

Director of Missions



FAN THE FLAMES OF REVIVAL: One Revival In Three Locations: During the *Annual Meeting* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association in October, I presented a challenge to families, churches, and the Association for the 2025-2026 church year. By accepting the challenge of engaging in one gospel conversation a month and realizing the impact that will have on our congregations, there will be reason to celebrate. I have already visited one church that has baptized 8 or 9 new converts this year. To my knowledge, these are the first baptisms this church has experienced in several years. This is an example of the benefit of engaging in gospel conversation and being consistent in maintaining a supportive relationship with people who do not know Jesus as Savior.

The Sweetwater Baptist Association is nearing its 200th birthday. In 2030, that goal will be reached; that's 200 years of preaching the gospel, sharing Jesus around the world, as well as witnessing our loved ones coming to Christ. The churches are the reason we have an association that is active in supporting local congregations, encouraging mission participation, and developing strategies in evangelism. With this in mind, we are encouraging churches to plan revivals that would *fan the flames* of the Holy Spirit in our communities. The old question of "What's happening down at the meeting house?" needs to ignite the community once again. When Jesus' future disciples sought to know more about Him, they asked, "Where do you live?" Jesus' response was, "Come and see." We know from God's Word that Jesus resides in His holy temple, the human heart. Let revival happen and excitement will glow to where people will want to "come and see."

To capitalize on the movement of the Holy Spirit, we want to have a one-day revival in three locations on **Tuesday, August 25, 2026**. Prayerfully, the site, music, and speaker for each location have been selected. However, your participation is important as you bring lost neighbors and family to catch a glimpse of the fire. On the day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit appeared as tongues of fire, igniting a revival that literally changed the world. Before Christ's return we need to experience such an **OUTPOURING!** The belief that Christ's return is imminent should heighten our desire to prepare our families and friends to welcome His return. Pastors and church leaders plan your calendars and events now around this important date: **Tuesday, August 25, 2026**.

We have not forgotten the most important evangelism event for children. Vacation Bible School will consume our attention from the end of May until the end of July. What an exciting time for the kids to learn about Christ! The music, snacks, Bible stories, and fun time leave the children and adults exhausted by the end of each evening. Yet when the week has passed and the number of children that received Christ and their eternal future has been changed, tired and falling into their easy chair, the workers will say, "VBS was worth it!" Please keep us informed of the schedule of your VBS, and please let us rejoice with your conversions.

I hope each of you have a joyful and blessed Easter. As the family and disciples of Jesus rejoiced on that first resurrection day years ago, let us worship and celebrate because He has done great things for us. -- *Tony Rutherford*

Tuesday, August 25, 2026, Fan the Flames of Revival

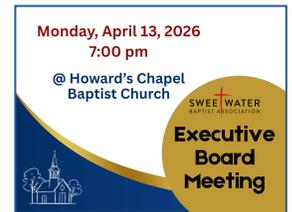
LOCATION	SPECIAL MUSIC	SPEAKER
New Providence	Saved By Grace	Dr. Dan Spencer
Island Creek	Lingerfelt Family	Dr. Ben Cowell
Union-McMinn	Fairview Tabernacle, Sweetwater	Dr. Jeff Laborg



ASSOCIATIONAL NEWS/EVENTS/INFORMATION

EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

The *Executive Board Meeting* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, will be held on **Monday, April 13th, 7:00 p.m.** The meeting will be held at **Howard's Chapel Baptist Church, 424 Citico Road, Vonore.**



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.

Information from various department reports, the *Director of Missions Report* and *Treasurers Report* are scheduled on the *Agenda* for the Meeting.

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: The *National Day of Prayer* is Thursday, May 7th, and the theme for this year is *Glorify God Among the Nations, Seeking Him in All Generations*. This theme is inspired by scripture from 1 Chronicles 16:24. The focus is on prayer for America during the nation's 250th anniversary; uniting believers to seek God's divine guidance, peace, strength, and presence. Plan now to be part of a 175th *National Day of Prayer* event. Additional information available online at <https://www.nationaldayofprayer.org/>



CORPORATE ANNUAL CHURCH REPORT FOR STATE OF TENNESSEE: Just a reminder! If your church is incorporated, it is time for the *Tennessee Corporation Annual Report* to be made to the State of Tennessee. The deadline to file your report is April 1, 2026. The State of Tennessee began using a new filing system in early February of last year. You will need your *SOS Control Number* in order to complete the Annual Report online. Any questions or further assistance can be provided by the Office of the Tennessee Secretary of State, Division of Business and Charitable Organizations, at 615-741-2286.





VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: Thank you to the many pastors and VBS Directors that dropped by the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office recently for the *VBS Showcase!* We had a great turn-out.

Five (5) VBS themes (with kits for each) were on display to review. This gave an opportunity to look at the different options that were available; and decide which theme might work best for your church. Then best of all, the 5 VBS kits were given away after the *Showcase!* Congratulations to the following churches who each won a 2026 VBS kit: Christianburg, Lakeside, Macedonia, Murray's and South Madisonville.

Please join with us as we are praying for a great summer of Vacation Bible Schools in our churches, and for the children all across our Association to come to know Christ as Savior. If your church needs assistance with planning or conducting Vacation Bible School this year, please contact the Association Office. We are here to help!

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

VBS Showcase 2026

Just a few pictures from the 2026 VBS Showcase. Thank you to all for attending!



2026 Ministry Summit & Evangelism Rally

Thank you, Pastor Shane Johnston and Natchey Creek Baptist Church for hosting the *2026 Ministry Summit and Evangelism Rally*. Thank you to the ladies' breakout leaders: Rebecca George & Jeralyn Collins; men's breakout leaders: Rev. Allan Taylor, Dr. Roc Collins & Dr. Jim Henry; special music by Natchey Creek Praise Teams & Band. Thank you also to the volunteers from Natchey Creek who helped with set-up, audio, visual, and sound.



2026 Youth Rally

Thank you to everyone who attended the **2026 Youth Rally**. Everyone enjoyed *Bean & Bailey* and the *3 Heath Brothers*...it was a great night of fellowship, laughs, worship and the gospel! A special thank you to Madisonville First Baptist Church for hosting and to Pastor Chris Moore, Youth Pastor Logan Blackwell and Worship Pastor Caleb Mathewson... you went above and beyond in your hospitality, and we are truly thankful for all you did to help this be a great night of worship.



Tennessee Baptist
Mission Board presents
**2026 STUDENT
EVANGELISM CONFERENCE**
April 10-11
First Baptist Clarksville

Additional information available
online at

<https://www.studentevangelismconference.com/>



FCA IMPACT DINNER for the Sweetwater/Madisonville/Vonore/Tellico Plains FCA Fort Loudoun Chapter will be held **April 13th at 6:30 p.m.** at *The Venue*, Lenoir City. The guest speaker will be Desean Bishop. For more information, sponsorship levels, costs, etc. please contact Ben Pottorff (phone) 502.548.3654 (email) bpottorff@fca.org or visit online www.fcafloudoun.org



The next associational **WMU/Ladies Meeting** will be held on **MONDAY May 4th** at Vonore Baptist Church at

7:00 pm. A light meal will be served at 6:00 p.m.



**SBA
WMU/Ladies
Ministry
News**

The special guest speaker for the evening will be Beth Moore. Beth serves as *Compassion Ministry Specialist* with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. We know you will be blessed by Beth's coming to share about her work in ministry, and we are so excited she will be at 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



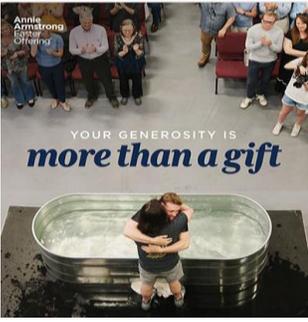
WMU/LADIES MEETING
Monday, May 4th, 7:00 pm
Vonore Baptist Church
A light meal will be provided at 6:00 p.m.

**MISSIONS
GET-TOGETHER
April 17-18**

(additional information is available at

<https://tnbaptist.org/event/missions-get-together/>





WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS and ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING: The theme for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering this year is *Your Generosity is MORE THAN A GIFT*. The suggested date for the Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Offering was March 1-

8; however, your church may select any time to observe this week of prayer for missionaries. Remember, when you contribute to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, you become part of something greater...100% of your gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering support North American missions.

Your gifts to the AAEO...

- Support over 3000 missionaries and their families
- Have planted more than 11,000 Southern Baptist churches since 2010

The gospel need in North America has never been more urgent. North American missionaries cannot do their work without you. 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 and let God use you, as *Your Generosity is MORE THAN A GIFT!* (info taken from anniearmstrong.com)



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CHURCH GIFTS: The ministries of the Sweetwater Baptist Association are supported by gifts from our churches. Here are the *Church Gifts from October thru February*. 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, 2025 – February, 2026**

Church/Mission/Misc	Oct. 2025	Nov	Dec	Jan. 2026	Feb	March	Total
411 Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Antioch	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		125.00
Beaty's Chapel	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		200.00
Bethlehem	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00	900.00		4,500.00
Bible	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00

Big Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Calvary	137.55	0.00	107.95	253.46	64.20		563.16
Cane Creek	100.00	100.00	0.00	200.00	100.00		500.00
Cedar Fork	578.06	481.07	484.29	554.08	430.81		2,528.31
Cedar Valley	958.71	1,266.09	0.00	2,021.82	0.00		4,246.62
Christianburg	972.25	0.00	0.00	667.17	0.00		1,639.42
Citico	308.10	302.35	0.00	257.31	232.65		1,100.41
Clifton	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00		125.00
Community	63.27	244.38	49.68	67.68	239.07		664.08
Compromise	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00		250.00
Conasauga	300.00	300.00	0.00	600.00	300.00		1,500.00
Concord	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,754.90	0.00		1,754.90
Delano	316.79	250.61	384.92	222.90	212.71		1,387.93
Druid Hills	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		500.00
Ebenezer	0.00	163.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		163.00
Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00	1,000.00		6,000.00
Fellowship	0.00	402.39	0.00	189.94	238.40		830.73
Glenlock	334.00	334.00	0.00	668.00	334.00		1,670.00
Gregory's Chapel	100.00	100.00	0.00	200.00	100.00		500.00
Hopewell Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00		500.00
Howards Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		500.00
Island Creek	900.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	300.00		1,800.00
Lakeside	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00		1,200.00
Long Ridge	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	327.90	346.21	268.37	240.04	145.00		1,327.52
Macedonia	200.00	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00		600.00
Madisonville, First	833.34	0.00	833.34	416.67	416.67		2,500.02
Maple Springs	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		750.00
Miller's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		500.00
Mt. Calvary	166.85	130.11	123.09	145.23	102.09		667.37
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Mt. Zion	904.60	731.20	626.92	544.79	486.50		3,294.01
Murray's	2,359.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		2,359.15
New Bethany	284.61	324.63	365.83	197.07	226.03		1,398.17
New Macedonia	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00		1,000.00
New Providence	859.55	978.70	1,000.00	847.14	505.04		4,190.43
New Zion	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00		200.00
North Sweetwater	99.48	78.70	0.00	151.99	65.20		395.37
Notchey Creek	816.96	1,024.68	947.22	1,102.20	582.11		4,473.17
Oak Grove	584.81	0.00	0.00	626.22	0.00		1,211.03
Oakland	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00		400.00
Old Pond Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Old Sweetwater	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00		500.00
Paint Rock	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00		550.00
Piney Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Poplar Bluff	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00		500.00
Reed Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Rocky Springs	1,000.00	800.00	0.00	0.00	800.00		2,600.00
Rural Vale	394.42	596.67	319.48	613.93	305.54		2,230.04
Shady Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00		500.00
Shelton Grove	410.52	0.00	173.55	202.02	204.28		990.37
Shoal Creek	235.00	0.00	436.00	0.00	0.00		671.00
South Madisonville	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00		750.00
Sweetwater, First	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00		1,750.00
Tellico	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00		1,500.00
Tellico, First	334.00	330.00	541.00	504.00	345.00		2,054.00
Tevis Springs	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00		250.00
Towee Falls	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00		750.00
Trinity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Union Grove	120.00	120.00	0.00	240.00	120.00		600.00
Union Hall	0.00	215.00	165.00	47.00	0.00		427.00
Union McMinn	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00		2,000.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00		150.00
Upper Shady Grove	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00		250.00
Vonore	1,323.48	1,860.17	1,807.42	1,603.72	1,842.26		8,437.05
Walnut Grove	0.00	0.00	450.00	0.00	500.00		950.00
Watson Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		0.00
Westside	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00	0.00		300.00
Williamsburg	35.84	35.94	0.00	104.44	22.60		198.82
Miscellaneous/TBC	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00		3,130.00
TBMB Golden	11,320.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		11,320.80
Misc AM/Interest	22.31	22.00	20.40	4.38	5.75		74.84
Total Income	33,438.35	17,823.90	14,140.46	23,834.10	15,211.91		104,448.72
Church/Mission/Misc	Oct 2025	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. 2026	Feb	March	Total



2026 SBA HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS: We want to thank our Moderator, Gabe Brannon for recently coming by our office to draw the names for the *2026 SBA High School Scholarship*. Recipients for 2026 are: *Ava Duckett, Emily Barnett, Emily Campbell, and Isaac Hollinghead*. Each of these students were awarded \$500.00 cash scholarships on behalf of the churches of the Sweetwater

Baptist Association.

We offer our congratulations to these, as well as to all of the high school seniors that will be graduating from across our Association. Thank you also to the churches for providing scholarships for our young people.



Ava Sueann Duckett
Shelton Grove Baptist Church
All Other (Cross Creek)



Emily Grace Barnett
Vonore Baptist Church
Sequoyah High School



Emily Kristina Grace Campbell
Sweetwater, First Baptist Church
Sweetwater High School



Isaac Mason Hollinghead
New Providence Baptist Church
Tellico Plains High School

Tennessee Baptist Mission Board presents
MINISTRY COUPLE'S NIGHT OUT

A significant part of serving well as a minister is enjoying family enrichment. Ministry brings its own unique challenges: unreasonable expectations on spouse and children, living on a limited budget, etc. Ministry can be all consuming. You just want a quiet night with your spouse and the phone rings with another urgent request for your presence. How can you cope with it all? Those are the kind of questions we will seek to address in our *Ministry Couples Night Out*.



Register online at <https://tnbaptist.org> to attend this TBMB event at one of the following locations for a free meal and fun discussion. Find a babysitter, reserve the date on your calendar, and join other ministry couples for a night out. The meal will begin at 6:00 and the event is scheduled to end by 8:30.

- **May 4 Salem Baptist Church** 8201 Hill Rd, Knoxville
- **May 14 Silverdale Baptist Church** 7236 Bonny Oaks Dr, Chattanooga

If your church has used or unused **Sunday School Literature** that you'd like to donate, please contact **Ginger Lloyd** to make arrangements for donating. **Please TEXT: 423-572-2700** (We are sorry, materials cannot be left at the SBA Office due to limited space.)

CHURCH NEWS

Thank you!

BIG CREEK: Pastor Michael Jacobs and the families of Big Creek Baptist Church would like to extend their heartfelt thanks to the community, family, and friends who stepped in to support the benefit. Your kindness and generosity towards the church wall repairs have touched our hearts. We are thankful for the numerous volunteers and donations and people who contributed to this effort in making it possible for us to achieve phase 1 of the repairs.

We are having **Sunrise Service** on April 5th at 7:30 am. Breakfast to follow. Our **Homecoming Service** is May 24th at 10:30 am.

FAIRVIEW TABERNACLE: We are having a *Sunday School Training Conference* on Sunday, April 26, from 2:00–4:00 pm. The training will be led by Allan Taylor, Associate Pastor at First Baptist Church, Concord in Knoxville. Allan previously led the Sunday School Department at First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Georgia for over 20 years and saw Sunday School grow from 4,000 to over 8,500! There will also be training options for Preschool and Children's workers. This is a FREE conference, and all are welcome to attend.



NEW PROVIDENCE: *The New Providence Mission Center* provides clothing, food, hygiene items, health and beauty items, household goods, children's items and supplies along with children's clothing and toys. We accept 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:

- Easter Program: March 29, 10:45 am
- Night of Worship: March 29, 6:00 pm
- Kid's Easter Egg Hunt, Games, Crafts: April 3, 4:30 pm
- Chili Supper for Everyone: April 3, 5:30 pm
- Movie Night/The Passion of the Christ: April 3, 7:00 pm
- Sunrise Service: April 5, 7:00 pm
- Decoration Day at Notchey Creek Cemetery: May 10
- Second Harvest Food Give-Away (4th Thursday each month) March 26, April 23, May 28

UPCOMING
Events



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.



REED SPRINGS: On Palm Sunday, March 29, we will observe The **Lord's Supper**; On April 4, we will present **Alive! A Walk-Thru of the Easter Story**, 2:00-4:00 pm; On April 26, we will celebrate our **Homecoming Service**. Everyone is invited to join us for all of our upcoming events!

First Baptist Church in Niota is searching for a **Worship Leader**. This is a paid, part-time position. If interested, please email admin@niotafbc.org.



SBA Churches Food Pantries

Church	Info & Contact
Bible Baptist	Lillie Miller 423-519-4267 M/T/Th/F 9am-2pm
Big Creek	865-224-1850
Fairview Tab/Homebuilders SS	865-414-3269 Macy Small
Madisonville, First Baptist	Sat 8am-9:30am (not 5th Sat)
New Bethany (Pantry/Meal)	4th Wed of each month 5-7pm
Notchey Creek	4th Thur of each month at 10 am
Reed Springs	Thur, 11am-2pm
Shoal Creek	3rd Sat of each month, 10am-Noon
Tellico Plains, First Baptist	423-253-3822
Vonore	Thur, 9am-11am or by appt 423-884-6230
Westside	Dwight Torbett or Mitch/Vickie Anderson
Mt Calvary (Hot Meal Only)	2nd Sat of each month, Nov-Mar, 11am-2pm

TELLICO PLAINS, FIRST: **Disciple Now** weekend will be July 24-26 at God's Mountain. **Disciple Now** is for grades 6-12 and the bible study will be on the book of Daniel. The cost is \$45 per student and includes lodging, meals, snacks, study materials and a T-shirt. The registration deadline is June 24. Please contact Lesley Zavracky @ 865-441-0059 for more information or to register.



VONORE: Palm Sunday, March 29, 10:00 am and 6:00 pm - Join us as we celebrate Easter at Vonore with a **special time of worship** with our choir, orchestra, and special guests. Regular Easter service follows on Sunday, April 5, 10:00 am.

WATSON CHAPEL: Our Easter Cantata (*Love Ran Red*) will be on Easter Sunday, April 5 at 10:30 am. Everyone is welcome to attend.



A Request from...MONROE-MCMINN ISAIAH 117 HOUSE!

We're working to fill our 2026 speaking calendar, and we'd love to connect with your church. We LOVE sharing our mission and updates on what we are doing to change the way foster care begins right here in our community. We have served 490 children since opening our doors in 2023 and 860 children since we kicked off in 2020. We can customize our speaking to fit your time frame, whether it's 10 minutes or an entire service. Being able to speak to our local churches allows us to share our mission and discuss ALL the ways you can help because it takes a community to lavishly love our red door guests! To get on our schedule, please e-mail, call, or text us at jennifer.collins@isaiah117house.com or 423.519.3393.



ORDINATIONS & ANNIVERSARIES



On Sunday, February 22nd, **Morgan Peels** was ordained into the Gospel Ministry at **New Providence Baptist Church**. Morgan has been called to serve as Pastor of **Macedonia Baptist Church**.

On Sunday, March 1st, **Poplar Bluff Baptist Church** ordained three new **Deacons**, Cody Yates, Matthew Bivens, and Brandon Land.



On Sunday, March 1st, Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford, presented **Piney Grove Baptist Church** a plaque from the **Tennessee Baptist Mission Board** in recognition of their **150th Anniversary**. The plaque was presented to Pastor Ollie Lankford.

**Sweetwater Baptist Association
2026 VBS Dates (chronological)
(as reported by each church)**



Church	Date	Time	Theme
Old Pond Hill	May 25	10am-4pm	
Shelton Grove	May 26-29	6:00-8:30	Illumination Station
Bethlehem	May 31-Jun 5	6:00-8:45	Emerald Crossing
Madisonville, First	May 31-Jun 3	6:00-8:30	Rainforest Falls
Rocky Springs	May 31-Jun 4	6:00-8:30	Illumination Station
Vonore	Jun 1-5	6:00-8:30	
Clifton	Jun 3-5		
Citico	Jun 6	10am-4pm	
Big Creek	Jun 7-12	6:30-8:30	
Fairview Tabernacle	Jun 7-11		
Island Creek	Jun 7-12	6:30-8:30	Emerald Crossing
New Bethany	Jun 7-12	6:00-8:00	Illumination Station
Conasauga	Jun 15-19		Illumination Station
Watson Chapel	Jun 14-17	6:30-8:00	Magnified
Reed Springs	Jun 22-26	6:30	Emerald Crossing
Notchey Creek	Jul 20-24	6:15-8:45	Emerald Crossing

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

Welcome New Pastors
 Mitch Ingram..... Long Ridge

Director of Mission Visits/Miscellaneous:
 Lower Chilhowee; New Providence; North Sweetwater; Miller's Chapel; New Macedonia; Shelton Grove;
 New Zion; Reed Springs; Old Pond Hill; Tellico First; Old Sweetwater; Vonore; Walnut Grove;
 Bethlehem (Revival); Upper Shady Grove; Rural Vale; Unity; Bristol; Oakland; New Providence (Ordination);
 Trinity; Towee Falls; Notchey Creek (Ministry Summit and Evangelism Rally)

Please pray for our churches without pastors:
 Cedar Valley




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

- Mar 23 Missions Committee Meeting, SBA Office, 6:30 p.m.
 - Mar 29-Apr 4 Spring Break, Monroe County Schools
 - Apr 2-6 SBA Office closed for holiday
 - Apr 5 Easter
 - Apr 13 SBA Executive Board Meeting, Howards Chapel, 7:00 p.m.
 - Apr 17-18 TBMB WMU Missions Get-together, Dickson FBC
 - May 4 WMU/Ladies Meeting, Vonore, 7:00 p.m.
 - May 7 National Day of Prayer
 - May 10 Mother's Day
 - May 25 Memorial Day
 - June 7 SBC Annual Meeting & Pastor's Conference, Orlando, FL
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Mother's Day Offering for...



Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes

Father's Day Offering for...



Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes

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

Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions



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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Sweetwater Baptist Association
Monday Morning Pastor's Conference
10:00 a.m.
 SBA Office in Madisonville

The Upper Room Christian Counseling
Macy Small, M.A.
 112 Key Mile Rd, Sweetwater, TN 37874
865.414.3269

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