

# SPREADING THE LIGHT OF JESUS



BY LOVING ONE  
ANOTHER AND  
GLORIFYING GOD

JOHN 13:34-35 & MATTHEW 28:19-20

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**Morning Worship**  
***January 25, 2026 @ 11:00 AM***  
***Sunday Morning Service***

Opening Greeting and Prayer Jack Jones

Prelude Lois Rowe, Organist  
Mary Alice Richesin, Pianist

Call to Worship Choir

**"Hallelujah Feeling"**  
*Trio: Todd, Janet and Chloe*

Welcome

Congregational Worship  
**"Christ Is Enough"**  
**"Cornerstone"**

Offertory Prayer

Offering **"Left It In The Water"**  
*Solo: Ashlee Hall*

**Message:** Pastor Jason Pounds

**The Parable of the Sower**  
**Matthew 13:1-23**

Response  
**"Firm Foundation"**

Postlude Lois Rowe, Organist  
Mary Alice Richesin, Pianist



## *January Birthdays*

- 25 Karen Burke-4448 Sweetwater Vonore Rd., Sweetwater  
25 Haley Serrano-712 W Morris St., Sweetwater  
26 Elizabeth Spencer-173 Bilderback Rd., Sweetwater  
26 Karen Skaggs-2131 Kiser Rd., Philadelphia 37846  
28 Margaret Broome-129 Hunters Trail, Sweetwater  
29 Lynne Franks-948 Old Highway 68, Sweetwater  
29 Reighlyn Cochran-333 Hughes Hollow Rd.,  
Philadelphia 37846  
31 Rocky Russell-1201 Spring St., Philadelphia 37846

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## *January Anniversaries*

- 05 Wesley & Jaymee Cooper-103 Azalea St., Sweetwater  
12 Tommy & Cindy Lemmonds-154 Dove Acres Dr.,  
Sweetwater  
16 Justin & Ashlee Hall-735 Hillcrest Cir., Decatur 37322



# ***SMORGASBORG***

*From Around  
the World Potluck  
& Fellowship!*

Everyone bring your favorite Mexican, Italian, Greek, Indian, Japanese or Asian etc. food to share!

*Sunday, February 8th @ 6:30 pm  
in the Fellowship Hall with our  
next Quarterly Business Meeting  
to Follow.*

We will have a collection jar to collect money for Lottie Moon Offering!



PIZZA  
Italy



GREEK SALAD  
Greece



PAELLA  
Spain



SAUSAGE  
Germany



TOM YAM FUNG  
Thailand



SUSHI  
Japan



BORSCH  
Ukrainian



CROISSANT  
France



TACOS  
Mexico



NOODLES  
China



CURRY  
India



CHEESEBURGER  
USA



SHASHLIK  
Georgian



DUMPLINGS  
Russia



FISH AND CHIPS  
England



# WOMEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



## *Women's Ministry* *Prayer Breakfast*

Sunday, February 1st,  
2026 @ 8:30 am in the  
Fellowship Hall.

## SNOW POLICY

In the event of bad weather that makes it necessary for church services to be canceled—a phone tree & Facebook message will go out as early as possible. If you are not on the church wide phone tree list, please contact the church office at 423-337-3533 to have your information added. On Wednesday if schools are closed FBC will not have services. Thank you



## *Lost and Found*

If you have left or lost anything while here at church please be sure to go check the Lost & Found table in the Library. After 2 weeks all items will be donated to Sweetwater Area Ministries.

# FINISH

THE *Vision*

## Offerings Year to Date

01/18/2026







## **January 28th, 2026 Menu**

**Cheesy Beef Casserole, Rice,  
Beans, Salad and Butter Pecan  
Cake**

**Kids Option: Hot Dogs & Fries**

**\$7.00 Adults & Youth, \$3.00 K-6th Grade**

***Meals for 1st time Guest are free!***

### ***Sweet Treats for Renew***

Got a sweet tooth or love to bake? We need  
desserts for Renew on ***Monday nights at  
6:00PM!***

Please bring ***25 servings*** to the church kitchen  
by ***5:30PM***

Sign up at the Connect Center to share your  
favorite goodies!





**January 21 - Onesie or PJ Night**  
**(Wear a comfy, cozy onesie or PJ)**

**February 4 - Team Night**  
**(Wear your favorite team apparel)**

**February 11 - Share the Love Night**  
**(Wear red and/or pink)**

The Deacons will host a Valentine's Lunch for our Single Seniors on Sunday, February 15th immediately after Morning Worship Service in the Fellowship Hall. Everyone 55 years and up who is single for whatever reason is welcome. Please **RSVP** to the church office by **February 8th** if you plan to attend or need a ride to church or back home.



It is time for those children's Valentine's Day cards.

We are doing it a little different this year. Please sign only your name. We have too many kids to make a list, what a fabulous problem :). You may make from 20ish-60ish, whatever is best for you. Drop them in the box near the connect center marked Valentine Cards. We will pass them out to the children at the Parents' Night Out/Valentine's Party for Children. Thank you!!





# Men's Conference 2026: Live Ready

Feb 06, 2026, 5:00 PM –  
Feb 07, 2026, 12:30 PM

Men and Boys of all ages,  
come and join us at Union

McMinn Baptist Church for powerful preaching, worship, and fellowship. This two-day event will help you grow stronger in faith with the men in the local Sweetwater / Monroe County area. There is no fee to attend.

## Featured Speakers:

Dr. Roc Collins – Member of the Tennessee Baptist Mission Board.

Jamie Johnson – Evangelist

Gabe Brannon – Pastor at Union McMinn Baptist Church.

## Schedule:

Friday, February 6, 2026

5:00 PM: Meal and fellowship.

7:00 PM: 1st Worship Session - Gabe Brannon.

8:00 PM: 2nd Worship Session - Dr. Roc Collins.

Saturday, February 7, 2026

8:00 AM: Breakfast.

9:30 AM: 1st Worship Session - Jamie Johnson.

10:45 AM: 2nd Worship Session - Gabe Brannon.

Don't miss this opportunity to fellowship with other local men, be encouraged by powerful preaching, and grow in your faith as we learn what it takes to "Live Ready"!

Please register on Union McMinn's Website so they can be sure to prepare enough food for everyone! For help registering or for carpool information contact Daryl West (423) 271-7181.

Location: Union McMinn Baptist Church | 314 County Road  
316 Niota



# *Life Group offerings for Winter/Spring 2026!*

Groups will start meeting the week of  
February 8th, 2026

- ♦ Sunday evening – Garage Guys – Joe Little hosting, Phil Hall leading
- ♦ Monday night – Mark and Jennifer Houston hosting–Craig and Karen Burke leading
- ♦ Tuesday night – Daryl and Jackie West hosting/leading–Rick & Marcia Nelson–co-hosting
- ♦ Tuesday night – Greg and Emily York hosting–Fred and Debbie LeMaster leading
- ♦ Thursday morning – 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month – Sassy Sisters
- ♦ Thursday night – (every other Thursday night) – Hopkins and McKenna Lambert

\*Please sign-up at the Connect Center!



# **Men's Ministry Fellowship**

## **National Wildlife Turkey Federation Event**

**Feb 21, 2026, 5:00 PM**

Men and Boys of all ages, come and join us we look forward to spring and fellowship over a great meal.

### **Our Mission:**

The National Wild Turkey Federation is dedicated to the conservation of the wild turkey and the preservation of our hunting heritage.

### **Our Vision**

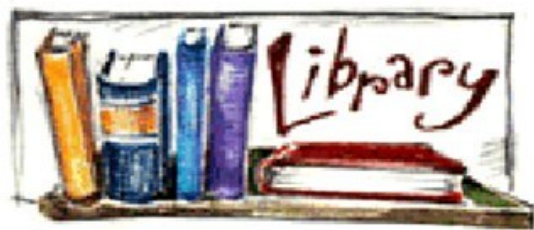
A nation united by the life-changing power of the outdoors.

At its heart, our vision is all about positive change – the idea that a life well-lived in nature is deeply transformational. Our vision is a simple statement, but it's packed with meaning.

We know – and research shows – that the outdoors has an amazing ability to unite people. We feel a deep sense of responsibility to help more people realize this. It's important because we need to attract more people from a diverse cross-section of society into the NWTF movement – people with valuable ideas and skillsets who can help us advance our mission.

For Registration and Ticket Information please see Phil Hall for details.

Location: Hiwassee Chapter NWTF, TN | The Barn at Faith Farms  
136 County Road 260, Athens, TN 37303



The Discipleship Team is hosting a book sale in the church library starting Sunday morning January 25th.

All books will be \$1.00 and all the proceeds will go to Finish The Vision. The money can be put into the offering plate, left in the library if one of us is there, given online designated for FTV, or brought to the church office.

**SOMETHING  
BIG  
2026**



## Offering for January 18, 2026

Sunday School	166
Morning Worship	240
Weekly Budget Needs	\$14,682.49
Regular Budget Offerings (01/18/2026)	\$7,616.70
FTV Offerings (01/18/2026)	\$1,802.00

### **Weekly Workers– January 25, 2026**

Deacon on call: Jack Jones 706-455-4517

Security: Team 4

Sunday School Nursery: Emily Roy

Service Time Nursery: Andy, Nikki, Emery Edgemon, Matt & Kayce Loomis

Children's Church: Reighlyn, Carson and Eva

### **Weekly Workers– February 1, 2026**

Deacon on call: David Watts 423-337-1900

Security: Team 1

Sunday School Nursery: Tamela King

Service Time Nursery: Frances Burns, Tammy Russell, Jennifer Hicks, Carrie Byers, Travis & Nicole Ridley

Children's Church: Madi, Wilder and Gus

### **Homebound Encouragement** **January 25, 2026**

**Reid & Sandra Duncan**  
152 Fairlane Circle  
Sweetwater, TN 37874

**Ron & Carolyn Eken**  
191 County Road 244  
Athens, TN 37303

## *The Week Ahead*

### **Sunday, January 25, 2026**

- 9:45 am     Sunday School
- 11:00 am    Morning Worship Service
- 4:30 pm     Garage Guys
- 5:00 pm     Adult Choir
- 5:00 pm     Children's Missions

### **Monday, January 26, 2026**

- 6:00 pm     ReNew Recovery in F.H.

### **Tuesday, January 27, 2026**

- 10:30 am    Women's Bible Study "Angels"

### **Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

- 9:45 am     Joy Choir
- 11:00 am    Mid-Week Bible Study
- 4:45 pm     Wednesday Night Meal
- 5:30 pm     Children's Choir (1st-5th grade)
- 5:45 pm     Prodigies/PreK & Kind. Choir
- 6:15 pm     Awana's
- 6:30 pm     Men & Women Bible Studies
- 6:30 pm     YOUTH

### **Thursday, January 29, 2026**

- 11:00 am    F.H. Reserved

**\*Deacon on call: Jack Jones 706-455-4517**