

The Messenger of the Sweetwater Baptist Association

"Churches on Mission Together"
Celebrating 185 years, 1830 – 2015



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Youth Reach

July 17-18, 2015

Smoky Mountain Convention Center
Pigeon Forge, Tennessee

\$25.00 per person

- Includes conference fee and t-shirt
- Lodging NOT included



TOM RICHTER
Evangelist



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Drama Team

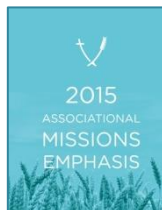
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Prayer for Sweetwater Baptist Association

Please pray for the Pastors, Congregations,
Associational Officers and Staff of the
Sweetwater Baptist Association.



Sweetwater Baptist Association Family of Churches Welcome



**Cedar Fork
Baptist Church**

PASTOR, CHARLES "BUD" BORING
Wife, Anita and
Daughters, Jessica & Sydney

Gifts Received for Sweetwater Baptist Association **WORLD CHANGERS PROJECTS**

Tommy and Cindy Lemmonds..... 1,300.00
Notchey Creek Baptist Church 1,500.00
Sweetwater, First Baptist Church..... 1,500.00

Please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office for project applications and/or to serve as a volunteer on a World Changers team.

July 4-11



Southern Baptist Convention

2015 SBC Annual Meeting



The Greater Columbus Convention Center, Columbus, OH

June 16-17, 2015

2015 SBC Pastor's Conference, June 14-15
Registration now available online at www.sbc.net

Director of Missions



The Pastor stands before his congregation with outstretched arms and says, "You are my glory...yes, you are my glory." He moves from behind the pulpit to the center aisle. Drops of sweat form around his forehead and the muscles in his jaw tighten. With tears swelling up in his eyes, he stretches his arms toward the people once again and repeats, "You are my glory." This demonstration of the Pastor's heart played out before me recently in a Sunday evening worship service. The choir and the special music were touching. However, the expression of the love of a Pastor for his people moved me to "holy ground." I understand that our Heavenly Father feels that way about us. We are His Glory!

Our Executive Board meeting in April seemed to have a touch of "glory" surrounding it. A tremendous feeling of support and good will for what God has done and what He is doing was truly a blessing. All reports were given and accepted with a sense of enthusiasm. The Mission Committee introduced Pastor Ronnie Best and two deacons from Conasauga Baptist Church in Etowah. Conasauga has petitioned to join the Sweetwater Baptist Association. They were welcomed and placed under watch-care, pending vote at the October 2016 Annual Meeting. We look forward to working with Ronnie and the wonderful folks at Conasauga.

There is an urgent need for participation in World Changers. The week of July 4-11 promises to be an exciting time. More than 150 youth and adult leaders will be here to work on homes. It is important that pastors and churches turn project requests in to the association office immediately for consideration. In fact, we are slightly past the deadline to submit project requests, but will continue to accept them for a few more days. We encourage each church to take a love-offering to help cover the cost of each project. Each dollar added together can accomplish much. In addition, we will need churches to provide bag lunches for work teams that will be in your area. If your church is willing to help in any of these areas, or if you have any questions about World Changers, please contact our office. I want to thank you in advance for demonstrating the glory of God in your involvement.

It is not too late to be involved in the Guatemala Revival Project planned for September 29-October 6. Currently, there are 18 people participating in this mission trip. There are 15 people from our association and 3 people from the Sevier County Baptist Association. If you are able and willing to share your testimony of what God has done in your life, God will take your availability and willingness to grow His kingdom. Would you prayerfully consider allowing God to do a glorious work in and through your life? If so, please contact our office. We can

still use 10-15 more volunteers, but we need to have everyone signed up and all paperwork completed within the next week or so.

Mark your calendars for the Church Growth and Development Conference, scheduled for August 31st, at First Baptist Church, Madisonville. William Maxwell, who is the legal specialist for the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be leading a "Legal Issues" conference, and will address the legal ramifications of the marriage ruling from the Supreme Court. He will share how to strengthen church constitutions, in order to protect our doctrinal statements in this matter. Also, there have been several changes in tax laws that affect our churches and pastors. Gary Rickman, Financial Specialist with the TBC, will be leading a "Financial Issues" conference, to assist churches, treasurers and pastors with addressing these changes.

Finally, I know your churches will be filled with many children attending Vacation Bible School this summer. I encourage you to put together a VBS follow-up team in order to reach the families that have entrusted their children to you. I pray each of you has a blessed summer.

--- Tony Rutherford



HOPE FOR HAITI

HOPE FOR HAITI FUNDS OCTOBER 1, 2014 – APRIL 30, 2015

Cedar Fork Baptist Church.....	401.83
Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church	1086.24
Island Creek Baptist Church, WMU	180.00
Island Creek Baptist Church	640.00
Lakeside Baptist Church	300.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church	480.00
Reed Springs Baptist Church	320.00
South Madisonville Baptist Church	560.00
Sweetwater, First Baptist Church	630.00
Tellico (Ballplay) Baptist Church	1000.00
Vonore Baptist Church	1120.00
Williamsburg Baptist Church	83.32
Bettendorf (Iowa), First Baptist Church.....	980.00
Oliver Springs Baptist Church/Randy Parten	1765.00
SUT Trailer 96 Watts Bar Unit 2 Completion	1749.00
Pat and Brenda McGinnis	1000.00
Tony and Darnell Rutherford.....	700.00
Anonymous	400.00
Anonymous	1000.00



IMPORTANT TAX INFORMATION:

Does your church reimburse your pastor's or other employee's health insurance? In most cases, this is in violation of the ACA Act. As of July 1st, you may be subject to penalties of up to \$100 per employee, per day. For more information, visit www.guidestone.org.

UPDATE FROM EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING:

The Executive Board of the Sweetwater Baptist Association met on Monday evening, April 20th. Roman Hamilton served as Moderator for the regular business meeting for the Association. Reports from various ministries of the Association, as well as the the Director of Missions Report were presented for information. The Associational Treasurer's report was received as printed. The financial statement reported that church gifts and interest for October 1, 2014 through March 31, 2015 totaled \$81,325.72; while budget expenses totaled \$77,970.91.



The Missions Committee made a recommendation to accept the petition request for membership from Conasauga Baptist Church. The recommendation was accepted by members of the Executive Board. Conasauga Baptist Church has met all requirements in accordance with Procedures for Petitioning the Sweetwater Baptist Association for membership. Ronnie Best currently serves as pastor at the church. Conasauga Baptist Church will be under the watch-care of the Association for one year, pending the vote of Messengers at the 2016 Annual Meeting. We are happy that Conasauga Baptist Church has petitioned to be part of the Sweetwater Baptist Association family of churches. We are excited that the Lord is providing us these opportunities to do ministry together.



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WMU/LADIES MINISTRY NEWS:

There is just about 6 months until our WMU Expo. We have booked **Ann Davenport and Carolyn Outland** to be the guest speakers. Carolyn & Ann have been session



leaders at the WMU Conference in Gatlinburg for years and have traveled on mission trips all over the world and have also co-authored several books.

Thank you to New Bethany Baptist Church for hosting our May quarterly meeting. There were 10 churches represented with 68 in attendance. The New Bethany skit team did an awesome job and we enjoyed a great presentation by Taylor Hall for the Jehovah Jireh Mission. Anyone interested in helping with this great ministry, please contact Tabitha Woodby. Finally, I can't forget to mention the great food that was prepared for us. Great job Ladies!

We urge all our churches to take part in the Missions Expo this fall. Please begin planning how to set up your booth to share the mission work your church participates in. Be creative! Also, be sure to call the associational office to get your name on the list of participants. We are planning an exciting event and want your church to be a part of the expo.

Finally, let's always continue to pray for all our missionaries; especially those that serve in dangerous areas and are in harm's way. May God bless you as you go out into your mission field. *Charlotte Hollinghead, Associational WMU/Ladies Ministry Director*

WMU EXPO

"Tour of Missions, 2015"

November 14th

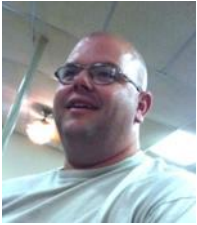
Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church

Tour of Missions, 2015



Churches and/or Mission Organizations are encouraged to set up tables/booths. Plan now to be part of this exciting event. Watch for further details!

Sweetwater Baptist Association
WMU Quarterly Meeting
Hosted by **411 Chapel**
Madisonville, Tennessee
Monday, August 3rd, 7:00 p.m.



YOUTH COMMITTEE: There will be lots of youth activities going on in our churches this summer. From VBS to Youth Revivals to Mission Trips. In all your summer plans, we hope you will make room for **YOUTH REACH**. We have been sharing the program guests and dates with

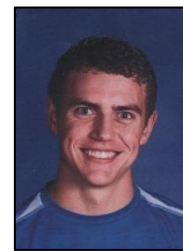
you in the last few newsletters and every pastor and youth leader should have received their registration packet in the mail. So let me just remind you to get your sign-up lists up, get t-shirt sizes and get those forms and payments sent in to the associational office. **The registration deadline is JUNE 1ST**. Since we will be ordering t-shirts again this year, we must have the registrations on time, so we can get those ordered. Praying all our churches and youth groups have a great summer.

Kevin Mains, Youth Committee Chairman

2015 SBA HIGH SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS: Several years ago, our Association began a scholarship program for graduating high school seniors. This scholarship is a way to say to our young people that we believe in them and are proud to be part of their future as they seek to do God's will in their education and career.

The 2015 SBA High School Scholarship recipients have been named. They are as follows:

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| McKenzie White, Sequoyah | New Macedonia Baptist Church |
| William Kirkpatrick, Tellico Plains | Bethlehem Baptist Church |
| Kellie Wheeler, Sweetwater | Sweetwater, First Baptist Church |
| Chandler McCosh, McMinn Central | Rocky Springs Baptist Church |



We congratulate these students who were each awarded \$500.00 cash scholarships on behalf of the churches of the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Thank you to the churches for being part of this.

Sweetwater Baptist Association
Pastor and Family Picnic
September 14, 2015 – 6:30 pm
Notchey Creek Pavilion
Food, Fun and Fellowship!
Reservations Required.



The Pastor and Family Picnic will be held on Monday, Sept. 14, at 6:30 pm. Pastors, retired pastors, Associational Officers and Council and their families are invited. This year's picnic will again be held at Notchey Creek Baptist Church in their pavilion area.

In order to plan for the meal, reservations are required. Please call our office at 442-6604 or email the number that will be attending for your family to sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net or becky.jones@bellsouth.net.



SEMINARY EXTENSION CLASSES: The Fall session for Seminary Extension classes will begin on September 1st. The Fall study course will be on the book of **Acts**, and be taught by Tony Rutherford. The course lasts 12 weeks and meets each Tuesday at 6:30 pm at the associational office. For more information, please contact the associational office at 423-442-6604.

WORLD CHANGERS
Gospel + Construction
July 4-11, 2015 Monroe County area

- Funds needed for local projects
- Work will not be done on business or rental property
- Homeowners must be referred by local church and pastor
- Volunteer workers needed
- PROJECT APPLICATIONS DUE BY JUNE 1ST

For more information, please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association at 442-6604; or visit our website at www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com

SEE YOU AT THE POLE

September 23, 2015
 Armbands, posters, t-shirts, supplies, etc. for See You at the Pole can be ordered online at www.syatp.com or by calling 817-447-7526.



SUNDAY SCHOOL TRAINING: Sunday School Training Conferences are being offered by the Tennessee Baptist Convention at the following east Tennessee locations and dates:

- August 8 New Salem Baptist Church, Clinton
- August 25 First Baptist Church, Sevierville

For more information, check the TBC website at www.tnbaptist.org or contact Mark Miller at mmiller@tnbaptist.org.



MEN'S MINISTRY: Our annual **Sportsmen's Day** will be held on September 12th. Please visit our website or give us a call for more information as the date becomes closer.

Sweetwater Baptist Association
**Church Growth and
 Development Conference**
 Monday, August 31, 2015, 6:30 p.m.
 First Baptist Church, Madisonville

Conferences will include

- Legal Issues facing Churches
- Church Financial/Tax Issues
- ACP/Church Clerks
- Worship/Music
- Sunday School Resources

Due to recent changes in tax law and marriage laws, Pastors, Deacons, and Treasurers are highly encouraged to attend the conferences dealing with Legal and Financial issues. These conferences will be led by TBC Legal Specialist, William Maxwell and Financial Specialist, Gary Rickman.

Fellowship	752.48
Glenlock	800.00
Gregory's Chapel	700.00
Hilltop	0.00
Hopewell Springs	1,408.00
Howards Chapel	930.27
Island Creek	1,600.00
Lakeside	900.00
Long Ridge	1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	800.00
Macedonia	200.00
Madisonville, First	2,566.69
Maple Springs	500.00
Miller's Chapel	700.00
Mt. Calvary	747.05
Mt. Isabella	100.00
Mt. Pleasant	0.00
Mt. Zion	2,952.47
Murray's	3,521.23
New Bethany	2,744.70
New Macedonia	140.00
New Providence	3,239.00
North Sweetwater	1,507.00
Notchey Creek	2,797.48
Oakland	300.00
Oak Grove	1,645.99
Old Pond Hill	0.00
Old Sweetwater	0.00
Paint Rock	770.00
Piney Grove	800.00
Poplar Bluff	1,093.47
Reed Springs	757.28
Rocky Springs	1,664.00
Rural Vale	1,205.25
Shady Grove	100.00
Shelton Grove	0.00
Shoal Creek	859.00
South Madisonville	700.00
Sweetwater, First	2,450.00
Tellico	1,000.00
Tellico Plains, First	4,383.00
Tevis Springs	458.54
Towee Falls	1,050.00
Trinity	500.00
Unicoi	392.39
Union Hall	358.00
Unity	200.00
Upper Shady Grove	300.00
Vonore	8,751.42
Walnut Grove	1,190.00
Watson Chapel	375.00
Westside	480.00
Williamsburg	83.34
TBC	5,525.33
Miscellaneous	25.00
Interest	191.20
Total Income	\$96,373.72

**SOUTHERN BAPTIST CONVENTION
 2015 SBC Annual Meeting,**

Columbus, Ohio

SBC Annual Meeting: June 16-17

The Greater Columbus

Convention Center

Register online at

www.sbcannualmeeting.net



SBC Pastor's Conference, June 14-15

Schedule for Pastor's Conference:

Sunday Evening, 6:00 p.m., June 14

Monday Morning, 9:00 a.m., June 15

Monday Afternoon, 2:00 p.m., June 15

Monday Evening, 6:30 p.m., June 15

SBA Church Gifts through April 30, 2015

Church/Mission	Total
411 Chapel	750.00
Altoona	0.00
Antioch	150.00
Beaty's Chapel	100.00
Bethlehem	6,259.50
Big Creek	500.00
Calvary	656.29
Cane Creek	770.00
Cedar Fork	2,346.71
Cedar Valley	5,197.09
Chestua	700.00
Christianburg	625.05
Citico	684.84
Clifton	200.00
Community	541.56
Compromise	350.00
Concord	882.94
Druid Hills	60.00
Ebenezer	311.74
Fairview	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	7,073.42

This is the SBA Church Gifts received through April 30, 2015

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

The Heart of Southern Baptist Missions and Ministries

73.20% World Missions Ministries
 International Mission Board (50.41%) North American Mission Board (22.79%)

22.16% Theological Education Ministries
 Seminaries (21.92%) Library and Archives (.24%)

2.99% SBC Operating Budget

1.65% Christian Ethics and Religious Liberty Ministries
 Ethics and Religious Liberty Commission

2015 VACATION BIBLE

SCHOOL CLINIC: We want to thank everyone who attended and participated in the 2015 Associational VBS Clinic. Thank you VBS team leaders for all of your hard work and the outstanding job you did in leading the conferences. Thank you also to Tina and Cassidy Bowers for



directing the Associational Children's Choir! They were great! A special "thank you" to Ronnie Blair and Watson Chapel Baptist Church for hosting the VBS Clinic this year.

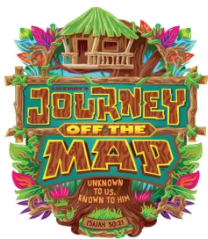


If your church hasn't previously conducted a Vacation Bible School, please consider having one this year! There are many tools available to help your church with VBS including the church

Link-up Plan. We will be happy to help your church with VBS team workers, and/or link-up resources and supplies. If your church needs any assistance with VBS this year, or if you have ANY questions about conducting a VBS, feel free to contact the SBA office for more information.

Take this "Journey off the Map" to discover that obedience to God can lead us far beyond the expected...but what is unknown to us, is always known to Him. So get ready for an action-packed, fun-filled adventure, as we take this journey together.

Bryan & Kim Williamson, Associational VBS Directors



2015 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL:

Don't forget to complete and send in your Vacation Bible School Report once your school has ended. If you need a form, it is available on our website. Also, when your VBS ends, please consider donating your leftover materials and decorations to the associational link-up. This will help other

churches have supplies for their VBS. Finally, if your church needs help conducting a VBS, let us know. We can assist with supplies and workers.



IMPORTANT NOTE: In an effort to be good stewards and conserve costs, *The Messenger* is not printed and mailed during the summer months of July/August. The next issue of the newsletter will be printed for September/October. It will include the program

for the 2015 Associational Annual Meeting, as well as the Proposed Budget for 2015-2016. If your church would like to submit information or announcements for the next issue of the newsletter, we will need to receive the information in the Sweetwater Baptist Association office by **August 20th**. Information is included in *The Messenger* on a first-come, first-served basis.



WOULD YOUR CHURCH BE INTERESTED IN FREE MEALS AND SNACKS FOR YOUR VBS?

The Monroe County Board of Education is participating in the *USDA Summer Food Service Program* for children. This program provides free meals and snacks for any child age 18 or under. These meals are provided to any child, regardless of income, and is available for any church VBS, regardless of size or financial position.

Participation in this program is simple and provided at NO COST to your church. Please note, free meals are only provided for children and youth. Adult meals are available for purchase at an average cost of \$1.50 per meal.

In addition to meals and snacks for VBS, this program can provide SNACKS for the children of your church for Wednesday nights or other special events.

If you would like to sign-up or get more information, contact Kathy Smith or Vicki Bivens with Monroe Co. Schools (Phone: 442-2092; email: kathy@monroe.k12.tn.us or bivensv@monroe.k12.tn.us).

2015 VBS Dates

Big Creek	July 19-24	
Cane Creek	July 25	9:00-6:00
Fairview Tabernacle	May 31-June 5	
Hopewell Springs	May 31-June 5	6:00-8:30
Island Creek	June 7-12	6:30-8:30
Lakeside	June 7-12	6:30-8:30
Long Ridge	May 31-June 4	7:00-9:00
Madisonville, First	June 1-5	
Mt. Zion	June 7-12	6:30-8:30
New Bethany	June 22-26	
New Providence	July 12-17	6:30-9:00
Notchey Creek	May 31-June 4	6:00-8:30
Oak Grove	May 31-June 5	6:30-8:30
Old Sweetwater	May 23	9:30-3:00
Poplar Bluff	May 26-29	6:00-9:00
Rocky Springs	May 31-June 5	6:00-8:30
Rural Vale	June 8-12	6:30-8:30
Shelton Grove	May 24-29	6:30-9:00
Shoal Creek	May 31-June 5	
Sweetwater, First	June 1-5	9 AM-Noon
Tellico Plains, First	June 14-19	
Vonore	June 14-19	

OLD FASHIONED PRAYER MEETING: The association has planned a Prayer Meeting on Monday, August 10th at 7:00 pm. Vonore Baptist Church will be hosting the meeting. These prayer meetings have been a great time of prayer and fellowship. We encourage everyone to attend.





CHURCH REVITALIZATION: Church Revitalization is a major topic among church strategists today. Statistics reveal that up to 90 percent of churches in the Sothern Baptist Convention have either plateaued or declining in membership and attendance. A plateaued church may be defined by the word stagnant, with little to no growth. A church in decline is reflected by measuring the average Sunday

attendance. If there are less people worshipping now than over the past few years, then the church is slowly drifting in the wrong direction.

There may be many reasons for a church to plateau or start to decline. However, if the situation is not addressed, our congregations may become unhealthy. Studies show that for every 20 new church starts, 17 older congregations will close their doors. The wise congregation will not point fingers and blame, nor will they just sit and dream of yesterday's success. They will choose to be proactive in their purpose and direction for the future.

As an association, I feel that one of our responsibilities is to help churches address this issue. In an effort to offer assistance, we will be working with the Tennessee Baptist Convention to provide a **Church Revitalization Conference** sometime next spring. If your congregation would be interested in learning how to revitalize your church, or if your church is willing to partner with a church in need, please contact our office.

Tony Rutherford



LONG RIDGE: Our Bible School will be May 31 – June 4, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm each night. If anyone needs transportation, please call 261-2301.

MT. ZION: Our VBS will be June 7-12. Our theme is "A Blast from the Past". Our youth will be participating in a mission trip to Corbin, KY from June 14-19. They will be conducting a Bible School and helping with yard and house work and painting a church. We will be in Revival July 12-17. Services will begin at 7:00 each night, and prayer room at 6:30. Rev. Frank Hicks will be the evangelist.



CEDAR VALLEY: We are seeking a Pianist and Organist. Must be able to read music and play by notes. Call Willie Dawson at 423-337-2537 for further information.



NEW PROVIDENCE: On May 23rd, we are hosting "VBS Day" at our expansion property, on Hwy. 68 in Tellico. Area churches will be giving out VBS information. Food will be provided.



RURAL VALE: Our VBS will be June 8-June 12, from 6:30-8:30. Commencement will be on Friday night June 12. There will be classes for all ages. Our theme is *Wall of Prayer*.

We will be celebrating our Homecoming/Decoration Day on Sunday, May 24. Services will begin at 10:30 am.

ROCKY SPRINGS: Join us for a week of fun at our "Journey off the Map" Vacation Bible School. A kick-off event will be held May 30 at 5:00 pm. We will have games, inflatables, a photo booth and more! VBS will be May 31 through June 5, from 6:00-8:30 pm. Hope to see you there!!



We also want to say a huge thank you to our *Relay for Life* team captains, Lois Moses and Marilyn Moses, for their dedication to this wonderful cause. Thank you to all who have donated and worked throughout the year to make our Relay team a success.



SWEETWATER FIRST: *Celebration Singers & Ringers* from Cincinnati, OH will be in concert on June 19th at 7:00 pm. This choir will present the worship concert "Set Free", based on Galatians 5:13. Admission is free.

We will also be hosting the *Fisherman's Quartet* on Sunday night May 24th at 6:00 pm. A love offering will be taken following the service. Everyone is invited.

VONORE BAPTIST: Our "Outdoor Expo" will be held on Saturday June 6th, from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Activities include: Fishing Tournament, Bow



Shooting, Skeet Shooting, BB Gun Shooting, Rock Wall Climbing, Inflatables, Mechanical Bull and Pony Rides. FLW Pro Clay Dyer will be giving his testimony at 3:00 pm. Free Food will be available from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. There will be lots of Door Prizes, including 3 Guns. There will also be a Silent Auction. Everyone is invited to join us for a fun-filled day.

Our VBS will be held June 14 –19, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. Our theme is **The Greatest Story Ever Told**. Classes available for babies thru 5th grade. We will walk through the Bible as the Greatest Story unfolds from Creation, the Birth of Jesus, God's Forgiveness of our Sins through Jesus, and Jesus's Promise for Eternity. Family members are invited to join us for a Special Program on Friday, with Opening & Drama, Classroom Presentations, Refreshments and a visit to the Redemption Store to cash in on rewards earned during the week.

In conjunction with VBS for children, we will hold a **Youth Crusade** for students in 6th grade and up. This will also be held June 14 – 19, 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm. We will hear testimonies from UT Athletes & others. There will be special Praise & Worship Music. Speakers will be: Sunday & Monday- **Andrew Osakue**, a native of New Orleans; Tuesday- **Pastor Dr. Doug Sager**; Wednesday & Thursday- **Scott Newton Smith** from Atlanta. Friday will be a special *Night of Celebration* – with Bonfire, Pizza Party, a Special Time for Sharing and **Baptism at the Lake**. Early Kickoff with Free Food and Registration will begin at 5:00 pm on Sunday, June 14. Buses will be running. For more information call the church at 423-884-6230 or Dianne Miller at 865-719-6149. *Please note: Preregistration Area will be set up for V.B.S. and Youth Conference at the Outdoor Expo on Saturday June 6.*

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION

Welcome New Pastors
 Charles "Bud" Boring..... Cedar Fork

Director of Mission Visits:
 Oak Grove, Sweetwater First Unity, Union Hall, Unicoi, Maple Springs, Fairview Tabernacle, Mt. Calvary, Westside, Pisgah, Tellico First, Rocky Springs, Cane Creek, Big Creek, Macedonia, Altoona, Beaty's Chapel, South Madisonville, Cedar Fork, Antioch, Trinity, Glenlock, Cedar Valley, Bethlehem, Poplar Bluff Chestua, Morganton, Clifton

Please pray for our churches without pastors:
 Cedar Valley (Interim), Clifton, Community, Ebenezer, Fairview (Tellico),



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Upcoming Events "For thy mercy is great unto the heavens, and thy truth unto the clouds." --Psalm 57:10

May 22 Last Day of School, Monroe County
 May 25 Office Closed, Memorial Day, Holiday
 June 14-15..... Southern Baptist Convention, Pastor's Convention, Columbus, OH
 June 16-17..... Southern Baptist Convention, Columbus, OH
 June 21 Father's Day
 July 4 Independence Day
 July 4-11 World Changers
 July 13 Nominating Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 July 14 Budget Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 July 17-18 Youth Reach, Pigeon Forge
 July 27 Youth Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
 August 3 WMU Quarterly Meeting, 411 Chapel, 7:00 p.m.
 August 7 First Day of School, Monroe County
 August 10 Old Fashioned Prayer Meeting, Vonore, 7:00 p.m.
 August 11 Guatemala Mission Team Training, SBA Office, 6:30 p.m.
 August 17-18.... Building Bridges to More Life, Glenlock, 6:30 p.m.
 August 31 Church Growth and Leadership Conf, Madisonville 1st, 6:30 p.m.

SBA Pastor's Conference
 Pastor's Conference will not meet from May 25th thru July 6th. Meetings resume July 13th.


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

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Guatemala Mission Project
 September 29-October 6

Guatemala Team Members... Important Dates to Remember:


- July 1: \$650.00 payment due
- August 11: Training at SBA Office, 6:30 p.m.
 Balance due for cost of trip



East TN Healthcare - WMU Birthday Cake


May	Island Creek	Aug	411 Chapel
June	Madisonville First	Sept	Mt. Zion
July	Lakeside	Oct	Notchey Creek

Mother's Day Offering for Tennessee Baptist Children's Home



Tennessee Baptist Children's Homes

FATHER'S DAY OFFERING FOR TENNESSEE BAPTIST ADULT HOMES



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 "It is more blessed to give than to receive." --Luk 21:25

Information for the next newsletter must be received by **August 20** **Golden Offering for State Missions - September**