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**Sweetwater Baptist Association**  
 Family of Churches Welcome...



**Pastor Phillip Laney**  
 wife Carrie & Family  
**FAIRVIEW**  
 (TELLICO)  
 BAPTIST CHURCH

We are praying for this pastor and congregation as they share Christ with their community.

*Plan now to be part of...* **Awesome August**

*Old-Fashioned Prayer Meeting*

**Monday, August 3, 2026, 7:00 pm**

Hosted by: Shady Grove Baptist Church  
 Music by: Rural Vale Baptist Church  
 Message by: Pastor Vernon Webb  
 Maple Springs Baptist Church





**1-Day Revival**  
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**TUESDAY**  
**AUGUST 25**  
**7:00 PM**



**ORLANDO**  
 ANNUAL MEETING 2026

Southern Baptist Convention  
**Pastor's Conference & Annual Meeting**  
 4 days of worship, equipping and connection

**June 7-10**

More information available ... <https://sbcanualmeeting.net>

**Director  
of  
Missions**

Julia H. Johnston (1849-1919) was born in Salineville, Ohio. Her father was a Presbyterian minister. She wrote over five hundred songs;



and her most republished song was "Grace Greater than Our Sin" in 1910. The lyrics were inspired by Romans 5:20-21, "Moreover, the law entered, that the offence might abound. But where sin abounded, grace did much more abound: That as sin hath reigned unto death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life by Jesus Christ our Lord" (KJV).

After reading this text she wrote, "Marvelous grace of our loving Lord, Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt. Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured, there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide. What can avail to wash it away? Look! There is flowing a crimson tide; Whiter than snow you may be today. Marvelous, Infinite, matchless grace. Freely bestowed on all who believe: all who are longing to see His face, Will you this moment His grace receive? Marvelous grace, infinite grace, Grace that will pardon and cleanse within. Marvelous grace, infinite grace, grace that is greater than all our sin."

As wonderful as grace is to experience, it is difficult to put into practice. When failure enters our realm of belief, how we manage our loved ones, friends, self, or acquaintances demonstrates our understanding of grace. We often hold those we know to a higher level of expectations than others do. It is hard to believe how quickly we forget how gracious God has been with our past and how quickly He extended forgiveness to us. When Jesus taught His disciples, the true reason of His descending to become flesh among us was "to seek and to save that which was lost." In our understanding, Jesus came to provide the gift of grace to all who call upon Him.

In the Great Commission given to us in Matthew by Jesus, He encourages us to be dispensers of that grace He so freely gives us. Through the process of Vacation Bible School, summer revival, church socials, and other activities we have the opportunity to share life changing grace with our family, friends, and neighbors. As we witness baptisms, new family additions to our congregation, and celebrating with regenerative families, the cause of Christ becomes clear. Please know this, the rejoicing in heaven far exceeds our own joy.

Elsewhere in this newsletter will be a list of Vacation Bible Schools planned by our churches throughout the summer. Different material is being used in churches; therefore, your children will learn unique Bible stories each evening. I pray that your children will participate in a couple of schools near you. Also, revivals are breaking out across the Association. Praise reports of salvation experiences and rededications are professed. It is an encouragement to hear of lives changed and the church experiencing new growth.

During the summer months, the Association is heavily involved in mission activities. This year we will have over sixty people traveling to Guatemala and Iowa. Beginning the last of May through the end of June, wheels will be up so boots will be on the ground sharing the

Good News of Jesus. Over the years your support for the Association has been successful in planting churches, establishing missions, and providing food and medical care in different countries around the world. This year is not an exception; we are pleased to be your voice and expression of love to those who do not know Jesus and are oppressed because of their life circumstance. Please pray that God's grace is evident in our churches and with our mission teams. Without prayer, we are powerless, however, *with God all things are possible.*

--Tony

**Associational  
News/Events/Information**

**EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:**

Thank you, Howard's Chapel Baptist Church and Pastor Ronnie Best for hosting the Executive Board Meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association on Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. We received such a kind and considerate welcome.



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: Christianburg, Lakeside, Macedonia, Murray's and South Madisonville. In addition, 2026 High School Scholarships were awarded to the following: Ava Sueann Duckett; Emily Grace Barnett; and Emily Kristina Grace Campbell, which were recognized and in attendance. Also receiving a scholarship but not in attendance for the evening was Isaac Mason Hollinghead.



Ava Sueann Duckett



Emily Kristina  
Grace Campbell



Emily Grace Barnett

During the time for *New Business*, a motion was presented by Tony Rutherford for a letter to be sent from the Executive Board Members of the Sweetwater Baptist Association to the City of Madisonville, Mayor, Recorder, and Aldermen stating that the churches of the SBA strongly opposed any changes in the current ordinance that does not allow beer permits for businesses within 500 feet of a church property. Officials were urged to maintain the current city ordinance or implement more strict distance requirements between churches and beer establishments. After receiving a second, the motion carried unanimously. (Since the date of the Executive Board Meeting, the letter has been sent to the City Officials.)

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

**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.



Union Hall	427.00	43.00		470.00
Union McMinn	2,400.00	400.00		2,800.00
Unity	150.00	0.00		150.00
Upper Shady Grove	300.00	50.00		350.00
Yonore	9,518.82	1,480.36		10,999.18
Walnut Grove	950.00	0.00		950.00
Watson Chapel	0.00	0.00		0.00
Westside	300.00	0.00		300.00
Williamsburg	198.82	84.10		282.92
TBMB/Misc	3,756.00	626.00		4,382.00
TBMB Golden	11,320.80	0.00		11,320.80
Misc AM/Interest	82.90	16.82		99.72
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>117,067.85</b>	<b>22,095.88</b>		<b>139,163.73</b>

**SBA Church Gifts: October, 2025 – April 25, 2026**

Church/Mission	Oct 2025- Mar 2026	April	May	June	Total
411 Chapel	0.00	0.00			0.00
Antioch	150.00	25.00			175.00
Beaty's Chapel	200.00	0.00			200.00
Bethlehem	5,400.00	900.00			6,300.00
Bible Baptist	0.00	700.00			700.00
Big Creek	0.00	0.00			0.00
Calvary	563.16	210.25			773.41
Cane Creek	600.00	100.00			700.00
Cedar Fork	3,102.89	539.79			3,642.68
Cedar Valley	4,822.64	2,138.24			6,960.88
Christianburg	1,639.42	615.00			2,254.42
Citico	1,320.36	342.20			1,662.56
Clifton	150.00	25.00			175.00
Community	708.51	58.44			766.95
Compromise	300.00	50.00			350.00
Conasauga	1,500.00	600.00			2,100.00
Concord	1,754.90	0.00			1,754.90
Delano	1,739.05	376.34			2,115.39
Druid Hills	600.00	0.00			600.00
Ebenezer	308.00	92.00			400.00
Fairview	0.00	0.00			0.00
Fairview Tabernade	7,000.00	1,000.00			8,000.00
Fellowship	830.73	150.21			980.94
Glenlock	1,670.00	668.00			2,338.00
Gregory's Chapel	500.00	100.00			600.00
Hopewell Springs	500.00	0.00			500.00
Howards Chapel	600.00	100.00			700.00
Island Creek	2,100.00	300.00			2,400.00
Lakeside	1,200.00	0.00			1,200.00
Long Ridge	1,000.00	0.00			1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	1,604.32	536.40			2,140.72
Macedonia	600.00	0.00			600.00
Madisonville, First	2,500.02	833.34			3,333.36
Maple Springs	750.00	0.00			750.00
Miller's Chapel	600.00	100.00			700.00
Mt. Calvary	772.41	154.04			926.45
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00			0.00
Mt. Zion	4,184.01	794.45			4,978.46
Murray's	2,359.15	0.00			2,359.15
New Bethany	1,811.43	364.67			2,176.10
New Macedonia	1,200.00	200.00			1,400.00
New Providence	5,143.89	1,000.00			6,143.89
New Zion	350.00	0.00			350.00
North Sweetwater	498.97	125.88			624.85
Notchey Creek	5,288.60	874.92			6,163.52
Oak Grove	1,211.03	1,267.83			2,478.86
Oakland	400.00	200.00			600.00
Old Pond Hill	0.00	0.00			0.00
Old Sweetwater	500.00	0.00			500.00
Paint Rock	660.00	110.00			770.00
Piney Grove	0.00	0.00			0.00
Poplar Bluff	600.00	100.00			700.00
Reed Springs	0.00	0.00			0.00
Rocky Springs	2,600.00	800.00			3,400.00
Rural Vale	2,230.04	834.02			3,064.06
Shady Grove	500.00	0.00			500.00
Shelton Grove	1,439.98	254.58			1,694.56
Shoal Creek	671.00	331.00			1,002.00
South Madisonville	900.00	150.00			1,050.00
Sweetwater, First	2,100.00	350.00			2,450.00
Tellico	1,500.00	0.00			1,500.00
Tellico, First	2,509.00	604.00			3,113.00
Tevis Springs	300.00	50.00			350.00
Towee Falls	900.00	150.00			1,050.00
Trinity	0.00	0.00			0.00
Union Grove	720.00	120.00			840.00

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**SWEET WATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

# Church Clerk & ACP Training

Tuesday, August 25, 2026  
10:00 am  
@ SBA Office

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 Sweetwater Baptist Association office building due to limited space.)

**Heaven Bound Christian Bookstore**  
817 Englewood Rd, Madisonville  
423-420-0750, [rcbainesheavenbound@gmail.com](mailto:rcbainesheavenbound@gmail.com)  
Mon-Fri, 10:00 am-4:00 pm,  
Sat, 10:00 am-2:00 pm  
Bibles-Gifts-Church Supplies-Bulletins-Certificates  
Church Accounts Available



**SBA WMU/LADIES:** We want to thank Vonore Baptist Church and Pastor Dustin George for hosting the Ladies Ministry/WMU Meeting in May. Thank you



ladies for the delicious meal and the warm and gracious welcome. Thank you also to all that attended.

Beth Moore,  
*Compassion Ministry Specialist*

with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, was our guest speaker for the evening, and shared about her ministry work. We know you were blessed by her coming! It was awesome! We had 12 churches represented and 76 in attendance. The offering received for the evening was over \$800.00 and was given to *Compassion Ministries* for the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board.



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*



**GUATEMALA NEWS:** We are so excited to report that we have 4 mission teams and over 50 mission volunteers from the Sweetwater Baptist Association to travel to Guatemala during the summer of 2026.



Mission volunteers from Bethlehem, Long Ridge, New Bethany, Notchey Creek, Old Sweetwater, Poplar Bluff, Birchfield (Chilhowee Association) and Brittsville (CrossNet Association) will take part in the mission projects in Guatemala. These mission teams will

continue ongoing work at established locations, as well as look 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 Schools (4) Door-to-door Witnessing (5) Evangelism, Crusades, Revivals. 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.

### 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



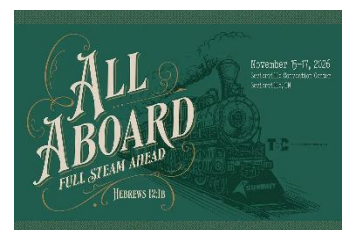
### DAY OF PRAYER FOR BAPTIST ASSOCIATIONS:

On Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, join churches across the nation in prayer for local **Baptist Associations** and the work they are doing in communities. We especially ask that you remember to pray for the **Sweetwater Baptist Association** staff, missions and ministries on this *Day of Prayer*.



### Nov. 15-17, 2026 Tennessee Baptist Mission Board THE SUMMIT

The *Summit* is the annual gathering of Tennessee Baptists. The *Summit* includes the *Pastors Conference* and *Annual Meeting* of the Tennessee Baptist Convention.



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS:** Vacation Bible School time has begun! Many different themes are being used by the churches across the Association. Check out one or two or more near you!



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!

Once your Vacation Bible School is over, please call the SBA Office at 423.442.6604 or email the following *VBS Report* information to [becky.jones@bellsouth.net](mailto:becky.jones@bellsouth.net) or [sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net](mailto:sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net)

- Total Enrollment
- Average Attendance
- Professions of Faith

**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!**



**AWESOME AUGUST** is back! We know our churches do outreach and evangelism throughout the year, but we want 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!!

Help us fill all 31 days of the **AWESOME AUGUST CALENDAR.** The Association will take two (2) days, August 3<sup>rd</sup> for the *Old-Fashioned Prayer Meeting* and August 25<sup>th</sup> for the *1-Day Fan the Flames of Revival Services (3-locations)*. That leaves 29 days for churches to fill with evangelism and outreach services!

**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!

**I ♥ VBS 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
Walnut Grove	May 31-Jun 3	6:00-8:30	Illumination Station
Vonore	Jun 1-5	6:00-8:30	
Clifton	Jun 3-5	Junkyard	
Citico	Jun 6	10am-4pm	
Bible	Jun 8-12	6:00-8:00	Mustard Seed Mkt
Big Creek	Jun 7-12	6:30-8:30	
Christianburg	Jun 8-10	6:00-8:00	Wonder
Fairview Tabernacle	Jun 7-11		
Island Creek	Jun 7-12	6:30-8:30	Emerald Crossing
Lakeside	Jun 8-12	6:30-8:30	Rainforest Falls
Macedonia	Jun 10-12	5:30-9:00	Junkyard Redemption
Mt. Zion	Jun 7-12	6:30-8:30	Emerald Crossing
Murray's	Jun 8-12	6:30	Emerald Crossing
New Bethany	Jun 7-12	6:00-8:00	Illumination Station
Rural Vale	Jun 8-12	6:30-9:00	God's Game Plan
Shoal Creek	Jun 7-12	6:30-8:30	Illumination Station
Conasauga	Jun 15-19		Illumination Station
Howard's Chapel	Jun 15-19		
Old Sweetwater	Jun 14-19		
Union Hall	Jun 14-17	6:30-8:30	Rocket Racers
Watson Chapel	Jun 14-17	6:30-8:00	Magnified
New Providence	Jun 21-26	6:00-9:00	Emerald Crossing
Reed Springs	Jun 22-26	6:30	Emerald Crossing
Ebenezer	Jul 9-11	7:00-9:00	Illumination Station
Trinity	Jul 13-17	5:43-7:30	Praise/Music
Notchey Creek	Jul 20-24	6:15-8:45	Emerald Crossing

**Sweetwater Baptist Association**

## Awesome August

31 Days of Evangelism & Outreach

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1
2	SBA Old-Fashioned Prayer Meeting @ Shady Grove	3	4	5	6	7
	Youth Revival @ New Providence, Aug 2-7					
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Revival @ Murray's, Aug 17-19					
	Revival @ Notchey Creek, Aug 16-19					
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31	SBA Community Revival Services				OCC Shoebox Celebration @ Union McMin

2026

## Church News & 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.



**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.



**NEW ZION:** New Zion is one of the oldest churches in McMinn County, and Pastor Brandon Wilcox invites everyone to celebrate our **2026 Homecoming**

**Day** on May 17. We will enjoy a day of fellowship and food. The special guests will be David Davis and family singers.

### NOTCHEY CREEK: *Operation Christmas Child*

will host a *Tennessee Valley Area Regional Meeting* on Friday, June 12, at 6:00 pm at Notchey Creek. Pastor Mark and Cherry Brumbelow from Wild Peach, Texas will be the guest speakers. They serve in a small church that packs thousands of shoeboxes each year. In 2025 they packed and shipped 19,000 shoebox gifts so children around the world can hear the gospel of Jesus Christ. This meeting is for pastors, project leaders, and anyone interested in sharing the gospel with shoebox gifts.



### OLD SWEETWATER: Upcoming Events...

- May 17, 10:45 am: The Rochester Family Singers
- May 24, 10:45 am: Memorial Day Service
- May 31, 10:45 am: Youth Sunday



**SHOAL CREEK:** Shoal Creek has had 2 baptisms this year.



### UNION MCMINN: Upcoming Events...

- June 13-19: Mission Trip to Clear Creek Baptist Bible College. Contact Rev. Gabe Brannon for more information.
- June/Date TBD: Mission Trip to Africa.
- June 28, After Service: July 4 Celebration.
- July 11, Noon-5pm: Back to School-Community Project with local churches, Niota Depot.



## Youth News

**YOUTH NEWS:** Mark your calendar for next year’s **SBA Youth Rally!** The rally will be on **Saturday, March 13;** the guest speaker will be *Justin Worden* (Campus Pastor, Spirit City North Etowah) and music will be by the *Notchey Creek Youth Praise Team.* Additional information coming soon!



## Ordinations and Anniversaries



On Sunday, May 3, 2026, Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford, presented a plaque to **Mt. Isabella Baptist Church** in recognition of their **150<sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary.** (Pictured Tony Rutherford, DOM, and Josh Butler, Pastor.)



**A Request from...MONROE COUNTY HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:**

The Monroe County ReStore is now open and has already received a warm welcome from the Monroe County community. As we continue to grow and stabilize operations, **there is a significant need for volunteers**, particularly in cashier roles during store hours and stockroom support behind the scenes. We would love to invite local churches to be part of this work. Whether through individual volunteers or small groups, there are meaningful opportunities to serve. We also welcome churches to schedule a time to tour the ReStore, learn more about Habitat's impact in Monroe County, and explore ways to get involved. Proceeds from the ReStore directly support affordable housing efforts in Monroe County, making every hour volunteered a direct investment in local families and the community. To learn more, schedule a visit, or get involved, please contact: Amanda Frangu, Volunteer Coordinator [amanda@loudoncountyhabitat.org](mailto:amanda@loudoncountyhabitat.org) or 865-816-0684.

**Isaiah 117** 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. Whether we've shared with your church before, or this might be first time, we would love to come share our mission, house updates, and stories from our home. 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](mailto:jennifer.collins@isaiah117house.com) or 423.519.3393.

# 1-Day Revival

## 3 LOCATIONS

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<b>Music Director</b> Phillip Johnson		<b>WMU/Ladies Director</b> Rachel Thompson

**NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION**

**Welcome New Pastors**  
 Phillip Laney .....Fairview (Tellico)

**Director of Mission Visits/Miscellaneous:**  
 Piney Grove; Poplar Bluff (Ordination); Notchey Creek (Evangelism Preach); Westside; Vonore; Union Grove; Antioch (Athens); Madisonville First (Youth); Shady Grove; Notchey Creek (Greater Vision); Compromise; Union Hall; Williamsburg; Watson Chapel; Sweetwater First; 411 Chapel; Easter Community; Fairview Tabernacle; Big Creek; Antioch; Bible Baptist; Howard's Chapel (Executive Board); Lakeside (Revival); Calvary; Beaty's Chapel; Cane Creek; Cedar Fork; Clifton; Citico; Christianburg

**Please pray for our churches without pastors:**  
 Cedar Valley; Old Pond Hill




**Upcoming Events/News**      “Seek ye the Lord while He may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near;” -- Isaiah 55:6

May 25 Memorial Day  
 May 29-June 5 Guatemala Mission Project  
 June 7 SBC Annual Meeting & Pastor's Conference, Orlando, FL  
 June 16-23 Guatemala Mission Project  
 June 19-25 Iowa Mission Project  
 June 21 Father's Day  
 June 23-30 Guatemala Mission Project  
 July 1-6 Office Closed, Independence Day Holiday  
 July 20 Nominating Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., SBA Office  
 July 21 Budget Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., SBA Office  
 August 3 Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Shady Grove  
 August 25 Church Clerk Training, SBA Office, 10:00 a.m.  
 August 25 One Day Revival – 3 locations



**WMU/Ladies Group**  
 Please check the *Activities Director* at 442-3990 regarding date cake needed, delivery, entrance at facility, etc.  
 Madisonville Health & Rehab –  
 Nursing Home Birthday Cake Schedule

<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
<b>April</b> Oak Grove	<b>May</b> Concord



Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**Monday Morning Pastors' Conference**  
 Does not meet in June .. Continues July 13th  
 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*

**Golden Offering for...**  
**Tennessee Missions**



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