

THE MESSENGER
of the
Sweetwater Baptist Association



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SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Youth Reach

July 20-21, 2012

- Message by Dwight Singleton, music by Life Wide Open
- Smoky Mountain Convention Center, Pigeon Forge
- \$25.00 per person (conference fee, materials, t-shirt)
*lodging NOT included



SBA Family of Churches Welcome.....



(left) Pastor at
Gregory's Chapel Baptist Church
Allen Tyler, wife Becky, and
son, Nathan



(right) Pastor at
Hilltop Baptist Church
Chris Gee and wife, Candi



(left) Youth Pastor at
Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church
Chris Hollinghead
wife Tina, daughter Jaden, and sons,
Landon and Isaac

We are praying for these new pastors and youth pastor, their families and congregations, as they work to share Jesus in their communities.

Sweetwater Baptist Association

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

CLINIC



Tuesday, March 27

Open House 6:00 p.m., Conferences 6:35 p.m.

Vonore Baptist Church, Vonore

CONFERENCES FOR ALL AGE GROUPS.....	TEAM LEADERS
Preschool-Kindergarten (babies-completed K).....	Susan DeLand, Vickie Stockstill, Jane Smith
Younger Children (completed grades 1 & 2).....	Carla Thomas
Middle Children (completed grades 3 & 4).....	Michelle Spradlin
Preteen/Older Children (completed grades 5 & 6).....	Bryan and Kim Williamson
Youth.....	Buck Kirkpatrick and Jarrod Johnson
Pastor/Evangelism.....	Ray Umphrey
VBS Leaders/Directors.....	Hope Dotson
Music.....	Tara Howard, Willard Howard, William Bell
Missions.....	Included with Age Conferences
Special Education/Adults/Club VBS.....	Exhibit Table
Mini VBS Exhibit Table.....	Becky Jones, Sheri Stephens

Children and Youth are invited to be part of the Associational VBS Childrens/Youth Choir. This group will practice on Sunday, March 18th and Sunday, March 25th 2-4:00 p.m. at Vonore Baptist Church in Vonore. They will perform at the VBS Clinic on Tuesday evening, March 27th.

LifeWay's 2012 Vacation Bible School Sampler Kits and materials are available at the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office. Please call the SBA Office at 442-6604 to reserve your kit or place your order for VBS materials for your church.

Sweetwater Baptist Association

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, April 23, 2012, 7:00 p.m.

SBA Office Building

According to the SBA Constitution and Bylaws, Article VIII: All Pastors, Associational Council (SBA Officers and Committee Chairman) and one elected Executive Board Member from each participating church are entitled to participate in the Executive Board Meetings.

Pray for April Simultaneous Revivals

Director of Missions



Storm Shelter: This past week the term “storm shelter” took on a new meaning as tornado warnings filled the air waves from radio and television stations. By mid-afternoon on Friday, March 2nd warnings became realities as the twisting funnel clouds began their devastating assault on our communities. Trees were reduced to toothpicks, homes were shifted from their foundations, and rooftops were relocated to neighbor’s backyards. One man found a new vehicle parked in his driveway. Students felt the reality of what they had practiced for years as they huddled beneath their desks before moving to the hallway. Nervous adults and frantic children trembled while being thankful for being sheltered from the storm.

When the glaring sound of storm warnings draws our attention from routine activities, instructions of how to remain secure follows. We are told to stay away from windows, go to the lowest place in the home, cover ourselves with a mattress or pillows, remain calm, and continue to listen for further instructions. Following good advice is a mark of wisdom according to the book of Proverbs. It is natural to think of brick buildings and block walls as means of protection. Yet, we as believers also confess that there is a greater source that hedge around the children of God. David’s cry to God was, *“For thou hast been a shelter for me, and a strong tower from the enemy,”* Psalm 61:3.

Several of our churches in the tornado ravaged area are being such a shelter. Meals are being served, downed trees are being removed from homes, clothing and food pantries are opened, and laundry and shower trailers are being provided to those in need. We are discovering that as God’s Spirit hovers over us in a caring manner, He also allows us to participate in extending His loving touch to others.

We will need to continue to provide a storm shelter for those hurting victims. If you have chain saw teams, light construction teams, cooks, people willing to pull brush, or any willing heart, contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association office and we will make the arrangement so lives can be touched in the name of Christ.

Great comfort comes from the thought of being sheltered in the arms of God. Our upcoming simultaneous revivals are offering such a gift to those that do not know the comforting arms of a loving Lord. Our prayers are that many discover this sheltering place that is made possible through His marvelous grace.

God is also allowing us to be His storm shelter as we reach out to the children in Haiti. Several churches are surrendering to the Master’s call in providing for the needs of the orphans who have suffered the effects of a devastating storm. There is still time for your church to be an extension of those precious sheltering arms.

Doesn’t it make you feel good to be involved in the lives of those who are in despair and have loss of hope? It also feels good to be safe in the “Storm Shelter!”

--- Tony Rutherford

TELICO PLAINS TORNADO:

On Friday, March 2nd, a category EF2 tornado hit downtown Tellico Plains and the surrounding area. It was estimated that the tornado was on the ground for approximately 14 miles. It was reported that sixty-five homes were damaged, thirty-five homes were completely destroyed, and amazingly no fatalities.



Cleanup, chainsaw and feeding disaster relief teams from the churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association have been working in the area since Friday evening. A shower and laundry unit provided by the Tennessee Baptist Convention has been available at the First Baptist Church in Tellico.



New Providence Baptist Church is the official FEMA drop-off center for non-perishable food items and toiletry items. Please contact Becky Peels at 423-261-2117 regarding the collection and drop-off of these items.



Work teams are still needed in Tellico Plains. Crews can currently report to the Tellico Community Center for instructions. At present, Tellico Plains, Fire Department Chief, Jamie Sission is coordinating work team projects; you can contact him at 423-261-4314.

The Sweetwater Baptist Association is accepting monetary donations for feeding/disaster relief work. Donations can be sent to the Associational Office, be sure to mark on your checks for “Tellico Tornado Relief”. Please continue to pray for those affected by the tornadoes in Tellico Plains.

**Disaster Relief Funds
Received at SBA OFFICE
For TELlico TORNADO RELIEF**

Friendship Baptist Church.....	500.00
Tellico (Ballplay) Baptist Church	2,000.00
Thelma L. Davis	50.00

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING: The Sweetwater Baptist Association is currently putting together a team to serve as instructors for disaster relief training classes for our Association. If you would be interested in serving as an Associational Disaster Relief Instructor, please contact our office immediately.



You must have already had the "Introduction to Disaster Relief" class and will be required to complete "Train the Trainers" classes. If you have not taken the *Introduction* class within the last three years, we will help you with upcoming dates, times and locations that the class is being offered. A pastor recommendation will be required for all persons interested in serving as an instructor in the Associational Disaster Relief Training Team.

If you have any questions or are interested in attending the "Train the Trainers" classes, please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association at 442-6604.

YOUTH NEWS: The S.B.A. Youth Committee suffered a great loss with the passing of Brother Bill Bradley. Bill will certainly be missed.



Bill served on the Committee for two years and would have been Chairman next year. Bill had a lot to offer the Committee, as did his family and his church family. Bill was a loving, caring man whom was a dear friend to many. Bill loved the Lord, and I'm happy to know I will see him again in heaven. Our prayers are with his wife Sharmin, children, Cymri, Cassidy, Caylee, Chuckie and extended church family.

By the time you read this, our 2012 Area Wide Youth Crusade will be past. The Youth Committee would like to thank Notchey Creek Baptist Church and Pastor Gale Miller for allowing us to use their church for the Area Wide Youth Crusade. They have a beautiful church and loving people who always make us feel welcome. We would also like to thank Brody and the S.W.O. band for coming and leading us in praise and worship.



Please be in prayer for the upcoming Youth Reach in Pigeon Forge in July. Registration packets are being mailed this week to Pastors

and Youth Leaders. Thanks, and God bless. Clayton Taylor, Associational Youth Committee Chairman

**2012
VACATION
BIBLE
SCHOOL:**

Spring is just around the corner and summer will be here before you know it! And that means time for Vacation Bible Schools! VBS plans are already getting under way. Pastor and



Vacation Bible School Directors met recently for our VBS Preview Clinic.

We want to remind all VBS Directors, teachers and workers that the **Associational VBS Clinic** will be held on **Tuesday evening, March 27th at Vonore Baptist Church**. The Clinic Choir will practice on March 18th and 25th at 2:00 p.m. Please mark these dates on your calendar and make plans to attend.

LifeWay's VBS 2012 Sampler Kits, *Amazing Wonders Aviation* and Club VBS *SpaceQuest*, along with teaching materials, pupil guides, t-shirts, craft kits and promotional resources are available at the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office.

You can get "cleared for takeoff" with *Amazing Wonders Aviation*, as we explore Psalm 147:5. Our focus will be to recognize God's power over all things, accept God's gift of forgiveness, celebrate Jesus is alive and rely on God's power. Also, offered this year is *SpaceQuest*. Kids will explore the mission Jesus has for them in John 14:6.

Please come by or call the Associational Office today at 442-6604 to select the kit that is just right for your church. We will be happy to help you with your 2012 Vacation Bible School team, resources and supplies.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING AND WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS:

Annie Walker Armstrong is one of Southern Baptists' heroes. She championed missions involvement and gave personally and sacrificially of her time and talents to see the Gospel go forward throughout the world. As founder of the Woman's Missionary Union, Annie's commitment to share the Gospel of Jesus continues to live on today. Our Southern Baptist missionaries cannot do the work alone. They need our prayers, support and commitment in order to reach the more than 259 million lost people in North America with the Gospel. Are you willing to do "Whatever It Takes" to fulfill the Great Commission?



Don't forget.... Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and Week of Prayer for North American Missions



Sweetwater Baptists Association **Womens Missionary Union**

The WMU ladies kept saying "Don't worry Audie we've got this covered!" They almost had me convinced, until I got an e-mail around 4:00 pm that had a list of

things that had to be done before the Quarterly Meeting that night at 7:00. You see the meeting that night was at Notchey Creek.



I've always said it's too hard on the WMU Director to have the WMU Quarterly Meeting at their own church. It's as nerve racking as a cat in a room full of rocking chairs!

When I went upstairs at 6:30 at the church, my ladies were still up to their elbows in grapes, strawberries, chicken salad and pimento cheese, but when it was time to eat, everything was all ready. When one person wasn't able to be there, another one just stepped in. I want to thank everyone who helped make it a great meeting. Just like the "A" team, I just love it when a plan comes together!

Enough about Notchey Creek! If you missed the WMU Quarterly Meeting in February, you missed one of the best and such a great blessing. At the meeting in November, Anna Leming asked me if she could do the next meeting. (Anna is the daughter of Chad and Kelly Leming and attends 411 Chapel Baptist Church.)



I didn't know what Anna wanted to share, but I thought if she has the nerve and wants to stand in front of all those people and share, I'm not going to tell her no. Two things...I'm glad she asked and I'm glad I said yes! What a ministry this 11 year has! Most people don't want to go to the nursing homes where the "old" people are. Anna has made Sweetwater Nursing Center her second home. She has such a love for those folks and I know they love her just as much. You could see it in all their eyes. Thank you, Anna, for what you do, for sharing with us and for asking. Before Anna shared her story, Adam Gregory could not have picked a more appropriate song to bless us with as *Thank You for Giving to the Lord*. It was just a great night!



We have talked about doing a week-end retreat. You will be getting

a letter soon with the starting stages of it. Keep the last weekend of September open for a great time.

The next WMU Quarterly Meeting will be held on Monday evening, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church in Sweetwater. Further details of the meeting will be forthcoming.

In the meantime, please do not forget to provide a birthday cake for the East Tennessee Health Care if it is the month assigned for your church. Here is what we have listed: APRIL is Altoona; MAY is Island Creek; and JUNE is First Baptist Church, Madisonville. (You will also find these dates listed on the Associational Calendar of Events.) You may also contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office at 442-6604 or Janet at East Tennessee Health Care at 442-3990 for more information.

Check the websites www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com and www.tnwmu.org for helpful information. Also, check out our facebook page Sweetwater Baptist Association WMU. Remember....missions will put a smile on your face...Audie...Associational WMU Director, Audrey J. Stephens

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"I have come that they might have life and have it more ABUNDANTLY." --John 10:10

2012 EVANGELISM CONFERENCE:

We know that you were blessed if you attended this year's conference. It was a great evening of worship and praise! We want to thank Evangelism

Committee Chairman, Dwayne Leming, and the Evangelism Committee for putting together the program for the 2012 Associational Evangelism Conference.



We want to thank Brother Phillip Johnson for putting together the music for the evening and for leading us in worship. The choir was inspiring and uplifting. Thank you for reminding us what a wonderful, powerful God we worship.

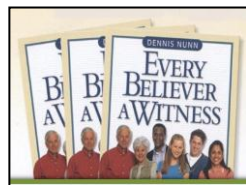


Thank you to Dr. Don Wilton from First Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina for serving as our guest speaker. Dr. Wilton shared that for every action of God, there is a reaction...people are silent, people become angry or people are saved. We were encouraged and challenged by his love for the Word of God and heart for lost souls.

We want to thank Pastor Gale Miller and Notchey Creek Baptist Church for hosting the conference again this year. It is always a joy to meet in this beautiful sanctuary. DVD recordings of the meeting are available upon request at the Association Office.

EVERY BELIEVER A WITNESS TRAINING CLINIC:

Twenty-five laypersons and pastors attended the February 7th *Every Believer a Witness* Training Clinic at First Baptist Church, Sweetwater. This new evangelism outreach ministry is designed to motivate and train Sunday morning attendees to share their faith. The conference was led by Dennis Nunn, Founder and President of *Every Believer a Witness*.



We want to thank Pastor Frank Crawford and First Baptist Church, Sweetwater for hosting his training clinic, as well as providing a wonderful meal prior to the meeting.

FINANCIAL ISSUES FACING CHURCHES AND MINISTERS SEMINAR:

We want to thank Pastor Mark Carr and Watson Chapel Baptist Church for hosting the Tennessee Baptist Convention Financial Tax Seminar on February 21st. The seminar was led by Richard Skidmore (State Mission Staff, Financial Support). Key topics included updated reporting requirements, federal reporting, benefit programs and charitable contributions.



JUST A NOTE: The Tennessee Department of Revenue issued new Certificates of Exemptions in June, 2011. According to the state of Tennessee, you should have already begun using the forms for your church effective July 1, 2011. If you need to submit a copy of the new form for your church to LifeWay Christian Resources for VBS or Sunday School materials purchased, please bring a copy of your tax exemption form by our office, and we will be happy to fax it to LifeWay for you.



HOSPICE TRAINING DATES

9:00 AM – 4:30 PM

Lunch & Snacks Provided

MARCH 28 – VONORE BAPTIST CHURCH, VONORE

APRIL 11 – FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, MADISONVILLE

APRIL 25 – FIRST ASSEMBLY OF GOD, SWEETWATER

MAY 23 – CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH, LENIOR CITY

For more information, contact, Martha Hammond, Volunteer Coordinator with Amedisys Hospice at 423-435-2226 or martha.hammond@amedisys.com.

APRIL EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

The Executive Board of the Sweetwater Baptist Association will meet on Monday evening, April 23, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. at the Baptist Office. According to the Constitution and By-



Laws of the Association, all Pastors, Associational Council (SBA Officers and Committee Chairman) and one elected Executive Board Member from each participating church are entitled to participate in the Executive Board Meetings. According to our records, the following churches have not reported an Executive Board Member to our office: Altoona, Beaty's Chapel, Calvary, Christianburg, Glenlock, Mt. Isabella, Mt. Pleasant, New Bethany, Oakland, Old Sweetwater, Paint Rock, Towee Falls, Upper Shady Grove, and Williamsburg. In order for your church's Executive Board Member to participate in the business session, we must have the name turned in to the Associational Office prior to the meeting. Pastors or clerks can contact our office at 423-442-6604 or becky.jones@bellsouth.net to report their church's Executive Board Member's name.

Upcoming items to be presented for business at the April Executive Board Meeting include:

Recommendation from Nominating Committee: for replacements of Committee Members on Youth Committee and Finance Committee.

Recommendation from Missions Committee: acceptance of letter from petitioning churches (1) Old Pond Hill Baptist Church (Myrl Vaughn, Pastor) and (2) Concord Baptist Church (Jimmy Jackson, Pastor) for membership with the Sweetwater Baptist Association. These are long, established churches in the Hiwassee Association that has voted to dissolve.



GREGORY'S CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH: We are blessed to have our new pastor Allen Tyler and his wife Becky and son Nathan. They come to us from New Macedonia Baptist Church of Philadelphia. Brother Allen was ordained on Jan. 15, 2012. We are thankful and blessed to have them join our congregation. We ask for your

prayers as we reach out to the lost in our community.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH: Our WMU had set a goal to collect 400 cans of food for our food pantry during the month of January and into the first week of February. Good news, the goal was met - about halfway into the time that was set for it! There is no exact number of items received because the count stopped when 400 was reached. A local group that is dear to Mt. Zion found out about this drive and helped by bringing boxes of food items for the pantry. To them we are most grateful for stepping in and wanting to help us, help others.



Our Pastor, Dennis Robinson will begin revivals on April 1 at Macedonia, and on April 15 at Mt. Zion in Blount county. We ask that you help us pray for him that God will use him in a mighty way, and will keep him strong and healthy.

On Sunday night, March 25 beginning at 6:00 p.m. we will have the Tallent Family from Georgia singing. Everyone is welcome to come worship with us during this service. --Sheila Miller

100th Celebration

REED SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH: Reed Springs will be celebrating her 100th anniversary this year. On April 29th, we will hold a special 100th Year Homecoming Celebration. Service beginning at 10:30 am.



ROCKY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH: Rocky Springs is looking forward to a busy spring. On Sunday, March 11, we baptized two young men. We welcome all our new members. On Easter Sunday, we will be holding a Sunrise Service at McClellan Cemetery at 7:00 am. In case of rain, the service will be moved

to the church. Evening services will be dismissed.

During the week of April 22-25, we will be in Revival. Brothers James Mason and Tony Rutherford will be preaching. Special singing will be by the church choir each night. Services will begin Sunday morning at 11:00, Sunday night at 6:00, and Monday-Wednesday at 7:00. Please come out and join us.

Don't forget, it's that time of year again for Vacation Bible School. We will be soaring on "AWA" the week of June 3-8, from 6:00-8:30 pm. Come join us to learn more about God's wonderful creation and his precious son Jesus! --Kim Williamson



RURAL VALE BAPTIST CHURCH:

Rural Vale Memorial Cemetery Fund will be having our annual Spring Breakfast on Saturday, March 17, 2012 at the Conasauga Fire Department from 6:00 am to 1:00 pm. Some of the items on the menu include sausage, bacon, pancakes, chocolate gravy, and eggs. There is no charge for the breakfast but donations will be accepted for the Rural Vale Memorial Cemetery Fund. If you have any questions, please contact Ermazo Freeman at 423-253-2280. --Misti Pike



SHOAL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH:

Over the past two months we have had a total of 17 people join the church, 5 professions of faith and 6 baptisms. What an awesome God we serve. On Feb. 5th, we ordained Brother Jesse Howard as a new deacon. Jesse and his wife Sara are such a blessing to our church and we know God will use them in great ways.

We have recently began some work on our building project. We are still very excited and ask that everyone keep praying for God's guidance in this project. We praise God for all he has done thus far.

Remember to tune in to AM 1220 every Saturday at 2:00 pm for our radio broadcast. Our food pantry is open the third Saturday of each month from 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. *Ephesians 3:20-Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us.* --Jessica Hill

Worship Leader Needed at Walnut Grove

Walnut Grove Baptist Church is seeking a Worship Leader with a passion for Jesus. The primary responsibilities include leading in worship service, working with musicians to prepare music, and leading in other areas of music ministry.

Other ministry roles to be based on candidate's gifts and skills as they match the current needs of the church.

For consideration, please contact Pastor Michael DeLand via email at delandmp@yahoo.com or call (865)679-0082.

HOPE FOR HAITI: Since the devastating earthquake struck the nation of Haiti on January 12, 2010, our Association of Churches has responded in a great way. Many short-term relief teams have traveled to Haiti to offer assistance.

HOPE FOR HAITI

In addition, Messengers voted at the 2011 Annual Meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association to enter into a 5-year partnership with Pastor Gaetan Alcegaire. Pastor Gaetan is founder and minister of the Foundation Yaveh Shamma for the Children Orphan in Haiti. Presently, we are helping to feed, clothe and house 32 orphans in Port-au-Prince, Haiti at the orphanage operated by Pastor Gaetan. We are continuing to ask families, churches, Sunday school classes, WMU groups or any group within a congregation to consider supporting a child at the orphanage for \$100.00 a month.



Messengers at the Annual Meeting also voted to construct a multi-purpose building to house the church and school on property being purchased by the Foundation Yaveh Shamma for the Children Orphan in Haiti. The construction will take place as the funding comes in from the churches of our Association.

Many of our churches are responding to these needs. Please pray how God would lead you to be part of this ministry. Here is an update on funds received for the Haiti children's support and the Haiti church/school building project.

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HOPE FOR HAITI - CHILDREN'S SUPPORT FUND

Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church.....	100.00
Island Creek Baptist Church, WMU.....	120.00
North Sweetwater Baptist Church.....	200.00
Sweetwater, First Baptist Church.....	450.00
Vonore Baptist Church.....	500.00
Walnut Grove Baptist Church.....	120.00
William and Kathy Kollock.....	100.00
David McMahon.....	200.00
Tony and Darnell Rutherford.....	520.00

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

HOPE FOR HAITI – CHURCH/SCHOOL FUND

Annual Meeting, 2011.....	865.00
Cane Creek Baptist Church.....	5,000.00
New Bethany Baptist Church.....	275.11
Tony and Darnell Rutherford.....	1,000.00
Anonymous.....	6,000.00

Associational Simultaneous Revivals March-April 2012

DATE	CHURCH	EVANGELIST
March 25-?	UPPER SHADY GROVE.....	Jimmy Jackson
April 1-3	WALNUT GROVE.....	Scott Smith
April 1-7	MURRAY'S.....	Ray Umphrey & Tony Rutherford
April 1-6	TRINITY.....	Chris Cupp, Dwight Singleton
April 1-4	CANE CREEK.....	Denny Moore
April 1-4	HOPEWELL SPRINGS.....	Tony Rutherford
April 2-6	MACEDONIA.....	Dennis Robinson
April 8-12	NEW BETHANY.....	Various
April 15-?	CEDAR VALLEY.....	Johnny Carr
April 15-18	CHRISTIANBURG.....	Donnie Houston
April 15-18	REED SPRINGS.....	Dr. Sonny Works
April 15-18	POPLAR BLUFF.....	Steven McDonald, Steve Strickland
April 15-19	TELLICO, FIRST BAPTIST.....	Andy Stallings
April 15-18	RURAL VALE.....	Tony Rutherford
April 22-25	ROCKY SPRINGS.....	Tony Rutherford & James Mason
April 22-25	FAIRVIEW TABERNACLE.....	Various
April 29-?	CEDAR FORK.....	Dwayne Leming



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Vonore Baptist Church
2nd Annual Sportsman Expo

April 28, 2012
12:00 Noon – 6:00 PM
Guest Speaker: Ray Scott



Fishing Tournament
6:00 am – 12:00 Noon
Weigh-In @ 12:15

Vendors & Demo's
Hot Dogs, Door Prizes, Various Activities

Contact Stephen Giles
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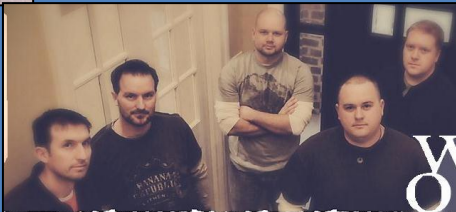
Youth Reach

July 20-21, 2012

Message by Dwight Singleton

Music by Life Wide Open

Watch for
further
details!



April, 2012

"And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour." --Lukel:47

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Palm Sunday	2 Spring Break Monroe Co. No School April 2-6	3	4	5	6 Good Friday Office Closed	7
8 Easter Sunday	9 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.	10	11	12	13 Sweetwater High School Prom	14
15	16 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. SBA Executive Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m.	24	25 National Professional Secretary's Day	26	27 Sequoyah High School Prom, Airport Hilton	28
29	30 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.		East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake- MARCH - New Providence			East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake- APRIL- Altoona



May, 2012

"Blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." --Matthew 5:4

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3 National Day of Prayer	4	5
6	7 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. Youth Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m. WMU Quarterly Meeting, Fairview Tabernacle, 7:00 p.m.	8	9	10	11	12
13	14 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.	15	16	17 Sequoyah High School Graduation High School Awards Nights "Tellico Plains "Sweetwater	18 No School MCBOE Sweetwater High School Graduation, 7:00 p.m.	19 Tellico Plains High School Graduation, 9:00 a.m.
20	21 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. Last Day of School Monroe County Dismiss @ 10:00	22	23	24	25	26
27	28 No Pastor Conf. Memorial Day Office Closed	29	30	31		East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake- May-Island Creek

Information for the next newsletter must be received by May 10, 2012.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

Welcome New Pastors:

Gregory Chapel Allen Tyler
Hilltop Chris Gee

Director of Mission Visits:

Miller's Chapel, Antioch, Altoona, Pisgah, Cane Creek, Howard's Chapel, New Bethany, Christianburg, Oakland, Tellico, Chestua, Gregory's Chapel, Big Creek, Maple Springs, Shoal Creek, Concord, Reed Springs, Druid Hills, Vonore, Glenlock, FBC Bettendorf (Iowa), Fairview (Tellico)

Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Chestua, Fairview, Glenlock, Oak Grove

