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Sweetwater Baptist Association, Family of Churches, WELCOME....

**Pastor Morgan Peels** & wife Karley  
Daughters Taylie & Oakleigh

**MACEDONIA**

Our prayers are with this pastor and congregation  
as they share the love of Christ with their community.



SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

# Youth Rally

**BEAN & BAILEY**

**HEATH BROTHERS**



*Comedy and Concert*

**Saturday, March 14 - 5pm**

**First Baptist Church  
Madisonville**



*Rally Message by Jackson Bailey*

# 2026 East Tennessee Ministry Summit & Evangelism Rally

Hosted by: **Notchey Creek Baptist Church**  
5529 New Hwy 68, Madisonville, TN

**Guest Speakers**

**SATURDAY  
FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

Light breakfast served at 8:00 a.m.

Attendees will receive a free gift while supplies last.

**8:30 AM**

## Ministry Summit

A Conference for  
Church Members and Leaders

**7:00 PM**

## Evangelism Rally

Worship Service with special music &  
Dr. Jim Henry preaching

Special Music by Notchey Creek  
Baptist Church Praise Teams



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For more information contact  
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Dr. Jim Henry



Jeralyn Collins



Dr. Roc Collins



Rebecca George



Rev. Allan Taylor

## Director of Missions

During the Annual Meeting of the Sweetwater Baptist Association in October, I presented a



challenge to families, churches, and the Association for the 2025-2026 church year. Many churches could not be represented at that meeting; therefore, those challenges are published below. These are encouraging steps to reach the lost in our communities.

### LOOKING FORWARD ... 2025-2026 GOALS

#### INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

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

#### THE CHURCH

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

#### THE ASSOCIATION

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

Along with participating in growing the Kingdom of God by adding these strategies of sharing the Gospel to your life, the possibility of Revival will be experienced in our families, churches, and Association. In August of this year, we should FAN THE FLAMES OF REVIVAL across our Association. We need to plan now to have evangelistic efforts in every community. Some churches could have revival or team with other community churches to have joint services. (How ever God leads you.) It is not a question of does God want us to experience revival, but a challenge for us to present ourselves as

a living sacrifice that God will use to experience a true and lasting revival. **SO, FAN THE FLAMES OF REVIVAL!** -- Tony

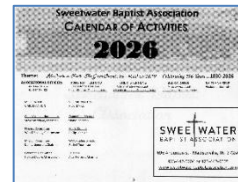


### Associational, News, Events, Information

**2025 MINUTE BOOKS AND 2026 SBA CALENDARS:** The 2025 Minute Books and 2026 Associational Calendars are available! Over the last few weeks, many were picked up, while others were delivered by the Director of Missions during your worship services or left near or on the porch of your church.



We hope Pastors and Church Leadership will use the calendar in planning church events for 2026, and anything we have scheduled would not hinder any of the events at one of the churches. This allows each of us the opportunity to support the ministries that are offered by both the Association and each of our churches.



Tennessee Baptist Mission Board presents  
**2026 Bivocational  
MINISTERS &  
WIVES RETREAT**  
**January 29-31**  
**Music Road Hotel & Convention Center**  
303 Henderson Chapel Rd, Pigeon Forge, TN

**Cost:** \$275 per couple, for hotel, meals, breaks & materials.

Phone: 615.373.2255 [www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org)

Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**Monday, April 13**  
**7:00 p.m.**

Hosted by

**Howard's Chapel Baptist Church**

**Howard's Chapel**  
to host  
**Executive  
Board Meeting**

According to SBA Constitution and Bylaws, Executive Board Members are:

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

*Names of Executive Board members from each church must be submitted to the Sweetwater Baptist Association, Inc. in order for a list of Executive Board Members to be compiled.*

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



## 2026 EAST TENNESSEE MINISTRY SUMMIT & EVANGELISM RALLY:

Please make plans to attend  
the **2026 East Tennessee  
Ministry Summit &  
Evangelism Rally!**

The meeting will be held on  
**Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** and  
will be hosted by **Notchey  
Creek Baptist Church**, 5529 New Highway 68 in Madisonville.

The tentative schedule (*subject to change*) is as follows:

### **Morning Session**

- (1) Light breakfast available in fellowship hall ..... 8:00 a.m.
- (2) Sessions ..... 8:30 a.m.

A conference for Church Members and Leaders

### **Evening Session**

- (3) Evangelism Service ..... 7:00 p.m.
- Worship and praise with special music and preaching

Special music for all sessions will be provided by the *Notchey Creek Praise Band*. This event will have something for everyone!

The Saturday morning session will open with a light breakfast in the fellowship hall at 8:00 a.m. The meeting will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. and conclude shortly after noon.

**Rev. Allan Taylor** will serve as the leader for a combined morning session for both men and women. Rev. Taylor is the Associate Pastor at First Baptist Concord in Knoxville, TN and writes Sunday School, leadership, and training materials.

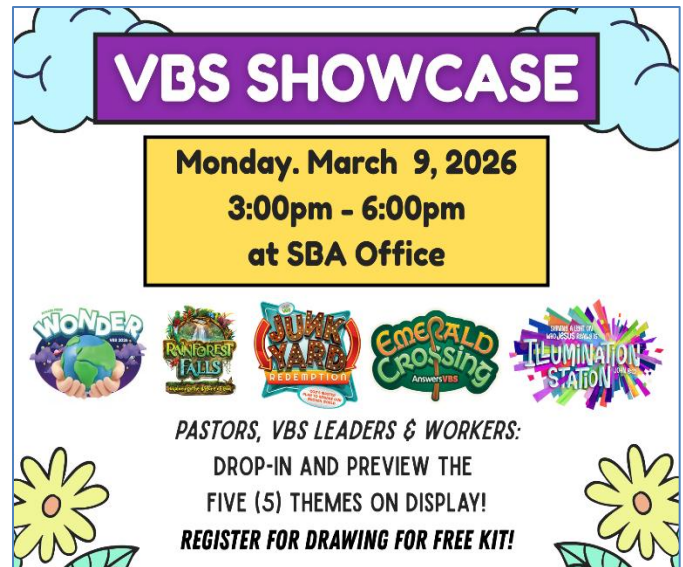
Breakout sessions for the ladies will feature **Rebecca George**, podcaster, author and wife of Pastor Dustin George, Vonore Baptist Church. **Jeralyn Collins**, wife of Dr. Roc Collins and Preschool Director of Judson Baptist Church, Nashville will also serve as a breakout leader.

The guest speakers for the men will be **Dr. Jim Henry**, former Senior Minister of the First Baptist Church, Orlando, FL. He is one of the most respected Christian leaders of the day. A prominent speaker, author, and past President of the Southern Baptist Convention, he also pioneered video training for deacons. **Dr. Roc Collins** will also serve as a breakout session leader for the men. He is the *Strategic Objectives Director of the Tennessee Baptist Missions Board* (TBMB) and oversees work related to evangelism, discipleship, church planting, church revitalization, Cooperative Program, and Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions.

This will be a special time of learning and encouragement for all. You will be blessed in coming as these are all gifted conference leaders!

At 7:00 p.m., everyone is encouraged to gather for the **2026 Evangelism Rally!** This will be an inspirational time of praise and worship as Dr. Jim Henry will be preaching during this session.

Please encourage your entire church to attend! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>** at **Notchey Creek Baptist Church!** We look forward to seeing you at the **2026 East Tennessee Ministry Summit and Evangelism Rally!**



**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS:** Vacation Bible School time is right around the corner! And Vacation Bible School Jump-Start Kits and VBS materials for 2026 will soon be available for your church leaders to view.

With that in mind, plans are being made for the Sweetwater Baptist Association, **2026 VBS Showcase**. The **VBS Showcase** will be **Monday, March 9<sup>th</sup>**, and will be held at the Sweetwater Baptist Association office in Madisonville. Please watch for additional details!

We will have several different VBS themes on display at the Associational Office from different companies. Pastors and VBS Directors will be invited to see several theme options that are available for your churches this year.



# Youth News

**YOUTH NEWS:** The **2026 SBA Youth Rally** is coming up on Saturday, **March 14<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm**. This year's Rally is being held at **First Baptist Church in Madisonville**. We believe this will be a great evening of worship for our students. Please make this information known in your church and to your youth groups. This event is open to all ages and to the entire community. If you (or your students) are involved with any youth sports, please arrange for the team to attend...this would be a great team-bonding event. The program will begin with a fun time of laughs with **Bean & Bailey**, and then an exciting concert by the **Heath Brothers**. **Jackson Bailey** will be sharing a gospel message. Don't let your students miss this great, local (and FREE) event. We hope to see you there!



**CHURCH GIFTS:** Total church gifts for October through December were \$65,402.71. Please review the following information, and contact our office if you should have any questions. We thank you for your support of the budget ministries of the Association.



## SBA Church Gifts: October – December, 2025

Church/Mission	Oct, 2025	Nov, 2025	Dec, 2025	Total
411 Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Antioch	25.00	25.00	25.00	75.00
Beaty's Chapel	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Bethlehem	900.00	900.00	900.00	2,700.00
Bible	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Big Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary	137.55	0.00	107.95	245.50
Cane Creek	100.00	100.00	0.00	200.00
Cedar Fork	578.06	481.07	484.29	1,543.42
Cedar Valley	958.71	1,266.09	0.00	2,224.80
Christianburg	972.25	0.00	0.00	972.25
Citico	308.10	302.35	0.00	610.45
Clifton	25.00	25.00	25.00	75.00
Community	63.27	244.38	49.68	357.33
Compromise	50.00	50.00	50.00	150.00

Conasauga	300.00	300.00	0.00	600.00
Concord	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Delano	316.79	250.61	384.92	952.32
Druid Hills	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Ebenezer	0.00	163.00	0.00	163.00
Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	3,000.00
Fellowship	0.00	402.39	0.00	402.39
Glenlock	334.00	334.00	0.00	668.00
Gregory's Chapel	100.00	100.00	0.00	200.00
Hopewell Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Howards Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Island Creek	900.00	0.00	300.00	1,200.00
Lakeside	0.00	600.00	0.00	600.00
Long Ridge	0.00	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	327.90	346.21	268.37	942.48
Macedonia	200.00	200.00	0.00	400.00
Madisonville, First	833.34	0.00	833.34	1,666.68
Maple Springs	750.00	0.00	0.00	750.00
Miller's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Mt. Calvary	166.85	130.11	123.09	420.05
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	904.60	731.20	626.92	2,262.72
Murray's	2,359.15	0.00	0.00	2,359.15
New Bethany	284.61	324.63	365.83	975.07
New Macedonia	200.00	200.00	200.00	600.00
New Providence	859.55	978.70	1,000.00	2,838.25
New Zion	100.00	0.00	100.00	200.00
North Sweetwater	99.48	78.70	0.00	178.18
Notchey Creek	816.96	1,024.68	947.22	2,788.86
Oak Grove	584.81	0.00	0.00	584.81
Oakland	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Old Pond Hill	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Old Sweetwater	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Paint Rock	110.00	110.00	110.00	330.00
Piney Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Poplar Bluff	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Reed Springs	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Rocky Springs	1,000.00	800.00	0.00	1,800.00
Rural Vale	394.42	596.67	319.48	1,310.57
Shady Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shelton Grove	410.52	0.00	173.55	584.07
Shoal Creek	235.00	0.00	436.00	671.00
South Madisonville	150.00	150.00	150.00	450.00
Sweetwater, First	350.00	350.00	350.00	1,050.00
Tellico	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tellico, First	334.00	330.00	541.00	1,205.00
Tevis Springs	50.00	50.00	50.00	150.00
Towee Falls	150.00	150.00	150.00	450.00
Trinity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Union Grove	120.00	120.00	0.00	240.00
Union Hall	0.00	215.00	165.00	380.00
Union McMinn	400.00	400.00	400.00	1,200.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	150.00	150.00
Upper Shady Grove	50.00	50.00	50.00	150.00
Vonore	1,323.48	1,860.17	1,807.42	4,991.07
Walnut Grove	0.00	0.00	450.00	450.00
Watson Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Westside	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Williamsburg	35.84	35.94	0.00	71.78
TBMB	626.00	626.00	626.00	1,878.00
Golden Offering	11,320.80	0.00	0.00	11,320.80
Misc AM/Int	22.31	22.00	20.40	64.71
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>33,438.35</b>	<b>17,823.90</b>	<b>14,140.46</b>	<b>65,402.71</b>



## SBA CHURCHES FOOD PANTRIES

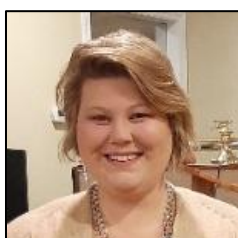
Church	Info & Contact
Bible Baptist	Lillie Miller 423-519-4267 M/T/Th/F 9am-2pm
Big Creek	865-224-1850
Fairview Tab/Homebuilders SS	865-414-3269 Macy Small
Madisonville, First Baptist	Sat 8am-9:30am (not 5th Sat)
New Bethany (Pantry/M meal)	4th Wed of each month 5-7pm
Notchey Creek	4th Thur of each month at 10 am
Reed Springs	Thur, 11am-2pm
Shoal Creek	3rd Sat of each month, 10am-Noon
Tellico Plains, First Baptist	423-253-3822
Vonore	Thur, 9am-11am or by appt 423-884-6230
Westside	Dwight Torbett or Mitch/Vickie Anderson
Mt Calvary (Hot Meal Only)	2nd Sat of each month, Nov-Mar, 11am-2pm



Ladies,  
plan now  
to take  
part in  
the Week  
of Prayer

for North American Missions and the  
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.  
The suggested date for the Week of  
Prayer is March 1-8.

Missions Get-Together is April 17-18,  
2026! Online registration became  
available on January 6 and closes on  
April 2 or when the capacity is



**SBA  
WMU/Ladies  
Ministry  
News**



reached. No registration will be available at the event—everyone  
must pre-register. Registration Fee includes a box dinner on Friday  
and box lunch on Saturday. (Additional information is available at  
<https://tnbaptist.org/event/missions-get-together/> or TNWMU.org)



We are  
already  
looking  
forward  
to our  
next  
WMU/Ladies  
Meeting  
which will be  
held May 4<sup>th</sup>, and hosted by Vonore Baptist Church. Beth Moore,  
Compassion Ministry Specialist with the Tennessee Baptist Mission

Board will be our guest speaker. Watch for further information, and  
we hope to see you there. -Rachel Thompson, Associational  
WMU/Ladies Ministry Director



## Tennessee Baptist Mission Board Jan-March, 2026 DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING: East Region

- **Feb 21** *Introduction to Disaster Relief and Specialized Classes*, Dandridge
- **Mar 13-14** *East TN Regional Training*, Boone Trail Baptist Church, Johnson City (Chaplaincy Training will also be taught this weekend.)

Additional information regarding upcoming classes can be found at...  
<https://tndisasterrelief.org/event/east-tn-disaster-relief-regional-training-east-tn/>

## STATE OF TENNESSEE, ANNUAL REPORT:

If your church is incorporated, please remember that *Annual Reports for Churches and Charitable Organizations* are due at the State of Tennessee by April 1. These reports update or confirm an entity with the Tennessee Department of State, and are required to maintain "active status" so a business or church can legally operate in the state. In order to complete your yearly filing, you need your *User Account Login Information and Control Number*. The *Annual Corporation Filing* can be completed online at <https://tncab.tnsos.gov/>

**Annual  
Report**

A new question was asked pertaining to an NAICS code on the renewal filing for this year. The NAICS is a unique classification code for economic activity and comparisons. It is our understanding there was no change in the religious organization class code.



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## Tennessee Baptist Convention STUDENT EVANGELISM CONFERENCE:

The Student Evangelism Conference is almost here!

Formerly known as YEC, this reimagined conference has the same gospel-centered heart with new partnerships, fresh momentum, and a vision for reaching students.



- Student Evangelism Conference
- One central gathering
- April 10-11, 2026
- First Baptist Clarksville



Additional information available online at

<https://www.studentevangelismconference.com/>

### Free Church Security Training

at Madisonville Police Department  
March 7, 2026, 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

MUST RSVP at  
dustincook@mpdpolice.com

If your church has used or unused  
**Sunday School Literature** that you'd like to  
donate, please contact **Ginger Lloyd**  
to make arrangements for donating.  
Call or Text: 423-572-2700

### Free to a Church

- (3) 72-inch TV's (not Smart TVs)
- (3) 9-foot church pews

If interested, contact Doug Brown (Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Loudon) at 865-296-3307



## Ordination

**ORDINATIONS:** In November 2025, **Kenny Keller** was ordained into the Gospel Ministry. Kenny has been called to serve as Pastor at **Old Pond Hill Baptist Church** in Niota.



## Church News, Events, Information



**BETHLEHEM:** We are having a **Winter Revival, February 8-11.**

Sunday Night begins at 6:00 pm, and Weeknights begin at 7:00 pm.

Evangelists are Donny Crass, Tony Collins, Jake Evans, and Greg Watson. Everyone is invited.



**BIG CREEK:** We are having a **Fundraiser** for our building repairs. It will be on **Saturday, March 7 at 6:00 pm** and will include a BBQ Meal and a Silent Auction. Everyone is invited to attend.

**FAIRVIEW TABERNACLE:** We are having a **Sunday School Training Conference** on **Sunday, April 26, from 2:00–4:00 pm.** The training will be led by **Allan Taylor**, Associate Pastor at **First Baptist Church, Concord in Knoxville.** Allan previously led the Sunday School Department at **First Baptist Church, Woodstock, Georgia** for over 20 years and saw Sunday School grow from 4,000 to over 8,500! There will also be training options for Preschool and Children's workers. This is a FREE conference, and all are welcome to attend.



**ISLAND CREEK:** We are hosting an **Evangelism Rally** on **Monday, February 16 at 7:00 pm.** **Dr. Ralph Sexton** will be the Evangelist, and music will be by **The Lingerfelt Family.** The Rally will be held at the Multi-Purpose Building at the top of the hill behind the church. Everyone is invited to attend. On that same day (Monday, Feb 16) at **12:00 Noon**, we will be having a **Pastor's Meeting with Dr. Sexton.** A catered beef meal will be provided (beef brisket or steak). All area Pastors are invited (if unable to attend, feel free to send a Deacon from your church). An **RSVP is needed by February 10**, for the noon time meeting. This meeting will be held in the Fellowship Hall, beside the church building. **To RSVP for the meeting/meal, please text your name and your church name to Pastor Lewis Jones at 865-207-0689.**





**MACEDONIA:** On January 4<sup>th</sup>, we called **Morgan Peels** as **Pastor**. We are blessed to have Morgan, Karley, Taylie, and Oakleigh as part of our church family. We've made improvements to our kitchen; and we have plans to install a church telephone and handicap parking lot. Our new tract ministry is going well.



**NEW PROVIDENCE:** *The New Providence Mission Center* provides clothing, food, hygiene items, health and beauty items, household goods, children's items and supplies along with children's clothing and toys. We accept donations of these items and monetary donations. We invite our sister churches to join us in this ministry. If you would

like to volunteer or take a tour of the center, please contact 423-519-6899, 423-337-1697 or 423-295-4873.

**NEW ZION:** *Revival* Services will be **March 8-13, 2026**. Evangelists are Cody Harris and Gladen Cole. Everyone invited.



## UPCOMING Events

**NOTCHEY CREEK:** Upcoming **Second Harvest Food Distribution** Dates are **January 22, February 26, and March 26**. The **East Tennessee Ministry Summit and Evangelism Rally** will be on **Saturday, February 28** (see more information on front of the newsletter). Our **Spring Concert** will be on **March 15 at 6:00 pm**, with **Greater Vision** (please visit our website for more information). On **March 29 at 6:00 pm** will be our **Easter Night of Worship**.

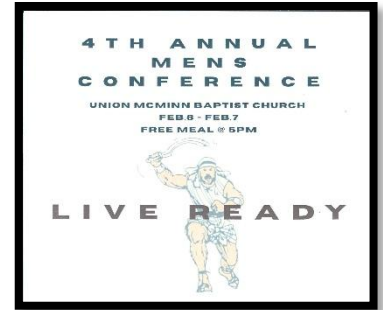


**OLD POND HILL:** We are having a 1-Day VBS on Saturday, May 23, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm.

**POPLAR BLUFF:** Pastor Roman Hamilton invites all ordained men to join the presbytery for the **Deacon Ordination** Service for Matthew Bivens, Brandon Land and Cody Yates. It will be on Sunday, February 1, at 2:00 pm. Please join Hosts, Roman Hamilton and Paul Chapman on a weekly **podcast** called **"Truth Revival."** New episodes are released every Tuesday at 10:00 am.



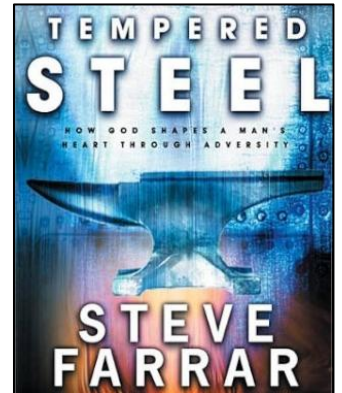
**UNION MCMINN:** Our **4<sup>th</sup> Annual Men's Conference** will be **February 6-7, 2026**. A meal will be served at 5:00 pm on Friday, and the Conference begins at 7:00 pm. On Saturday, Breakfast will be served at 8:00 am, and the Conference begins at 9:30 am. Conference Speakers are **Pastor Gabe Brannon, Rev. Jamie Johnson, and Dr. Roc Collins**. For more information and to register, please visit the church's website at [www.unionmcminnbaptist.org](http://www.unionmcminnbaptist.org).



### Other Upcoming Events

- Soup At The Table - February 14th, 2026 - 11:00AM - 1:00PM
- Soup At The Table - March 14th, 2026 - 11:00AM - 1:00PM
- March 29th, 2026 - Youth Sunday; Youth Showcase and Youth Easter Program

**VONORE:** A **9-Week Men's Bible Study** begins on **Tuesday, January 27 at 6:30 pm**. The study is **"Tempered Steel"** by Steve Farrar. This study will help men face adversity and emerge more like Christ. Anyone interested in joining this group can contact Bill Post via text or call (865.318.5653). We are also seeking an additional **Van Driver** for our Wednesday evening Vertical Kids program. If anyone is available, please contact Donnie Anderson at 865.806.2097.



Watch for upcoming information  
**2026 Awesome August  
Evangelistic Campaign**



## Sweetwater Baptist Association

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Rachel Thompson

### NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

#### Welcome New Pastors

Morgan Peels.....Macedonia

#### Director of Mission Visits/Miscellaneous:

Druid Hills; Old Pond Hill (Revival); Greece; Fellowship; Old Pond Hill (Ordination); Glenlock; Long Ridge; Fairview Tabernacle; Macedonia; Mt. Isabella; Gregory's Chapel; Hopewell Springs; Island Creek (Drive-thru Christmas); Clifton; Paint Rock; Senior Adult Christmas Show; Pastor's Christmas Banquet; Murray's; Christianburg (Drive-thru Christmas); Maple Springs; Lakeside (Christmas Program); New Bethany; Mt. Calvary; Mt. Zion (Adult Christmas Play); Madisonville First (Candlelight Service); Cedar Valley

#### Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Cedar Valley, Long Ridge

  
**SWEET WATER**  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

## Bicentennial Celebration 2030

**Sweetwater  
Baptist Association**

1830-2030 Celebrating 200 years

### Upcoming Events/News

"For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;"—Song of Solomon 2:11-12

Jan 29-31 TBMB Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat, Pigeon Forge

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

  
**SWEET WATER**  
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION

Mar 1 High School Scholarship Applications due, SBA Office

Mar 1-8 Week of Prayer for North American Missions & Armstrong Easter Offering

Mar 9 VBS Showcase, SBA Office, Watch for details!

Mar 14 SBA Youth Rally, Madisonville, FBC, Watch for details!

Mar 23 Missions Committee Meeting, SBA Office, 6:30 p.m.

Mar 29-Apr 4 Spring Break, Monroe County Schools

Apr 2-6 SBA Office closed for holiday

Apr 5 Easter

Apr 13 SBA Executive Board Meeting, Howards Chapel, 7:00 p.m.

Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**Monday Morning  
Pastor's Conference  
10:00 a.m.**  
SBA Office in Madisonville

**Newsletter:** The next issue of the newsletter will be Mar-Apr.

**W-2 and 1099 Forms:** IRS Forms are available upon request at the SBA Office.

**Please Note:** Photographs are taken at all associational meetings and events, and will be used by the Association in newsletters, on website or social media sites.

### Mother's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes



### Father's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes



### Golden Offering for Tennessee Missions



### WMU/Ladies Group

Please check the Activities Director at 423-442-3990  
for Madisonville Health & Rehab - Nursing Home Birthday Cake Schedule

**January** .....Vonore

**May** .....Concord

**September** ....Mt. Zion

**February** .....Rocky Springs

**June** .....Madisonville FBC

**October** .....Notchey Creek

**March** .....New Providence

**July** .....Lakeside

**November** .....Bethlehem

**April** .....Oak Grove

**August** .....411 Chapel

**December** ....New Bethany



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