

# THE MESSENGER of the Sweetwater Baptist Association

*"Seventy-one Churches on Mission Together"*  
Celebrating 182 years, 1830 – 2012

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### Offerings continue to be received for Hope for Haiti Projects

#### HOPE FOR HAITI - CHILDREN'S SUPPORT FUND

Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church .....	100.00
Island Creek Baptist Church, WMU.....	180.00
New Bethany Baptist Church.....	40.00
North Sweetwater Baptist Church.....	200.00
Sweetwater, First Baptist Church .....	720.00
Vonore Baptist Church.....	760.00
Walnut Grove Baptist Church .....	320.00
Williamsburg Baptist Church .....	40.33
William and Kathy Kollock .....	300.00
David McMahan .....	200.00
Tony and Darnell Rutherford.....	820.00

#### HOPE FOR HAITI –CHURCH/SCHOOL FUND

Annual Meeting, 2011.....	865.00
Cane Creek Baptist Church.....	5,000.00
Cedar Fork Baptist Church .....	1,543.24
New Bethany Baptist Church .....	315.11
Shady Grove Baptist Church.....	100.00
Tellico (Ballplay) Baptist Church... ..	1,000.00
Williamsburg Baptist Church.....	50.16
Tony and Darnell Rutherford .....	1,000.00
Anonymous .....	6,000.00

# HOPE FOR HAITI



## Youth Reach July 20-21, 2012

Smoky Mountain Convention Center

Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

**\$25.00 per person**

Conference fee, materials, t-shirt...lodging NOT included

### Dwight Singleton

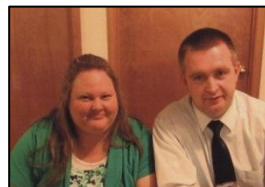
Friday evening breakout session study *Forgotten God* by Francis Chan  
Saturday morning testimony by *Nick Reviez* (former UT football player)



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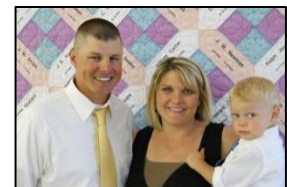
### Sweetwater Baptist Association Welcomes.....



#### Fairview (Tellico) Baptist Church

Pastor Darwin Nelson, and wife Angela

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



#### Oak Grove Baptist Church

Pastor Chad Oody, wife Shay and son Bryer

### SBA Family of Churches Welcome Petitioning Churches.....



#### Concord Baptist Church

Pastor Jimmy Jackson and wife, Linda

*We are so thankful these two churches have petitioned to become part of the Sweetwater Baptist Association  
and to join with our family of churches on mission together to win our world to Christ.*



#### Old Pond Hill Baptist Church

Pastor Myrl K. Vaughn and wife, Nancy

## Director of Missions



One year has passed since I was elected as Director of Missions of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. It has been an honor to serve our Lord in this capacity. The work has been rewarding and the opportunity of meeting the congregations has blessed my soul. I still fall short in always recognizing each person with the proper church. I guess it will take some time. Please be patient!

This has been a year of opportunity. Together, we have committed ourselves to ministry touching those here in our own county, reaching out to churches in Iowa, and walking with the children in Haiti. It is challenging, yet refreshing, as we ponder the things God has called us to do. As we trust Him in that calling, we will accomplish much. Without that trust in our Lord, our attempts become futile. Jesus taught His disciples "whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive." (Matthew 21:22). This text instructs us to depend on God's graces to flow through His children to succeed in the ministries of the Kingdom.

The tornados that struck Tellico Plains became an example of how God's graces flow through His children. Immediately following the massive devastation members of our churches opened their homes, food pantries, and offered their skills. That same commitment to God has caused people to donate funds through the Sweetwater Baptist Association to be used to impact our community in the name of Christ. The funds available for tornado victims will be used to aid homeowners that are non-insured or underinsured. Richard Parker, the pastor of First Baptist Church Tellico, is acting as our liaison to the community. Please continue to pray for the victims, their families, and the relief workers.

God's grace is being expressed through the Sweetwater Baptist Association to some of the churches in Iowa. The SBA will host four or five pastors and their wives from churches in Iowa. Our intent will be to identify the needs of these churches, and to match up churches with congregations in our area in order to help strengthen the churches there. A barbeque fellowship time will be provided at the SBA office on a Saturday evening (TBA). We will need four or five churches here to offer their pulpits for Sunday morning. If you are interested in participating in this ministry opportunity please contact the associational office.

God's graces are evident and necessary if we are to accomplish the goals we voted on in our annual meeting concerning Haiti. Funds for Hope for Haiti mission project continue to be received. I would love the chance to come to your church to share how this project would be accomplished with minimal financial support from all our churches. We plan to take a small team of four to Haiti in July to lay out the building site, hire locals to begin cleaning and clearing the property, and digging the footers for the

church/school building. A work team will travel to Haiti on September 29th to pour the footers and begin the construction of the building. If anyone is interested in this opportunity, please contact the SBA office.

The Consolation Baptist Association located in Hazlehurst, Georgia will be sending a team to share God's grace with us during the week of July 14-20. They are interested in working in the Tellico Plains area. We are considering a project in Sweetwater for them as well. They wish to help in VBS, Back Yard Bible Clubs, and other outreach projects. If you have mission projects that need additional help during this time, please let us know.

Over twenty of our churches participated in the simultaneous revivals. Good reports have come our way. Many congregations have a renewed sense of purpose after being encouraged from God's Word. Also, several "new births" were recorded in heaven as people received Christ as their Savior. It is now that we need to remember that true revival carries on into the future. The results of releasing inner struggles, settling old accounts, and drawing closer to the Flame is revealed in days, weeks, and months to come. I look forward to hearing many glowing reports as God continues to work to strengthen His church, and adds to His kingdom. Please inform the office of your fall revival plans.

Being a conduit of God's grace is how we will touch, reach, and walk with those who do not know Christ as their Savior. I am aware that not everyone can go to accomplish this work. However, everyone can participate in different levels of sharing. Paul teaches that the church is made of many different body parts. We are not all ears, eyes, or mouths. Yet, when each fills their proper place, success is achieved. To feel the grace flow through us, and see it impact others, encourages us to let the grace flow.

---Tony Rutherford

### UPDATE FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD

**MEETING:** The Executive Board of the Sweetwater Baptist Association met on Monday evening, April 23<sup>rd</sup>. This was the regular semi-annual business meeting. Reports from various ministries were received for information only.



Business conducted included recommendations from the Nominating Committee for two committee vacancies to be filled. B.J. Wall will serve on the Finance Committee and Kevin Manis will serve on the Youth Council.

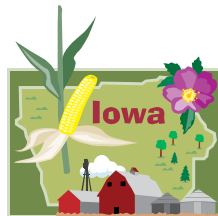
One other item for business was presented by the Missions Committee. The petition requests from Old Pond Hill Baptist Church (organized 1974, Pastor Myrl K. Vaughn) and Concord Missionary Baptist Church (established 1824, Pastor Jimmy Jackson) were accepted in accordance with the Procedures for Petitioning the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Old Pond Hill Baptist Church and Concord Missionary Baptist Church will be taken under the watch-care of the Sweetwater Baptist Association for one year pending the vote of the Messengers at the 2013 Annual Meeting. We welcome these congregations to our fellowship of churches.

Our Association of Churches has responded in a great way to the on-going partnership mission in Haiti. We are continuing to work with the local Haitian orphanage operated by Baptist Pastor Alcegaire Gaetan. Pastor Gaetan and his family have taken in 32 orphans since the tragic earthquake struck Haiti in January, 2010. They have transformed their family home into an orphanage/house for the homeless children. In order to care for each child, \$90.00 provides food, clothing, shelter and schooling each month. We are so thankful for the many that have responded to this great need; however additional funds are needed in order to continue to support this ministry. Please pray for Pastor Gaetan, these children and how God would lead you to share in this ministry as we work to share the love of Christ in the country of Haiti.

# HOPE FOR HAITI



**IOWA MISSION PROJECTS:** We are happy to report that several of our churches are planning mission projects in Iowa during the summer months of June and July. Teams will be participating in Vacation Bible Schools, Back-yard Bible Clubs, sports evangelism, church strengthening, revivals, construction, etc. Please pray for mission teams from Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cedar Valley Baptist Church, Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church, and Reed Springs Baptist Church that will be doing partnership missions in Iowa. We also have other churches that are participating in summer mission projects here at home and around our world. We want to remember all of our church mission teams as they share the Good News of Jesus Christ.



**SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION PARTNERSHIP WITH IOWA:**

Churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association are being asked to host 5 pastors and their wives from churches in Iowa for a weekend in early fall, 2012. These pastors are being invited to the Sweetwater Baptist Association area as part of our current SBA/Iowa partnership. It is our intent to identify the needs of the churches in Iowa, match up churches and their needs with churches in our area, in order to help strengthen the churches in Iowa. A barbeque/fellowship time will be provided at the SBA office on Saturday evening. We will invite our churches to host the pastors on Sunday morning and Sunday evening. Please contact the SBA Office at 442-6604 immediately if your church is interested in serving as a host church for a pastor and his wife from Iowa. If you should have any questions, please feel free to contact our office.



**Sweetwater Baptist Association Womens Missionary Union**

Thank you, Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church for hosting our May WMU Quarterly Meeting. The fellowship meal was fantastic and the fellowship hall was decorated beautiful. The ladies of Fairview Tabernacle and their WMU Director, Wilma Raley always do a fantastic job in planning and preparing for our WMU Quarterly Meeting. They even provided door prizes for the evening! It was a joy to worship with you.

We had a wonderful program for the evening. Miss Tara Standridge from Fairview Baptist Church (Tellico) shared a special song, *Jesus Loves Me*. It was a blessing to be reminded that Jesus does love all of us, no matter the age, young or old. Mrs. Andrea Humbert from Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church shared, *Mary Knew*. What a special song to sing especially in time for Mother's Day!

In recognition of Mother's Day, roses were presented to the youngest mother, oldest mother, mother with the most children, mother with the most grandchildren and mothers with children born outside of the United States. (We had two....children had been born in Canada and Mexico!).

Our program for the evening was missionaries Donald and Edith Kennedy. They shared of their work for 30+ years working with student ministry in Mexico. We want to thank all of our churches in attendance.

Please let me remind you of the Mother's Day Offering for the Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes. Today the TBCH has 6 locations across the state caring for hundreds of hurting children in crisis.

Also, don't forget the Father's Day Offering for the Tennessee Baptist Adult Homes. This group home ministry is comprised of 6 homes that provide loving and caring facilities for senior adults and developmentally disabled adults.

Hope to see you at the next WMU Quarterly Meeting on Monday evening, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at Lakeside Baptist Church in Vonore.

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

Check [www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com](http://www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com) and [www.tnwmu.org](http://www.tnwmu.org) for helpful information. Check out our facebook page Sweetwater Baptist Association WMU. Remember.....missions brings happiness....Audie Associational WMU Director, Audrey J. Stephens

**Is Your Church Having a Summer Revival?**  
Let us know, and we will be happy to share the information with our sister churches.

**THE UPPER ROOM CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER:**

Macy Small, founder of *The Upper Room* Christian Counseling Center, is now available for Christian counseling sessions at Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church in Sweetwater. One-on-one sessions as well as classes may be scheduled by calling 865-414-3269.



Macy Small is a graduate of Cornerstone University with a Master's Degree in Christian Counseling. She also holds a Bachelor's Degree from Luther Rice Bible College in Biblical Studies. She specializes in Marriage and Family Counseling and seeks to give Godly counsel and guidance to children, teens, and adults. She offers counsel for troubled marriages, divorce recovery, pre-marital counseling, and those seeking self-worth and identity in Christ. She is a member of the Sarasota Academy of Christian Counselors and the National Christian Counselors Association. She is commissioned through the National Conservative Christian Church and is a member of Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church in Sweetwater. She and her husband and two children reside in Loudon.



Macy Small, M.A.  
NCCA Licensed Clinical Christian Counselor  
Specializing in Marriage and Family Counseling

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- Premarital & Marriage Counseling
- Children, Teens, & Family Counseling
- Divorce & Grief Recovery
- Counseling for Co-dependency, Finances, Addictions & Self-worth

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*The Upper Room.....*

*People entered with pain*

*But left with passion*



**Acts 2**

**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Please help us update our records! Some contact information that we have in our files for our pastors is not correct. We need current email addresses, telephone numbers, cell phone numbers, etc. for all of our pastors. This information can be called to our office at 442-6604 or emailed to [becky.jones@bellsouth.net](mailto:becky.jones@bellsouth.net) or [sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net](mailto:sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net).



**2012 SBA HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS:**

Several years ago, our Association began a scholarship program for graduating high school seniors. We feel that our scholarship is a way to say to our young people that we believe in them, and would like to be part of their lives as they prepare for the future.

The 2012 SBA High School Scholarship recipients have been named. They are as follows:

BreAnna Irene Ridge  
Bradley Scott Bowers  
Jacob Callaway Standridge  
Kaleigha Max Pike

Loudon High School  
Sequoyah High School  
Sweetwater High School  
Tellico Plains High School

New Macedonia Baptist Church  
Madisonville, First Baptist Church  
Cedar Valley Baptist Church  
Towee Falls Baptist Church



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

<b>Disaster Relief Funds Received at SBA OFFICE For TELlico TORNADO RELIEF</b>	
Cedar Valley Baptist Church .....	735.00
Hopewell Springs Baptist Church .....	1,409.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church .....	1,000.00
Tellico (Ballplay) Baptist Church.....	2,000.00
Friendship Baptist Church .....	500.00
Tennessee Packaging .....	750.00
Thelma Davis .....	50.00
Wallace Graham.....	200.00
Debra Linderman.....	40.00

**DISASTER RELIEF:** Disaster Relief training is important to all of us. We want to be ready and prepared when the time comes to respond. This year we have regional trainings set up all across the state of Tennessee. There are 8 different regional trainings on the calendar. You can find out the dates and locations by going to [www.tndisasterrelief.org](http://www.tndisasterrelief.org) - training opportunities. At each of these regionals we have some of the advanced Disaster Relief training classes offered. Please check out the dates and the classes offered and if possible, pre-register for the training to help us better prepare with material for the classes.



We have several of our associations or clusters who are doing some of the basic classes on the local level. Those classes include Introduction to Southern Baptist Disaster Relief, Spiritual Preparation and Evangelism, Chainsaw Operation and Safety, Flood Recovery (Mud Out), and Rebuild.

In order to be certified or credentialed in Disaster Relief, one must take the Introduction to Southern Baptist Disaster Relief class and one other Disaster Relief class. One must also go through a background check and pay the credentialing fee. One must redo the Introduction to Southern Baptist Disaster Relief class every 3 years. David P Acres, State Director of Disaster Relief/ Baptist Builders, TBC

**DISASTER RELIEF...Top Ten Reasons to Be Trained:**

1. Training prepares us in our understanding of disasters and the needs that arise in times of disaster.
2. Training enables us to respond in an appropriate and effective ways in times of disaster.
3. Training prepares us to understand our role as part of a disaster team.
4. Training enables us to sharpen our abilities to be most effective as we serve, in order to be an asset not a hindrance in the response.
5. Training helps us to understand hazards and safety concerns in disaster areas.
6. Training prepares us to understand in a deeper way some of the trauma of disaster victims that we might be able to offer appropriate compassion.
7. Training prepares the heart for ministry by increasing awareness of the need and different opportunities to minister.
8. Training prepares the hands to be ready to serve effectively.
9. Training prepares the head by giving knowledge to increase effectiveness.
10. But the greatest reason to train is that God deserves our very best in all that we do and to achieve the best requires discipline, effort, and knowledge. Trainings are an opportunity to grow as believers so that when God calls we are ready.

**YOUTH NEWS:** The Associational Youth Committee wants to invite and encourage all of our churches to attend Youth Reach, 2012. The dates for the conference are July 20-21.



Through much prayer, hard work and dedication, we feel that we have a great program put together for this year. Our guest speaker is Dwight Singleton, pastor of Galilee Baptist Church, Knoxville. Dwight proudly proclaims the Word of God, has a great love for young people and shares the gift of Jesus Christ with all who will receive it. You will be blessed as special music will be provided by Life Wide Open. This band will lead us in our praise and worship time. The breakout session on Friday evening will be based on the materials by Francis Chan, *Forgotten God*. The study reminds us that the true source of power comes from following God's direction in our lives. During the Saturday morning session, we are excited that Nick Reviez (former UT football player) will be sharing his personal testimony.

The conference will be held at the Smoky Mountain Convention Center in Pigeon Forge. The cost is \$25.00 per person; this includes the conference fee, materials and t-shirt. Lodging is not included in the cost. Registration deadline is May 30th.

If you should have any questions or for more information, please contact the SBA Office at 442-6604 or email [becky.jones@bellsouth.net](mailto:becky.jones@bellsouth.net) or [sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net](mailto:sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net). We look forward to seeing you at Youth Reach, 2012. Clayton Taylor, Associational Youth Committee Chairman

**SBA Church Gifts through March 31, 2012**

Church/Mission	Total
411 Chapel	1,500.00
Altoona	1,000.00
Antioch	125.00
Beaty's Chapel	0.00
Bethlehem	4,427.00
Big Creek	500.00
Calvary	385.89
Cane Creek	660.00
Cedar Fork	1,329.09
Cedar Valley	1,292.32
Chestua	600.00

Christianburg	679.95
Citico	656.14
Clifton	125.00
Community	1,029.27
Compromise	300.00
Druid Hills	0.00
Ebenezer	597.70
Fairview	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	5,039.62
Glenlock	800.00
Gregory's Chapel	0.00
Hilltop	0.00
Hopewell Springs	3,081.00
Howards Chapel	0.00
Island Creek	1,200.00
Lakeside	0.00
Long Ridge	1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	700.00
Macedonia	160.00
Madisonville, First	1,999.98
Maple Springs	500.00
Miller's Chapel	600.00
Mt. Calvary	799.09
Mt. Isabella	100.00
Mt. Pleasant	800.00
Mt. Zion	2,722.82
Murray's	2,627.00
New Bethany	1,879.06
New Macedonia	840.00
New Providence	3,183.00
North Sweetwater	1,498.64
Notchey Creek	2,194.44
Oakland	200.00
Oak Grove	1,154.08
Old Sweetwater	0.00
Paint Rock	660.00
Piney Grove	0.00
Poplar Bluff	1,093.37
Reed Springs	1,912.12
Rocky Springs	2,666.00
Rural Vale	956.77
Shady Grove	100.00
Shelton Grove	200.00
Shoal Creek	866.00
South Madisonville	600.00
Sweetwater, First	2,100.00
Tellico	0.00
Tellico Plains, First	3,126.00
Tevis Springs	403.85
Towee Falls	600.00
Trinity	0.00
Unicoi	399.14
Union Hall	251.46
Unity	0.00
Upper Shady Grove	300.00
Vonore	4,328.19
Walnut Grove	1,286.37
Watson Chapel	2,000.00
Westside	0.00
Williamsburg	276.24
TBC	4,999.98
Miscellaneous AM	225.00
Total Income	\$77,636.58

This is the SBA Church Gifts received through March 31, 2012 and reported to Executive Board on April 23, 2012.

**Associational Office Holiday Schedule**

**CLOSED – May 28<sup>th</sup> (Memorial Day)**  
**CLOSED – July 4-6 (Independence Day)**

**Pastor's Conference will not be held from May 28-July 2.**  
**Pastor's Conference will resume on Monday, July 9<sup>th</sup>.**

*We thank the churches of our association for allowing the office staff time off with their families.*



**2012 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:** *Amazing Wonders Aviation* has been cleared for take off! Fasten your safety belt as this VBS season is going into motion!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the "aviators" who participated in our Associational VBS Clinic. We all had a wonderful time preparing for the journey ahead and learning more about reaching children for



Christ! I would also like to thank Pastor Dennis Cagle and Vonore Baptist Church for once again allowing us to use their facilities and for their hard work and dedication to the Kingdom of God. Thank you also to William Bell, Tara and



Willard Howard and the A.M.A.Z.I.N.G. Associational Children's Choir! You were a blessing! We were also excited to have in attendance Kathy Trundle, Childhood Ministries Vacation Bible School, TBC.



I am looking forward to what God is going to do in our communities as *Amazing Wonders Aviation* sweeps the countryside! If your church hasn't previously conducted a Vacation Bible School, I would encourage you to prayerfully reconsider! There are many tools available to help your church with VBS including the church link-up. If your church would like to participate in the link-up or if you have ANY questions about conducting a VBS, feel free to contact me or the SBA office for information. God wants to do Amazing things if only we are willing! May God continue to bless our efforts as I know He will. So hold on tight as we take flight on the *Amazing Wonders Aviation*! *Katrina Umphrey, Associational VBS Director*

## 2012 VBS Dates



Big Creek .....	June 11-15.....	
Cane Creek.....	May 27.....	
Cedar Valley .....	June 3-8 .....	
Cedar Fork .....	June 3-8 .....	6:00-8:30
Chestua .....	June 10-15.....	6:30-8:45
Clifton.....	June 18-22.....	6:30
Ebenezer.....	June 18-22.....	6:30
Glenlock.....	May 20-25.....	6:30-8:30
Hopewell Springs .....	June 3-8 .....	6:00-8:30
Island Creek .....	June 3-8 .....	6:30-8:30
Madisonville, 1 <sup>st</sup> .....	June 4-8 .....	6:00-8:45
Miller's Chapel.....	May 27-June 1.....	7:00
New Bethany .....	June 18-22.....	
Notchey Creek .....	June 3-6 .....	6:00-8:30
Rocky Springs .....	June 3-8 .....	6:00-8:30
Shoal Creek.....	May 27-June 1.....	6:00-8:30
Watson Chapel .....	June 10-14.....	6:30-8:15
Westside.....	July 16-20.....	

**Carson Springs Camp Meeting**  
*- The Awakening that Must Come -*

Speakers include: Randy Davis, Don Peters, Don Collins, Mark Lingo, Gary Vandegriff, Dick Oakes, Sam Stuchlik, Mike Yiba, Scott Cannon, John Perini, Mike Henson, and Paul Clark.

Stokely Chapel | Carson Springs Conference Center  
 Newport, TN | August 16-18, 2012  
 Cost is \$30 per person which includes 5 meals, breaks and conference.

For more information or for registration, visit [www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org)



**BIG CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH:** We will be holding Homecoming Services on May 27<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to attend.



**CANE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH:** Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, for our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Fun Day at Cane Creek. There will be water slides, inflatables, hot dogs, cotton candy and snow cones. Then Vacation Bible School begins on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>. There will be lots of fun for the entire family, so please come out and spend the day with us at Cane Creek. --Diane Wall



**GLENLOCK BAPTIST CHURCH:** We will be holding Vacation Bible School on May 20-25 from 6:30-8:30 pm each night. Our theme this year is SonRise National Park. Classes will be offered for Pre-K through Adults. Dinner will be served each night, and there will lots of fun activities, including a climbing wall. If anyone needs transportation, please call the church at 423-337-6761. --Tammy Allen

### **CEDAR VALLEY BAPTIST**

**CHURCH:** The Lord continues to pour out His blessings at Cedar Valley. We are so thankful for a great revival and for Brother Johnny Carr in leading us. Our hearts were truly revived. Please pray that revival continues in our hearts!



We had a wonderful service on Youth Sunday. Our youth led the services and I think we got a taste of what it might have been like on the day of Pentecost. The Lord worked in a mighty way! So proud of our youth and their leaders.

Please pray for (2) of our youth as they are preparing to do mission work (one in Africa and one in Jamaica). Also, pray for a team that will be traveling to Iowa to do mission work.

Come join us for Bible School, which will begin June 3<sup>rd</sup> and continue for one week. Remember the Leaders, workers, and children as you pray. --Bettye Allen



**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH:** "Do unto others..." has worked well at Mt. Zion in the past few months. In February, the men of the church gathered to watch the movie, *Courageous* and enjoyed a meal prepared for them by the women. On April 28<sup>th</sup>, they returned the favor and prepared a meal for the ladies. The men were responsible for the menu (thank you Mike Blair for doing all the bar-b-que), serving,

cleaning up, and some of them even prepared desserts!

A very touching baptism service was held on Sunday night, April 22. The young man, an elementary school student, was threatened with being whipped when he got home if he went through with being baptized. Yet, he chose to be baptized. It was what he wanted from the moment he stood up after accepting the Lord into his heart. How many of us could have done that? Many, many prayers were prayed, God intervened, and there was no whipping when he got home. We love this boy deeply and we are blessed to have him as one of ours!

Bibles were presented to our graduating high school seniors on Sunday morning, April 29. These four young ladies will all be continuing their education. We wish them success and pray they will always trust the Lord allowing him to guide them.

Our decoration services were held on Mother's Day, Sunday May 13 and our Bible School will be June 3 - 8. Please come join with us. --Sheila Miller



### **NOTCHEY CREEK BAPTIST**

**CHURCH:** Special visitors to the Children's Sunday School, Pre-K and Kindergarten Class at Notchey Creek Baptist Church were Dr. Tim Morris, his wife Cyndi and daughter Laura. Cyndi is formally from Brazil, and has served as interpreter on numerous mission trips for the churches of the

Sweetwater Baptist Association.

Cyndi shared with the group what it means to be a missionary, and how each one of us can be a missionary right here in our own community. She taught the children "Jesus loves me" and "Jesus loves you" in Portuguese, and sang "God Is So Good" in Portuguese. Cyndi also demonstrated how she interpreted for teams that came to Brazil. Chairman of Deacons, Doug

McKenzie (who has served on many mission trips to Brazil) shared a word of greetings to the children and Cyndi interpreted the message in Portuguese.



### **ROCKY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Congratulations to our Relay for Life team, for coming in first place in the church division. Thanks to all who helped make this a success. We are now making flight preparations for "God's Amazing Wonders Aviation Vacation Bible School". VBS will be June 3-8, from 6:00-8:30 pm. Please join us in prayer for everyone who will be attending or

working in VBS. Also, please join us in prayer for our mission team that will be going to Brazil in June. Please pray that many lives will be changed. God Bless you all. --Kim Williamson

### **SHOAL CREEK BAPTIST**

**CHURCH:** God is still in the saving business. We have recently seen 5 professions of faith and had 3 baptized. We praise God!



We are very excited about VBS this year. Our theme is "Sonlight Express: Jesus and Me". There will be classes for all ages. VBS begins on May 27 through June 1, from 6:00-8:30 pm. We will be starting our building project right after Bible School. Please be much in prayer for us.

We hope all the mothers enjoyed a Happy Mother's Day. "Who can find a virtuous woman? For her price is far above rubies." Proverbs 31:10, "Favour is deceitful and beauty is vain: but a woman that feareth the Lord, she shall be praised." Proverbs 31:30

### **WATSON CHAPEL BAPTIST**

**CHURCH:** Summer Day Camp begins on May 24<sup>th</sup>. For ages Kindergarten-Age 12. Cost is \$65.00-\$80.00 per child, per week. Please call 423-442-5456 for more information.



On Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, Watson Chapel will be hosting a special service to Honor our Public Servants. Service will begin at 11:00 am.

#### **Worship Leader Needed at Walnut Grove**

Walnut Grove Baptist Church is seeking a Worship Leader with a passion for Jesus. The primary responsibilities include leading in worship service, working with musicians to prepare music, and leading in other areas of music ministry. Other ministry roles to be based on candidate's gifts and skills as they match the current needs of the church.

*For consideration, please contact*

***Pastor Michael DeLand via email at [delandmp@yahoo.com](mailto:delandmp@yahoo.com) or call (865)679-0082.***

#### **Youth Pastor Needed at FBC Tellico**

First Baptist Church of Tellico Plains is seeking a part-time, salaried Youth Pastor.

We are looking for a passionate, energetic, Spirit-led Christian with a calling to minister to Students in Grades 7-12. Responsibilities include (but not limited to) leading and organizing effective youth programs, implementing fellowship, worship, Biblical teaching, discipleship, and evangelism, as well as ministry and mission opportunities.

Contact Rev. Richard Parker for more information.

**Resumes can be sent to:**

*FBC of Tellico Plains*

*Attn: Youth Pastor Search Committee*

*P.O. Box 118, Tellico Plains, TN 37385*

# June, 2012

“Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.” --Psalm 31:24

# July, 2012

“Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.” --Romans 12:15

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
NO PASTOR'S CONFERENCE IN JUNE		East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake-- Play Island Creek		East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake-- June-- Madisonville, FBC	1	2	1	2	3	4 Independence Day Office Closed	5 Office Close Holiday	6 Office Close Holiday	7
3	4	5	6	7	8	9	8	9 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. Youth Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m. Program Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	10	11	12	13	14
10	11	12	13	14	15	16	15	16 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.	17	18	19	20 Youth Reach Pigeon Forge, TN Speaker: Dwight Singleton Band: Life Wide Open	21 Youth Reach Pigeon Forge, TN Speaker: Dwight Singleton Band: Life Wide Open
17 <b>Father's Day</b> Southern Baptist Convention -- Pastors Conference, New Orleans, LA	18 Southern Baptist Convention -- Pastors Conference, New Orleans, LA	19 Southern Baptist Convention -- Pastors Conference, New Orleans, LA	20 Summer Begins Southern Baptist Convention -- Pastors Conference, New Orleans, LA	21	22	23	22	23 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. Nominating Committee, 6:30 p.m.	24 Budget Committee Meeting 6:30 p.m.	25	26	27	28
24	25	26	27	28	29	30	29	30 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.	31				East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake-- July - Lakeside

**Mother's Day Offering**



**Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes**

**Father's Day Offering**



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## NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

### Welcome New Pastors:

Fairview (Tellico) Darwin Nelson  
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### Director of Mission Visits:

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### Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Chestua, Glenlock

