

*The MESSENGER
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Sweetwater Baptist Association*

*"Churches on Mission Together"
Celebrating 192 years, 1830 – 2022*

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Sweetwater Baptist Association
Vacation Bible School Clinic
Monday, April 11th
Conference begins at 7:00 p.m.



Hosted by: Rocky Springs Baptist Church, Madisonville
Training for all VBS age levels

Spark Studio: Created in Christ, Designed for God's Purpose
Motto: Created! Designed! Empowered! Scripture focus Ephesians 2:10

The daily content for each session is as follows:

Day 1	God, the Creator	God is the marvelous Creator
Day 2	God, the Designer	God uniquely designed us for His purpose
Day 3	Jesus, the King	Jesus is the King that God promised to save us
Day 4	Jesus, the Redeemer	Jesus fulfilled God's plan to save us
Day 5	Holy Spirit, the Helper	The Holy Spirit gives us the power to follow God's plan

Just a Note: LifeWay's 2022 Vacation Bible School Sampler Kits are now available! If your church needs any assistance or more information regarding VBS 2022, please feel free to contact the SBA Office at 442-6604.

Sweetwater Baptist Association
Executive Board Meeting
Monday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.

Hosted by **Walnut Grove Baptist Church**

**Walnut Grove 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.

In accordance with the *Constitution and By-Laws* of the Sweetwater Baptist Association adopted October 21, 2019, *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.*

Equipping Your Church to do Personal Evangelism

WHO'S YOUR ONE?

SBA Office, Madisonville

Developing Spiritual Growth for Churches & Members

All Pastors, Outreach Directors,
Visitation Directors, and Laypersons encouraged to attend!

March 21, 2022, 7:00 pm

Conference Leader: Chris Moore



Make plans to attend; and call the SBA Office
to reserve materials for your church!

Sweetwater Baptist Association
Family of Churches Welcomes

Pastor Ronnie Rhea

**Clifton
Baptist Church**

*Photo not
available
at time of printing*

**May the Lord bless this pastor and congregation as
they work together to share Christ in their community.**

Director of Missions



Isn't it great; God is in control of our world! Sometimes it seems like things are so missed up no one truly understands what is happening. However, we can be assured nothing takes God by surprise and everything will be used to give God the glory He deserves. With that in mind, the Sweetwater Baptist Association is planning a God-centered 2022. Covid has so impacted our churches that the baptism numbers have dropped off significantly. We are planning two events that will help churches recover from this correctable decline.

The first project will be Monday, March 21st at 7:00 p.m. The conference will be at the Sweetwater Baptist Association office in Madisonville. It is a "Who's Your One" workshop led by Chris Moore. This material combines prayer and an intentional approach to winning your friend, neighbor, and working acquaintance to the Lord. The material will be combined with "3 Circles" material which deals with "turning everyday conversations into Gospel conversations." Combining these studies will equip our people to share their personal experience with Jesus. We are also including the book "Tell Someone", by Greg Laurie. Our attempt is NOT to make anyone feel bad or condemn someone if they have not engaged others with the Gospel message. The material is written to encourage and inspire us to do what God has called each of us to do. We are making all this material available, at no charge, to the churches who attend. FREE!! Call now and reserve your material packet.

The second project will be Monday, August 29th at 6:30 p.m. We are providing a Pastor, Deacon, and Wife workshop. We want to thank New Bethany Baptist Church in Sweetwater for hosting this event. Dr. Steve Holt, Church Services Director from the TBMB, will share how today's deacon can fulfill the biblical mandates of servanthood in the church. Included in the conference will be how the role of pastor and deacon are fellow-laborers in kingdom building. Caregiving for the flock was and is the biblical principle of deacon service. That has not changed however, many young deacons fail to understand the proper functions of today's deacon. Also, Nancy Duggin will be accompanying Dr. Holt. She is a widow of a long-term deacon and will share the important role the wife plays in helping her husband be a successful deacon. To take the stress off of attending this meeting, we will provide a light meal to those who attend. Therefore, as time for the conference approaches, we will need you to RSVP.

We feel these two events can drastically affect the ministry and potential growth of the churches for years to come. By involving the leadership of our churches with the strength of the core membership of the congregation, a great impact for the glory of Christ can be made in each of our communities. Romans 10:14 states, "How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" The first step in creating a true sense of revival comes when the heart of the leadership and people are convicted that God has called and empowered each of us to Share the Gospel.

Can you image your church one year from today? If each member has prayerfully sought the Holy Spirit's leadership is befriending a person or family; and witnessing to them to come to know Christ and entering the church as a new believer. Don't stop there, your deacon ministry has cared for that family and other families have nurtured them in maturing in the Gospel. Revival will not be a week-long event. It will be a weekly event, as souls are added to the kingdom, and we will get to see God at HIS BEST! -- Tony Rutherford



Our hearts were deeply saddened at the passing of Rod Lee Miller. Brother Rod served as a pastor in several of our churches, and conducted

Christian Sympathy

numerous revivals during his 45 years of service to the Lord. He was truly loved by the people and churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association.

EVANGELISM OPPORTUNITIES

2022 State Evangelism Conference January 30-31



New Vision Baptist Church, Murfreesboro

Program Personalities include:

- Tony Evans Jonathan Evans
- Steve Gaines Grant Gaines Brady Cooper
- Roc Collins Don Wilton Randy Davis

YEC East TN – Youth Evangelism Conference

February 25, 7:00 p.m.
February 26, 12:00 p.m.

First Baptist Concord
11704 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN

Additional information available at www.tnbaptist.org



Equipping Your Church to do Personal Evangelism

Monday, March 21, 7:00 p.m.

SBA Office, Madisonville Conference Leader: Chris Moore
Developing Spiritual Growth for Churches & Members



Sweetwater Baptist Association
CONNECT
Youth Rally
Thursday
July 14th,
7:00 p.m.

Additional information available at www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com
or watch for further details!

ASSOCIATIONAL LEADERSHIP

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL CLINIC, 2022 Monday evening, April 11th

Training Conferences begin at 7:00 p.m.
Hosted by Rocky Springs, Madisonville
Everyone invited to attend!



WMU/LADIES MEETING Monday, May 2, 7:00 p.m. Union Grove Baptist Church

Due to COVID-19 safeguards and precautions, please contact the Activities Director at the Madisonville Health & Rehab at 442-3990 when it is your time to provide the

birthday cake. Please see the back of the newsletter for the birthday cake schedule.

CHURCH GIFTS: Total church gifts for October 1st through December 28th were \$54,402.58, with total budget expenses of \$46,044.85. 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 1 – December 28, 2021

Church/Mission	Oct. 2021	Nov. 2021	Dec. 2021	Total
411 Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Antioch	25.00	25.00	25.00	75.00
Beaty's Chapel	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Bethlehem	1102.00	1,064.00	1,116.70	3,282.70
Big Creek	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Calvary	82.10	104.79	96.66	283.55
Cane Creek	200.00	200.00	200.00	600.00
Cedar Fork	425.74	490.53	413.60	1,329.87
Cedar Valley	410.40	0.00	1,292.79	1,703.19
Christianburg	313.14	0.00	0.00	313.14
Citico	86.90	64.90	86.30	238.10
Clifton	25.00	25.00	25.00	75.00
Community	84.30	87.66	66.67	238.63
Compromise	50.00	50.00	50.00	150.00
Conasauga	0.00	200.00	0.00	200.00
Concord	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Delano	358.79	392.40	300.28	1,051.47
Druid Hill	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Ebenezer	62.00	42.50	95.00	199.50
Fairview	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	1500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00	4,500.00
Fellowship	115.99	208.33	126.58	450.90
Glenlock	1002.00	334.00	334.00	1,670.00
Gregory's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Hopewell Springs	202.00	116.00	145.00	463.00
Howards Chapel	0.00	0.00	171.07	171.07
Island Creek	300.00	300.00	300.00	900.00
Lakeside	0.00	0.00	300.00	300.00
Long Ridge	1000.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	50.00	0.00	100.00	150.00
Macedonia	200.00	0.00	0.00	200.00
Madisonville, First	416.67	416.67	416.67	1,250.01
Maple Springs	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Miller's Chapel	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Mt. Calvary	105.30	80.70	141.75	327.75
Mt. Isabella	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Mt. Zion	493.00	513.40	455.65	1,462.05
Murray's	1778.00	0.00	0.00	1,778.00
New Bethany	237.79	422.83	434.23	1,094.85
New Macedonia	140.00	140.00	0.00	280.00
New Providence	620.65	0.00	1,290.67	1,911.32
New Zion	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
North Sweetwater	92.39	149.93	70.67	312.99

Notchey Creek	491.52	491.52	491.52	1,474.56
Oak Grove	804.81	0.00	816.52	1,621.33
Oakland	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Old Pond Hill	75.00	0.00	0.00	75.00
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	283.80	239.79	295.32	818.91
Reed Springs	0.00	3,448.00	0.00	3,448.00
Rocky Springs	400.00	400.00	400.00	1,200.00
Rural Vale	437.05	451.90	374.27	1,263.22
Shady Grove	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
Shelton Grove	205.83	453.79	224.30	883.92
Shoal Creek	0.00	314.00	0.00	314.00
South Madisonville	100.00	100.00	100.00	300.00
Sweetwater, First	350.00	350.00	350.00	1,050.00
Tellico	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Tellico, First	509.00	639.00	434.00	1,582.00
Tevis Springs	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
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	120.00	360.00
Union Hall	98.00	51.00	0.00	149.00
Union McMinn	400.00	400.00	400.00	1,200.00
Unity	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Upper Shady Grove	50.00	50.00	50.00	150.00
Vonore	1564.87	2,201.13	1,516.73	5,282.73
Walnut Grove	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Watson Chapel	290.00	290.00	290.00	870.00
Westside	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Williamsburg	35.00	58.97	65.74	159.71
Miscellaneous/TBC	782.00	0.00	782.00	1,564.00
Misc AM	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Misc Interest	35.16	35.64	23.31	94.11
Total Income	19,871.20	17,683.38	16,848.00	54,402.58



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Contrary to the myth that only "crazy people" talk to a counselor, many individuals and families have greatly benefited from sharing their struggle with a counselor. Here is a list of some of the most common issues where you may benefit from talking to a Counselor:



- Major life events such as separation or divorce, death, financial crisis, health issues, or addictions.
- Stress, worry, anxiety, or depression
- Anger management
- Family & blended family issues
- Marriage & parenting concerns
- Lack of self-esteem & confidence, or motivation

Whatever your struggle, reach out for hope and help by calling **865-414-3269**.

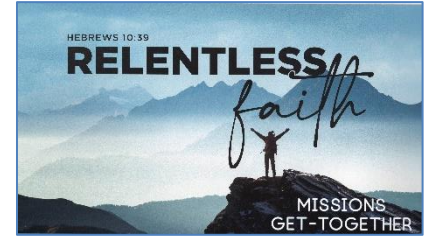
BIBLICAL STUDIES CLASS: The winter session for the *Biblical Studies Class* at the Sweetwater Baptist Association office began **Tuesday, January 4th at 6:30 p.m.** This is a non-credit class taught by Dr. John Powers, and will be *I Believe: Studies in Biblical Doctrine*. The cost of the class is \$20.00 per person.



associational office or email me directly at racheljthompson20@outlook.com.

MISSIONS GET-TOGETHER

Gatlinburg, Tennessee
April 1-3, 2022
 Visit www.tnwmu.org for more information or to register



HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS, 2022:

Just a reminder to our pastors and youth leaders! Information regarding the Sweetwater Baptist Association, *High School Scholarship* program will be available for a limited time online on our website at www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com or can be picked up at the Associational Office. Scholarship applications for 2022 must be completed and returned to the Association Office by **March 1st**. Please help us get this word out to our students by announcing this to your church.



**SBA
 WMU/Ladies
 Ministry News**

Happy New Year! Every new year is full of new opportunities and possibilities, sometimes even

new faces. This year is no different. I want to start by introducing myself. My name is Rachel Thompson. I am a member of Shelton Grove Baptist Church in Sweetwater, where my husband and I attend with our 2 children. We have a son in high school and a daughter in primary school.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEWS:

Vacation Bible School time is right around the corner! And Lifeway's Vacation Bible School Jump-Start Kits and VBS materials for 2022 are now available for your church. Get ready to be part of **SPARK STUDIOS: Created in Christ, Designed for God's Purpose!**



LifeWay's 2022 VBS *Spark Studio* will inspire imagination and kick creativity into high gear. Kids will see the truth that they are God's workmanship, as they learn to use their talents to bring glory and honor to Him. The motto is *Created! Designed! Empowered!* and the theme verse is from Ephesians 2:10, *For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.*



I love being used by the Lord and being able to do ministry makes it that much sweeter. That is why I am so humbled and excited to be the new Ladies/WMU Director for the Sweetwater Baptist Association. I am excited to meet and get to know all the ladies in our Association. In December, I had the privilege to attend Vonore Baptist's WMU Meeting where I learned about prayer shawls. I had heard of prayer shawls before, but never knew all that went into this ministry. Seeing all the love, prayers and hope these women were putting into their ministry was amazing. In January, I will be visiting with the WMU Group from Notchey Creek. I am looking forward to meeting these ladies and learning of the missions and ministries they are involved in.

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The 2022 Associational VBS Clinic will be held on **Monday evening, April 11th** at Rocky Springs Baptist Church at 7:00 p.m. **We look forward to seeing you there!**

If you have a ladies meeting coming up, whether it be WMU, Ladies Circle, Ladies Quilting Group, etc., I would love to come meet you and see how God is working your ladies ministry. I want to remind everyone that the annual Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is coming up in March. Most churches will receive information in the mail on this offering, but you can also find lots of resources at www.anniearmstrong.com.

Please remember that the Association offers the "VBS Link-up" program. This allows churches to donate leftover materials and supplies and they are then passed on to other churches to use for free.

The Associational staff and VBS team are available and happy to help you with 2022 Vacation Bible School materials, workers, and resources. If you have not used LifeWay Vacation Bible School materials and supplies in the past, we encourage you to look at and consider the 2022 *Jump-Start Kits*. Bryan and Kim Williamson, *Associational VBS Directors*

The next *Associational Ladies/WMU Meeting* will be held on May 2nd at Union Grove Baptist Church in Niota. That meeting begins at 7:00 pm. We are working to put together a great meeting and looking forward to seeing all of you there. If I can be of any assistance to any of our ladies groups, please feel free to contact me through the

2022 EVANGELISM RALLY: If you were not at this year's *Evangelism Rally*, you missed a special treat! Dr. Bartholomew Orr preached two nights of inspiring messages!



We were challenged as he shared on Monday evening for us to *Be A Nail and Stay in Place*, and then on Tuesday evening to *Think, Work and Step...Outside the Box!* We know you were blessed, and thank him for his coming. (Copies of Dr Bartholomew Orr's sermons are available upon request at the Sweetwater Baptist Association office.)



Choir for providing the outstanding special music for the service on Monday evening. We also thank the Hymnsmen for sharing the special music on Tuesday evening. The music each evening was wonderful, and blessed our hearts as we worshiped together.

In addition, we want to thank Phillip Johnson and the Associational



We look forward to next year as the Evangelism Committee has already confirmed that Dr. Jeff LaBorg will be coming to share in the 2023 *Evangelism Rally*.

ISAIAH 117 HOUSE: Just an update on the *Isaiah 117* House for Monroe/McMinn County. They have now received block to build the foundation! Thank you for all those who are giving of their time and resources to get this home built. What a blessing this home will be to the children of Monroe and McMinn counties when it is completed and open!



Wes Jones, TMBM Disaster Relief Specialist shared the following message:

As a Disaster Relief volunteer, you have helped bring Help, Hope and Healing to those touched by a disaster as you have been the hands and feet of Jesus. It looks like disasters will continue to happen at an ever-increasing rate. There has never been a more important time to be involved in Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief. Last year, our Tennessee Baptist Disaster Relief volunteers served countless hours in recovery efforts for three tornadoes, straight line winds, hurricanes, floods and local responses.



The TBMB is hosting the following trainings to help prepare you to be ready to serve. Encourage your team members and new volunteers to attend. You must preregister for the weekend. www.tnbaptist.org
East TN Regional - March 18-19, 2022 – Brainerd Hills Baptist Church, 6611 E. Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421

The following classes will be held at each regional training event. Most classes are 1 ½ hours – 3-hour classes. Depending on the class(es) you choose will determine how many you will be able to take during this weekend event.

- Introduction to Disaster Relief (Friday night or Saturday afternoon) – (Required for new or renewing volunteers)
- Chainsaw Operation & Safety (Classroom)
- Damage Assessment (would be helpful to have contractor or building skills)
- DREW (Disaster Relief Electronic Workspace for team leaders/team secretaries)
- Emergency Communications (Amateur Radio License Required)
- Fire Recovery
- Flood Recovery
- Ham Radio Communications (Friday night)
- Mass Feeding (Classroom)
- Rebuild
- Shower/Laundry
- Site Security
- Spiritual Preparation/Evangelism (Must take a specialized class in addition to this class to be credentialed)
- Temporary Childcare
- Unit Director (Blue Hat)/Crew Chief Combined (Requires letter of recommendation)
- Chaplaincy (Starts on Friday night – Saturday afternoon) (Requires letter of recommendation)

Please pre-register online for both classes and lunch so we can have enough training materials and lunch available to all who attend. (The credentialing fee for new or expired credentials is \$36; the cost of lunch is \$6/person.) If you have any questions, contact Elizabeth Holmes at eholmes@tnbaptist.org or (615) 371-7926. **For current trainings across the state, you may find those dates on our website at <https://tndisasterrelief.org/events/>.**

Registration Forms: Disaster Relief volunteers can now download the following forms to their computers and fill them out and bring them with you to training or send them to the DR office. By typing these forms, you are helping us save time with data entry and increasing our accuracy of keeping your records. Use this link to find the forms: <https://tndisasterrelief.org/registration-forms/>

NOTE: Participants in TBMB Disaster Relief response or training must understand that this is being conducted during the COVID-19 pandemic. All volunteers by virtue of their agreement to participate are indicating that they understand the enhanced danger the pandemic brings to the normal risks and dangers inherent with disaster relief work. Volunteers are representing that they have been free from any symptoms of COVID-19 for at least the last 14 days and agree, if they become symptomatic, to immediately notify their team leader, avoid further contact with others on site, and leave as soon as possible to avoid jeopardizing others. Volunteers must practice CDC recommended guidelines whenever and wherever possible.

Dec, 2021-Jan, 2022 Disaster Relief Funds for Tennessee/Kentucky Tornado Victims

Long Ridge	4110.00
Notchey Creek.....	1824.00
Anonymous	4000.00
Ollie Lankford	100.00

MT. CALVARY

Pastor Gerald Lynn invites all ordained men to join the presbytery for the DEACON ORDINATION SERVICE of Rob Hamilton on Sunday, January 23rd at 2:00 pm. The church is located at 220 Eleazer Rd, Tellico Plains.



YOUTH COMMITTEE



Mark your calendar for **CONNECT 2022!** We are looking forward to our 2nd year for this conference. The date will be Thursday, July 14 at 7:00 pm. Notchey Creek will be hosting again this year! Keep an eye out for future updates! Josh Croft, Youth Committee Chairman

ORDINATIONS



On November 28th, **Island Creek Baptist Church** ordained 3 new Deacons. Chad Price, Jason Thompson & Tracy Maxwell. Mike Isbill was also elected to serve as Deacon (previously ordained).

MADISONVILLE FIRST



WATSON CHAPEL

We offer a Community-Wide College and Career Age Bible Study: Monday Nights at 7:30 pm. Everyone welcome.



NOTCHEY CREEK

Kid's Easter Celebration and Egg Hunt (preschool – 5th graders) at the Church Pavilion on Saturday, April 9th. Check the church website www.notcheycreekbaptist.org for time and additional Easter and spring scheduled events.



POPLAR BLUFF

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.



Gospel Plow is the 3rd Friday Each Month at 6:00 pm. If you play an instrument or want to learn, we would love for you to join us as we gather to worship!

SWEETWATER, FIRST

We are accepting resumes for the position of part-time CHILDREN'S MINISTRY COORDINATOR. Resumes must be delivered in person to the church office by January 24th at 4:30 pm. Please visit the church website at www.sweetwaterfbc.org for more information.



On November 7th, Randy Wear and Roger Powers were ordained as Deacons of **Poplar Bluff Baptist Church**.



CONASAUGA

Everyone is invited to our REVIVAL, Feb 6-11. Sunday Night begins at 6:00 pm, and weeknights at 7:00 pm. Evangelists will be Tony Brock and T.J. Wattenbarger.



VONORE

**NOW
ACCEPTING
RESUMES**

Vonore Baptist is seeking a **SENIOR PASTOR:** The individual in this position must (1) be set-apart for pastoral ministry (called of God); (2) be approved for spiritual leadership (ordained by the Church); (3) be distinguished in Biblical interpretation (prepared in seminary, preferred). Additionally, applicant shall be Southern Baptist by conviction and committed to living and serving in accordance with the standards set forth by Baptist Faith and Message 2000. The primary responsibility of this position is to preach and teach the inerrant Word of God as led by the Holy Spirit; clearly expounding and practically applying God's truth to the VBC congregation. The individual holding this position shall be the principal communicator of the Gospel during public worship, ensuring the church is growing to maturity in Christ. The position is full-time salaried with flexible office hours allowed (consistent with pastoral duties). Applicants must have no fewer than five years successful Senior Pastor experience. Interested applicants should submit their resumes to the VBC Pastor Search Committee Chairman at P.O. Box 308, Vonore, TN 37885 or via email at VonorePastorSearch2021@gmail.com

REED SPRINGS

Last week, we joined with volunteers from other churches to help with disaster relief work in Dawson Springs, Kentucky. This town was devastated by the tornado outbreak in December. Please pray for these families and others that were affected by these storms.



**Disaster Relief
Dawson Springs, KY**



*christmas
memories*

A great time was enjoyed at our 2021 Christmas events! The Senior Adult Christmas Show and the Pastors & Wives Christmas Banquet is always a fun time of fellowship. Below are some pictures from each event.



2021 SENIOR ADULT CHRISTMAS SHOW
Vonore Baptist Church graciously hosted this event in their beautifully decorated sanctuary



2021 PASTORS & WIVES CHRISTMAS BANQUET
SBA Moderator, Michael McLemore shared the Christmas story from Luke



The guest entertainment for both events was Christian Comedy Duo, **BEAN & BAILEY**

Tony & Darnell gifted the Pastors & Wives with a complimentary Christmas Photo!



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ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICERS, 2021-2022

MODERATOR MICHAEL McEMORE	VICE MODERATOR DARRELL CARDIN	Associational Council Officers & Committee Chairmen
Committee on Nominations Carroll Hamilton, Chairman	Children's Director Kendra McDonald	Constitution Committee Roman Hamilton, Chairman
Finance Committee Jonas Turpin, Chairman	Disaster Relief Director Jim Jolley	Evangelism Committee Doug Alexander, Chairman
Mission Committee Ronnie Best, Chairman	Men's Ministry Director Bryan Coffey	Personnel Committee Shannon Croft, Chairperson
Music Director Phillip Johnson	Scholarship Committee Mitch Ingram, Chairman	Trustees Pat McGinnis, Chairman
Youth Council Josh Croft, Chairman	WMU/Ladies Director Rachel Thompson	Vacation Bible School Directors Bryan & Kim Williamson

NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION
Welcome New Pastors
 Clifton..... Ronnie Rhea

Director of Mission Visits/Miscellaneous:
 Notchey Creek (*Homecoming*); Notchey Creek; Miller's Chapel; Beaty's Chapel;
 Big Creek; Madisonville First (*Annual Meeting*); Rural Vale; Island Creek;
Other: Vacation *Online:* Cedar Valley

Please pray for our churches without pastors:
 Gregory's Chapel, Lakeside, Lower Chilhowee, Notchey Creek (Interim), Vonore (Interim)




Tennessee Baptist Mission Board presents
Bivocational Pastor's & Wives Retreat
 January 27-29, 2022
 Music Road Hotel & Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, TN
 Additional information: www.tnbaptistorg

Upcoming Events/News "God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power and of love." —2 Timothy 1:7"

January 27-29 TBMB Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat, *Pigeon Forge*
 January 30-31 State Evangelism Conference, *New Vision, Murfreesboro*
 February 7 Evangelism Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.
 February 7 VBS Team Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.
 February 25-26 YEC, East TN, *First Baptist Church, Concord, Knoxville*
 February 28 Youth Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.
 March 1 High School Scholarship Applications due, *SBA Office*
 March 6-13 Week of Prayer for North American Missions &
 Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
 March 14 Scholarship Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.
 March 21 *Who's Your 1* Evangelism Training, *SBA Office*, 7:00 p.m.
 March 28-April 1 *Spring Break, Monroe County Schools*
 April 11 VBS Clinic, *Rocky Springs*, 7:00 p.m.
 April 15 Good Friday
 April 17 Easter
 April 19 Missions Committee Meeting, *SBA Office*, 6:30 p.m.
 April 25 Executive Board Meeting, *Walnut Grove*, 7:00 p.m.





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SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
2022 High School Scholarships
 Applications available online at www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com
 Completed Applications DUE March 1st



SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
2022 SBA Pastor's Conference
 Monday Mornings, 10:00 a.m.
 SBA Office in Madisonville

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www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com
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Newsletter: The next issue of the Newsletter will be March/April.

SBA Office Hours
 Monday-Thursday
 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

W-2 and 1099 Forms
 IRS Forms available upon request at the SBA Office

WMU/Ladies Group
 Please check the Activities Director at 442-3990 regarding entrance at facility.
 Madisonville Health & Rehab – Nursing Home Birthday Cake Schedule

January Vonore	February Rocky Springs
March New Providence	April Oak Grove
May Concord	June Madisonville FBC
July Lakeside	August 411 Chapel
September Mt. Zion	October Notchey Creek
November Bethlehem	December New Bethany



MISSION OPPORTUNITIES, 2022

- Guatemala, Summer
- Iowa, Summer
- Guatemala, Fall

Pending travel restrictions, mandates and protocols.

ISRAEL 2023: Seats are still available for the 2023 *Israel Group Tour*. Please contact the SBA Office at 423-442-6604 if you are interested in being part of this tour group.