

# 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

## 2013 Annual Meeting

Theme: *I Stand Amazed* --Matthew 19:25

Session 1: Monday, October 21, 2013, 6:45 p.m.

### First Baptist Church, Sweetwater

- Mission Message by Dr. H. Dean Haun  
*Pastor, First Baptist Church, Morristown*
- Director of Missions Report

Session 2: Tuesday, October 22, 6:45 p.m.

### First Baptist Church, Tellico Plains

- Moderator's Message by Mike DeLand
- Election of Officers

*Annual Church Profiles (ACP's) and Messenger Cards  
must be completed and returned to the SBA Office by October 3<sup>rd</sup>.*

**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 2013 Annual Meeting that will be held on Monday evening, October 21<sup>st</sup> at First Baptist Church, Sweetwater. The session will begin at 6:45 p.m. and the choir will need to meet at the church on the 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

SBA Family  
of Churches

**Welcomes  
Pastor  
Kenny Taylor**

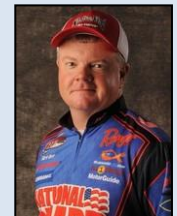
To Community  
Baptist Church



Our prayers are with this pastor and congregation  
as they work to win their community to Christ.



Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**Men's Ministry Presents**  
**2013 Sportsmen's Day**  
**Saturday, September 14**  
**Begins at 12:00 noon**  
**Meal at 4:00 p.m.**



(Bring a "covered dish" for the fellowship meal)

**Sequoyah Birthplace Museum, Vonore, Tennessee**

Guest Speakers: **Tim Dearing and Mark Rose**  
**FLW PRO ANGLERS**

### Activities Include:

- 3-D Archery
- Float and Fly-Fishing Lessons
- Bass Fishing Lessons
- Casting Pool for Kids
- Wild Beast Feast  
*(Bring your favorite "wild game" recipe)*
- Skeet Shooting  
*(Shells/Skeet Provided)*
- Kid's Fishing Rodeo
- Face-painting, Bounce houses, Games
- Door Prizes *(Must be present to win)*  
*(Must supply own gun/bows/arrows)*

Bass tournament at First Light at Toqua Boat Ramp  
Weigh-in at 2:00 p.m. at Sequoyah Boat Dock (next to Museum)

Door Prizes...Guns, Fishing tackle and lots more...(must be present to win)

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 28, 2013**  
**7:00 p.m.**

*Colossians: Christ Is All You Need*



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

Sweetwater Baptist Association  
Office Building, Madisonville, Tennessee

*Everyone Invited!*



## Director of Missions



The 2012-13 church year is drawing to an end. In many of our churches, the plans for the next year are on the drawing board, ready to be shared with the congregation. During this time of year, it is not uncommon to hear the accusation that Baptists are just about budgets and buildings. However, our historical roots say this is not true. We have long been people of the Book. From the Book, we understand our call to missions and ministry. When the faithful servant is captured by the vision that God has cast for His children, the focus becomes clearer and the direction of our commitment becomes unified: missions and ministry.

Evangelistic missions and ministry will reenergize our sluggish efforts to win the lost at any cost. The stirring of the baptismal waters, which once reminded us of the baptism of Jesus or the healing of the man who was crippled for 38 years, have become only a ripple in our memories. This year's annual meeting theme is "I Stand Amazed." God is still in the amazing business. As in days gone by, God still wants to pour out His blessings on His children. We sing of God's "Amazing Grace," and how that grace has saved us and set us free. With the condition of our world today, that same grace is the solution for our woes.

I don't know if there will ever be another Pentecost as is described in the book of Acts, but I pray for one. Surely, we would stand amazed, as God once again filled the hearts and lives of His church in a special way. Watching the Spirit of God pouring down on believers and unbelievers alike, and souls begging to understand what was happening. Seeing men, women, and children sharing God's love fervently because the message burned within their bones, and hearing cries of "Lord save me." Like the fires in the west that are raging out of control, God's saving action would bring our nation to its knees.

I really am looking forward to this year's Annual Meeting, which will be October 21-22. The host churches are First Baptist, Sweetwater and First Baptist, Tellico Plains. We will be welcoming two new churches to our Association: Concord and Old Pond Hill. We welcome these sister churches with excitement and a promise to serve together in missions and ministry. We are also pleased to have Dr. Dean Haun, as our guest speaker on Monday evening. Dr. Haun is Pastor of First Baptist Church, Morristown, and currently serves as President of the Tennessee Baptist Convention. Last year, someone walked up to me and said, "Last night, I went to an annual meeting session and revival broke out." That is the spirit of ministry we seek.

One of the unenviable tasks for our association at this meeting will be to vote on a budget that will cause us to operate on fewer

funds. Time and economics have caught up with our budgeting process. We have tried to maintain the level of activity over the previous years at the same rate of support. However, the cost to operate has steadily increased. As churches have struggled to adjust their mission and ministry efforts based on their income, so does the association. We have studied this trend for a couple of years and need to make the adjustment now. Also, we will continue to work with the budget committee closely in the coming years.

Now on a personal note, I wish to express a deep level of gratitude for those who have been praying for Darnell. Because of a severe kidney stone attack she was temporarily hospitalized. With your prayers and God's use of the medical team, her treatment has been successful. She is improving and is able to be active in church.

Now I need your prayers. Carly, my 6 year-old granddaughter, is going to participate in a 5K run, and she has persuaded her "Pop-po" to run (walk) the race with her. She wants to win! I want to finish! The words of Paul flow through my mind, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith...." When I see you at the Annual Meeting, you will be my witness. I survived!

--- Tony Rutherford



**SEMINARY EXTENSION CLASS:** The fall session was scheduled to begin on September 3<sup>rd</sup>. However, students can still sign-up until Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. The course study is *Philippians*, *Colossians*, *Philemon*. The full cost of the course is \$165.00, but thanks to Cooperative Program Funds and SBA designated funds,

this amount is scholarshiped to \$50.00 per student. Students who wish to audit the class, can do so for a \$20.00 fee (no books or credit for audit students). A minimum number of students must register for class to begin. For more information, please contact the associational office at 423-442-6604.

### UPDATE ON HAITI PROJECT:

During the early part of September, a small vision team will be traveling to Haiti. The

reason for this trip will be to secure bids and order all of the steel that will be needed for the construction to continue at the church/school site. Once the steel is ordered, welded and delivered to the church/school worksite, a construction mission team will be needed for the next building phase. We are so thankful for the work that has been done and for the work that continue in the country of Haiti.



Please contact the Sweetwater Baptist Association office, if you would like to be part of the upcoming mission project and serve on the mission team. Mission volunteers must have a valid passport and would need to get any required vaccinations from their doctor or health department.

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 received 10.01.2012 through 08.25.2013)

Cedar Fork Baptist Church.....	2,758.46
Fairview Baptist Tabernacle Church.....	1,093.00
Hopewell Springs Baptist Church.....	1,000.00
Island Creek Baptist Church, WMU.....	270.00
Island Creek Baptist Church.....	880.00
Long Ridge Baptist Church.....	1,000.00
Mt. Zion Baptist Church.....	1,175.00
Macedonia Baptist Church.....	100.00
Murrays Baptist Church.....	200.00
Oak Grove Baptist Church.....	800.00
Reed Springs Baptist Church.....	560.00
Rocky Springs Baptist Church.....	380.00
Shady Grove Baptist Church.....	200.00
South Madisonville Baptist Church.....	880.00
Sweetwater, First Baptist Church.....	900.00
Tellico (Ballplay) Baptist Church.....	1,090.00
Vonore Baptist Church.....	2,960.00
Walnut Grove Baptist Church.....	520.00
Williamsburg Baptist Church.....	317.53
Bettendorf (Iowa), First Baptist Church.....	1,560.00
Robert and Linda Goguen.....	800.00
Kathy Kolloch.....	500.00
David and Lisa McHan.....	1,300.00
Mike and Shanna Isbill.....	50.00
Tony and Darnell Rutherford.....	1,100.00
Anonymous.....	2,500.00
Annual Meeting Offering, 2012.....	1,033.00
<i>Gifts In Memory of Rex Kelly</i>	
Jeanette McCracken.....	25.00
Harold and Teddie H. Mize.....	50.00
Enos and Laverta Peels.....	100.00
R.W. and Phyllis and R.W. Peel.....	100.00
Betty M. Williams.....	50.00
Larry and Barbara Morgan.....	100.00
Paul and Juanita Duhamel.....	50.00
Ronnie and Pat Lynn.....	50.00
Gail Valeta and Union County Middle School Cafeteria Staff.....	100.00
David J. and Doris A. Mertz.....	100.00
Kenneth and Mary Alice Halverson.....	50.00
Rural Vale School.....	500.00
Annie Lee Davis.....	25.00
Employees of the Cherokee National Forest, Headquarters Office in Cleveland, TN.....	200.00

Mt. Zion Baptist Church, you were a great host for our WMU Quarterly Meeting. Kayla Millsaps and the youth group were awesome. And of course, all the good food! Some folks that helped make this night even more special were my pastor, Gale Miller, Vickie Anderson from the State WMU office and Jan Wilson, Southeast Promotional Director. As the meeting ended on



that evening, the new Associational WMU director was introduced, Mrs. Charlotte Hollinghead. Charlotte will make a great WMU Director, but she will need our support and most of all, our prayers. Let's not let her down.

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

[www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com](http://www.sweetwaterbaptistassociation.com) and [www.tnwmu.org](http://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 4th**  
**7:00 p.m.**



**New Providence Baptist Church**  
**Watch for further information.**



**PASTOR AND FAMILY PICNIC**

We had a great time at our Annual Pastor and Family Picnic on Monday evening, September 9<sup>th</sup>!

As always, the food, fun and fellowship were fantastic!

**The UPPER Room**  
Christian Counseling Center

*Macy Small* is a graduate of Cornerstone University with a Master's Degree in Christian

Counseling. She also holds a Bachelor's Degree from Luther Rice Bible College and certification entitled "Caring for People God's Way". She specializes in Marriage and Family Counseling and seeks to give Godly counsel for **individuals, couples, and families**. Counseling services include **divorce recovery, pre-marital counseling, marital counseling, & those struggling with personal stress and problems.**



**Sweetwater Baptists Association**   **Womens Missionary Union**



As I write my last article for "The Messenger", **THANK YOU** seems like such small words.



There is no way I can show my appreciation for the past twenty years. All the cards, the friendships, the kind and encouraging words, the hugs and all the gifts (you knew exactly what I liked) will never be forgotten. You have helped make the past twenty years great. A special thanks to the

three Directors of Missions...Brother Bennie Creel, Brother Denny Moore and Brother Tony Rutherford...all the secretaries over the past years, and then there is Sheri...just don't know what I would do without her. Also, thanks for the beautiful plaque from the churches of the SBA.

Call 865-414-3269 or  
visit [www.fairviewfamily.org](http://www.fairviewfamily.org)

**ATTENTION CHURCH CLERKS:** You should have already received your Annual Church Profile (ACP) packet and Messenger cards for the 2013 Annual Meeting. The ACP and Messenger cards must be completed and returned to our office by October 3<sup>rd</sup>.



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.

**DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING:** Be sure to check the Tennessee Baptist Convention website for Disaster Relief Training in our region. Please remember, participants must complete the *Introduction to Disaster Relief* training class before a *Specialty* class can be taken. Below are the dates and classes to be offered in East Tennessee.



**October 11-12 Riverside Baptist Church**  
629 Clinch Street, Harriman, Tennessee

To pre-register please contact Elizabeth Holmes at [eholmes@tmbaptist.org](mailto:eholmes@tmbaptist.org)

Classes offered:

- Introduction to Disaster Relief (Friday night)
- Recertification of Introduction to Disaster Relief
- Administration
- Chainsaw Operation and Safety
- Chaplaincy (Friday night and all day Saturday –requires recommendation)
- Crew Chief (requires recommendation)
- Damage Assessment
- DREW (Disaster Relief Electronic Workspace)
- Flood Recovery
- Mass Feeding
- Shower/Laundry
- Site Security

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



**HURRICANE SANDY RELIEF:** Our Association of Churches was recently asked to help participate in the Hurricane Sandy relief in Allenwood, New Jersey. As part of this relief effort, our churches provided paper goods for a feeding unit that will be serving for the next year in the Allenwood community. We want to thank

all of our churches that participated in this mission project by collecting paper products for the feeding unit. We also want to thank Pastor Gale Miller and Mike Kenne from Notchey Creek Baptist Church, who joined with our Director of Missions in driving the truck/trailer and helped deliver the relief items to New Jersey.

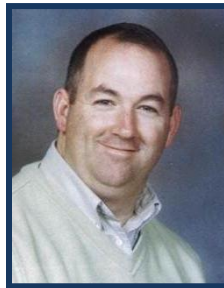
**BETH MOORE'S LIVING PROOF** Live Simulcast is Saturday,



September 14. For a list of Tennessee Baptist Churches that are hosting the event go to [www.tnwomensministry.org](http://www.tnwomensministry.org) and click on the Living Proof logo. For more details, contact the host church or [www.lifeway.com/women](http://www.lifeway.com/women).



**LIFE CHAIN STAND AGAINST ABORTION:** Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 pm. beginning on Hwy. 411 in Vonore. Everyone is encouraged to come and support this worthy cause. If any questions, contact Sam Boone at 423-442-4249.



**YOUTH COMMITTEE:** *This issue of The Messenger will mark the end of Jarrod Johnson's recent term as Youth Committee Chairman. We want to express our thanks to Jarrod for the many years of service he has given to the associational youth committee. Jarrod has brought great ideas and leadership to our youth programs and we wish him blessings as he continues his ministry.*

It is really hard to believe we are already looking forward to Youth Reach 2014.... but we are! The conference guests have all been confirmed and we are thrilled to let you know that **Bean and Bailey will be a part of the 2014 conference.** They were a big hit with students and adults at this year's conference, and many had asked if we could have them back next year. Jackson Bailey and Bradley Bean had such a great time being with our students and they were happy to come back for a second year. Also returning to provide the praise and worship music is **Life Wide Open.** LWO has now been a part of Youth Reach for the past three years and they are awesome guys to work with and they bring an exciting energy to the conference, but most of all, they love to worship our Lord in their music. And finally, we are so excited that **Pastor Shawn McBride will be our conference speaker.** Pastor Shawn is considered to be one of the top youth communicators in the United States. Pastor Shawn holds a Bachelor's degree in Biblical Studies and also holds a Master's Degree in Counseling. For 10 years, Pastor Shawn served as Department Chairman & Professor of Youth Ministry at the Washington Bible College. He and his family currently live in Washington, DC. For more information on Pastor Shawn, visit [www.truthforyouthamerica.org](http://www.truthforyouthamerica.org). You can also follow Pastor Shawn on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. We look forward to seeing you at Youth Reach 2014. SBA Youth Committee

**MY HOPE** is based on the example of the Apostle Matthew. Matthew invited his friends to his house for a meal and to meet Jesus. (Matt. 9:9-10). The program is simple. Throughout the course of this year, Christians are asked to develop a relationship with 4-6 lost people. Then in November (in honor of Billy Graham's 95<sup>th</sup> birthday), these people will be invited into your homes for a meal and to watch a broadcast from Dr. Graham. Your guests will hear testimonies of people who have trusted Christ for salvation and how their lives have changed since accepting Him. Dr. Graham will also be sharing a brief message. At the end of the broadcast, the Gospel will be presented and your guests will be given the opportunity to pray to receive Christ. There are many resources and materials to help Pastors plan, promote and train for MY HOPE at [www.myhopewithbillygraham.org](http://www.myhopewithbillygraham.org).



**My Hope America with Billy Graham**  
**Training Session**  
(led by Billy Graham Evangelistic Association)  
**Monday, Sept. 16, 2013, 6:30 pm**  
**Vonore Baptist Church**  
**\*For Pastors, Outreach Directors and All Participants**  
For more information, contact SBA at  
442-6604 or William Bell at 836-1250.  
Resource/Training Kits are available for each church.  
Stop by the associational office to pick up your kit.

Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**2013 Annual Meeting Program**

**Theme: *I Stand Amazed***

Session I: Monday Evening  
 First Baptist Church, Sweetwater  
 October 21, 2013, 6:45 p.m.

Session II: Tuesday Evening  
 First Baptist Church, Tellico Plains  
 October 22, 2013, 6:45 p.m.

Program Committee

Gib Harris, Chairman

Andy Nichols, Johnny Carr, Lewis Jones, Dwight Torbett

Director of Missions  
**Tony Rutherford**

Vice-Moderator  
**Carroll Hamilton**

Moderator  
**Mike DeLand**

Celebrating 183 Years...1830-2013

**Monday Evening Program**

**Session I, October 21, 2013, 6:45 p.m.**  
**First Baptist Church, Sweetwater**

6:15	Associational Council Report	Video Presentation
6:45	Prelude	Associational Choir
	Presentation of Gavel	Tony Rutherford
	Call to Order	Mike DeLand
	Constitution of Body	Sheri Stephens
	Report of Program Committee	Gib Harris
7:00	Welcome and Prayer	Dr. Frank Crawford
	Director of Missions Report	Tony Rutherford
	Mission Committee Report	David Chambers
	Offering	Phillip Johnson
	Special Music	Associational Choir
7:40	Message	Dr. H. Dean Haun
	Benediction	

All offerings to be used for the SBA Mission Ministries.

The 2013 Associational Council Report includes Dedication of 2013 Associational Minutes and Recognition of New Pastors.

All written reports for the Ministries of the Sweetwater Baptist Association and the Reports for the Ministries of the TBC are included in the 2013 Minutes of the Sweetwater Baptist Association.

**Tuesday Evening Program**

**Session II, October 22, 2013, 6:45 p.m.**  
**First Baptist Church, Tellico Plains**

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	Richard Parker
	Hymn of Praise	Congregation
	Appointment of Committee on Nominations	Moderator
	Business Session	Carroll Hamilton
	Committee on Nominations	Michael McLemore
	Treasurer's Report	Sheri Stephens
	Presentation of Budget	Bill Wilson
	Missions Committee Report	David Chambers
	Dedication of 2013 Associational Minutes	Director of Missions
	Presentation of 2014 Calendar	Director of Missions
	Election of Officers	Vice-Moderator
	Offering	Congregational Hymn
	Special Music	
7:40	Moderator's Message	Mike DeLand
	Adjourn/Benediction	Incoming Moderator

All offerings to be used for the SBA Mission Ministries.

Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**Proposed Budget for 2013-2014**

I. ASSOCIATIONAL ADMINISTRATION	Current Budget for 2012-2013	Proposed Budget for 2013-2014	Increase/Decrease
DOM Package	72,418.00	72,418.00	0.00
Administrative Assistant	23,500.00	23,500.00	0.00
Adm. Asst Retirement Allowance	2,300.00	2,300.00	0.00
Adm. Asst Travel Allowance	300.00	300.00	0.00
Receptionist	19,100.00	19,100.00	0.00
Receptionist Retirement Allowance	1,260.00	1,260.00	0.00
Receptionist Travel Allowance	300.00	300.00	0.00
Staff Social Security	4,000.00	4,000.00	0.00
Postal Expenses	2,800.00	2,800.00	0.00
Office Supplies	2,200.00	1,980.00	-220.00
Office Maintenance	2,000.00	1,800.00	-200.00
New Equipment	1,000.00	900.00	-100.00
Associational Calendars	600.00	600.00	0.00
Messengers	2,100.00	2,100.00	0.00
<b>II. ASSOCIATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS</b>			
Church Growth and Development	1,000.00	900.00	-100.00
Vacation Bible School	1,500.00	1,350.00	-150.00
Prayer Ministry	300.00	0.00	-300.00
Mens Ministry/Brotherhood	1,500.00	1,350.00	-150.00
Disaster Relief	1,000.00	900.00	-100.00
Royal Ambassadors	75.00	75.00	0.00
Womens Ministry/WMU	300.00	300.00	0.00
Baptist Young Women	100.00	100.00	0.00
Acteens	100.00	100.00	0.00
Girls In Action	100.00	100.00	0.00
Mission Friends	100.00	100.00	0.00
Evangelism	1,500.00	1,350.00	-150.00
Local Evangelism/Outreach Trailer	1,500.00	1,350.00	-150.00
Music	200.00	200.00	0.00
Stewardship	150.00	0.00	-150.00
Missions Development	1,500.00	1,350.00	-150.00
Marriage & Family Counseling Ministry	200.00	200.00	0.00
Student Scholarship Fund (High School Seniors)	2,000.00	0.00	-2000.00
Continuing Education (DOM)	300.00	0.00	-300.00
Pastor Ministry	1,650.00	1,485.00	-165.00
Media Center	400.00	200.00	-200.00
<b>III. ASSOCIATIONAL MEETINGS</b>			
Annual Meeting	750.00	675.00	-75.00
Student Ministry/Youth	1,200.00	600.00	-600.00
<b>IV. ASSOCIATIONAL OFFICE MAINTENANCE</b>			
General Maintenance	3,400.00	3,400.00	0.00
Telephone	3,300.00	3,300.00	0.00
DOM Cell Phone	1,300.00	1,200.00	-100.00
Utilities	3,200.00	2,880.00	-320.00
Insurance (Office)	3,100.00	2,790.00	-310.00
<b>V. MISCELLANEOUS</b>			
General Miscellaneous	700.00	630.00	-70.00
Christmas Gift (DOM)	350.00	350.00	0.00
Christmas Gift (AA)	300.00	300.00	0.00
Christmas Gift (RC)	300.00	300.00	0.00
The Tennessee Baptist Convention provides TBC Supplement for the Sweetwater Baptist Association per terms of Covenant Agreement.			
<b>Total Monthly \$833.00</b>			
<b>Total Annually \$10,000.00</b>			
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 167,253.00</b>	<b>\$161,193.00</b>	<b>-\$6,060.00</b>

+ Increase - Decrease \*\*\* New Item

The proposed overall budget DECREASE for 2013-2014 is \$6,060.00 or a total budget of \$161,193.00.

➤ This is a proposed decrease of 3 3/4% in the budget.

**SBA Church Gifts through August 25, 2013**

Church/Mission	Total
411 Chapel	1,500.00
Altoona	1,025.00
Antioch	225.00
Beaty's Chapel	0.00
Bethlehem	7,694.00
Big Creek	500.00
Calvary	851.86
Cane Creek	1,210.00
Cedar Fork	2,462.42
Cedar Valley	2,672.55
Chestua	1,100.00
Christianburg	1,209.94
Citico	1,041.68
Clifton	300.00
Community	1,432.50
Compromise	550.00
Concord	0.00
Druid Hills	60.00
Ebenezer	794.50
Fairview	0.00
Fairview Tabernacle	10,898.50
Glenlock	1,800.00
Gregory's Chapel	600.00
Hilltop	225.00
Hopewell Springs	4,043.00
Howards Chapel	1,289.39
Island Creek	2,200.00
Lakeside	600.00
Long Ridge	1,000.00
Lower Chilhowee	1,100.00
Macedonia	200.00
Madisonville, First	4,033.37
Maple Springs	500.00
Miller's Chapel	1,100.00
Mt. Calvary	1,182.07
Mt. Isabella	100.00
Mt. Pleasant	900.00
Mt. Zion	4,567.92
Murray's	2,917.50
New Bethany	3,705.20
New Macedonia	1,540.00
New Providence	4,716.00
North Sweetwater	2,003.78
Notchey Creek	4,143.81
Oakland	300.00
Oak Grove	3,135.79
Old Pond Hill	0.00
Old Sweetwater	100.00
Paint Rock	1,210.00
Piney Grove	0.00
Poplar Bluff	2,049.73
Reed Springs	1,917.54
Rocky Springs	3,600.00
Rural Vale	2,060.80
Shady Grove	200.00
Shelton Grove	0.00
Shoal Creek	1,781.00
South Madisonville	1,100.00
Sweetwater, First	3,850.00
Tellico	1,000.00
Tellico Plains, First	6,726.00
Tevis Springs	623.71
Towee Falls	1,100.00
Trinity	0.00
Unicoi	738.73
Union Hall	1,165.72
Unity	300.00
Upper Shady Grove	500.00
Vonore	6,364.27
Walnut Grove	1,616.48
Watson Chapel	2,500.00
Westside	240.00
Williamsburg	459.04
TBC	9,166.63
Miscellaneous	982.51
Total Income	\$134,782.94



**THANK YOU:** The local jail ministry has received 2 church pews for their services at the Monroe County Jail.

**See You at the Pole**  
Wednesday, September 25th

**PASTOR AND WIFE CHRISTMAS BANQUET:**

The Annual Pastor and Wife Christmas Banquet will be held on Monday evening, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Tim Lovelace will be our guest speaker for the evening. Tim is an award-winning singer/songwriter, and has been featured on many of the Gaither videos. 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](mailto:becky.jones@bellsouth.net) or [sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net](mailto:sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net)



**2014 WINTER BIBLE STUDY**

Plan now to attend the Winter Bible Study Conference on Monday evening, October 28<sup>th</sup> 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 2014 Winter Bible Study is *Colossians: Christ Is All You Need*. 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](mailto:becky.jones@bellsouth.net) or [sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net](mailto:sweetwaterassoci@bellsouth.net) to reserve a copy of the materials for your church.

Sweetwater Baptist Association  
**2014 Associational**  
**Evangelism Conference**  
**Monday, January 21, 2014**  
**6:45 p.m.**



Conference Speaker  
**Scott N. Smith**

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

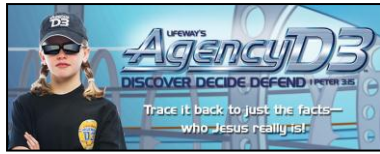
*Theme: I Stand Amazed*  
**EVERYONE INVITED**

*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.

**2014 VACATION BIBLE**

**SCHOOL:** You can call the Sweetwater Baptist Association office today to RESERVE Lifeway's VBS 2014 "Agency D3...Discover



Decide Defend" Jump-Start Kits! These kits will be available at the SBA Office in December and all 2014 VBS materials will be at the SBA Office in January. Changes have been made in the Sampler kits for 2014. **Please call the Associational Office at 442-6604 to reserve the kit and materials that are just right for your church.**

"Agency D3" challenges VBS Special Agents to uncover and defend the truth about Jesus. The motto is "Discover, Decide Defend! with VBS Scripture from 1 Peter 3:15. We will be happy to help you with your 2014 Vacation Bible School team, resources and supplies.

**2013 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 2013 Minutes of the Sweetwater Baptist Association.

Church	Enrollment	Average	Professions
411 Chapel.....	93	87	1
Big Creek.....	95	79	0
Cedar Fork.....	92	80	0
Cedar Valley.....	166	115	7
Cedar Valley (Iowa).....	29	29	2
Chestua.....	128	116	25
Christianburg.....	74	68	4
Citico.....	96	79	3
Ebenezer.....	89	89	5
Fairview Tabernacle.....	367	284	44
Island Creek.....	155	135	18
Lakeside.....	127	91	0
Madisonville, 1 <sup>st</sup> (Mission).....	24	14	0
Miller's Chapel.....	45	35	2
Mt. Calvary.....	167	156	27
Murray's.....	72	69	0
New Macedonia.....	247	201	0
Notchey Creek.....	293	239	20
Oak Grove.....	94	77	0
Oakland.....	59	46	1
Poplar Bluff.....	120	113	8
Rocky Springs.....	146	117	0
Rural Vale.....	91	82	1
Shoal Creek.....	296	228	25
Tevis Springs.....	33	33	0
Unicoi.....	62	58	0
Unity.....	49	49	3



**BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH:** We are hosting a fundraising concert to benefit our WMU Mission trip to Atlanta. The concert will be held on Saturday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm. Free admission to concert, love offering will be taken. Singers include Mavis Hughes, Keith Ave Church of God Choir, Crowder Family, Bethlehem Choir, Various Bethlehem Groups.

**CLIFTON BAPTIST CHURCH:**

We held VBS on June 3-8, with an average attendance of 42. While there were no professions of faith, we did see other wonderful things happening...a church full of love, growing spiritually, both young and old.



Matthew 19:14 tells us "But Jesus said, Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me; for such is the kingdom of heaven." Children are a gift from God. Before we can tell them about His goodness, we must first meet their needs. Rev. Wayne Godsey, our VBS Director felt led to give our VBS offering to the Kerbela Shriners Hospital for Children. Each night at VBS, Rev. Godsey shared with the church the mission of the Shriners. The children brought in money all week, and at the end of the week, Rev. Godsey made the donation to the

Shriners Hospital. On Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, The Monroe County Shriners President, Wayne Watson and Brother J.B. Moses of the Kerbela Shriners joined our services and spoke to the church about their mission, which is helping children in need. They also presented a certificate of appreciation to the church.



**COMMUNITY BAPTIST CHURCH:** We are happy to welcome our new pastor, Rev. Kenny Taylor, along with his wife, Tina and their daughter, Kaitlyn. We are truly blessed by their arrival and are excited to see what God has planned for our ministry together. We also praise God for the seven souls that were saved during our VBS.

**MT. ZION BAPTIST CHURCH:** Our youth went on their 2<sup>nd</sup> mission trip to Kentucky this summer, and it was another successful one! During the trip in 2012, one of our very own students accepted Jesus Christ into their heart – and it happened again this year! During the Sunday morning service following their return, it was evident that the group enjoyed their time in Kentucky. Each member of the team shared about their experience and they were all so happy to have a friend accept Christ. The church was blessed by their testimonies and pictures of their trip.



Everyone is invited to join us for our 8<sup>th</sup> annual "Thanksgiving Hallelujah Celebration" on Tuesday night, November 26<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. We will be joined by sister churches, Citico, Ebenezer, Howards Chapel, Lakeside, Mt. Pleasant and Tevis Springs. This year's message will be brought by our Pastor, Dennis Robinson. Everyone is asked to bring finger foods and stay for a time of fellowship following the service.



**NOTCHEY CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH:** Everyone is invited to attend our "Hallelujah Night" on Sunday evening, October 27<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. It will be held in the church outdoor pavilion area. We will have a time of worship, as well as food, fun and fellowship, with lots of candy, inflatables and games for all ages. This is our annual fall celebration for the church and community. Please come join us.

**ROCKY SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH:**

Homecoming Service will be held on Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>. Rocky Flatts will be singing at 10:00 am and Rev. Don Rockholt will bring the message afterwards. A covered dish lunch will follow the morning service. The evening service will be dismissed.



**SHOAL CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH:**

"How great is our God, sing with me, how great is our God and all will see how great, how great is our God". We do serve a great God. Over the past couple of months we have seen 33 people accept Jesus as their Savior. Twenty-five of these were during VBS; we've baptized 17 and had 14 join the church. We had an awesome Bible school with 245 enrolled and an average attendance of 228. We are still making progress on our building project and excited about what God is doing in our church. Let's be much in prayer for our youth as they get settled back into school. Pray that God will keep a hedge of protection around them and lead and guide them. Also be much in prayer for our food pantry, which is open the third Saturday of each month from 10:00 am – 1:00 pm. "Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised in the city of our God, in the mountain of his holiness." Psalm 48:1 --Jessica Hill



**WALNUT GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH:** We are currently seeking a volunteer Music Leader for our worship services. Interested persons can contact Leonard Blevins at 423-442-3530 or send a resume to PO Box 308, Madisonville, TN 37354.

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**NEWS FROM AROUND THE ASSOCIATION**  
**Welcome New Pastors**  
Community..... Kenny Taylor

**Director of Mission Visits:**  
Island Creek, Oakland, Community, Maple Springs, Rocky Springs, Mt. Zion, Madisonville First, Murray's, Cedar Fork, New Bethany, Shoal Creek, Long Ridge, Notchey Creek, Cedar Valley, Tevis Springs, New Macedonia, Old Pond Hill, Reed Springs, Old Sweetwater, Rocky Mount (Athens), Paint Rock, Shelton Grove, Piney Grove, South Madisonville,

**Please pray for our churches without pastors:**  
Clifton, Gregory's Chapel, Lower Chilhowee, North Sweetwater, Old Sweetwater, Shady Grove, Vonore (Interim), Walnut Grove (Interim), Watson Chapel (Interim)



<b>October, 2013</b> "Splendor and majesty are before him." --I Chronicles 16:27							<b>November, 2013</b> "Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." --Psalm 107:1						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake- <b>September</b> <b>Mt. Zion</b>		1	2	3 Church ACP Reports and Messenger Cards due October 3rd	4	5 East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake- <b>October</b> <b>Notchey Creek</b>	East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake- <b>November-</b> <b>Beckham</b>					1 No School MCBOE	2
6	7 No Pastor Conf.  Fall Break Monroe County Schools Oct. 7 -11.	8	9	10	11	12	3 Daylight Savings Time Begins	4 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.  WMU Quarterly Meeting, 7:00 p.m. New Providence	5 Program Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.	6	7	8	9
13	14 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m.	15	16	17	18	19	10 Tennessee Baptist Convention, Chattanooga Convention Center, Pastor's Convention	11 No Pastor Conf.  Tennessee Baptist Convention, Chattanooga Convention Center, Pastor's Convention	12 Tennessee Baptist Convention, Chattanooga Convention Center	13 Tennessee Baptist Convention, Chattanooga Convention Center, Pastor's Convention	14	15	16
20	21 No Pastor Conf.  SBA Annual Meeting Session 1, 6:45 pm Sweetwater FBC Speaker: Dr. H. Dean Haun	22 SBA Annual Meeting Session 2, 6:45 pm Tellico Plains FBC Speaker: SBA Moderator	23	24	25	26	17	18 No Pastor Conf.	19	20	21	22	23
27	28 Pastor Conf. 10:00 a.m. Winter Bible Conference, SBA Office, 7:00 p.m.	29	30	31			24	25 No Pastor Conf.	26	27 No School MCBOE  Office Closed	28 Thanksgiving  Office Closed	29	30 East TN Healthcare WMU Birthday Cake- <b>December-</b> <b>New Bethany</b>
Information for the next newsletter must be received by November 10 <sup>th</sup> .							SBA Office Hours: Monday-Thursday, 8:30 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.						