horton Dawson
Antioch	Danny Roberts	Wilburn Aikens	Geraldine Rogers
Beauty's Chapel	Larry Walker	Ronnie Belcher	None Reported
Bethlehem	Zad Tomberlin	Steve Moore	Trey Helms
Bible	Kevin Miller	Dustin Perrine	Andrew Ewing
Big Creek	Mike Jacobs	None Reported	Kalieb & Tara Skinner
Calvary	Jon Foster	None Reported	None Reported
Cane Creek	Cody Dalton	Ronnie Lynn	Cody Dalton
Cedar Fork	Steve Gamble (Interim)	Pat McGinnis	None Reported
Cedar Valley	Joel Tilson	Josh Gourley	Craig McKenzie
Christianburg	Darrell Cardin	Mack Wilson	None Reported
Citico	David Lane	Gordon Self	James Davis
Clifton	Ronnie Rhea	None Reported	Melinda Spurling & Samantha Wiseman
Community	Dennis Atkins	None Reported	Loretta Russell
Compromise	Delbert Umphrey	Marvin Umphrey	None Reported
Conasauga	Tony Curtis	None Reported	None Reported
Concord	No Pastor	Chris Lindner	Anthony Smith
Delano	Jamie Johnson	Chuck Burgess	Chuck Burgess
Druid Hills	Ronnie Davis	James Monger	Patrick Underwood
Ebenezer	Ethan Thompson	Willard Anderson	Donna Miles
Fairview Tabernacle	Jason Robertson	Robert Vineyard	Nick Farrell
Fairview (Tellico)	No Pastor	Thomas Standridge	Billy Taylor
Fellowship	Derek McCosh	None Reported	JJ Hughes
Glenlock	Lon Shoopman	Michael Harrison	Michael Byrum
Gregory's Chapel	T.J. Wattenbarger	Tim Wattenbarger	None Reported

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Congregation	Pastor	Chairman of Deacons	Youth Pastor/Director
Hopewell Springs	No Pastor	Jim Alexander	None Reported
Howard's Chapel	Ronnie Best	Robert Costner	Debbie Baker
Island Creek	Lewis Jones	Mike Isbill	Jason & Cody Thompson
Lakeside	Gerald Atkins	Doug Blankenship	None Reported
Long Ridge	Steve Teague	William O'Dell	None Reported
Lower Chilhowee	Joey Bivens	None Reported	None Reported
Macedonia	Arthur Moser	Claude Stewart	Alice Moser
Madisonville, First	Chris Moore	John Acuff	Logan Blackwell
Maple Springs	Vernon Webb	Adam Martin/Larry Britton	Adam & Megan Martin
Miller's Chapel	Micah Collins	Kraig Miller	None Reported
Mt. Calvary	Gerald Lynn	Jeremy Davis	None Reported
Mt. Isabella	Josh Butler	James Butler	None Reported
Mt. Zion	Andy Franklin	Carl Miller	Staci Dean
Murray's	Dakota McLemore	Carl Richesin, Jr.	None Reported
New Bethany	Matthew Johnson	Jody Schroeder	Chad Johnson
New Macedonia	Mitch Isbill	Russell Woody	Kevin Gentry
New Providence	Rick Atkins	Trey Ferguson	Kevin Ervin
New Zion	Brandon Wilcox	Scott Stewart	None Reported
North Sweetwater	Bill Wilson	Danny Sledge	None Reported
Notchey Creek	Shane Johnston	Josh McDaniel	Billy Harrill
Oak Grove	Wayne Trentham	Steve Carringer	Vic Bivens & Ashley Fischer
Oakland	Jim Swabe	None Reported	Cheryl Hicks
Old Pond Hill	Myrl Vaughn	Bennie Henderson	None Reported
Old Sweetwater	Richard Lane	Danny Thornburg	Mistie Ladd
Paint Rock	Keith Kile	None Reported	Deborah Kile
Piney Grove	Ollie Lankford	Melvin Martin	None Reported
Poplar Bluff	Roman Hamilton	Jon Harris	Jeff Dalton
Reed Springs	Steven McDonald	None Reported	Cody Hill
Rocky Springs	Greg McCosh	Bryan Williamson	None Reported
Rural Vale	Carroll Hamilton	Nickey Lynn	Ethan Curtis
Shady Grove	B.J. Wall	None Reported	Luke Keller
Shelton Grove	Tim Watson	Dewey Henry	Kayla Watson
Shoal Creek	Steve Strickland	Jerry Moses	Beth Brooks
South Madisonville	Rick Harris	Kevin Brown	John Patterson
Sweetwater, First	Jason Pounds	Mark Houston	Brett King
Tellico Plains, First	Richard Parker	E.L. McClellan	None Reported
Tellico (Ballplay)	Chris Crowder	Harold Sloan	Michael Hunt
Tevis Springs	Sam Baines	John Swabe	Tiffany Bright
Towee Falls	Steven Stone	None Reported	Cliff Moser
Trinity	Jarrold Johnson	Mitchell Wicker	None Reported
Union Grove	Isaac Sparks	Nick Brown	Kelly Hensley
Union Hall	Tom Chadwick	None Reported	None Reported
Union McMinn	Gabe Brannon	Gerald Wilson	Howie White

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Congregation	Pastor	Chairman of Deacons	Youth Pastor/Director
Unity	Mike Blair	Lance Belcher	None Reported
Upper Shady Grove	Noah Russell	Goley Hollinghead	None Reported
Vonore	Dustin George	Donald Williams	Steve Giles
Walnut Grove	Jonas Turpin	Leonard Blevins	Kevin Manis
Watson Chapel	Jason Blair	None Reported	None Reported
Westside	Dwight Torbett	Terry O'Dell	Larry Watson
Williamsburg	Chris Holloway	David Miller	Patrick Flanary

Sweetwater Baptist Association
2024-2025 CLERKS

Congregation	Church Clerk	Mailing Address
411 Chapel	Mrs Kelly Leming	302 Old Loudon Rd, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Antioch	Ms Wilma Matoy	186 Williamsburg Rd, Vonore, TN, 37885
Beauty's Chapel	Mrs Shania Debety	529 Barney Creek Rd, Tellico Plains, TN 37385
Bethlehem	Mrs Donna McKee	248 Big Creek Rd, Madisonville, TN, 37354
Bible	Mrs Lillie Miller	PO Box 574, Tellico Plains, TN 37385
Big Creek	Ms Donna Rucker	132 Houser Dr, Sweetwater, TN, 37874
Big Creek	Mrs DeAnna Jacobs	4885 Caldwell Rd, Loudon, TN 37774
Calvary	Mrs Brenda Brannon	PO Box 284, Tellico Plains, TN 37385
Cane Creek	Ms Rebecca Pearson	120 Hartland Dr, Madisonville, TN, 37354
Cedar Fork	Mrs Gail Farrell	423 Big Sandy Rd, Philadelphia, TN 37846
Cedar Valley	Ms Cheryl Young	1295 Hwy 68, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Christianburg	Ms Leslie McKee	605 N Price St, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Citico	Ms Debbie Gentry	243 Smokey Branch Rd, Vonore, TN 37885
Clifton	Ms Melinda Spurling	264 County Rd 267, Niota, TN 37826
Community	Mrs Loretta Russell	926 Hwy 11 S, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Compromise	Mr Marvin Umphrey	122 County Rd 202, Athens, TN, 37303
Conasauga	Mr Bobby Triplett	148 County Rd 622, Etowah, TN, 37331
Concord	Ms Kariann Lindner	3618 Upper Concord Rd, Ten Mile, TN, 37880
Delano	Mrs Natalie Kelly	PO Box 25, Delano, TN 37325
Druid Hill	Ms Jodie Underwood	256 Old Mill Rd, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
Ebenezer	Ms Lora McMahan	3749 Hwy 360, Vonore, TN, 37885
Fairview Tabernacle	Ramagene Barnes	123 Duseth Dr, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Fairview (Tellico)	Mrs Sherrie Taylor	PO Box 394, Tellico Plains, TN 37385
Fairview (Tellico)	Ms Gladys Standridge	2418 Fairview Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354
Fellowship	Mr John Teutimez	405 Central St W, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Glenlock	Mr Rodney Bowers	No Address Provided... 423-836-0562
Gregory's Chapel	Mrs Lisa Wattenbarger	979 Creek Rd, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Hopewell Springs	Mr Ritchie White	125 Coleman Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354
Howards Chapel	Mr Ronnie Summey	1811 Big Gulley Rd, Maryville, TN 37801
Island Creek	Mrs Shanna Isbill	5177 Hwy 411, Madisonville, TN 37354
Lakeside	Mrs Mary Frank	438 Cold Stream Farm Rd, Madisonville, TN, 37354
Long Ridge	Mrs Celina Lintemuth	PO Box 97, Coker Creek, TN 37314
Lower Chilhowee	Mr Monty (Kenny) Lewis	718 Dailey Ave, Loudon, TN 37774
Macedonia	Ms Carolyn Stewart	418 Sawmill Rd, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
Madisonville First	Mr Alan Sloan	139 College St, Madisonville, TN 37354

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Congregation	Church Clerk	Mailing Address
Maple Springs	Ms Donna Lynn	689 Jones Dr, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
Miller's Chapel	Mrs Tammy Miller	PO Box 744, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
Mt Calvary	Ms Angela Davis	225 Sawmill Rd, Tellico Plains, TN 37385
Mt Isabell	Mrs Candice Butler	1269 Rafter Rd, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
Mt Zion	Mrs Elaine Hawkins	1022 Highway 360, Vonore, TN, 37885
Murray's	Ms Melissa Edgmon	160 Edgmon Road, Sweetwater, TN, 37874
New Bethany	Ms Tara Thompson	302 S High St, Apt 4, Sweetwater, TN 37874
New Macedonia	Mr David Allmond	218 Starrett St, Sweetwater, TN, 37874
New Providence	Mrs Becky Peels	404 Unicoi Lakes Rd, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
New Zion	Ms Peggy Martin	118 County Rd 660, Athens, TN 37303
New Zion	Mr Scott Stewart	319 County Rd 616, Athens, TN 37303
North Sweetwater	Mrs Claretta Crosby	805 Fair St N, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Notchey Creek	Mrs Linda Gregory	529 Monroe St, Madisonville, TN, 37354
Oak Grove	Mrs Barbara Carringer	1320 Oak Grove Rd, Madisonville, TN, 37354
Oakland	Mr Jason Hicks	106 Meadow Ln, Vonore, TN, 37885
Old Pond Hill	Ms Judy Watts	148 County Rd 275, Niota, TN, 37826
Old Pond Hill	Ms Robin Anderson	156 County Rd 275, Niota, TN, 37826
Old Sweetwater	Ms Lesa Shultz	606 Childress Ave, Sweetwater, TN, 37874
Paint Rock	Mrs Janice Parks	162 Paint Rock Rd, Kingston, TN, 37763
Piney Grove	Mrs Charity Standridge	3322 Old Hwy 68, Madisonville, TN 37354
Poplar Bluff	Mrs Sharon Stone	710 Old State Rd, Tellico Plains, TN 37385
Reed Springs	Mr Joseph Lovin	500 Glenlock Rd, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Rocky Springs	Mrs Marilyn Moses	104 Chapel View Dr, Madisonville, TN, 37354
Rural Vale	Ms Misti Pike	155 Dry Creek Rd, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
Shady Grove	Mrs Debra Morgan	2100 Mecca Pike, Tellico Plains, TN 37385
Shelton Grove	Mrs Kari Watson	1632 Sweetwater Vonore Rd, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Shoal Creek	Mrs Glenna Moses	544 Lick Creek Rd, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
South Madisonville	Mrs Patricia Koontz	591 Rausin Hollow Rd, Philadelphia, TN 37846
Sweetwater, First	Mrs Janet Collins	303 Wright St, Sweetwater, TN, 37874
Sweetwater, First	Mrs Diane Ridgell	303 Wright St, Sweetwater, TN, 37874
Tellico Plains, First	Mrs Heather Hall	706 Bethlehem Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354
Tellico (Ballplay)	Mrs MaShell Hunt	249 Old Athens Rd, Madisonville, TN, 37354
Tevis Springs	Mrs Ashley Bright	1991 Ballplay Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354
Tevis Springs	Mrs Rhonda Baines	586 Mason Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354
Towee Falls	Ms Robbie Jones	1143 Towee Falls Rd, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
Trinity	Mrs Rebecca Woods	152 Tango Dr, Madisonville, TN 37354
Union Grove	Ms Jamie Hanley	342 County Rd 313, Sweetwater, TN, 37874
Union Hall	Mrs Ethel Bivens	134 Ogle Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354
Union Hall	Mrs Janis Jenkins	2609 Ballplay Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354
Union McMinn	Mrs Jane Wilson	PO Box 214, Niota, TN, 37826
Unity	Mrs Jeanette Isbill	214 Azalea Ln, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Upper Shady Grove	Mrs Carol King	2212 Highland Rd, Maryville, TN, 37801
Vonore	Mrs Teresa White	1644 Bay Creek Dr, Vonore, TN 37885
Walnut Grove	Mrs Tressa Manis	7700 Washington Pk, Philadelphia, TN 37846
Watson Chapel	Mrs Michelle Lovin	220 Kinser Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354
Westside	Mrs Debbie Atkins	148 Atkins Ln, Madisonville, TN 37354
Williamsburg	Mrs Mary Bivens	500 Trigonina Rd N, Greenback, TN 37742

2025 Executive Board Members to the Association

***As reported to the Association via the 2024 ACP Report**

Pastors are automatic Executive Board Members

In addition to the Pastor, each church is entitled to (1) additional Executive Board Member

411 Chapel	Chad Leming	Murray's.....	Carl Richesin, Jr
Antioch	None Reported	New Bethany	Chad Johnson
Beaty's Chapel.....	Ronnie Belcher	New Macedonia.....	Toby Massey
Bethlehem.....	Jesse Bunch	New Providence.....	Gary Williams
Bible	None Reported	New Zion.....	Archie Campbell
Big Creek	Chris Mason	North Sweetwater	Danny Sledge
Calvary.....	None Reported	Notchey Creek	Larry Neal
Cane Creek	Perry Miller	Oak Grove	Barry Self
Cedar Fork.....	Mike Brackett	Oakland.....	Jason Hicks
Cedar Valley	Josh Gourley	Old Pond Hill	None Reported
Christianburg.....	Mack Wilson	Old Sweetwater	Josh Croft
Citico	Gordon Self	Paint Rock	Deborah Kile
Clifton.....	Dennis Wiseman	Piney Grove.....	Melvin Martin
Community.....	Jack Russell	Poplar Bluff	Jeff Dalton
Compromise.....	Marvin Umphrey	Reed Springs	Cody Hill
Conasauga.....	DeLane Stiles	Rocky Springs.....	David Winters
Concord.....	Anthony Smith	Rural Vale.....	Nickey Lynn
Delano	None Reported	Shady Grove.....	Roger Morgan
Druid Hills.....	None Reported	Shelton Grove	Dewey Henry
Ebenezer	Willard Anderson	Shoal Creek	Trey Strickland
Fairview (Tellico)	Thomas Standridge	South Madisonville	Kevin Brown
Fairview Tabernacle	James Jenkins	Sweetwater, FBC.....	Todd Colbert
Fellowship	Jeremy Malone	Tellico (Ballplay).....	Mark Best
Glenlock	Herbert Hicks, Jr.	Tellico Plains, FBC	Marilyn Parker
Gregory's Chapel.....	Tim Wattenbarger	Tevis Springs	James Bright
Hopewell Springs	Stephen Self	Towee Falls	None Reported
Howard's Chapel	Robert Costner	Trinity.....	Mitchell Wicker
Island Creek.....	Mike Isbill	Union Grove.....	Nick Brown
Lakeside.....	Doug Blankenship	Union Hall	Leon Jenkins
Long Ridge.....	Barry West	Union McMinn.....	Gerald Wilson
Lower Chilhowee	Kenny Lewis	Unity	Lance Belcher
Macedonia	Craig Stewart	Upper Shady Grove.....	None Reported
Madisonville, FBC.....	None Reported	Vonore	Donald Williams
Maple Springs	Larry Britton	Walnut Grove.....	Kevin Manis
Miller's Chapel	Kraig Miller	Watson Chapel.....	Alan Lovin
Mt. Calvary.....	Scott Teague	Westside	Terry O'Dell
Mt. Isabella	None Reported	Williamsburg.....	David Miller
Mt. Zion.....	Dwight Williams		

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2024 ACP Membership Summary
**as reported via the 2024 ACP Reports*

<i>Congregation</i>	<i>Total Members</i>	<i>Total Baptisms</i>	<i>Other Additions</i>	<i>Worship Attend.</i>	<i>SS Enroll</i>	<i>SS Avg</i>	<i>VBS Enroll</i>	<i>WMU</i>	<i>Men's Ministry</i>
411 Chapel	226	11	5	90	71	70	93	10	10
Antioch	48	1	7	35	27	27	0	0	0
Beaty's Chapel	150	6	0	45	40	40	0	0	0
Bethlehem	651	2	9	285	0	182	180	1	45
Bible	98	4	0	49	30	10	245	0	0
Big Creek	456	7	0	60	40	40	70	0	0
Calvary	66	7	0	16	16	16	40	0	0
Cane Creek	221	3	3	71	42	42	45	13	3
Cedar Fork	108	0	3	32	25	19	22	4	0
Cedar Valley	362	10	0	100	85	70	127	18	15
Christianburg	130	0	0	40	0	0	0	0	0
Citico	203	2	0	45	49	40	54	0	0
Clifton	96	16	3	40	43	25	30	0	0
Community	247	3	2	30	15	0	20	0	0
Compromise	75	2	4	15	15	10	0	0	0
Conasauga	195	0	0	52	39	39	91	0	0
Concord	50	5	12	25	27	25	46	23	0
Delano	195	3	9	102	48	48	62	0	0
Druid Hills	NOT REPORTED								
Ebenezer	NOT REPORTED								
Fairview (Tellico)	48	4	0	29	32	14	52	0	0
Fairview Tabernacle	1,136	13	43	803	400	334	300	0	50
Fellowship	95	13	0	77	10	25	0	0	4
Glenlock	244	9	4	126	97	71	161	76	0
Gregory's Chapel	41	1	8	0	34	26	40	0	0
Hopewell Springs	NOT REPORTED								
Howards Chapel	325	0	0	48	39	35	55	0	0
Island Creek	418	2	9	85	65	62	160	0	0
Lakeside	200	12	2	60	76	45	81	13	0
Long Ridge	321	0	0	55	55	55	60	0	0
Lower Chilhowee	92	0	0	12	0	0	0	0	0
Macedonia	40	0	0	12	15	12	0	0	0
Madisonville, First	820	19	17	326	387	247	224	3	25
Maple Springs	240	0	0	51	46	46	67	0	0
Miller's Chapel	159	4	0	44	55	34	76	0	0
Mt Calvary	0	8	8	55	39	36	132	0	0
Mt Isabella	NOT REPORTED								
Mt Zion	447	8	0	102	115	95	147	20	0
Murray's	197	0	0	23	12	12	0	6	0

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<i>Congregation</i>	<i>Total Members</i>	<i>Total Baptisms</i>	<i>Other Additions</i>	<i>Worship Attend.</i>	<i>SS Enroll</i>	<i>SS Avg</i>	<i>VBS Enroll</i>	<i>WMU</i>	<i>Men's Ministry</i>
New Bethany	382	9	5	60	48	34	132	27	8
New Macedonia	519	0	1	117	88	88	120	0	0
New Providence	675	15	20	142	72	72	119	15	10
New Zion	262	9	11	68	34	34	87	0	0
North Sweetwater	146	1	2	74	14	13	105	0	0
Notchey Creek	1,027	11	12	283	337	171	247	53	20
Oak Grove	283	1	3	65	57	31	85	0	11
Oakland	50	0	0	16	12	12	0	0	0
Old Pond Hill	92	5	0	10	5	0	0	0	0
Old Sweetwater	238	26	13	155	96	96	138	0	0
Paint Rock	286	8	3	70	35	35	0	0	0
Piney Grove	NOT REPORTED								
Poplar Bluff	128	8	0	100	82	50	86	0	20
Reed Springs	450	16	0	111	95	55	106	0	20
Rocky Springs	298	6	2	67	70	47	136	15	0
Rural Vale	156	2	0	62	54	54	61	0	0
Shady Grove	77	0	0	38	0	13	43	0	0
Shelton Grove	161	1	1	68	39	39	80	0	0
Shoal Creek	340	11	15	81	44	51	130	0	0
South Madisonville	107	8	8	95	60	60	128	0	10
Sweetwater, First	444	15	11	254	443	35	51	151	25
Tellico (Ballplay)	101	1	0	45	20	20	0	0	0
Tellico Plains, First	270	6	1	80	74	50	78	0	16
Tevis Springs	104	3	8	35	0	25	0	0	0
Towee Falls	100	5	0	37	37	37	35	0	0
Trinity	150	5	18	52	68	33	64	30	12
Union Grove	174	11	14	106	86	53	182	60	15
Union Hall	140	0	0	14	3	8	0	0	0
Union McMinn	317	5	7	175	159	121	276	0	15
Unity	51	2	4	17	17	17	0	0	0
Upper Shady Grove	252	12	0	30	55	30	0	0	0
Vonore	615	7	3	234	269	168	71	12	0
Walnut Grove	90	10	0	55	45	30	95	0	10
Watson Chapel	1,505	0	10	250	96	90	145	0	10
Westside	387	26	18	98	63	63	0	0	0
Williamsburg	50	0	3	15	18	13	26	0	0
SBA TOTALS	18,827	420	341	6,219	4,784	3,600	5,506	550	354

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Congregation	Total Receipts	Undesignated Gifts	Cooperative Program	Association Gifts	Annie Armstrong	Lottie Moon	Golden Offering
411 Chapel	102,050	73,900	0	1,500	831	931	0
Antioch	33,268	19,080	300	300	0	0	0
Beaty's Chapel	3,000	3,000	0	200	0	0	0
Bethlehem	396,334	252,252	12,520	13,323	4,205	15,800	0
Bible	0	0	0	1,300	0	0	0
Big Creek	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Calvary	14,823	12,977	0	60	0	0	0
Cane Creek	100,451	50,640	1,200	2,400	400	600	0
Cedar Fork	84,426	77,971	8,577	5,388	1,588	3,011	1,947
Cedar Valley	186,750	185,000	11,510	11,510	3,950	3,876	500
Christianburg	53,890	48,109	2,861	3,520	1,025	1,405	0
Citico	0	0	0	753	0	0	0
Clifton	28,211	23,755	0	300	159	65	0
Community	60,361	60,361	1,158	1,763	0	0	0
Compromise	18,517	16,233	0	600	393	0	360
Conasauga	19,497	14,649	0	3,600	250	250	0
Concord	40,132	34,316	1,297	1,386	0	0	0
Delano	251,942	203,839	4,075	4,077	1,091	566	916
Druid Hills	NOT REPORTED			1100			
Ebenezer	NOT REPORTED			677			
Fairview (Tellico)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fairview Tabernacle	1,822,373	1,261,402	60,000	18,000	24,540	128,611	15,528
Fellowship	102,700	91,500	2,100	1,713	0	0	0
Glenlock	212,691	192,796	4,008	4,008	1,769	3,392	0
Gregory's Chapel	0	0	0	1,100	0	0	0
Hopewell Springs	NOT REPORTED			500			
Howards Chapel	0	0	0	1,800	0	0	0
Island Creek	152,727	137,950	2,400	3,300	4,532	3,005	0
Lakeside	94,291	70,104	0	900	2,000	3,100	723
Long Ridge	135,137	127,184	0	1,000	0	0	0
Lower Chilhowee	13,225	10,000	0	50	0	0	0
Macedonia	0	0	0	600	200	200	0
Madisonville, First	1,297,967	904,049	89,631	5,000	21,740	73,582	18,890
Maple Springs	54,824	54,074	0	750	0	0	0
Miller's Chapel	32,093	4,872	92	1,200	0	133	0
Mt Calvary	52,554	42,918	0	1,213	0	0	0
Mt Isabella	NOT REPORTED			0			
Mt Zion	178,137	154,267	7,603	7,453	2,558	3,350	0
Murray's	43,869	37,105	1,316	2,406	439	439	0
New Bethany	120,772	89,465	5,378	5,378	652	600	644
New Macedonia	181,936	166,153	0	2,400	0	4,000	0

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New Providence	260,278	227,639	10,747	9,662	1,709	7,455	0
New Zion	0	0	1,603	450	0	0	0
North Sweetwater	53,402	44,084	1,199	1,212	0	400	0
Notchey Creek	661,044	538,838	34,671	8,404	16,707	19,136	10,344
Oak Grove	108,605	82,226	4,577	4,606	652	500	0
Oakland	31,880	31,880	0	800	612	731	0
Old Pond Hill	0	0	0	100	0	0	0
Old Sweetwater	0	0	0	1,000	0	0	0
Paint Rock	48,000	48,000	0	1,320	0	0	0
Piney Grove	NOT REPORTED			500			
Poplar Bluff	0	0	899	900	0	0	0
Reed Springs	199,652	174,211	0	1,534	5,452	5,231	0
Rocky Springs	175,318	72,401	6,996	5,800	3,517	8,063	2,540
Rural Vale	114,071	105,830	5,286	4,975	1,126	1,235	500
Shady Grove	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	1,225	0
Shelton Grove	77,375	76,375	0	2,581	0	0	0
Shoal Creek	83,501	0	595	1,189	0	0	0
South Madisonville	161,000	114,000	0	1,200	0	283	0
Sweetwater, First	0	0	0	4,200	0	0	0
Tellico (Ballplay)	44,000	27,000	9,387	1,500	1,394	2,456	0
Tellico Plains, First	175,358	154,900	15,603	6,242	1,150	1,476	1,050
Tevis Springs	0	0	0	425	0	0	0
Towee Falls	57,040	56,530	1,800	1,800	0	0	0
Trinity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Union Grove	108,183	103,229	1,440	1,440	1,295	1,485	1,052
Union Hall	19,021	18,421	0	819	0	0	0
Union McMinn	319,402	277,763	6,000	4,800	5,000	3,350	0
Unity	0	0	0	300	0	0	0
Upper Shady Grove	56,870	42,870	600	550	0	0	0
Vonore	763,153	743,045	19,003	20,569	0	0	0
Walnut Grove	51,505	47,171	0	1,503	198	40	0
Watson Chapel	287,160	270,068	0	2,000	0	0	0
Westside	0	0	0	100	0	0	0
Williamsburg	0	0	0	478	0	0	0
SBA Totals	9,744,766	7,676,402	336,431	206,487	112,134	299,982	54,994