

THE MESSENGER
of the
Sweetwater Baptist Association



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

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**SWEETWATER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

**Program for 181st
2011 Annual Meeting**

Theme: *Revive Us Again*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Annual Church Profiles (ACP's) and Messenger Cards must be completed and returned to the SBA Office by October 4th.

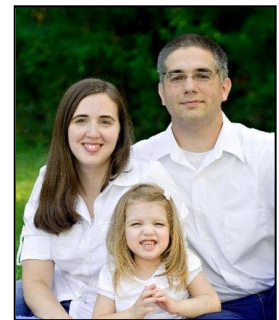
SBA Family of Churches Welcome.....



Pastor at
Trinity Baptist Church
Casey King,
wife April, daughters Kayla and Sidney



Pastor at
411 Chapel Baptist Church
Michael McLemore,
wife Jamie, and son Micha



Children and Youth Minister
First Baptist Church, Sweetwater
Jason Paris
wife A.J., and daughter Juliette

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

Annual Meeting News

ASSOCIATIONAL CHOIR: Members of your church choir are invited to be part of the Associational Choir that will provide special music at the First Session of the 2011 Annual Meeting that will be held on Monday evening, October 17th at First Baptist Church, Madisonville. The session will begin at 6:45 p.m. and the choir will need to meet at the church on the 17th of October by 6:30 p.m. in order to prepare for worship. Phillip Johnson from Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church will serve as the Music Director. Listening cd's are available at the Associational Office. Please stop by the SBA Office at your convenience to pick up a copy of the cd and feel free to make additional copies.

ANNUAL MEETING LUNCHEON: You will also want to make plans to join us for the Annual Meeting Luncheon/Fellowship that will be held at North Sweetwater Baptist Church. It will be immediately following Session 2 of the Annual Meeting on Tuesday morning, October 18th. As in previous years, the Association will provide an extra meat, drinks, bread, paper plates and plastic eating utensils. Please bring a "covered dish" and join us for a great time!

Director of Missions

Becoming the Director of Missions of the Sweetwater Baptist Association has quickly become a gratifying and adventurous commitment of faith.



You have placed upon me a great honor. The privilege of leading our association to new mission opportunities and fulfilling the Great Commission births a new zeal for taking Jesus' words to heart. He commanded us in Matthew 28:19-20 to **"Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."** These words are not meant to be a suggestion, but rather a command. They are not up for debate. We are to be soldiers in God's army waiting for instructions. We are not to question His orders: we are simply to be obedient.

Upon answering this call of service, God placed a burden upon my heart to see revival break forth in our community. He brought to my mind the days of Simultaneous Revivals. Prayerfully seeking God's approval, I am challenging all congregations to seek renewal from the Lord. During the month of April, 2012 plan to receive God's blessings pour down like the Spirit descending on the day of Pentecost. Our cities and towns need to see heaven break open. That is only going to happen through His church. Will you commit to have revival?

A season of prayer must precede the expectation of revival. As Joshua led the children of Israel to victory at Jericho, a path of triumph had to be followed. Seven days of obedience led to the breaking down of the walls. Following that example, barriers that threaten to restrict us from enjoying God's blessings must be met with the same type of dedication. We need to seek the Holy Spirit's direction in discovering target areas in our communities to bathe in prayer, and allow Him to lead us in the outreach of our neighbors. Surely, God will bless our efforts as we present Him our willing hearts.

As you are reading this, a team representing our association is traveling to Haiti to study the work that is presently on-going in Port-au-Prince. As you know, we support an orphanage with 32 children there. They are requesting aid in building a school for those and other children in the immediate area. A report on these findings should be given on Monday night at our Annual Meeting in October.

I look forward to a long and productive relationship with the churches of our association. Thus far, I have enjoyed visiting, preaching and worshiping with our church families. Today more than ever, I believe that we are "churches working together sharing Jesus."

---Tony Rutherford

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING: The Tennessee Baptist Convention will offer two (2) Disaster Relief training classes at the Sweetwater Baptist Association. They are as follows:



Saturday, September 24

Chainsaw Safety & Operation

Registration: 8:30 am Class: 9:00-10:30 Hands-On Training: 10:45-12:15

*Participants are encouraged to bring a chainsaw, safety goggles, work gloves and earplugs (if you have them) *Wear work clothing/boots

Monday, September 26

Introduction to Disaster Relief

Registration: 5:30 pm

Class: 6:00-9:00

Fee: \$36.00

There is no fee for the *Chainsaw* class, however, you must also take the *Introduction To Disaster Relief* class (or taken it within the last 3 years) in order to be certified. If you have not taken the *Introduction* class within the last three years, you will be allowed to take the *Chainsaw* class first and then the *Intro* class. If you have any questions, please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association at 442-6604.

Tennessee Baptist Convention presents
PREMARITAL COUNSELING TRAINING
McMinn-Meigs Baptist Association, Athens, Tennessee
September 27, 5:00-9:00 p.m.
Instructor: Tony Rankin
TBC, Counseling and Family Ministries Director
Cost: \$15.00 per person for materials
Please call Sweetwater Baptist Association at 423-442-6604 or
McMinn-Meigs Baptist Association at 423-745-2248 to register for conference.

THANK YOU TO WORKERS:

Recently our downstairs conference room suffered extensive water damage. The bad news is... carpet had to be removed, cabinets were damaged and supplies had to be replaced. The good news is... we are so very thankful to the churches that responded to the great need by accepting these local mission work projects!



Associate Pastor Wayne Trentham and a group from Watson Chapel Baptist Church came to help with cleanup and removal of wet carpet. Pastor Gale Miller and workers from Notchey Creek and Island Creek put down tile in the main conference room, Pastor Greg McCosh and a team from Rocky Springs and Pastor Chris Farmer and a team from Hopewell Springs put down tile in the kitchen, downstairs bathrooms and upstairs bathrooms. Bill Westphal, from Vonore Baptist Church, helped by rehanging the guttering on the building, installing a doorbell, rewiring lights and installing lights in the storage room. We want to thank all of these teams for their hours of work. We especially thank Brian Holcomb, Larry Neal, Jerry Raper and Bill Westphal for leading work teams, and picking up supplies and materials for the work teams.

In addition to the water damage, our associational sign blew down during a wind storm. (When it rains...it pours!) When you come by the office, you will notice that a group from 411 Chapel (Chad Leming, Mark Woods, Tim Watson), Lakeside (Dwayne Leming, Bob Frank) and New Bethany (Clint Brackett) replaced and put up a new sign. Thank you for a great sign!

We could never name everyone that served on the work teams, but we are so thankful to everyone that helped repair and replace the items that were damaged. May the Lord bless you for your willingness to help others and for your giving spirit. We still have projects that are available for your church to do if you would like to help. Please contact the SBA Office at 442-6604 for further information.

Sweetwater Baptists Association **Womens Missionary Union**



We want to thank Pastor Jim Manis and the ladies of Ebenezer Baptist Church for hosting a wonderful August, WMU Quarterly Meeting. We also want to thank the Ebenezer Youth Group for providing the special music for the evening.

In addition, we want to thank our Associational Acteen Director, Connie Gardner and the Acteen groups that shared about their various ministry opportunities. Acteens from Murrays Baptist Church have recently participated in cleanup at Bradley County, while Cedar Valley Baptist Church Acteens shared about serving at KARM and Shelby Community Center. Bethlehem Baptist Church Acteens shared about their mission projects in Iowa and Alaska, as well as a report from attending BLOOME in Orlando, Florida.

I especially want to thank Donna McKee, Associational Assistant WMU Director for leading the WMU Quarterly Meeting. On the evening of the August WMU Meeting, there was a death in my family, and I was not able to attend.

The next WMU Quarterly Meeting will be held on Monday evening, November 7th at 7:00 p.m. at Vonore Baptist Church. 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: OCTOBER is Notchey Creek; NOVEMBER is Bethlehem; and DECEMBER is New Bethany. (This year, 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 brings happiness...Audie...Associational WMU Director, Audrey J. Stephens

Sweetwater Baptist Association

GA Day Camp



Saturday, October 1, 2011
9:00 am – 3:00 pm **Bethlehem Baptist Church**
 For all girls: Grades K-6 Lunch will be provided.

Sweetwater Baptist Association presents

Acteens Day



Saturday, November 12, 2011 **9:00 am – 3:00 pm**
 Hosted by **Bethlehem Baptist Church, Madisonville, Tennessee**
 For all young women 7th-12th grade Lunch will be provided.

Please register your group by calling Connie Gardner at 442-1251 or Rachael Ogle at 442-1033 or Sweetwater Baptist Association at 442-6604 or email becky.jones@bellsouth.net or sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net by November 1st. This's year's theme is: *WOMEN*.

Sweetwater Baptist Association

WMU Quarterly Meeting



Monday, November 7th 7:00 p.m.
Vonore Baptist Church... Watch for further information.



Don't forget... LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING and WEEK OF PRAYER for INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS, December 4-11



MAIL RACK AVAILABLE: Notchey Creek Baptist Church has an extra mail rack to give away for anyone that would like to come and pick it up. In the past, the WMU ladies have been using this mail rack for their Christmas card ministry. The rack will accommodate approximately 150 names. For further information, please contact Audrey Stephens or the Sweetwater Baptist Association office.

2011 FALL CHURCH LIBRARY CLINIC

- Sept. 24, FBC Bearden in Knoxville



As part of a church library staff (or even pastor or administrator) do you need help getting a library in your church started or maybe you have one and simply need some new ideas? Join us for a time of discussion and questions as we take an in-depth look at the ministry. Specific topics such as: administration; staffing; resource selecting; and partnering with other church ministries will be addressed.

If you are looking for direction for your library team, this is a great opportunity for training the entire team--experienced or new, old or young. This quality training (sponsored by the Tennessee Baptist Convention and Todd Scholarship Fund) is available to all church, school and public librarians. It is from 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. The \$25.00 advance registration fee includes breakfast and snacks, as well as lunch. It will be a great day of learning, fun, fellowship and food! More information is available online at www.tnbaptist.org or contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office at 442-6604.

Sweetwater Baptist Association
2011 Pastor and Wife Christmas Banquet
Friday, December 2, 6:30 p.m.
 Vonore Baptist Church, Family Life Center

Please call the SBA Office at 442-6604 or email becky.jones@sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net or sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net for more information. Reservations are required.

PASTOR AND FAMILY COOKOUT: We can say one thing about our pastors, not only can they preach, they sure can eat! We had a great time at our annual pastor and family cookout! We are so thankful for our pastors and officers that serve this great Association.

2012 JANUARY BIBLE STUDY: *The Pursuit: Chasing Answers to Life's Questions:* The January Bible Study is based on the Book of Ecclesiastes. This book urges readers to face their need for God. The study will raise the most challenging questions we face in life in a realistic way. It will remind us what life is really like when we choose the pattern of this world rather than what God has to give and enable us to see our need for the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Sweetwater Baptist Association
**Associational
 Evangelism Conference**
 Monday, January 23, 2012, 6:45 p.m.

Conference Speaker
Dr. Don Wilton
 Pastor, First Baptist Church
 Spartanburg, South Carolina



Evening Session will be held at
**Notchey Creek
 Baptist Church**
 Madisonville, Tennessee



CORRECTION: In the last issue of *The Messenger*, we mistakenly omitted Oscar Cummings name from the Disaster Relief Update. Oscar assisted our Disaster Relief Co-Chairman, Bill Westphal in building this handicap ramp for an elderly family. We praise God for the volunteers that support the work of our Disaster

Relief team.

**Sweetwater Baptist Association
 2011 Annual Meeting Program**

Theme: *Revive Us Again*

Session I: Monday Evening
 First Baptist Church, Madisonville
 October 17, 2011, 6:45 p.m.

Session II: Tuesday Morning
 North Sweetwater Baptist Church, Sweetwater
 October 18, 2011, 9:45 a.m.

Session III: Tuesday Evening
 Vonore Baptist Church, Vonore
 October 18, 2011, 6:45 p.m.

Program Committee

Richard Parker, Chairman

Mitch Isbill, Vernon Webb, Gib Harris, Andy Nichols

Director of Missions

Vice-Moderator

Moderator

Tony Rutherford

Mike Williams

Steven McDonald

Celebrating 181 Years... 1830-2011

Monday Evening Program

Session I, October 17, 2011, 6:45 p.m.

First Baptist Church, Madisonville

6:30	2011 Associational Council Report/SBA Mission Emphasis	Video Presentation
6:45	Prelude	Associational Choir
6:50	Presentation of Gavel	Tony Rutherford
	Call to Order	Steven McDonald
	Constitution of Body	Sheri Stephens
	Report of Program Committee	Richard Parker
6:55	Welcome and Prayer	Lon Shoopman
7:00	Theme Interpretation	Dr. Charlie Boggan
	<i>"Theme... Revive Us Again... Fill Each Heart With Your Love"</i>	
7:10	Missions Committee Report	Johnny Carr
	Director of Missions Report	Tony Rutherford
	Dedication of 2011 Associational Minutes	Director of Missions
7:30	Mission Offering	Phillip Johnson
	Special Music	Associational Choir
7:40	Message	Dr. John Kuhne
	Benediction	

This offering to be used for the SBA Mission Ministries.

Tuesday Morning Program

Session II, October 18, 2011, 9:45 a.m.

North Sweetwater Baptist Church, Sweetwater

9:45	2011 Associational Council Report/SBA Mission Emphasis	Video Presentation
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9:50	Presentation of Gavel	Director of Missions
	Call to Order	Moderator
	Hymn of Praise	Congregation
9:55	Welcome and Prayer	Don Rockhoff
10:00	Theme Interpretation	Dr. Charlie Boggan
	<i>"Theme... Revive Us Again... Fill Each Church With Your Love"</i>	
10:10	Announcements	Moderator
	Business Session	Moderator
	Appointment of Committee on Nominations	Moderator
	Committee on Nominations	Kevin Miller
	Presentation of 2012 Calendar	
	with 2012 Simultaneous Revivals	Director of Missions
	Missions Committee Report	Johnny Carr
10:30	TBC Ministry	Steve Holt
	Carson-Newman College	Dr. Parker Leake
	Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes	
	Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes	Mark Anderson
	Tennessee Baptist Foundation	
	Tennessee Drug Awareness Council	Rick Fisher
11:05	Offering	Congregational Hymn
	Special Music	Preachers Quartet
11:15	Annual Sermon	Frank Hicks
	Benediction	
	Fellowship Meal	Fellowship Hall

This offering to be used for the SBA Annual Meeting Expenses.

Tuesday Evening Program

Session III, October 18, 2011, 6:45 p.m.

Vonore Baptist Church, Vonore

6:30	2011 Associational Council Report/SBA Mission Emphasis	Video Presentation
	Bivocational Pastors Ministry Report	Jim Manis
	Church Growth & Development Report	Richard Parker
	Disaster Relief Ministry Report	Tony Curtis and Bill Westphal
	Evangelism Report	Frank Hicks
	Marriage and Family Ministry	
	Media Ministry Report	Betty Wolfe
	Missions Committee Report	Johnny Carr
	Mens Ministry Report	Clint Brackett and Randall Patton
	Prayer Ministry Report	Svidana Self
	Scholarship Committee Report	Ronnie Summey
	Womens Ministry Report	Audrey Stephens
	Vacation Bible School Report	Donna McKee
	Youth Committee Report	Roman Hamilton
6:50	Presentation of Gavel	Director of Missions
	Call to Order	Moderator
6:55	Welcome and Prayer	Dennis Cagle
7:00	Theme Interpretation	Dr. Charlie Boggan
	<i>"Theme... Revive Us Again... Fill Each Nation With Your Love"</i>	
7:05	Business Session	Mike Williams
	Election of Officers	Vice-Moderator
	Treasurer's Report	Sheri Stephens
	Presentation of Budget	Gale Miller
	Missions Committee Report	Johnny Carr
7:30	Memorial Report	SBA Office Presentation
7:45	Offering	Congregational Hymn
	Special Music	
7:55	Moderator's Message	Steven McDonald
	Benediction	Mike Williams

This offering to be used for the SBA Mission Ministries.

The 2011 Associational Council Report includes Dedication of 2011 Associational Minutes and Recognition of New Pastors

ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS: You should have already received your Annual Church Profile (ACP) packet and Messenger cards for the 2011 Annual Meeting. The ACP and Messenger cards must be completed and returned to our office by October 4th.



Please remember that in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, each church is entitled to ten (10) Messengers and two (2) alternates. A **Messenger card must be completed for all pastors as well as Officers and Committee Chairman of the Association** in order for them to participate in the business of the Association.

If you need help completing your Messenger cards or ACP, please contact the Associational Office at 442-442-6604 and we will be happy to assist you in this process.

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION -Proposed Budget for 2011-2012

SBA Church Gifts through July 31, 2011

I. ASSOCIATIONAL ADMINISTRATION	Current Budget for 2010-2011	Proposed Budget for 2011-2012	Increase/Decrease
DOM Package	72,418.00	72,418.00	
Administrative Assistant	22,094.00	22,978.00	+ 884.00
Adm. Asst Retirement	2,300.00	2,300.00	
Adm. Asst Travel Allowance	300.00	300.00	
Receptionist	17,021.00	17,702.00	+ 681.00
Receptionist Retirement	1,260.00	1,260.00	
Receptionist Travel Allowance	300.00	300.00	
Staff Social Security	3,721.00	3,850.00	+ 129.00
Postal Expenses	4,500.00	3,300.00	-1,200.00
Office Supplies	2,200.00	2,200.00	
Office Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	
New Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Associational Calendars	600.00	600.00	
Messengers	4,200.00	3,100.00	-1,100.00
II. ASSOCIATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS			
Church Growth and Development	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Vacation Bible School	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Prayer Ministry	300.00	300.00	
Mens Ministry/Brotherhood	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Disaster Relief	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Royal Ambassadors	75.00	75.00	
Womens Ministry/WMU	300.00	300.00	
Baptist Young Women	100.00	100.00	
Acteens	100.00	100.00	
Girls In Action	100.00	100.00	
Mission Friends	100.00	100.00	
Evangelism	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Local	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Evangelism/Outreach/Trailer			
Music	200.00	200.00	
Stewardship	150.00	150.00	
Missions Development	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Marriage & Family Counseling	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Student Scholarship Fund (High School Seniors)	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Continuing Education (DOM)	300.00	300.00	
Bi-Vocational Pastors Ministry	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Pastor/Wife Christmas Fellowship	650.00	650.00	
Media Center	400.00	400.00	
III. ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS			
Annual Meeting	750.00	750.00	
Student Ministry/Youth	1,200.00	1,200.00	
IV. ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE MAINTENANCE			
General Maintenance	2,000.00	3,400.00	+ 1,400.00
Telephone	3,600.00	4,300.00	+ 700.00
DOM Cell Phone	1,800.00	1,300.00	-500.00
Utilities	3,200.00	3,200.00	
Insurance (Office)	3,100.00	3,100.00	
V. MISCELLANEOUS			
General Miscellaneous	700.00	700.00	
Christmas Gift (DOM)	350.00	350.00	
Christmas Gift (AA)	200.00	300.00	+ 100.00
Christmas Gift (RC)	200.00	300.00	+ 100.00
TOTALS	167,789.00	168,983.00	1,194.00
The Tennessee Baptist Convention provides TBC Supplement for the Sweetwater Baptist Association per terms of Covenant Agreement. Total Monthly \$833.00 Total Annually \$10,000.00			
TOTALS	\$ 167,789.00	168,983.00	1,194.00

Church/Mission	Total
411 Chapel	1,200.00
Altoona	1,000.00
Antioch	375.00
Beaty's Chapel	20.00
Bethlehem	8,931.25
Big Creek	500.00
Calvary	680.45
Cane Creek	1,210.00
Cedar Fork	2,520.14
Cedar Valley	2,329.24
Chestua	1,500.00
Christianburg	1,244.88
Citico	1,069.78
Clifton	275.00
Community	1,401.69
Compromise	550.00
Druid Hills	140.00
Ebenezer	601.55
Fairview	100.00
Fairview Tabernacle	8,225.34
Glenlock	1,800.00
Gregory's Chapel	0.00
Hilltop	20.00
Hopewell Springs	4,401.00
Howards Chapel	1,000.00
Island Creek	2,400.00
Lakeside	300.00
Long Ridge	1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	800.00
Macedonia	0.00
Madisonville, First	3,666.63
Maple Springs	500.00
Miller's Chapel	1,100.00
Mt. Calvary	1,042.08
Mt. Isabella	100.00
Mt. Pleasant	1,100.00
Mt. Zion	4,024.85
Murray's	2,634.00
New Bethany	3,609.14
New Macedonia	1,540.00
New Providence	5,796.00
North Sweetwater	2,596.56
Notchey Creek	3,906.43
Oakland	400.00
Oak Grove	2,976.16
Old Sweetwater	200.00
Outreach Across America	210.00
Paint Rock	1,210.00
Piney Grove	20.00
Poplar Bluff	1,615.59
Reed Springs	1,186.85
Rocky Springs	2,625.00
Rural Vale	1,529.14
Shady Grove	400.00
Shelton Grove	20.00
Shoal Creek	1,840.15
South Madisonville	400.00
Sweetwater, First	4,750.00
Tellico	500.00
Tellico Plains, First	7,022.00
Tevis Springs	746.91
Towee Falls	900.00
Trinity	20.00
Unicoi	888.31
Union Hall	295.21
Unity	200.00
Upper Shady Grove	600.00
Vonore	13,430.08
Walnut Grove	1,766.02
Watson Chapel	2,917.00
Westside	240.00
Williamsburg	284.90
TBC/Miscellaneous	9,781.31
Total Income	\$136,185.64

+ Increase - Decrease *** New Item

Update on Gifts Received as of July 31, 2011 for

Macedonia Church Construction Project Debt of \$6313.92

Altoona Baptist Church	200.00
Bethlehem Baptist Church	100.00
Cane Creek Baptist Church	200.00
Cedar Fork Baptist Church	100.00
Chestua Baptist Church	100.00
Citico Baptist Church	100.00
Clifton Baptist Church	150.00
Community Baptist Church	250.00
Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church	500.00
Gregory's Chapel Baptist Church	100.00
Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church	100.00
Macedonia Baptist Church	300.00
Miller's Chapel Baptist Church	300.00
Murray's Baptist Church	100.00
New Macedonia Baptist Church	150.00
New Providence Baptist Church	300.00
Shady Grove Baptist Church	100.00
Shoal Creek Baptist Church	100.00
Tevis Springs Baptist Church	100.00
Towee Falls Baptist Church	200.00
Union Hall Baptist Church	100.00
Walnut Grove Baptist Church	500.00
Westside Baptist Church	100.00
Total	\$4250.00

2011 VBS Statistical Report

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
Cedar Valley	144	104	5
Chestua	105	92	0
Christianburg	69	67	3
Citico	82	70	0
Clifton	25	25	0
Fairview Tabernacle	253	232	21
Island Creek	179	148	14
Lakeside	139	104	1
Long Ridge	173	153	13
Madisonville First	162	103	6
Mt. Pleasant	94	66	0
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
Shelton Grove	88	74	5
Shoal Creek	284	215	33
Tevis Springs	25	25	0
Unicoi	100	100	8
Unity	46	46	1
411 Chapel	91	82	5
Mission VBS			
Wilton, Iowa	84	59	13

2012 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: LifeWay's VBS 2012 Sampler Kits, *Amazing Wonders Aviation* and Club VBS *SpaceQuest* will be available at the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office in December and materials will be at the SBA Office in January.



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 call the Associational Office today at 442-6604 to reserve 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.

Sweetwater Baptist Association
Men's Ministry Presents
2011 Sportsmen's Day
Saturday, October 15th

Island Creek Baptist Church
 Highway 411 North, Madisonville

Guest Speakers: FLW PRO ANGLERS

CLAY DYER



Born without arms and legs, Clay has been blessed with the ability to fish professionally. Clay has won 20 professional tournaments.

SCOTT CANTERBURY



2008 FLW Rookie of the Year

Activities

- 12 Stand 3-D Archery Course
- 3 Stands of Skeet Shooting (Shells and Skeet Provided-Bring your own Gun)
- Fly-Fishing Lessons From One of the Nation's Best Fly-Fishermen
- Casting Pool for Kids
- Wild Beast Feast (Bring your favorite "wild game" recipe)
- Door Prizes (Must be present to win)

Schedule

12:00 noon Archery and Skeet Shooting
 3:00 pm Fly Fishing Lessons with Josh Pfeiffer
 4:30 p.m. Meal: Wild Beast Feast
 5:30 p.m. Meet the Pros

DOOR PRIZES

- Rods and Reels
- 12 Gauge Pump Shot Gun
- Remington 270. Cal. Rifle w/Scope
- Coleman Camp Kit
- Coleman Cook Stove
- Plus Much More



Josh Pfeiffer
 Fly-Fishing Instructor

For more information, contact Sweetwater Baptist Association at 423-442-6604 or Clint Brackett at 423-404-3150.

Revival

SHOAL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH: We will be holding Revival services beginning **Sunday, September 18.** Sunday Night Service begins @ 6:00 pm and Weeknight Services @ 7:00 pm. Evangelists will be Mitch Isbill and Lewis Jones. Everyone is invited to attend. *Nikki Strickland*

Revival

NOTCHEY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH: Begins **September 25th**; Worship Service, 7:00 p.m., Evangelist Carroll Hamilton, Special Singing Nightly; Everyone is invited to attend.



OLD SWEETWATER BAPTIST CHURCH: Everyone is invited to attend the *Sweetwater Valley Area-Wide Evangelistic Crusade*, Oct. 1-7 at the Philadelphia Elementary School. On Oct. 1st, from 1:00-5:00 will be a Sportsman's Day Rally and Evangelistic Services will be held Oct. 2-7 at 7:00 pm. Evangelist will be Sam Moore. The Sportsman's Rally will include skeet shooting, archery, vendor displays, prizes, and free meal. We hope to see you there.



FAIRVIEW BAPTIST TABERNACLE CHURCH: Fairview Student Ministry and First Baptist Church will be hosting a **5th Quarter** after the SHS vs. LHS game on Friday, September 23rd. Students can stop by the Sweetwater High School cafeteria after the game for FREE Pizza!

For more information on either of these events, call the church office at 337-6208 or visit our website at www.fairviewfamily.org.



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, SWEETWATER: It's the end of summer and what a blurr it's been here at First Baptist! In a "nut shell", we visited the "Big Apple" during VBS June 6 thru 10; a group of our younger children went to CentriKid at Lee College in Cleveland June 12 thru 16; a group of youth served with World Changers in Knoxville June 27-July 2nd; and another group of youth



went all the way to New Orleans to participate in M-Fuge July 18 thru 22nd. Then we had our annual Back to School Bash at the Junior High School; and to top



it all off, a group of over 100 children, youth and adults met on August 7th for a first annual prayer walk all over the grounds and through the halls at Sweetwater High School. Please join us as we continue to lift



up our students, teachers and school administrators in prayer this school year.

Many seeds were planted for Jesus, many folks were helped in His name and much spiritual growth and maturity were experienced by all who participated in these mission efforts this summer.



We are thrilled to welcome Jason Paris to our church family as he has answered the Lord's call to serve here with us as our Children's and Youth Minister. The fields are white to harvest in our Sweetwater and we are excited about working those "fields" with Jason. He brings with him his wife, A. J. and their daughter, Juliette (whom we are looking forward to spoiling!) WELCOME Paris family!!!

LAKESIDE BAPTIST CHURCH:

Kevin Kiser and his family recently moved to Kentucky, where Kevin is attending Clear Creek Bible College. We recently received this update from Kevin (edited for space). *Just wanted to drop you a message to let you know things are going great up here. Cindy has enrolled in some classes and the kids have adjusted well to the transition and are doing great with their school work. They have joined a group at Bell Central that meets on Wednesday mornings before school called Priority First. The group focuses on prayer and bible study and making God their First Priority. I have joined the volunteer chaplain group at the Kentucky Forestry Camp, which is a minimum security prison. I also help with the community basketball games on Thursday nights. We invite people in the community to the Family Life Center to play basketball and then they stay to join us in a time of Bible study. God is blessing tremendously. We appreciate the prayers of everyone and ask that you continue to pray as God continues to lead.*



We would like to ask the churches of the Association to consider contributing to Clear Creek. There are many ways to help and it doesn't have to be financially. We are currently cleaning up and remodeling some of the older housing units. This could be a good mission project for a youth group. Other opportunities to support the college are

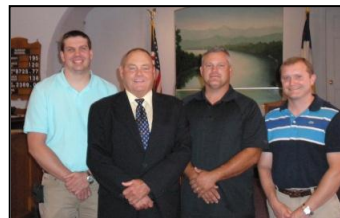
sponsoring families, adopting students, and providing materials for the Child Development Center. Please check the college website at cbbc.edu to see all the different opportunities to help the school. Also, feel free to contact me or Cindy at 606-337-1223. Our prayers are with everyone. --Kevin Kiser

ROCKY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH: Our Relay for Life team kicked off their fundraising for the 2012 Walk on August 21, with an ice cream supper. Thanks to all who participated. On Sunday, September 18, Homecoming was celebrated. Rev. Steve Teague brought the message with Barry Scott providing the special singing. A fellowship meal was held after the worship service. On Saturday, September 24, our second Faith in Action day was held. Thanks to all who took part in this day by helping those around us. On Saturday, October 1, there will be a hayride at the Atkins' farm in Tellico. Pastor Appreciation day will be celebrated on October 16, with special singing by Rocky Flatts and a fellowship meal after the morning service. There will be no evening service. Thank you to Pastor Greg and his family for their dedication to our Lord and our church. We love you! Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday evening, October 29th, at 6:00 p.m. -- Kim Williamson



OUTREACH ACROSS AMERICA: We will be hosting a 1-Day Prayer Conference with TBC Prayer Strategist Don Pierson. The conference is titled "Ignite your Prayer Life" and will be held on Sunday, December 4th. The conference will begin with the morning service at 10:30 am and last all day. Lunch and Dinner will be provided by OAA. Conference sessions include: The Power of "IT" Praying (Matthew 7:7), Prayers of Knocking, Prayers of Seeking, Prayers of Crying Out, and Fasting and Prayer.

This is a free conference, but seating is limiting, so a reservation/ticket is needed. Please make your reservation by emailing morgan@oaauusa.com or call the OAA Worship Center at 423-545-9200.



MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH:

August was a month of blessings for Mt. Zion. On the 14th an ordination service was held for 3 new deacons, Chris Freeman, Michael Lemons, and Jason Miller. We ask you to keep these young men in your prayers, that they will always seek, and follow God's will

for our Church. Homecoming was celebrated on the 21st with a message brought to us by Rev. Alvin Patton during our morning service. It is always such a joy for us to have Alvin at Mt. Zion. After sharing a great meal many talented members of our congregation sang during the evening service. Also, in August our wonderful Pastor, Dennis Robinson, and his precious wife, Donna were lead to stay with us - and we welcomed them 100%. Dennis and Donna - we don't have words that can express just how special you are to all of us at Mt. Zion, We Love You! --Sheila Miller



CHESTUA BAPTIST CHURCH:

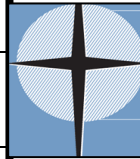
On July 30th, our Youth Group left for a week long mission trip to Chicago. We worked in an area called Maywood where we prayer-walked the streets Monday thru Thursday and had Bible School in the park each day. On Thursday evening we had a block party for everyone. We had a great time in

the park with some of the youth playing games and talking to the kids about Jesus. Others worked on crafts and face painting while sharing Jesus. We also had bible stories each day for everyone in the park with the number of people growing every day. We praise God for a safe trip and for allowing us to sow seeds in his name. Thanks be to God for helping us to accomplish our goals. There is a great need for workers in this area and the kids really want to learn about Jesus. We appreciate everyone that helped with this trip. Keep us in your prayers as we plan to continue to work in the Chestua area and plan to go back to Maywood next year. --Clayton Taylor

October, 2011

*"He had said, I will never leave thee, nor forsake thee."
-Hebrews 13:5*

Tennessee Baptist Convention



TENNESSEE BAPTIST CONVENTION
PASTORS CONFERENCE

Monday, November 14, 2011
First Baptist Church, Hendersonville

Monday, November 14, 2011

Afternoon Session, 1:00-4:00 p.m.

Messages by:

Dr. Roc Collins
Dr. Johnny Hunt
Dr. Phil Hoskins

Evening Session, 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Messages by:

Dr. Doug Sager
Rabbi Greg Hershberg
Dr. James Merritt

The 137th Annual Session of the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be held at First Baptist Church, Hendersonville on November 15-16, 2011.



2011 Annual Meeting of the Tennessee Baptist Convention
November 15-16, 2011
First Baptist Church
Hendersonville, TN

Housing information schedule or registration available on-line at <http://tnbaptist.org>

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Emphasis: Cooperative Program; Outreach Month; Pastor and Staff Appreciation Month	Messenger deadline is 10 th of each month	East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake- Notchey Creek				GA Day Camp, Bethlehem Baptist Church, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.
2	3 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.	4 Church ACP's and Messenger Cards due at SBA Office	5	6	7	8
9 Fall Break No School Monroe Co. Oct. 10-14	10 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. Columbus Day	11	12	13	14 National Boss's Day	15
16	17 No Pastor's Conference SBA Annual Meeting, Session 1, 6:45 a.m. Madisonville, First	18 SBA Annual Meeting, Session 2, 9:45 a.m. North Sweetwater SBA Annual Meeting, Session 3, 6:45 p.m. Vonore Baptist	19	20 TBC, Worship Leader & Music Minister Meeting, Location TBA	21	22 Meet the Pros Wild Beast Feast Sportsman's Day, Island Creek Baptist Church Begins at 12:00 noon
23	24 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. Halloween					

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Welcome New Pastors:

Trinity Casey King
411 Chapel Michael McLemore

Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Fairview, Gregory's Chapel, Hilltop,
Mt. Calvary, Oak Grove, Shelton Grove



October - Pastor Appreciation Month

Pastor Appreciation Day provides an excellent opportunity for your church to affirm love and appreciation to those who are called by God and your church to lead them in fulfilling the Great Commission. Suggestions for celebrating Pastor Appreciation Day include presentation of appreciation certificate or plaque, gift certificate or monetary gift, reception following service, special prayer time for family, spiritual guidance and encouragement.