

*The MESSENGER
of the
Sweetwater Baptist Association*

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



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**Vacation Bible School
CLINIC
Monday, April 20, 2020**

Open House 6:30 p.m.
Conferences 7:00 p.m.



Training for all VBS age levels
Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Madisonville

Just a Note: LifeWay's 2020 Vacation Bible School Sampler Kits will soon be available! Please call the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office at 442-6604 for assistance.

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**MYANMAR Offerings for
WELL DRILLING for Water**

Offerings received as of December 20th



Fairview (Tellico)	500.00
Hopewell Springs	600.00
Shelton Grove	1200.00
Union McMinn Brotherhood	600.00
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Judy Nichols	500.00
Connie Redmond	600.00
Associational Annual Meeting	1566.00

Sweetwater Baptist Association

**2020 Associational Evangelism Rally
Monday and Tuesday, January 13 & 14
6:45 p.m.**

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

Hosted by
**Notchey Creek
Baptist Church**
Madisonville



Conference Preacher
Dr. David Evans

Senior Pastor, Springfield Baptist Church, Nashville

TUESDAY
Special Music:
The Evans Family
From Bethlehem Baptist Church

Everyone Welcome!

**North Sweetwater
to host Executive
Board Meeting**

**Sweetwater Baptist Association
Executive Board
Meeting**

Monday, April 27, 2020; 7:00 p.m.

North Sweetwater Baptist Church, Sweetwater

According to SBA Constitution and Bylaws, Executive Board Members are:

- 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, and
- One elected Executive Board Member from each church.

Director of Missions



2020 VISION: 2020 vision brings the need for evangelistic effort into focus. Dr. David Evans will kick off our call to tell the "Good News" in the *Evangelism Rally* on January 13-14 at Notchey Creek Baptist Church. The sessions will begin at 6:45 each evening. The special services will be aided with the uplifting music of the Associational Choir led by Phillip Johnson on Monday evening, and the Evans Family on Tuesday night. The *Evangelism Rally* is intended to encourage us to become more engaging in sharing our faith. Please plan now to attend the meeting and encourage others to attend and pray that our vision will be enlarged. Everyone is invited.

January will close with several of our pastors returning from a pilgrimage to Israel. Without a doubt, they will be renewed, and their congregations will be richly blessed by the vision of the scriptures witnessed in living color. Your prayers will help their experience translate into touching lives and the pastor's vision will be clearer.

February will provide us the opportunity to change the lives of a village of children in Myanmar by suppling water wells in the name of Jesus. We are asking each church to take an offering of love by the end of the month of February. The cost of each well is \$600.00. We set a minimum goal of \$6,000.00. That will provide 10 wells in a village that presently has no clean water. I expect our goal to be surpassed by several thousand dollars. All money received will be used to drill as many wells as possible. Jesus realized that the simple act of a *cup of water* would open people up to receiving the Gospel of Christ. By drilling these wells, we will have the privilege of sharing Jesus with folks with no vision.

As summer comes into view, our attention turns to Vacation Bible School and mission trips. The theme for the 2020 VBS is *Concrete & Cranes: Building on the Love of Jesus!* which promises to be exciting and appealing to our children. Young minds love to use their imagination to build and explore. VBS leaders may want to go online at Lifeway.com and review materials. Our associational office is looking forward to helping you reach the children in your community for Christ.

Summer mission trips include two trips to Guatemala in 2020. The June and September dates have been set and confirmed in Guatemala. Please contact our office for information and dates. Also, two of our churches are planning Iowa mission trips. These journeys usually consist of a VBS or Backyard Bible team, a small construction group and support players such as cooks, drivers and runners. There is an opportunity to most people to participate in mission adventures. We are not overlooking local open doors. If your congregation needs assistance in conducting a Vacation Bible School or other outreach programs, please let us help. We are here to walk together in bringing our world to Christ.

Sandwiched between our mission excursions is *Youth Reach*. A new location, speaker, and band promises to challenge our youth to a deeper walk with Christ. The vision of the youth and youth leaders of the Sweetwater Baptist Association worshiping and praying together

teaches us as adults the importance of focusing on what brings us together and makes us one in Christ Jesus. If it has been a while since your youth have attended *Youth Reach*, please mark this weekend (July 17-18) as a MUST! A renewed commitment to the cause of Christ will prove itself by an increase in baptism because we have been captured by a vision from above. ---*Tony Rutherford*

Christian Sympathy

It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of two former pastors. Brother Eddie Joe McDaniel passed away peacefully on October 24th, and Brother Clinton E. Riddle went home to be with the Lord on December 3rd. These men were deeply loved by the pastors, staff and churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, and will be dearly missed.



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

The Executive Board of the Sweetwater

Baptist Association will meet on **April 27th, at 7:00 p.m.** at North Sweetwater Baptist Church in Sweetwater.

North Sweetwater Baptist Church to host April Executive Board Meeting April 27th, 7:00 p.m.

Please remember that in accordance with the *Constitution and By-Laws* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association adopted October 21, 2019, *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. Visitors will be welcome to attend the business session, but only registered Executive Board members will be allowed to participate in the business session.*



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 2020: The **Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic** will be held on **Monday evening, April 20th**. 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.

The LifeWay 2020 VBS theme is **Concrete & Cranes: Building on the Love of Jesus**. The motto is *Jesus! Our Strong Foundation!* with Scripture focus from Philippians 1:6. The daily content for each session is as follows:

Day 1 Foundation of Love
Day 3 Foundation of Worth
Day 5 Foundation of Life

Day 2 Foundation of Forgiveness
Day 4 Foundation of Promise

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 2020, 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 20th**.

SPRINGVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH in Maryville, Tennessee is seeking a Bi-vocational Music Director. Send resumé to 4220 US Hwy 411 S, Maryville, TN 37801 or springviewbaptist@gmail.com. Questions may be directed to 865-310-4818.



EVANGELISM RALLY: Make plans to join us on January 13 and 14 for the *Associational Evangelism Rally*. The sessions will be held at Notchey Creek Baptist Church and will begin at 6:45 p.m. each evening. Dr. David Evans, Senior Pastor of Springfield Baptist Church, Nashville and former Evangelism Specialist, TBMB will be the guest speaker. Special music on Monday evening will be the Associational Choir, under the direction of Philip Johnson. We invite members of your church choir to join in the Associational Choir. (Practice music "cd's" will be available at the Associational Office after the first of the year.) Special music on Tuesday evening will be provided by the Evans Family from Bethlehem Baptist Church. We know you will be blessed by coming. We look forward to seeing you on January 13th and 14th at the Evangelism Rally!



January 13-14
6:45 pm
Notchey Creek
Baptist Church

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 1st through December 26th were \$50,753.32 with total budget expenses of \$41,310.80. Please note, gifts received after December 26th 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 26, 2019

Church/Mission	Oct., 2019	Nov., 2019	Dec., 2019	Total
411 Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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	1352.00	893.00	873.00	3,118.00
Big Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary	100.00	62.49	64.20	226.69
Cane Creek	200.00	200.00	200.00	600.00
Cedar Fork	547.26	437.25	603.01	1,587.52
Cedar Valley	793.01	820.88	826.54	2,440.43
Christianburg	0.00	271.74	0.00	271.74
Citico	77.95	111.20	85.05	274.20
Clifton	0.00	25.00	25.00	50.00
Community	63.30	40.22	20.52	124.04
Compromise	50.00	50.00	50.00	150.00
Conasauga	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Concord	824.53	0.00	0.00	824.53
Delano	380.08	327.59	318.63	1,026.30
Druid Hills	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Ebenezer	91.00	40.00	65.00	196.00
Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	1251.20	1,456.48	1,249.16	3,956.84
Fellowship	0.00	400.00	165.00	565.00
Glenlock	250.00	0.00	500.00	750.00
Gregory's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Hopewell Springs	82.00	88.00	97.00	267.00
Howards Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Island Creek	0.00	600.00	300.00	900.00
Lakeside	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Long Ridge	1000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
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	1,250.01
Maple Springs	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00

Miller's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Mt. Calvary	114.18	108.90	106.15	329.23
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	503.09	338.41	594.17	1,435.67
Murray's	1727.13	0.00	0.00	1,727.13
New Bethany	369.64	372.96	295.50	1,038.10
New Macedonia	140.00	140.00	140.00	420.00
New Providence	415.00	500.00	410.00	1,325.00
North Sweetwater	0.00	92.38	108.20	200.58
Notchey Creek	449.81	449.81	449.81	1,349.43
Oak Grove	348.75	368.11	309.70	1,026.56
Oakland	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Old Pond Hill	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
Old Sweetwater	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Paint Rock	110.00	110.00	110.00	330.00
Piney Grove	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Poplar Bluff	201.27	203.58	197.19	602.04
Reed Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky Springs	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Rural Vale	320.15	454.97	182.24	957.36
Shady Grove	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Shelton Grove	0.00	324.90	0.00	324.90
Shoal Creek	0.00	214.00	0.00	214.00
South Madisonville	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Sweetwater, First	350.00	350.00	350.00	1,050.00
Tellico	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tellico Plains, First	574.00	374.00	480.00	1,428.00
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	70.00	50.00	64.00	184.00
Union McMinn	400.00	400.00	400.00	1,200.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	200.00	200.00
Upper Shady Grove	50.00	50.00	50.00	150.00
Vonore	2671.45	1,633.73	1,594.72	5,899.90
Walnut Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Watson Chapel	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Westside	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Williamsburg	56.64	56.94	63.77	177.35
Miscellaneous/TBC	782.00	782.00	782.00	2,346.00
Misc AM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc Interest	62.75	62.36	49.66	174.77
Total Income	18,789.86	14,672.57	17,290.89	50,753.32

Lake Side Presents
Singing in the Valley
 An evening of great BLUEGRASS GOSPEL!
 Lenoir City High School Auditorium
 1485 Old Hwy. 95 • Lenoir City, TN
 Saturday, February 22, 2020 at 6:00PM EST
 Doors Open at 5:00
 Featuring:
Doyle Lawson & Quicksilver
 and *Lake Side*
 Great Gospel Singing
 Tickets: Artist Circle \$25 & General Seating \$20
 For Tickets and Information call: 423-420-9408 - www.lakesidegospel.com
 Children 11 & Under Free

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ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS, 2019-2020

MODERATOR MITCH INGRAM	VICE MODERATOR LEWIS JONES	Associational Council Officers & Committee Chairmen
<u>Committee on Nominations</u> Richard Lane, Chairman	<u>Children's Director</u> Kendra McDonald	<u>Constitution Committee</u> Charles Ridenour, Chairman
<u>Finance Committee</u> Trey Ferguson, Chairman	<u>Disaster Relief Director</u> Jim Jolley	<u>Evangelism Committee</u> Gerald Atkins, Chairman
<u>Mission Committee</u> Steve Moore, Chairman	<u>Men's Ministry Director</u> Bryan Coffey	<u>Program Committee</u> Vernon Webb, Chairman
<u>Personnel Committee</u> Deborah Dalton, Chairperson	<u>Music Director</u> Phillip Johnson	<u>Scholarship Committee</u> Greg Allen, Chairman
<u>Trustees</u> Frank Hicks, Chairman	<u>Pastor Advisor</u> Frank Hicks	<u>Youth Council</u> Charles "Bud" Boring, Chairman
<u>WMU/Ladies Director</u> Charlotte Hollinghead	<u>Vacation Bible School Directors</u> Bryan & Kim Williamson	

Forms W2 and 1099 are available at the Associational Office. We are happy to provide these tax forms for our churches.



Tennessee Baptist Convention presents
Bivocational Ministers and Wives Retreat
CELEBRATION! Revelation 7:9-17
January 23-25
Music Road Hotel and Convention Center
Cost \$225.00 per couple
(Covers hotel, meals and breaks)
For more information or to register online, please visit website at www.tnbaptist.org

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

- January 22-31 Israel Group Tour
- January 23-25 TBMB Bivocational Pastor/Wife Retreat, *Pigeon Forge*
- February 3 Evangelism Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.
- February 16-17 Who's Your One Rally, *FBC Concord*, Speaker Dr. Johnny Hunt
- February 24 Youth Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.
- March 1 High School Scholarship Applications due, *SBA Office*
- March 1-2 TBMB State Evangelism Conference, *Brentwood BC*
- March 1-8 Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- March 13-14 Youth Evangelism Conference, *Nashville*
- March 16 Scholarship Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.
- March 20-22 WMU Missions Get-Together and Connection, *Gallinburg*
- April 6 Missions Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.
- April 10 Good Friday
- April 12 Easter
- April 20 VBS Clinic, *Rocky Springs*, 7:00 p.m.
- April 27 Executive Board Meeting, *North Sweetwater*, 7:00 p.m.



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

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 2020 High School Scholarship Applications

Applications available online at
www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com

Completed Applications **DUE March 1st**



SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION 2020 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.

East TN Healthcare Ladies Ministry Groups, Birthday Cake

January Vonore	February Rocky Springs
March New Providence	April Oak Grove
May Concord	June Madisonville, First

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

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