

# The MESSENGER of the Sweetwater Baptist Association

*"Churches on Mission Together"*  
Celebrating 189 years, 1830 – 2019



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Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**2019 Associational Evangelism Conference**  
Monday and Tuesday, January 21 & 22  
6:45 p.m.



Hosted by  
**Notchey Creek Baptist Church**  
Madisonville

MONDAY Special Music:  
**SBA Choir**  
under direction of  
**PHILLIP JOHNSON**  
Associational Music Director

TUESDAY Special Music:  
**Fairview Church Choir,**  
Corryton, under direction of  
**TONY CRAWFORD**  
Worship Pastor

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

**Everyone Welcome!**

Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**  
**2019 VBS CLINIC**  
**★ Monday, April 8**

Open House 6:30 p.m.

Conferences 7:00 p.m.

Training for all VBS age levels

Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Madisonville



**★ Sunday, April 7: Kids Choir Practice**  
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Madisonville

- Children/Youth (school age) are invited to be part of the  
**Associational VBS Kids Choir Practice**
- Group has only ONE practice scheduled on **Sunday, April 7th**  
**2:00 p.m.** at Rocky Springs in Madisonville
- Group will perform at the VBS Clinic on MONDAY evening, April 8<sup>th</sup>
- Children/Youth who attend practice and participate in the Clinic performance will receive free VBS t-shirt at VBS Clinic

*Just a Note:* LifeWay's 2019 Vacation Bible School Sampler Kits will soon be available! Please call the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office at 442-6604 to reserve a kit for your church.

## Holy Land Tour Planned for 2020

Contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office at 442-6604 for additional information

Sweetwater Baptist Association  
Family of Churches Welcomes



Pastor Lewis Jones and wife, Tasha  
Daughters Jessie, Emily and Amber

**Island Creek Baptist Church**

Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**2019 GUATEMALA MISSION PROJECTS**

- June 18-25
- July 20-27
- September 17-24

Please contact the SBA Office at 423-442-6604 for additional information or for applications for upcoming mission project(s).

**Westside to host Executive Board Meeting**

**Sweetwater Baptist Association Executive Board Meeting**  
Monday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.  
Westside Baptist Church, Madisonville

According to the SBA Constitution and Bylaws, Article VIII: All Pastors, Associational Council (SBA Officers and Committee Chairman) and one elected Executive Board Member from each participating church are entitled to participate in the business of the Executive Board Meetings.

# Director of Missions



**Sheltered in His Love:** The Annual Meeting in October brought several exciting opportunities for the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Messengers approved a motion to raise money for the construction of a tiny-house that is to be built by one of the schools in Monroe County. The house is to be managed by the Homeless Management of Monroe County. This will allow the Association to participate in ministering to displaced families in our area. The estimated cost of construction and placing the tiny-house on site is \$15,000. We are asking that these funds be raised by special offerings in our churches and sent to the SBA office. We are suggesting that the offering be received in February. A Sunday near Valentine's Day would help to promote the theme of *Sheltered in His Love*.

The Scriptures teach that we demonstrate the love that is within us by sharing that love with those we encounter. Families that suddenly become displaced and need short term relief will know the people of God express His love in tangible ways. Shelter is a necessity. The weather conditions can destroy the body, and the tragic situation that caused the homelessness can distort the mind. However, being sheltered in the arms of love can restore the dignity of the human heart. Will you help us shelter others in His love by receiving a special offering?

January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> will be our 2019 *Associational Evangelism Conference*. We are asking that you please highlight your calendar, and make plans for you and your church to attend this two-night event. Dr. Jeff LeBorg will be our guest speaker. If you enjoy heartfelt, soul-searching, old-fashioned preaching, then you will appreciate Dr. Jeff. Also, the music each night promises to bless your heart and lift your spirits. This two-night event should ignite revival in our community. I could only image what would happen if our Associational Churches begin to GLOW because of the GLORY of God in our midst.

The chorus of the song "*Sheltered in the Arms of God*," expresses the security Jesus provides to those that discover His everlasting presence. Dottie Rambo and Jimmie Davis said it this way: "*So let the storms rage high, the dark clouds rise, They won't worry me, For I'm sheltered safe within the arms of God; He walks with me, and naught of earth shall harm me, For I'm sheltered in the arms of God.*"

Over the past three months, I have experienced the shelter of His love through your prayers. Knowing that others are concerned for your welfare is a humbling feeling. Many sent cards and reached out by phone to me and the office. Your prayers and support have been a sheltering force in my healing journey.

Meeting spiritual needs and physical needs are the mandate Jesus gave to His church. We have an excellent opportunity to accomplish this life-changing commission during 2019. Let us not waver, instead let us renew our commitment to the cause of Christ.

---Tony Rutherford

## Holy Land Group Tour, 2019 & Holy Land Group Tour, 2020 Sweetwater Baptist Association and Yael Adventure (Hosted by Tony Rutherford)



The *Holy Land Tour to Israel* planned for 2019 by the Sweetwater Baptist Association is completely booked! However, we are now accepting applications for the 2020 *Holy Land Group Tour* to Israel. Registration forms are available at the Sweetwater Baptist Association office.

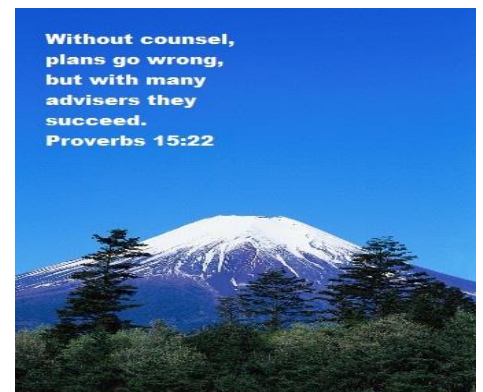
The total cost of the trip is \$3500.00 per person. A payment option is available; and monthly payments of \$350.00 each can be set up for February through November. Completed registration forms, deposits and copy of passports are due from all participants on **FEBRUARY 1, 2019**.

No additional trips are being planned by the Sweetwater Baptist Association to Israel at the completion of the 2020 group tour. If you are interested in participating in the 2020 *Holy Land Tour* to Israel, please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association office for more information. Anyone can be part of this group; everyone welcome.



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The *UPPER Room* seeks to give Godly counsel to individuals, marriages and families. Thank you for your support of this ministry as 2018 was the busiest year yet with approximately 430 counseling sessions. Praise



God that our community, our churches, and our physicians are seeing the need for wise counsel and people are receiving guidance and encouragement. Please continue to pray and support this ministry so that God's word can be taught and applied, and that more hurting people can find support and encouragement from God's love and promises.

### Services include....

- Individual counseling for Children, Teens, & Adults
- Marriage & Family Counseling Sessions
- Youth Events, Women's Retreats & Marriage Retreats
- Premarital & Marriage Counseling
- Divorce Recovery & Grief Recovery
- Life Coach

**Tennessee Baptist Mission Board,  
Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat,  
January 24-26**

Music Road Hotel and Convention Center

Cost \$225.00 per couple (Covers hotel, meals and breaks)

Register online or download registration form at [www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org)



**2019 ASSOCIATIONAL EVANGELISM CONFERENCE:** We invite you and your church to join us for the **Sweetwater Baptist Association, 2019 Evangelism Conference.** We have a 2-night

**Evangelism Conference** planned! The meeting will be held on **Monday and Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>.** Both nights will be hosted by **Notchey Creek Baptist Church in Madisonville.** The meeting will begin at 6:45 p.m. each evening



Our conference speaker for both nights is Dr. Jeff LaBorg. Dr. LaBorg currently serves as Senior Pastor of Fairview Baptist Church in Corryton.

**Special music on Monday evening will be provided by the Associational Choir.** We are so fortunate to have **Phillip Johnson** to lead the Associational Choir and to serve as our Associational Music Director. (Phillip is Minister of Music at Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church in Sweetwater). We invite members of your Church Choir to be part of the Associational Choir. Please stop by the SBA Office to pick up a copy of the practice music "cd" and feel free to make additional copies.

**Dr. LaBorg will bring his church choir to provide special music on Tuesday evening.** We are looking forward to Fairview Church Choir, Corryton, under the direction of Tony Crawford, Worship Pastor, coming to share in the service on Tuesday.

We know you will be blessed by these evenings of worship and praise. Please encourage your church leaders and members to attend the **Evangelism Conference.** We look forward to seeing you on **Monday and Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> at Notchey Creek Baptist Church!**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** The Executive Board of the Sweetwater Baptist Association will meet on April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. The April Executive Board Meeting will be held at Westside Baptist Church in Madisonville.



**Westside Baptist Church to host  
April Executive Board Meeting  
April 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 p.m.**

Upcoming items to be presented at the April Executive Board Meeting include:

Director of Missions, Officers and Committee Chairmen Reports. The Constitution Committee will present the first draft of an updated *Constitution and Bylaws* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association as approved by Messengers at the 2018 Annual Meeting.

The Constitution Committee has planned the following tentative schedule in regards to the proposed revisions to *the Constitution and Bylaws* of the Association:

(1) November, 2018 Meeting of Constitution Committee

- (2) January, 2019 Meeting of Constitution Committee
- (3) Copy of revised *Constitution and Bylaws* available for Pastors in February
- (4) Written Amendment requests will be considered by Committee during month of February
- (5) March Meeting of Constitution Committee
- (6) First draft of revised *Constitution and Bylaws* to be presented at Executive Board Meeting in April for consideration
- (7) Constitution Committee will meet in order to consider any late written Amendment requests or revisions in July
- (8) Revised *Constitution and Bylaws* to be presented to Messengers in October at 2019 Annual Meeting for vote

**WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS and ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING:**

March 3-10 is the suggested date for the *Week of Prayer for North American Missionaries and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.* Offering envelopes, posters and prayer guides are available to churches from the WMU/convention office in early January. Videos, digital and printable resources are available online at [AnnieArmstrong.com](http://AnnieArmstrong.com). A planning guide with DVD/CD ROM format is also available from the North American Mission Board for churches. If you would like to receive AAEO materials for your church, please email [aaeo@namb.net](mailto:aaeo@namb.net) or call 800-634-2462. (Information found on-line at [anniearmstrong.com](http://anniearmstrong.com).)



**WMU and LADIES MINISTRY:**

Thank you again to Pastor Frank Hicks and the ladies of Bethlehem Baptist Church, Tellico Plains for hosting the November WMU Meeting. Thank you to everyone that attended and had a part in the program. A special thank you the ladies of Bethlehem that shared mission work, ministries and opportunities. We had 8 churches represented with 55 in attendance. Our offering for the evening was \$223.00 and will be used for the Christmas Fund/Missionary Kid Fund.



The next WMU Meeting will be held on May 6, 2019, and will be hosted by New Providence Baptist Church. We look forward to seeing you at that meeting.

Birthday cakes for East Tennessee Healthcare are to be provided by the Ladies Ministry Groups as follows:

- January .....Vonore
- February.....Rocky Springs
- March .....New Providence
- April .....Oak Grove

If you have any questions about the Birthday Cake Ministry, please contact East Tennessee Health Care at 423-442-3990.

My prayer is that we may have a greater desire for missions in 2019. . Love in Christ, *Charlotte Hollinghead, Associational WMU/Ladies Ministry Director*

**MISSIONS GET-TOGETHER AND CONNECTION 2019: is**

**April 5-7** in Gatlinburg. Additional information regarding registration and lodging is available online at [www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org).



## SHELTERED IN HIS LOVE OFFERING:

Churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association have been asked to provide funds to help build a micro tiny house. Your church should have recently received information regarding the *Sheltered in His Love Offering* to help build a micro "tiny" house. This "tiny house" will cost approximately \$15,000 for construction materials.



The \$785.00 offering received at the 2018 Annual Meeting is the first offering to become part of the *Sheltered in His Love Offering* for the "tiny" house. **Sometime during the next few weeks through February 28, 2019, we are asking churches to receive a Sheltered in His Love Offering.** We feel that working together the 75 churches of the Association can provide funds to build a micro "tiny" house for the homeless in Monroe County.

## GUATEMALA MISSION PROJECT:

Would you like to be part of a Sweetwater Baptist Association mission project in Guatemala in 2019? Plans for mission projects in Guatemala for 2019 have been confirmed and approved for June 18-25; July 20-27 and September 17-24. Many mission volunteers will be returning to continue to serve in the same locations of Guatemala where work was begun by teams in previous years, 2015-2018. Please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association if you or your church is interested in serving on a mission team in Guatemala in 2019.



Mission volunteers must have a valid passport and any required vaccinations from their doctor or health department. The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board requires all participants to attend an orientation training, as well as *More-Life*, cross-cultural, security, travel safety, and child protection training. Much of the training is available online or at the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 2019:** It is a good time now to plan for Vacation Bible School, 2019. We want to help you get started, so please mark your calendars with the following dates!

The **Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic** will be held on **Monday evening, April 8th**. Open House to view rooms, decorations, etc. will begin at 6:30 p.m. and Training Conferences will begin at 7:00 p.m. **The VBS Clinic** will be hosted by **Rocky Springs Baptist in Madisonville!** All Vacation Bible School leaders, teachers, and helpers are encouraged to attend.

Just a reminder...**Children and Youth are invited to be part of the Associational VBS Childrens/Youth Choir.** This group has only ONE practice scheduled. The practice will be on **Sunday, April 7th**, at 2:00 p.m. at Rocky Springs in Madisonville. The group will perform at the VBS Clinic on Monday evening, April 8th. Children and Youth who attend practice and participate in the Clinic performance will receive a free VBS t-shirt at the VBS Clinic on April 8th. We would love for 2 or 3 children for each church to participate in the Associational Kids Choir.

If your church does not have Vacation Bible School, we encourage you to prayerfully reconsider. Please remember that we have the **Link-up Plan**, where churches recycle the current LifeWay theme material and decorations here at the Sweetwater Baptist Association office during the summer. In addition, we want to help all churches as you plan, promote, and prepare for Vacation Bible School.

If your church needs any assistance with VBS for 2019, please feel free to contact the SBA Office at 442-6604 for more information. We look

forward to seeing you and your team of VBS workers at the **VBS Clinic on April 8th**.

### SBA – 2019 VBS CLINIC Schedule

- **Sunday, April 7, 2:00 p.m.,** Rocky Springs, Madisonville  
**Kids Choir Practice for VBS Clinic,**
- **Monday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.** Rocky Springs, Madisonville  
**Open House, 7:00 p.m. VBS Conferences**

## 2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAMPLER KITS: LifeWay's 2019 *In the Wild!* Amazing Encounters with Jesus Jump-Start Kits will soon be available at the SBA Office.

Please call the SBA Office at 442-6604 to reserve a kit for your church.



### *In the Wild! Amazing Encounters with Jesus*

invites kids to grab their cameras! It's time to snap pictures! Along the way, kids will focus on miraculous, real-life encounters people had with Jesus. They will discover how Biblical snapshots of the Savior provide an opportunity to respond to the Gospel. The adventure of a lifetime awaits, as the amazing truth is revealed that Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God, and we can have life in His name.

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

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

In the next few weeks, we will have all materials, t-shirts, supplies and resources available at the Association office. We will be happy to help you with your 2019 order for materials and supplies, or even a team of VBS workers. We are praying for our churches and for your Vacation Bible Schools.



**Forms W2 and 1099 are available at the Associational Office.**

**We are happy to provide these tax forms for our churches.**

**REMINDER FOR CHURCH TREASURERS:**

The IRS requires charitable organizations (including churches) to provide written receipts for individual donations of \$250.00 or more. For amounts less than \$250.00, a written receipt is not required. However, it is recommended that churches provide an annual itemized statement to each contributor, regardless of the amount of donation. The statement should cover the January-December tax year and given to the contributor in a timely manner for use in filing income tax returns. Written receipts should include the following information:



- 1) Name and address of the church;
- 2) Date and amount of each donation;
- 3) Statement that no goods or services were given to individual making donation.

# FINANCIAL ISSUES

**Tennessee Baptist Mission Board  
Church Financial Seminars**

**January 10, 2019**

**Knox County Baptist Association**

**9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.      6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.**

Check website at [tnbaptist.org](http://tnbaptist.org) for additional times and locations

**CHURCH GIFTS:** We are so thankful to the churches for the gifts you have shared with our office. These gifts support the various budget opportunities provided by the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Total church gifts for October 1<sup>st</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup> were \$47,046.33 with total budget expenses of \$40,684.12. Please note, the following report reflects only church gifts received through December 21, 2018. Gifts received after December 21<sup>st</sup> will appear in the next printed *SBA Church Gift Report*.



Please review this information, and contact our office if you should have any questions. Again, we thank you for your support of the budget ministries of the Association.

**SBA Church Gifts: October 1 – December 21, 2018**

Church/Mission	Oct., 2018	Nov. 2018	Dec. 2018	Total
411 Chapel	0.00	750.00	0.00	750.00
Altoona	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Antioch	25.00	25.00	25.00	75.00
Beaty's Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	836.00	780.00	917.00	2533.00
Big Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary	104.00	57.06	90.00	251.06
Cane Creek	200.00	200.00	200.00	600.00
Cedar Fork	504.70	416.68	433.70	1355.08
Cedar Valley	702.88	744.97	721.16	2169.01
Christianburg	0.00	283.58	0.00	283.58
Citico	71.30	82.80	69.50	223.60
Clifton	25.00	25.00	25.00	75.00
Community	65.58	42.15	38.56	146.29
Compromise	50.00	50.00	50.00	150.00
Conasauga	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Concord	410.93	0.00	0.00	410.93
Delano	390.09	308.72	337.61	1036.42
Druid Hills	60.00	0.00	0.00	60.00
Ebenezer	71.00	57.00	82.50	210.50
Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Fairview Tabernacle	1,317.99	1,243.16	1,254.09	3815.24
Fellowship	475.00	0.00	0.00	475.00
Glenlock	250.00	250.00	0.00	500.00
Gregory's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Hilltop	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Hopewell Springs	91.00	73.00	96.00	260.00
Howards Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Island Creek	300.00	0.00	600.00	900.00
Lakeside	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Long Ridge	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1000.00
Lower Chilhowee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Macedonia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Madisonville, First	416.67	416.67	416.67	1250.01
Maple Springs	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Miller's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Mt. Calvary	86.26	119.41	95.34	301.01
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	596.00	552.55	333.00	1481.55
Murray's	2,246.00	0.00	0.00	2246.00
New Bethany	383.18	249.89	394.54	1027.61
New Macedonia	140.00	140.00	140.00	420.00
New Providence	1,040.00	300.00	413.00	1753.00
North Sweetwater	261.88	93.00	112.00	466.88
Notchey Creek	449.81	449.81	449.81	1349.43
Oak Grove	347.56	0.00	724.41	1071.97
Oakland	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Old Pond Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Old Sweetwater	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Paint Rock	110.00	110.00	110.00	330.00
Piney Grove	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Poplar Bluff	197.52	231.90	197.91	627.33
Reed Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky Springs	400.00	400.00	0.00	800.00
Rural Vale	310.02	414.15	399.62	1123.79
Shady Grove	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Shelton Grove	186.39	173.92	159.90	520.21
Shoal Creek	0.00	186.26	0.00	186.26
South Madisonville	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Sweetwater, First	350.00	350.00	350.00	1050.00
Tellico	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tellico Plains, First	654.00	341.00	426.00	1421.00
Tevis Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Towee Falls	150.00	150.00	150.00	450.00
Trinity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Union Grove	120.00	120.00	120.00	360.00
Union Hall	76.00	64.00	57.00	197.00
Union McMinn	400.00	400.00	400.00	1200.00
Unity	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Upper Shady Grove	50.00	50.00	50.00	150.00
Vonore	1,724.72	1,412.41	1,361.72	4498.85
Walnut Grove	0.00	106.95	0.00	106.95
Watson Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Westside	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Williamsburg	58.55	59.20	62.97	180.72
Miscellaneous/TBC	782.00	782.00	782.00	2346.00
Misc AM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc Interest	47.46	51.44	52.15	151.05
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>19934.49</b>	<b>13613.68</b>	<b>13498.16</b>	<b>47046.33</b>

**2019 HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP**

**APPLICATIONS:** Pastors and/or Youth Leaders should have already received a copy of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, *High School Scholarship* application. Please share the application and announce this to your church. Applications must be completed and returned to the Association Office by **March 1<sup>st</sup>**. Additional copies of the applications are available at the Associational Office. For a limited time, the application is available on our website at [www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com](http://www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com)





**YOUTH COMMITTEE:** There are several exciting youth events coming up in our surrounding area.

*WinterJam 2019* will be in Knoxville on Jan. 22, and in Chattanooga on March 10.

The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board will hold their *Youth Evangelism Conference (YEC)* in Nashville on March 15-16.

Our *Youth Reach* event will be on July 19-20, in Pigeon Forge. Our prayer is always that our young people will grow closer to the Lord, and be a witness to the unchurched and lost within their schools. Join us in praying for our students. --*Associational Youth Committee Chairman, Bud Boring*



**SWEETWATER, FIRST:** We are blessed to welcome Dr. Leonard Markham as our Interim Pastor. Dr. Markham is no stranger to Sweetwater as he was our pastor 30 years ago and returns to lead us in the months ahead. His time with us so far has been spent

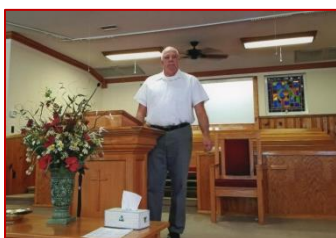
preaching the Word and rekindling old friendships and learning new ones--often with the next generation of those who knew him in years past. We all have the same goal of serving our Lord together in this New Year. Happy New Year to all from FBC Sweetwater! --*Cindy Lemmonds*

**SHOAL CREEK:** 2018 was a wonderful year. We saw 23 souls confess Christ during our VBS, and we had 11 join our church family.



We have our bathrooms finished up downstairs and hope to get some more things updated this new year. Our Youth have grown so much physically and spiritually, taking such a big part in our services, with playing instruments and singing and so much more, we even have a Youth Wednesday night set up once a month for now. We are very proud of our youth.

Our Food Pantry is still open on every 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 a.m. til 12 noon. 2018 has come to a close and a New Year is here, we are very excited to see what God has in store for 2019. Pray for us, as we will you. God Bless. --*Jeanie Everhart*



**OAK GROVE:** We praise God for the completion of our new Baptistery. We are also thankful for the 3 who were baptized in our first Baptism service in the new Baptistery. *Svitlana Self*

**SHELTON GROVE:** Shelton Grove has had two (2) Ordination Services during the past few weeks. Bro. Bryan Carter was recently ordained as a Deacon. In addition, Bro. Shane White was ordained as a Minister of the Gospel.



Please help us pray for these men of God, their families and our ministries here at Shelton Grove. We thank God for all His blessings.

**ISLAND CREEK:** We are pleased to share that Rev. Lewis Jones has been called as our Pastor. We are excited to begin serving with Lewis and his precious wife, Tasha and their sweet daughters, Jessie, Amber and Emily. We also have several exciting events coming up soon.

- **Jan 13** – *Journey Home* will be singing in our AM Service. Sunday School begins at 10:00, and Worship at 10:45.
- **Jan 20** – Brother Ralph Kidd will be Ordained into the Gospel Ministry. Bro. Ralph has been called as the Associate Pastor of Youth at First Red Bank Baptist Church in Sevierville. The Ordination service will begin at 3:00 pm.
- **Feb 3** – **Dr. Roc Collins** will be preaching our AM and PM Service. AM Service begins at 10:45, and PM Service begins at 6:00. Dr. Collins serves as the Evangelism Director for the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board.



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**CHRISTMAS BANQUET, 2018:** A great night of fellowship was enjoyed at the annual *Pastors & Wives Christmas Banquet*. Thank you to Vonore Baptist Church for hosting our Banquet and everyone who took part in the program.

We appreciate everyone who was able to attend, and missed those who couldn't be there. We are always thankful to be serving together with our wonderful pastors and churches.

*Christmas  
Banquet  
2018*



**OFFICE REMODEL UPDATE:** All the major work is now completed, and just a few little finishing touches are being done.

We are planning to host an **Open House** in a few weeks, so anyone who would like to see the building improvements will have an opportunity to do so. We will announce the date soon.

Once again, we thank the churches of the association for allowing these updates. We are really happy with how nice the building looks, and we hope each of you will be proud of your associational office. Most of all, our prayer is that God uses the work done through the association to better equip churches in missions and ministry; and ultimately to see His Kingdom grow.



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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

### Welcome New Pastors

Lewis Jones ..... Island Creek

### Director of Mission Visits:

Conasauga, New Bethany, 411 Chapel, Fairview Tabernacle, Christianburg, Island Creek, Gregory's Chapel, Beaty's Chapel, Bethlehem, Shelton Grove, Big Creek, Cedar Fork, Delano, Citico, Notchey Creek, Calvary, Old Sweetwater, Sweetwater First, Cane Creek, Druid Hill

### Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Fairview (Tellico), Glenlock, Mt. Zion, Murrays, New Macedonia, Sweetwater First, Tellico (Ballplay), Towee Falls, Union Grove, Vonore, Walnut Grove



### SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Check Out Our Website

[www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com](http://www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com)

Visit us on Facebook

## Upcoming Events/News

"God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love." —2 Timothy 1:7"

- January 21-22. Evangelism Conference, Notchey Creek, 6:45 p.m.
- January 23-February 2 2019 Israel Tour Group, led by Tony Rutherford
- January 25-26. TBMB Bivocational Pastor/Wife Retreat, Pigeon Forge
- February 11 .... Youth Committee Meeting, SBA Office, 6:30 p.m.
- February 12 .... Evangelism Committee Meeting, SBA Office, 6:30 p.m.
- February 14 .... Valentine's Day
- March 1 ..... Completed High Scholarship Applications due at SBA Office
- March 3-10 ..... Week of Prayer for North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- March 10 ..... Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 15-16 ... YEC, Nashville Municipal Center
- March 18 ..... Scholarship Committee Meeting, SBA Office, 6:30 p.m.
- April 7 ..... VBS Kids Choir Practice, Rocky Springs, 2:00 p.m.
- April 8 ..... VBS Clinic, Rocky Springs, 6:30 p.m. Open House, 7:00 p.m. Conferences
- April 9 ..... Missions Committee Meeting, SBA Office, 6:30 p.m.
- April 15 ..... Executive Board Meeting, Westside, 7:00 p.m.
- April 19 ..... Good Friday
- April 21 ..... Easter



### SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

### 2019 High School Scholarship Applications

Applications available online at  
[www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com](http://www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com)

Completed Applications DUE March 1st



### SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 2019 SBA Pastor's Conference

Monday Mornings, at 10:00 a.m.

SBA Office in Madisonville

### Newsletter:

The next issue of the Newsletter will be March/April.

### SBA Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Upper Room Christian Counseling

**Macy Small, M.A.**

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[www.fairviewfamily.org](http://www.fairviewfamily.org)

### East TN Healthcare Ladies Ministry Groups, Birthday Cake

<b>January</b> Vonore	<b>February</b> Rocky Springs
<b>March</b> New Providence	<b>April</b> Oak Grove
<b>May</b>	<b>June</b> Madisonville, First

For additional information, please contact East Tennessee Health Care at 423-442-3990.