

Minutes of the 195th Annual Meeting
of the Sweetwater Baptist Association
and
October 20, 2025
Annual Meeting

Dedicated in Memory of Former Pastors



Jimmy David Hollinghead



Marvin "Bud" Millsaps

Our hearts were deeply saddened this year in the loss of former pastors, Jimmy David Hollinghead and Marvin "Bud" Millsaps. Both of these men worked tirelessly helping many that suffered and were victims of disasters. In addition to serving as pastors, Brother Jimmy served as the *Disaster Relief Director* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association for a number of years, and Brother Bud participated in numerous disaster relief projects across our country. Their faithfulness to carry the Gospel to help others in need will be long remembered.

...Henceforth there is laid up for me a crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give me at that day: and not to me only, but unto all them also that love His appearing.

-- 2 Timothy 4:8

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2025 Annual Meeting, New Macedonia Baptist Church, Philadelphia

Thank you, Pastor Mitch Isbill and New Macedonia Baptist Church for hosting the 195th Annual Meeting.



Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford accepted a Cooperative Program plaque from Steve Pearson, TBMB, Harvest Field 4 Team Leader.

The Director of Missions shared his 15th annual report which was a vision for Individuals and Families, The Church and The Association.



Moderator, Jamie Johnson and Vice-Moderator, Gabe Brannon are all set for the Business Session.

Our hearts were blessed with special music by Jeni Hinton, Phillip Johnson and Darrin Nichols, Fairview Baptist Tabernacle.



Thank you to all Messengers and visitors for coming to share in this Annual Meeting.



The Moderator's Plaque was presented to Jamie Johnson for a job well done. We thank our Vice-Moderator, Gabe Brannon, and our Moderator, Jamie Johnson, for their outstanding service during the past year. We also thank the Moderator for sharing the Moderator's Message from Matthew 28:16-20, which encouraged us to fulfill *The Great Commission*.



Messengers were graciously welcomed and excited to worship together!

Please pray for the 2025-2026 Leadership of the SBA. (left to right)



Gabe Brannon, Moderator 2025-2026 (Pastor, Union McMinn)
 Jamie Johnson, Out-going Moderator (Member, Delano)
 Rick Harris, Vice-Moderator 2025-2026 (Pastor, South Madisonville)
 Tony Rutherford, (Director of Missions)



What a wonderful time to gather with friends.

Program of the 195th Annual Session of the
Sweetwater Baptist Association
2025 Annual Meeting Program

Theme: *He Sends Us Forth*

Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. — Matthew 28:19

Director of Missions

Tony Rutherford

Vice Moderator

Gabe Brannon

Moderator

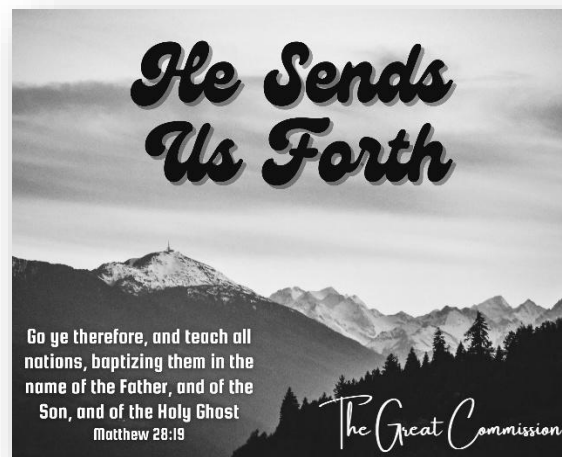
Jamie Johnson

Celebrating 195 Years... 1830-2025

Monday Evening, October 20, 2025
NEW MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH
Philadelphia, Tennessee

Business Session

6:00	<i>Associational Council Report</i>	<i>Video Presentation</i>
6:30	<i>Greetings and Prayer</i>	<i>Tony Rutherford</i>
	Director of Missions; Member, Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church	
	<i>Video Message</i>	<i>Dr. Randy Davis</i>
	Executive Director-Treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board	
	<i>TBMB Representative</i>	<i>Steve Pearson</i>
	Harvest Field 4 Team Leader, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board	
	<i>Memorial Report</i>	<i>Video Presentation</i>
	<i>Welcome and Prayer</i>	<i>Mitch Isbill</i>
	Pastor, New Macedonia Baptist Church	
	<i>Presentation of Gavel</i>	<i>Director of Missions</i>
	<i>Call to Order</i>	<i>Jamie Johnson</i>
	Moderator; Member, Delano Baptist Church	
	<i>Business Session</i>	<i>Moderator</i>
	<i>Constitution of Body</i>	<i>Becky Jones</i>
	Clerk; Member, First Baptist Church, Madisonville	
	<i>Appointment of Committee on Nominations</i>	<i>Moderator</i>
	<i>Election of Officers</i>	<i>Gabe Brannon</i>
	Vice-Moderator; Pastor, Union McMinn Baptist Church	
	<i>Committee on Nominations</i>	<i>Bill Wilson</i>
	Chairman Committee on Nominations; Pastor, North Sweetwater Baptist Church	
	<i>Treasurer's Report</i>	<i>Sheri Stephens</i>
	Treasurer; Member, Notchey Creek Baptist Church	
	<i>Presentation of Budget</i>	<i>Trey Ferguson</i>
	Budget Committee Chairman; Member, Union McMinn Baptist Church	
	<i>Director of Missions Report</i>	<i>Tony Rutherford</i>
	<i>Presentation of 2026 Calendar</i>	<i>Director of Missions</i>
	<i>Recommendation(s) and Presentation(s)</i>	<i>Director of Missions</i>
	<i>Old Business</i>	<i>Vice-Moderator</i>
	<i>New Business</i>	<i>Vice-Moderator</i>
	<i>Adjourn</i>	<i>Vice-Moderator</i>



Monday Evening, October 20, 2025
NEW MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH

Worship Session

Congregational Hymn *Ben Curtis and New Macedonia Baptist Church*
Welcome and Prayer *Gabe Brannon*
Vice-Moderator; Pastor, Union McMinn Baptist Church
Special Music *Jeni Hinton, Phillip Johnson, and Darrin Nichols*
Members; Fairview Tabernacle Baptist Church
Moderator's Message *Jamie Johnson*
Moderator; Member, Delano Baptist Church
Benediction *Director of Missions*

2025 Annual Meeting and Minutes of 195th Annual Meeting of Sweetwater Baptist Association
are dedicated in memory of former pastors, Marvin "Bud" Millsaps and Jimmy Hollinghead.

VOTING MESSENGERS:

- Each participating church, meeting requirements, is entitled to seven (7) Messengers to participate in the business of the Association. (Pastors/Interim Pastors, shall be one of the Messengers, and six additional Messengers, whose names have been submitted to the Association Office, shall make up the total seven voting Messengers for each church.)
- Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Associational Council will be considered automatic Messengers to the Annual Meeting.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

- Please complete registration form on front of handout, tear off, and leave on pew. We will collect all registration forms at the close of the service. We ask that everyone please register.
- All Messengers must register at Registration table. Messenger nametag will be given during registration, before the Annual Meeting Session, and only one Messenger nametag is issued to each Messenger. Ballots will be distributed to Messengers, only if Moderator calls for a vote by ballot, and only Messengers with Messenger nametag will be given ballots. Lost or misplaced Messenger nametags and/or ballots cannot be replaced.

Please note: All reports for the ministries of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, and available reports from the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, North American Mission Board and International Mission Board are included in the *2025 Minutes of the Sweetwater Baptist Association*. The 2025 Associational Council Report includes Recognition of New Pastors.

2025 Minute Books can be ordered and purchased from Sweetwater Baptist Association for \$8.00 each.

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION - HISTORICAL REPORT

DATE	PLACE OF MEETING	PREACHER	MODERATOR	CLERK
1923	Tellico Plains Baptist Church	T.W. Gaylor		
1924	Hopewell Springs Baptist Church	O.E. Fleming	W.A. Ghormeley	R.D. Malone
1925	Chestua Baptist Church	J.E. Vaughn	W.A. Ghormeley	Ray D. Hicks
1926	Madisonville, First Baptist Church	O. B. Fleming	W.A. Ghormeley	J.E. Vaughn
1927	Old Sweetwater Baptist Church	Joe Davie	W.A. Ghormeley	J.E. Vaughn
1928	Christianburg Baptist Church	L.O. McCracken	W.A. Ghormeley	O.D. Fleming
1929	Blairland Baptist Church	J.H. Atkins	W.A. Ghormeley	O.D. Fleming
1930	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	J.H. Sharp	W.A. Ghormeley	O.D. Fleming
1931	Tellico Plains Baptist Church	T.W. Hill	N.M. McDaniel	O.D. Fleming
1932	Notchey Creek Baptist Church	C.C. Slaeagle	N.M. McDaniel	O.D. Fleming
1933	Mt. Zion Baptist Church	J. F. Wolfenbarger	N.M. McDaniel	George C. Watson
1934	Rocky Springs Baptist Church	J.B. Tallent	N.M. McDaniel	George C. Watson
1935	Loudon Baptist Church	J.H. O. Clevenger	J.B. Tallent	George C. Watson
1936	Old Sweetwater Baptist Church	J.R. Hodges	J.B. Tallent	George C. Watson
1937	Madisonville, First Baptist Church	Ray H. Dunn	W.A. Carroll	Mrs. Theo Sloan
1938	Chestua Baptist Church	C.S. McCoy	George C. Watson	Mr. Theo Sloan
1939	Notchey Creek Baptist Church	J.W. Newman	George C. Watson	Mrs. Theo Sloan
1940	Vonore Baptist Church	Roy Creasman	R.G. Cansler	W.R. Haun
1941	East Sweetwater Baptist Church	George G. Watson	J.R. Hodges	W.R. Haun
1942	Tellico Plains Baptist Church	Dr. A. F. Mahan	J.R. Hodges	W.R. Haun
1943	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	J.H. Atkins	J.R. Hodges	W.R. Haun
1944	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	Dr. O.W. Taylor	J.R. Hodges	C.W. Gosnell
1945	Philadelphia Baptist Church	E.G. Ingle	Henry Veal	E.R. Webster
1946	Prospect Baptist Church	O.D. Fleming	Henry Veal	E.R. Webster
1947	Glenlock Baptist Church	James Tilley	Henry Veal	E.R. Webster
1948	Corinth Baptist Church	Chester Millsaps	Henry Veal	E.R. Webster
1949	Reed Springs Baptist Church	A.B. Coutney	J.W. Newman	E.R. Webster
1950	Reed Springs Baptist Church	Virgil Tallent	John L. Tilley	George G. Watson
	North Sweetwater Baptist Church			
1951	Holly Springs Baptist Church	James Windham	E.H. Thomas	W. Paul Hall
	Chestua Baptist Church			
1952	Tellico Plains Baptist Church	Edd Rickman	E.H. Thomas	W. Paul Hall
	Oak Grove Baptist Church			
1953	Madisonville, First Baptist Church	Thomas Franks	E.H. Thomas	W. Paul Hall
	Fairview Baptist Church			
1954	Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church	Wallace E. Cowan	E.H. Thomas	W. Paul Hall
1955	Mt. Zion Baptist Church	O.C. Rainwater	E.H. Thomas	Ray Hicks
1956	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	J.B. Watson	W.R. White	Ray Hicks
1957	Chestua Baptist Church	Clifford Debety	W.R. White	Dr. John L. Tillery
1958	Friendship Baptist Church	James Patton	W.R. White	Dr. John L. Tillery
1959	Tellico, First Baptist Church	High Ensminger	W.R. White	Dr. John L. Tillery
1960	Hopewell Springs Baptist Church	Roscoe Long	Rev. John Smith	Dr. John L. Tillery
1961	South Madisonville Baptist Church	Dr. Fred Kendall	Rev. John Smith	Dr. John L. Tillery
1962	Poplar Bluff Baptist Church	J.B. Watson	D. Mynatt-Protem	Dr. John L. Tillery
1963	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	Lewis Rhodes	Jewell Watson	Dr. John L. Tillery
1964	Rocky Springs Baptist Church	David Walker	James Clapp	Dr. John L. Tillery
1965	Old Sweetwater Baptist Church	C.A. McKenzie	Virgil Tubyfill	Rev. Robert Sharp
1966	Cedar Fork Baptist Church	Billy Jones	Joe Little	Rev. Robert Sharp
1967	Bethlehem Baptist Church	Eugene Leaman	Anderson McCulley	Billy Jones
1968	Old Sweetwater Baptist Church	John Kosier	James Atkins	Billy Jones
1969	Cedar Fork Baptist Church	Anderson McCulley	George Pittman	John Kosier
1970	Chestua Baptist Church	Van Millsaps	George Pittman	John Kosier
1971	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	J.B. Crisp	Ralph Millsaps	John Kosier

1972	Old Sweetwater Baptist Church	Bennie Creel	Ralph Millsaps	John Kosier
	Mt. Zion Baptist Church			
1973	Island Creek Baptist Church	Jonas Stewart	R.L. Davis	Steve Byrum
	Notchey Creek Baptist Church			
1974	Madisonville, First Baptist Church	Victor Houston	Quentin Lee (Asst)	Clinton Riddle
	Reed Springs Baptist Church			
1975	Gregory's Chapel Baptist Church	Keller Brown	Anderson McCulley	Clinton Riddle
	Bethlehem Baptist Church			
1976	Rocky Springs Baptist Church	Lester Young	Fred Tate	Horace C. Brown
	Murrays Baptist Church			
1977	411 Chapel Baptist Church	Benny Woods	Fred Tate	Horace C. Brown
	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church			
1978	Vonore Baptist Church	Ralph Patton	Elmer Hurst	Horace C. Brown
	Tellico, First Baptist Church			
1979	Lakeside Baptist Church	Nevil Smith	Grover McCrary	Horace C. Brown
	Notchey Creek Baptist Church			
1980	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	James Patton	Robert D. Moore	Nevil Smith
	Mt. Zion Baptist Church			
	Old Sweetwater Baptist Church			
1981	Tellico Plains Baptist Church	Anderson McCulley	Joe Caldwell	Nevil Smith
	Island Creek Baptist Church			
1982	North Sweetwater Baptist Church	Joe Caldwell	Grady Miller	Nevil Smith
	Friendship Baptist Church			
1983	Fairview Tabernacle Baptist Church	David Allison	Bruce Poplin	Nevil Smith
	Unicoi Baptist Church			
1984	Hopewell Springs Baptist Church	Virgil Tallent	Virgil Tallent	Nevil Smith
	Cedar Fork Baptist Church			
1985	Tellico, First Baptist Church	Frank Hicks	James Jackson	Nevil Smith
	Oak Grove Baptist Church			
1986	Glenlock Baptist Church	Dr. John Tillery	Dewey Raley	Nevil Smith
	South Madisonville Baptist Church			
1987	Mt. Zion Baptist Church	John Tipton	Don Rockholt	Nevil Smith
	Mt. Harmony Baptist Church			
1988	Notchey Creek Baptist Church	Robert Spradlin	Doug Alexander	Nevil Smith
	Fairview Tabernacle Baptist Church			
1989	North Sweetwater Baptist Church	R.L. Davis	James Harris	Nevil Smith
	New Providence Baptist Church			
1990	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	Clint Riddle	Frank Hicks	Doug Alexander
	South Madisonville Baptist Church			
	Tellico Plains, First Baptist Church			
1991	Glenlock Baptist Church	Lon Shoopman	David Allison	Glenda Spradlin
	Bethlehem Baptist Church			
	Vonore Baptist Church			
1992	Madisonville, First Baptist Church	Alvin Patton	Robert Spradlin	Glenda Spradlin
	New Macedonia Baptist Church			
	Long Ridge Baptist Church			
1993	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	Tommy Self	Lon Shoopman	Sandra Oaks
	Chestua Baptist Church			
	Mt. Harmony Baptist Church			
1994	Lakeside Baptist Church	Clayton Dunsmore	Gerald Atkins	Shannon Clayton
	North Sweetwater Baptist Church			
	Fairview-(Ballplay) Baptist Church			
1995	Vonore Baptist Church	Virgil Turbyfill	Gale Miller	Shannon Clayton
	Cedar Fork Baptist Church			
	Notchey Creek Baptist Church			
1996	Notchey Creek Baptist Church	James Atkins	Clayton Dunsmore	Evelyn Summers

	New Providence Baptist Church			
	South Madisonville Baptist Church			
1997	Tellico Plains, First Baptist Church	Russ Cooper	Lee Chorn	Sheri Stephens
	Reed Springs Baptist Church			
	Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church			
1998	Madisonville, First Baptist Church	Don Edwards	Tommy Self	Sheri Stephens
	Oak Grove Baptist Church			
	North Sweetwater Baptist Church			
1999	Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Richard Parker	Tommy Self	Sheri Stephens
	Tellico Plains, First Baptist Church			
	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church			
2000	South Madisonville Baptist Church	Dwayne Leming	Russ Cooper	Sheri Stephens
	Vonore Baptist Church			
	Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church			
2001	Bethlehem Baptist Church	Anderson McCulley	Steve Teague	Sheri Stephens
	Cedar Fork Baptist Church			
	Tellico Plains, First Baptist Church			
2002	Poplar Bluff Baptist Church	Chris Farmer	Richard Parker	Sheri Stephens
	New Macedonia Baptist Church			
	Watson's Chapel Baptist Church			
2003	Lakeside Baptist Church	Bill Roberts	Clint Riddle	Sheri Stephens
	Hopewell Springs Baptist Church			
	New Providence Baptist Church			
2004	Glenlock Baptist Church	B.J. Wall	Tony Collins	Sheri Stephens
	411 Chapel Baptist Church			
	Notchey Creek Baptist Church			
2005	Madisonville, First Baptist Church	Shane Bryson	Chad Kirkpatrick	Sheri Stephens
	Westside Baptist Church			
	Vonore Baptist Church			
2006	Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church	Darrell Franklin	Mike Williams	Sheri Stephens
	Rocky Springs Baptist Church			
	Bethlehem Baptist Church			
2007	Tellico Plains, First Baptist Church,	Russ Cooper	Chris Farmer	Sheri Stephens
	Trinity Baptist Church			
	Watson Chapel Baptist Church			
2008	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church,	Johnny Carr	Jarrod Johnson	Sheri Stephens
	Island Creek Baptist Church			
	Mt. Zion Baptist Church			
2009	Notchey Creek Baptist Church	Mike Williams	Steve Teague	Sheri Stephens
	Cedar Valley Baptist Church			
	Hopewell Springs Baptist Church			
2010	New Macedonia Baptist Church	Dennis Cagle	Bill White	Sheri Stephens
	Poplar Bluff Baptist Church			
	Rocky Springs Baptist Church			
2011	Madisonville, First Baptist Church,	Frank Hicks	Steven McDonald	Sheri Stephens
	North Sweetwater Baptist Church			
	Vonore Baptist Church			
2012	Glenlock Baptist Church	Dr. Lon Shoopman	Mike Williams	Sheri Stephens
	Bethlehem Baptist Church			
2013	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	Dr. H. Dean Haun	Mike DeLand	Sheri Stephens
	Tellico Plains, First Baptist Church			
2014	Hopewell Springs Baptist Church	Dr. Edward Johnson	Carroll Hamilton	Sheri Stephens
	New Providence Baptist Church			
2015	Watson Chapel Baptist Church	Dr. John Powers	Roman Hamilton	Sheri Stephens
	Long Ridge Baptist Church			

2016	New Macedonia Baptist Church Lakeside Baptist Church	Dr. Ronnie Owens	David Chambers	Sheri Stephens
2017	411 Chapel Baptist Church Mt. Zion Baptist Church	Dr. Doug Sager	Carroll Hamilton	Sheri Stephens
2018	Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church	Greg McCosh	Greg McCosh	Sheri Stephens
2019	Union McMinn Baptist Church	Charles "Bud" Boring	Charles "Bud" Boring	Sheri Stephens
2020	Vonore Baptist Church	Mitch Ingram	Mitch Ingram	Sheri Stephens
2021	Madisonville, First Baptist Church	Lewis Jones	Lewis Jones	Becky Jones
2022	Bethlehem Baptist Church	Michael McLemore	Michael McLemore	Sheri Stephens
2023	New Providence Baptist Church	Darrell Cardin	Darrell Cardin	Becky Jones
2024	Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	David Lane	David Lane	Becky Jones
2025	New Macedonia Baptist Church	Jamie Johnson	Jamie Johnson	Becky Jones

**CONSTITUTION of the
SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.**
(adopted by Messengers at 189th Annual Meeting, October 21, 2019)

PREAMBLE

We declare and establish this constitution to preserve and secure the principles of our faith, and to govern the Association in an orderly manner. This constitution will help preserve the liberties of each individual church.

NAME

The body shall be known as Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. located in Madisonville, Tennessee.

PURPOSE

The purpose of this Association shall be to empower, encourage and equip the churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. to strategically reach the lost for Christ locally, as well as across the world, through cooperating together with the churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc., Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and Southern Baptist Convention.

OBJECTIVES

- To promote a kindred spirit, foster Christian fellowship and committed cooperation in shared ministry among the affiliated churches.
- To uphold the doctrines and principles of our Baptist Faith and encourage our churches to be loyal to these principles.
- To promote mission giving to the Association and Southern Baptist entities.
- To provide local and international mission opportunities for churches.
- To provide training for all areas of Christian ministry.
- To aid and assist member churches and pastors.
- To be available to pastors and churches to assist with conflict resolution, if requested.
- To support future decisions made by the Executive Board or the Messengers to the Associational Annual Meeting.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Holy Bible is the inspired word of God and is the basis for any statement of faith. This Association relies on the Bible for instruction on all matters concerning ordinances, ministries, activities, membership and employment. The Holy Bible is the sole guidance for faith and practice and all activities are to be consistent with, and not contrary to, the teaching of scripture. As an additional means of applying scripture to daily living and governing of the body, this Association adheres to the *Articles of Faith* listed in the *Baptist Faith and Message* as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, June 14, 2000.

RELATIONSHIPS

The government of the *Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc.* is vested in the member churches that compose it. The Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. will cooperate with and support the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and the Southern Baptist Convention, as long as said entities are in agreement with the statement of faith for Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc.

This *Constitution* was approved and adopted by the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. on October 21, 2019.

Signed by: Sheri Stephens, Clerk 10/21/2019

THE BY-LAWS OF SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, INC.

I. MEMBERSHIP

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The Association is a self-governing fellowship of member churches sharing a common faith and mission. The churches of the Association are autonomous. The fellowship of churches involves oneness, shared life and support; a common faith, grounded in harmony in faith and practice.

The Association shall be composed of churches affiliated and cooperative with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and Southern Baptist Convention, and which are in conformity with the purposes of the Association in their doctrine, polity and practice, and which have given evidence of support to the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc., the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, and the Southern Baptist Convention.

SECTION 2: NEW CHURCH ADMISSIONS

Churches desiring to affiliate with the Association shall make a written petition to the Mission Committee for consideration. They must also submit a copy of the record where the church has voted to request membership. The following information must be included in the petition:

- A brief history of the organization of the church/mission
- Evidence of cooperation or intention of cooperation with the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc., Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and the Southern Baptist Convention.
- A written statement of the *Articles of Faith* and *Covenant* that the church has adopted.
- A brief history of the achievements of the church to date of petition. (*For example:* has the church acquired property; has the church constructed a building; how often do they have preaching services at the church, etc.)
- A listing of current church leadership with contact information at time of petitioning.

SECTION 3: PROCEDURE FOR NEW CHURCH ADMISSIONS

The Associational Missions Committee shall investigate the petitioning church and based upon their investigation, can choose to make a recommendation during business session to place said church under watch care. If accepted, the petitioning church will be placed under the watch care of the Association for a minimum of six (6) months. A majority vote is required to place said church under watch care.

During this time the accepted church will be entitled to all rights and privileges of the Association, except that of voting. At the conclusion of the watch care, the Missions Committee will again meet with the church to give opportunity for any questions or suggestions, by either the church or the Missions Committee.

At the conclusion of the watch care period, the Missions Committee can choose to recommend during business session to accept the petitioning church. A two-thirds majority vote during the business session will be necessary

for admission into the Association. If admitted, a church shall be considered a regular standing congregation with full privileges at the ensuing Associational Meetings.

If the recommendations of the Missions Committee concerning the said church do not receive a two-thirds majority vote of the voting business members present, it shall be automatically referred back to the Missions Committee.

II. CHURCH MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

SECTION 1: ANNUAL CHURCH REPORTS

It shall be the duty and the responsibility of the churches to correspond with the Association by annual church report/letter each year on the forms furnished to the churches for that purpose. This report/letter is expected to be in the Associational office by the due date.

SECTION 2: FINANCES

It is understood that membership in the Association involves financial obligation to support its ministries with regular, proportionate gift. Churches affiliated with the Association must annually share in the financial support of the work of the Association.

SECTION 3: FAILURE TO MEET REQUIREMENTS

A church holding membership in the Association must participate financially in the work of the Association and must file an annual report of its work to the Association. If a church fails to meet either of these two requirements, then the Association shall initiate the following process in an effort to redeem such a church back into active participation and fellowship:

- 1) The first year a church fails to meet a requirement, the Director of Missions and/or Missions Committee will make a personal contact with the church and/or pastor for the purpose of seeking to discover what the difficulty may be and to encourage the church to participate.
- 2) If a church fails to meet a requirement for two (2) consecutive years, that church will not be recognized as a participating church during business session(s). Said church will not be permitted to have voting privileges. Executive Board members and Messengers will not be recognized. Once both church membership requirements are met, voting privileges will be reinstated and Executive Board members and Messengers will be recognized.

III. AUTHORITY

The Association shall have no ecclesiastical jurisdiction over churches' internal affairs. The Association is available to advise, give counsel and propose measures.

The Association shall have power to withdraw fellowship from any church which departs from the doctrines and practices adhered to by this Constitution, and set forth in *Baptist Faith and Message* as adopted by the Southern Baptist Convention, June 14, 2000.

Any questions concerning fellowship with the churches shall be referred in writing to the Missions Committee. After consideration, the Missions Committee shall submit their recommendations to the business sessions.

IV. SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION OFFICE POLICIES, PROCEDURES & PERSONNEL HANDBOOK (aka *SBA Handbook*)

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc., *Office Policies, Procedures & Personnel Handbook (aka SBA Handbook)* will be used as a guideline for office operations and procedures. The *SBA Handbook* is not part of the *By-laws of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc.* The *SBA Handbook* defines job descriptions for staff, department directors and non-standing committees. Non-standing committees and departments may be added or removed as the needs of the Association dictates and do not require any Constitutional or Bylaw amendment. The *SBA Handbook* also includes building and property usage guidelines. The *SBA Handbook* may be updated or revised, as

needed. Updates or revisions may be made to the *SBA Handbook* by the appropriate Committees and/or Officers of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc.

V. MEETINGS

SECTION 1: EXECUTIVE BOARD

The Associational Executive Board shall meet annually as specified by the Associational Calendar of Events. The Executive Board shall be responsible to hear and transact business presented on behalf of the Association.

A. QUORUM

A quorum consists of those eligible Executive Board Members who are in attendance at the meeting that has been properly called.

B. EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

Executive Board Members shall consist of:

- Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Associational Council,
- Pastor/Interim Pastor or in the event the church has no Pastor or Interim Pastor, the Chairman of the Deacon becomes the first Executive Board Member from each church,
- One elected Executive Board Member from each church.

Names of Executive Board members from each church must be submitted to the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. in order for a list of Executive Board Members to be compiled. Each member church is permitted to have two (2) voting Executive Board members. One member must be the Pastor or Interim Pastor. In the event the church has no Pastor or Interim Pastor, the Chairman of the Deacon becomes the first Executive Board Member. The second Executive Board member shall be one (1) elected member from the participating church. All Executive Board Members must be a member of the church they represent. All Executive Board Members must be age 18 or older.

The Executive Board list shall include Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Associational Council. Members of the Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Associational Council will be considered automatic Executive Board Members with voting privileges, and do not have to be duly elected by their participating church(es). The Associational Staff will not be considered as the one duly elected Executive Board Member to represent their participating church(es).

Visitors will be welcome to attend the business session, but only registered Executive Board members will be allowed to participate in the business session.

SECTION 2: ANNUAL MEETING

The Associational Messengers shall meet annually as specified by the Associational Calendar of Events. The Messengers of the Associational Annual Meeting shall be responsible to hear and transact business presented on behalf of the Association.

A. QUORUM

A quorum consists of those eligible Messengers who are in attendance at the meeting that has been properly called.

B. MESSENGERS TO ANNUAL MEETING

Messengers shall consist of:

- Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Associational Council
- Pastor/Interim Pastor or in the event the church has no Pastor or Interim Pastor, the Chairman of the Deacon becomes the first Messenger from each church; and shall be first of seven (7) Messengers,
- Six elected Messengers from each church for a total of seven (7) Messengers.

Each member church will be entitled to seven (7) Messengers. Messengers, other than the Pastor, shall be duly elected by their participating church, prior to the Annual Meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. Names of Messengers must be submitted to Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. office in order for list of Messengers to be compiled.

The Messenger list shall include Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Associational Council. Members of the Associational Staff, Associational Officers and Associational Council will be considered automatic Messengers to the Annual Meeting and do not have to be duly elected by their participating church(es). The Associational staff will not be considered as one of the duly elected Messengers to represent their participating church(es).

Messenger registration card(s) or form(s) will be made available to the church clerks of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. to submit names of Messengers. Messenger registration(s) must be returned, prior to the Annual Meeting to the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. office, by the due date as set by the Associational Calendar of Events.

During Annual Meeting registration, each Messenger will be presented a Messenger name-tag by the Associational Clerk or Assistant Clerk. The Messenger will be required to wear the name-tag during the Annual Meeting in order to participate in business session. All Messengers must be a member of the church they represent. All Messengers must be age 18 or older.

Visitors will be welcome to attend any and all of the Annual Meeting Sessions, but only registered Messengers will be allowed to participate in the business session.

SECTION 3: SPECIAL MEETING

The Executive Board may be called into a special session at a time and place set by the Director of Missions, or Missions Committee Chairman provided churches are notified at least ten (10) days before the special meeting. The notification should state the time, place and purpose of the meeting. All special meetings may deal only with the stated purpose(s) of the meeting.

SECTION 4: ANNUAL CORPORATE MEETING

The Annual Meeting business session(s) may be considered and also constitute the Annual Meeting of the Corporation.

A. QUORUM

The quorum consists of those eligible members who are in attendance at the business meeting, provided it is a regular business meeting.

SECTION 5: VOTING RIGHTS OF MEMBER CHURCHES

Registered member(s) present of member church(es) of good standing and having met all requirements (per Item II. *Church Membership Requirements*, Section 3. *Failure to Meet Requirements*) are entitled to vote in all elections and on all questions.

SECTION 6: VOTE

The type of vote used shall be determined by the Moderator.

SECTION 7: RULES OF BUSINESS AND DECORUM

- Robert's Rules of Order (Revised) shall be used as authority in all deliberations of the Association.
- Moderator shall call to order each session at the appointed time.
- Any member wishing to address the Association shall rise in place and address the Moderator.
- Moderator shall decide points of order, subject to an appeal from his decision to the Association. He shall have the preference to speak to or explain when an appeal is taken from this decision.

VI. STAFF OF THE ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. will be served by employed staff, as deemed necessary. All employed staff of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. are voting members during business sessions.

SECTION 2: DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

- Job description provided in *SBA Handbook*
- When necessary, position shall be filled by recommendation of the Missions Committee, with a two-thirds majority vote, during business session.
- Employment shall be for an indefinite period of time.

SECTION 3: ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

- Job description provided in *SBA Handbook*
- Employed for an indefinite period of time upon the recommendation of the Director of Missions, with the approval of the Personnel Committee. No vote of the Association is needed for employment.

SECTION 4: MINISTRY ASSISTANT

- Job description provided in *SBA Handbook*
- Employed for an indefinite period of time upon the recommendation of the Director of Missions, with the approval of the Personnel Committee. No vote of the Association is needed for employment.

VII. OFFICERS OF THE ASSOCIATION

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. will be served by officers, as deemed necessary. All officers of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. are voting members during business sessions.

SECTION 2: DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

- Shall work with all officers of the Association and its organizations and the committees in giving counsel, guidance and oversight to every phase of the Associational work.
- Shall serve as ex-officio member with all committees of the Association.

SECTION 3: MODERATOR

- After fulfilling term as Vice-Moderator, will automatically assume the office of Moderator for the coming year.
- In the event Vice-Moderator cannot serve to assume office as Moderator, he shall be nominated by and elected by a majority vote of Messengers at Associational Annual meeting.
- Cannot serve more than (1) year in succession.
- Shall preside at all regular or special called meetings of the Association.
- Shall serve as ex-officio member of all committees.
- Will appoint two (2) members of the Committee on Nominations during the Annual Meeting.
- Will serve as member of the Committee on Nominations with voting privileges.

SECTION 4: VICE MODERATOR

- Shall be nominated by and elected by a majority vote of Messengers at Associational Annual meeting.
- Shall preside in the absence of or at the request of the Moderator at Executive Board Meeting or Associational Annual Meeting.
- Will automatically assume the office of Moderator for the remainder of the term, in the event the Moderator cannot complete his term.
- At the end of 1 year term as Vice Moderator, will automatically assume the office of Moderator for the following year.

SECTION 5: CLERK/ASSISTANT CLERK:

- Office filled by Administrative Assistant or Ministry Assistant as defined in *SBA Handbook*.
- Shall be responsible for keeping accurate minutes of all business meetings.
- Shall compile reports from committees and churches in the annual *Minutes of Sweetwater Baptist Association*.
- Shall hold all records as property of the Association.
- Shall return records in possession at time of resignation or change of officer to Association.

SECTION 6: TREASURER/ASSISTANT TREASURER:

- Office filled by Administrative Assistant or Ministry Assistant as defined in *SBA Handbook*.
- Shall be responsible for keeping accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of all monies handled by the Association.
- Shall prepare a written report for business meetings of Association.
- Shall print Associational budget in the associational newsletter prior to the Annual Meeting.
- Ex-officio member of the Finance Committee.
- Shall hold all records as property of the Association.
- Shall return records in possession at time of resignation or change of officer to Association.

VIII. CORPORATE OFFICERS**SECTION 1: GENERAL**

The officers of the corporation are the officers who can act on behalf of the corporation. These officers have no power other than those express powers given to them by the corporation.

The term of the corporate officers shall run for the period of one year, coinciding with the Associational year or until their successors are chosen and elected. The President and Secretary are voting officers of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. during business sessions.

SECTION 2: PRESIDENT

The office of President is held by the Director of Missions position. The President shall have general and active management of the Corporation, and shall see that all orders and resolutions are carried into effect.

SECTION 3: SECRETARY

The office of Secretary is held by the Treasurer position. The Secretary shall attend all meetings of the corporation and shall be responsible for preparing the minutes of such meetings.

IX. COMMITTEES**SECTION 1: GENERAL**

Committees are responsible for planning and promoting the work and ministries of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. The Association will be served by five (5) standing Committees. Additional Committees may be established according to the needs of the Association. Committees, other than standing Committees, will be defined in the *SBA Handbook*.

All committees shall be under Associational control; all committee members/officers must be elected by vote of Messengers at Annual Meeting. Committees are required to report as needed to the Association. All committee members must be members of participating churches. All committee members must be 18 years of age or older.

SECTION 2. GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR STANDING COMMITTEES:

- Each committee shall be composed of at least three (3) and no more than five (5) members, all of which are in good standing of an affiliated church of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc.
- Committee members shall assume their elected duties on adjournment of the current Annual Meeting of the Association.

- Members who have fulfilled their term shall not be eligible for re-election to the same Committee until out of such office for one Associational year.
- Individuals are not eligible to serve on more than two committees simultaneously, except those who serve on standing committees by virtue of their office. This restriction shall not prevent one from serving on special committees.
- Members of Committees shall be on a rotating basis. Upon completion of serving term, the Senior Committee Member(s) will move off, and a new member(s) is added.
- The new Chairman of a Committee shall be the one next in seniority on the Committee. Committee members may deem it necessary to request a change in chairmanship.
- Committees will meet as necessary.
- Committees shall report as needed to the Association through the Chairman or through an appointed Committee representative. Reports will be made during business sessions.

X. STANDING COMMITTEES

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. will be served by five (5) standing Committees.

SECTION 2. COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

- Shall be responsible for bringing recommendations for all committee members of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc.
- Shall be responsible for bringing recommendations for all Department Directors of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc.
- Two (2) members of the Committee on Nominations will be appointed by the Moderator during the Annual Meeting. They will replace two (2) senior members of the Committee on Nominations who will rotate off the Committee on Nominations each year.
- The incoming Moderator will serve as a member of the Committee on Nominations with voting privileges.

SECTION 3. BUDGET/FINANCE COMMITTEE:

- Shall prepare and present the proposed annual operating budget.

SECTION 4. MISSIONS COMMITTEE

- Shall be responsible for promotion, development and guidance of the mission work of the Association.
- Shall assist the Director of Missions in working with the churches in mission related and church related issues.
- Will be responsible to serve as a Search Committee and present a candidate for Director of Missions, as needed.

SECTION 5. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- Will be responsible for working with the Director of Missions to employ all office staff and personnel.
- Will have the responsibility of giving assistance to office personnel employed by the Association.
- Is not responsible for hiring Director of Missions.

SECTION 6. TRUSTEES

- Will hold in trust the property of the Association.
- Will have the actual care of the real and personal property, but shall have no power to buy, sell, mortgage, lease or transfer any property without a specific vote of the Association authorizing such action.

- Will execute, acknowledge and deliver any and all leases, agreements, deeds, mortgages, deeds of trust and any and all other papers, instruments or other documents, but only after authorized to do so.
- A majority of Trustees must sign all legal papers in behalf of the Association, and such signing must be witnessed by the Director of Missions.

XI. DEPARTMENT DIRECTORS

SECTION 1: GENERAL

Department directors shall work with the Director of Missions to promote and direct ministry opportunities of respective departments to plan meetings to train and equip the churches. Associational Department Directors are defined in the *SBA Handbook*. Associational Department Directors may be added or removed as needed.

XII. ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The Associational Council of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. shall be composed of Associational Staff, Associational Committee Chairmen and Associational Department Directors. The Associational Council shall work with the Director of Missions to plan and promote Associational training, events, mission and activities.

XIII. USE OF PROPERTIES

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The intended use of buildings or property of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. is solely for Associational administration and ministries. Buildings or property cannot be used as meeting space by individuals, community or civic organizations except for member churches as defined in the *SBA Handbook*. Properties cannot be used for any purpose that is in violation of biblical doctrine. Further use of building and property is defined in the *SBA Handbook*.

XIV. FISCAL YEAR

SECTION 1: GENERAL

The fiscal year shall run concurrently with the Associational year which begins on October 1 and ends September 30.

XV. AMENDMENT(S)

SECTION 1: GENERAL

Proposed amendment(s) to the *Constitution and By-laws* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. will be presented by the Constitution Committee. Notification of proposed amendments to the *Constitution or By-Laws* must be presented to the churches in writing 30 days in advance of the business session and voted on at ensuing business session of the Association. Amendments to the *Constitution or By-laws* shall be made by two-thirds (2/3) vote of all members present who are entitled to vote during business session of the Association.

Proposed amendment(s) to the *Constitution or By-laws*, presented from the floor during a business session, will be referred to the Constitution Committee for consideration.

Amendment(s) must be added to and kept with the official copy of the *Constitution and By-laws* at the time they are passed.

These *By-laws* were approved and adopted by the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. on October 21, 2019.

Signed by: Sheri Stephens, Clerk 10/21/2019

adopted 10.21.2019

PROCEEDINGS of the
195th Annual Session of the SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Celebrating 195 years, 1830-2025
Theme: *He Sends Us Forth*

***Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. -- Matthew 28:19***

Business Session: New Macedonia Baptist Church, Philadelphia October 20, 2025, Monday evening, 6:30 p.m.

1. The *2025 SBA Associational Council Report* video presentation of the ministries of the Sweetwater Baptist Association was presented.
2. Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford shared a word of thanks to Pastor Mitch Isbill and New Macedonia Baptist Church, Philadelphia for hosting the 195th Annual Meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Tennessee Baptist Mission Board and TBC Entities in attendance were welcomed. Kelly Campbell from the Tennessee Baptist Children's Home was recognized and welcomed. The Director of Missions also presented greetings to all attending and the opening prayer.
3. A video message from Dr. Randy Davis, Executive Director-Treasurer, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board was presented.
4. Steve Pearson, Harvest Field 4 Team Leader, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, shared a word of greetings from the TBMB and presented a plaque to the Director of Missions for Golden Offering giving. 15 churches of the SBA provided gifts to the GSMO offering.
5. The *Memorial Report* was presented as a *PowerPoint* presentation of names of those that had passed away during the year. The *Annual Meeting* and *Minutes of the Sweetwater Baptist Association for 2025* were dedicated in memory of former pastors: Marvin "Bud" Millsaps and Jimmy David Hollinghead.
6. Pastor Mitch Isbill, New Macedonia Baptist Church shared a word of greetings, welcome and prayer.
7. The Director of Missions presented the "James Patton" gavel to Moderator, Jamie Johnson.
8. Moderator, Jamie Johnson, Member, Delano Baptist Church, shared a word of welcome, and that it was his privilege to call to order the 195th *Annual Meeting* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association.
9. Clerk, Becky Jones, moved that Messengers from the churches present constitute a quorum, and be duly seated to conduct the business of the 195th *Annual Meeting* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Second by Gabe Brannon, motion carried unanimously.
10. The Moderator thanked the Messengers for the prayers and the opportunity to serve as Vice-Moderator and Moderator, and to be part of the various Committees during the past years. The Moderator appointed Patrick Dalton, Notchey Creek Baptist Church and Dustin Atkins, Rocky Springs Baptist Church to serve on the *Committee on Nominations*.
11. After a brief transition of power from Moderator Jamie Johnson to Vice-Moderator Gabe Brannon, Pastor, Union McMinn Baptist Church, the Vice-Moderator presided over the remaining sessions for the evening.
12. The Moderator stated during the Election of Officers, that historically, the Vice-Moderator automatically moves into the Moderator position for the upcoming year for the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Thus, Gabe Brannon, Pastor of Union McMinn Baptist Church, would serve as Moderator for 2025-2026.
13. Bill Wilson nominated Rick Harris, Pastor South Madisonville Baptist Church, to serve as Vice-Moderator for the 2025-2026 Associational Year. With no further nominations, motion by Darrell Cardin, second by Richard Parker that nominations cease, and that Rick Harris be elected by acclamation. Motion carried, with no opposition.
14. Messengers were instructed by the Moderator that the Officers for 2025-2026 were Gabe Brannon, Moderator and Rick Harris, Vice-Moderator.
15. Committee on Nominations Chairman, Bill Wilson presented the *Committee on Nominations Report* for 2025-2026 and moved to adopt the report as printed in the *Messenger Handout* booklet. Motion carried, with no opposition.
16. Motion by Sheri Stephens to adopt the *Treasurer's Report* as presented; second by Shane Johnston. Motion carried, with no opposition.
17. *Finance/Budget Committee Report* was presented by Committee Member, Trey Ferguson. He reviewed the proposed budget changes as printed in the *Messenger Handout* and moved the adoption of the budget for 2025-2026. Motion carried, with no opposition.

18. Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford, shared 15th Annual *DOM Report* to the Messengers of the Association. He thanked the churches for their prayers and for welcoming him as he visited the family of churches. He shared his vision of *Looking Forward as (1) Individuals and Families; (2) The Church and (3) The Association*. He stated that his written report and statistical report were included in the *Messenger Handout*.
19. Motion by Tony Rutherford, second by Jonas Turpin to accept the *2026 Calendar of Activities for the Sweetwater Baptist Association* as printed in the *2025 Messenger Handout* with any further changes or stipulations that might be needed in the future. Motion carried, with no opposition.
20. Motion by Tony Rutherford, second by Carroll Hamilton, to receive all reports of the ministries of the Sweetwater Baptist Association and Tennessee Baptist Mission Board to be included in the *2025 Book of Reports*. Motion carried, with no opposition.
21. Motion by Tony Rutherford, second by Darrell Cardin that the 2025 Annual Meeting and 2025 Associational Minutes be dedicated in memory of former pastors Marvin "Bud" Millsaps and Jimmy Hollinghead.
22. The Director of Missions reported that the Sweetwater Baptist Association will be holding their *200 Bicentennial Celebration* in 2030.
23. The Director of Missions presented a plaque for outstanding service and leadership to Moderator, Jamie Johnson.
24. The Moderator called for old business, and there was none.
25. The Moderator called for new business, and there was none.
26. Motion to adjourn by Dakota McLemore second by Mitch Isbill. Motion carried, with no opposition, and the meeting adjourned to a time of worship. 7:25 p.m.

Worship Session: New Macedonia Baptist Church, Philadelphia October 20, 2025, Monday evening

27. The worship session began with the congregation singing, *He Set Me Free* led by Ben Curtis, Music Director, New Macedonia Baptist Church.
28. We were blessed as special music was presented by Jeni Hinton, Phillip Johnson, and Darrin Nichols from Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church. Song selections included: *I Speak Jesus* and *I Believe In a Hill Called Mt. Calvary*.
29. Jamie Johnson presented the Moderator's Message. He shared scripture from Matthew 28:16-20 and reminded us that people need Jesus. He encouraged us to be part of and fulfill *The Great Commission*. We need to (1) Remember who is sending you: Jesus Christ, with all authority; (2) Understand the full scope of the mission: to make disciples; (3) Know the range: go; all nations; reach every person. He closed by affirming we should have an urgency to see people saved, *He Sends Us Forth*.
30. The Director of Missions shared a word of thanks to New Macedonia Baptist Church, Musicians, Sound and Media, and Pastor Mitch Isbill for hosting the meeting, Phillip Johnson, Jeni Hinton, and Darrin Nichols for the special music, Gabe Brannon for serving as Vice-Moderator, Jamie Johnson for serving as Moderator and sharing the *Moderator's Message*, and to the Messengers and all in attendance for the sessions.
31. The meeting was closed in prayer by Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford.

REGISTRATION FOR 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

Messengers.....	100
Pastors	18
Visitors	37
Total Attendance	155
Churches Represented	32

Sheri Stephens, Clerk
Gabe Brannon, Vice-Moderator
8:16 p.m.

Becky Jones, Assistant Clerk
sstephens

Jamie Johnson, Moderator
Tony J. Rutherford, Director of Missions
sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net

**Sweetwater Baptist Association
DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS REPORT**

**GLANCING BACK
2024-2025 ASSOCIATIONAL MINISTRY**

- WMU/Ladies Ministry (Nov 2024, *Operation Inasmuch*; Mar 2025, *Pastor Otto from Guatemala*)
- Senior Adult Christmas Show (fellowship and worship)
- Pastors & Wives Christmas Banquet (fellowship)
- Ministry Summit and Evangelism Rally (training and encouragement)
- Youth Rally (2026: *3 Heath Brothers, Bean & Bailey*) (empower and strengthen youth)
- VBS Showcase (display of five different VBS themes...all 5 gave-away to churches)
- Participated in the National Day of Prayer
- Hosted *Act 2:17 Conference* (to equip pastors and churches to face the future)
- Hosted mission teams
- Sent mission teams
- Old-Fashioned Prayer Meeting (encourage pastors and churches)
- 5th Quarter (hosted with Notchey Creek and Sequoyah & Tellico FCA; to encourage students)
- Church Clerk Training (to equip clerks and secretaries)
- Biblical Studies Classes (2024: *The Armor of God*; 2025: *Resurrection*)
- Pastor and Family Picnic (fellowship)
- See You at the Pole (National Day of Prayer for Students)
- Supported our churches and pastors with weekly worship visits
- Celebrated with Lower Chilhowee Baptist Church as they once again became self-supporting

**LOOKING FORWARD
2025-2026 GOALS**

INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

- Pray for my nearest 100 neighbors (<https://app.blesseveryhome.com/>)
- Have an intentional gospel conversation at least once a month
- Befriend an unchurched person and invite them to church
- Pray for the Pastor daily; Always speak words of encouragement
- Support all worship services and church activities with my attendance

THE CHURCH

- Encourage individuals and families in reaching their goals
- Create an intentional time of prayer before worship services begin
- Greet all guests with a smile and warm words
- Invite guests to sit with me and my family
- Develop a strategy to reach inactive church members
- Develop a strategy to reach unchurched in the community
- Develop methods of including unchurched people in special church events and activities
- Share the gospel at each gathering

THE ASSOCIATION

- Pray for our churches daily
- Encourage churches, individuals and families in reaching their goals (and provide help when asked)
- Provide communication and promotion of special events and activities for our churches
- Support our churches with attendance (when possible)
- Help churches develop strategies to reach the lost and unchurched
- Provide opportunities for training, encouragement and fellowship

Director of Missions Annual Report October 1, 2024- September 30, 2025

Church Visits (within the Association)	159
Church Visits (outside the Association)	5
Total Church Visits	164
Pulpit Committee Contacts.....	38
Ordinations	6
Revival.....	3
Hospital & Funeral Home Visits	2
Funerals	4
Committee Meetings	6
Associational Meetings.....	6
TBMB Meetings	2
SBA Pastor's Conference	39
Travel Miles (Car).....	9,140
Miles Traveled (air travel-approximate).....	3,650
Total Miles Traveled	12,790

Special Missions Projects

Disaster Relief	October, 2024	East TN Western NC
Winter Give Away	December, 2024.....	Howard's Chapel & Citico
Hosted Pastor Otto.....		March 10-16, 2025 Area Churches
Guatemala mission	June, 2025	Bethlehem, Poplar Bluff, Brittsville
Lower Chilhowee	May, 2023.-August, 2025.....	Assist to resume Worship Services
Haiti Orphanage	August, 2025	Concluded Children's Support
5 th Quarter.....	August 29, 2025	Sequoyah High School

Special Events

- Annual Meeting SBA, Oct. 2024
- Senior Adult Christmas Celebration, Dec. 2024
- Pastor's Christmas Banquet, Dec.2024
- Seminary Extension, *The Armor of God*, Sept-Oct 2024
- Ministry Summit/Evangelism Rally, Dr. Roc Collins, Dr. Randy Davis, Dr. Phil Hoskins, Feb. 2025
- VBS Showcase, March 10, 2025
- SBA Executive Board, Cedar Fork, March 12, 2025
- Hosted TBMB Acts 2:17 Conference, March 24,2025
- Scholarship Presentations 2025 (4)
- Pray4TN, Governors Call to Prayer, July 2025
- *Awesome August* Evangelistic Emphasis
- SBA Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting, Lakeside, Aug. 25
- Church Clerk Training Conference 2025
- Pastors' Annual Picnic, Sept. 2025
- WMU/Ladies Meeting (2)

DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS
UPDATES/PRESENTATIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
to Messengers of 2025 Annual Meeting

- (1) **RECOMMENDATION TO MESSENGERS OF ANNUAL MEETING:** Motion to adopt the *2026 Associational Calendar of Events*, as printed in the *2025 Messenger Handout*, with any further changes or stipulations that might be needed in the future.
- (2) **RECOMMENDATION TO MESSENGERS OF ANNUAL MEETING:** Motion to receive all reports of the ministries of the Sweetwater Baptist Association and Tennessee Baptist Mission Board to be included in *2025 Annual Minutes of the Sweetwater Baptist Association*.
- (3) *2025 Annual Meeting* and *2025 Minutes of the Sweetwater Baptist Association* dedicated in memory of former pastors, Jimmy David Hollinghead and Marvin “Bud” Millsaps.
- (4) Presentation of Moderator’s Plaque to Jamie Johnson.
- (5) 1830-2030, Sweetwater Baptist Association, Family of Churches will celebrate 200 Years of Ministry, Bicentennial Celebration, 2030.

TONY RUTHERFORD, DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS

ASSOCIATIONAL CALENDAR OF EVENTS, 2026*

January

Jan 1 Office Closed, Holiday

February

Feb 28 East TN Ministry Summit and
Evangelism Rally, Notchey Creek

March

Mar 1 Scholarship Applications Due
 Mar 9 VBS Showcase, SBA Office
 Mar 14 SBA Youth Rally, Madisonville, First
 Mar 23 Mission Committee Meeting

April

Apr 2,6 Office Closed, Holiday
 Apr 13 Executive Board Meeting,
Howard’s Chapel

May

May 4 WMU/Ladies Meeting, Vonore Baptist
 May 25 Office Closed, Holiday

June

June 5-12 Guatemala Mission Trip #1
 June 16-23 Guatemala Mission Trip #2
 June 20-25 Iowa Mission Trip
 June 23-30 Guatemala Mission Trip #3

July

Jul 1-2 Office Closed, Holiday
 Jul 20 Nominating Committee Meeting
 Jul 21 Budget Committee Meeting

August

Aug 3 Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting, Shady Grove
 Aug 25 Church Clerk Training, 10:00 am

September

Sept 1 Biblical Studies Class Begins
 Sept 7 Office Closed, Holiday
 Sept 21 Pastor & Family Picnic, Notchey Creek
 Sept 28 Mission Committee Meeting

October

Oct 1 ACP/Messenger Cards Due
 Oct 19 SBA Annual Meeting, Rocky Springs

November

Nov 2 WMU/Ladies Meeting, Bible Baptist
 Nov 25-26 Office Closed, Holiday

December

Dec 7 Senior Adult Christmas Show, Union McMinn
 Dec 7 Pastors/Wives Christmas Banq,
Union McMinn
 Dec 21-Jan 3 Office Closed, Holiday

SBA Pastor’s Conference

Meets each Monday at 10:00 am; except in June and December or if office is closed for weather, holiday, or event

SBA Office Hours

Monday-Thursday 8:30 am – 4:00 pm

*Calendar of Events may be subject to change

Sweetwater Baptist Association
ASSOCIATIONAL STAFF, OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES, 2025-2026
Committee on Nominations Report, 2025-2026

Bill Wilson, Committee Chairman

***Officers or Committee Members to be Added 2025**

ASSOCIATIONAL STAFF:

Director of Missions..... Tony Rutherford
Administrative Assistant/Treasurer/Clerk Sheri Stephens
Ministry Assistant/Assistant Treasurer/Assistant Clerk..... Becky Jones

ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS:

Evangelism Director..... Shane Johnston
Music Director Phillip Johnson
Women's Ministry/Ladies Director..... Rachel Thompson

By Vote of Messengers:

Moderator Gabe Brannon
Vice Moderator..... Rick Harris

STANDING COMMITTEES

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS:

Steve Strickland (2026)
Andy Franklin (2026)
Moderator Gabe Brannon
Patrick Dalton (2027)
Dustin Atkins (2027)

**BUDGET/FINANCE
COMMITTEE:**

Wendi Stakely (2026)
Trey Ferguson (2027)
Jonas Turpin (2028)
Roman Hamilton (2029)
*Derek McCosh (2030)

MISSION COMMITTEE:

Danny Lingerfelt (2026)
Lon Shoopman (2027)
Carroll Hamilton (2028)
Darrell Cardin (2029)
*Richard Parker (2030)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:

Donita Moore (2026)
Scarlett Mashburn (2027)
*Linda Cagle (2028)

TRUSTEES:

Albert Graser (2026)
Joe Barr (2027)
*Wayne Trentham (2028)

*Added 2025-2026
(Year term ends to serve)

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Financial Statement
General Account
October 1, 2024 to September 30, 2025

Balance Forward \$90,054.38

Income:

Church Gifts 213,094.29
Interest 333.65
Subtotal 213,427.94
Designated Gifts 430,834.01
Total Income 644,261.95

Expenses:

Budget Expense (213,026.26)
Designated Expense..... (417,207.00)
Total Expense..... (630,233.26)

Balance 09.2025 \$104,083.07

Designated Accounts (83,553.48)

Total Unobligated Account Balance 09.2025 \$20,529.59

<u>Designated:</u>	
Disaster Relief Building: building, tools, equipment maintenance	548.95
Ministry Trailers/Upkeep/Repair/Supplies/Maintenance	3,359.07
Youth/Student Ministry	8,476.93
Staff Family/Marriage Counselor Ministry	7,980.00
East TN Disaster Relief	11,254.53
Israel	7,630.48
Greece Tour 2025	9,134.98
WMU/Ladies Ministry/MK	1,602.63
Local Community Ministry	945.13
Local Evangelism	1,150.00
Mission Development	1,186.28
SBA Office/Building/Guttering	10,946.14
Iowa Mission Ministry	153.93
Brittsville BC: Guatemala Ministry	4,990.00
Greg Watson: Misc Missions	31.42
Guatemala Mission Ministry	631.01
Guatemala: Pastor Fred Salary (2025-2026)	1,200.00
Haiti Orphanage	133.00
Bible Study Class/Seminary Extension	2,322.78
VBS Supplies	559.64
Bibles/Marked New Testaments (5.25 each)	537.20
Secretarial Office	556.92
SBA Evangelism Rally	5,159.97
SBA Pastor/Wife Christmas Banquet	2,621.66
SBA Pastor Benevolent/Monday Conference/Supplies	440.83
Total Designated b1:b30 09.2025	83,553.48

DISASTER RELIEF (Flood)– EAST TENNESSEE
Disaster Relief Funds from Churches, Individuals, and Companies

411 Chapel	200.00
Calvary	700.00
Christianburg	2,000.00
Conasauga.....	3,000.00
Concord	100.00
Delano.....	1,754.00
Gregorys Chapel.....	1,084.29
Howards Chapel	100.00
Lakeside	5,300.00
Long Ridge	500.00
Macedonia	200.00
Madisonville First.....	6,850.00
New Macedonia	19,280.00
North Sweetwater	1,000.00
Notchey Creek	9,068.00
Oak Grove	2,850.00
Old Sweetwater	510.00
Poplar Bluff	1,134.00
Shady Grove.....	800.00
South Madisonville	1,382.00
Tellico (Ballplay).....	6,150.00
Union Hall	545.00
Union McMinn	1,300.00
Upper Shady Grove.....	200.00
Vonore	4,650.00
First Presbyterian, Brownsville, TN	6,000.00
Morganton, Greenback.....	2,453.00
Downey, Iowa	1,258.00
Anonymous (Various Contributors)	879.00
Anonymous.....	10,000.00
Jane Akens	400.00
Lisa Archer	50.00
Freddie and Shirley Atkins	100.00
Richard and Peggy Berrong.....	500.00
Freddy L. Crabtree	500.00
Darrell and Michelle Davis	100.00
Reed and Sandra Duncan	2,000.00
James Fairweather	1,000.00
Debbie Gentry.....	200.00
Mariah Edwards	372.00
Jacquita Hicks.....	100.00
Kimberly Holcomb	150.00
Joe and Faye Kinsler.....	100.00
Thomas and June Latham	100.00
Wanda Lovingood	100.00
Bobby and Gail McConkey	1,000.00
Deborah Massingale	100.00
Martha Moree	100.00
Susan Newman	500.00
Nema Sue Ortiz	300.00
Helen Pardue	100.00
Laverta Peels.....	2,000.00
Nathan Phillips	500.00
Barry and Svitlana Self	500.00
Lequita Thomas	100.00
Morgan and Phyllis Vine	340.00

Meryl Vaughn	100.00
Barbara and J. Allan Watson	100.00
Chilhowee Club	500.00
City of Sweetwater	200.00
Matthew Cansler Excavating	500.00
Thomas Brown Ministry.....	300.00
Custom Heat & Air	500.00
Farmers Coop.....	100.00
Jtekt	280.00
Madisonville Primary School.....	500.00
100F250Sweetwater Valley Lodge.....	200.00
Sweetwater Post Office	400.00

TENNESSEE BAPTIST MISSION BOARD

Antioch CP	275.00
Clifton AAEO	106.00
Clifton TBAH.....	116.00
Clifton TBCH.....	119.00
Clifton LMCO.....	27.00
Shady Grove LMCO	900.00
Union Hall LMCO.....	86.00
Williamsburg TBCH	492.33
Williamsburg CP	120.00
Williamsburg GSMO.....	118.30
Williamsburg LMCO	83.20
Williamsburg AAEO	62.38
Williamsburg TBAH	110.34

MISCELLANEOUS: LOCAL/HOME MISSIONS

Murrays Postcards/Mailing.....	550.00
Anonymous: Pastor Ministry	100.00
Anonymous: Pastor Ministry in honor of granddaughters	100.00

INTERNATIONAL MISSION PROJECT

Poplar Bluff- Guatemala: Macedonia Construction	500.00
Bethlehem – Guatemala: Pastor Hugo support (2024-2025).....	4,200.00
Union McMinn – Guatemala: Pastor Fred support (2024-2025)	1,200.00
Greg Watson – Guatemala: Pastor Hugo’s son	400.00
Brittsville, Georgetown – Guatemala (Pastor Hugo Parsonage)	5,000.00
Brittsville, Georgetown = Guatemala Ministry (\$1250.00 Quarterly)	3,750.00
Brittsville, Georgetown, Youth SS Class = Guatemala Spanish Bibles	30.00
Brittsville, Georgetown, VBS Offering = Guatemala Ministry	2,535.00
Brittsville, Georgetown, Frank/Susan Millaway – Guatemala Ministry	50.00
Notchey Creek – Haiti orphanage	25.00
Poplar Bluff – Guatemala medicines.....	1,500.00
Poplar Bluff – Guatemala: Pastor Antonio support	1,800.00
Anonymous: Guatemala Missions in honor of granddaughters	100.00
Notchey Creek: Guatemala missions	500.00
WMU/Ladies Meeting: Guatemala missions	436.00
Birchfield - Guatemala (Pastor Hugo Parsonage).....	9,500.00
Birchfield – Guatemala medicines	750.00
Bethlehem – Guatemala medicines	750.00
Union McMinn – Guatemala: Pastor Fred support (2025-2026)	1,200.00

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

2024-2025 CHURCH/MISSION GIFTS

(Report reflects deposits through September 22,2025)

411 Chapel.....	1,500.00	Oakland	800.00
Antioch	275.00	Old Pond Hill.....	300.00
Beaty's Chapel	100.00	Old Sweetwater	1,000.00
Bethlehem	6,996.00	Paint Rock.....	1,210.00
Bible.....	400.00	Piney Grove	0.00
Big Creek.....	600.00	Poplar Bluff.....	1,200.00
Calvary	1,377.86	Reed Springs	1,884.00
Cane Creek	1,600.00	Rocky Springs.....	5,000.00
Cedar Fork	5,917.55	Rural Vale	6,387.06
Cedar Valley.....	11,903.83	Shady Grove	1,000.00
Christianburg	3,059.48	Shelton Grove.....	2,408.11
Citico.....	3,457.93	Shoal Creek.....	1,020.54
Clifton	300.00	South Madisonville.....	1,250.00
Community	2,269.54	Sweetwater First	4,200.00
Compromise	600.00	Tellico	1,500.00
Conasauga	3,600.00	Tellico First	5,659.00
Concord	2,748.27	Tevis Springs.....	450.00
Delano	3,799.09	Towee Falls.....	1,800.00
Druid Hills	1,200.00	Trinity	1,000.00
Ebenezer.....	758.50	Union Grove	1,560.00
Fairview	0.00	Union Hall	741.00
Fairview Tabernacle	15,750.00	Union McMinn.....	4,800.00
Fellowship	1,511.17	Unity	300.00
Glenlock.....	4,008.00	Upper Shady Grove	500.00
Gregory's Chapel	1,200.00	Vonore.....	20,342.42
Hopewell Springs.....	500.00	Walnut Grove	1,500.00
Howard's Chapel	1,300.00	Watson Chapel	1,166.69
Island Creek	3,300.00	Westside.....	0.00
Lakeside	2,400.00	Williamsburg	492.35
Long Ridge	1,000.00	Miscellaneous/TBC.....	7,512.00
Lower Chilhowee	2,191.65	Miscellaneous AM	.60
Macedonia.....	200.00	Miscellaneous/Interest	333.65
Madisonville First	4,166.70	Total	\$213,427.94
Maple Springs.....	0.00		
Miller's Chapel.....	1,200.00		
Mt. Calvary	1,310.58		
Mt. Isabella.....	0.00		
Mt. Zion	8,838.06		
Murray's	2,194.00		
New Bethany	4,510.03		
New Macedonia	2,400.00		
New Providence	10,432.68		
New Zion	400.00		
North Sweetwater	1,186.15		
Notchey Creek.....	10,106.30		
Oak Grove.....	3,542.15		

(Note: Church Gifts do not include designated gifts to the Sweetwater Baptist Association)

Sweetwater Baptist Association

CHURCH GIFTS: October 1, 2024 — September 30, 2025

Church	Oct, 2024	Nov	Dec	Jan, 2025	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept, 2025	Total
411 Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Antioch	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	50.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	0.00	275.00
Beaty's Chapel	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Bethlehem	583.00	583.00	583.00	583.00	583.00	583.00	583.00	583.00	583.00	583.00	583.00	583.00	6,996.00
Bible Baptist	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
Big Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	600.00	600.00
Calvary	102.00	102.00	83.40	169.80	112.95	106.90	130.10	112.05	133.56	78.00	117.90	129.20	1,377.86
Cane Creek	200.00	200.00	0.00	400.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	100.00	200.00	0.00	100.00	200.00	1,600.00
Cedar Fork	434.42	406.56	556.92	443.38	435.54	544.09	537.57	587.08	535.25	346.32	512.36	578.06	5,917.55
Cedar Valley	1,120.86	0.00	545.88	1,846.95	0.00	2,764.18	1,188.28	721.57	905.03	996.57	863.94	950.57	11,903.83
Christianburg	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,191.92	0.00	0.00	1,227.08	0.00	0.00	640.48	0.00	0.00	3,059.48
Citico	275.00	220.40	309.20	286.90	259.80	341.40	262.40	243.90	0.00	638.73	276.20	344.00	3,457.93
Clifton	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	25.00	300.00
Community	112.17	210.03	80.91	257.85	75.63	316.96	479.53	52.58	295.14	77.10	65.43	246.21	2,269.54
Compromise	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	600.00
Conasauga	300.00	300.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	300.00	300.00	3,600.00
Concord	1,641.15	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,107.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,748.27
Delano	397.88	279.69	327.70	338.86	246.86	309.88	333.64	325.87	285.06	339.86	296.81	316.98	3,799.09
Druid Hills	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	200.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	200.00	1,200.00
Ebenezer	56.00	43.00	67.00	0.00	130.50	0.00	0.00	75.00	70.00	0.00	80.00	237.00	758.50
Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	750.00	1,500.00	15,750.00
Fellowship	139.46	0.00	120.70	282.47	131.25	148.28	142.21	110.22	135.91	121.80	0.00	178.87	1,511.17
Glenlock	334.00	334.00	334.00	334.00	0.00	668.00	334.00	334.00	334.00	334.00	334.00	334.00	4,008.00
Gregory's Chapel	200.00	100.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	200.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,200.00
Hopewell Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Howard's Chapel	0.00	400.00	0.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	0.00	200.00	100.00	100.00	1,300.00
Island Creek	600.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	600.00	300.00	600.00	0.00	300.00	300.00	0.00	3,300.00
Lakeside	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,200.00	0.00	2,400.00
Long Ridge	1,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	190.08	464.90	440.07	467.30	256.40	0.00	372.90	2,191.65
Macedonia	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Madisonville First	416.67	416.67	416.67	416.67	0.00	833.34	416.67	416.67	416.67	0.00	416.67	0.00	4,166.70
Maple Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Miller's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,200.00
Mt. Calvary	83.82	113.43	106.68	115.56	70.95	85.80	127.35	141.00	99.18	0.00	230.28	136.53	1,310.58
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Church	Oct, 2024	Nov	Dec	Jan, 2025	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept, 2025	Total
Mt. Zion	747.55	828.31	745.22	897.87	565.35	573.55	916.10	754.90	489.53	884.66	784.64	650.38	8,838.06
Murray's	2,194.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,194.00
New Bethany	404.35	384.27	394.21	401.24	391.88	322.16	344.41	350.79	321.81	515.30	181.85	497.76	4,510.03
New Macedonia	200.00	0.00	400.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	200.00	2,400.00
New Providence	903.64	970.35	916.40	861.75	676.05	935.70	831.15	776.85	770.75	948.18	841.86	1,000.00	10,432.68
New Zion	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	400.00
North Sweetwater	0.00	234.40	119.40	83.90	74.50	144.28	98.95	141.13	69.93	119.38	0.00	100.28	1,186.15
Notchey Creek	938.45	674.26	916.85	1,179.51	977.81	806.85	825.43	805.61	809.10	748.09	742.08	682.26	10,106.30
Oak Grove	202.73	0.00	886.70	323.14	309.87	290.55	285.30	279.04	274.25	397.95	292.62	0.00	3,542.15
Oakland	200.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	0.00	0.00	800.00
Old Pond Hill	100.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Old Sweetwater	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Paint Rock	110.00	110.00	0.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	110.00	1,210.00
Piney Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Poplar Bluff	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	1,200.00
Reed Springs	1,884.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,884.00
Rocky Springs	1,400.00	400.00	0.00	0.00	400.00	800.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Rural Vale	831.63	618.46	0.00	981.00	302.19	656.55	302.04	620.17	460.32	614.84	445.14	554.72	6,387.06
Shady Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Shelton Grove	194.76	224.04	146.36	164.56	220.83	207.59	179.40	257.97	145.89	182.30	227.65	256.76	2,408.11
Shoal Creek	327.12	0.00	0.00	212.90	0.00	0.00	0.00	216.52	0.00	264.00	0.00	0.00	1,020.54
South Madisonville	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	100.00	150.00	1,250.00
Sweetwater First	350.00	350.00	350.00	0.00	700.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	350.00	4,200.00
Tellico	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,500.00
Tellico First	607.00	418.00	468.00	501.00	361.00	412.00	591.00	470.00	361.00	525.00	368.00	577.00	5,659.00
Tevis Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	450.00
Towee Falls	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	150.00	1,800.00
Trinity	500.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	500.00	0.00	1,000.00
Union Grove	240.00	0.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	120.00	240.00	0.00	120.00	240.00	1,560.00
Union Hall	91.00	0.00	140.00	0.00	125.00	70.00	95.00	76.00	59.00	0.00	0.00	85.00	741.00
Union McMinn	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	400.00	4,800.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	150.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	300.00
Upper Shady Grove	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	0.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	500.00
Vonore	1,715.97	1,933.05	1,630.46	1,254.12	2,149.74	2,132.35	1,569.78	1,419.91	1,687.47	1,355.97	1,552.03	1,941.57	20,342.42
Walnut Grove	0.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	750.00	0.00	1,500.00
Watson Chapel	166.67	166.67	166.67	166.67	166.67	166.67	166.67	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,166.69
Westside	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Williamsburg	42.86	37.10	46.10	0.00	0.00	99.46	71.43	30.43	30.83	44.96	40.64	48.54	492.35
TBMB	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	626.00	7,512.00
Misc AM	0.00	0.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.60
Misc Int	16.76	22.29	0.00	44.83	22.11	26.16	37.36	40.73	33.35	27.59	29.81	32.66	333.65
TOTAL CHURCH GIFTS	25,740.92	15,656.58	15,154.43	19,995.85	15,345.48	21,648.90	17,721.75	16,014.06	14,899.33	15,476.48	19,338.91	16,435.25	213,427.94
	Oct, 2024	Nov	Dec	Jan, 2025	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sept, 2025	Total

Sweetwater Baptist Association

CLERK'S REPORT

October, 2024-September, 2025

Clerk, Sheri Stephens

Assistant Clerk, Becky Jones

Director Of Missions, Tony Rutherford

Moderator, Jamie Johnson

Vice-Moderator, Gabe Brannon

This brief report highlights recommendations brought before the Executive Board this past year. The Board regularly hears reports from various departments such as Women's Ministry, Men's Ministry, Missions Committee, VBS, Church Growth and Development, etc. at each meeting. These reports are given, in the most part, for information only. A review of the previous Minutes, Director of Missions Semi-annual Report and Treasurer's Report are presented to the Executive Board, as well.

(The Executive Board Meeting for 2025 was held early in order to hear a report from visiting former Executive Director of the Guatemala Baptist Convention and Pastor, Otto Echeverria and his wife, Ruth from First Baptist Church, Coatepeque, Guatemala.

March 11, 2025

- (1) The Executive Board met on March 11, 2025 at Cedar Valley Baptist Church in Philadelphia, with a total of 41 present and 19 churches represented. Various reports were presented and received for information only. Highlights of the meeting included:
- (2) The Treasurer's Report was presented by Sheri Stephens; motion to accept report by Treasurer, second by Carroll Hamilton, motion carried with no opposition.
- (3) Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford, shared his report on church visits, committee meetings, etc. and on disaster relief funds received for *East Tennessee* flood area, Haiti orphanage, and upcoming mission projects. The report included updates on the *Evangelism Summit/Rally* and upcoming *Youth Connect*, as well as *2025 High School Scholarship* presentations to:
 - Sequoyah – Megan Ladd (Old Sweetwater) not in attendance
 - Sweetwater – Grayson Hicks (Sweetwater First) in attendance and recognized
 - Tellico Plains – Isaac Lethcoe (Rural Vale) in attendance and recognized
 - All Other – Avery Yates (Madisonville First) not in attendanceHe further shared that recipients of the Vacation Bible School sampler kits following the *VBS Showcase* were: Big Creek, Lakeside, Citico, Cane Creek and Mt Zion.

- (4) There was no old business and no new business
 - (5) Motion to adjourn by Darrell Cardin, second by Steve McDonald, motion carried with no opposition.
 - (6) The meeting was closed in prayer led by the Moderator, Jamie Johnson.
- Executive Board Members and visitors heard from special guest speaker, Pastor Otto Echeverria, Pastor First Baptist Church, Coatepeque and Former Executive-Director Guatemala Baptist Convention, who was visiting the Sweetwater Baptist Association. He shared Scripture from Matthew 28:16-28, and an update of the ministry of partnership work of the churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association in Guatemala since 2015. The meeting was closed with the Director

of Missions presenting a monetary gift and SBA coffee mugs to Pastor Otto and his wife Ruth. The meeting was closed in prayer by the Director of Missions, Tony Rutherford.

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT, 2025
Sweetwater Baptist Association
2024-2025 ASSOCIATIONAL COUNCIL/OFFICERS

Moderator	Jamie Johnson
Vice-Moderator.....	Gabe Brannon
Committee on Nominations Chairman	Bill Wilson
Budget/Finance Committee Chairman	Gid Redmond
Missions Committee Chairman	Gerald Lynn
Music Director	Phillip Johnson
Personnel Committee Chairman	Donna McKee
Trustees Committee Chairman.....	Dan Sliger
WMU/Ladies Ministry Director	Rachel Thompson
Youth Committee Chairman.....	Nick Farrell

ANNUAL MEETING: The 194th *Annual Meeting* was hosted by Pastor Jason Pounds and First Baptist Church Sweetwater on October 21st. Vice-Moderator, Jamie Johnson did an outstanding job in leading the Business Session, and Moderator, David Lane shared the message for the evening. The Memorial Report included Dedication of the 2024 Minutes of the Association in memory of former pastors: Joseph Ronnie Moore, Wayne Caloway Nichols, Ronnie C. Watson and Charles Gale Miller. The 2025 *Annual Meeting* is scheduled for October 20, at New Macedonia Baptist Church, Sweetwater and it has been confirmed that the 2026 *Annual Meeting* will be hosted by Rocky Springs Baptist Church on October 19, 2026.

BIBLICAL STUDIES CLASS: The fall session for the 2024 *Biblical Studies Class* was *The Armor of God: Being Ready for Battle* and led by Dr. Donald L. Parker, retired Director of Missions.

The 2025 *Biblical Studies Class* began on September 9th. The non-credit course, *Is There Life After Death, Lessons from the Resurrection of Christ and the Teachings of Paul* was taught by former pastor and member of First Baptist Church, Madisonville, Wayne Stockstill.

CHRISTIAN LIFE: With no licensed Christian counselor seeing clients on a regular basis in the associational office, the Sweetwater Baptist Association refers potential clients to Macy Small, founder of *The Upper Room* Christian Counseling Service. Macy specializes in Premarital, Marriage, and Family Sessions. Children and Teen Sessions are also available. She offers Divorce, Addiction and Grief Recovery, as well as Individual Counseling for depression, anxiety, fear, anger, worry, and negative emotions. Sessions are available at Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church in Sweetwater. For more information, or to schedule a visit with Macy, please call 865-414-3269 or visit the link at www.fairviewfamily.org.

CHRISTMAS: The 2024 *Senior Adult Christmas Show* was held on December 9th at Union McMinn Baptist Church with special guests, The Lore Family. This southern gospel singing family was also featured at the *Pastor and Wife Christmas Banquet* on the same evening.

The 2025 *Senior Adult Christmas Show* will be held on December 8th and will be hosted by Union-McMinn Baptist Church. The 2025 Pastor and Wives Christmas Banquet will also be held on the same evening. Special guests for the evening will be The Shirah Brothers.

The *2026 Senior Adult Christmas Show* will be held on December 7 at Union McMinn Baptist Church. The *2026 Pastor & Wives Christmas Banquet* will also be hosted by Union McMinn Baptist Church, and held on December 7th. Special guests have been confirmed and will be The Perry's.

CLERK TRAINING: A *Church Clerk Training* was offered on September 25 and 26, 2025 with topics that included writing Minutes of Business Meetings, Church Membership and Completing ACP Reports. We had 8 churches represented in attendance. The Seminar was led by Rebecca Jones. The *2026 Church Clerk Training* is planned for August 25th.

DISASTER RELIEF: Disaster has occurred across our world, country, and even hit our East Tennessee area numerous times during the past year. Floods, tornados, and to our amazement, an earthquake was reported in our area this year! Yet our churches have constantly responded to the needs of others.

Many of our churches have continued to provide prayers, support and ongoing relief for the people of Ukraine. Our Resident Interpreter, Svitlana Self continues to be available to share the needs of churches, pastors, families and friends that remain in Ukraine. She can also assist with the distribution of monetary gifts to assist those that remain in the Ukraine. Thank you to the many churches for ministering to those deeply affected and severely impacted by the crisis in Ukraine. Thank you for always being generous supporters of missions around our world.

In late September, 2024, many areas of upper East Tennessee and North Carolina were destroyed by the leftovers of Hurricane Helene. Continued rain and wind brought devastating damage to these areas with the worst flood in history. Many of our local churches responded with volunteers and crews for feeding teams, heavy equipment teams, and much needed supplies. A tractor/trail load of supplies and the disaster relief trailer were filled by our churches and delivered to the affected areas. Many families, homes and communities suffered great loss through damaging floods. Lives were impacted. Yet our churches responded to the victims by providing much needed necessities and financial assistance totaling over \$106,000. Thank you for being part of missions across our country. (A special news article appeared in the *Baptist & Reflector*, September 24 issue, *Hurricane Helene: One Year Later*, regarding some of the work of the churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association.)

The SBA disaster relief trailer was used by Westside Baptist Church to take relief supplies to Morgan County. Westside still has the Associational disaster relief trailer loaded with goods to distribute in the event of another disaster.

In June 2025 a thunderstorm spun into a tornado causing damage to property in a two-mile path in a rural neighborhood in the Monroe/Loudon County community. No fatalities were reported but several people were injured. Thank you to those that responded to meet needs here at home.

In July 2025 a devastating flood hit when the banks of the Guadalupe River in Texas rose more than 20 feet in less than three hours, killing over 100 and leaving hundreds missing. This included campers and counselors at an all-girls camp located along the river. Our churches provided funds through the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board, Disaster Relief for the victims and families of those that lost lives.

Our prayers continue to be with the many that have been affected by tragedies.

EVANGELISM: Notchey Creek Baptist Church in conjunction with the Sweetwater Baptist Association hosted the *2025 East Tennessee Ministry Summit* on Saturday, February 24th. Special speakers for the morning session included: Dr. Roc Collins, Dr. Phil Hoskins and Dr. Randy Davis. The evening session featured preaching by Dr. Roc Collins, Strategic Objectives Director, Tennessee Baptist Mission Board. Special music for both sessions was presented by Notchey Creek Praise Teams.

The *2026 East Tennessee Ministry Summit* is being planned for Saturday, February 28th and will be held at Notchey Creek Baptist Church. Tentative plans call for the Morning Session to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, February 28th. Special guest preachers will be Dr. Jim Henry, Rev. Allan Taylor, and Dr. Roc Collins. Pastor, preachers, teachers and all

church leaders are especially encouraged to attend the morning preaching/training conference. The special guest speaker for the *Evening Session. Evangelism Rally* will be Dr. Jim Henry. Everyone is invited to attend both sessions.

Churches were encouraged to do outreach and evangelism throughout the year, but were asked to pick at least one day in the month of August to do a community outreach or an evangelism project. This was promoted as *AWESOME AUGUST!* This was an excellent opportunity for our 75 churches to project to promote a planned ministry event to reach others for Christ in their community.

EXECUTIVE BOARD: Members of the Executive Board met at Cedar Fork Baptist Church on March 11th for the regular *Semi-Annual Business Meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association*, with 19 churches represented and 41 in attendance. (See *Clerk's Report* for additional information.) The date of this meeting was changed from the date on the *Associational Calendar of Events*. This change in date was made in order to coincide with the visit of Pastor Otto Echeverria and to allow his attendance and update of Guatemala missions at the Executive Board Meeting.

The 2026 *Semi-Annual Meeting* will be held at Howard's Chapel Baptist Church on April 13.

GUATEMALA: In January, 2025 a small vision team traveled to Guatemala to view areas of work and review current ministries. This team prepared for a group to return in June from Brittsville Baptist Church (CrossNet Association) in Georgetown, TN where Pastor Jake Evans currently serves.

From that January vision team, a new mission group was formed with volunteers from Brittsville Baptist Church, and this short-term mission team traveled to Guatemala to share the Gospel, June 6-13. Our Director of Missions was asked to serve as the group leader for the ten (10) volunteers and Pastor Otto Echeverria was asked to serve as the mobilizer in Guatemala for this team. The team worked with Pastor Hamid Gutierrez in the Sela Community with the Sela Community Fellowship Church. Ministries included food bag give aways, school visits with candy bag give aways, visit to a care center, home visits, Vacation Bible School, sports evangelism and preaching services. This team reported 4 professions of salvation.

On June 17-24, eleven (11) mission volunteers from Poplar Bluff Baptist Church traveled to Guatemala to share in partnership missions. This team continued to work with Pastor Antonio at Iglesia Bautista Macedonia, Aldea La Union, Macedonia Baptist Church, La Union. Ministry included: women's workshop, ladies Bible study; men's Bible study; Vacation Bible School; door-to-door witnessing; evangelism/crusade/revival; medical clinic; sports evangelism; food give-away and for the first time, a youth Bible study. This team reported salvations in 7 home visits and 38 in VBS.

Then on June 24-July 1, two (2) teams of mission volunteers from Bethlehem Baptist Church and Birchfield (Chilhowee Association) returned to Guatemala to continue on-going work with Pastor Hugo Barrios at the Jesús es El Camino Baptist Church El Cañal, Pastor Hugo Barrios. In addition, teams worked with Cristo La Unica Esperanza, La Palmita, Baptist Mission and Las Mercedes, Pastor Fred Aguilar, Cordero de Dios Baptist Church. Since this was such a large group, movement of the team was fluid, once there. Ministry for the youth and adults included: women's workshop on prayer; ladies Bible study at all locations; men's Bible study; Vacation Bible School; door-to-door witnessing; visit schools; evangelism/crusade/revival and medical clinics.

Guatemala mission projects are being planned for 2026. The tentative dates are June 5-12, June 16-23, and June 23-June 30.

HAITI: In 2010, the Sweetwater Baptist Association of Churches partnered with Pastor Gaetan Alcegaire and the Yahve Shamma Orphanage in Haiti after a devastating earthquake. Even though that partnership officially ended in 2016, we have continued to correspond with Pastor Gaetan. When we learned of a great need for food and support for the 43 children currently in the care at the orphanage, the churches of the Association were asked to be part of a ministry to support the children in Haiti by receiving a special love offering for the Haiti orphanage. At that time, over \$9500.00 was collected from the churches, and funds were distributed to the orphanage on a monthly basis during 2025. We ask that you continue to pray for Pastor Gaetan and the children at the Yahve Shamma Orphanage.

LOCAL/OUTREACH/MISSIONS: The Sweetwater Baptist Association helped to facilitate *Winter Giveaways* with backpack, hat, and toboggan giveaways at Citico and Howard's Chapel in December of 2024.

The Association also assisted numerous churches in the development and mailing of *Every Door Direct Mail* for special events. Upon requests, we are always available to assist with announcements for church news for various revivals, Vacation Bible Schools and new pastor announcements for communities.

As the Association Office was made aware of requests, churches were encouraged to provide handicap ramps for those in need. Congregations responded in a great way by providing assistance in their communities.

All churches were encouraged to participate in the *Awesome August initiative* and report their ministry outreach during the month of August.

The Sweetwater Baptist Association in conjunction with the Notchey Creek Baptist Church, Sequoyah High School FCA and Tellico Plains High School FCA sponsored an *On the Mound* event 5th Quarter on Friday, August 29th at Sequoyah High School. Guest Speaker was Kirby Connell, former UT pitcher, and special music was provided by the Notchey Creek Baptist Church Praise Teams. Many decision cards were collected at the conclusion of the event. Results included prayer requests for family, life struggles, and questions about salvation.

Other miscellaneous items included the following. The Director of Missions will participate in leading a tour group to Greece in November, 2025. The Missions Committee worked with the Budget/Finance Committee in the transfer of funds to a second bank in order to assure all funds for the Sweetwater Baptist Association were FDIC insured. The Director of Missions was encouraged by the Missions Committee to take time to tend to his wife during her illness. In 2030, the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Family of Churches will celebrate 200 years of ministry, 1830-2030. The Associational Staff will work to select a Committee to assist them in the planning and encouraging all to participate in the *Bicentennial Celebration, 2030*.

LOWER CHILHOWEE: In August, the Sweetwater Baptist Association completed and fulfilled their process in the reactivation of Worship Services at Lower Chilhowee Baptist Church. It was a blessing to assist the congregation with the reopening of the Worship Services and Pastor Joey Bivens was called to serve as Pastor. The Church elected a Trustee and Church Treasurer. They are moving forward to resume all financial and governing responsibilities. A statement from Lower Chilhowee Baptist Church is to be provided to the Sweetwater Baptist Association affirming the church has accepted all duties and responsibilities of the church. Our prayers continue to be with this congregation.

MEDIA: The Associational Media Center has approximately 60 Bible Studies available for churches to borrow. There are a wide range of studies, including children and youth studies, ladies, men and couples' studies, Deacon studies and more. The studies are available for Sunday School classes, Small Groups, Ladies Studies, Youth Studies, etc. Upon request, additional videos and studies can be added as funds are available.

PASTOR/FAMILY/CHURCHES: We are so thankful for the men of God who are called and serving our churches as Pastor. We pray for all our pastors and their families as they share Christ in their communities.

Churches were encouraged to affirm their love and appreciation as they observed *Pastor Appreciation Month/Day* during October. This is an excellent opportunity to recognize your pastor and the ministry he has provided to the church and congregation.

March is commonly recognized as *Pastor's Wives Appreciation Month*, a time to acknowledge and honor the significant roles these women play in church life. We encourage you to use this month to show appreciation for their behind-the-scenes work and dedication.

SBA Pastor's Conference meets on Monday mornings at 10:00 a.m. for fellowship, singing, and preaching. The *Pastor's Conference* does not meet in June and December, or if the SBA Office is closed for weather, holiday or events. All pastors, preachers and lay-members are invited to attend.

The *Pastor/Family Picnic* was held on September 22nd at the pavilion area at Notchey Creek Baptist Church. Approximately 60 attended the annual bbq meal that is provided by the Sweetwater Baptist Association for pastors and their families. The *2026 Pastor/Family Picnic* is scheduled for September 21st

The *2024 Pastor and Wife Christmas Banquet* was held on December 9th at Union McMinn Baptist Church with special guests, The Lore Family. Approximately 60 pastors and wives were in attendance for the banquet; and Pastor David Lane shared the Christmas story reading. The *2025 Pastor and Wife Christmas Banquet* will be held on December 8th.

New Pastors during the year were...

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| • Cedar Fork | Steve Gamble |
| • Concord | Haden Browder |
| • Delano | Jake Cook |
| • Fairview (Tellico) | Kenny Taylor |
| • Hopewell Springs | Sean Patton |
| • Old Pond Hill | Kenny Keller |
| • Union Hall | Austin Gourley |

Our prayers are with all of these pastors, their families and congregations, as they work together to share the love of Christ with their communities.

Pastors were encouraged to enroll to receive text messages from the SBA Office. Messages consist of announcements for Associational or Church events.

Churches without pastors are:

- Long Ridge; Macedonia

Our prayers are with these congregations as they seek a shepherd to serve their flocks.

In memory:

Our hearts were deeply saddened this year in the loss of former pastors, Jimmy David Hollinghead and Marvin "Bud" Millsaps. Both of these men worked tirelessly helping many that suffered and were victims of disasters. In addition to serving as pastors, Brother Jimmy served as the Disaster Relief Director of the Sweetwater Baptist Association for a number of years, and Brother Bud participated in numerous disaster relief projects across our country. These dear men of God were much loved and respected by family, friends and the people of the Association. Their sweet spirit will remain in our hearts, and they will be sadly missed.

Churches were encouraged to participate in the...

- Week of Prayer for State Missions and *Golden Offering* for Tennessee Missions
- *Mother's Day Offering* for Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes
- *Father's Day Offering* for Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes
- Week of Prayer for North American Missions and *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering*
- Week of Prayer for International Missions and *Lottie Moon Christmas Offering*
- Cooperative Program

TBMB/SBC: Pastors and church leaders were encouraged to attend :

- 2025 Annual Meeting of Tennessee Baptist, The Summit, West Jackson Baptist Church, Nov 9-12
- 2026 Bivocational Pastor/Wife Retreat, Pigeon Forge, January 29-31
- 2026 Missions Get-Together, April 17-18, Dickson, TN
- 2026 Southern Baptist Convention, June 7-10, Pastors Conference & Annual Meeting, Orlando, FL

Please note: The TBMB has a new procedure for ordering materials (poster, prayer guides, offering envelopes, etc.) for the **Golden Offering for Tennessee, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering**. Go to www.TNWMUOrder.org and click on "Start an Order". Churches must use the new website to receive materials. (This does NOT include materials for Mother's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Children's Home or Father's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes.)

Miscellaneous Information:

- October is *Pastor Appreciation Month*
- March is *Pastor's Wives Appreciation Month*
- Complete *Annual Report Corporation Filing* at <http://tnbear.tn.gov/>
- Helps for ministering to unwed mothers, new mothers, babies..
 - Hope Resource Center, Knoxville 865-525-4673 <https://knoxvillehope.com/resources/> Andrew Wood, Executive Director
 - Embrace Grace <https://embracegrace.com/>
 - Beth Moore, TBMB, Compassion Ministry Specialists, 423-440-6225 bmoore@tnbaptist.org
 - Homeless Management 423-442-4143
 - Helping Hands, www.helpinghandsact.com

PRAYER: Pastors and church leaders were encouraged to participate in the *National Day of Prayer*, May 1st. The theme for 2025 was *Pour Out to the God of Hope and Be Filled*, Romans 15:13. The 2026 National Day of Prayer is May 7th.

An *Old-Fashioned Prayer Meeting* was hosted by Pastor Gerald Atkins and Lakeside Baptist Church on August 4th. Approximately 100 were in attendance, with 12 churches represented. Pastor Jonas Turpin was the guest preacher, and special music was provided by The Lingerfelts.

The *Old-Fashioned Prayer Meeting* for 2026 is scheduled for August 3rd and will be hosted by Shady Grove Baptist Church. Special music will be presented by Rural Vale and the guest preacher will be Pastor Vernon Webb from Maple Springs.

SCHOLARSHIP: A drawing for four (4) names for the *SBA High School Scholarships* in the amount of \$500.00 each was held. Students receiving the *2025 SBA High School Scholarship* were:

NAME	SCHOOL	CHURCH
Megan Ladd	Sequoyah High School	Old Sweetwater
Grayson Hicks	Sweetwater High School	Sweetwater, First
Isaac Lethcoe	Tellico Plains High School	Rural Vale
Avery Yates	All Other: CAK Homeschool	Madisonville, First

TRUSTEES: The SBA building continues to be updated, as we make repairs and upgrades at the Associational Office. A new desktop computer was purchased for the Director of Mission's office. An electric folder was purchased to assist in folding bulletins, letters, posters, programs, and flyers. Computers, printers and office equipment continue to be efficient and updated to the current operating systems.

Four (4) additional chairs were purchased for the downstairs conference room. A small cordless vacuum was purchased. Improvements for all areas of the office have been made, as needed.

The ministry and disaster relief trailers continue to be well kept, and in good repair. Locks were fixed on the door and windows of the ministry trailer. No known repairs are currently needed at the disaster relief building, as it continues to be well maintained.

Work continued at the entrance at the front door to correct an ongoing problem. A new step is being added to the entrance.

Bids were received to repair/replace the soffits/facia and gutters on the building with funds approved by the Budget/Finance Committee for the guttering project. We then learned that Trustee member, Albert Graser from Bethlehem, is retiring from work next June and volunteered to lead a volunteer team to do the gutter/soffit/facia replacement at that time. Tony agreed that the project could wait until next summer and it would save the Association several thousand dollars.

We are so thankful to the many volunteers that work together to keep the Associational Office building, equipment and trailers in good repair in order to have a great place for the churches of the Association to do ministry.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SHOWCASE: A *VBS Showcase* was held at the SBA Office on Monday evening, March 10th. Five different VBS themes were on display at the Associational Office. Pastors, VBS Directors and Church Leaders were invited to see the options that were available for their church. The 5 Sampler Kits were given away at the end of the month following the *Showcase*. Churches receiving the free sampler kits in 2025 were: Big Creek; Lakeside; Citico, Cane Creek and Mt. Zion. Please see the *2025 Vacation Bible School* statistical report for additional information that is included on this page. The *VBS Showcase* for 2026 is planned for March 9th.

WMU/LADIES MEETING: The WMU/Ladies met on November 4th at Mt Zion Baptist Church, Vonore. Eleven (11) churches were represented with approximately 40 in attendance. The guest speaker for the evening was Phil Roy who shared about *Project Operation Inasmuch* at Sweetwater, First Baptist Church. The offering received for the evening was given to *Operation Inasmuch*.

Shelton Grove Baptist Church hosted the 2025 *WMU/Ladies Meeting* on March 12th. The guest speaker for the evening was special guest, Pastor Otto Echeverria from Guatemala. (The date of the meeting was March 13th and changed from the original date of May 5th shown on the *Associational Calendar of Events* in order to accommodate Pastor Otto being in our area during the month of March.) Thirteen (13) churches were represented with 50+ in attendance. The offering received was \$436.00 and was given to Guatemala missions.

The *WMU/Ladies Meetings* are scheduled as follows:

November 3, 2025	First Baptist Church, Madisonville
May 4, 2026	Vonore Baptist Church, Vonore
November 9, 2026	Bible Baptist Church, Tellico Plains

Congregation	VBS Enroll	VBS Avg	Salvations
411 Chapel	95	87	0
Bethlehem	222	0	0
Bible	70	65	0
Big Creek	60	60	0
Calvary	41	38	0
Cedar Fork	25	25	0
Cedar Valley	100	87	3
Christianburg	45	40	0
Citico	36	36	0
Conasauga	80	58	0
Concord	49	42	11
Delano	85	75	1
Fairview Tabernacle	428	410	1
Fairview (Tellico)	45	35	0
Glenlock	171	0	2
Gregory's Chapel	42	40	0
Howards Chapel	60	0	0
Island Creek	123	107	3
Lakeside	60	50	1
Long Ridge	60	60	0
Madisonville, First	289	240	4
Maple Springs	68	61	2
Miller's Chapel	50	45	0
Mt Calvary	115	105	0
Mt Zion	104	80	0
Murray's	51	0	0
New Bethany	118	87	6
New Macedonia	140	115	0
New Providence	121	118	3
New Zion	85	83	0
Notchey Creek	167	152	2
Oak Grove	70	55	0
Old Sweetwater	126	0	4
Paint Rock	50	45	0
Poplar Bluff	78	68	2
Reed Springs	120	85	0
Rocky Springs	110	79	0
Rural Vale	53	53	0
Shady Grove	45	43	0
Shelton Grove	95	80	0
Shoal Creek	115	104	4
South Madisonville	107	100	2
Sweetwater, First	202	202	0
Tellico Plains, First	52	50	0
Tevis Springs	36	32	1
Trinity	73	65	0
Union Grove	117	112	0
Union McMinn	236	155	2
Vonore	91	55	0
Walnut Grove	79	67	0
Westside	123	100	0
SBA TOTALS	5,183	3,951	54

The WMU/Ladies Groups are encouraged to participate in the monthly Nursing Home Birthday Cake program at the Madisonville Health & Rehab. Contact information for the facility is the Activities Director at 442-3990.

YOUTH: Due to severe storms, the 2025 *CONNECT Youth Rally* had to be cancelled and unfortunately was not able to be rescheduled.

The 2026 *SBA Youth Rally* is being planned for Saturday, March 14th at First Baptist Church in Madisonville. The Rally will consist of a concert by the *3 Heath Brothers*; along with comedy by *Bean & Bailey* and a message by Jackson Bailey.

On August 29th, the Sweetwater Baptist Association in conjunction with the Notchey Creek Baptist Church, Sequoyah High School FCA and Tellico Plains High School FCA sponsored an *On the Mound* event 5th Quarter at Sequoyah High School. Guest Speaker was Kirby Connell, former UT pitcher.

In September 2025, hundreds of area students participated in the annual prayer event, "*See you at the Pole*". The association provided SYATP armbands to churches, youth groups and FCA groups.

2025 BAPTIST and REFLECTOR

Chris Turner, Editor

The Baptist and Reflector (B&R) is 190 years old this year, making it one of the 25 oldest, continuously published newspapers in the United States. Since 1835, the B&R has produced news features, and editorials that tell the story of Tennessee Baptists while also informing their biblical worldview.

The B&R is an award-winning newspaper frequently recognized by the Baptist Communicators Association for excellence in journalism, and is produced 26 times a year, reaching nearly 40,000 readers.

Additionally, the B&R website (BaptistandReflector.org) has grown steadily since it was introduced in late 2015, with more than 350,000 page views. The weekly e-newsletter has 21,000 subscribers and highlights breaking news, top stories from the print edition and news that appears in the online edition. The Baptist and Reflector continues to grow in our social media platforms such as Facebook, Instagram and X.

Over the past year, the B&R has extensively reported Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief's efforts to help the people of East Tennessee recover from the devastating effects of Hurricane Helene. The paper has also offered frequent updates on Tennessee Baptist Mission Board's restructuring to bring it into alignment with the ministries Tennessee Baptists said they wanted to pursue through the Acts 2:17 Initiative. There was also a steady stream of great news stories focused on Tennessee Baptists and their churches ministering to their communities and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ.

The B&R staff monitors, reports, and distributes the most pertinent stories related to the Southern Baptist Convention and cultural trends that could affect Tennessee Baptists.

The paper continually seeks new subscribers, either through individual subscriptions or through a multiple-subscription church rate plan. Every church needs a subscription and every church's leadership team, like pastors, ministers, deacons, Sunday School teachers, etc., need to stay informed about Baptist life in Tennessee.

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2025 BAPTIST MEMORIAL HEALTH CARE SYSTEM

Memphis, Tennessee
Jason Little, President and CEO

Baptist Memorial Health Care began as a 150-bed hospital in downtown Memphis in 1912. It was formed by the Southern Baptist Conventions of Tennessee, Mississippi and Arkansas because they recognized a tremendous need for a health care facility in this part of the country. The hospital eventually grew to become the largest private hospital in the world.

The Baptist Memorial Health Care system was created in 1981 to provide an integrated health care delivery system offering a full continuum of care to communities throughout the Mid-South. Today, a total of 24 hospitals in Arkansas, Tennessee and Mississippi; an 1,100-member physician group; and dozens of other entities are affiliated with Baptist.

Baptist Memorial Health Care's staff chaplains are a part of the health care team. Patients, family members and employees know they can ask for a chaplain at any time to augment our health care with spiritual or emotional care.

For the past eight years, Baptist's Pastoral Care Department has hosted The Rev. Jimmy Terry Preaching Series. The series, named in memory of a beloved member of Baptist's Board of Trustees and the founder of Tabernacle Baptist Church in Clarksville, Tennessee, welcomes a speaker each month to deliver an evangelical message from Baptist's flagship hospital. Video recordings of each event are posted on our Facebook page. They have been viewed more than 182,000 times and have reached 124,000 people in the past year.

Baptist Memorial Health Care received state approval to build a new community hospital in Fayette County. The facility will serve West Tennessee along the I-40 corridor between Arlington and Jackson, near BlueOval City, Ford's automotive manufacturing ecosystem. The hospital will include eight emergency rooms, eight acute care inpatient beds, outpatient imaging and lab services.

The Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services awarded Baptist Carroll County, Baptist Tipton and Baptist Union City four stars (out of five) for quality. The ratings are based on 46 quality measurements from five categories: mortality, safety of care, readmission, patient experience, and timely and effective care.

Baptist Carroll County and Baptist Union City earned "A" Leapfrog Hospital Safety Grades in fall 2024 and spring 2025. Baptist Carroll County has earned five consecutive "A" grades, and Baptist Union City earned four consecutive "A" grades.

Several Baptist Memorial Hospitals earned Tennessee Hospital Association Zero Harm Awards for their infection prevention achievements. Baptist Carroll County and Baptist Tipton were two of only eight hospitals in the state to be recognized for zero harm events in four categories. THA also recognized Baptist Collierville, Baptist Women's Hospital, Baptist Memphis and Baptist Union City for not having infections in specific departments.

2025 TENNESSEE BAPTIST ADULT HOMES, INC.

Report to Associations, 2025
Mark Anderson, President/Treasurer

Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes now has a ministry in west Tennessee!! In March of this year, we moved our first residents into the first four duplex apartments at the new Baptist Village Humboldt! The apartments were filled within the first month of opening and there are others who would move in if we had more. We are so excited that this ministry is up and going. You may recall that there was the possibility that we might have to liquidate the Humboldt project due to the financial strains of our group home ministry. God has provided! It is our belief He will continue to do so. As funds allow, we will build more duplexes at Humboldt. When the entire Baptist Village Humboldt project is completed, there will be 10 duplexes serving 20 financially needy retired pastors and missionaries.

Regarding the financial issues mentioned above, we have downsized our group home ministry by closing one of the homes and reducing our resident capacity from 55 to 47. The downsizing has resulted in cost savings of around \$200,000. Our increased Father's Day Offering in 2024 coupled with the generous allocation increase of Cooperative Program funds (about \$117,000) are even more examples of God's provision! What an exciting time for the ministry of TBAH. We believe that 4 homes with a capacity of 47 is the right size for this ministry. We fell to as few as 43 residents earlier this year, but the current census is 45. I am so glad our homes are here for the families who have loved and cared for their family members and are no longer able to provide that care.

It is our hope and belief that this downsizing has made us "right sized" and that there will not be need for further downsizing. Our Father's Day Offering is one way, and our best way, to eliminate further cuts to our ministry. As of July 24th, receipts through the 2025 Father's Day Offering are about \$20,000 ahead of last year. You may recall that last year we set a record of \$547,000! This year's goal is \$575,000. If we can stay \$20,000 ahead of last year's giving, then we are knocking on the door of reaching our goal for a second year in a row. Again, exciting times.

Thank you, Tennessee Baptists, for your prayers and your financial support! Thank you for... Showing What Love Is!

2025 TENNESSEE BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES

Defending the Defenseless, Greg McCoy President/Treasurer
tennesseechildren.org 615-376-3140

Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes has been welcoming children in hard places with the love of Christ for 134 years! Because of the faithfulness of churches, businesses and individuals who have a heart for children and families who are struggling, we have been able to serve over 237 children and their families over the past year. Thank you for your prayers, for your service, and for sharing your financial resources with TBCH. Our ministry operates without the use of government funds. We have chosen to rely on God's provision through His people to supply the resources necessary to meet the needs of the children and families we serve.

TBCH serves children through two programs. Our **Foster Care** program allows us to place children who are in the state's custody into homes where Jesus is loved and served and where children will have this godly influence in their lives for however long they reside in that home. Our foster care team and volunteers span from Memphis to Kingsport. The other program for providing gospel centered care is our **Residential Care** program. Our campuses in Brentwood, Chattanooga and Millington are all in the process of exciting changes related to our Firm Foundations Project. We are currently in construction mode on each of our three campuses to provide individual bedrooms and baths for each resident. Because of what many of our children have experienced or been exposed to, this need becomes more apparent as each year passes.

TBCH is making sacrifices to bring this "**Firm Foundations Project**" vision into reality. We are reducing the size of our campuses without reducing the number of children we serve. The liquidation of selected properties will help us complete Phase One of the Firm Foundations Project on each campus. While liquidated property is helping us put our plans into action we are still in great need of your financial assistance. Thank you to those of you whose church gives faithfully to the Cooperative Program and also makes a direct gift to TBCH through the Mother's Day Offering or through your annual missions offerings!

- 237 children served in the past year
- 19 adoptions in the last fiscal year and 14 so far this year
- 24 professions of faith in the last fiscal year and 6 so far this year- Praise the Lord!
- 70 foster homes statewide as of the writing of this report
- 127 children in care as of the writing of this report

Finally, please pray for us! Due to the severity of behaviors and the delay in families seeking help, connecting with the children we are equipped to serve has become a challenge across all three of our campuses. Would you join us in praying that the Lord would bring us into contact with the children and families we are best prepared to support? Thank you.

2025 TBF: TENNESSEE BAPTIST FOUNDATION

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2025 Annual Report to Associations

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The Tennessee Baptist Foundation has been serving TN Baptist with excellence since 1938. The assets under management of the Foundation have grown from \$6,577 to \$213 million during that time. God continues to bless this ministry, and we are pleased to make our report to the associations as to highlights for the fiscal year 2024-25 thus far.

The Foundation is pleased to offer the following services to Tennessee Baptists:

- ◆ Faith-based estate planning seminars for churches and ministries
- ◆ Working with individuals, helping them develop distinctively Christian personal estate plans (wills)
- ◆ Assisting individuals in their establishment of various Charitable Trusts
- ◆ Serving as Trustee of trusts and funds committed to its care
- ◆ Providing investment services to Tennessee Baptist churches, associations and institutions
- ◆ Helping churches establish Legacy Ministries and create Endowment Funds
- ◆ Providing grants for qualifying new ministries and projects

Highlights of the Foundation's stewardship thus far for this fiscal year include (as of June 30, 2025):

- ✓ Client Accounts: 1,181
- ✓ Assets under management: \$213,000,000
- ✓ New accounts and additions: \$10,280,000 (22 new accounts)
- ✓ Educational scholarships: 200+ - totaling \$225,000+ for 2025-2026 academic year. (Awarded almost \$7 million in scholarships since 1987)
- ✓ Special Project Grants: we have distributed \$46,200 to assist 7 ministry projects.
- ✓ Cooperative Program: \$344,000 distributed. Projected to give over \$500,000 by October 31
- ✓ Baptist and charitable causes: \$2,700,000 distributed. Projected to give over \$3.75 million by October 31
- ✓ Endowment Portfolio has averaged over 12% for the past 5 years

The Tennessee Baptist Foundation continues its commitment to faithfully steward God's resources, while striving to further God's Kingdom.

2025 TENNESSEE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION

ANNUAL REPORT

For we are laborers together with God,

Ramona Hicks, President

Vickie Anderson, Executive Director-Treasurer

Tennessee Woman's Missionary Union (TN WMU) encourages and equips churches and individuals to engage in missions learning and involvement that enables them to fulfill the Great Commission. This report shares information about some of the state events, ministries, and initiatives that have taken place.

Christian Job Corps (CJC) is a ministry of WMU that seeks to help men and women break the cycle of poverty through job and life skill classes, Bible study, and mentoring. There are 16 Tennessee CJC sites in 14 locations. In their 2025 annual ministry reports, these sites reported 784 participants in their various programs, nine decisions for Christ, and 417 volunteers serving 13,717 volunteer hours.

Tennessee CJC Sites	Serving	Location
Begin Anew - Madison	Men & Women	Madison
Begin Anew - Crieveewood	Men & Women	Nashville
Begin Anew - Franklin	Men & Women	Franklin
Begin Anew - Woodbine	Men & Women	Woodbine
Begin Anew - Online	Men & Women	Online
Champion Recovery Community - Jasper	Women	Jasper
Champion Recovery Community - Dunlap	Women	Dunlap
Down Home Missions	Men & Women	Beech Grove
Gibson County CWJC	Women	Trenton
Greater KY Lake	Men & Women	Paris
Empowered to Hope	Women	Collierville
Moving Forward with CWJC	Women	Chattanooga
SWC Transformation Place	Women	Chattanooga
WEBS	Women	Memphis

TNWMU's missionary care ministries are supported through funds from the Missions for Life Fund and the Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions (GOTM).

- **Missionary Parents Fellowship (MPF):** On September 28, 2024, 13 parents of International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries gathered via Zoom for a time of fellowship, information, prayer, and encouragement. TNWMU supports the Tennessee MPF by maintaining its database, distributing communication/promotion materials, and helping to coordinate and host the annual state retreat. The 2024 retreat was canceled due to flooding in Tennessee and was rescheduled as a Zoom meeting.
- **Encourage Collegiate MKs:** Each year TNWMU assigns a Missionary Kid (MK) who attends college in Tennessee to every association so churches can encourage them. Thirteen MKs were assigned to associations for the 2024-2025 school year.
- **Former Missionary Fellowships:** Former missionaries in West, Middle, and East TN gather several times each year for fellowship, connection, and encouragement. TNWMU provides funds for meals during these gatherings.
- **Christmas Gifts:** In December 2024, TN WMU sent gifts to missionary kids and retired missionaries. A \$150 gift was sent to 13 MKs whose parents serve with IMB and are from Tennessee, and a \$50 gift was sent to 69 retired IMB missionaries born in Tennessee.
- **MK Re-Entry Retreat:** Six missionary kids from Tennessee received travel assistance funds to attend the MK Re-Entry Retreat, hosted by Virginia WMU and the IMB, from July 28 to August 2, 2025.
- **Missionary Homes in Mt. Juliet:** Tennessee Baptist Mission Board has two missionary homes in Mt. Juliet that provide much-needed rest for missionaries on stateside assignment: the TN WMU Missionary House (Mary's House) and the Missions Mobilization Center (MMC) Missions House. TNWMU takes care of reservations and hosts the missionary families for both houses. Donated gift cards are used to stock pantry staples and other household items.

As part of the prayer advocacy partnership with Denver, TN WMU sent a mission team of six women to Denver from October 3- 7, 2024. The team met with nine church planters and prayed for them, their ministries, families, and the communities around the churches. TN WMU has sent nine teams to serve in Denver over the past eight years, meeting with more than 30 church planters to pray and serve their communities.

The 2024 Connection was held at Tennessee Tech University's Baptist Collegiate Ministry on September 13- 15, 2024, where 132 youth girls and leaders representing 15 churches attended. The event featured Bible study leader Leslie Hudson and 1MB missionary speaker Angela Stoda.

RA Camp-o-Ree was held on October 18 - 20, 2024, at Linden Valley Baptist Conference Center with over 400 boys, leaders, and personnel in attendance. Boys participated in a multitude of activities, challenges, and crafts while enjoying the great outdoors, meeting missionaries, and attending two action-packed worship services. This missions camping event for boys in grades 1- 12 is hosted by Mid-South Royal Ambassadors and TN WMU.

Over 60 people attended the WMU Gathering at Summit on Sunday, November 10, at Northside Baptist Church, Murfreesboro. TN WMU, Concord Baptist Association WMU, and Northside Baptist Church partnered together to host this time of fellowship and inspiration.

The 2025 Missions Get-Together was held at First Baptist Church, Dickson, on April 4- 5, with a total attendance of 512 people representing over 130 churches. Participants attended four general sessions and five breakout sessions and connected with over 30 missions and ministry leaders. Participants donated over 9,000 items, \$60 in cash, and \$1,100 in gift cards for Pregnancy Resource Centers across the state through the event's ministry project. An additional \$13,005 was given through the event's missions offering, benefiting the Amy Hood Adoption Endowment (90%) and the TN WMU Tennessee N Touch Endowment (10%).

The 2025 TN WMU Annual Meeting occurred on April 5 during the Saturday morning general session of Missions Get-Together. The meeting included highlights of the work of TN WMU and the election of 2025-2026 state officers and new Executive Board Members.

- State Officers: President, Ramona Hicks; Recording Secretary, Linda Rader; Vice President East, Anna Huggins; Vice President Middle, Kim Griffin; Vice President West, Julia Binford
- Executive Board Members: Judy Lusk, Rebecca Lee Riddle, Emolyn Lambert

TN WMU awarded \$36,600 in scholarships to 39 students attending graduate school, seminary, and undergraduate school in Tennessee for the 2025 - 2026 school year. These scholarships are funded through endowments, invested funds, and the GOTM.

In 2025, TN WMU collaborated with churches, associations, and other ministries to host over 15 adult and youth Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training events across the state, as part of our emphasis on addressing the critical issue of mental health. MHFA is a skills-based training that teaches participants to identify, understand, and respond to mental health and substance use challenges.

The 2024-2025 Tennessee Missions Emphasis theme was "All Things Tennessee," with a GOTM goal of \$2,700,000. As of July 25, 2025, the total amount was \$2,462,461. The offering year goes from September 1 to August 31.

2025 CARSON-NEWMAN UNIVERSITY

ASSOCIATIONAL REPORT

Submitted by Charles A. Fowler, President

Since Carson-Newman's founding in 1851, Tennessee Baptists have been instrumental in its creation, maintenance and growth. Your partnership and support enable us as Christian educators to help our students reach their full potential as educated citizens and worldwide servant-leaders. Highlights of this past year include:

- We welcomed students from 44 states and 55 countries for the 2024-25 academic year.

- At the start of the 2024-25 academic year, we launched the public phase of the largest comprehensive campaign in our history. Entitled “Legacy,” the \$73 million phase of this initiative includes new academic programs, campus buildings and student recreation.
- C-N is already enjoying fruits grown out of the Legacy campaign. Last fall, we held two ribbon cuttings in one day, opening the 110,000 square-foot West Campus Commons residence hall and a new student Recreation Park, featuring: softball field, soccer pitch, and basketball, beach volleyball, pickleball courts. A new Child Development Lab opens this fall on the western perimeter of campus.
- The campaign has opened doors to new academic offering: Master of Divinity, MBA in Entrepreneurial Leadership, Master of Accountancy and Business in Analytics. Degree programs in Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Artificial Intelligence in Business, and Hospitality and Tourism Management launched this fall. A Doctor of Nursing Anesthesia Practice launches Jan. 2026. Each offering is rigorous while being taught with a biblical worldview.
- Last fall we celebrated with 31 members of our Eagles football team who made public professions of faith by being baptized in Mossy Creek. This is the most we have ever had and demonstrates how the Spirit is moving on campus in mighty ways.
- For 2024-25, chapel on Tuesday and Thursday had an average attendance of 415 students (a 6% increase from the previous year.)
- C-N’s Serve Day last year saw over 600 students take part in outreach at some 40 project sites across multiple counties. Students also packed 11,000 meals to be distributed to help feed those in need.
In 2024, Appalachian Ministries of the Smokies (AMOS) celebrated 40 years of ministry. When the year had concluded, AMOS’ Ministry Center had served 1,358 families and 3,339 individuals. The Home Repair Ministry completed 30 projects across four counties, while Samaritan House served 32 homeless families and provided 8,595 meals to those in need.
- Last year, C-N students shared the love of Jesus Christ through Spring Break mission trips to Los Angeles, Hawaii, Ecuador, Honduras, Southeast Asia, Alaska, Denver and Barcelona.
- This year U.S. News & World Report championed Carson-Newman’s online programs. Carson-Newman and Vanderbilt University were the state’s top private institutions in the Online Master’s in Nursing Program category. In the Online Master’s in Education Program category, only the University of Memphis was ranked higher than Carson-Newman in Tennessee. C-N was also named a “Christian College of Distinction” by Texas-based organization Colleges of Distinction.

2025 THE KING’S ACADEMY

In Christ, Kelly Sullivan-Connaster
Interim Head of School

Since 1880, Harrison-Chilhowee Baptist Academy has been serving East Tennessee and the world as a distinctively Christian school. For more than 30 years, Tennessee Baptists’ accredited Christian boarding and day school has operated under the name of The King’s Academy. Located in Seymour, TN, at the foothills of the Great Smoky Mountains, TKA continues to reach students locally and globally.

This past summer has been a season of transition, but God’s provision and faithfulness have been evident at every step. Even through uncertainty, we have seen His hand clearly at work—raising up new leaders, opening doors for ministry, and reinforcing the truth that this school belongs to Him.

Here are some of the ways God has been at work at TKA this year:

- **Residence Life Program:** We anticipate serving 31 international students representing 17 countries. This diversity continues to enrich our Christ-centered, global community.
- **Shen Science Center:** After years of prayer and planning, construction has begun on the Shen Science Center. This facility will strengthen our academic program, particularly for students seeking STEM careers, and expand our reach among international families.
- **Spiritual Life: Chapel Theme “Known”:** This year’s chapel focus is built on John 10:14—“I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me.” In the fall, students will study the Gospel of John. In the spring, the life of David. Our goal is for every student to know they are seen, known, and loved by God.
- **Education Freedom Scholarship:** Over 100 students applied and enrolled at TKA through Tennessee’s EFS program, reflecting both the need and the effectiveness of our outreach to local families.
- **Library Renovation:** The school library received a full refresh with new carpet, paint, and a new Middle School Writing Lab. This space now better serves our growing student body.
- **Campus Security Enhancements:** All campus security cameras are in the process of being upgraded, and a new DVR system was installed to provide higher-quality footage. Student safety remains a priority.
- **Dual Enrollment Partnership:** TKA launched a new partnership with Carson-Newman University offering on-campus dual enrollment classes in College Algebra and Composition. This allows students to earn college credit in a Christ-centered learning environment with trusted faculty.
- **Elementary Enrollment Growth:** Several elementary grades now have waiting pools, reflecting strong interest from local families and continued enrollment momentum.
- **Projected Enrollment:** Based on current applications, enrollment is on pace to surpass our budgeted goal of 415 students, potentially reaching 430 this fall.

Through every challenge, God has reminded us that He is in control. We step into this school year with peace, not because we know the future, but because we trust the One who does.

Thank you for your continued support, encouragement, and prayers. We are honored to be part of the Tennessee Baptist family and remain committed to raising up students who live out their faith with courage and purpose.

2025 UNION UNIVERSITY

Samuel W. “Dub” Oliver, Ph.D., President, Union University

At Union University, our vital partnership with Tennessee Baptists continues to shape our mission. As we reflect on the past year, we are reminded that our work is anchored in these core values: **Excellence-Driven, Christ-Centered, People-Focused, and Future-Directed.**

Consistent with the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board’s strategic priorities — **strengthening and multiplying Gospel leaders, evangelistic disciples, and healthy churches** — Union has worked intentionally to connect students with ministry opportunities:

- The first TBMB ministry pipeline internship has been developed by Josh Franks in partnership with Union and area pastors. Beginning in the spring of 2026, students will serve in local churches, earn academic credit, and receive support from the TBMB, which plans to replicate this model across the state.
- At the request of TBMB, Union developed and taught its first class on church planting this past spring. Twenty-one students participated.
- Union hosted its second ministry fair this year, connecting students with local churches and ministries for internships and summer service.

Selected Highlights from the Past Year

- In March, we opened and dedicated **The Ethos Forum**, a new academic facility for the McAfee School of Business and our computer science and engineering programs.
- Our comprehensive fundraising campaign, “**Union 200: Tradition. Truth. Transformation.**” is progressing, with just over \$52 million given and pledged toward the \$80 million goal. Our next major project is a new chapel at the heart of campus — a space for worship, training, and sending out Gospel leaders.
- In April, our trustees adopted a university **Framework for Biblical Anthropology**, developed by Union faculty to articulate a biblical view of humanity. The full version is available at www.uu.edu/about/framework-for-biblical-anthropology.cfm.
- In March, hundreds of volunteers at Union participated in a six-day public reading of the entire Bible under Miller Tower as part of the 2025 Spring Bible Conference. As Isaiah 40:8 reminds us: “**The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever.**”
- Union women’s basketball coach Mark Campbell, who leads with Christ-centered excellence, was inducted into the Women’s Basketball Hall of Fame in June.

Thank you for your investment in Union University in so many ways. We could not fulfill our mission and make a profound difference in the lives of so many young people without your support.

2025 NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD and 2025 INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD

Online Reports can be found for NAMB or IMB at

<https://www.sbc.net/resource-library/ministry-reports/2025-ministry-report/>

2025 HISTORICAL REPORT

411 Chapel

We began supporting *Graduate Hall*, a transition facility of *Miracle Lake*, with a monthly mission offering.

Antioch

New flooring in the Fellowship Hall.

Bethlehem

Blessed with opportunities to host, fellowship with and participate in supporting missions from Ramu Valley Academy, Papua New Guinea; South Sudan and Pioneer Missions. Continued support for the “Inspiration Center”, Shepetivka, Ukraine and ministry in Coatepeque, Guatemala; as well as other local, state and international ministries. Spring 2025: Participated in the disaster relief efforts for East Tennessee flooding affected areas, through restoration construction and other means of support. March 16, 2025: Hosted Pastor Otto Echeveria and wife Ruth, from Coatepeque, Guatemala for morning service and lunch. Pastor Otto gave ministry activity report involving teams from our area and delivered an encouraging message from God’s Word. May 18, 2025: Hosted guest preacher and missionary from England; Dr. David Tucker and wife Mary. Dr. Tucker gave information about God's ministry through he and his wife in locations around the world sharing the message of salvation and hope through Jesus Christ the Lord. June/July 2025: Mission trip: 15 individuals participated with individuals from New Bethany, Birchfield and Tellico First Baptist Churches on mission in Guatemala working in the communities and churches of El Canal, La Palmita and Las Mercedes.

Calvary

Roof repair on Fellowship Hall.

Cane Creek

Our Pastor's wife, and WMU Director, Rachael Dalton began a bi-weekly Women's encouragement meeting. Pastor Cody Dalton organized a Men's meeting of the same idea. All meetings are open to anyone.

Male and Female groups continue to minister to inmates at the Monroe County Jail.

Christianburg

Replace church pews; Added front porch; Replaced bathroom doors and installed keypad locks; Ordained Deacons, Pete Baker and Darrell McKee.

Citico

Three members (Jacob Butler, Karis Butler, Emily Millsaps) went on a mission trip to Belize with a church from Georgia.

Concord

Aug 17, 2025: Elected Pastor Haden Browder.

Fellowship

Celebrated our 10-Year Anniversary in October 2024; Elected new Youth Leader Bernard Ackah.

Howard's Chapel

Ordained Deacon Ron Stewart; Continuing construction of Fellowship Hall.

Lakeside

Three people announced call to preach; Improvements to restrooms to make them handicap accessible; Donated van to Miracle Lake Ministry; Sealed, sprayed and relined parking lot; Bibles given to 20 members that were baptized; Prepared 202 Shoeboxes; New carpet; New pew covering.

Long Ridge

November 2024: Veteran's Service.

Lower Chilhowee

Bought a Baby Grand Piano; Installed new roof on the church; Donated \$5,000 to Hurricane Helene Relief; After the church temporarily closed in 2022, the Sweetwater Baptist Association helped the church re-open and call a Pastor (Joey Bivens) in 2023. The Sweetwater Baptist Association served as our treasurer for two years, and in 2025, the church was able to elect a church treasurer and resume all administrative responsibilities of the church.

Murray's

Dakota McLemore began serving as Pastor on September 29, 2024.

New Zion

Ordained three Deacons: Eric Burns, Dale Radford, Michael Radford.

Notchey Creek

Replaced 1 A/C Unit; Set aside Loan Securement Team; Activated Brian Johannsen as a Deacon.

Oak Grove

Replace flooring in Fellowship Hall; New carpet for church porch.

Old Pond Hill

Provide snack bags for EK Baker School during entire school year; Collected supplies for the cold season for EK Baker School; Replaced 1 a/c unit; repaired 1 a/c unit; Got a new outside church sign; Elected Kenny Keller as Pastor.

Old Sweetwater

Parking lot was enlarged and finished in August 2025.

Poplar Bluff

New air unit installed; Mission trip to Guatemala; Mission outreach feeding; Celebrate Recovery; Isaiah House Roadblock.

Rocky Springs

Baby dedication for Arla Cardin, daughter of Andy and Autumn Cardin; Aug 17, 2025: Note burning ceremony for Lots 11, 12 & 13 of the C.L. Wilson property.

Shoal Creek

Two men joined our church who were Deacons; Ordained Trey and Braden Strickland as Deacons.

Sweetwater, First

Purchased land for new building; New Pastor of Youth & Recreation, Jordan Lopez; New Financial Secretary, Kelly Bean.

Tellico Plains, First

Celebrated our 125th Anniversary in October 2025.

Trinity

Continued remodeling of church building, with more plans in the coming months; New paint and décor in the sanctuary; Updated bathrooms; Repurposed a room for a new nursery with space for nursing mothers; Firepit was relocated to be more accessible to all members; Had an adult Easter play (first adult play since Covid-19); Supported four members with two separate trips to Zambia (to build wells, an orphanage and distribute Bibles in their language); Supported local ministries: High5/School Supplies, Halloween in the City, Fresh Starts, Loaves and Fishes, Isaiah 117 Monroe/McMinn, Monroe County Jail Ministry; Stocked blessing box each week at the church sign; Began new ministry to feed new parents with a meal each night for the first week they are home with their new baby (served seven families since beginning this ministry); Have an active Children's Church Ministry for children under age 10.

Union Grove

In March, five people (Bobby & Phyllis Sparks, Tim & Malinda Thomason, Nick Brown) went to Honduras to dedicate the church they had helped build. They went back in October 2024.

Union Hall

Called Austin Gourley as Pastor.

Union McMinn

200 Year Celebration (Aug 11, 2025); Men's Conference; Women's Conference; Vacation Bible School; Mission Trip to Erwin, TN for Hurricane Helene Cleanup & Repairs; Mission Trip to help complete building for Set Free Ministries; Mission Trip to Ukraine (Julia White); Mission Trip to Africa (Adrienne Stewart); Youth Trip to Ark Encounter.

Upper Shady Grove

New playground; Nursery; Another Sunday School Room.

Vonore

Build clothes closet/pantry; Newport disaster cleanup; New Mexico; Laundry Day; Meals & gift cards for Springbrook Senior Apartments; Donated water for Tellico Plains; School supplies for Vonore Middle & Elementary Schools, Cross Creek Christian School; Donated to Tennessee Wesleyan's pantry; Provided food and weekly visits to VBC shut-ins; Christmas basket for City of Vonore offices; Hosted Festival of Trees & Wreath Auction; Provided prayer shawls; OCC Shoeboxes; Meals for death in community; Car Shoe event to provide for children's Christmas; Youth local mission work in Georgia.

Walnut Grove

Paved Parking, Nov 2024; VBS, June/July 2025; New Concrete Ramp, June 2025.

Westside

Built 2 mission buildings; Donated 78 campers to homeless people due to flooding; Clothing mission for people in need; Christmas toy give-away; Give food to people in need; Give school backpacks & supplies to children; 2-3 clothing giveaways per year.

2025 MEMORIAL REPORT**411 Chapel**

Janett Blackwell
Rev. Dennis Ellis

Bethlehem

Cora Faye Cole
Emma Jean Hicks
Kimberly McDaniel
Judy Stakely
Xiomara (Myra) Wood

Big Creek

Nancy Wicker

Cane Creek

Juanita Gray

Cedar Fork

Marie Bettis
Frank Burton
Betty Tilley

Christianburg

Dean Quick
Mary Wilson

Citico

Tim Dean

Community

Mary Morris

Conasauga

Bobby Cooley
Betty Hamby
Joyce Ward

Concord

Arley Ray Cupp

Delano

Phyllis Bradford
Ray Stone
Lester Woody

Fairview Tabernacle

Terry Beeler
Patsy Black
Brenda Blankenship
Charles Brock
Kenneth Hughes
Spurgeon (Spud) Isbill
Yvonne Jenkins
Douglas Nipper
Audry Pedigo
Jeff Smith
Shirley Smith
Kimberly Stockton
Carl Sturgill

Glenlock

Margaret Bibee
Roy Fox
Anna Ruth Hill
Jonathan Whaley

Howard's Chapel

Frank Freeman

Island Creek

Rick Lashley
Bridgett Pearson

Lakeside

Ruth Burgett
Harrison Nicholson

Long Ridge

Joshua Veal
Eddie Wallace
Frances Williams

Madisonville, First

Vera Bivens
Frances Hampton
Dean Littreal
Wanda Littreal
Marvin (Bud) Millsaps
Mary Sasser

Maple Springs

Danny Freeman
Sheila Hamby
Johnny Lindner
Linda Norwood
Bernice Stewart
Carol Webb

Miller's Chapel

Willie Debety
Fanny Mae Duckett
Peggy Duckett
Dennis Lynn
Roger Miller
Charlie Walker

Mt. Calvary

Linda Cook
Reba Lance
Hugh Dee McDaniel
Eugene (Gene) Reynolds
Julia Ritchey

Mt. Zion

Edna Franklin
Mary Miller

Murray's

Tommy Akens
Doris Jean Wilkins

New Bethany

Cecil Ewing
Judy Kirkland
Evelyn McConkey

New Macedonia

Linda Coleman
 Vivian Lambert Moser
 Gloria Richardson
 Frances Marie Schrimsher
 Chase Simpson
 Sue Stallcup

New Providence

Sharon Coley
 Jimmy Hollinghead
 Marcelle Hunt
 Loretta Tate Shaw

New Zion

Jennifer Bowman
 Donnie Vie Craig
 Billie Rose Hammonds
 Inez Triplett
 Thomas (Sonny) Triplett
 Jimmy Woods

North Sweetwater

Jimmy Willett
 Julie Willett
 Margaret Wunder

Notchey Creek

Amanda Elmore
 Kathy Kinne
 Johnny Kyle
 Rudy Miller
 Billy Ray Moses
 Brenda Rogers

Oak Grove

Dale Kirkland
 Ruth Kirkland

Old Sweetwater

Kayla Couch
 Mattie Croft
 Martha Hester
 Glen Rapier

Paint Rock

Bonnie Estes
 Mary Ann Longmire

Piney Grove

RC Arwood
 Judy Frye

Reed Springs

Tommie Dotson
 Jimmy Woodruff

Rocky Springs

Toni Robinson Ferguson
 Mark Watson
 Lavonia Woods

Rural Vale

Ruth Hall Davis
 Artie Webb

Shady Grove

James Holt
 Dora Emma Shadden

Shelton Grove

Gene Manis

Shoal Creek

Fannie Mae Duckett
 Jay Strickland
 Sherry Walker

South Madisonville

Robert (Corky) Harris
 Bonnie Irons
 Linda Kiser
 George Murr

Sweetwater, First

William (Bill) Anderson
 Sharon Barrone
 Virgie Jo Bowlin
 Elmer Dixon
 Juil Dixon
 Carol Harrison
 Larry Ingram
 Helga McDaniel
 Helen Pardue

Tellico Plains, First

Lawrence (E.L.) McClellan

Towee Falls

Norman (Bud) Jones
 Melvin Wilcox

Union McMinn

Emma Grace Mason
 Tamela Runyon Shepherd
 Doris Wicker Townson
 Albert Lee Webb

Vonore

Kathey McDaniel

Walnut Grove

Kelly Bell
 John Guffey

MESSENGERS TO THE 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

411 Chapel	Michael McLemore Sara Ingram	Jamie McLemore Chad Leming	Ed Dawson Kelly Leming	Allen Ingram
Antioch	Danny Roberts Wilma Matoy	Wilburn Aikens	Phyllis Aikens	Johnny Matoy
Beaty's Chapel	NONE REPORTED	(Larry Walker)		
Bethlehem	Zad Tomberlin Steve Moore	Jesse Bunch Ron Richardson	Albert Graser Donald Torbett	Donna McKee
Bible Baptist	Kevin Miller Roger Raper	Andrew Ewing	John McKenzie	Dustin Perrine
Big Creek	Michael Jacobs Chris Mason	Deanna Jacobs Corky Mason	Gary Lyons Kalieb Skinner	Bree Lyons

Calvary	Jon Foster Bobby DeSanto	Darby Frerichs Winston Torbett	Drew Frerichs	Joe Frerichs
Cane Creek	Cody Dalton Ronnie Lynn	Rachael Dalton Rebecca Pearson	Ronnie Dalton Kevin Wiseman	Jared Hudgins
Cedar Fork	Steve Gamble	Pat McGinnis	Brenda McGinnis	Bill Viar
Cedar Valley	Joel Tilson Mike Gourley	Greg Allen Tommy Harrill	Arthur Bright David McHan	Josh Gourley
Christianburg	Darrell Cardin Darrell McKee	Pete Baker Tommy Saint	Elaine Dotson Mack Wilson	Johnny Gibson
Citico	David Lane Brent Loveday	Brannon Davis Janie Loveday	Sarah Davis Gordon Self	Debbie Gentry
Clifton	NONE REPORTED		Ronnie Rhea	
Community	Dennis Atkins	Jack Russell	Matthew Russell	Matthew Yearwood
Compromise	Delbert Umphrey	Audrey Umphrey	Marvin Umphrey	
Conasauga	Tony Curtis	DeLane Stiles	Randy Rayburn	
Concord	Haden Browder Seleana Roper	Jessica Godsey Anthony Smith	Jim Roper Ashley Smith	Jane Roper
Delano	Jake Cook			
Druid Hill	NONE REPORTED	(Ronnie Davis)		
Ebenezer	NONE REPORTED (Mike Blair)			
Fairview (Tellico)	Kenny Taylor Thomas Standridge	Barry Collette Tim Standridge	Charlie McCallister Billy Taylor	Justin Roberts
Fairview Tabernacle		Jason Robertson	James Jenkins	
Fellowship	Derek McCosh Jeremy Malone	Christy McCosh JT Teutimez	Bernard Ackah	Kim Brown
Glenlock	Lon Shoopman Karen Bowers	Debbie Allen Michael Byrum	Dean Babb Roger Coleman	Rodney Bowers
Gregory's Chapel	T.J. Wattenbarger	Brandon Davidson	Tim Wattenbarger	
Hopewell Springs	NONE REPORTED		(Sean Patton)	
Howards Chapel	Ronnie Best Marleta Costner	Tangie Best Robert Costner	Debbie Baker Carol Peters	Pearce Baker
Island Creek	Lewis Jones Tracy Maxwell	Danny Lingerfelt Chad Price	Dennis Lingerfelt Jason Thompson	Ronnie Moses
Lakeside	Gerald Atkins Barbara Brown	Vivian Atkins Harry Brown	Doug Blankenship Dwayne Leming	Rhonda Blankenship
Long Ridge	James Graves Steve Thompson	Wayne Moser	William O'Dell	Denver Roberts
Lower Chilhowee	Joey Bivens	Judy Bivens	Rhonda Koons	Kenny Lewis
Macedonia	Grady Butler	Craig Stewart		
Madisonville, First		Chris Moore	Andy Foreman	Ethan Webb
Maple Springs	Vernon Webb Sarah Gentry	Chris Brummett	Megan Brummett	James Gentry
Miller's Chapel	Micah Collins	Greg Colvin	Kraig Miller	Jesse Powell
Mt. Calvary	Gerald Lynn Kaye McDaniel	Janet Lynn Scott Teague	Edie Davis Trisha Teague	David McDaniel
Mt. Isabella	NONE REPORTED (Josh Butler)			
Mt. Zion	Andy Franklin Bruce Millsaps	Holly Franklin Donna Millsaps	Louise Couch	Edna Franklin
Murray's	Dakota McLemore	David Edgmon	Donnie Wilkens	
New Bethany	Matthew Johnson Judy Webb	Lisa Allen	Margie Gray	Billy Marsingill

New Macedonia	Mitch Isbill Donnie Jones	David Allmond Jeff Kelly	Kyle Allmond Taylor Morris	Ben Curtis	
New Providence	Rick Atkins Tia Patton	Amy Ferguson Dan Sliger	Trey Ferguson Pam Williams	Steven Patton	
New Zion	Brandon Wilcox Michael Radford	Marla Wilcox Don Stewart	J.J. Carson Scott Stewart	Dale Radford	
North Sweetwater		Bill Wilson Cindy Reynolds	Judy Wilson Mary Kate Reynolds	Claretta Crosby Gary Crosby Danny Sledge	
Notchey Creek	Shane Johnston Ronny Jones	Dennis Cagle Sharon Jones	Linda Cagle Audrey Stephens	Michael Conti	
Oak Grove	Wayne Trentham Kevin Harris	MaryAnn Trentham Felisha Harris		Steve Carringer Barbara Carringer	
Oakland	Jim Swabe Cheryl Hicks	Tracy Swabe Paul McDaniel	Martha Bush Sandi Seacrest	Jason Hicks	
Old Pond Hill	Kenny Keller	Lonnie Burnette	Fred Egan		
Old Sweetwater	Richard Lane	Josh Croft			
Paint Rock	Keith Kile	Deb Kile	Marie Selvidge	Heather Sharp	
Piney Grove	Ollie Lankford	Wanda Lankford	Melvin Martin	Jeanette Martin	
Poplar Bluff	Roman Hamilton Randy Wear	Jeff Dalton	Jon Harris	Roger Powers	
Reed Springs	Steven McDonald David Mashburn	Kendra McDonald Scarlett Mashburn		Joe Malone Stephen Wolfe	Becky Malone
Rocky Springs	Greg McCosh Debbie Wattenberg	Russell Kinser	Debbie Massengill Bryan Williamson	Doris Sylvester David Winters	
Rural Vale	Carroll Hamilton Nickey Lynn	Cynthia Hamilton Danny Martin	Allen Cain LeAnne Martin	Madeline Lynn	
Shady Grove	BJ Wall Roger Morgan	Brad Atkins Buddy Hunt Justin Wear	Luke Keller Paige Wear		
Shelton Grove	Tim Watson Dewey Henry	Bryan Carter Will Thompson	Andy Edgemon Brandon Watson	Lee Roy Edgemon	
Shoal Creek	Steve Strickland Jerry Moses	Daniel Cline Braden Strickland	Brandon McClure	Bill Jones Trey Strickland	
South Madisonville	Rick Harris Patricia Koontz	Connie Harris Alex Rose	Brian Ferguson Taylor Rose	Robert Koontz	
Sweetwater, First	Jason Pounds	Todd Colbert	Cindy Lemmonds	Tommy Lemmonds	
Tellico (Ballplay)	NONE REPORTED	Chris Crowder			
Tellico Plains, First	Richard Parker Chris Johnson	Marilyn Parker Lesley Zavracky	Randy Fulbright Matthew Zavracky	Phyllis Fulbright	
Tevis Springs	Sam Baines	James Bright	Chris Lankford		
Towee Falls	NONE REPORTED	(Steven Stone)			
Trinity	Jarrold Johnson	Rebecca Woods			
Union Grove	Isaac Sparks Malinda Thomason	Max Edwards Tim Thomason	Steve Hanely	Jamie Hanley	
Union Hall	Austin Gourley				
Union McMinn	Gabe Brannon Howie White	Seth Bohannon Scott White	David Hayes Gerald Wilson	Jodie Moser	
Unity	Mike Blair	Lance Belcher	Dana Robinson		
Upper Shady Grove	NONE REPORTED	(Noah Russell)			
Vonore	Dustin George Tammy Smith	Mike Akins	Gary Kirkland	Fred Smith	
Walnut Grove	Jonas Turpin Kris Treadway	Angela Burgess Rhonda Treadway	Mike Burgess James "Bo" Wheat	Teresa Guffey	
Watson Chapel	NONE REPORTED	Jason Blair			

Westside	NONE REPORTED	(Dwight Torbett)
Williamsburg	Chris Holloway	BW Ledford Elden Ledford

***2025 MESSENGERS - ASSOCIATIONAL STAFF/COUNCIL (not otherwise listed as Church Messengers)**

Tony Rutherford (SBA Staff)
 Sheri Stephens (SBA Staff
 Becky Jones (SBA Staff)

2024-2025 Council (non-pastors, non-church messengers)

Jamie Johnson (Moderator)
 Nick Farrell (Youth Committee Chairman)
 Phillip Johnson (SBA Music Director)
 Gid Redmond (Budget Committee Chairman)
 Rachel Thompson (WMU/Ladies Ministry Director)

**Sweetwater Baptist Association
 2025-2026 LEADERSHIP SUMMERY**

*As reported via 2025 ACP Reports

Congregation	Pastor	Chairman of Deacons	Youth Pastor/Director
411 Chapel	Michael McLemore	Allen Ingram	Horton Dawson
Antioch	Danny Roberts	Wilburn Aikens	Geraldine Rogers
Beaty's Chapel	Larry Walker	Ronnie Belcher	None Reported
Bethlehem	Zad Tomberlin	Steve Moore	Trey Helms
Bible	Kevin Miller	Dustin Perrine	Andrew Ewing
Big Creek	Mike Jacobs	None Reported	Kalieb & Tara Skinner
Calvary	Jon Foster	None Reported	Drew & Sunny Frerichs
Cane Creek	Cody Dalton	Ronnie Lynn	Cody Dalton
Cedar Fork	Steve Gamble	Pat McGinnis	Steve Gamble
Cedar Valley	Joel Tilson	Mike Howard	Craig McKenzie
Christianburg	Darrell Cardin	Mack Wilson	None Reported
Citico	David Lane	Gordon Self	James Davis
Clifton	Ronnie Rhea	None Reported	Melinda Spurling
Community	Dennis Atkins	None Reported	Loretta Russell
Compromise	Delbert Umphrey	Marvin Umphrey	None Reported
Conasauga	Tony Curtis	None Reported	None Reported
Concord	Haden Browder	Anthony Smith	None Reported
Delano	Jake Cook	Chuck Burgess	Churck Burgess
Druid Hills	Ronnie Davis	James Monger	Patrick Underwood
Ebenezer	Ethan Thompson	Willard Anderson	Donna Miles
Fairview Tabernacle	Jason Robertson	Rodney Boruff	Nick Farrell
Fairview (Tellico)	Kenny Taylor	Thomas Standridge	Billy Taylor
Fellowship	Derek McCosh	None Reported	Bernard Ackah
Glenlock	Lon Shoopman	Michael Harrison	Michael Byrum
Gregory's Chapel	T.J. Wattenbarger	Tim Wattenbarger	None Reported
Hopewell Springs	Sean Patton	Jim Alexander	None Reported
Howard's Chapel	Ronnie Best	Robert Costner	Debbie Baker
Island Creek	Lewis Jones	Chad Price	Jason & Cody Thompson
Lakeside	Gerald Atkins	Doug Blankenship	None Reported
Long Ridge	No Pastor	Steve Thompson	None Reported

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Lower Chilhowee	Joey Bivens	None Reported	None Reported
Macedonia	Grady Butler (Interim)	Claude Stewart	None Reported
Madisonville, First	Chris Moore	Jeff Roberson	Logan Blackwell
Maple Springs	Vernon Webb	Adam Martin/Larry Britton	Adam & Megan Martin
Miller's Chapel	Micah Collins	Kraig Miller	None Reported
Mt. Calvary	Gerald Lynn	David McDaniel	David/Kay McDaniel, Jeb/Morgan Best
Mt. Isabella	Josh Butler	James Butler	None Reported
Mt. Zion	Andy Franklin	Carl Miller	Staci Dean
Murray's	Dakota McLemore	Carl Richesin, Jr.	None Reported
New Bethany	Matthew Johnson	Greg Allen	Chad Johnson
New Macedonia	Mitch Isbill	Ben Curtis	Kevin Gentry
New Providence	Rick Atkins	Trey Ferguson	Ben Curtis
New Zion	Brandon Wilcox	Archie Campbell	None Reported
North Sweetwater	Bill Wilson	Danny Sledge	None Reported
Notchey Creek	Shane Johnston	Josh McDaniel	Billy Harrill
Oak Grove	Wayne Trentham	Steve Carringer	Vic Bivens & Ashley Fischer
Oakland	Jim Swabe	None Reported	Cheryl Hicks
Old Pond Hill	Kenny Keller	Bennie Henderson	None Reported
Old Sweetwater	Richard Lane	Danny Thornburg	Mistie Ladd
Paint Rock	Keith Kile	None Reported	Deborah Kile
Piney Grove	Ollie Lankford	Melvin Martin	None Reported
Poplar Bluff	Roman Hamilton	Jon Harris	Jeff Dalton
Reed Springs	Steven McDonald	None Reported	Cody Hill
Rocky Springs	Greg McCosh	Bryan Williamson	None Reported
Rural Vale	Carroll Hamilton	Nickey Lynn	Ethan Curtis
Shady Grove	B.J. Wall	None Reported	Luke Keller
Shelton Grove	Tim Watson	Dewey Henry	Kayla Watson/Krisin Hill
Shoal Creek	Steve Strickland	Jerry Moses	Beth Brooks
South Madisonville	Rick Harris	Kevin Brown	John Patterson
Sweetwater, First	Jason Pounds	Mark Houston	Jordan Lopez
Tellico Plains, First	Richard Parker	None Reported	None Reported
Tellico (Ballplay)	Chris Crowder	Harold Sloan	Michael Hunt
Tevis Springs	Sam Baines	John Swabe	Ashley Lankford
Towee Falls	Steven Stone	None Reported	None Reported
Trinity	Jarrold Johnson	Mitchell Wicker	None Reported
Union Grove	Isaac Sparks	Steve Hanley	Kelly Hensley
Union Hall	Austin Gourley	None Reported	None Reported
Union McMinn	Gabe Brannon	Gerald Wilson	None Reported
Unity	Mike Blair	Lance Belcher	None Reported
Upper Shady Grove	Noah Russell	Goley Hollinghead	None Reported
Vonore	Dustin George	Dale Bradley	Steve Giles
Walnut Grove	Jonas Turpin	Leonard Blevins	None Reported
Watson Chapel	Jason Blair	None Reported	None Reported
Westside	Dwight Torbett	Terry O'Dell	Larry Watson
Williamsburg	Chris Holloway	David Miller	Patrick Flanary

**Sweetwater Baptist Association
2025-2026 CHURCH CLERKS**

Congregation	Church Clerk	Mailing Address
411 Chapel	Mrs Kelly Leming	302 Old Loudon Rd, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Antioch	Ms Wilma Matoy	186 Williamsburg Rd, Vonore, TN, 37885
Beaty's Chapel	Mrs Shania Debety	529 Barney Creek Rd, Tellico Plains, TN 37385
Bethlehem	Mrs Donna McKee	248 Big Creek Rd, Madisonville, TN, 37354
Bible	Mrs Lillie Miller	PO Box 574, Tellico Plains, TN 37385
Big Creek	Ms Donna Rucker	132 Houser Dr, Sweetwater, TN, 37874
Big Creek	Mrs DeAnna Jacobs	4885 Caldwell Rd, Loudon, TN 37774
Calvary	Mr Joe Frerichs	515 Ironsburg Rd, Tellico Plains, TN 37385
Cane Creek	Ms Rebecca Pearson	120 Hartland Dr, Madisonville, TN, 37354
Cedar Fork	Mrs Gail Farrell	423 Big Sandy Rd, Philadelphia, TN 37846
Cedar Valley	Ms Cheryl Young	1295 Hwy 68, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Christianburg	Ms Leslie McKee	605 N Price St, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Citico	Ms Debbie Gentry	243 Smokey Branch Rd, Vonore, TN 37885
Clifton	Ms Melinda Spurling	264 County Rd 267, Niota, TN 37826
Community	Mrs Loretta Russell	926 Hwy 11 S, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Compromise	Mr Marvin Umphrey	122 County Rd 202, Athens, TN, 37303
Conasauga	Mr Bobby Triplett	148 County Rd 622, Etowah, TN, 37331
Concord	Mrs Jessica Godsey	23385 Hwy 58 N, Decatur, TN 37322
Concord	Mrs Seleana Roper	135 Pulliam Ln, Decatur, TN 37322
Delano	Mrs Natalie Kelly	PO Box 25, Delano, TN 37325
Druid Hill	Ms Jodie Underwood	256 Old Mill Rd, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
Ebenezer	Ms Lora McMahan	3749 Hwy 360, Vonore, TN, 37885
Fairview Tabernacle	Ramagene Barnes	123 Duseh Dr, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Fairview (Tellico)	Mrs Sherrie Taylor	PO Box 394, Tellico Plains, TN 37385
Fairview (Tellico)	Ms Gladys Standridge	2418 Fairview Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354
Fellowship	Mr John Teutimez	405 Central St W, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Glenlock	Mr Rodney Bowers	105 Young Dr, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Gregory's Chapel	Mrs Lisa Wattenbarger	979 Creek Rd, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Hopewell Springs	Mr Ritchie White	125 Coleman Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354
Howards Chapel	Mr Ronnie Summey	1811 Big Gulley Rd, Maryville, TN 37801
Island Creek	Mrs Shanna Isbill	5177 Hwy 411, Madisonville, TN 37354
Lakeside	Mrs Mary Frank	438 Cold Stream Farm Rd, Madisonville, TN, 37354
Long Ridge	Mrs Celina Lintemuth	PO Box 97, Coker Creek, TN 37314
Lower Chilhowee	Mr Monty (Kenny) Lewis	718 Dailey Ave, Loudon, TN 37774
Lower Chilhowee	Mrs Rhonda Koons	7445 Happy Valley Rd, Tallassee, TN 37878
Macedonia	Ms Carolyn Stewart	418 Sawmill Rd, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
Madisonville First	Mr Alan Sloan	139 College St, Madisonville, TN 37354
Maple Springs	Ms Donna Lynn	689 Jones Dr, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
Miller's Chapel	Mrs Tammy Miller	PO Box 744, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
Mt Calvary	Ms Angela Davis	225 Sawmill Rd, Tellico Plains, TN 37385
Mt Isabella	Mrs Candice Butler	1269 Rafter Rd, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
Mt Zion	Mrs Elaine Hawkins	1022 Highway 360, Vonore, TN, 37885
Murray's	Ms Melissa Edgmon	160 Edgmon Road, Sweetwater, TN, 37874
New Bethany	Mrs Emily Johnson	868 Head of Creek Rd, Sweetwater, TN 37874
New Macedonia	Mr David Allmond	218 Starrett St, Sweetwater, TN, 37874
New Providence	Mrs Becky Peels	404 Unicoi Lakes Rd, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385

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Congregation	Church Clerk	Mailing Address
New Zion	Ms Peggy Martin	118 County Rd 660, Athens, TN 37303
New Zion	Mr Scott Stewart	319 County Rd 616, Athens, TN 37303
North Sweetwater	Mrs Claretta Crosby	805 Fair St N, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Notchey Creek	Mrs Linda Gregory	529 Monroe St, Madisonville, TN, 37354
Oak Grove	Mrs Barbara Carringer	1320 Oak Grove Rd, Madisonville, TN, 37354
Oakland	Mr Jason Hicks	106 Meadow Ln, Vonore, TN, 37885
Old Pond Hill	Ms Judy Watts	148 County Rd 275, Niota, TN, 37826
Old Pond Hill	Ms Robin Anderson	156 County Rd 275, Niota, TN, 37826
Old Sweetwater	Ms Lesa Shultz	606 Childress Ave, Sweetwater, TN, 37874
Paint Rock	Mrs Janice Parks	162 Paint Rock Rd, Kingston, TN, 37763
Piney Grove	Mrs Charity Standridge	3322 Old Hwy 68, Madisonville, TN 37354
Poplar Bluff	Mrs Sharon Stone	710 Old State Rd, Tellico Plains, TN 37385
Reed Springs	Mr Joseph Lovin	500 Glenlock Rd, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Rocky Springs	Mrs Marilyn Moses	104 Chapel View Dr, Madisonville, TN, 37354
Rural Vale	Ms Misti Pike	155 Dry Creek Rd, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
Shady Grove	Mrs Debra Morgan	2100 Mecca Pike, Tellico Plains, TN 37385
Shelton Grove	Mrs Kari Watson	1632 Sweetwater Vonore Rd, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Shoal Creek	Mrs Glenna Moses	544 Lick Creek Rd, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
South Madisonville	Mrs Patricia Koontz	591 Rausin Hollow Rd, Philadelphia, TN 37846
Sweetwater, First	Mrs Janet Collins	303 Wright St, Sweetwater, TN, 37874
Sweetwater, First	Mrs Diane Ridgell	303 Wright St, Sweetwater, TN, 37874
Tellico Plains, First	Mrs Heather Hall	706 Bethlehem Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354
Tellico (Ballplay)	Mrs MaShell Hunt	249 Old Athens Rd, Madisonville, TN, 37354
Tevis Springs	Mrs Ashley Bright	1991 Ballplay Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354
Tevis Springs	Mrs Rhonda Baines	374 Badger Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354
Towee Falls	Ms Robbie Jones	1143 Towee Falls Rd, Tellico Plains, TN, 37385
Trinity	Mrs Rebecca Woods	152 Tango Dr, Madisonville, TN 37354
Union Grove	Ms Jamie Hanley	342 County Rd 313, Sweetwater, TN, 37874
Union Hall	Mrs Ethel Bivens	134 Ogle Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354
Union Hall	Mrs Janis Jenkins	2609 Ballplay Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354
Union McMinn	Mrs Jane Wilson	PO Box 214, Niota, TN, 37826
Unity	Mrs Lori Ann Morgan	1334 Hwy 68, Sweetwater, TN 37874
Upper Shady Grove	Mrs Carol King	2212 Highland Rd, Maryville, TN, 37801
Vonore	Mrs Teresa White	1644 Bay Creek Dr, Vonore, TN 37885
Walnut Grove	Mrs Angela Burgess	147 Ponderosa Dr, Madisonville, TN 37354
Watson Chapel	Mrs Michelle Lovin	220 Kinser Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354
Westside	Mrs Debbie Atkins	148 Atkins Ln, Madisonville, TN 37354
Williamsburg	Mrs Mary Bivens	500 Trigon Rd N, Greenback, TN 37742

2026 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS TO THE ASSOCIATION

***As reported to the Association via the 2025 ACP Report**

Pastors are automatic Executive Board Members

In addition to the Pastor, each church is entitled to (1) additional Executive Board Member

411 Chapel	Allen Ingram	Murray's.....	Carl Richesin, Jr.
Antioch	None Reported	New Bethany	Chad Johnson
Beaty's Chapel.....	Ronnie Belcher	New Macedonia.....	Toby Massey
Bethlehem.....	Jesse Bunch	New Providence.....	Gary Williams
Bible	Dustin Perrine	New Zion.....	Scott Stewart
Big Creek	Chris Mason	North Sweetwater	Danny Sledge
Calvary.....	Darby Frerichs	Notchey Creek	Doug Stephens
Cane Creek	Perry Miller	Oak Grove	Barry Self
Cedar Fork.....	None Reported	Oakland.....	Jason Hicks
Cedar Valley	Greg Allen	Old Pond Hill	None Reported
Christianburg.....	Darrell McKee	Old Sweetwater	Josh Croft
Citico	Gordon Self	Paint Rock	Deborah Kile
Clifton.....	None Reported	Piney Grove.....	Melvin Martin
Community.....	Jack Russell	Poplar Bluff	Jeff Dalton
Compromise.....	Marvin Umphrey	Reed Springs	Cody Hill
Conasauga.....	DeLane Stiles	Rocky Springs.....	David Winters
Concord.....	Anthony Smith	Rural Vale.....	Nickey Lynn
Delano	None Reported	Shady Grove.....	Luke Keller
Druid Hills.....	None Reported	Shelton Grove	Dewey Henry
Ebenezer	Willard Anderson	Shoal Creek	Trey Strickland
Fairview (Tellico)	Thomas Standridge	South Madisonville	Kevin Brown
Fairview Tabernacle	James Jenkins	Sweetwater, FBC.....	Todd Colbert
Fellowship	Jeremy Malone	Tellico (Ballplay).....	Mark Best
Glenlock	Herbert Hicks, Jr.	Tellico Plains, FBC	Marilyn Parker
Gregory's Chapel.....	Tim Wattenbarger	Tevis Springs	James Bright
Hopewell Springs	Stephen Self	Towee Falls	None Reported
Howard's Chapel	Robert Costner	Trinity.....	Mitchell Wicker
Island Creek.....	Chad Price	Union Grove.....	Steve Hanley
Lakeside.....	Doug Blankenship	Union Hall	Leon Jenkins
Long Ridge.....	Barry West	Union McMinn.....	Gerald Wilson
Lower Chilhowee	Kenny Lewis	Unity	Lance Belcher
Macedonia	Craig Stewart	Upper Shady Grove.....	Goley Hollinghead
Madisonville, FBC.....	None Reported	Vonore	Dale Bradley
Maple Springs	Larry Britton	Walnut Grove.....	None Reported
Miller's Chapel	Kraig Miller	Watson Chapel.....	Alan Lovin
Mt. Calvary.....	David McDaniel	Westside	Terry O'Dell
Mt. Isabella	None Reported	Williamsburg.....	B.W. Ledford
Mt. Zion.....	Dwight Williams		

Sweetwater Baptist Association
2025 Annual Church Profile Summary
MEMBERSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY
 *as reported via the 2025 ACP REPORTS

Congregation	Total Members	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Worship Attend.	SS Enroll.	SS Avg.	DT Enroll.	VBS Enroll.
411 Chapel	230	3	10	90	53	55	0	95
Antioch	50	0	3	15	14	12	0	0
Beaty's Chapel	148	0	0	45	45	45	0	0
Bethlehem	651	5	5	300	227	196	165	222
Bible	108	7	0	58	46	34	0	70
Big Creek	0	2	0	70	49	49	0	60
Calvary	65	84	4	16	16	16		41
Cane Creek	226	6	0	70	50	50	0	0
Cedar Fork	112		0	40	24	16	0	25
Cedar Valley	366	4	0	100	90	60	30	100
Christianburg	130	0	0	50	25	25	0	45
Citico	205	6	1	45	36	36	0	36
Clifton	0	6	6	0	30	0	0	0
Community	249	6	0	30	15	0	17	0
Compromise	75	0	0	16	15	12	0	0
Conasauga	198	1	2	55	45	33	0	80
Concord	55	7	0	28	28	28	15	49
Delano	196	4	0	80	61	49	42	85
Druid Hills	NONE REPORTED							
Ebenezer	NONE REPORTED							
Fairview Tabernacle	1,200	12	54	708	567	385	250	428
Fairview (Tellico)	45	0	0	37	44	37	0	45
Fellowship	100	13	0	80	35	30	0	0
Glenlock	244	3	2	123	77	73	0	171
Gregory's Chapel	56	15	2	55	25	24	0	42
Hopewell Springs	NONE REPORTED							
Howards Chapel	336	12	8	48	39	35	24	60
Island Creek	423	3	6	85	50	64	0	123
Lakeside	200	2	2	80	78	42	0	60
Long Ridge	313	1	0	55	55	55	0	60
Lower Chilhowee	94	0	2	25	0	0	0	0
Macedonia	40	0	2	15	15	0	0	0
Madisonville, First	820	23	14	334	391	225	0	289
Maple Springs	237	7	0	50	46	45	0	68
Miller's Chapel	151	1	0	36	50	27	0	50
Mt Calvary	204	2	7	67	59	36	0	115
Mt Isabella	56	3	0	26	0	26	0	
Mt Zion	447	4	1	89	110	86	54	104
Murray's	207	4	10	36	19	19	20	51
New Bethany	410	4	5	60	42	32	20	118
New Macedonia	529	10	6	117	90	90	89	140

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Congregation	Total Members	Total Baptisms	Other Additions	Worship Attend.	SS Enroll.	SS Avg.	DT Enroll.	VBS Enroll.
New Providence	694	14	5	185	81	80	220	121
New Zion	292	24	5	80	96	42	30	85
North Sweetwater	145	2	1	34	16	16	16	0
Notchey Creek	1,025	12	10	265	243	157	0	167
Oak Grove	282	2	3	65	51	32	10	70
Oakland	49	0	0	16	13	13	0	0
Old Pond Hill	97	0	0	11	5	5		
Old Sweetwater	278	14	26	175	100	96	0	126
Paint Rock	295	4	0	70	36	36	0	50
Piney Grove	50	9	0	10	40	30	0	0
Poplar Bluff	167	2	7	100	83	50	50	78
Reed Springs	459	12	0	120	90	49	0	120
Rocky Springs	296	1	0	72	61	44	69	110
Rural Vale	158	1	4	59	50	50	0	53
Shady Grove	77	0	0	39	0	13	0	45
Shelton Grove	163	2	3	70	40	40	0	95
Shoal Creek	348	4	4	110	51	50	0	115
South Madisonville	108	5	0	100	64	64	0	107
Sweetwater, First	447	7	3	274	482	70	10	202
Tellico Plains, First	265	0	0	60	61	50	0	52
Tellico (Ballplay)	NONE REPORTED							
Tevis Springs	107	4	0	35	25	25	0	36
Towee Falls	77	0	2	30	44	25	0	0
Trinity	166	10	19	58	73	46	15	73
Union Grove	190	15	2	86	81	48	60	117
Union Hall	144	0	0	22	14	18	0	0
Union McMinn	308	4	13	175	120	120	0	236
Unity	25	3	3	20	20	20	0	0
Upper Shady Grove	266	8	0	57	57	40	0	0
Vonore	579	6	8	222	144	129	0	91
Walnut Grove	91	5	0	40	37	25	0	79
Watson Chapel	NONE REPORTED							
Westside	400	31	18	97	70	70	65	123
Williamsburg	50	0	3	15	14	12	0	0
SBA TOTALS	17,274	461	291	6,006	5,023	3,612	1,271	5,183

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MISSIONS, MINISTRY AND FINANCIAL

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Congregation	Music Ministry	WMU	Other Ladies Ministry	Mens Ministry	Mission Project Participation	Association Gifts	Total Mission Giving	Total Receipts
411 Chapel	31	10	0	8	60	\$1,500	\$17,329	\$100,233
Antioch	8	0	0	0	0	\$275	\$986	\$0
Beaty's Chapel	39	0	0	0	0	\$100	\$100	\$3,000
Bethlehem	75	1	65	45	125	\$6,996	\$39,055	\$356,993
Bible	0	0	0	0	0	\$400	\$3,100	\$0
Big Creek	0	0	0	0	0	\$600	\$0	\$0
Calvary	14	0	0	0	0	\$1,378	\$1,378	\$24,477
Cane Creek	16	13	0	8	8	\$1,600	\$5,600	\$174,824
Cedar Fork	12	3	0	0	0	\$5,918	\$23,150	\$91,132
Cedar Valley	15	20	20	17	0	\$11,904	\$34,706	\$198,000
Christianburg	20	0	0	0	3	\$3,059	\$17,144	\$79,280
Citico	0	0	0	0	3	\$3,458	\$3,683	\$0
Clifton	10	0	0	0	0	\$300	\$760	\$23,967
Community	15	0	0	0	0	\$2,270	\$3,585	\$75,775
Compromise	23	0	0	0	0	\$600	\$1,081	\$14,770
Conasauga	0	0	0	0	0	\$3,600	\$4,600	\$186,632
Concord	16	21	0	0	28	\$2,748	\$474	\$54,066
Delano	15	23	0	10	5	\$3,799	\$20,250	\$229,343
Druid Hills	NONE REPORTED					\$1,200		
Ebenezer	NONE REPORTED					\$758		
Fairview Tabernacle	139	0	70	61	50	\$15,750	\$243,982	\$1,839,169
Fairview (Tellico)	12	1	0	1	1	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fellowship	8	0	0	0	3	\$1,511	\$9,498	\$91,914
Glenlock	28	0	0	0	71	\$4,008	\$26,529	\$197,420
Gregory's Chapel	19	0	0	0	0	\$1,200	\$10,599	\$44,056
Hopewell Springs	NONE REPORTED					\$500		
Howards Chapel	30	0	0	0	2	\$1,300	\$1,600	\$0
Island Creek	0	0	0	0	0	\$3,300	\$29,258	\$166,681
Lakeside	50	15	0	0	0	\$2,400	\$27,978	\$107,513
Long Ridge	25	0	0	0	1	\$1,000	\$3,553	\$123,925
Lower Chilhowee	0	0	0	0	0	\$2,192	\$7,192	\$32,581
Macedonia	0	0	0	0	0	\$200	\$500	\$13,137
Madisonville, First	63	3	40	15	378	\$4,167	\$0	\$0
Maple Springs	25	0	0	0	1	\$0	\$0	\$47,856
Miller's Chapel	20	0	0	0	0	\$1,200	\$15,857	\$38,351
Mt Calvary	47	0	17	0	0	\$1,311	\$5,987	\$47,339
Mt Isabella	0	0	0	0	0	\$0	\$700	\$5,382
Mt Zion	21	18	0	0	9	\$8,838	\$9,338	\$201,699

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Murray's	10	16	0	0	0	\$2,194	\$4,344	\$47,183
New Bethany	25	27	12	8	330	\$4,510	\$41,217	\$123,864
New Macedonia	50	0	0	0	65	\$2,400	\$6,664	\$190,689
New Providence	55	15	0	0	50	\$10,433	\$42,282	\$272,864
New Zion	30	0	0	0	0	\$400	\$1,815	\$0
North Sweetwater	14	23	0	0	22	\$1,186	\$4,161	\$44,245
Notchey Creek	121	34	30	25	212	\$10,106	\$145,685	\$737,895
Oak Grove	36	0	25	10	0	\$3,542	\$14,320	\$102,413
Oakland	0	0	0	0	0	\$800	\$5,589	\$38,461
Old Pond Hill	0	0	0	0	0	\$300	\$300	\$0
Old Sweetwater	0	0	0	0	0	\$1,000	\$0	\$0
Paint Rock	26	0	0	0	0	\$1,210	\$4,328	\$49,000
Piney Grove	10	50	0	0	50	\$0	\$0	\$0
Poplar Bluff	1	0	20	20	20	\$1,200	\$6,539	\$63,036
Reed Springs	55	0	22	24	0	\$1,884	\$10,787	\$233,156
Rocky Springs	40	6	19	20	129	\$5,000	\$43,044	\$189,210
Rural Vale	0	0	0	0	15	\$6,387	\$13,881	\$121,406
Shady Grove	0	0	0	0	0	\$1,000	\$9,593	\$0
Shelton Grove	20	0	0	0	0	\$2,408	\$6,772	\$81,243
Shoal Creek	0	0	0	0	0	\$1,021	\$6,638	\$73,929
South Madisonville	60	0	10	10	0	\$1,250	\$31,010	\$141,297
Sweetwater, First	140	28	75	20	182	\$4,200	\$50,280	\$741,834
Tellico Plains, First	22	0	18	16	40	\$5,659	\$36,696	\$150,574
Tellico (Ballplay)	NONE REPORTED					\$1,500		
Tevis Springs	0	0	0	0	0	\$450	\$0	\$43,097
Towee Falls	20	0	0	0	4	\$1,800	\$5,200	\$54,000
Trinity	9	20	20	13	9	\$1,000	\$6,121	\$0
Union Grove	54	60	15	12	12	\$1,560	\$20,435	\$105,852
Union Hall	12	0	0	0	0	\$741	\$871	\$17,941
Union McMinn	77	0	25	15	275	\$4,800	\$86,010	\$365,597
Unity	20	0	0	0	0	\$300	\$300	\$0
Upper Shady Grove	0	0	0	0	10	\$500	\$4,200	\$71,660
Vonore	41	12	0	0	168	\$20,342	\$106,213	\$787,929
Walnut Grove	0	0	0	0	5	\$1,500	\$5,327	\$49,339
Watson Chapel	NONE REPORTED					\$1,167		
Westside	68	0	15	25	0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Williamsburg	8	0	0	0	0	\$492	\$986	\$0
SBA TOTALS	1,820	419	518	383	2,346	\$205,582	\$1,291,160	\$9,467,230