

THE MESSENGER of the Sweetwater Baptist Association

"Seventy-three Churches on Mission Together"
Celebrating 183 years, 1830 – 2013

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Sweetwater Baptist Association

Welcomes Pastor Mark Hensley
and wife Sarah

Chestua Baptist Church

Our prayers are with this pastor and Church as they work to share the Gospel of Christ with their community.



Sweetwater Baptist Association

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

2013 Schedule of Events



Tuesday, February 26

VBS Preview Clinic for Pastor/Directors 7:00 p.m.
Sweetwater Baptist Association Office, Madisonville

Tuesday, March 19

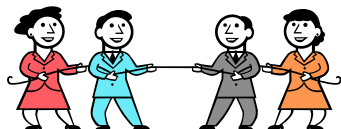
VBS Clinic, Open House 6:00 p.m., Conferences 6:35 p.m.
Watson Chapel Baptist Church, Madisonville

Children and Youth are invited to be part of the Associational VBS Childrens/Youth Choir. This group will practice on Sunday, March 10th and Sunday, March 17th 2-4:00 p.m. at Watson Chapel Baptist Church in Madisonville. They will perform at the VBS Clinic on Tuesday evening, March 19.

LifeWay's 2013 Vacation Bible School Sampler Kits are available at the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office. Please call the SBA Office at 442-6604 to reserve your kit or stop by to pick up a kit for your church.

Church Conflict Seminar Monday, February 25

First Baptist Church, Sweetwater, 7:00 p.m.



Conference Leader: Dr. Bill Northcott (TBC)
Watch for further details!

2013 SBA High School Scholarship Applications
must be returned to
Sweetwater Baptist Association Office by March 1



Vacation Bible School

Call SBA Office to Order Samplers



Sweetwater Baptist Association

Executive Board Meeting

Monday, April 15, 2013, 7:00 p.m.

SBA Office Building, Madisonville

According to the SBA Constitution and Bylaws, Article VIII: All Pastors, Associational Council (SBA Officers and Committee Chairman) and one elected Executive Board Member from each participating church are entitled to participate in the Executive Board Meetings.

**Director
of
Missions**



Over the Christmas season, we were introduced to another attack of madness. A gun-wheeling, 20-year-old shot his way into the Sandy Hook Elementary School and blasted away. When the bullets ceased, there were twenty students and six teachers lifeless on the floor. Is this a new madness eating away at our world? Searching the scriptures will reveal that such behavior is not new. Pharaoh had all the male children of Hebrew slaves killed during the time of Moses. Herod also ordered the death of all male children two years old and younger at the time of Jesus' birth. These men were taking steps to preserve "their" kingdom. The rationale of the young man from Connecticut may never be known or understood.

Madness has always been a part of our society. The Devil has engaged in an attack against the Church of Jesus Christ. Throughout history, Satan has attempted to defeat the spirit and will of the believers. His actions cause many to question the existence of a loving Father who cares for His children. "How can a God who is supposed to be in control allow events like this?" many asked. In the mist of hurt, pain, and inconsolable grief, it is the grace of God that brings comfort. Matthew records the words of Jesus as Christ speaks of the "little ones". *"That in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father which is in heaven."* A Christian should not be surprised to find the compassionate hand of God when tragedy strikes.

The outpouring love and kindness of people from around the world toward the community of Newtown demonstrates that evil does not win and neither will Satan. As long as God's children are in this world, they would come under assault from the evil one. Baptists are known as people who sing our faith. Any Southern Baptist can sing "Victory in Jesus" without looking at the hymnal. Our prayer is that everyone could experience that victory and leave the madness behind.

Please be in prayer as another team of volunteers prepare to journey to Haiti to work with the orphanage. We will be leaving on February 2nd and returning the 9th. A team of four women will be working with the school and providing a Bible School in the afternoon. The seven men will continue working on the first floor of the multipurpose building. Prayer is an essential element in succeeding in God's work. Many of our churches have been faithful in providing funds and prayer for the mission endeavor. May the Lord continue to keep the vision of these little ones before us!

This year's Evangelism Conference was held at Notchey Creek Baptist Church. What our world needs is *More Life*. Christ came to bring "abundant life" (John 10:10). Dr. Bobby Welch the Associate Executive Director/Church Growth of the Tennessee Baptist Convention was our guest speaker. His message encouraged us to experience "More Life" than ever before. Also, he challenged us to see the "Harvest" that awaits the church of

Tennessee. The population of the lost is increasing at an alarming rate in our communities. The Church must gird up our minds to do the work of the Master. Our neighbors need us to be zealous concerning our faith. The eternal destiny of those we know and love may depend on us telling them the story of Jesus and what He has done for us. We pray you were challenged and encouraged from God's Holy Word. The Sweetwater Baptist Association extends a special thank you to Pastor Gale Miller and Notchey Creek Baptist Church for hosting the Evangelism Conference. We also wish to express a special thank you to Phillip Johnson and the Associational Choir for an outstanding job in leading us in worship.

--- Tony Rutherford

HOPE FOR HAITI: On February 2-9, a team of eleven short-term mission volunteers will be traveling to Haiti to work with Pastor Gaetan Alcegaire at the Foundation Yaveh Shamma for the Children Orphanage.

HOPE FOR HAITI



Our team of men will be continuing the construction work for the new church/school building. The ladies in the group will be working with the children during school hours and then have a Bible School for the children after school.

We want to thank the churches of our association for your continued support for these orphaned children. Our churches have generously provided items needed for the orphanage and funds to supply food, shelter and schooling for the children. In addition, our churches have provided funding for construction, as well as numerous mission teams to assist in the building of the church/school project. We are so thankful for the way that God is leading our churches to respond to the great need in the country of Haiti. Please pray about how God would use you to be part of this ministry.

HOPE FOR HAITI FUNDS
October 1-December 31, 2012

Cedar Fork	1936.20
Hopewell Springs	1000.00
Island Creek, WMU	90.00
Island Creek	160.00
Long Ridge	1000.00
Murrays	200.00
Oak Grove	240.00
Reed Springs	160.00
Shady Grove	200.00
South Madisonville	240.00
Sweetwater First	270.00
Vonore	780.00
Walnut Grove	200.00
Williamsburg	136.79
Bettendorf (Iowa) First	300.00
Robert and Linda Goguen	240.00
Kathy Kolloch	100.00
David and Lisa McHan	200.00
Tony and Darrell Rutherford	300.00
Annual Meeting Offering, 2012	1033.00



CHRISTIAN COUNSELING CENTER:

Acts 2 tells about a group of people gathered together

in an upper room. These people were scared, confused, hopeless, and looking for direction. But then, the Holy Spirit came and these broken people were filled with God's love, power, and direction. Their lives were forever changed.



The UPPER Room Christian Counseling Center derives its name from this story in Acts 2. The goal of this ministry is for the same change to happen in people's lives today.

Services Include:

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

If you or your family are feeling despair, confusion, or fear, then call for help today. God desires to give each of us hope and help. To speak to a counselor or to get more information, call 865-414-3269 or visit www.upperroomchristiancounseling.net



WMU NEWS:

Sweetwater Baptist Association	Womens Missionary Union
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If I had written this earlier, it would have been different, but as usual, I wait until the last minute. It has been a very emotional 24 hours. As I was sitting in my recliner around noon, I heard sirens coming down the road. When I looked out, I saw it

wasn't one of our (Notchey Creek) fire trucks. Then I heard a second one and it was one of the Notchey Creek fire trucks. As I looked down toward McMinn County, I could see smoke. In a little while I learned it was a neighbor, former co-worker and a family member's home and she was burned very bad and was being flown to Vanderbilt burn center. Less than 12 hours later, Hazel Ruth (Rooster) Dailey had moved to her new home. In the past few hours, I have read so much about her on facebook and so much love and support and comfort to the family. One person said, "If you knew her you had a story to tell." Which was true. I have so many I couldn't write them all. If I had asked her if she knew what WMU was, she would have had an answer, but it would not have been the right one. But if I had explained WMU to her, she would have been a supporter and willing to help if we needed it.

About 10:00 pm the same night, I received a message that said, "Heaven gained a precious angel today, love you and will miss you Mamaw Thomas." Mrs. Nila Thomas had also moved to her new



home. And I am just about sure she and her dear friend, Mrs. Margaret Gray had a grand reunion. I could always count on those 2 special ladies being at a Quarterly WMU Meeting, both with words of encouragement and a smile on their faces.

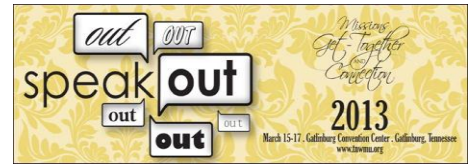
These two ladies that moved to their new home on the same day are about, as the saying goes, as different as day and night. But they both, in different ways, had an impact on my life. As I read yesterday, don't take anything for granted. *Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.* James 4:14. Don't take it for granted. Tell someone today how much they mean to you.

See you at the WMU Quarterly Meeting on February 4th at New Providence Baptist Church. Don't forget if it is your time to provide a birthday cake for the East Tennessee Health Care. January is Ebenezer, February is Rocky Springs, March is New Providence and April is Altoona. (You will also find these dates listed each month on the Associational Calendar of Events and on the Associational website.) Thank you to all of the WMU's that participate in this ministry.

Check www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com and www.tnwmu.org for helpful information. Check out our facebook page Sweetwater Baptist Association WMU. Remember.....missions will put a smile on your face ...Audie...Audrey J. Stephens

Missions Get-Together and Connection

2013: March 15-17 is Missions Get Together and



Connection in Gatlinburg. Registration is now available online at www.tnbaptist.org. The cost is \$55.00 per person, if postmarked or registered by February 22nd. Late registration fee is \$65.00 per person (February 23-March 11) and \$70.00 per person at the door.

Week of Prayer for North American Missions and



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering: March 3rd – 10th is the suggested date for the Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The theme for the 2013 Week of Prayer is "Whatever It Takes, Reaching the One" based on Acts 8:26-31. May we all be eager and willing to do whatever it takes to share the love of Jesus with those we meet each day.

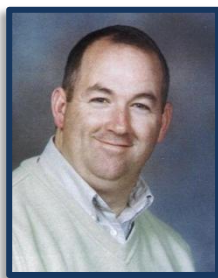
Sweetwater Baptist Association

High School Scholarship

Applications must be completed and returned to SBA Office by March 1st



2013 Applications for SBA high school scholarships have been mailed to pastors and youth leaders. Applications are also available through the month of February on our website at www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com



YOUTH COMMITTEE: We are beginning a new year, and the Youth Committee is excited to see what 2013 has in store.

Before looking forward, let's take a moment to reflect back on 2012 and thank Clayton Taylor for his great leadership this past year. We are so thankful for men like Clayton, who are

concerned for the youth of our association.

Now, looking on to 2013. I recently had the opportunity to attend WinterJam 2013. What an amazing show. Where else can you go see 10 artists for \$10.00. Toby Mac was the headliner and he ended the show with an awesome performance. The Knoxville concert will be held on February 15th. For more information and to get tickets, visit www.jamtour.com.

We are really getting excited about Youth Reach 2013 and hope to see some new churches participate this year. If you haven't been in a few years (or never been), we encourage you to bring your students and experience an awesome back-to-school conference this summer. This year's conference will be held on July 19-20, at the Smokey Mountain Convention Center in Pigeon Forge.

Crowd favorite, *Life Wide Open*, will be providing our music again this year and Brother Scott Smith will be the conference speaker. Scott is a dynamic and gifted speaker and we know the students will enjoy him. We are also offering a new element to the conference this year, with the comedy duo of *Bean and Bailey*. This duo has performed all over the country and appeared on *America's Got Talent*.

Youth leaders will be receiving their Youth Reach Registration Packets in the mail within the next few weeks; so begin making plans to bring students. Jarrod Johnson, Chairman

YOUTH Evangelism Conference NASHVILLE,



Municipal Auditorium March 1-2

Featured Guests Include: Tony Nolan David Nasser
Jimmy Needham Jeff Johnson Band Joe Castillo

Additional information and register online at www.tnbaptist.org

OFFICE MINISTRY UPDATE: The Tennessee Baptist Convention will present Office Ministry Update on



February 11-12 at the Loudon County Baptist Association Office in Lenoir City. This two day conference for church and associational ministry assistants will provide seven blocks of learning including: communicating with clarity through email, social networking and other current tools, event planning, maximizing your time, creating policies for continuity, managing finances, and others. The cost is \$45.00 per person for the 2-day conference. Registration is available online at www.tnbaptist.org.

INFORMATION FOR CHURCH TREASURERS: The IRS requires all charitable organizations (including churches) to provide written receipts for individual donations of \$250.00 or more.



For amounts less than \$250.00, a written receipt is not required, however, it is recommended that churches provide an annual itemized statement to each of its contributors, regardless of the amount of the donation.

The statement should cover the Jan-Dec tax year and given to the contributor in a timely manner, for use in filing their income tax return.

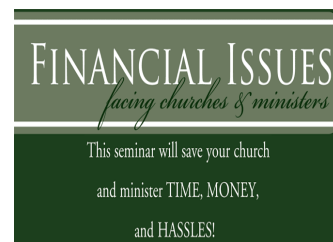
This written statement should include the following information:

- 1) the name and address of the church;
- 2) the date and amount of each donation;
- 3) a statement that the only benefit received in lieu of the donation was intangible religious benefit (meaning no goods or services were given to the individual making the donation).

JUST A NOTE: The SBA Office has a supply of carbonless forms W2, W3, 1099 and 1096. These are available to our churches and are on a first-come, first-serve basis. Please stop by the SBA Office to pick up the forms that are needed for your church.

Tennessee Baptist Convention presents area

Financial Issues Facing Churches and Ministers



Seminar for any person interested in church finance.

No registration required.

January 30, 2013 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Knox County Baptist Association, 7709 Westland Drive, Knoxville 865-693-9097

January 31, 2013 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon
Hamilton County Baptist Association, 6625 Lee Highway, Chattanooga, 423-267-3794

Those encouraged to attend are treasurers, administrative church employees, budget, finance or personnel committees, ministers, church staff, church secretaries, or interested lay leaders.

TOPICS INCLUDE:

- Health Care Reform – Mandates, Tax Credit, Reporting
- Benefits Programs, Insurance, Retirement, Matching Contributions
- Federal Reporting: Excess Benefit Transactions – Don't Do This! IRS Forms and Publications – When to use, W2, W4, W9 and 1099 – Form 944
- Charitable Contributions: Designated Giving - Is the gift deductible? – Non-cash Gifts - Appraisal Rules - Donation of Vehicles
- Other Financial Issues: Housing Allowance - Expense Reimbursements

For further information, please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association at 442-6604 or contact Richard Skidmore (TBC) at rskidmore@tnbaptist.org or Heather Beard (TBC) at hbeard@tnbaptist.org or 1-800-558-2090.



FOSTER PARENTS NEEDED: Youth Villages in Knoxville is in need of Foster Parents in this area. They asked that we

post the following announcement: Did you know that there are approximately 8,000 Tennessee children in foster care? Children in foster care need someone to help them through the hard times, assist them in making the right decisions, and be a consistent, reliable friend. For more information about becoming a foster parent or inviting us to come speak to your congregation, please call Mariah Parton at (865)560-2558 or visit www.youthvillages.org/foster today

SBA Church Gifts

October 1, 2012-December 30, 2012

Church.....	Total
411 Chapel.....	0.00
Altoona.....	1025.00
Antioch.....	50.00
Beaty's Chapel.....	0.00
Bethlehem.....	2058.00
Big Creek.....	0.00
Calvary.....	163.32
Cane Creek.....	330.00
Cedar Fork.....	645.40
Cedar Valley.....	759.62
Chestua.....	300.00
Christianburg.....	348.31
Citico.....	224.62
Clifton.....	100.00
Community.....	430.92
Compromise.....	150.00
Concord.....	0.00
Druid Hills.....	45.00
Ebenezer.....	350.00
Fairview.....	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle.....	2787.78
Glenlock.....	1000.00
Gregory's Chapel.....	0.00
Hilltop.....	75.00
Hopewell Springs.....	1372.00
Howards Chapel.....	423.87
Island Creek.....	400.00
Lakeside.....	0.00
Long Ridge.....	1000.00
Lower Chilhowee.....	100.00
Macedonia.....	0.00
Madisonville, First.....	1100.01
Maple Springs.....	500.00
Miller's Chapel.....	300.00
Mt. Calvary.....	319.74
Mt. Isabella.....	100.00
Mt. Pleasant.....	200.00
Mt. Zion.....	1330.87
Murray's.....	2917.50
New Bethany.....	900.82
New Macedonia.....	420.00
New Providence.....	1298.00
North Sweetwater.....	471.00
Notchey Creek.....	1130.13
Oakland.....	100.00
Oak Grove.....	711.41
Old Pond Hill.....	0.00
Old Sweetwater.....	100.00
Paint Rock.....	330.00
Piney Grove.....	0.00
Poplar Bluff.....	573.64
Reed Springs.....	384.06
Rocky Springs.....	800.00
Rural Vale.....	514.14
Shady Grove.....	100.00
Shelton Grove.....	0.00

Shoal Creek.....	398.00
South Madisonville.....	300.00
Sweetwater, First.....	1050.00
Tellico.....	1000.00
Tellico Plains, First.....	1646.00
Tevis Springs.....	172.54
Towee Falls.....	300.00
Trinity.....	0.00
Unicoi.....	224.06
Union Hall.....	241.90
Unity.....	0.00
Upper Shady Grove.....	150.00
Vonore.....	1596.10
Walnut Grove.....	513.24
Watson Chapel.....	750.00
Westside.....	0.00
Williamsburg.....	136.82
TBC/Miscellaneous.....	2876.12
Total Income.....	\$40,094.94

This is the SBA Church Gifts received through December 30, 2012

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 2013:

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner, and we



are excited! We want to help you get off to a great start, so please mark your calendars now. We want to invite Pastors and Directors to attend our **VBS Preview Clinic on Tuesday evening, February 26th at 7:00 p.m. at the SBA Office.** We know that you will go home inspired and ready to begin the ultimate *Colossal Coaster World* ride in Vacation Bible School at your church.

Then the **Associational Vacation Bible School Clinic** will be held on **Tuesday evening, March 19th.** An Open House will begin at 6:00 p.m. and Conferences at 6:35 p.m. **The VBS Clinic** will be hosted by **Watson Chapel Baptist Church** in **Madisonville**, so please be sure and mark your calendar! All leaders, teachers, and helpers are encouraged to attend.

Colossal Coaster World, Facing Fear, Trusting God is based on 2 Timothy 1:7. Through every twist and turn, kids will be challenged to face their fears and trust God. He alone gives power, love and sound judgment.

We look forward to seeing you at the **Preview Clinic on Tuesday evening, February 26th.** Please contact Associational VBS Director, Katrina Umphrey at 865-250-9620 or the SBA Office at 442-6604 if you should have any questions or if we can help you in any way with your 2013 Vacation Bible School.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SAMPLER

KITS: LifeWay's 2013 VBS Sampler Kits, *Colossal Coaster World: Facing Fear, Trusting God* Sampler Kits and Super Sampler Kits are now available at the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office. Please call the SBA Office at 442-6604 to reserve your kit.



In the next few weeks, we will have all materials, t-shirts, supplies and resources available at the Association office, as well. We will be happy to help you with your 2013 order for materials and supplies, or even a team of VBS workers. We are praying for our churches and for your Vacation Bible Schools.

Tennessee Baptist
Convention presents

Bivocational Pastors and Wives Retreat

February 21-23, 2013

Cost \$175 per couple

includes hotel, meals, breaks

Music Road Hotel and Convention Center, Pigeon Forge, Tennessee



Register online or download registration form at www.tnbaptist.org
For more information, please contact the SBA Office at 442-6604 or
Ray Gilder (TBC) at rgilder@tnbaptist.org

Program Personalities Include:

Anthony Cannon, Vice President TN Bivo Council, Pastor, Riverview BC, Lenoir City
Paul Clark, Music & Worship, TBC
Ray Gilder, State Specialist, TBC
Randy & Jeannie Davis, Executive Director/Treasurer/Ambassador/TBC
Jamie English, Jr., President, TN Bivo Council, Pastor, Gath BC, McMinnville
Tony Rankin, State Missions Staff, Counseling & Family Ministries, TBC
Don & Trish Hicks, Church Relations, Liberty University, Lynchburg
Willie McLaurin, State Specialist, TBC
Rusty Smallwood, Planned Giving, Liberty University
Danny & Rhonda Sinquefield, Pastor, FBC Bartlett, Bartlett

REVIVAL

HILLTOP BAPTIST

CHURCH: We enjoyed a wonderful Christmas Season, which included our Christmas program. Our

small church was full and the drama was very moving and spiritual. Several people went to the altar and changed their lives that Sunday night. We also had a New Year's Eve Watch Service and saw one precious soul saved. We are so thankful for our church and for our members that are working so hard to build-up the church, but most of all to see souls saved. With the beginning of a new year, our prayer is that each of you have a church to worship in. If you are searching for a church, we highly recommend Hilltop to you. We have started a teen class on Wednesday nights and would truly love to have your family come and worship with us at 7:00 PM each Wednesday. Revival Services will begin on Sunday, February 10th at 6:00 PM, and weeknight services will begin at 7:00 PM. Evangelists will be Rev. Dewayne Leming and Rev. Chad Schaffer. Everyone is invited to come for a great time in the Lord and worship in these special services. --Brenda Gee

SHOAL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH:

CHURCH PEWS
FOR SALE: 20
Church Pews, 12
Feet Long,
Padded Bottom
(reupholstered

approx. 2 years ago). \$75.00 each. For more information, call Steve Strickland at 423-519-5711. Pictures are posted on Craigslist.



Looking back on 2012, we praise God for all He's done for us. We saw 40 professions of faith, 20 baptisms and 29 new church members.



We have progressed in our building project. The new extension has been opened upstairs, walls have been painted, carpet laid and new pews installed. Thank you to everyone who has helped with our building project. There is still quite a bit left to do, so please keep us in your prayers.

Due to the progression of the building project, our Christmas program was postponed until Easter. The dates for the program are March 22 and 23 at 7:00 pm and March 24 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come and experience the humble life of Jesus.

Please be much in prayer for our food pantry. We are going through some changes and ask that you help us pray for God's guidance. *Philippians 4:13...*"I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." --Jessica Hill

VONORE BAPTIST CHURCH:

Our WMU ladies are very pleased to announce the successful digging of a well for God's Hope Primary School in Uganda, Africa. These ladies have been supporting this school for over 10 years.



After hearing a sermon by our pastor and a follow-up Sunday School lesson on talents and increases for Kingdom work, a WMU member proposed a "Seed Money" project. She provided an initial envelope containing \$25.00 as seed money to participating WMU Members. Each were to invest the seed into projects that would raise funds for a desperately needed well in Uganda. Members were challenged to think of ways of investing the seed money by relying on the talents that God has blessed them with. Girls and women, aged 12 to over 70, developed a wide range of projects. The picture you see is a result of the Living Water well in the local village of Wobulenzi, Uganda. Our prayer is that God will continue to use each of us for HIS work in our everyday lives.



WESTSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH: We have begun construction on our new fellowship hall. If any church groups would like to volunteer their time to work on a Saturday, it would be greatly appreciated. For more information, contact Pastor Dwight Torbett at 423-442-2348

**VONROE-AREA
COMMUNITY EASTER EVENTS**

For more information on these events,
please contact Vonore Baptist Church at 423-884-6230

EASTER MUSICAL "I WILL RISE"

**Good Friday, March 29, 2013, 7:00 PM
Vonore Baptist Church**

Presented by the combined Choirs of Vonore, Island
Creek, Mt. Zion, Trinity, Walnut Grove and Lakeside.
A Fellowship Meal will be served after the Service.
Everyone is invited to attend.

COMMUNITY SUNRISE SERVICE

**Easter Sunday, March 31, 2013, 6:30 AM
Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, Vonore**
Guest Speaker: Rev. Mike DeLand (Walnut Grove)
Special Music: Community Choir

shared the message of the Christmas story from the Scriptures. We also want to thank Pastor Dennis Cagle and Vonore Baptist Church for allowing us to use their wonderful family life center again this year for this time together.

SPEAKER SYSTEM

AVAILABLE: If your church is in need of a speaker/sound system, please contact Sandy at 253-7388. This system



will be given away to a church on a first-come, first-served basis.

LakeSide 5th Annual Singing

Butcher Auditorium, Hiwassee College

February 23, 2013 @ 6:00 pm

Tickets: \$12.00

Featuring:

Archie Watkins and the Smokey Mountain Reunion,
The Diplomats, LakeSide, and
The Watson Brothers Trio

For more information, call 423-420-9408



DENTAL CARE: Hiwassee College Dental Hygiene Clinic offers low-cost dental cleaning (including x-rays), as well as other hygiene services. Cleanings are \$20.00 for adults, and children 12 & under are \$10.00. This service is available to anyone and appointments can be scheduled by calling 423-420-1234.

**2012
PASTOR
AND WIFE
CHRISTMAS
BANQUET:**

Thank you to all who attended our 2012 Pastor and Wife Christmas Banquet.

This is always

a special time for our pastors, seminary extension students, associational officers, retired pastors and their spouses to gather for a time of food and fellowship.



CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER:

We want to offer our congratulations to Pastor Mike DeLand and his wife Susan on the birth of their first child, Ainsley Lorene. Ainsley was born on November 1st. She weighed 8.9 lbs. and was 20 1/2 inches long. Mike is pastor at Walnut Grove Baptist Church, and currently serves as Moderator and on the Missions Committee for the Sweetwater Baptist Association.



We also want to congratulate Pastor Steven McDonald and his wife Kendra. They are the proud parents of Abigail Kate. She was born on January 7th, weighing 8.8 lbs., and 20 3/4 inches long. Abigail Kate has an older brother and sister, Andrew and Hannah. Steven is pastor at Big Creek Baptist Church, and currently serves on our Associational Evangelism Committee.



Our prayers are with these pastors and their families.

CLIFTON BAPTIST CHURCH: Rev. Jim Stakely of Clifton Baptist Church invites all ordained men to join the Presbytery for the Pastor Ordination Service of Dennis Wiseman on Sunday, January 27th at 2:00 p.m. at Clifton Baptist Church. Brother Dennis has been called to serve as Pastor of Union Hall Baptist Church.



with the message of the Christmas season in song, as Doyle Prince

January, 2013

"Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus."

-2 Timothy 2:1

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 New Year's Day Office Closed	2 Holiday Office Closed	3 Holiday Office Closed	4 Office Closed	5
6	7 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. Youth Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	8 Seminary Extension Classes Jan. 8-Apr. 2 6:30 p.m. <i>LII, III John</i>	9	10	11	12
13	14 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 No Pastor Conf. Evangelism Conference, Notchey Creek Baptist Church, Speaker: Dr. Bobby Welch MORE Life Rally 5:30 p.m. Worship Service, 6:45 p.m.	22 VBS Team Meeting, SBA Office, 7:00 p.m.	23	24	25	26
27	28 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.	29	30	31 CONCLAVE, TBC Youth Leaders Training, Chattanooga Convention Center, Jan. 31-Feb 2		East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake January: Ebenezer

February, 2013

"Do not turn away from the Lord, but serve the Lord with all your heart." --1 Samuel 12:20

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East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake: February Rocky Springs	SBA High School Scholarship Applications due March 1				1	2
3	4 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. WMU Quarterly Meeting, New Providence, 7:00 p.m.	5	6	7	8	9
10	11 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.	12	13	14 Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. No School MCBC President's Day	19	20	21 TBC-Bivocational Pastors and Wives Retreat, Feb 21-23, Pigeon Forge	22	23
24	25 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. Church Conflict Seminar Led by: Dr. Bill Northcott Sweetwater, First 7:00 p.m.	26 VBS Preview Clinic Pastors/Directors, SBA Office, 7:00 p.m.	27	28		

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Monday-Thursday
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