



**Director  
of  
Missions**

**HALF A  
CENTURY  
(50 years in  
Ministry and  
50 years of  
Marriage:**  
On Mother's Day  
1975, North  
Sweetwater



Baptist Church ordained me to the Gospel Ministry. That is fifty years; half of a century; twenty-five years in each of the two centuries; and twenty years longer than my father lived. The day was sunny as family, friends, and church members filled the sanctuary. A nervous twenty-two-year-old boy sat in a chair at the altar to be questioned by seasoned congregational leaders. Bennie Creel, the Director of Missions, along with pastors and deacons, made up the presbytery. I cannot tell you the names of all the ordained gentlemen that signed my certificate. The ink has faded, the names are gone, but the meaning and the memory live on. In preparation for the service, I was given the *Articles of Faith, A Pastor's Handbook*, and was told the questions would come from these... "know them"! The greatest challenging statement that day did not come from one of the ministers, instead it came from my sister, Pasty. "Tony, if you are going to do this, do it right." Thirty-six years of pastoring and fourteen years of being the Director of Missions have brought me to today. Six churches, in six different associations, and two states, hopefully have equipped me for the remainder of my days in ministry.

Pastoring requires prayer, study of God's Word, a walk with the Master and truthful living. A minister is given an opportunity to preach hundreds of sermons, perform dozens of weddings, and provide comfort to families at funerals. It is such a privilege to be invited into people's lives. There is a lifetime of stories stored in the memory banks of a pastor's mind. Some create laughter while others bring tears. Some stories come from celebrations while others occur during conflict. God knows which memory to bring to recollection that fits the proper situation. I am humbled and thankful for each opportunity presented to me. Folks have loved my family and me. They have walked with me through the callings God has placed on my life and stood with me as my mother took her journey home.

One month after my ordination, a light blue tuxedo with ruffle sleeves clothed this same twenty-two-year-old boy. It was the same church, same nerves, some of the same people, yet a different coronation. Darnell was wearing a flowing white gown, holding a bouquet of daisies, and my attention. The words came easy that day but living them for fifty years has been a tremendous joy. She has traveled with me to almost every state in the union preaching the Gospel. She bought and kept my clothes, home, and schedule. She has been my greatest supporter and the most truthful critic because she loves me. Our marriage would be another lifelong commitment but this time we made the commitment together. The receiving of a wife is God's gift. In Genesis, the Lord God said, "It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." For a pastor, this is an understatement. A Godly wife is more than a helper. When a pastor's heart is broken, when his eyes overflow with tears of sorrow and helplessness, she understands. When a dear friend abandons and walks away, she remains.

From our relationship we have two children, Justin and Jana, as well as two grandchildren, Carly and Elizabeth. Along with our traditional

family, we have countless spiritual family members in every church we shepherded. Our family wants to celebrate fifty years, half of a century, twenty-five years in two centuries. We want to celebrate with family and friends. We want to celebrate what God has done; and we'd be honored if you celebrated with us. Our children are planning a *Golden Anniversary Celebration*, and you are invited! This event will be held at Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church in Sweetwater, from 2:00 pm-4:00 pm on Saturday, June 28, 2025. If you can attend, please RSVP by calling or texting Jana at (423) 735-8120. You can also call the Sweetwater Baptist Association office at (423) 442-6604 to leave a message if you are planning to attend. Please RSVP by June 15. --Tony

We Invite you to Celebrate the  
Golden Anniversary of

**DARNELL & TONY  
RUTHERFORD**

**50 Years Together**

Saturday, June 28th, 2025  
Between 2:00 - 4:00 in the Afternoon  
in the Gymnasium  
at Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church  
112 Key Kile Road  
Sweetwater, Tennessee

RSVP: Jana Sandoe 423-735-8120  
or the Sweetwater Baptist Association 423-442-6604

Instead of gifts, the family is asking for cards or letters telling of any special memories or any impact Tony and Darnell have made on your lives over the years.

If you are unable to join them in person, you can send cards or letters to them at 102 Ambernic Way, Sweetwater, TN 37874.

If you have any photos of them to include in a slide show, you can email them to [JanaSandoe@gmail.com](mailto:JanaSandoe@gmail.com)



# Associational News/Events/Information



Cedar Fork

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:** Thank you, Cedar Fork Baptist Church and Pastor Steve Gamble for hosting the *Executive Board Meeting* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association on Tuesday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Various informational department reports and a report from the Director of Missions were presented.

It was announced that recipients of the *VBS Sampler Kits* were: Big Creek; Lakeside; Citico; Cane Creek and Mt Zion. In addition, *2025 High School Scholarships* were awarded to Isaac Lethcoe (in attendance and recognized); Grayson Hicks (in attendance and recognized); Megan Ladd, and Avery Yates.

We appreciate the great leadership provided by the Moderator Jamie Johnson, and Vice Moderator Gabe Brannon, as well as the Associational Council/Officers and all Committee Members for serving the Churches of the Association.

Pastor Otto Echeverria was the special guest speaker for the evening. He shared an update to the churches of our ongoing mission work in Guatemala. Pastor Otto serves as Pastor of First Baptist Church, Coatepeque and Former Executive-Director of



Poplar Bluff



Notchey Creek

Guatemala Baptist Convention. A special gift was presented to Pastor Otto and his wife Ruth by the Director of Missions on behalf of the churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. We were honored to have Pastor Otto and his wife in attendance for the Executive Board Meeting, as well as visit in several churches of our Association before their return to Guatemala.

**CHURCH GIFTS:** We thank all the churches for the gifts you have shared that support the various budget ministry opportunities provided by the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Please review this information, and contact the Associational Office at 442-6604 if our records should be in error in any way, or if you should have any questions. We thank you again for your support of the ministries of the Association.



**SBA Church Gifts: October, 2024 – April 25, 2025**

Church/Mission	Gifts from					Total
	Oct 2024- Mar 2025	April	May	June		
411 Chapel	0.00	0.00				0.00
Antioch	150.00	0.00				150.00

Beaty's Chapel	100.00	0.00			100.00
Bethlehem	3,498.00	583.00			4,081.00
Bible Baptist	0.00	400.00			400.00
Big Creek	0.00	0.00			0.00
Calvary	677.05	130.10			807.15
Cane Creek	1,000.00	0.00			1,000.00
Cedar Fork	2,820.91	537.57			3,358.48
Cedar Valley	6,277.87	1,188.28			7,466.15
Christiansburg	1,191.92	1,227.08			2,419.00
Citico	1,692.70	262.40			1,955.10
Clifton	150.00	25.00			175.00
Community	1,053.55	479.53			1,533.08
Compromise	300.00	50.00			350.00
Conasauga	1,800.00	0.00			1,800.00
Concord	2,748.27	0.00			2,748.27
Delano	1,900.87	333.64			2,234.51
Druid Hills	600.00	100.00			700.00
Ebenezer	296.50	0.00			296.50
Fairview	0.00	0.00			0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	9000.00	1,500.00			10,500.00
Fellowship	822.16	142.21			964.37
Glenlock	2,004.00	334.00			2,338.00
Gregory's Chapel	600.00	100.00			700.00
Hopewell Springs	500.00	0.00			500.00
Howards Chapel	700.00	100.00			800.00
Island Creek	1,800.00	300.00			2,100.00
Lakeside	1,200.00	0.00			1,200.00
Long Ridge	1,000.00	0.00			1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	190.08	464.90			654.98
Macedonia	200.00	0.00			200.00
Madisonville, First	2,500.02	416.67			2,916.69
Maple Springs	0.00	0.00			0.00
Miller's Chapel	600.00	100.00			700.00
Mt. Calvary	576.24	127.35			703.59
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00			0.00
Mt. Zion	4,357.85	916.10			5,273.95
Murray's	2,194.00	0.00			2,194.00
New Bethany	2,298.11	344.41			2,642.52
New Macedonia	1,200.00	200.00			1,420.00
New Providence	5,263.89	831.15			6,095.04
New Zion	300.00	0.00			300.00
North Sweetwater	656.48	98.95			755.43
Notchey Creek	5,493.73	825.43			6,319.16
Oak Grove	2,012.99	285.30			2,298.29
Oakland	600.00	0.00			600.00
Old Pond Hill	100.00	100.00			200.00
Old Sweetwater	500.00	0.00			500.00
Paint Rock	550.00	110.00			660.00
Piney Grove	0.00	0.00			0.00
Poplar Bluff	600.00	100.00			700.00
Reed Springs	1,884.00	0.00			1,884.00
Rocky Springs	3,000.00	0.00			3,000.00
Rural Vale	3,389.83	302.04			3,691.87
Shady Grove	500.00	0.00			500.00
Shelton Grove	1,158.14	179.40			1,337.54
Shoal Creek	540.02	0.00			540.02
South Madisonville	600.00	100.00			700.00
Sweetwater, First	2,100.00	350.00			2,450.00
Tellico	1,500.00	0.00			1,500.00
Tellico, First	2,767.00	591.00			3,358.00
Tevis Springs	0.00	200.00			200.00
Towee Falls	900.00	150.00			1,050.00
Trinity	500.00	0.00			500.00
Union Grove	720.00	120.00			840.00
Union Hall	426.00	95.00			521.00
Union McMinn	2,400.00	400.00			2,800.00
Unity	150.00	0.00			150.00
Upper Shady Grove	250.00	50.00			300.00
Vonore	10,815.69	1,569.78			12,385.47
Walnut Grove	750.00	0.00			750.00
Watson Chapel	1,000.02	166.67			1,166.69
Westside	0.00	0.00			0.00
Williamsburg	225.52	71.43			296.95
TBMB	3,756.00	626.00			4,382.00
Misc AM	0.60	0.00			0.60
Misc Interest	132.15	37.36			169.51
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>113,542.16</b>	<b>17,721.75</b>			<b>131,263.91</b>

**2025 SBA HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS:**

We want to thank our Moderator, Jamie Johnson for recently coming by our office to draw the names for the 2025 SBA High School Scholarship. Recipients for 2025 are: Avery Yates, Isaac Lethcoe, Grayson Hicks and Megan Ladd. 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.



**Avery Yates**  
Madisonville, First Baptist Church  
CAK Homeschool



**Isaac Lethcoe**  
Rural Vale Baptist Church  
Tellico Plains High School



**Grayson Hicks**  
Sweetwater, First Baptist Church  
Sweetwater High School



**Megan Ladd**  
Old Sweetwater Baptist Church  
Sequoyah High School



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**GUATEMALA NEWS:** The Tennessee Baptist Mission Board (TBMB) and Guatemala Baptist Convention have confirmed dates and plans for the Sweetwater Baptist Association mission projects in Guatemala for 2025.



Mission volunteers from Poplar Bluff, Bethlehem, New Bethany, Tellico First, Old Sweetwater, Birchfield (Chilhowee Association) and Brittville (CrossNet Association) will be traveling to Guatemala in mid-June and early July. These mission teams will continue ongoing work at established locations, as well as begin work at new ministry locations.

Ministry opportunities and activities for the mission teams include: (1) Bible Studies for all ages, (2) Sports clinic/evangelism (3) Vacation Bible School (4) Door-to-door Witnessing (5) Evangelism, Crusade, Revival. Please pray for these teams, as well as other mission teams from across our Association, as they help to share the *Good News of the Gospel* across our world.

**FSA FORT SHERMAN TRAINING:** Just a reminder! *FSA Training* is required for all mission volunteers participating in the upcoming Guatemala mission projects. To complete the training, go to... <https://fsa.thinkific.com/courses/traveling-saint-online>

**SBA WMU/LADIES:** Thank you, Shelton Grove and Pastor Tim Watson for hosting the *Ladies Ministry/WMU Meeting* in March. Thank you, ladies, for the delicious meal, and thank you to all that attended!



We had a wonderful evening! Pastor Otto Echeverria was our guest speaker, and he reminded us that there is much work for us to

do, as ladies for the Kingdom of God. It was a great time in the Lord to have Pastor Otto and his wife Ruth join us for the WMU Meeting.



If we can be of any assistance to any of our ladies groups, please feel free to contact the associational office or email me directly at

[racheljthompson20@outlook.com](mailto:racheljthompson20@outlook.com).  
Rachel Thompson, Associational WMU/Ladies Director



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**EVANGELISM:** As months go... **August is pretty Awesome!** Kids are back in school; Friday Night Lights are back; Summer is winding down and leading us into Fall! What a great month to focus on **LOCAL EVANGELISM.**



We know our churches do outreach and evangelism all throughout the year, but we would love to ask each of our 75 churches to pick at least one day in the month of August to do a community outreach or evangelism project. There are many options and ideas for various kinds of events or projects.

**A few examples...Revival Services, Worship Rallies, Concerts, Block Parties, Potlucks, Fish Fry, Free Community Car Wash, Back to School Bash, Water Give-Away at Sporting Events, Door to Door Visitation, Community Service Projects, and so much more!!** These events could be held at your church, at a park or somewhere else in your community! The possibilities are endless!!

We have made an **AWESOME AUGUST CALENDAR** and would love to fill all 31-days with an event. The Association will take August 4<sup>th</sup> for the *Old-Fashioned Prayer Meeting*. That leaves 30 days for churches to fill-up.

Pastors and Church Leaders, please look at the month of August, pick a day (or more) and decide on an event or project, and then let us know. We will add it to the calendar and then help promote all the wonderful ideas our churches have planned to reach others for Christ in August!



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS:** Vacation Bible School time has begun! Thank you to those that attended the *VBS Showcase* at the Sweetwater Baptist Association!



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 in mid-April. Congratulations to the following churches who each won a 2025 VBS kit: **BIG CREEK, CANE CREEK, CITICO, LAKESIDE, and MT ZION.**

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. If your church needs assistance with planning or conducting Vacation Bible School this year, please contact the Association Office. We are here to help!



**Sweetwater Baptist Association**  
**2025 VBS Dates**  
*(as reported by each church)*

**I ❤️ VBS**

Church	Date	Time	Theme
411 Chapel	June 23-27		
Bethlehem	June 1-6	6:00-8:45	Wonder Junction
Bible	June 9-13	6:00-8:00	Jesus, Sweetest Name I Know
Big Creek	June 8-13	6:30-8:30	Rocket Racers
Cane Creek	May 31	10:00-3:30	Road Trip
Citico	June 14	10:00-4:00	Magnified
Conasauga	June 9-13	6:00-8:00	Magnified
Fairview Tabernacle	June 8-12	6:00-8:00	Magnified
Howard's Chapel	June 23-27	6:30-8:30	
Island Creek	June 8-13	6:30-8:30	Wonder Junction
Lakeside	June 9-13	6:30-8:30	Wonder Junction
Long Ridge	May 25-29	6:30-8:30	Rocket Racers
Madisonville, First	June 8-12	6:00-8:30	True North
Mt. Calvary	July 20-25		Wonder Junction
Mt. Zion	June 1-6	6:30-8:30	Wonder Junction
Murray's	June 9-13	6:30-8:00	Wonder Junction
New Bethany	June 8-13	5:30-8:00	
New Providence	June 15-20	6:00-9:00	Wonder Junction
New Zion	June 9-13	5:30-8:30	Magnified
Notchey Creek	July 21-25	6:15-8:45	Wonder Junction
Oak Grove	June 1-6	6:00-8:00	True North
Old Sweetwater	June 8-13		
Poplar Bluff	May 27-30	6:30-9:00	Wonder Junction
Rocky Springs	June 8-12	6:00-8:30	Wonder Junction
Rural Vale	June 9-13	6:30-8:30	Yee Haw
Shelton Grove	June 2-6	6:00-8:30	Magnified
Shoal Creek	June 8-13	6:30-8:30	
Tellico Plains, FBC	June 8-13	5:00-8:30	
Trinity	June 1-4	6:00-8:00	Camp Firelight
Union McMinn	June 1-6	6:00-8:30	Magnified
Vonore	June 8-13	6:30-8:30	True North
Watson Chapel	June 8-11	6:15-8:15	True North

Once your Vacation Bible School is over, please call SBA Office at 423.442.6604 or email the following information to becky.jones@bellsouth.net or sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net

- VBS Report (Total Enrollment, Average Attendance, Professions of Faith)
- Contact for link-up supplies for other churches to use

## Youth News

We were so disappointed the weather caused this year's youth rally to be cancelled...however, we are very excited to let you know next year's event is already on the calendar! We are thrilled to have the 3 Heath Brothers in Concert (check out their videos...your students will enjoy them in concert!) **Bean & Bailey Comedy** will also be doing a pre-show before the concert...please go ahead and put this on your calendar for 2026! <https://3heathbrothers.com/videos/>



## Church

### News/Events/Information



**BIG CREEK:** Our Homecoming service will be May 25 at 10:30 am, with **Foothills Quartet** from Maryville. Lunch will be held after service. No evening service. On September 20<sup>th</sup>, our

Women's Conference will be held in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00am-2:00pm.

**MADISONVILLE, FIRST:** Everyone is invited to attend these special meetings at First Baptist:

- Spanish Speaking Bible Study: Thursday nights at 6:30 pm.
- Equipping Spiritual Warriors, Men's Meeting: Second Monday of each month at the Tribe Building. Doors open at 6:30 pm, meeting begins at 7:00 pm.



**FREE COURSES FOR CHURCHES:** Andy Foreman, the *Men's Ministry Director* at *First Baptist Church, Madisonville* and the CEO of **Jesus Christ Compass Ministries** has launched **Christ Compass Academy**. The Courses are designed to provide leadership, ministry, and member training.



These courses are free for church and religious organizations. For more information, contact Andy Foreman at 423-337-1186 or [Andrew.foreman67@outlook.com](mailto:Andrew.foreman67@outlook.com). Visit the website at [www.christcompassministries.org/](http://www.christcompassministries.org/).

#### Courses include:

- **The Ministry Leadership** Course is to empower church leaders and volunteers to Biblically lead and serve; Know how to measure success; Prioritize their life in ministry; Work more effectively with volunteers.
- **The Intercultural Evangelism** Course is designed to prepare those planning or considering serving a mission, whether short or long term.
- **Ordained in the Workplace** This one-session seminar provides Biblical insights that will open the doors to Gospel conversations in the workplace.



**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 4<sup>th</sup> 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.



**TELICO:** Tellico Baptist Church on Ballplay will have Homecoming on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

# TREVIVAL

**TOWEE FALLS:** We are having Revival Services May 18-21. Tony Rutherford and Jeff Pike will be preaching. We are also having a Youth Revival June 1-7, with a different speaker each night. For both

Revivals, Sunday begins at 6:00 pm and Weekdays begin at 7:00 pm.



## HOWARD'S CHAPEL:

May 4, 10:30 am: Homecoming (no evening service).  
July 26, 8:00 am: Men's Prayer Breakfast.

## LAKESIDE:

Decoration Day Service, May 4, 10:30 am  
Preaching: Ronnie Lane  
Singing: LakeSide



## UNION MCMINN: Upcoming Events:

May 4: 2025 Graduate Recognition  
May 28: VBS Kick-Off  
June 7-14: Summer Mission Trip  
June 29: 4th of July Celebration

**MT. ZION:** Decoration Day will be Sunday, May 11 (Mother's Day). Revival will begin Sunday Night, July 13 at 6:00 pm. Prayer Room at 5:30 pm. Weekday Services will begin at 7:00 pm, with Prayer Room at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to come join us.



**SWEETWATER, FIRST:** We have two children's camps this summer. Both camps are for students that have completed Kindergarten through 6<sup>th</sup> Grade. Both camps also require pre-registration.



**Sports Camp** is June 2-6, and students must be pre-registered by May 15.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfwSQaq4voYEXFx5P37PGcRj9-emU7SuN5bQWR0ftXkD0NIQ/viewform?usp=header>

**Fine Arts Camp** is June 23-27. This camp fills up fast and registration ends when we reach our maximum number of students.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScl5twTjGjOJBj\\_gxv1VCJUrdSlvV7kClc3pu7dHt3rUJtg/viewform?usp=header](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScl5twTjGjOJBj_gxv1VCJUrdSlvV7kClc3pu7dHt3rUJtg/viewform?usp=header)

**VONORE BAPTIST:** All men are invited to join our Men's Ministry Bible Study. It is held at the church on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month at

6:30 pm  
(Room 8).



Rebecca George has written a new book. **You're Not Too Late: Trusting God's Timing in a Hurry-Up World** is a message of hope for anyone who has ever questioned if they've missed their moment. With heartfelt encouragement and biblical




truth, Rebecca speaks especially to those who feel behind in life, ministry, or calling, reminding them that God is never in a hurry, and He is always right on time. Rebecca is also available to speak at retreats and conferences. Reach out at [hello@radicalradiance.live](mailto:hello@radicalradiance.live). (Rebecca is married to Dustin George, Pastor of Vonore Baptist).

**WESTSIDE:** The March 19 issue of the Baptist & Reflector included an article (by: Zoe Watkins) on Westside Baptist Church's Disaster Relief efforts. Below are excerpts from that article.

Churches or individuals who would like to contribute to the construction costs of Westside's warehouse building can send that donation to: Westside Baptist Church, PO Box 44, Madisonville, TN 37354. Please note donation is for "warehouse building".



**STAYING TO HELP, LONG AFTER THE WINDS DIE** Even long after Hurricane Helene's devastating winds subsided, Tennessee Baptist volunteers can still be found restoring hope in East Tennessee. *Westside Baptist Church* in Madisonville is one of those churches serving as a beacon of sustained commitment. "When the hurricane hit up there, I called off services that Sunday night and we went to our mission building — which we built two years ago — just to start boxing up what we had, food, clothes, whatever we had to take up there," pastor Dwight Torbett explained. As a congregation of around 100 people, the church has placed 45 campers with families — many of whom are still living in tents — as well as delivered 33 trailer loads of supplies (like food, clothes, and hygiene products). Westside has had people from the community bring campers and drop them off and simply hand Torbett the title. They've received two vehicles that were in turn donated to families that lost vehicles. "If God sends it, we spend it," Torbett said with a smile. But he emphasizes, "It's a God thing. It's not a Westside thing." With this desire to aid in disaster relief, they plan to build a new warehouse facility, called the **S.W.O.R.D., "Savior's Warehouse of Relief Donations"**. The church's ongoing relief efforts and plans to expand their facilities suggest the potential for the church to continue playing a significant role in supporting affected communities in the long term.

  
**Church Clerk**  
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**Tuesday, Aug 26 @ 10:00 am**  
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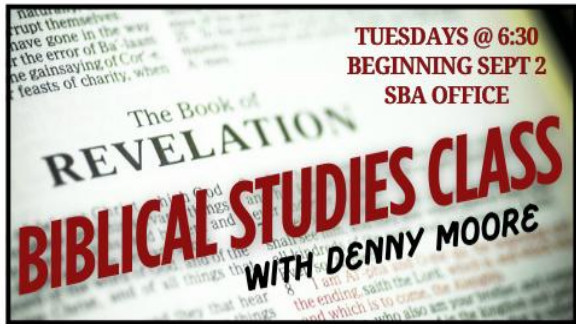
<b>MODERATOR</b> Jamie Johnston	<b>VICE MODERATOR</b> Gabe Brannon	<b>Associational Council</b> Officers & Committee Chairmen
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**NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION**

**Welcome New Pastors**  
 Jake Cook.....Delano

**Director of Mission Visits/Miscellaneous:**  
 Friendship; Fairview (Tellico); Notchey Creek (Ministry Summit/Evangelism Rally); Clifton; Glenlock; Gregory's Chapel; Notchey Creek (Pastor Otto); Island Creek; Long Ridge; Druid Hills; Cedar Fork (Executive Board/Pastor Otto); Poplar Bluff (Pastor Otto); Shelton Grove (WMU/Pastor Otto); Old Sweetwater (Scholarship Presentation); Christianburg (Ordination); Lakeside (Revival); Fellowship; Glenlock (Preach); Ebenezer; Mt Calvary; Rocky Springs; Maple Springs; South Madisonville (Revival); Delano; Miller's Chapel; Murray's; Madisonville First (Easter); Mt Zion; Mt Isabella; New Zion; Howard's Chapel (Revival); New Bethany

**Please pray for our churches without pastors:**  
 Concord; Hopewell Springs; Macedonia; Old Pond Hill; Union Grove; Union Hall

**TUESDAYS @ 6:30**  
**BEGINNING SEPT 2**  
**SBA OFFICE**

**BIBLICAL STUDIES CLASS**  
 WITH DENNY MOORE

**Upcoming**      “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

May 1..... National Day of Prayer  
 May 5..... Guatemala Team Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.  
 May 11..... Mother's Day  
 May 26..... Memorial Day, Office Closed, Holiday

June 6-13.. Guatemala Mission Project, *Brittsville*  
 June 8-11 ... SBA Annual Meeting & Pastor's Conference, *Dallas*  
 June 15..... Father's Day  
 June 17-24 .....Guatemala Mission Project, *Poplar Bluff*  
 June 24-July 1.....Guatemala Mission Project, *Bethlehem/Birchfield*

July 2-4 Office Closed, Independence Day  
 July 12-19 Iowa Mission Project  
 July 21 Nominating Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., *SBA Office*  
 July 22 Budget Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., *SBA Office*

August 4..... Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m., *Lakeside*




Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**Monday Pastors' Conference**  
**Does not meet in June .. Continues July 14th**  
 SBA Office in Madisonville

**Mother's Day Offering for...**



**Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes**


**Father's Day Offering for...**



**TENNESSEE BAPTIST ADULT HOMES**  
*Showing What Love Is*

**WMU/Ladies Group**  
 Please check the Activities Director at 442-3990 regarding entrance at facility.  
 Madisonville Health & Rehab - Nursing Home Birthday Cake Schedule

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



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