

THE MESSENGER
of the
Sweetwater Baptist Association



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**SWEETWATER
BAPTIST ASSOCIATION**

2012 Annual Meeting

Theme: *Celebrate Redemption*

**Session 1: Monday, October 15, 2012, 6:45 p.m.
Glenlock Baptist Church, Sweetwater**

- Mission Message by Dr. Lon Shoopman
Pastor, First Baptist Church, Madisonville
- Director of Missions Report

**Session 2: Tuesday, October 16, 6:45 p.m.
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Madisonville**

- Moderator's Message by Mike Williams
Pastor, Island Baptist Church
- Election of Officers

*Annual Church Profiles (ACP's) and Messenger Cards
must be completed and returned to the
SBA Office by October 2nd.*

Join Us in the Associational Choir:

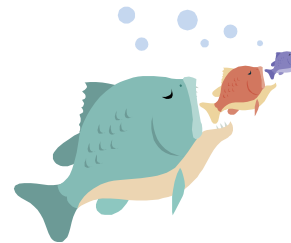
Members of your church choir are invited to be part of the Associational Choir that will provide special music at the First Session of the 2012 Annual Meeting that will be held on Monday evening, October 15th at Glenlock Baptist Church, Sweetwater. The session will begin at 6:45 p.m. and the choir will need to meet at the church on the 15th of October by 6:30 p.m. in order to prepare for worship. Phillip Johnson from Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church will serve as the Music Director. Listening cd's are available at the Associational Office. Please stop by the SBA Office at your convenience to pick up a copy of the cd and feel free to make additional copies.

Sweetwater Baptist Association
Men's Ministry Presents

2012 Sportsmen's Day
Saturday, October 20, Begins at 10:00 a.m.
Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, Vonore, Tennessee
Guest Speakers: FLW PRO ANGLERS

Activities Include:

- 3-D Archery Course
- Skeet Shooting
(Shells and Skeet Provided-Bring your own Gun)
- Float and Fly-Fishing
- Bass Fishing Lessons
- Kid's Fishing Rodeo
- Casting Pool for Kids
- Paintball
- Face-painting
- Wild Beast Feast (Bring your favorite "wild game" recipe)
- Door Prizes (Must be present to win)



Bass tournament at Toqua Boat Ramp to begin at first light with weigh-in at 12:00 p.m.

For more information, contact Sweetwater Baptist Association at 423-442-6604 or Clint Brackett at 423-404-3150.

EVERYONE INVITED!

Sweetwater Baptist Association presents
Winter Bible Study Conference
Monday, October 29, 2012
7:00 p.m.

The Greatest Story Ever Told...
Gospel of Luke



Dr. Chad Hartsock, Conference Presenter
Assistant Professor of Religion, Carson-Newman College

Sweetwater Baptist Association
Office Building, Madisonville, Tennessee
Everyone Invited!

Director of Missions



A small team of volunteers from our association recently returned from Haiti. Their purpose was to prepare the land, dig the footer, lay the re-bar, and pour the foundation for the church/school building at the Foundation Yaveh Shamma for the Children Orphanage in Haiti. After much prayer, determination and hard work, the stated purpose was achieved. God worked miraculously to bring about the success of the operation. He used the teamwork of the group, as well as the willingness of the locals. Many thanks go out to Denny Moore, Ronnie Moore, B.J. Wall, and Pastor Geatan and his workers.

Returning from Haiti has allowed me the opportunity to process what my eyes saw, my ears heard, and my soul felt. My mind has worked overtime trying to absorb everything that has attacked my five senses. The sights, smells, tastes, sounds, and the things felt have a way of lingering. For the most part, the poverty that surrounds the people almost goes unnoticed. Each family is busy struggling and striving to meet their daily needs. Men push and roll wheel-barrrows for miles to collect abandoned scrap-iron. Ladies walk the street with baskets of fruit or bread on their heads to sell to their neighbors. Younger girls glide through the streets with five gallon buckets of water on their heads not spilling a drop.

A week after we departed Port-au-Prince, Hurricane Isaac dumped intense rain and brought strong winds. Several lives were lost, much of the tent cities were damaged and we heard from Pastor Geatan several days later. Our prayer is that all is well at the orphanage, and that the work will not be delayed. How much can a person take? To endure earthquakes, hurricanes, rejection or loss of family, and whatever comes next. The crushing of the spirit is truly heavy on the victims. I am grateful that Christ promised His children that He would never leave them or forsake them. Truly now is a time for prayer, because we know the need remains.

When the Sweetwater Baptist Association voted to adopt this project in the 2011 Annual Meeting, I was excited and fearful of the task that lay before us. The economical times seemed bleak, a new and unproven DOM had moved in, and a sense of the home-front needing attention weighed heavy on my heart. Yet, many of our congregations have risen to the challenge to take a vision and turn it into a reality. It takes faith and courage to answer the call to go the second mile in ministry. Churches and individuals have prayed, given, and sacrificed to care for these children. Thank you for your generosity and heartfelt compassion. There is still time for other churches to get involved in this mission which will outlive our lives. Henry Blackaby teaches that to experience God, we must accept God size challenges, and truly Haiti meets those requirements. Other trips are in the planning stage. Presently we are looking for people who are skilled in masonry. Please contact the associational office for more information.

The Sweetwater Baptist Association Annual Meeting is October 15th at Glenlock Baptist Church and 16th at Bethlehem Baptist Church.

Presently, there are no major business issues for consideration. Hopefully, we can make this event an occasion to "Celebrate Redemption." God's grace has brought victory through simultaneous revivals, tornados, and mission opportunities. Through our association of churches, groups have reached out to Kentucky, Iowa, Mexico, Honduras, Brazil, Haiti, and other projects. Countless local ministries have been provided. These ministries have changed and encouraged lives, and have brought glory to our Heavenly Father. Therefore, there is reason to "Celebrate Redemption."

On Monday, October 29 the Association is providing an evening of studying the Passion of Christ. This would be a great opportunity for pastors and teachers to look into the week of Christ's suffering, death, and resurrection. This study will walk us through each day of the week before Christ's crucifixion and conclude with the glorious resurrection. It will make an excellent spring sermon series or a series of teaching events that will highlight the Easter season. Dr. Chad Hartssock from Carson-Newman College will be with us to lead the study. The class will be from 7:00-9:00 pm. There is no cost for attending the class. However, there will be a fee if you wish to purchase the Winter Bible Study materials.

--- Tony Rutherford

UPDATE ON HAITI

PROJECT: A short-term mission team of volunteers (Robert "Denny" Moore, Ronnie Moore, B.J. Wall and Tony Rutherford) just returned from Haiti in late August. The team joined Pastor Gaetan and local Haitian



workers to begin the first phase of construction at the church/school site. Workers prepared the building site, dug footers, and began pouring the footers. Haitian workers will complete the footers. We are so thankful for the work that has been done.



A second mission project is being tentatively planned for February, 2013 to continue the next phase of work at the building site. Skilled laborers and masonry workers are needed who can manually mix concrete, carry and lay block. Mission volunteers must have a valid passport and would need to get any required vaccinations from their doctor or health department. Applications for the mission project are available on our website at www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com. If you would like to be part of this mission project, a completed application and deposit must be returned to the SBA Office.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Gaetan, the children at the orphanage 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
ORPHANAGE/CHURCH/SCHOOL SUPPORT FUND**

(Gifts reported thru 08.20.2012)

Annual Meeting, 2011.....	865.00
Cane Creek Baptist Church.....	5,000.00
Cedar Fork Baptist Church.....	3,391.23
Concord Baptist Church.....	500.00
Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church.....	13,883.88
Hopewell Springs Baptist Church, VBS.....	200.00
Island Creek Baptist Church, WMU.....	270.00
Island Creek Baptist Church.....	80.00
New Bethany Baptist Church.....	355.11
North Sweetwater Baptist Church.....	200.00
Shady Grove Baptist Church.....	200.00
South Madisonville Baptist Church.....	160.00
Sweetwater, First Baptist Church.....	1,990.00
Tellico (Ballplay) Baptist Church.....	1,000.00
Vonore Baptist Church.....	1,900.00
Walnut Grove Baptist Church.....	943.58
Westside Baptist Church.....	600.00
Williamsburg Baptist Church.....	333.38
SBA WMU Quarterly Meeting.....	301.65
Robert and Linda Goguen.....	80.00
William and Kathy Kollock.....	400.00
David and Lisa McMahon.....	400.00
J.D. and Betty Martin.....	1,000.00
Tony and Darnell Rutherford.....	2,120.00
Anonymous.....	6,000.00
Anonymous.....	6,000.00

On Friday night, August 3rd I had the opportunity to spend some time with Jan Wilson, our Southeastern Promotional Director, and some other area associational WMU directors. It was great to hear what others are doing and to get some ideas.



Be sure to make plans to attend out next WMU Quarterly Meeting on November 5th at 411 Chapel Baptist Church. We are going to be talking about some changes that will be taking place.

Remember when it's your time to provide a birthday cake... September: Mt. Zion and October: Notchey Creek.

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

Sweetwater Baptist Association
WMU Quarterly Meeting
Monday, November 5th
7:00 p.m.



411 Chapel Baptist Church
Watch for further information.

Don't forget....
LOTTIE MOON
CHRISTMAS OFFERING
and
WEEK OF PRAYER for
INTERNATIONAL
MISSIONS
December 2-9, 2012



THE MESSENGER: Would you like to receive our monthly newsletter, *The Messenger* through your computer inbox rather than your mailbox? If so, please send your email address to becky.jones@bellsouth.net in order for it to be added to our automatic mail-out list or you can call our office at 442-6604 and let us know. We feel this is a good way to be good stewards, since this will reduce costs in postage and printing.



PASTOR AND FAMILY PICNIC

What a great time we had at our Annual Pastor and Family Picnic! The food, fun and fellowship were fantastic! Thank you to all that attended.

October - Pastor Appreciation Month

Pastor Appreciation Day provides an excellent opportunity for your church to affirm love and appreciation to those who are called by God and your church to lead them in fulfilling the Great Commission. Suggestions for celebrating Pastor Appreciation Day include presentation of appreciation certificate or plaque, gift certificate or monetary gift, reception following service, special prayer time for family, spiritual guidance and encouragement.

Sweetwater Baptists Association **Womens Missionary Union**



Monday, August 6th + Lakeside Baptist Church + an awesome youth group + a dynamic speaker = 1 fantastic WMU Quarterly Meeting. Thank you, Lakeside Baptist Church, for hosting the meeting. Thank you Pastor Carl Croft, for sharing from your heart. Thank you, Becky and your youth group, for the singing and powerful signing. Thank you, Barbara Sliker, for letting us know Tonya Topilier would be in our area for a visit that night. Thank you, Tonya, for sharing about your homeland and the work you are doing in Israel. Tonya needed a projector to share a short video. Thank you, Sheri and Donna McKee, for working so hard to get it set up. (I didn't know anything about equipment, so I couldn't help them!) Satan tried to stop it without any sound, but I loved what Donna McKee said to Tonya, "It was just meant for you to talk while showing the video." Thank you, Mary Frank, for the prayer calendar and reminding us if we just listen to the sound of HIS voice, HE will lead us to safety.



DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING: The Tennessee Baptist Convention will be offering Disaster Relief Training in our region. Below are the dates and classes offered in East Tennessee. Please remember, participants must complete *Introduction to Disaster Relief* training class before any *Specialty* class can be taken.



September 29 North Cleveland Baptist Church
2815 N. Ocoee St, Cleveland, TN
Must Pre-Register by calling the Bradley Co. Associational Office at 423-476-5493.
There are fees for the classes. Inquire about costs when you call to register.

Classes offered:

- Introduction to Disaster Relief
- Recertification of Introduction to Disaster Relief
- Spiritual Prep/Evangelism
- Chainsaw Operation
- Flood Recovery
- Rebuild
- Shower/Laundry

November 16 Westwood Baptist Church
2001 Georgetown Rd NW, Cleveland, TN
Must pre-register by emailing or calling Elizabeth Holmes with the TBC. (eholmes@tnbaptist.org) (1-615-371-7926). There are fees for the classes. Inquire about costs when you register.

Classes Offered:

- Introduction to Disaster Relief
- Chaplaincy* (2 day class)

November 17 Westwood Baptist Church
2001 Georgetown Rd NW, Cleveland, TN
Must pre-register by emailing or calling Elizabeth Holmes with the TBC. (eholmes@tnbaptist.org) (1-615-371-7926). There are fees for the classes. Inquire about costs when you register.

Classes Offered:

- Administration
- Crew Chief (Requires recommendation from your Director of Missions, Pastor or DR Director)
- Damage Assessment
- Disaster Relief Electronic Workspace (DREW) (For Team Leaders or Data Entry person)
- Mass Feeding
- Shower/Laundry
- Site Security
- Chaplaincy* (2 day class)

*Chaplaincy Training – There are several requirements before taking this class. Please visit the TBC website for these requirements. There are also descriptions of each class on the TBC website.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association at 442-6604 or contact Elizabeth Holmes at the Tennessee Baptist Convention.

ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS: You should have already received your Annual Church Profile (ACP) packet and Messenger cards for the 2012 Annual Meeting. The ACP and Messenger cards must be completed and returned to our office by October 4th.



Please remember that in accordance with the Constitution and By-Laws of the Sweetwater Baptist Association, each church is entitled to ten (10) Messengers and two (2) alternates. A **Messenger card must be completed for all pastors** as well as **Officers and Committee Chairman of the Association** in order for them to participate in the business of the Association.

If you need help completing your Messenger cards or ACP, please contact the Associational Office at 442-442-6604 and we will be happy to assist you in this process.

**Sweetwater Baptist Association
2012 Annual Meeting Program**

Theme: Celebrate Redemption

Session I: Monday Evening
Glenlock Baptist Church, Sweetwater
October 15, 2012, 6:45 p.m.

Session II: Tuesday Evening
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Madisonville
October 16, 2012, 6:45 p.m.

Program Committee
Vernon Webb, Chairman
Gib Harris, Andy Nichols, Johnny Carr

Director of Missions	Vice-Moderator	Moderator
Tony Rutherford	Mike DeLand	Mike Williams

Celebrating 182 Years... 1830-2012

Monday Evening Program

Session I, October 15, 2012, 6:45 p.m.
Glenlock Baptist Church, Sweetwater

6:15	Associational Council Report	Video Presentation
6:45	Prelude	Associational Choir
	Presentation of Gavel	Tony Rutherford
	Call to Order	Mike Williams
	Constitution of Body	Sheri Stephens
	Report of Program Committee	Vernon Webb
7:00	Welcome and Prayer	Dr. Gerald Atkins
	Director of Missions Report	Tony Rutherford
	Offering	Phillip Johnson
	Special Music	Associational Choir
7:40	Message	Dr. Lon Shoopman
	Benediction	

Tuesday Evening Program

Session II, October 16, 2012, 6:45 p.m.
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Madisonville

6:15	Associational Council Report	Video Presentation
6:30	Memorial Report	Video Presentation
6:45	Presentation of Gavel	Director of Missions
	Call to Order	Moderator
7:00	Welcome and Prayer	Frank Hicks
	Hymn of Praise	Congregation
	Appointment of Committee on Nominations	Moderator
	Business Session	Vice-Moderator
	Committee on Nominations	Chris Farmer
	Treasurer's Report	Sheri Stephens
	Presentation of Budget	Bill Wilson
	Missions Committee Report	Steven McDonald
	Dedication of 2012 Associational Minutes	Director of Missions
	Presentation of 2013 Calendar	Director of Missions
	Election of Officers	Vice-Moderator
	Offering	Congregational Hymn
	Special Music	Jo Stakely
7:40	Moderator's Message	Mike Williams
	Adjourn/Benediction	Incoming Moderator

All offerings to be used for the SBA Mission Ministries.

The 2012 Associational Council Report includes Dedication of 2012 Associational Minutes and Recognition of New Pastors

SWEETWATER BAPTIST ASSOCIATION
Proposed Budget Committee for 2012-2013

I. ASSOCIATIONAL ADMINISTRATION	Current Budget for 2011-2012	Proposed Budget for 2012-2013	Increase/Decrease
DOM Package	72,418.00	72,418.00	I add'l week vacation
Administrative Assistant	22,978.00	23,500.00	+ 522.00 and I add'l week vacation
Adm. Asst Retirement Allowance	2,300.00	2,300.00	
Adm. Asst Travel Allowance	300.00	300.00	
Receptionist	17,702.00	19,100.00	+ 1,398.00
Receptionist Retirement Allowance	1,260.00	1,260.00	
Receptionist Travel Allowance	300.00	300.00	
Staff Social Security	3,850.00	4,000.00	+ 150.00
Postal Expenses	3,300.00	2,800.00	-500.00
Office Supplies	2,200.00	2,200.00	
Office Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	
New Equipment	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Associational Calendars	600.00	600.00	
Messengers	3,100.00	2,100.00	-1,000.00
II. ASSOCIATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS			
Church Growth and Development	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Vacation Bible School	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Prayer Ministry	300.00	300.00	
Mens Ministry/Brotherhood	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Disaster Relief	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Royal Ambassadors	75.00	75.00	
Womens Ministry/WMU	300.00	300.00	
Baptist Young Women	100.00	100.00	
Acteens	100.00	100.00	
Girls In Action	100.00	100.00	
Mission Friends	100.00	100.00	
Evangelism	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Local Evangelism/Outreach Trailer	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Music	200.00	200.00	
Stewardship	150.00	150.00	
Missions Development	1,500.00	1,500.00	
Marriage & Family Counseling Ministry	1,500.00	200.00	-1,300.00
Student Scholarship Fund (High School Seniors)	2,000.00	2,000.00	
Continuing Education (DOM)	300.00	300.00	
Bi-Vocational Pastors Ministry	1,000.00	0.00	-1,000.00
Pastor/Wife Christmas Fellowship	650.00	0.00	-650.00
***Pastor Ministry	0.00	1,650.00	+ 1,650.00
Media Center	400.00	400.00	
III. ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS			
Annual Meeting	750.00	750.00	
Student Ministry/Youth	1,200.00	1,200.00	
IV. ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE MAINTENANCE			
General Maintenance	3,400.00	3,400.00	
Telephone	4,300.00	3,300.00	-1,000.00
DOM Cell Phone	1,300.00	1,300.00	
Utilities	3,200.00	3,200.00	
Insurance (Office)	3,100.00	3,100.00	
V. MISCELLANEOUS			
General Miscellaneous	700.00	700.00	
Christmas Gift (DOM)	350.00	350.00	
Christmas Gift (AA)	300.00	300.00	
Christmas Gift (RC)	300.00	300.00	
The Tennessee Baptist Convention provides TBC Supplement for the Sweetwater Baptist Association per terms of Covenant Agreement.			
Total Monthly \$833.00			
Total Annually \$10,000.00			
TOTALS	\$168,983.00	\$167,253.00	-1,730.00

+ Increase - Decrease *** New Item

SBA Church Gifts through August 20, 2012

Church/Mission	Total
411 Chapel	1,500.00
Altoona	1,000.00
Antioch	225.00
Beaty's Chapel	0.00
Bethlehem	8,227.00
Big Creek	500.00
Calvary	721.61
Cane Creek	1,200.00
Cedar Fork	2,459.49
Cedar Valley	2,555.00
Chestua	1,100.00
Christianburg	1,417.70
Citico	1,167.26
Clifton	250.00
Community	1,655.94
Compromise	550.00
Concord	4,611.31
Druid Hills	0.00
Ebenezer	1,060.70
Fairview	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	9,423.15
Glenlock	1,000.00
Gregory's Chapel	0.00
Hilltop	0.00
Hopewell Springs	4,783.00
Howards Chapel	1,062.08
Island Creek	1,800.00
Lakeside	900.00
Long Ridge	1,000.00
Lower Chillhowee	1,000.00
Macedonia	160.00
Madisonville, First	3,666.63
Maple Springs	500.00
Miller's Chapel	1,100.00
Mt. Calvary	1,334.97
Mt. Isabella	100.00
Mt. Pleasant	1,200.00
Mt. Zion	4,667.39
Murray's	2,627.00
New Bethany	3,759.52
New Macedonia	1,540.00
New Providence	5,952.00
North Sweetwater	2,744.22
Notchey Creek	4,023.14
Oakland	400.00
Oak Grove	2,264.23
Old Pond Hill	0.00
Old Sweetwater	100.00
Paint Rock	1,210.00
Piney Grove	0.00
Poplar Bluff	1,926.73
Reed Springs	2,222.38
Rocky Springs	4,611.00
Rural Vale	1,935.17
Shady Grove	200.00
Shelton Grove	200.00
Shoal Creek	1,796.00
South Madisonville	1,100.00
Sweetwater, First	3,850.00
Tellico	0.00
Tellico Plains, First	6,157.00
Tevis Springs	699.63
Towee Falls	1,100.00
Trinity	0.00
Unicoi	703.49
Union Hall	893.46
Unity	250.00
Upper Shady Grove	500.00
Vonore	7,620.20
Walnut Grove	2,820.51
Watson Chapel	3,000.00
Westside	240.00
Williamsburg	478.25
TBC	9,166.63
Miscellaneous	225.00
Total Income	\$140,213.79

PASTOR AND WIFE CHRISTMAS BANQUET: The Annual Pastor and Wife Christmas Banquet will be held on Friday evening, December 7th at 6:30 p.m. The catered meal/banquet will be held at Vonore Baptist Church, Family Life Center in Vonore. In addition to pastors and their wives, our invitation includes seminary extension students, retired pastors, associational officers and leadership, as well as their spouses. In order to prepare for the correct number in attendance, reservations are required. Please call the SBA Office at 442-6604 or email the number attending to becky.jones@bellsouth.net or sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net



2013 JANUARY BIBLE STUDY Plan now to attend the Winter Bible Study Conference on Monday evening, October 29th at the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office in Madisonville. The conference presenter will be Dr. Chad Hartsock, Assistant Professor of Religion from Carson-Newman College. The 2013 January Bible Study is *The Greatest Week In History...Luke's Account of the Passion Week*. The conference will begin at 7:00 p.m.




The Winter Bible Study materials will be available at the Sweetwater Baptist Association. Please call the SBA Office at 442-6604 or email becky.jones@bellsouth.net or sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net to reserve a copy of the materials for your church.

Sweetwater Baptist Association
Associational
Evangelism Conference
Monday, January 21, 2013
6:45 p.m.

Conference Speaker
Dr. Bobby H. Welch
Associate Executive Director/Church Relations
Tennessee Baptist Convention

Evening Session will be held at
Notchey Creek Baptist Church
Madisonville, Tennessee



EVERYONE INVITED

MORE LIFE RALLY 5:30 p.m.
Meal and Rally for pastors and their wives
(Please call the SBA Office at 442-6604 or email sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net or becky.jones@bellsouth.net for early session meal and rally reservations)
Notchey Creek Baptist Church, Fellowship Hall

MORE LIFE is "tailor made in Tennessee by Tennesseans for Tennesseans". The purpose of MORE LIFE is to equip and empower all sizes of churches in the Tennessee Baptist Convention to do more discipleship and evangelism which is reflected by MORE BAPTISMS resulting from LIVES transformed and committed and churches empowered and healthy.

2013 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL: You can **RESERVE** Lifeway's VBS 2013 "Colossal Coaster World: Facing Fear, Trusting God" Sampler Kits and Super Sampler Kits **NOW!** These kits will be available at the Sweetwater Baptist Association Office in December and all VBS materials will be at the SBA Office in January. **Please call the Associational Office today at 442-6604 to reserve the kit that is just right for your church.**



"Colossal Coaster World" challenges kids to face their fears and trust God through every twist and turn they encounter. This evangelistic Vacation Bible School is the ultimate ride with excitement around every curve as kids learn that God has given them a spirit of power, love and sound judgment. The

motto is "Facing Fear! Trusting God!" with VBS Scripture from II Timothy 1:7. We will be happy to help you with your 2013 Vacation Bible School team, resources and supplies.

2012 Vacation Bible School Statistics

If your church's information has not been reported, please send in your report or call the office with your numbers immediately. This information will appear in our 2012 Book of Reports in October.

Church	Enrollment	Average	Professions
411 Chapel.....	110	98	0
Altoona.....	69	69	0
Bethlehem.....	240	218	25
Bethlehem (Iowa).....	79	79	4
Cane Creek.....	87	87	4
Cedar Fork.....	99	85	0
Cedar Valley.....	136	91	1
Chestua.....	82	77	1
Christianburg.....	64	62	2
Clifton.....	50	46	0
Citico.....	85	72	0
Fairview Tabernacle.....	269	255	21
Island Creek.....	160	146	12
Lakeside.....	93	76	1
Long Ridge.....	174	160	9
Madisonville, First.....	191	118	5
Miller's Chapel.....	52	45	0
Mt. Zion.....	128	106	4
Murray's.....	55	52	0
New Bethany.....	164	120	10
New Providence.....	128	128	0
North Sweetwater.....	118	82	0
Notchey Creek.....	271	214	25
Oakland.....	86	86	4
Reed Springs.....	182	178	19
Rocky Springs.....	189	153	2
Shelton Grove.....	97	81	0
Shoal Creek.....	242	194	16
Sweetwater, First.....	176	141	0
Tevis Springs.....	34	34	0
Unicoi.....	81	76	4
Unity.....	36	36	1
Vonore.....	218	186	17
Walnut Grove.....	71	65	10
Westside.....	199	178	11



LIBRARY TRAINING OPPORTUNITY: Tennessee Baptist Convention will be hosting a *Church Library Training Conference* in Knoxville on **October 13th**. This conference will be held at Buffat Baptist Church. The conference can be previewed online at www.tnbaptist.org, where you will find the schedule and class descriptions. In addition to the usual classes on all areas of library work, there will also be classes on e-books, e-readers and internet resources.

Please register online as early as possible. For more information, contact Bev League, Church Library Ministry, Tennessee Baptist Convention at bleague@tnbaptist.org or 615-289-8344.



CANE CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH: We would like to offer our most sincere "THANK YOU" to Bethlehem Baptist Church for the donation of a church van. We were very humbled and thankful when we received the call from the Sweetwater Baptist Association, telling us that our church had been drawn as the recipient of the church van. We did not have a van, and are so excited to have this great resource to reach outside the walls of our church to impact our community for Jesus. --B.J. Wall, Pastor

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 or call (865)679-0082.



LONG RIDGE BAPTIST CHURCH: Our church will be participating in the annual "Life Chain" stand against abortion. This event will be held on **Sunday, October 7th from 2:00-3:00 pm.** "Life Chain" is a prayerful stand against abortion.

Our stand takes place on Hwy. 68 in Tellico Plains, from the New Providence Road sign north toward Yates Home Store. We strongly encourage and ask the Pastors in our area to support this effort and lead your congregations in joining with us for the "Life Chain". For any questions or more information, please contact Alda Roberts at 423-261-2322 or LaVerne Davis at 423-261-2259.

A second "Life Chain" will be held in Vonore at Junction of Hwy. 411 and Citico Road. For more details about this location, please contact Sam Boone at 423-442-4249.

BENEFIT SINGING

MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH: We are holding a Benefit Singing and Bean Supper to benefit the Donnie Davis family. Brother Donnie was a local preacher, fisherman and friend to many. He passed away suddenly this summer after suffering from an aneurysm. Brother Donnie did not have any health insurance and his family is now faced with unexpected medical bills. All money from the benefit will go directly to his family to help with these medical expenses. The benefit will be held on Saturday, Sept. 22nd, beginning at 4:00 pm at the Rural Vale Elementary School. For more information regarding the benefit, please contact Crystal Shaw at 423-261-4125, Cindy Veal at 423-253-2095 or Kaye McDaniel at 423-253-7183.

MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH: On Sunday night Aug. 12th, Mt. Zion joined with Six Mile Baptist Church for services. Our youth had been invited to perform 2 skits at Six Mile and our pastor, Dennis Robinson delivered the message for the service. Aug. 19th we celebrated homecoming with Obie Campbell as the guest speaker. Obie had never served as pastor at Mt. Zion, but we were blessed to have him substitute for a short time a few years ago, and we always enjoy getting to hear him again.



Our Sunday night singing for September will be the 23rd with "Twice Born". Then in October it will be on the 28th with "The Lingerfels". These services will begin at 6:00 p.m. and we welcome all to come join us. Wednesday, October 24th is scheduled to be the "Trunk or Treat" night for our youth. The 7th Annual "Thanksgiving Hallelujah Celebration" will be held at Mt. Zion on November 20th at 7:00 pm. Lakeside, Tevis Springs, Mt. Pleasant, Citico, Howards Chapel and Ebenezer will be joining with us for this annual Thanksgiving event. This year, the message will be delivered by Pastor Chris Holloway of Tevis Springs. After the service, we invite all to bring finger foods and gather for a time of fellowship with us.

We are very blessed at Mt. Zion to have our wonderful pastor, Dennis Robinson and his wife, Donna. October is Pastor Appreciation Month and we at Mt. Zion want them to know that we appreciate the love, concern, and compassion they have for us and the community. Dennis & Donna, Mt. Zion loves you and praises God for bringing you to us, allowing us to grow under your leadership – and that we get to keep you another year!

RURAL VALE BAPTIST CHURCH: In July 2012, after serving over 21 years as Pastor of Rural Vale Baptist Church, Rev. James Atkins announced his resignation. James has been pastoring many years and plans to continue telling the old story. He emphasized to our congregation "don't be telling people I retired". James told us that God will retire him when it's time. James has often said it is his hope to be standing in the pulpit preaching the Word when



the Lord returns or calls him home...whichever may come first. Writing this announcement has been a challenging task because it is difficult to find the words to express our feelings. James often closed our services by having the congregation stand to their feet and in unison raise our hands together and shout, "Praise the Lord!" (*And should James ever forget, there have always been some little ones to remind him!*) We praise the Lord for James and Stella Atkins. May God's blessings remain with them as they continue their journey "telling the old story again".



MADISONVILLE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH: Our annual *Fall Fling* will be held on Wednesday Oct 24, 2012. Please contact the church at 423-442-4544 for more information.

NOTCHEY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH: Hallelujah Night will be held on Sunday evening, October 28th. Please contact the church at 423-442-5406 or visit our website at www.notcheycreekbaptist.org for more information.



SHOAL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH: We have been busy working on our building project. The outside is nearly completed and we are preparing to start work on the inside. Our

recent benefit singing raised \$2,400 toward the expense of the building project. We praise God for all he is doing for us. We would like to thank everyone who has helped us during work days or by prayer. We ask that everyone please keep us in prayer during our building project.



We have added one new member to our congregation and seen many saved through the jail ministry. We are very excited to see what God is going to do next. *But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. Matthew 6:33*
--Jessica Hill

SHOEBOX COLLECTION WEEK NOVEMBER 12-18, 2012



DROP-OFF LOCATIONS: Two area churches will be serving as Drop-off Locations for Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Gifts. See schedules below for each location.

ISLAND CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

Fellowship Hall, Hwy. 411 N, Madisonville

- Monday-Saturday (Nov 12-17): 10:00 AM – 8:00 PM
- Sunday (Nov 18): 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

SWEETWATER, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Fellowship Hall, Monroe Street, Sweetwater

- Monday, Nov. 12: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Tuesday, Nov. 13: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Wednesday, Nov. 14: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Thursday, Nov. 15: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Friday, Nov. 16: 3:00 PM – 7:00 PM
- Saturday, Nov. 17: 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
- Sunday, Nov. 18: 12:00 PM – 4:00PM

October, 2012

“Let all things be done with charity.” -I Cor. 16:14

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake- September-Mt Zion	1 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.	2 Church ACP's and Messengers Cards Due	3	4	5	6
7 Fall Break-7-12 No School Monroe County	8 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. Columbus Day	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 NO Pastor's Conference SBA Annual Meeting Session I-6:45 p.m. Glenlock Baptist Church	16 SBA Annual Meeting Session II 6:45 p.m. Bethlehem Baptist Church	17	18	19	20 Men's Ministry Sportsmen's Day, Sequoyah Birthplace Museum
21	22 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.	23	24	25	26	27
28	29 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. Winter Bible Study	30	31			East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake- October Hotchey Creek

Information for the next newsletter must be received by November 10.

November, 2012

“And now abideth faith, hope, charity, these three; but the greatest is charity..” -I Cor.13:13

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Daylights Savings Time Ends	5 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. WMU Quarterly Meeting, 411 Chapel, 7:00 p.m.	6 Election Day No School MCBOE	7	8	9	10
11 Veterans Day	12 No Pastor Conf. Tennessee Baptist Convention Pastors Conference Faith Baptist Church, Bartlett, TN	13 Tennessee Baptist Convention Pastors Conference Faith Baptist Church, Bartlett, TN	14	15	16	17
18	19 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.	20	21 No School MCBOE 21-23 Office Closed	22 Thanksgiving Day Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24
25	26 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.	27	28	29	30	East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake- November - Bethlehem

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Union McMinn (Niota), Fairview Tabernacle, Haiti, Rocky Mount (Athens),
Oak Grove, Big Creek, Lakeside, Concord

Please pray for our churches without pastors:

Chestua, North Sweetwater, Rural Vale, Unicoi

