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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SHOWCASE

Monday, March 18th
Drop-in 3:00 - 7:00 pm
SBA Office Building, Madisonville
Preview 5 Great Themes

Pastors or VBS
Directors are invited to
please come by the
SBA Office and enter
to win a VBS 2024
Starter Kit!

**Guest Speaker
Shaq Hardy**

**SATURDAY
MARCH
9TH**

FAIRVIEW TABERNACLE
112 KEY KILE RD, SWEETWATER

**2024
East Tennessee
Evangelism Rally
FEBRUARY 24**

8:30 am Pastors, Preachers & Leadership Conference (open to all)
7:00 pm Evangelism Rally (open to all)
Hosted by...
Notchey Creek Baptist Church
Madisonville, TN 37354
5529 New Highway 68

Dr. Roc Collins
Strategic Objectives Director
Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Dr. Dean Haun
Senior Pastor, First Baptist Church
Morristown, TN

**Daniel Doss
with Band**
Special Music
all sessions

Rev. Allan Taylor
Executive Pastor of Ministries,
First Baptist Church Concord
Knoxville, TN

NOTCHEY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
in conjunction with
SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
For more information 423-442-6604

Sweetwater Baptist Association
Executive Board Meeting
Monday, April 15th, 7:00 p.m.
Druid Hills Baptist Church, Tellico Plains

Director of Missions



WHAT HOLDS OUR LIFE TOGETHER?

The sink is stopped-up and guests are coming. Something has to be done. Being a “proficient” plumber, I go to work. The everyday plunger will surely remove the obstacle that prevents the water from draining from the sink. Push after push, splash after splash, and the water remains. The logical mind goes to work. Something is stuck in the trap. So out to the toolbox I go to find the adjustable wrench that will loosen the joint. This will be a simple task. “Honey, I will be through in 10 minutes.” As I loosen the first “nut” that holds the joint to the pipe, I notice a small drop of water. I say to myself, “I must be getting the nut loose.” Finally, both nuts are off, and the water pours into the bucket. I was smart enough to place it there. Upon closer examination, there is nothing in the trap and I find a small crack in the joint. The decision is made to purchase a new joint and drain cleaner. That will take care of the problem. “Oh, honey there is nothing to worry about – just another few minutes.”

Returning from the hardware store with the solution in my hands, I resumed my Saturday morning task. Grabbing hold of the pipe that goes into the wall, (I promise it was only an easy tug), the pipe crumbles into my hands. It was held together by rust. To make a long story short, three hours later the ten-minute job was done.

As I had started the simple task of unstopping a clogged sink, all the fixtures looked sound. It was only on closer examination that the truth was discovered. The entire drain line had slowly decayed. The metal coating of the pipes was held together by rust instead of metal. Thinking about this event caused me to wonder, what holds people together? Beneath our skin is there a layer of rust, or a pot of mysterious glue that keeps us from falling apart?

In the life of a Christian, there is SOMEONE, not something, which gives stability to our existence. That someone is Christ Jesus our Lord. He holds our life together by truth, love, peace, joy, and His blood. When the hands of temptation and trials strike our lives, He is here with us – never leaving nor forsaking us.

The Sweetwater Baptist Association's purpose is to stand with our churches in discovering the power and sustaining love of God. Our churches are unapologetically conservative, but that does not prevent us from the struggles of everyday life and issues that tug at our heart. When we neglect the care of the great salvation (Heb. 2:3) which Christ provided through His death and resurrection, it becomes easy for the rust to eat away at our relationship with our Savior. The upcoming events are designed to prevent rust and decay, while preparing us for the next onslaught of temptations and trials.

On Saturday, February 24, we will be holding the *East Tennessee Evangelism Rally* at Notchey Creek Baptist Church. The morning session will begin at 8:30 and conclude around noon. Our speakers will be Rev. Allan Taylor, Dr. Dean Haun, and Dr. Roc Collins, with special music by Daniel Doss and Band. Our pastors and wives will return at 5:00 for an evening meal and time of fellowship. (Reservations are required for this session.) The evening session

will begin at 7:00 and feature Daniel Doss and Band, with the message from Dr. Roc Collins. This event is intended to encourage people of all ages. It will sure knock the rust off or keep it from forming.

Saturday, March 9, the youth of the SBA will be gathering at Fairview Baptist Tabernacle for the *2024 Connect Youth Rally*. The activities begin at 5:30 with pizza and fellowship, while the worship starts at 6:15. Shaq Hardy is our speaker, and you will truly be blessed as he shares the Gospel. The music will be provided by a combination of youth from Sweetwater First and Fairview Tabernacle. We are profoundly grateful for the commitment that today's youth are making for Christ. Now let us support them on their journey.

On Monday, March 18, the *VBS Showcase* experience allows churches to get involved in planning for the children's revival of Vacation Bible School. For years VBS has been the largest evangelistic outreach of our churches. Let us help you plan and conduct this summer's highlight. Participate in the *2024 VBS Showcase* and start building the excitement.

Do you feel your life is held together by rust? There is SOMEONE who will do a better job: Consider Christ! *Tony Rutherford*

ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS/EVENTS/INFORMATION

Don't Forget...East Tennessee Evangelism Rally

Saturday, February 24th

8:30 am Leadership Training/Preaching Session

5:00 pm IgniteTN Presentation (for SBA Pastor/Wives)

7:00 pm Worship Session

Hosted by... **Notchey Creek Baptist Church**

5529 New Hwy 68, Madisonville

2024 EVANGELISM RALLY: Please make plans now to attend the *2024 East Tennessee Evangelism Rally!* The meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 24th** and will be hosted by **Notchey Creek Baptist Church**, in Madisonville. Featured at the conference will be Dr. Roc Collins, Dr. Dean Haun, and Rev. Allan Taylor. Special music for all sessions will be by Daniel Doss and Band.

All pastors, preachers and church leaders are especially encouraged to attend the **Saturday morning** leadership session that will begin at **8:30 a.m.** and conclude shortly after noon. A special *IgniteTN* presentation by representatives of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board will be held for Sweetwater Baptist Association pastor and wives at 5:00 p.m. Then the **evening Worship Rally** will begin at **7:00 p.m.** Everyone is invited; please encourage your church leaders and members to attend the *Evangelism Rally*.








You will not want to miss this great event! Please mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 24th at Notchey Creek Baptist Church!**

VBS SHOWCASE

Drop-In Anytime **MONDAY, MARCH 18**
3:00 PM - 7:00 PM
 @ SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

PREVIEW 5 VBS THEMES

REGISTER FOR DRAWING TO BE HELD ON APRIL 10
ALL 5 KITS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS: Pastors...VBS Directors, we want to encourage you to please plan now to attend the VBS Showcase at the Sweetwater Baptist Association! It will be held. **on Monday, March 18th** at the SBA Office in Madisonville. Please drop-in at your convenience, **3:00-7:00 pm**. **We look forward to seeing you!**

Five (5) VBS Themes will be on display to give you an opportunity to look at the different options that are available; and decide which theme might work best for your church.

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| (1) <i>Breaker Rock Beach, God's Rock-Solid Truth in a World of Shifting Sands</i> | Lifeway |
| (2) <i>WildLIVE! Showcasing Christ's Character</i> | Regular Baptist Press |
| (3) <i>The Great Jungle JOURNEY, An Epic Cruise from Genesis to Revelation</i> | Answers in Genesis |
| (4) <i>SCUBA, diving into friendship with God</i> | Group |
| (5) <i>Camp Firelight, A Summer Camp Adventure with God</i> | Cokesbury |

VBS Kits for each theme, including samples of teaching curriculum, music, games, posters/decorations, prizes, etc. will be available for your review. These materials will remain on display (during office hours until April 10th.)

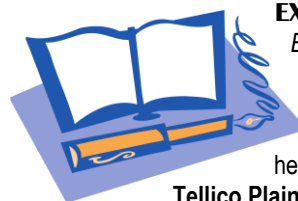
Then, all 5 VBS kits will be given away at a drawing on April 10th! Pastors or VBS Directors can register at the SHOWCASE and up until April 10th for the give-away drawings. (You must register for the drawing in-person; but you do not have to be present to win). After the drawings on April 10th, we will notify the churches who were selected to receive a kit.

Also, please let us remind you that no matter what theme you choose for your church, please complete your VBS report at the end of your Vacation Bible School. It is quick and easy! Just go online to the LifeWay website at <https://vbs.lifeway.com/vbs> and provide the required information. It is important to complete the report regardless

of the curriculum used. This info helps to better serve your church and to celebrate what God has done in our Association, in Tennessee and around the world!

Please join with us as we are praying for a great summer of Vacation Bible Schools in our churches, and children all across our Association coming to know Christ as Savior.

Please send us your VBS dates and times and we will publish them in the next issue of *The Messenger*, if space is available!



EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING: The Executive Board Meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, will be held on **Monday, April 15th at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at **Druid Hills Baptist Church in Tellico Plains.**

According to the SBA Constitution and Bylaws, Executive Members are: Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Council, Pastors/Interim Pastor 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 office for a list of Executive Board Members to be compiled before the meeting.

Various informational department reports, as well as a report from the Director of Missions are scheduled on the agenda for the Meeting. In addition, the Missions Committee will present to the Executive Board a petition request for membership to the Sweetwater Baptist Association from Bible Baptist Church, Tellico Plains.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX UPDATE:

The 2023 data has been compiled and over 10 million shoeboxes were collected in the United States. Our local collection locations were Union McMinn Baptist Church, which collected 1,099 shoeboxes (from 7 churches, 1 group, and 3 individuals); and Island Creek Baptist Church, which collected 7,090 boxes (from 27 churches, 1 group, and 6 individuals).



If you have questions or would like to become involved with this wonderful ministry which shares God's love around the world, contact Area Coordinator, Melanie LaMunyan at 843-437-9143.

2024 SBA HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS:

Just a reminder...Information regarding the Sweetwater Baptist Association, *High School Scholarship* program is available for a limited time on our website at www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com or can be picked up at the Associational Office.



Scholarship applications for 2024 must be completed and returned to the SBA Office by **March 1st**.

CHURCH GIFTS: The ministries of the Sweetwater Baptist Association are supported by gifts from our churches. Here are the *Church Gifts from October 1st thru January 29th*. As you review the list of *Church Gifts*, we want to thank you for all gifts received. Your faithful support of the Sweetwater Baptist Association is greatly encouraged and appreciated. Again, we thank all the Churches for your continued support.



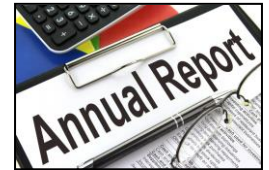
SBA Church Gifts: October 1, 2023 – January 29th

Church/Mission	Oct. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2024	Feb. 2024	Total
411 Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Antioch	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		100.00
Beaty's Chapel	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		200.00
Bethlehem	1,512.50	2,762.00	1,042.50	1,419.00		6,736.00
Big Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Calvary	0.00	60.00	0.00	0.00		60.00
Cane Creek	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00		800.00
Cedar Fork	513.66	611.10	464.38	485.10		2,074.24
Cedar Valley	889.26	1,223.41	1,029.15	766.68		3,908.50
Christianburg	0.00	1,351.55	0.00	728.15		2,079.70
Citico	14.85	87.95	24.50	63.40		190.70
Clifton	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		100.00
Community	62.97	110.97	67.47	91.47		332.88
Compromise	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00		200.00
Conasauga	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00		1,200.00
Concord	1,386.07	0.00	0.00	0.00		1,386.07
Delano	322.13	355.88	296.36	385.60		1,359.97
Druid Hills	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00		300.00
Ebenezer	30.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		30.00
Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00		6,000.00
Fellowship	186.11	161.35	168.67	198.46		714.59
Glenlock	334.00	334.00	334.00	334.00		1,336.00
Gregory's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		400.00
Hopewell Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Howards Chapel	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		1,000.00
Island Creek	300.00	300.00	0.00	600.00		1,200.00
Lakeside	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00		300.00
Long Ridge	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	0.00	0.00	0.00	50.00		50.00
Macedonia	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00		200.00
Madisonville, First	416.67	416.67	416.67	416.67		1,666.68
Maple Springs	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		750.00
Miller's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		400.00
Mt. Calvary	78.06	128.77	101.76	105.40		413.99
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Mt. Zion	565.78	784.50	581.15	603.50		2,534.93
Murray's	2,406.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		2,406.00
New Bethany	337.49	691.92	421.05	448.20		1,898.66
New Macedonia	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00		800.00
New Providence	686.51	962.03	878.21	917.48		3,444.23
New Zion	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00		150.00
North Sweetwater	80.05	99.82	94.50	0.00		274.37
Notchey Creek	916.97	916.97	618.56	640.41		3,092.91
Oak Grove	496.13	297.82	297.00	704.29		1,795.24
Oakland	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00		400.00
Old Pond Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Old Sweetwater	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00		500.00

Paint Rock	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00		440.00
Piney Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Poplar Bluff	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00		100.00
Reed Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Rocky Springs	2,200.00	400.00	800.00	400.00		3,800.00
Rural Vale	406.69	644.57	355.18	380.16		1,786.60
Shady Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00		500.00
Shelton Grove	152.14	387.46	0.00	223.67		763.27
Shoal Creek	385.00	0.00	0.00	250.00		635.00
South Madisonville	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		400.00
Sweetwater, First	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00		1,400.00
Tellico	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00		1,500.00
Tellico, First	430.00	637.00	379.00	610.00		2,056.00
Tevis Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Towee Falls	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00		600.00
Trinity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Union Grove	240.00	0.00	240.00	120.00		600.00
Union Hall	135.00	96.00	62.00	48.00		341.00
Union McMinn	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00		1,600.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00		150.00
Upper Shady Grove	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00		200.00
Vonore	1,565.71	1,995.94	1,498.92	2,103.35		7,163.92
Walnut Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	751.31		751.31
Watson Chapel	0.00	333.34	0.00	333.34		666.68
Westside	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Williamsburg	50.50	43.50	54.16	0.00		148.16
Miscellaneous/TBC	782.00	782.00	626.00	626.00		2,816.00
Misc AM	0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.06
Misc Interest	17.21	17.63	19.07	15.82		69.73
Total Income	24,809.52	20,954.15	14,780.26	21,729.46		82,273.39
Church/Mission	Oct. 2023	Nov. 2023	Dec. 2023	Jan. 2024	Feb. 2024	Total

CORPORATION ANNUAL REPORT FILING FOR CHURCHES:

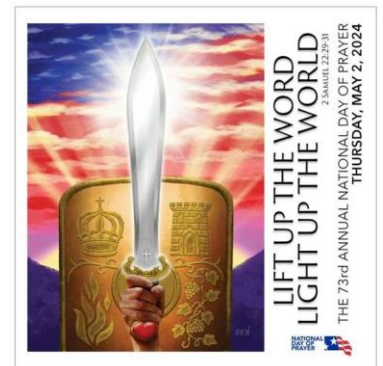
If your church is incorporated, it is time for the *Tennessee Corporation Annual Report* to be made to the State of Tennessee. The renewal information for your *Annual Report* should be sent to the email address that is on file with the State of Tennessee for your church. Renewals for *Annual Reports* are filed electronically at <http://tnbear.tn.gov/>. If no email address is listed for your church, you can use the paperwork and Control Number from last year's *Annual Report* filing.



For additional information or if you should have any questions, you can contact the State of Tennessee, Secretary of State at 615-741-2286.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER:

The 2024 *National Day of Prayer* will be held on **Thursday, May 2nd**. The theme for this year is *Lift Up the Word...Light Up the World* based on 2 Samuel 22:29-31.



God hears us when we call upon Him. He answers prayer! So let us join together, praying earnestly to our Lord. Let us lift up His glorious name, and bring light as we share it with others. Pray for our communities, our state, our country, and our world. Plan now to participate in a *National Day of Prayer* event on Thursday, May 2nd. For more information, visit www.nationaldayofprayer.org.

GUATAMALA: The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBMB) and Guatemala Baptist Convention have confirmed dates for the Sweetwater Baptist Association mission projects in Guatemala for 2024.



A team from Poplar Bluff Baptist Church will be returning to La Unión with plans to do a medical clinic in addition to evangelism, while at the Macedonia Baptist Church, June 18-25. A team from Bethlehem Baptist Church will return to El Cañal to work with Pastor Hugo Barrios, June 25-July 2. This team will share in Bible Study, evangelism and offer free medical clinics.

Please pray for these mission teams as they share Christ with the people of Guatemala.



Fort Sherman Academy Travel Security Training is required for all volunteers participating in upcoming mission projects in Guatemala. This online security training is valid for 2 years. In addition to the Fort Sherman Travel Security, the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board requires all participants to complete online evangelistic, cross-cultural, and child protection training.

IOWA: A partnership mission team from Notchey Creek Baptist Church will be traveling to Iowa, **July 13-20**. Volunteers will work with a local pastor and church in a community near Iowa City called Downey. The team will participate in small construction projects, Vacation Bible Schools, revivals, and door-to-door witnessing. Please pray for these mission volunteers and all teams from the Association that will be sharing the Gospel of Christ here at home, across the country and our world, over the next months.



The next associational **WMU/Ladies Meeting** will be held on **Monday, May 6th at Reed Springs Baptist Church at 7:00 pm.**

We are excited to welcome back Carolyn Outland and Ann Davenport to share an update about their ministry in Myanmar as well as other mission work they are involved in. They are always a blessing and everyone will want to be sure and attend the meeting.

As always, please reach out to me or the Associational staff if we can be of any service to your ladies groups. *Rachel Thompson, Associational WMU/Ladies Director*



**SBA
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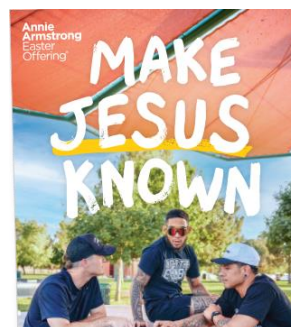
WMU/LADIES MEETING
Monday, May 6, 7:00 pm
Reed Springs Baptist Church
121 Reed Springs Church Road
Philadelphia, TN



MISSIONS GET-TOGETHER
Visit www.tnwmu.org for more information.

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

The theme for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering this year is *Make Jesus Known*. The suggested date for the *Week of Prayer for North American Missionaries and the Annie Armstrong Offering* is March 3-10. 100% of your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering support North American missions.



The North American Mission Board depends on your prayers as they serve regions of the United States, Canada and the territories of Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, Guam and American Samoa. Your gifts support nearly 3000 missionaries and their families across North America. They are taking the Gospel to people of 350 languages where spiritual and cultural divides are deep and growing. Almost every nation in the world is represented in North America, making it one of the most complex mission fields. It is reported that there are some 371 million people in North America, of which 281 million express they are without the love of Christ. Please pray!

If you would like to receive AAEO materials for your church, please email aaeo@namb.net or call 800-634-2462. (Information found online at anniearmstrong.com.)

JAIL MINISTRY INFORMATION:

Monroe County is requiring **MANDATORY TRAINING** for anyone participating in a Jail Ministry at the Monroe County Justice Center. If you are currently involved in a Jail Ministry in Monroe County or plan to in the future, please make plans to attend this meeting (at Monroe County Justice Trainig Center, 4500 New Hwy 68, Madisonville).



Jail Ministry Class: Mandatory Training 2024

(Please attend per Alphabetical Last Name)

March 5, 5:00 pm: A through L
March 7, 5:00 pm: M through Z

YOUTH MINISTRY



CONNECT
Youth Rally

SATURDAY MARCH 9TH

FAIRVIEW TABERNACLE
112 KEY KILE RD, SWEETWATER

5:30
PIZZA IN THE GYM

6:15
WORSHIP IN THE SANCTUARY

T-SHIRT ORDER & PIZZA REGISTRATION DUE FEB 8TH

NO REGISTRATION NEEDED TO ATTEND WORSHIP

Guest Speaker
Shaq Hardy

Macy Small, M.A.

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State Evangelism Conference April 7-8, 2024



New Vision Baptist Church, Murfreesboro

Program Personalities include:

Jordan Easley

Sam Landrith

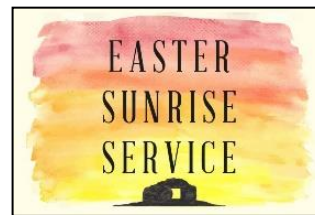
John Butler

Bobby Lewis

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Additional information available at www.tnbaptist.org

CHURCH NEWS



LAKESIDE: March 31,
Easter Sunday Schedule:
Sunrise Service (Time
TBD); Morning Worship,
11:00 am: Lord's Supper;
Evening Worship, 6:00
pm: Youth Sunday

Message by John Thomas McCallie. **April 7,** Singing,
6:00 pm: "For Him". Visit our Facebook page for
more information.

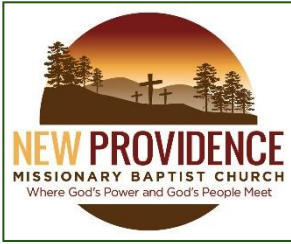


MAPLE SPRINGS:
We are having a
**Deacon Ordination
Service** on Sunday,
March 3rd at 2:00
pm. All ordained
men are invited to

join the Presbytery. Being ordained is Christopher
Brummett (married to Megan Brummett; they have
two children Matthew & Shelby). Also being
ordained is Garry Nabors (married to Cristin Nabors,
they have two children Brylee & Zayne).

NEW MACEDONIA: Our *Vacation
Bible School* is scheduled for June 3-
7. Everyone invited.





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:

Notchey Creek Baptist Church is accepting resumes for a part-time Administrative Assistant. The

responsibilities of the Administrative Assistant will include basic clerical, financial, and office duties, as well as record keeping and financial reporting. For a complete *Job Description* or additional information, please contact Pastor Shane Johnston. Resumes may be mailed to Notchey Creek Baptist Church, 5529 New Hwy 68, Madisonville, TN 37354, ATTN: Pastor Shane Johnston; or emailed to notcheycreekpastor@gmail.com as soon as possible. The acceptance of resumes will close soon.

For dates and times for upcoming events, you can find us on Facebook, check us out on YouTube or visit our website www.notcheycreekbaptist.org



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.

SHELTON GROVE: We are collecting new and (good) used **bicycles** for a mission project on the Texas/Mexico border in the small town of Mission, Texas. The main form of



transportation for the people of this area is walking or bicycling. Donations of youth and adult bicycles can be dropped off at the **associational office** (during regular office hours) now through March 7th.

UNION

MCMINN:

Our **Ladies Conference**

will be held on Saturday,

February 24th from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. Lunch will be provided. All ladies are invited to attend. Other upcoming events include:

March 10: Annie Armstrong Offering

March 23: Easter Egg Hunt, 12:00-1:00 PM

March 23: Easter Drive Thru Nativity, 6:00-8:00 PM

March 24: Easter Drama, 6:30 PM

March 31: Easter Sunrise Service, 7:00 AM



SAFETY & SECURITY CONFERENCE

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2024.
9 AM TO 2.30 PM.**

VONORE BAPTIST CHURCH

VONORE: We are hosting a **Safety & Security Conference**

on Saturday, February 17th from 9:00 am – 12:30 pm.

All churches are invited to attend.

Coffee, refreshments

and lunch will be provided. Call or email for more information or to register. 423-884-6230;

vbcchurchsafety@gmail.com.

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Upcoming Events/News

“For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.” -- John 3:16

Feb 19 Youth Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.
Feb 24 East TN Evangelism Rally, *Notchey Creek*
Mar 1 High School Scholarship Applications due, *SBA Office*
Mar 1-2 YEC, East TN, *Black Oak Heights BC, Knoxville*
Mar 3-10 Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
Mar 9 CONNECT Youth Rally, *Fairview Tabernacle*
Mar 11 Youth Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.
Mar 18 VBS Showcase, *SBA Office*, 3-7:00 p.m.
Mar 24-29 *Spring Break, Monroe County Schools*
Mar 29 Good Friday
Mar 31 Easter

Apr 2 Missions Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.
April 7-8 State Evangelism Conference, *New Vision BC, Murfreesboro*
Apr 11-13 TBMB WMU Missions Get-Together, *Brentwood*
Apr 15 Executive Board Meeting, *Druid Hills*, 7:00 p.m.



Mother's Day Offering for...



Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes

Father's Day Offering for...



Honor Your Father with a Timely Gift
"It is more blessed to give than to receive." — Acts 20:35

Next issue of newsletter will be May/June
and should be mailed by end of April.

The Upper Room Christian Counseling

Macy Small, M.A.

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WMU/Ladies Group

Please check the Activities Director at 442-3990 regarding entrance at facility.
 Madisonville Health & Rehab – Nursing Home Birthday Cake Schedule

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



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