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Sweetwater Baptist Association Family of Churches welcomes...

Pastor Kenny Taylor
and wife, Tina
 Fairview Baptist Church,
 Tellico Plains
(photo not available)



Breakfast served at 8:00 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
 8:30 a.m. Pastors, Preachers,
 & Leadership Conference
 7:00 p.m. Worship Rally

2025
 East Tennessee
Ministry Summit
February 22

Hosted by...
Notchey Creek
Baptist Church
 5529 Nwy Hwy 68
 Madisonville, TN 37354

Dr. Roc Collins
 Strategic Objectives Director
 Tennessee Baptist Mission Board



Dr. Randy Davis
 Executive Director-Treasurer
 Tennessee Baptist Mission Board



Dr. Phil Hoskins
 Evangelist, Pastor, Author



Special Music by
NOTCHEY CREEK
PRAISE TEAMS

- Notchey Creek Baptist Church in conjunction with Sweetwater Baptist Association
- For more information 423-442-6604

CONNECT
Youth Rally

SATURDAY
MARCH 15
6:00 PM

@ FAIRVIEW
TABERNACLE
 112 Key Kile Rd, Sweetwater

Speaker
Justin Worden
 High School Pastor
 Cleveland, FBC



Director of Missions

Winter has finally arrived here in East Tennessee! Most of us have seen the snow cover the ground, street,



and rooftops; the evergreen limbs full and sweeping low. The snow and ice are beautiful to look at but can be treacherous to the unsuspecting soul. Motorists are detoured in their journey when black ice suddenly appears on overpasses. Pedestrians slip and slide along the sidewalks. What awaits the unsuspecting is not always pleasant!

There are things in life that catch us off guard: an unexpected breakdown, a flat tire, or a power outage during our favorite television program. All of these are just a small part of our daily life, yet they trouble us because they happen when we least expect it. In God's creative order, He has placed warning signs along the way to help us prepare for the future. Just as there are four seasons within a calendar year, there are seasons of life. We all hope to grow old gracefully. Maturing is slowly announced by the crow's feet that appear around the eyes, the hair that begins to turn gray, and the eyes that start to dim. These are the flashing signals that tell us we are approaching a changing of seasons.

In the near future, God will whisper our name. He will be calling us to a home of endless summer where the Son continues to shine. There will be no darkness, no winter, nor frost. No more unexpected breakdowns will occur, and the power will never flicker. Aging will be a thing of the past, and the side effects will be gone at last. Changing of the seasons does not sound so bad, when we realize each season takes us closer to home.

The turning of the calendar reminds me of an upcoming event that our churches need to enhance their skills and enthusiasm for the coming year. The **2025 East Tennessee Ministry Summit**, formerly known as the SBA Evangelism Conference, is scheduled for **Saturday, February 22** at Notchey Creek Baptist Church. Breakfast will be served at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The *Pastors, Preachers and Leadership Conference* will begin at 8:30 in the sanctuary. Dr. Randy Davis, Dr. Phil Hoskins, and Dr. Roc Collins will be the guest speakers. The evening *Worship Rally* session will be held at 7:00 with special music by the Notchey Creek Praise Teams, and Dr. Roc Collins will present an encouraging message. Everyone is invited to this evening of worship and praise.

The plans for the **CONNECT Youth Rally** have been finalized. On **Saturday, March 15th**, students will gather at Fairview

Baptist Tabernacle in Sweetwater for fellowship, worship, and praise. The doors will open at 5:30 with the activities beginning at 6:00 p.m. The Fairview Tabernacle Youth Band will provide the music, and Justin Worden will be the guest speaker. Justin is the *High School Pastor* at Cleveland, First Baptist Church. He will provide a timely and challenging message to our youth. **YOUTH LEADERS**, begin now to help our Youth **CONNECT** with each other, with other churches, and mostly with our LORD.

Time has a way of slipping up on us, and we often miss something that could be life changing. These two events have the potential of having an eternal impact on someone in our churches or communities. A young person going into the ministry could be convicted to study God's Word at a deeper level, or a student could trust Christ as their Savior. A little effort could reap great dividends! I hope to see you there.

--Tony

Associational/TBMB News

2025 MINISTRY SUMMIT:

Please make plans to attend the **2025 East Tennessee Ministry Summit!** This event will have something for everyone and is open to all to attend!



- (1) **Breakfast served in the fellowship hall, 8:00 a.m.**
- (2) **First Session: Teaching/Preaching, 8:30 a.m.**
- (3) **Second Session: Evening Worship Rally, 7:00 p.m.**

The meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 22nd** and will be hosted by **Notchey Creek Baptist Church**, 5529 New Highway 68 in Madisonville. Special music for both sessions will be provided by the *Notchey Creek Praise Teams*.

Everyone is invited to attend the Saturday morning session that will begin with an early breakfast in the fellowship hall at 8:00 a.m. (while food lasts). The meeting will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and conclude shortly after noon. Featured preachers at the morning session will be Dr. Roc Collins, Dr. Phil Hoskins, and Dr. Randy Davis. This will be a special training/preaching session that should be helpful to all of our pastors, preachers, teachers and church leaders.

Then at 7:00 p.m., everyone (and especially all pastors, preachers, church leaders and leadership) is encouraged to gather for the **2025 East Tennessee Worship Rally!** Dr. Roc Collins will be preaching during this session.

Please encourage your entire church to attend! **We look forward to seeing you at the 2025 Ministry Summit!**

2024 MINUTE BOOKS AND 2025 SBA CALENDARS: The *2024 Minute Books* and *2025 Associational Calendars* are available! Over the last few weeks, many were picked up, while others were delivered by the Director of Missions during your worship services or left near or on the porch of your church.



We hope Pastors and Church Leadership will use the calendar in planning church events for 2025, and anything we have scheduled would not hinder any of the events at one of the churches. This allows each of us the opportunity to support the ministries that are offered by

both the Association and each of our churches.



Tennessee Baptist Mission Board presents **2025 Bivocational Pastor's & Wives Retreat:**

January 23-25 @ the Music Road Hotel & Convention Center (Pigeon Forge).

Cost: \$275 per couple, for hotel, meals, breaks & materials.
Additional information: www.tnbaptist.org or www.tnbaptist.org/event/bivocational-ministers-wives-retreat

CHURCH GIFTS: Total church gifts for October through December were \$56,551.93. Please review the following information and contact our office if you should have any questions. We thank you for your support of the budget ministries of the Association.



SBA Church Gifts: October – December 2024

| | October | November | December | Total |
|-----------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 411 Chapel | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Antioch | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 75.00 |
| Beatty's Chapel | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Bethlehem | 583.00 | 583.00 | 583.00 | 1,749.00 |
| Bible Baptist | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Big Creek | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Calvary | 102.00 | 102.00 | 83.40 | 287.40 |
| Cane Creek | 200.00 | 200.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 |
| Cedar Fork | 434.42 | 406.56 | 556.92 | 1,397.90 |
| Cedar Valley | 1,120.86 | 0.00 | 545.88 | 1,666.74 |
| Christianburg | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Citico | 275.00 | 220.40 | 309.20 | 804.60 |
| Clifton | 25.00 | 25.00 | 25.00 | 75.00 |
| Community | 112.17 | 210.03 | 80.91 | 403.11 |
| Compromise | 50.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 150.00 |
| Conasauga | 300.00 | 300.00 | 300.00 | 900.00 |
| Concord | 1,641.15 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,641.15 |
| Delano | 397.88 | 279.69 | 327.70 | 1,005.27 |
| Druid Hill | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 300.00 |
| Ebenezer | 56.00 | 43.00 | 67.00 | 166.00 |

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|---------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|
| Fairview | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Fairview Tabernacle | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 1,500.00 | 4,500.00 |
| Fellowship | 139.46 | 0.00 | 120.70 | 260.16 |
| Glenlock | 334.00 | 334.00 | 334.00 | 1,002.00 |
| Gregory's Chapel | 200.00 | 100.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 |
| Hopewell Springs | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Howard's Chapel | 0.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 |
| Island Creek | 600.00 | 0.00 | 300.00 | 900.00 |
| Lakeside | 0.00 | 600.00 | 0.00 | 600.00 |
| Long Ridge | 1,000.00 | 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 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Miller's Chapel | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 300.00 |
| Mt. Calvary | 83.82 | 113.43 | 106.68 | 303.93 |
| Mt. Isabella | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Mt. Zion | 747.55 | 828.31 | 745.22 | 2,321.08 |
| Murray's | 2,194.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 2,194.00 |
| New Bethany | 404.35 | 384.27 | 394.21 | 1,182.83 |
| New Macedonia | 200.00 | 0.00 | 400.00 | 600.00 |
| New Providence | 903.64 | 970.35 | 916.40 | 2,790.39 |
| New Zion | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| North Sweetwater | 0.00 | 234.40 | 119.40 | 353.80 |
| Notchey Creek | 938.45 | 674.26 | 916.85 | 2,529.56 |
| Oak Grove | 202.73 | 0.00 | 886.70 | 1,089.43 |
| Oakland | 200.00 | 0.00 | 200.00 | 400.00 |
| Old Pond Hill | 100.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 100.00 |
| Old Sweetwater | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Paint Rock | 110.00 | 110.00 | 0.00 | 220.00 |
| Piney Grove | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Poplar Bluff | 100.00 | 100.00 | 100.00 | 300.00 |
| Reed Springs | 1,884.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 1,884.00 |
| Rocky Springs | 1,400.00 | 400.00 | 0.00 | 1,800.00 |
| Rural Vale | 831.63 | 618.46 | 0.00 | 1,450.09 |
| Shady Grove | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Shelton Grove | 194.76 | 224.04 | 146.36 | 565.16 |
| Shoal Creek | 327.12 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 327.12 |
| 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 First | 607.00 | 418.00 | 468.00 | 1,493.00 |
| Tevis Springs | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Towee Falls | 150.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 | 450.00 |
| Trinity | 500.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 500.00 |
| Union Grove | 240.00 | 0.00 | 120.00 | 360.00 |
| Union Hall | 91.00 | 0.00 | 140.00 | 231.00 |
| Union McMinn | 400.00 | 400.00 | 400.00 | 1,200.00 |
| Unity | 0.00 | 0.00 | 150.00 | 150.00 |
| Upper Shady Grove | 0.00 | 50.00 | 50.00 | 100.00 |
| Vonore | 1,715.97 | 1,933.05 | 1,630.46 | 5,279.48 |
| Walnut Grove | 0.00 | 750.00 | 0.00 | 750.00 |
| Watsons Chapel | 166.67 | 166.67 | 166.67 | 500.01 |
| Westside | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Williamsburg | 42.86 | 37.10 | 46.10 | 126.06 |
| TBMB | 626.00 | 626.00 | 626.00 | 1,878.00 |
| Misc AM | 0.00 | 0.60 | 0.00 | 0.60 |
| Misc Int | 16.76 | 22.29 | 0.00 | 39.05 |
| TOTAL GIFTS | 25,740.92 | 15,656.58 | 15,154.43 | 56,551.93 |



2024 Tax Forms are available at the Associational Office. If your church needs to provide *W2 Forms* or *1099 Forms* to employees or subcontractors, we have blank forms available for you.

Update on Disaster Relief Funds Received for East Tennessee Disaster Relief

| Church/Group/Individual | Amount |
|--|---------------------|
| 411 Chapel | 200.00 |
| Calvary | 700.00 |
| Christianburg..... | 2,000.00 |
| Conasauga..... | 1,000.00 |
| Concord..... | 100.00 |
| Delano..... | 1,754.00 |
| Gregorys Chapel..... | 1,084.29 |
| Howards Chapel..... | 100.00 |
| Lakeside | 5,300.00 |
| Long Ridge..... | 500.00 |
| Macedonia..... | 200.00 |
| Madisonville First..... | 6,850.00 |
| New Macedonia..... | 19,280.00 |
| North Sweetwater..... | 1,000.00 |
| Notchey Creek | 9,068.00 |
| Oak Grove | 2,850.00 |
| Old Sweetwater..... | 510.00 |
| Poplar Bluff..... | 1,134.00 |
| Shady Grove | 800.00 |
| South Madisonville..... | 1,382.00 |
| Tellico (Ballplay)..... | 6,150.00 |
| Union Hall..... | 545.00 |
| Union McMinn..... | 1,300.00 |
| Upper Shady Grove | 200.00 |
| Vonore..... | 4,650.00 |
| Morganton, Greenback..... | 2,453.00 |
| Downey, Iowa | 1,258.00 |
| 1 st Presbyterian, Brownsville..... | 6,000.00 |
| Anonymous (Various Contributors)..... | 879.00 |
| Anonymous..... | 10,000.00 |
| Jane Akens..... | 400.00 |
| Lisa Archer..... | 50.00 |
| Freddie and Shirley Atkins..... | 100.00 |
| Richard and Peggy Berrong..... | 500.00 |
| Freddy L. Crabtree | 500.00 |
| Darrell and Michelle Davis..... | 100.00 |
| Reed and Sandra Duncan | 2,000.00 |
| James Fairweather | 1,000.00 |
| Debbie Gentry | 200.00 |
| Mariah Edwards..... | 372.00 |
| Jacquita Hicks..... | 100.00 |
| Kimberly Holcomb | 150.00 |
| Joe and Faye Kinsler..... | 100.00 |
| Thomas and June Latham..... | 100.00 |
| Wanda Lovingood..... | 100.00 |
| Bobby and Gail McConkey..... | 1,000.00 |
| Deborah Massingale..... | 100.00 |
| Martha Moree | 100.00 |
| Susan Newman..... | 500.00 |
| Nema Sue Ortiz..... | 300.00 |
| Helen Pardue..... | 100.00 |
| Laverta Peels | 2,000.00 |
| Nathan Phillips..... | 500.00 |
| Barry and Svitlana Self..... | 500.00 |
| Lequita Thomas | 100.00 |
| Morgan and Phyllis Vine..... | 340.00 |
| Myrl Vaughn..... | 100.00 |
| Barbara and J. Allan Watson | 100.00 |
| Chilhowee Club | 500.00 |
| City of Sweetwater | 200.00 |
| Matthew Cansler Excavating..... | 500.00 |
| Thomas Brown Ministry..... | 300.00 |
| Custom Heat & Air..... | 500.00 |
| Farmers Coop | 100.00 |
| Jtekt | 280.00 |
| Madisonville Primary School..... | 500.00 |
| 100F250Sweetwater Valley Lodge..... | 200.00 |
| Sweetwater Post Office..... | 400.00 |
| TOTAL..... | \$104,239.29 |



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Sweetwater Baptist Association
Executive Board Meeting
Monday, April 14, 7:00 p.m.
Hosted by Cedar Fork Baptist Church

Cedar Fork to host Executive Board Meeting

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.

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.

DISASTER RELIEF FOR EAST TENNESSEE: Funds continue to be received for the many areas of East Tennessee that were affected by overwhelming flood waters last September. Thank you to the many churches, individuals, companies, and organizations that have helped those that have suffered when their lives were impacted by this destruction.



Numerous individuals, groups and churches provided over \$104,000.00 in monetary gifts for disaster relief funds. During this time of rebuilding and reconstruction, please continue to pray for those who are hurting and have lost so much.

**SBA
WMU/Ladies
Ministry News**

Ladies, plan now to take part in the *Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering*. The suggested week of prayer is March 2-9.



Missions Get-Together is April 4-5, 2025!

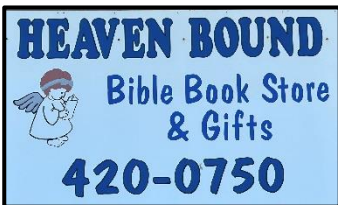
Registration opens on January 2 and closes on March 21 or when capacity is reached. No registration at the event – everyone must pre-register. Registration Fee includes a box dinner on Friday and box lunch on Saturday. (Additional information available at tnbaptist.org/mgt2025 or TNWMU.org)



We are already looking forward to our next **WMU/Ladies Meeting** which will be held **May 5th** and hosted by **Shelton Grove Baptist Church**. Watch for further information, and we hope to see you there.

—Rachel Thompson, Associational WMU/Ladies Ministry Director

The Good Shepherd Center is accepting resumes for Executive Director. If interested or for more information, contact Mike Engelhaupt at 614-809-6894 or mike.engelhaupt@gmail.com.



Heaven Bound Christian Bookstore is celebrating their 1-Year Anniversary with new owners, Sam & Rhonda Baines. (Sam is the Pastor at Tevis Springs). Sam & Rhonda would like to invite

everyone to visit the bookstore (at 817 Englewood Rd in Madisonville). They offer Bibles, Gifts, Church Supplies and more. They can also place special orders. Store hours are Mon-Fri, 10am-4pm; Sat, 10am-2pm. For questions or more information, contact the store at rcbainesheavenbound@gmail.com or 423-420-0750.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS: Make plans to attend the **2025 VBS Showcase**, here at the Associational Office, on **Monday, March 10th**. 5 VBS Themes/Kits will be on display for Pastors, VBS Directors and VBS Workers to view. Best of all...we are giving all 5 kits away at the end of March. So come by and check out the different themes and get your church registered for the drawing.

ANNUAL CHURCH INCORPORATION REPORT: A Message from Tre Hargett, Tennessee Secretary of State

If your church is incorporated, then please remember to file your Annual Report to the State of Tennessee by April 1, 2025. Failure to file by the deadline may result in administrative dissolution/revocation of your business, the revocation of all assumed names, and any associated workers' compensation exemption registrations. To file this report, you will need your business control number, name, and address of business officers — including governors, directors, or managers — and a credit card for payment. Once submitted through our website (link below), the report will be filed with our office immediately.

<https://tnbear.tn.gov/Ecommerce/AnnualReportID.aspx>
PLEASE BE ADVISED WE ARE MIGRATING TO A NEW FILING SYSTEM IN EARLY FEBRUARY OF 2025. MORE INFORMATION WILL SOON BE AVAILABLE ON OUR WEBSITE.

If you can file your reports early, we strongly encourage you to do so. Should you have additional questions or require assistance, please contact the Division of Business and Charitable Organizations at 615-741-2286.



Youth Committee



**YEC 2025: East Tennessee
March 28-29**

Black Oak Heights Baptist Church
Knoxville, TN
For additional information, contact
Jay Barbier jbarbier@tnbaptist.org
or Lorenzo Baylor
lbaylor@tnbaptist.org.



The 2025 **SBA High School Scholarship Applications** are now available to pick-up or download. **Completed applications are due March 1st.**

(Winners chosen by random drawing).

We hope all our churches, pastors, youth leaders and students have marked **MARCH 15** on their calendars. Last year, we saw a record number (around 500!) in attendance. We'd love to see even more this year. **CONNECT** is a time for students to come together from all across the association to worship together. Please make plans to attend!

CONNECT Youth Rally
SATURDAY MARCH 15 6:00 PM
@ FAIRVIEW TABERNACLE
112 Key Kile Rd, Sweetwater

Speaker
Justin Worden
High School Pastor
Cleveland, FBC

Church News

CANE CREEK: All ladies are invited to join us for our ongoing **Women's Bible Study (Covered)**. We meet the first and third Monday of each month at 6:30 pm (Doors Open at 6pm and refreshments are served). Each meeting is led by a different woman from various churches, with a testimony and a new set of scriptures to delve into. Each session is a new study, so you can attend anytime and not have missed anything. Meetings are held in the old sanctuary building at Cane Creek Baptist Church, 517 Belltown Rd, Tellico Plains.

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|----------------|---|
| 20 JANUARY | MONDAY 6:30 Covered with Tiffany Wiseman |
| 3 FEBRUARY | Monday 6:30 Covered with Lori Dalton |
| 17 FEBRUARY | Monday 6:30 Covered with Deanne Kelley |

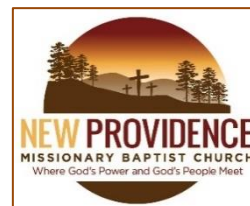


MADISONVILLE, FIRST: First Baptist Church Madisonville is starting a new **Spanish Speaking Bible Study** on Thursday nights at 6:30 pm. These Bible studies will be led

by Will Blackwell. All are invited.

All ladies are invited to attend **The Gathering** Meetings; first Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Tribe Building (Doors open at 6:00 with snacks & coffee). All men are invited to our **Equipping Spiritual Warriors** Meetings; second Monday of each month at the Tribe Building. Doors open at 6:30 pm and the meeting begins at 7:00 pm.

First Baptist Church
Madisonville
IS NOW HIRING
PART-TIME Associate Pastor
Send Resumes To
chris@fbcmadisonville.org



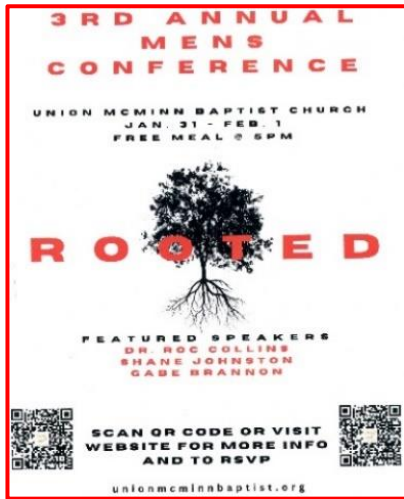
NEW PROVIDENCE: The New Providence Mission Center located at 451 New Providence Rd in Tellico Plains is in our old church building. It provides clothing, food, hygiene items, health and beauty items, household goods, children's items and supplies along with children's clothing and toys. We are accepting donations of these items and monetary donations. We invite our sister churches to join us in this ministry. If you would like to volunteer or take a tour of the center, please contact 423-519-6899, 423-337-1697 or 423-295-4873.



NOTCHEY CREEK: Second Harvest Food Distribution is the 4th Thursday each month, beginning at 10:00 am.



POPLAR BLUFF: Please join Hosts, Roman Hamilton and Paul Chapman on a weekly podcast called *“Truth Revival.”* New episodes are released every Tuesday at 10:00 am.



UNION MCMINN: Our 3rd Annual Men's Conference will be on January 31 and February 1st. Guest Speakers are Roc Collins, Shane Johnston and Gabe Brannon. Please visit our website or Facebook page for the link to register. (Please note, if you're bringing a group, only one has

to register; then in the comments, just list the total number attending and which date(s)).

VONORE BAPTIST: All men are invited to join our Men's Ministry Bible Study. It is held at the church on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm (Room 8).



ORDINATIONS & ANNIVERSARIES



On Sunday, November 10, 2024, **Ron Stewart** was ordained as a Deacon at **Howard's Chapel Baptist Church**.



And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for this good work.” -Nehemiah 2:18

Work Teams & Volunteers Needed!

More than 1,500 families in East Tennessee were devastated by the floods in late September 2024, caused by Hurricane Helene. The homes of over 500 families were destroyed. Tennessee Baptists have committed to rebuilding at least 40 of these homes and repairing as many others as possible, working in collaboration with *Appalachian Service Project*. If you or your church is interested in helping in some way, please visit the TBMB Disaster Relief website or contact Garry Maddox, Assistant Disaster Relief Specialist.

TBMB Disaster Relief, <https://tndisasterrelief.org/ariseandbuild/> Garry Maddox, gmaddox@tnbaptist.org, (615) 379-7706



Greece Group Tour, Paul's Missionary Journey November 3-12, 2025 Approx Cost: \$5,000

10-Day Journey, visiting the biblical sites of Thessalonica, Phillippi, Berea, Macedonia, Corinth, Mars' Hill, and other historical sites, the Parthenon, Acropolis Hill, Athens, and a tour of the Greek Island Aegina.

Space is Limited...
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| MODERATOR Jamie Johnson | VICE MODERATOR Gabe Brannon | Associational Council Officers & Committee Chairmen |
| Committee on Nominations Bill Wilson, Chairman | Budget/Finance Committee Gid Redmond, Chairman | Evangelism Director Shane Johnston |
| Mission Committee Gerald Lynn, Chairman | Personnel Committee Donna McKee, Chairperson | Trustees Dan Sliger, Chairman |
| Music Director Phillip Johnson | Youth Council Nick Farrell, Chairman | WMU/Ladies Director Rachel Thompson |

NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

Welcome New Pastors

Kenny Taylor, Fairview Baptist Church, Tellico Plains

Director of Mission Visits/Miscellaneous:

Union Hall, Watson Chapel, Walnut Grove, Howard's Chapel (Coat Give-Away), Citico (Coat Give-Away), Towee Falls, Shoal Creek, Westside, Rural Vale, Sweetwater, First, Unity, New Providence, Maple Springs, Tellico, First, Cedar Valley, Williamsburg

Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Cedar Fork; Concord; Hopewell Springs; Old Pond Hill; Union Grove



SWEET WATER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Sweetwater Baptist Association

Monday Pastors' Conference

10:00 a.m.

SBA Office in Madisonville

Upcoming Events/News

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;"—Song of Solomon 2:11-12

- Jan 23-25 TBMB Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat, *Pigeon Forge*
- Feb 22 East TN Ministry Summit, *Notchey Creek*, Watch for details!
- Feb 24 Youth Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 1 High School Scholarship Applications due, *SBA Office*
- Mar 2-9 *Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Armstrong Easter Offering*
- Mar 10 VBS Showcase, *SBA Office*, 3:00-7:00 pm
- Mar 15 CONNECT Youth Rally, *Fairview Tabernacle*, 6:00 pm
- Mar 24-28 *Spring Break, Monroe County Schools*
- Mar 28-29 YEC, *East TN, Black Oak Heights BC, Knoxville*
- Mar 31 *Missions Committee Meeting, SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.
- Apr 4-5 TBMB WMU Missions Get-together, *Dickson, TN*
- Apr 14 SBA Executive Board Meeting, *Cedar Fork*, 7:00 p.m.
- Apr 17-21 SBA Office closed for holiday



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SBA Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 a.m. — 4:00 p.m.

W-2 and 1099 Forms: IRS Forms are available upon request at the SBA Office.

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for Tennessee Baptist
Children's Homes



Father's Day Offering
for Tennessee Baptist
Adult Homes



Golden Offering
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State Missions

WMU/Ladies Group

Please check the Activities Director at 442-3990 for
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| January Vonore | February Rocky Springs | March New Providence |
| May Concord | June Madisonville FBC | July Lakeside |
| September Mt. Zion | October Notchey Creek | November Bethlehem |

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| April Oak Grove |
| August 4th Chapel |
| December New Bethany |

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