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The Sweetwater Baptist Association Family of Churches Welcomes....

BIBLE (petitioning)

Pastor KEVIN MILLER
& wife Lillie



#### EBENEZER

#### Pastor ETHAN THOMPSON

& wife Sierra



### CALVARY

### Pastor JON-MICHAEL FOSTER

& wife Matalyn



# FAIRVIEW TABERNACLE

#### **Pastor JASON ROBERTSON**

wife Christen, & family Isabella. Grace-Garland. Karis and Tate



Our prayers are with these pastors and congregations as they reach their communities with the love of Christ.

Sweetwater Baptist
Association
Retire

# Retirement

Monday, August 26 6:30 p.m. Ways to Prepare for

Dr. Roger (Sing) Oldham
Pastor Engagement
Tennessee Baptist Mission Board

Retirement
Financial Security
Planning
Savings Retirement
Needs
All Ages Savings
Matters

This seminar is available for all pastors, church staff, and church employees. No matter whether you are new to the retirement program or preparing for the age of retirement, EVERYONE IS INVITED TO ATTEND.

For more information, coll
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Meeting to be held a SBA Office, 696 Anderson St, Madisonville, TN

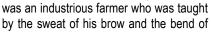




Director Missions

#### STIR THE WATERS:

Olan was not a small man to say the least! Olan was well over six feet tall and weighed nearly three hundred pounds. He





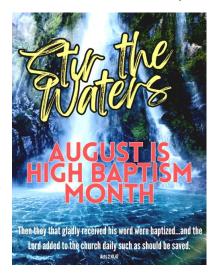
his back. Books were not a high priority to Olan, but family and community morals had taught him right from wrong.

I remember the day Olan first came to Pisgah Baptist Church in Decatur. Such a big gentle giant would describe the man who had hands as large as a catcher's mitt. Olan needed and wanted friends; the church took him in and poured the love of God on him. It was not long until Olan slowly walked the aisle one Sunday morning. With tears in his eyes, Olan confessed Jesus as his Savior. Olan wanted to be baptized in "running water," so we scheduled the next baptism at Watts Bar Lake. When the day arrived, there was much fun talk about how Little Tony would baptize the Gentle Giant.

We had twelve to baptize that Sunday afternoon. As usual, we started with the smallest and moved to deeper water as the candidates grew taller. The congregation praised the Lord and lifted holy hands as their family and neighbors "stirred the waters." THEN CAME OLAN! Among the praise and singing, intermittent laughter flowed from the shore. Olan and I moved to still deeper water. When the cool waves were chest level on me, I noticed it was only waist deep on Olan. I thought, "this could be a big stirring of the water." After pronouncing "I baptize you...." I moved and stood directly behind Olan and placed my hands on his back and slowly lowered him into the waters, and changing direction, I lifted him upright again. Fully immersed and the waters were fully stirred. Claps, praises, and laughter filled the air and Olan shouted, flinging his hands toward heaven.

When the church has the opportunity to STIR THE WATERS, whether one person or a dozen are being baptized, the congregation has reasons for celebration. Each candidate represents a profession of faith in Christ, which causes a great rejoicing in heaven. The thought of baptism sent me to research the number of reported

the baptisms in Association from the annual church profile (ACP). The ACP is the report that the church turns in to our office in September or October every year. From 2015 through 2023 we have baptized 2,583 people. The Covid years of 2020-2021 were our lowest years with the average of 169. The five years prior to Covid, we averaged 325 with 2019 being the highest year. The twoyears post-Covid,



averaged 311 per year. The resurgence of church attendance, Vacation Bible Schools, and revivals can be interpreted as factors of increased baptisms.

For us to STIR THE WATERS again, we must return to the main reason the church exists...winning the lost. I understand we are to be faithful in preaching the WORD, and God is responsible for the increase. However, it will do us much good to once again recommit ourselves to evangelize with the enthusiasm of carrying the Great Commission to our communities (Matthew 28:16). With summer approaching and Vacation Bible Schools knocking at the door, I want to challenge our churches to STIR THE WATERS IN AUGUST. Please allow me to join you in the celebration, call me at the office the last week in August and share the good news with me. I am praying for a goal of five-hundred baptisms for the year. I will not be disappointed if God supplies a greater number, and I am counted as "one of little faith." Just as Olan lifted his hands toward heaven, we can all praise God together. ---7

# Associational News/Events/Information

#### **BIBLICAL STUDIES CLASS:**

The next Biblical Studies Class at the Sweetwater Baptist Association is scheduled to begin on Tuesday evening, September 10th at 6:30 p.m. Please be sure and mark your calendar!



The non-credit course, *The Armor of God*, will be taught by Dr. Don Parker. (Dr. Parker is a retired Director of Missions from California, and member of First Baptist Church, Madisonville.) The cost of the class will be \$20.00 per person. This class is open to everyone: pastors, preachers, teachers and lay-members. Please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association at 442-6604 for additional information or if you are interested in taking this class.

# Sweetwater Baptist Association Monday Morning Pastors' Conference 10:00 a.m.

The meetings will resume on Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup> at SBA Office in Madisonville. Please join us!

PASTOR & FAMILY PICNIC: Pastors and their families are invited to join us for the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Pastor & Family Picnic on Monday evening, September 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. It will be held at the Notchey Creek Baptist Church, Pavilion Picnic Area. Reservations are required for the meal. Please mark this date on your calendar, and watch for information regarding reservations for the picnic!



**RETIREMENT SEMINAR:** Please announce in your church and plan now to attend the Sweetwater Baptist Association, *Retirement Seminar* scheduled for **Monday, August 26**th **at 6:30 p.m**. The seminar will be held at the SBA Office in Madisonville. Dr. Roger (Sing) Oldham, *Pastor Engagement/Tennessee Baptist Mission Board* will be leading the conference.

No matter your stage in life, you will want to be forward thinking to understand retirement planning as you prepare for Social Security benefit eligibility and available valuable resources, as well as the best time to establish retirement benefits and savings plans. This seminar is available for all pastors, church staff and church employees. Everyone is invited to attend, whether you are new to the retirement program or preparing for the age of retirement.

# OLD FASHIONED PRAYER MEETING:

Make plans to join us on **Monday evening**, **August** 5th for the Sweetwater Baptist



Association, *Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting*. The meeting will be hosted by Delano Baptist Church located at 144 Carolina Avenue, Delano and will begin at 7:00 p.m. The preacher for the evening will be Brandon Wilcox, Pastor of New Zion Baptist Church, and special music will be provided by Conasauga Baptist Church Singers. We know you will be blessed by coming. Please announce in your church! Everyone is invited.

**CHURCH GIFTS:** We are so thankful to the churches for the gifts you have shared with the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Your church gifts support the various budget opportunities provided by the SBA. Please review the following information, and contact our office if



you should have any questions. We thank you again for your giving spirit and support of the budget ministries of the Association.

SBA Church Gifts: October, 2023-May, 2024

Church/Mission	Oct-Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Total
411 Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Antioch	150.00	25.00	25.00			200.00
Beaty's Chapel	200.00	0.00	0.00			200.00
Bethlehem	9,825.50	583.00	583.00			10,991.50
Bible Baptist	500.00	0.00	0.00			500.00
Big Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00			0.00
Calvary	60.00	0.00	0.00			60.00
Cane Creek	1,200.00	200.00	200.00			1,600.00
Cedar Fork	2,884.44	471.94	396.76			3,753.14
Cedar Valley	5,483.77	1,902.15	0.00			7,385.92
Christianburg	2,079.70	643.00	0.00			2,722.70
Citico	295.45	39.20	42.05			376.70
Clifton	150.00	0.00	50.00			200.00
Community	1,194.15	60.57	79.08			1,333.80
Compromise	300.00	50.00	50.00			400.00
Conasauga	1,500.00	600.00	0.00			2,100.00
Concord	1,386.07	0.00	0.00			1,386.07
Delano	1,977.15	446.94	303.23			2,727.32
Druid Hills	500.00	100.00	100.00			700.00

Ebenezer	107.00	80.00	125.00	312.00
Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	9,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	12,000.00
Fellowship	989.38	140.81	108.30	1,238.49
Glenlock	2,004.00	334.00	334.00	2,672.00
Gregory's Chapel	600.00	100.00	100.00	800.00
Hopewell Springs	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Howards Chapel	1,000.00	400.00	0.00	1,400.00
Island Creek	1,500.00	600.00	0.00	2,100.00
Lakeside	300.00	300.00	0.00	600.00
Long Ridge	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	50.00	0.00	0.00	50.00
Macedonia	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Madisonville, First	2,500.02	416.67	0.00	2,916.69
Maple Springs	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Miller's Chapel	600.00	100.00	100.00	800.00
Mt. Calvary	622.37	93.06	119.49	834.92
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	3,739.20	558.40	724.70	5,022.30
Murray's	2,406.00	0.00	0.00	2,406.00
New Bethany	2,597.19	579.16	556.08	3,732.43
New Macedonia	1,200.00	200.00	200.00	1,600.00
New Providence	4,767.48	828.86	881.15	6,477.49
New Zion	300.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
North Sweetwater	460.46	188.33	137.65	786.44
Notchey Creek	4,397.90	644.31	682.86	5,725.07
Oak Grove		356.76	415.38	
	2,578.10		0.00	3,350.24
Oakland Old Pond Hill	400.00	200.00		600.00
	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Old Sweetwater	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Paint Rock	660.00	110.00	110.00	880.00
Piney Grove	0.00	0.00	500.00	500.00
Poplar Bluff	300.00	100.00	100.00	500.00
Reed Springs	1,534.00	0.00	0.00	1,534.00
Rocky Springs	4,200.00	0.00	400.00	4,600.00
Rural Vale	2,136.11	873.82	688.50	3,698.43
Shady Grove	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Shelton Grove	1,152.21	428.70	0.00	1,580.91
Shoal Creek	635.00	288.00	0.00	923.00
South Madisonville	600.00	100.00	100.00	800.00
Sweetwater, First	2,100.00	350.00	350.00	2,800.00
Tellico	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Tellico, First	2,955.00	589.00	471.00	4,015.00
Tevis Springs	425.00	0.00	0.00	425.00
Towee Falls	900.00	150.00	150.00	1,200.00
Trinity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Union Grove	840.00	120.00	120.00	1,080.00
Union Hall	465.00	0.00	0.00	465.00
Union McMinn	2,400.00	400.00	400.00	3,200.00
Unity	150.00	0.00	0.00	150.00
Upper Shady Grove	300.00	50.00	50.00	400.00
Vonore	10,498.98	2,570.77	1,973.11	15,042.86
Walnut Grove	751.31	751.31	0.00	1,502.62
Watson Chapel	1,000.02	166.67	166.67	1,333.36
Westside	0.00	0.00	100.00	100.00
Williamsburg	270.28	56.86	0.00	327.14
TBMB	4,068.00	626.00	626.00	5,320.00
Misc AM	60.06	0.00	0.00	60.06
Misc Interest	102.72	22.22	23.39	148.33
Total Income	115,459.02	20,495.51	14,242.00	150,196.93

#### **OCTOBER** is Pastor Appreciation Month

Pastor Appreciation Month/Day is an excellent opportunity for churches to affirm love and appreciation to the men of God who are called and serve the Churches. Suggestions for celebrating Pastor Appreciation Day include presentation of appreciation certificate or plaque, gift certificate or monetary gift, reception following service, special prayer time for family, spiritual guidance and encouragement. We are so thankful for our pastors and their families, and their ministry to the churches and communities.

Sweetwater Baptist Association

# Church Clerk Training 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Tuesday, September 10th



**CHURCH CLERKS:** A Church Clerk Training is planned for **Tuesday, September 10**<sup>th</sup> at the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office. The conference will be held at 10:00 a.m. and again at 6:30 p.m.

This training comes just in time for *Annual Church Profile* (ACP) information and *Annual Meeting Messenger* cards for 2024 to be completed.



Celebrating 194 Years... 1830-2024

Monday Evening, October 21, 2024

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SWEETWATER

Business Session, 6:30 p.m. Worship Service to follow

2024 Annual Meeting Program & 2024-2025 Proposed Budget

will appear in next issue of Newsletter.

Senior Adult Christmas Show

The Lore Family in Concert

NEW LOCATION...

Hosted by: Union McMinn Baptist Church

SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS SHOW:

Make plans now to see THE LORE FAMILY in

concert! The

Sweetwater Baptist Association is excited again this year to feature this southern gospel, family singing group at our annual *Senior Adult Christmas Show* on **Monday morning, December 9th.** The event will be held at **Union McMinn Baptist Church** in Niota at **10:30 a.m.** 



You may remember The Lore Family,

from our Senior Adult Christmas Show last year This family, from Portsmouth Ohio, has ministered in hundreds of services and makes

it a point to ensure that each concert or ministry opportunity is fulfilled in excellence and authenticity. They strive to ensure that every service has meaning and impact for those in attendance.

This is a free Christmas show for all ages! Begin planning now to bring a group from your church to **UNION McMINN on December 9th!** Everyone is invited!

SBA WMU/Ladies Ministry News

and Pastor Steven McDonald, for hosting the WMU/Ladies Meeting in May. And thank you ladies for the wonderful meal!



WMU/LADIES MEETING Monday, November 4 7:00 pm Mt Zion Baptist Church, Vonore

We were blessed by

Carolyn Outland sharing of her work in Myanmar through Care Ministries. We had 13 churches represented with 50+ in attendance and received an offering of \$495.00 for Care Ministries. It was a joy to be at Reed Springs.



Please mark your calendars for September 13-15 for **CONNECTION**. This is Tennessee Baptist's mission event for girls in grades 6-12 and their leaders. This will be a great weekend to help young ladies develop a love for missions. Pre-registration is required,

so visit  $\underline{\text{https://www.tnbaptist.org/event/connection/}}$  to get more information or to register.

The next WMU/Ladies Meeting will be held Monday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Vonore. Ladies, please mark your calendars! You don't want to miss this meeting! Love in Christ, Rachel Thompson, Associational WMU/Ladies Ministry Director

**GOLDEN OFFERING:** The suggested date for the *Week of Prayer for Tennessee Missions and Golden Offering* is September 8-15. The *Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions* is the annual state missions offering that provides invaluable financial support for ministries that



help reach Tennesseans for Christ. The offering is collected all year, with a special emphasis on giving and praying in September.

The offering is named after W.C. & Mildred Golden, who suggested the week of prayer for state missions and a state mission offering in 1902. They challenged Tennessee Baptists to pray for and give to missions within the state and initiated the offering. Today, churches are still encouraged to learn about, pray for, give to and serve in missions and ministries in Tennessee. Please join other churches in being part of the season of prayer for Tennessee and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions. (Information taken from www.tnbaptist.org)



**GUATEMALA:** Mission teams from Poplar Bluff Baptist Church and Bethlehem Baptist Church are traveling to Guatemala to share the Gospel of Christ, June/July.



The team from Poplar Bluff will share in ministry/evangelism opportunities with Pastor Antonio at Iglesia Bautista Macedonia, Aldea La Union, Macedonia Baptist Church.

Volunteers from Bethlehem will be returning to continue on-going mission work with Pastor Hugo Barrios at the Jesus is the Way Baptist Church at El Cañal. In addition, the team will do ministry at LaPalmita Baptist Mission and the Lamb of God Baptist Church at Las Mercedes.

These teams will take part in ministry work, including Vacation Bible School, medical clinics, Bible Study, and revivals. Please pray for these volunteers as they serve.

#### Miscellaneous Funds received for GUATEMALA MINISTRIES

Bethlehem-Guatemala: Support Pastor Hugo (Oct, 2023)	4,200.00
Bethlehem-Guatemala: Support Pastor Ricardo (Oct, 2023)	1,200.00
Bethlehem-Guatemala: Medical Clinic (June, 2024)	750.00
Poplar Bluff-Guatemala: - Support Pastor Antonio (Jan, 2024)	1,800.00
Poplar Bluff-Guatemala: Medical Clinic (May, 2024)	1,500.00
Poplar Bluff-Guatemala: Doctors (May, 2024)	700.00
Birchfield-Guatemala: Medical Clinic (May, 2024)	750.00

**IOWA:** Please pray for the partnership mission team from Notchey Creek Baptist Church that will be traveling to lowa, **July 13-18**. Volunteers will work with a local pastor and Downey Baptist Church in the West Branch community near lowa City. The mission volunteers will participate in small construction



projects, Vacation Bible Schools, revival, and door-to-door witnessing.

Please join with us as we pray for all teams from the Churches of the Association that will be sharing the Gospel of Christ here at home, across the country and our world, over the summer months.

#### YOUTH COMMITTEE



## Ordinations & Anniversaries

On Sunday, May 19, 2024, Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford presented a certificate of recognition to 411 Chapel Baptist Church in honor of their 50th Anniversary. (Pictured Tony Rutherford and Pastor Michael

McLemore).



On Sunday, May 26, 2024,
Director of Missions, Tony
Rutherford presented a
certificate of recognition
to Old Pond Hill Baptist
Church in honor of their
50th Anniversary. (Pictured
Tony Rutherford and Pastor
Myrl Vaughn).

# Church News/Events/Information



CITICO: Revival Services will be July 28-August 2. Sunday Night at 6:00 pm; Monday-Wednesday Nights at 7:00 pm. Evangelists will be Denny Moore and Tony Rutherford.



CLIFTON: Special Singing on June 8. *Tommy Spencer* will be singing during the morning service beginning at 11:00. Sunday School will be at 10:00 am. Dinner will follow the morning service. Sunday Night Worship Service is at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited!

**CONCORD:** We will celebrate our **200**<sup>th</sup> **Anniversary** on July 14, 2024. Service will begin at 10:00 am and will include several recognitions. Bring a covered dish and join us for a Fellowship Meal following the Service.





**LAKESIDE**: *The Hymnsmen Quartet* will be singing on Sunday, July 14, 2024, at 6:00 PM.

MT. CALVARY: Our *Homecoming* will be on September 22<sup>nd</sup>.





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:** We are having *Revival Services*, August 4-7. Evangelist will be Dr. Bob Pitman. Our *Homecoming Service* will be October 6<sup>th</sup>.



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.

SWEETWATER, FIRST:
There will be two *Bible*Studies offered on
Tuesday nights this
summer, beginning June
18. Classes will be from
6:30 pm to 8:00 pm.



Both of these classes are offered FREE of charge and open to the community. Children's activities will also be provided. Contact the church or visit us on Facebook for more information or to sign-up.

- 1) DAVE RAMSEY'S FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY
- 2) CHRIST CENTERED PARENTING



**UNION GROVE:** We are having a *Revival*, July 10-13, 7pm nightly.

UNION MCMINN: From June 8-15, we are going on a <u>Mission Trip</u> to Clear Creek Bible College for VBS and Building



Maintenance. Our <u>4th of July Celebration</u> will be on Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Our <u>Homecoming</u> is August 11<sup>th</sup>.



VONORE BAPTIST: All men are invited to join our *Men's Ministry Bible Study*. It is held at the church on the

 $\mathbf{1}^{\text{st}}$  and  $\mathbf{3}^{\text{rd}}$  Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm (Room 8).



**WALNUT GROVE:** Upcoming **Special Singings**: July 14, 11:00 am "For Him Trio"; September 8, 6:00 pm, "Lakeside Quartet:.



WELCOME BIBLE BAPTIST CHURCH: The petition request for membership to the Sweetwater Baptist Association from Bible Baptist Church, Tellico Plains (Kevin Miller, Pastor) was accepted at the recent Executive Board Meeting (providing full privileges except voting, pending final vote at 2024 Annual Meeting.) We welcome this church, pastor, and congregation to our fellowship of churches.



#### LOVE OFFERING TO BENEFIT ORPHANAGE IN HAIT!

As many of you will remember, after the devastating 2010 earthquake in Haiti, our Association of Churches partnered with Pastor Gaetan Alcegaire and the Yahve Shamma Orphanage. That partnership officially ended in 2016. With the recent unrest in Haiti, we have corresponded with Pastor Gaetan and learned of the great need for food and support for the 43 children currently in the care of the orphanage.

Please watch for additional information regarding a special love offering being received by August 15th for the orphanage and how your church can help!

# **Sweetwater Baptist Association 2024 VBS Dates**

(as reported by each church)

Church	Date	Time	Theme
			Color Kingdom
Big Creek	June 9-13	6:00	Camp Firelight
Cedar Fork	June 8	10am-3pm	
Clifton	June 26-28	6:00-8:00	Camp Firelight
Concord	June 10-14	6:00-8:00	
Delano	June 9-13	6:00-8:00	Jungle Journey
Ebenezer	July 15-19	6:00-8:00	
Gregory's Chapel	June 17-20	6:00-8:30	
Howard's Chapel	June 10-14		
Island Creek	June 9-14	6:30-8:30	Jungle Journey
Lakeside	June 17-21	6:30-8:30	Camp Firelight
New Providence	June 16-21	6:30-9:00	Jungle Journey
New Zion	June 17-21	5:30-8:00	Breaker Rock Beach
Notchey Creek	July 29-Aug 2	6:15-8:45	Jungle Journey
Oak Grove	May 19-24	6:00-8:00	Hometown Nazareth
Old Sweetwater	June 9-14		
Poplar Bluff	May 27-31		
Reed Springs	June 17-21		Jungle Journey
Shady Grove	June 22	10am-3pm	Jesus is the Missing Puzzle Piece
Sweetwater, First	June 24-28	9am-4pm	Fine Arts Camp
Tellico Plains, First	July 19-24	6:00-8:30	Camp Firelight
Trinity	June 9-12	6:00-8:15	Scuba
Union Grove	July 14-19		•••••
Walnut Grove	June 23-26	6:00-8:30	Camp Firelight
Westside	July 8-12		

#### **Sweetwater Baptist Association**

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#### **ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS**

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Kevin Manis, Chairman

Rachel Thompson



#### **NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION**

#### Welcome New Pastors



#### Director of Mission Visits/Miscellaneous:

Shelton Grove; Fairview Tabernacle (Presentation/Scholarship); Glenlock (Revival); Mt Calvary (Revival); South Madisonville (Revival); Madisonville First (Presentation); Calvary (Pastor/Church Meeting); Druid Hill (Executive Board); North Sweetwater (Revival); Tellico (Ballplay); Piney Grove; Walnut Grove; Macedonia (Revival); New Zion; Yonore; Mt Isabella; Poplar Bluff; Lakeside (Homecoming/Revival); Unity; Union Hall; Williamsburg; Westside; 411 Chapel (Presentation); Towee Falls; Old Pond Hill (Presentation); Shady Grove; Upper Shady Grove; Oak Grove (VBS); Bible (VBS); Poplar Bluff (VBS);

Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Hopewell Springs, Murrays, Tellico (Ballplay)



"If my people, which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

--2 Chronicles 7:14

July 3-4 .... Office Closed, Independence Day

July 8 .......Nominating Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., SBA Office

July 9 .......Budget Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m., SBA Office

July 13-18... Iowa Mission Project, Notchey Creek

August 5 ....Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting, 7:00 p.m., *Delano*August 26...Guidestone Retirement Conference 6:30 p.m., SBA Office

September 8-15 Week of Prayer for State Missions and Golden Offering

September 10 Church Clerk Training, 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

September 10 ..... Biblical Studies Classes, SBA Office, 6:30 p.m.

September 23 .... Pastor/Family Picnic, Notchey Creek Pavilion, 6:30 p.m.

September 25 .... See You at the Pole

May

September 30.... Mission Committee Meeting, SBA Office, 6:30 p.m. (Meetings and events subject to change)

#### **WMU/Ladies Group**

Please check the Activities Director at 442-3990 regarding entrance at facility.

Madisonville Health & Rehab — Nursing Home Birthday Cake Schedule

July Lakeside August 411 Chapel
September Mt. Zion October Notchey Creek
November Bethlehem December New Bethany
January Vonore February Rocky Springs
March New Providence April Nak Grove

New Providence **April** Dak Grove
Concord **June** Madisonville FBC



# **February 22, 2025**

# East Tennessee Evangelism Rally

Pastor, Preacher & Leadership Conference
Hosted by Notchey Creek Baptist Church

(Watch for further details:)

Sweetwater Baptist Association

### Monday Pastor's Conference, 10:00 a.m.

Meetings will resume on July 8th at SBA Office in Madisonville

The Upper Room Christian Counseling

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