

THE MESSENGER of the Sweetwater Baptist Association

"Seventy-one Churches on Mission Together"
Celebrating 181 years, 1830 – 2011

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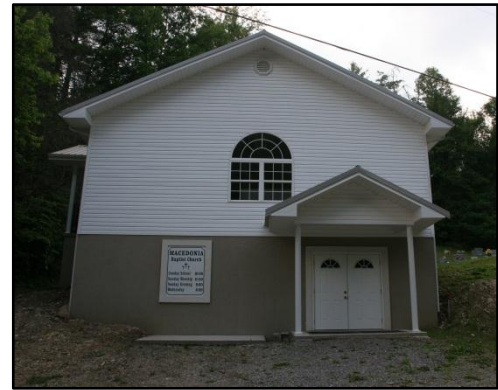
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Offerings continue to be received for Macedonia Baptist Church (Rafter) Building Project

Altoona Baptist Church.....	200.00	Bethlehem Baptist Church.....	100.00
Cane Creek Baptist Church.....	200.00	Clifton Baptist Church.....	150.00
Community Baptist Church.....	250.00	Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church.....	500.00
Gregory's Chapel Baptist Church.....	100.00	Macedonia Baptist Church.....	300.00
Miller's Chapel Baptist Church.....	300.00	New Macedonia Baptist Church.....	150.00
New Providence Baptist Church.....	300.00	Shoal Creek Baptist Church.....	100.00
Union Hall Baptist Church.....	100.00	Walnut Grove Baptist Church.....	500.00
Westside Baptist Church.....	100.00		



Tennessee Baptist Convention presents 2011 SUNDAY SCHOOL INVESTIGATIONS

Conferences for Pastors, Sunday School Directors, Preschool, Children, Youth and Adult Sunday School Leaders

Tuesday, Aug. 23 Red Bank Baptist Church, Chattanooga
Thursday, Aug. 25 Wetmore Baptist Church, Delano (Polk County)
Monday, Aug. 29 Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville
Thursday, Sept. 1 First Baptist Church, Maryville
Thursday, Sept. 29 Blairland Baptist Church, Loudon

Join the detective force to discover solutions to:

- What's missing?
- Who's missing?
- Is your class engaged?
- Who's needed?
- What does the evidence say about the health of your Sunday School Class?
- Is your class reaching new people?
- Is your class teaching God's Word in a way that makes a difference in the lives of its attendees?



Join an excellent team of investigators who will help you examine the evidence and discover what's missing each Sunday in your Sunday School Class. For complete information on classes and faculty, go to www.equippingu.com or contact the Sunday School office of the TBC at 800.558.2090.

Sweetwater Baptist Association

2011 Annual Meeting

Theme: Revive Us Again

Celebrating 181 Years — 1830-2011

Session 1: Monday, October 17, 6:45 p.m.

- First Baptist Church, Madisonville
- Mission Message Dr. John Kuhne, *Pastor/Missionary*
- Director of Mission Report

Session 2: Tuesday, October 18, 9:45 a.m.

- North Sweetwater Baptist Church, Sweetwater
- Annual Sermon Frank Hicks, *Pastor, Bethlehem Baptist Church*
- Annual Meeting Luncheon

Session 3: Tuesday, October 18, 6:45 p.m.

- Vonore Baptist Church, Vonore
- Moderator's Message Steven McDonald, *Pastor, Big Creek Baptist Church*
- Election of Officers

NOTE TO CHURCH CLERKS: Annual Church Profiles (ACP's) and Messenger Cards are ready to be picked up at the SBA Office.

Director of Missions

On Sunday, June 5th I had the privilege of preaching in one of our sister churches. It is exciting to be in worship with the churches of our association. Thus far each church has made a lasting impression on me. However, the events of June 5th left an image in my mind that I trust will never go away. At the conclusion of the preaching an invitation was given. As usual I moved to the side and allowed the pastor to continue with the invitation. A young lady came forward and knelt in front of the mourner's bench. Friends, family, and others joined her as she prayed.



Without passing judgment, I simply prayed where I was standing. I do not know whether her needs were personal or if she was praying for the needs of another. When the praying was done, hugs and amens were passed around in good fellowship and thanksgiving unto God. But, there on the mourner's bench was the message to my soul, three wet tear drops. I'm sure no one bothered to wipe the spots dry. Those liquid stains will be left as a reminder for all who worship there. The Psalmist says, ***"they that sow in tears shall reap in joy. He that goes forth and weeps, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him"*** (Psalms 126:5-6). The three tear drops can prepare the ground for future harvest.

Being moved with great remorse over an act of rebellion against the love of God should bring us to tears. Praying for the lost condition of family, friends, and neighbors should render our hearts broken. Struggling with the plight of a wayward child of God should stir our emotions. When we birth, renew, and restore the church of Christ causes a disturbance deep down in our soul. It is the unbidden tears that God will use to bring revival to our land. These three small pools of heartfelt compassion can open a flood gate of blessings.

In times past, preachers have stood before their congregations pleading for the weary to come home. With tears streaming down their cheeks, they have mourned the lost condition of the un-repentant. They have stood brokenhearted over the demise of an estranged teenager. The slow death of a congregation has saddened the soul of the pastor. Do we still have those tears?

Do we have those tears for the orphans in Haiti who need our support? Their empty stomachs will bring a different type of cry. Sunday school classes, missions groups, and individuals can soften the weeping by committing to give \$90.00 a month per child. We may not be able to hold that child or give the

comfort of our touch, but we can prepare the field in Haiti for future harvest. Let the tear drops flow!

---Tony Rutherford

On January 12, 2010, a devastating earthquake struck the nation of Haiti. Much of the country was completely destroyed. Since then, volunteer teams have traveled to Haiti to offer relief, and our churches have responded to the needs in Haiti in a great way.

HOPE FOR HAITI

Our Association is now working in partnership with a local Haitian orphanage. The orphanage is operated by Baptist Pastor Alcegaire Gaetan. Pastor Gaetan, his wife and 2 children have taken in 32 orphans since the tragic earthquake, and have transformed their family home into an orphanage/house for the children. In order to care for each child, \$1080.00 provides food, clothing, shelter and schooling for one year. We are so thankful for the many that have responded to this great need; however additional funds are needed in order to continue to support this ministry. Please pray for Pastor Gaetan, these children and how God would lead you to share in this ministry as we work to share the love of Christ in the country of Haiti.



IOWA MISSION PROJECT: On June 18-24, twenty-one short-term mission volunteers participated in a mission project in Wilton, Iowa. The team worked with Pastor Brian McNamara at Wilton Baptist Church. A 4-day Vacation Bible School was held at the church and thirteen souls were saved as a result of our working together. What a blessing it was to share the Gospel of Christ with the people of Iowa! Volunteers participating in the project were from Bethlehem Baptist Church, Madisonville and First Baptist Church, Erwin. They were: Jenny Dalton, Trey Helms, Jarrod Johnson, Dean Johnson, Willard Jump, Buck Kirkpatrick, Will Kirkpatrick, Donnie McKee, Donna McKee, Randy Martin, Keterah Martin, Danny Miller, Ashley Stakely, Wendi Stakely, Emily Terszakowec, Preston Holley, Rebecca Holley, Ira Lemmon, Ila Nielsen, Darnell Rutherford and Tony Rutherford.

PASTOR AND FAMILY PICNIC: The annual pastor and family picnic will be held on Monday evening, **September 12th** at Kefauver Park in Madisonville. Please mark this date on your calendar, and make plans to attend. We have reserved the pavilion area from 4:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. for our group, and the evening meal will be served at 6:30 p.m.



This picnic is a treat to pastors and their families from the Association. In order to adequately prepare for the correct number in attendance, reservations are required. Please call the SBA Office at 442-6604 or email the number in your family attending to becky.jones@bellsouth.net or sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net by September 2nd.

THANK YOU TO YOUTH GROUPS: Have you ever wanted to participate in a mission project? Have you ever thought about a mission project in your own backyard? We want to thank youth groups from Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church and Bethlehem Baptist Church for accepting mission projects right here at the Sweetwater Baptist Associational Office!

Thank You

The group from Fairview Baptist Tabernacle came as part of their "Mission Mondays" where they do a mission project every Monday during the summer. While at the SBA Office, the group cleaned the downstairs conference room, cleaned out a closet and washed windows. We appreciate Macy Small and the youth group from Fairview Baptist Tabernacle.



Then the youth group from Bethlehem Baptist Church arrived and worked cleaning out cabinets, cleaning flowerbeds, and carrying trash to a dumpster. Thank you so much to Jarrod Johnson and his youth group from Bethlehem Baptist Church.



We are so very thankful to both of these groups and their leaders for coming to help us. We pray that the Lord will continue to bless them for their willingness to help others.



Turning 60, to some, is depressing. To me, it's a blessing! God has let me live 60 years on this wonderful world that He has created. I start getting senior discounts and I have just had the best birthday gift a person can give to himself.

God has allowed me to spend 13 days taking in His beauty of Alaska with 7 of my first cousins.

You can't beat that!!!!

Sweetwater Baptist Association **Womens Missionary Union**

At midnight on June 1st, six of us left Notchey Creek Community driving to Mt. Juliet to meet up with the others that would be part of the group. Three (3) airplanes, two (2) buses and twenty (20) hours later, we were in Anchorage, Alaska. Next day...an 8-hour train ride to Denali National Park, 6-million acres. The next day was one of the best. We went to see Mt. McKinley, the highest point in North America. It was a beautiful, sunny day and GOD just parted the clouds so we could see His awesome creation. We were part of only 30% that get to see the mountain...because of clouds and fog. We got pictures and t-shirts to prove it!!! Just for a little added attraction, we saw a



moose on the way! Then another train ride to Fairbanks to spend a couple of days. While there, we went on to North Pole, Alaska for a little visit with the "jolly ole man" himself, Santa. Told him how good I had been, but he said he already knew! Tried to put in a good word for my friend Donna McKee, but all he would say was "Donna who?" Ate at a restaurant, *Man vs. Food* and traveled the same highway *Ice Road Truckers* travel. Also, did a "little" panning for gold....got \$15.00 worth. Next day we flew back to Anchorage and then a 3-hour bus ride to Seward to board Holland America's MS Zaandam for 7 fantastic days of seeing GOD'S beauty. Lots of entertainment and, of course, lots of food! Glacier Bay was unreal, breathtaking and very cold. Stopped in Haines, Juneau and Ketchikan, which was my favorite. Then to Vancouver for a day, and then started on our way home. Didn't know if we were going to get all we bought packed in my van or not!!! One more added blessing, GOD took care of all of our families while we were gone...Ain't HE good? So see, turning 60 hasn't been so bad.

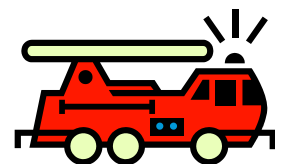


Hope to see you at the next WMU Quarterly Meeting on Monday evening, August 1st at 7:00 p.m. at Ebenezer Baptist Church on Ballplay. Connie Gardner, our Acteens Director will be sharing about their trip to Florida.

Don't forget if it is your time to provide a birthday cake for the East Tennessee Health Care. July is Lakeside, August is 411 Chapel, September is Mt Zion and October is Notchey Creek. (This year, you will also find these dates listed each month on the Associational Calendar of Events.) Thank you to all of the WMU's that participate in this ministry.

Check www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com and www.tnwmu.org for helpful information. Check out our face book page Sweetwater Baptist Association WMU. Remember....missions brings happiness...Audie Associational WMU Director, Audrey J. Stephens

PRESCHOOL DAY: Our Preschool Director, Savonna Chambers has put together a great day for our little ones, ages 5 and under. It will be held on Saturday, August 27th at 2:00 p.m. at the Monroe County Rescue Squad Building, Carson Street, Madisonville. The theme for the day will be "Jesus is our Rescuer". Boys and girls will have an opportunity to try on rescue-type equipment and sit in the Rescue Squad trucks. We will have a time of devotion and learn that Jesus is always with us. Homemade ice-cream will be provided. Mark this date on your calendar, and plan now for the preschoolers from your church to join us for this special time.



GA DAY CAMP: The Associational GA Day Camp will be held on Saturday, October 1st at New Bethany Baptist Church in Sweetwater. This special event is planned for girls ages, 5-12. You DO NOT have to have GA's in your church to attend.



Conferences will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 3:00 P.M. Crafts and lunch are planned for the day. Adult volunteers are needed. If you would like to help, please contact the Associational Office at 442-6604, or the Associational GA Director, Michelle Spradlin at 371-9071.

UPCOMING WMU EVENTS

WMU Quarterly Meeting

August 1st, 7:00 p.m. - Ebenezer Baptist Church

Preschool Day

August 27th, 2:00 p.m., Monroe County Rescue Squad

GA Day Camp

October 1, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m., New Bethany Baptist Church

REVEAL REVIEW RENEW

Equipping Missions Leaders 2011

August 19-20, 2011: Chilhowee Baptist Church, Knoxville For WMU DIRECTORS AND MEN'S MINISTRY DIRECTORS

Conferences will be available for Mission Friend Leaders, Girls in Action Leaders, Children in Action Leaders, Acteen Leaders, Women on Mission, WMU Directors, Royal Ambassador Leaders and Baptist Men/Men's Ministry Leaders. Information will be provided to assist in effectively serving as a mission ministry leader, as well as resources, planning and budget. Creative ideas, new and practical insights to help develop missions and ministry plans will also be offered.

Whether you are a new or experienced missions leader, *Equipping Missions Leaders* provides you with fellowship, inspiration, motivation and training with other mission leaders. Prepare to lead in the new church year as we:

- *Reveal: new resources and plans*
- *Review: responsibilities and possibilities*
- *Renew: commitment to missions discipleship and involvement*

Registration fee is \$10.00 per person if postmarked by August 5th, and \$15.00 per person after August 5th or at the door. Fee includes conferences, sessions, materials and refreshments. For conference descriptions, detailed schedules and other information, visit www.tn-wmu.org or contact the SBA Office at 442-6604.

ROYAL AMBASSADOR UNIVERSITY: Whether you are new or experienced, small or large church, Royal Ambassador Leadership, Royal Ambassador University is for you! Two great locations and times available.



- **Linden Valley Baptist Conference Center**, Linden, Tennessee, July 29-30 (limited to 70 participants) Registration deadline: July 15th or when spaces are filled
- **Carson Springs Baptist Conference Center**, Newport, Tennessee, August 12-13 (limited to 50 participants) Registration deadline: July 29th or when spaces are filled

The cost is \$75.00 per person which includes overnight reservations, 3 meals, (dinner, breakfast, lunch), participant notebook and CD/DVD's. Registration is now open. For more information contact Ken Cole at 901-604-6055 or Herschel Wells at 901-568-0466. Download a flyer www.tnbaptist.org/pdf/2011-rauniv.pdf. You can also contact the SBA Office at 442-6604.

ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS: The 2011 Annual Church Profiles (ACP's) are ready to be picked up at the Associational Office. In order to keep postage expenses down, we are asking that you or someone from your church please stop by and pick up your ACP packet. This is the annual church report that your church completes each year which provides statistical information, as well as names and addresses for church leadership. Completed Messenger cards and ACP's must be returned to the SBA Office by October 4th.



SBA, HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS: Several years ago, our Association began a scholarship program for graduating high school seniors. We feel that our scholarship is a way to say to our young people that we believe in them, and would like to be part of their lives as they prepare for the future. The 2011 SBA High School Scholarship recipients have been named. They are as follows:



Gannon Wilton Richeson	Loudon County High School	Cedar Fork Baptist Church
Kelsey Beth White	Sequoyah High School	Hopewell Springs Baptist Church
Ross Wesley Houston	Sweetwater High School	First Baptist Church, Sweetwater
Brandi Nicole Powers	Tellico Plains High School	New Providence Baptist Church

We congratulate these students who were each awarded \$500.00 cash scholarships on behalf of the churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association.

MACEDONIA BAPTIST CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT:

In January of 2008, the Sweetwater Baptist Association was responsible for destroying one of our churches. While many churches are broken because of internal conflict, this church requested that we tear it down.



Macedonia Baptist Church in Rafter had holes in the roof, and frankly if a building inspector were to go into the building it would be condemned.

In Matthew 28: 19-20, the Lord gives us the Great Commission. He gives us a specific and systematic approach to accomplishing this in Acts 1:8. Here we are told to be "witnesses to" Him beginning "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." We believe many times our efforts to be good stewards and fulfill the Great Commission fall short in our own Jerusalem and we become part of the "Great Omission."

The Executive Board of the Sweetwater Baptist Association voted in January of 2008 to take on the challenge of replacing the Macedonia Baptist worship center with a new sanctuary. God blessed in a tremendous way by providing volunteer labor, and sacrificial donations.



The dedication of the new sanctuary was held on Sunday, September 27, 2009. The total cost of the beautiful facility was \$83,641.17.

Praise God for allowing us to build such a beautiful and functional sanctuary for such a small amount. We also praise Him for the donations from so many of our churches. But there is a shortfall of \$6,313.92. We want to encourage each of our churches to once again give in order that this debt may be erased. If each church would make a onetime love offering of \$100 this would more than take care of the need, so we ask you to prayerfully consider this opportunity to be a part of a Great Commission project in our own Jerusalem. In Christ, *Chairman*, Gale Miller, Bill Johnson, Mike DeLand, Bill Wilson, Dan Sliger, *Finance Committee*, Sweetwater Baptist Association

CALLING ALL AREA PASTORS! Through a partnership between the Knoxville LifeWay Bookstores and Church Resources Division of LifeWay Christian Resources, our pastors are invited to a FREE appreciation dinner. Dr. Thom Rainer, *President/CEO of LifeWay Christian Resources* and Bruce Raley, *Director of Leadership and Evangelism of LifeWay Christian Resources* will sit down with you for a great time of food and fellowship. This appreciation dinner will be held on Thursday, September 29th at 6:00 p.m. at Rothchild Catering and Conference Center, 8807 Kingston Pike in Knoxville.



Mark your calendar now and plan to attend this event. Dr. Rainer will be speaking about "Transformational Church" and how it applies to a local congregation of any size. You must register to attend. For more information, please contact the Association Office at 442-6604.



Old Time Camp Meeting- August 18-20, 2011

Stokely Chapel, Carson Springs Conference Center, Newport, TN

Program Leadership Includes

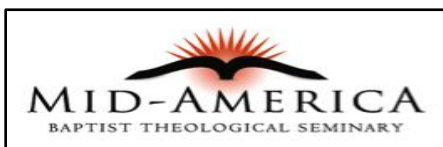
Randy Davis, *Executive Director/Treasurer of TBC*

Bobby Welch, *Associate Director/Church Growth*

Roc Collins, *Pastor, Indian Springs Baptist Church, Kingsport*

Additional guest speakers are Donnie Bannister, Chad Burdette, Ray Guilder, Mike Hensley, Luke Kidwell, Lester Morelock and Jerry Vittatoe.

Registration fee is \$25.00 per person which includes 5 meals, breaks and conference. For more information or questions, please contact the Associational Office at 442-6604 or visit the TBC website at www.tnbaptist.org for schedule and registration form.



Adrian Rogers Center (ARC) Preaching Conference September 26-28, 2011

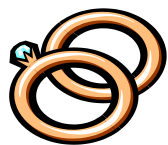
Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, Cordova

Featuring: **David Platt, Voddie Baucham, Hank Hanegraaff**

The ARC is planned to help both pastors and laypersons. This conference is designed to provide great messages by great preachers as well as practical helps for ministry. The seminars include time for anyone to question the speakers regarding their messages or ministry.

Make your reservations soon to ensure a seat at this year's conference. For more information contact Mid-America Baptist Theological Seminary, 2095 Appling Road, Cordova, TN 38016 or call 901.751.8453 or visit their website at www.adrianrogerscenter.org.

PREMARITAL COUNSELING TRAINING: Tony Rankin, Counseling and Family Ministries Director for the Tennessee Baptist Convention, will be leading a Premarital Counseling Training Seminar at the McMinn-Meigs Baptist Association office in Athens, Tennessee. This conference will be held on September 27th, 5-9:00 p.m. The conference covers the Premarital Training Manual that was written by Paul Barkley and produced by the Tennessee Baptist Convention several years ago. This manual is not sold anywhere. It is only available to ministers and counselors who attend training seminars that teach them how to use the manual.



The cost for the conference is \$15.00 per person for materials. The manual includes information, outlines, and handouts/worksheets for four sessions of premarital counseling. Here is an outline of what the training includes:

Session #1: *What is Marriage/What is Real/Love Marriage Math*

Session #2: *Family of Origin/Communication/Roles and Expectations*

Session #3: *Finances/Interests and Activities/Emotions*

Session #4: *Sex/In-laws/Religion/Remarriage after divorce or death of a spouse*

Having this type of training is excellent and is a perfect way to increase the minister's comfort level in providing guidance to a couple who is seeking direction and preparation for marriage. If you would like further information regarding this conference or to register for the conference, please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association at 442-6604.

2011 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: By the time you read this, our Vacation Bible School season will have come to a close. The reports we have received indicate we have had another successful year of VBS in our Association. **(By the way, if you haven't given your report to the Association Office, please do so – today! Thanks!)**



I want to thank each church for their efforts in presenting the love of Jesus and His salvation message to others through the experience of Vacation Bible School. The time and energy expended will bring great reward, seen in this life as well as to be revealed in the new life to come at the end of this age. "Big Apple Adventure, Where Faith and Life Connect" was a great theme and showed us through Romans 10:17 that God grants faith through the message of Jesus Christ and that is 'the Word of God'. We learned the importance of our faith connecting with our daily lives and those we come in contact with.

Visits made to different churches were fun and interesting. Other VBS themes were studied in addition to "Big Apple Adventure". Whatever theme you used or studied from, God was pleased and brought results that honor Him.

Do you like to fly or have an interest in vintage airplanes and seeing God's amazing creation, then next year will grab your attention. The theme is taken from Psalm 147:5 — "Our Lord is great, vast in power; His understanding is infinite" (HCSB). "Amazing Wonders Aviation: Encountering God's Awesome Power" will take us to some of the world's most beautiful and marvelous God-made creations. The Club VBS Theme is "SpaceQuest" based on the scripture; John 14:6. We can't wait to begin the adventure! In His Service, Donna McKee, Associational VBS Director

2011 VBS Statistical Report

(Information submitted to Associational Office by July 11)

If your church's information has not been reported, please send in your report or call the office with your numbers.

Church	Enrollment	Average	Professions
Cedar Fork	113.....	93	4
Chestua	105.....	92	0
Christianburg	69.....	67	3
Citico	82.....	70	0
Clifton.....	25.....	25	0
Lakeside	139.....	104	1
Macedonia	40.....	30	0
Madisonville First.....	162.....	103	6
New Bethany	131.....	105	10
North Sweetwater	121.....	99	3
Notchey Creek	279.....	214	7
Poplar Bluff			4
Reed Springs	180.....	159	17
Rocky Springs.....	182.....	144	2
Rural Vale	77.....	70	0
Shelton Grove.....	88.....	74	5
Shoal Creek	284.....	215	33
Unicoi.....	100.....	100	8
Unity.....	46.....	46	1
411 Chapel	91.....	82	5

Mission VBS

Wilton, Iowa

BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH: The task of helping provide area children with school supplies has been given to our local churches this year. Bethlehem Baptist will be the site for the Tellico area schools and would love to partner with other Tellico churches who are willing to help out. If your church is interested in donating supplies or volunteering to help please call Donna McKee at 442-4605 or Helen Belcher at 253-7617. Supplies will be given out while they last on Saturday, July 30, from 12:00-3:00 at the Bethlehem Family Life Center.



CANE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH:

We celebrated our 2nd Annual Belltown Community Fun Day on May 28th. This year's event was a great success with approximately 250 people attending. This event also served as the kick-off for our VBS, which began the next day on May 29th. We had an average attendance of 95 and we praise the Lord for His harvest.



lots of good food and singing! We ask that you pray for our church that we would be obedient to whatever God asks. Thank you Pastor Larry for leading our flock! Let's all join in prayer for our Country.

GLENLOCK BAPTIST CHURCH: Glenlock Baptist Church will be hosting our 3rd Annual "Back to School Day" on July 30th beginning at 10:00 a.m. We will be giving away FREE School Supplies, Clothes and Lunch. Everyone is Welcome (while supplies last). The church is located at 3050 Sweetwater-Vonore Rd, Sweetwater, TN 37874.



MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH: We had a wonderful revival in July. We were honored to have Rev. Bill White and Rev. Tommy Self serve as the evangelists for the week. We had numerous re-dedications and saw three people give their hearts to the Lord. We praise God for the work He is doing at Mt. Zion.



FAIRVIEW BAPTIST TABERNACLE CHURCH: Covenant Baptist Academy is now registering for the 2011-2012 school year. CBA is happy to announce the completion of our new school building and gymnasium. We are state certified K3-6th grades and use academically proven Christian curriculum (A BEKA, BJU).

We are a member of the Tennessee Association of Non-Public Academic Schools and a member of the Association of Christian Schools International. If you are interested in enrolling your child in CBA, please call us at 423-337-7000 or visit us online at www.covenantbaptistacademy.org.

CBA is also accepting resumes for *Principal/Administrator* or *Principal/Teacher*. Interested applicants should call Don Wilson at 423-337-7000 or 423-519-6362.

Fairview Student Ministry invites everyone to our annual "Back 2 School Bash". It will be on Wednesday, AUGUST 10th, at 6:30 pm. This year's event will be led by "FRESH FIRE". They are a dramatic dance group from Tellico Plains. They led our very first "Bash", and were amazing. If you have any questions regarding this event or need directions to the church, please call Macy at 865-414-3269.

Back 2 School Bash



CEDAR VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH:

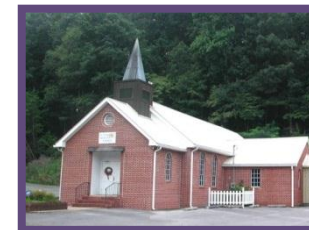
Thank you Lord for your many blessings! We at Cedar Valley praise God for a great Bible Schol this year - 144 enrolled with an average attendance of

104. Most of all, we praise God for the (4) precious souls that gave their heart to Christ. A great big "thank you" goes out to our Directors and to all the teachers/helpers that gave of their time and talents.

An afternoon of fellowship was enjoyed by all our Senior Saints at Brother Larry and Lana's house - many thanks to them for having us over for food and fellowship. Also, enjoyed the fellowship with Charlie and Margaret Hyder who joined us!

Our Acteens are always busy doing mission work, whether it be at KARM in Knox. or on a mission trip elsewhere. We were blessed to hear of the great blessing they received from doing mission work at Fuge in Nashville. Praying our youth will have a life changing experience on their upcoming trip to Youth Reach in Gatlinburg. We just feel so blessed to have such a great group of youth and all our mission groups, and for the people that lead them.

Praise God for the 21 souls that came to know the Lord during Greg, Marvin, and Jeff's trip to Nicaragua this week - looking forward to hearing them share with us. Come join us in celebrating our annual homecoming the first Sunday in August -



NEW BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH:

They are days in our lives that we will cherish forever: like the day you married your spouse, the day your child was born, the day you were saved or even better, the day your child accepted salvation. June 23, 2011 will be added to my list of cherished days.

First, I must admit that I was having a rough day. It was Thursday, our fourth night of VBS. I had worked that day, attended summer college class, and went to the funeral visitation of a family member, Robbie Laudermilk. As I was returning home from the funeral home, my heart was breaking. I have fond memories of Robbie and his sisters from when we were kids. I questioned God, "why Robbie?" He has a beautiful wife, a young son, and a second child due this next year.

Also, my mother-in-law was passing through from Maryland to Louisiana and stopped to visit at my home just for the evening. Even though I had read my VBS lesson for the night many times and listened to the coordinating message on the CD, I did not feel content about the lesson. I soon learned it was because God had other plans for the evening!

Even though I did feel like it, I put on a smile and went to VBS. That night our Pastor, Matthew Johnson, shared the plan of salvation with the congregation. Pastor Matthew asked if you prayed to please stand....I had two rows of students from the age of almost five to seven stand! I was speechless. Once our VBS director, Craig Johnson, dismissed us to our class I had work to do!!! I sat my class of eleven kids down and I asked them who prayed to Jesus...each one said they had! So, I asked which ones had prayed to Jesus for the first time and many started telling me they had. I needed reinforcement! I called for my pastor and we talked to each one of my sweet little students individually, while the others where in music and crafts. I wanted to make sure that each little boy or girl understood the plan of salvation. I think we forget that words like Admit, Confess and Saved are BIG words for little kids. By the end of the night, we had prayed for puppies, mommies, and daddies and had SEVEN little ones just from my class, who accepted Jesus as their personal Savior!

Wow, what a blessing! I did not do anything special, but I got to witness the Heavenly birth of seven special little ones. When Satan has you down and you feel as if you cannot go on, pray to God! God has a plan and he wants you to be part of it! *Michelle Spradlin*

NORTH SWEETWATER BAPTIST CHURCH: We will hold a Deacon Ordination Service for Allen Ingram on Sunday, July 31st at 2:00 pm. All ordained men are welcome to come and join the Presbytery.

Deacon Ordination

TRINITY BAPTIST CHURCH: Trinity Baptist Church is accepting resume's for Bivocational Pastor. Resumes can be mailed to: Trinity Baptist Church, P.O. Box 277, Madisonville, TN 37354.



FALL JUBILEE, 2011

The Old Time Gospel Singin', Laughin', and Preachin' Conference
Gatlinburg Convention Center, Gatlinburg, Tennessee

September 26-28 or September 28-30

Speakers: Johnny Hunt, Dr. Charles Stanley

Concerts by: Booth Brothers, McKameys, Allison Durham Speer & Ben Speer, Pat Boone, Gaither Vocal Band

Special Guest: Aaron Wilburn Call 1-800-616-8863 or visit jubilconference.com for more information.



Tennessee. Eric & Blaina have also been active in Monroe County Schools, teaching an abstinence program. It is our pleasure to welcome them to the OAA Worship family.

OUTREACH ACROSS AMERICA:

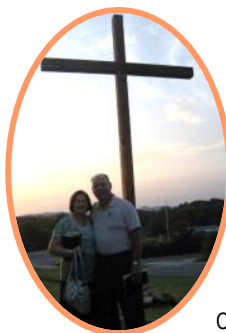
OAA Worship Center is pleased to announce our new Youth Leaders, Eric & Blaina Best. Eric & Blaina have been best friends since 7th grade and were just married 5 weeks ago. Eric was involved in TPHS football for years and used that leadership ability to be a good role model in Tellico. Blaina Tallent Best has participated in many beauty pageants, including Miss

The OAA Worship Center has also started a biker ministry called "Full Throttle Warriors". We have a heart and passion to reach the world for Christ. We have the attitude of letting people belong before they believe and allowing us the ability to build relationships with the lost biker world. Tellico Plains has two major bike rallies per year that presently draws crowds of over 1,000 bikers. We have a desire to be at those rallies and build relationships with the riders. Our monthly meeting is the 2nd Saturday of each month at 9:00 am at OAA Worship Center, 876 Englewood Rd, Madisonville. A motorcycle ride follows the meeting at 10:30 am. You may also check out our website at www.oaausea.com/fullthrottle or facebook page at www.facebook.com/fullthrottlewarriors. Morgan M. Clough

DISASTER RELIEF UPDATE: In February, our Disaster Relief Co-Chairman, Bill Westphal was able to build a handicap ramp for an elderly family. We praise God for the on-going work of our Disaster Relief team.



The **Sequoyah High School** Football program is asking for churches to provide a meal to the football players, coaches and cheerleaders before each football game in the upcoming season. The meal would need to feed approximately 75 people and would need to be served at 3:00 pm each Friday during the season. The meal can be served either at the high school cafeteria or at your church. If your church is interested in this ministry opportunity, please contact Mike Black at 423-519-4358.



a spectacular fireworks show.

411 CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH: Rev. Dwayne Leming and his wife, Dana, came to 411 Chapel Baptist Church, on July 3, 1989. They served our church faithfully for 21 years until his resignation on April 17, 2011. God has blessed us greatly during his pastorate. On Sunday night, July 3, 2011, we had a special Pastor & Wife Appreciation service, which included special singing just for them by our congregation and our Children's Choir, followed by testimonials from the congregation and special gifts. The evening concluded by the installation of the 21 foot Red Cedar Cross located on the front lawn of 411 Chapel. We also enjoyed good food, Christian fellowship and lots of fun and

Dwayne and Dana came back to 411 Chapel on Wednesday night, July 6th for the dedication of the cross, which included the two of them, along with 20 plus children placing small river rocks to the mound of larger rocks at the base of the cross. Those present formed a circle around the cross, holding hands, while Pastor Dwayne offered a prayer of praise and dedication. We ended with the singing of "The Old Rugged Cross".

Our desire is that the cross will be a reminder of the "inconvenience" of the cross that Jesus bore and not just an emblem or symbol. We pray that those who see it, even if just a glimpse while driving by, will remember that the cross has to do with each of us individually. As a Christian, one must lose himself and identify with the death of Jesus Christ on that "old rugged cross". Let us all pray that He will help us in our daily walk with Him say, "Keep me nearer, nearer, nearer, Blessed Lord, to the cross where thou hast died".

SHOAL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH:

We had an awesome Bible School this summer. Our theme was "The Armor of God", and the kids were treated to a visit from two of our soldiers with and Army Humvee. We saw 33 souls accept the Lord as their Savior during VBS.



We have seen many others saved and baptized and have added 7 new church members. We have seen 7 people saved through our jail ministry.

Everyone is invited to our upcoming events. Our August monthly singing will be on Aug. 7th, "The Faith Trio" will be our special guest beginning at 6:00 pm. On September 4th, we will celebrate Homecoming, with "The Carters" coming to sing. Service will begin at 11:00 am. Our September monthly singing will be on Sept. 18th, and Gene and Teresa Waters will be with us beginning at 6:00 pm.

ROCKY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH:

Two of our long-serving members retired their positions this past January. Freddie Atkins retired after serving 18 years as our church treasurer. His wife, Shirley Atkins, retired after serving 27 years as the church custodian. They have served faithfully, and we wanted to say thank you for all your hard work.



We had a wonderful Vacation Bible School with two precious souls saved. In late June, Jamie Johnson led a team to Knoxville to hold a backyard Bible School. They had a great time teaching kids Bible stories and sharing the gospel.

ASSOCIATIONAL YOUTH UPDATE:

We had a FANTASTIC 2011 Youth Reach in Pigeon Forge, Tennessee. If you missed this conference, you missed out on a great time of worship, fun and fellowship. We want to thank all of the youth directors, pastors and youth groups that attended the conference this year. We also want to thank everyone that helped and took part in the conference.



Mike Jenkins, our guest speaker, has a great testimony, and was used of God as he shared from the Word of God. Many decisions were made for Christ, and many lives were changed. Special music was presented by Life Wide Open. We were blessed as this group lifted the name of Jesus in songs of praise, and led us in praise and worship. Our own Chris Hollinghead even auditioned for the band!

The Associational Youth Committee is working now to plan the calendar of events for 2011-2012. We appreciate all of the church youth directors and leaders and the work you do for the young people in our churches. We are also grateful for the support you show to the Associational Youth Committee.



August, 2011

"The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble."
—Nahum 1:7

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. WMU Quarterly Meeting, Ebenezer Baptist Church, 7:00 p.m.	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. First Day of School Monroe County	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.	16 Youth Committee Meeting 5:45 p.m.	17	18	19 TBC, Equipping Mission Leaders, Knoxville, Chilhowee Baptist Church, Aug. 19-20	20
21	22 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. Program Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.	23	24	25 TBC, Sunday School Investigations, Wetmore Baptist Church, Delano (Polk County), 6:30 p.m.	26	27 SBA Preschool Day Monroe County Rescue Squad Building, Madisonville, 2:00 p.m.
28	29 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. TBC, Sunday School Investigations, Wallace Memorial Baptist Church, Knoxville, 6:30 p.m.	30	31	Emphasis: Equipping Sunday School Leaders, Music Ministry Leadership	Messenger deadline is 10 th of each month	East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake- 411 CHAPEL

*The Associational Office will be closed on Monday, September 5th in observance of Labor Day.
We appreciate this time off with our family and friends.
Thank you, - The Associational Staff*

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Christianburg, 411 Chapel, Murrays, Trinity, Gregory's Chapel, Unity, North Sweetwater, Fairview (Tellico), Mt. Calvary, Walnut Grove, Lakeside, Bethlehem, Maple Springs, Wilton (Iowa), Madisonville First, New Macedonia, Island Creek

Please pray for our churches without pastors:

411 Chapel, Fairview, Gregory's Chapel, Mt. Calvary, Oak Grove, Trinity



Week of Prayer for State Missions
and Golden Offering, September 11-18

Orders Remain Unchanged

**EVEN IN TIMES
LIKE THESE**

