

SPREADING
THE LIGHT OF JESUS



BY LOVING ONE
ANOTHER AND
GLORIFYING GOD

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

Morning Worship

March 15, 2026 @ 11:00 AM

Sunday Morning Service

Opening Greeting and Prayer Scotty Devine

Prelude Lois Rowe, Organist
Mary Alice Richesin, Pianist

Call to Worship

"Because He Lives"

Welcome

Congregational Worship

"This Is Amazing Grace"
"Great Are You Lord"

Offertory Prayer

Offering **"Leave It There"**

Message: **Guest Speaker Dr. Bill Henard**

Freedom From Our Guilt
1 John 1:9

Response

"O Come To The Altar"

Postlude Lois Rowe, Organist
Mary Alice Richesin, Pianist



March Birthdays

- 15 Hudson Dacus- 114 Clover Hill, Sweetwater
- 16 Kelly Bean- 187 County Road 327, Niota 37826
- 17 River Byers- 250 County Road 348, Sweetwater
- 17 Scotty Tennison- 207 Gaut Ave., Sweetwater
- 18 Vic Whitlock- 418 Cleveland Rd., Sweetwater

March Anniversaries

- 15 Randy & Debbie Kruger- 312 McCaslin Ave., Sweetwater
- 18 Travis & Nicole Ridley- 508 N Price St., Sweetwater
- 19 Scotty & Debbie Devine- 108 Schettler Dr., Sweetwater
- 20 Shane & Erica Watson- 207 S Hight St., Sweetwater
- 25 Jason & Jessica Hall- 505 Mayes Ave., Sweetwater
- 25 Jesse & Carrie Byers- 250 County Road 348, Sweetwater



March 18th, 2026 Menu

Chimichanga, Rice, Beans, Salad
and Fried Plantains

Kids Option: Nacho Chips & Cheese

\$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!

FINISH

THE *Vision*

Offerings Year to Date

03/08/2026



Awana™

March 4 - Happy Hat or Crazy Hair Night

March 18 - Celebrate Saint Patrick's Day (Wear Green)

**April 1 - Spring Break
No Club**

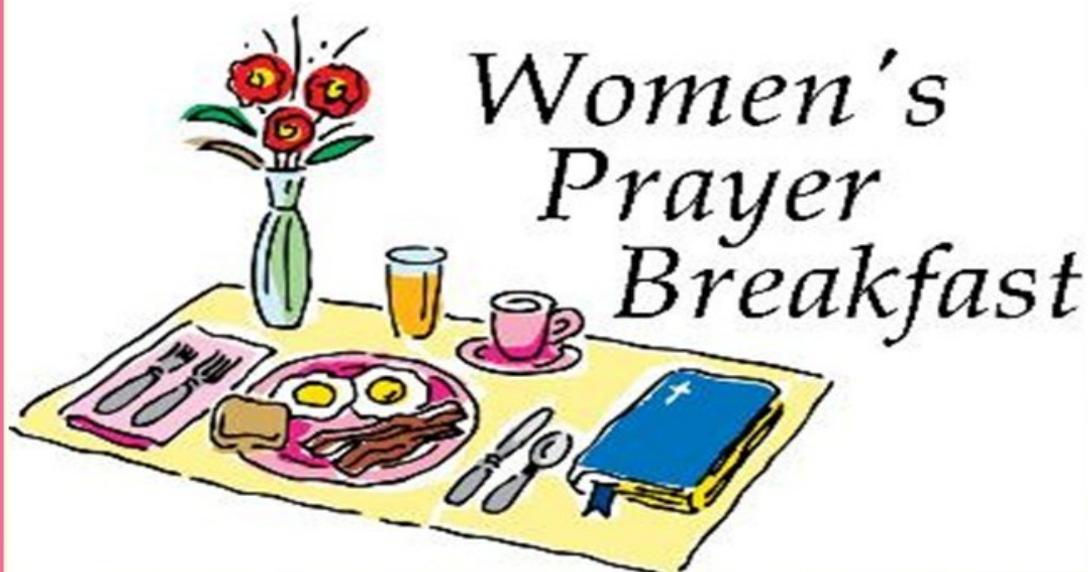
Lost and Found

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.



Brazil Mission Trip September 19-27, 2026

If interested in going on this mission trip, the submission deadline for committing is March 22nd! Any questions you can contact Phil Palmer @ 573-724-2088 by text or call.



Women's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, March 22nd

@ 8:00 am in the Fellowship
Hall.

No Cost and Childcare is
provided!

Ladies of All Ages Invited!



EASTER EGG STUFFING TIME

There will be buckets on each floor. There are approximately 50 eggs in each bag. If you find eggs that are cracked or will not stay shut, please trash them. Remember, wrapped candy only. Place finished bags outside my office door or on the floor next to any of the empty shells. Thank you all so much for this beautiful ministry you provide to the children of our community.

This year the Easter Egg Hunt will be on Saturday, April 4th beginning at 11am in Engleman Park.



Sunday, March 22, 2026

Dedication
Committing Our Children To God

Those wishing to participate in child dedication, call the Church office or contact Trish by Friday, March 13.

STOCK THE HOUSE

A resource drive for Garland Oaks.

“RESCUED”

Garland Oaks in Knoxville is East Tennessee's only safe home for girls ages 12-18 who are survivors of sex trafficking. Garland Oaks is a non-profit, faith-based program.

Please be a part of supporting these precious girls and the mission at the home by helping to **“Stock The Home”** by providing supplies needed for a year.

- **Sugar-free Gum**
- **Colored Sharpies**
- **Card Stock**
- **Copy Paper**
- **Birthday Party Supplies (Plates, Napkins, Candles, Décor, Etc.)**

Gift Cards for the following locations are also appreciated: Amazon, Kroger, Lowes, Rack Room Shoes, Chick-Fil-A and Visa

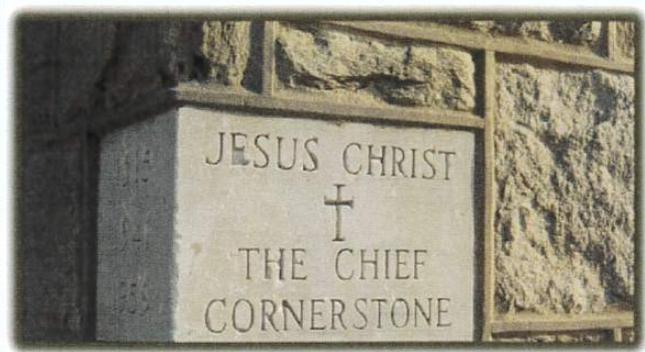
Tubs will be provided to collect supplies. **Collections will be taken on March 15, 22, and 29th.** Thank you!

Street Hope TN works to eliminate the sexual exploitation and trafficking of children in Tennessee and provide safe environments to foster hope and healing through Jesus Christ.

Our safe home, Garland Oaks, is for girls, ages 12-17, who are survivors of Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking (DMST). These survivors will experience the generous support our community offers through your gifts.

streethopetn.org | info@streethopetn.org





Foundations (Sunday School Class)

March 8, 2026
Room 302
(7-week course)

Are you new to faith or want to grow in your walk with Christ? Join our New Believers Sunday School class, designed to help you understand the basics of the Christian faith and build a strong foundation. This class is a welcoming space to learn, ask questions, and grow together in God's Word. All are welcome!

We'll cover the basics of Christianity:

- How to Pray
- Methods of Bible study
- Listening to God
- Sanctification and what does it mean
- The Workings of the Church
- Being part of the body
- Spiritual Gifts

At the end of this class, we will help you:

- Understand your spiritual gifts more
- If you don't already have one - Find an ongoing Sunday School class that suits you best.

We look forward to welcoming you into our class, our church, and the Christian life.



Men's Ministry Clay Shoot Event



Calling All Men & Boys – Ready, Aim, Fellowship!

Youth Welcome – Must be able to hold gun on own comfortably (Eye and Ear Protection Required), Parent or Guardian required.

 **Date:** March 21, 2026

 **Time:** 9:30 am

 **Location:** Benton Sporting Clays - 5244 Upper River Road, Charleston, TN 37310 (For Carpooling Information please contact Daryl)

 **Cost:** \$0.50 per Clay, Golf Cart \$20, Shotgun Rental \$20

 **Register by:** March 14, 2026

Bring: Your shotgun (Rentals Available), Ammunition, safety gear, and a friend!

Note: Limited loaner equipment available – Golf Cart, Gun Rental

 **Sign up today!**

Contact Daryl West at (423) 271-7181 or sign up in the Church Vestibule.



“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” – Proverbs 27:17

Let's aim for fellowship, fun, and a whole lot of clay dust!

THE
Easter
CHALLENGE

500

Worshiping Jesus!



SUNDAY
APRIL 5TH
8:30AM & 11AM

First Baptist Church
Sweetwater, TN

EASTER
CELEBRATION





Men's Ministry Top Golf Outing

Men & boys of all ages are invited to our Top Golf outing.

We will have 2 bays reserved for the day. There is a limit of 12 people for this outing. Please put only one name on each line of the sign-up sheet. If you sign up and for some reason cannot go, please contact Fred LeMaster (304-264-1775) so someone on the wait list can be added.

We will meet at the church at 10:15 am to carpool to the facility. If you have any questions, please see Fred LeMaster or Daryl West.

We look forward to some fun, food, fellowship, friendly competition, and plenty of laughs.

Event Details

- **Date:** April 11th, 2026
- **Time:** 11 am to 1:30 pm
- **Location:** 11400 Outlet Dr, Farragut, TN 37932

Why You Should Come

- **Build Brotherhood:** Connect with other men in a relaxed, fun setting
- **Grow in Faith:** Short devotion and prayer
- **Refreshments:** Snacks and Drinks are available

How to RSVP

- Sign Up Sheet in the Vestibule
- Call or text: 304-264-1775

Group Fee: \$25 per Player plus food and club rentals (if needed)

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” – Proverbs 27:17

Come sharpen one another's faith—one swing at a time! 



May 2nd, 2026

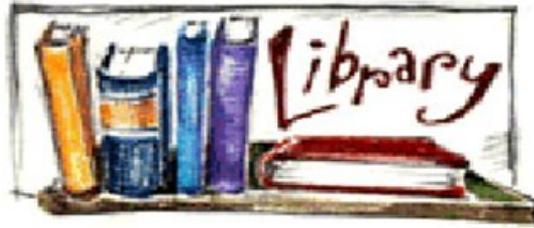
First Baptist Church - Sweetwater, TN is having a Mens & Boys fishing day on Watts Barr Lake. We have a pavilion rented at BlueBirds Landing in Ten Mile TN where we meet at 7:00 am, have biscuits and coffee, and a short devotional, then hit the water. Some of us eat lunch at a restaurant on the lake, then come back to the pavilion at 3:00 pm to swap stories and give out some plaques for biggest Crappie, Bass, Catfish and then we head home. We also have guys bringing boats and have 2 other pontoons rented, so if you need a ride on a boat, it's covered. So come join the fun and bring someone that doesn't normally go to church and just have a fun day of fellowship. Please Sign-Up at the Connect Center or call the Church Office @ 423-337-3533.



We are taking aluminum cans again!! Drop off in the chest outside the Fellowship Hall or the can coming in under the porch on the second floor.

The proceeds from recycling cans goes to help our children to contribute to the Finish the Vision Campaign.

Thank you!



The Discipleship Team is hosting a book sale in the church library starting Sunday morning February 1st.

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**

Annie
Armstrong
Easter
Offering*

The Mission Field of North America

386 MILLION PEOPLE

378 LANGUAGES
SPOKEN

291 MILLION
DO NOT KNOW JESUS

161 UNREACHED
PEOPLE GROUPS

Missions

Annie
Armstrong
Easter
Offering*

YOUR GENEROSITY IS
more than a gift



Offering for March 8, 2026

Sunday School	146
Morning Worship	254
Weekly Budget Needs	\$14,682.49
Regular Budget Offerings (03/01/2026)	\$10,057.89
FTV Offerings (03/01/2026)	\$5,773.12

Weekly Workers– March 15, 2026

Deacon on call: Scotty Devine 423-836-0344

Security: Team 3

Sunday School Nursery: Tammy Russell

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

Children's Church: Ava & Mabry Watson and Emma Hall

Weekly Workers– March 22, 2026

Deacon on call: Fred LeMaster 304-264-1775

Security: Team 4

Sunday School Nursery: Carla Rogers

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

Children's Church: Kaylee Huckaby, Everett Pounds and Tennessee Hall

Homebound Encouragement March 15, 2026

Billy Richesin
432 Old Athens Pike
Sweetwater, TN 37874

Richard & Lois Rowe
104 Crestway Drive
Sweetwater, TN 37874

The Week Ahead

Sunday, March 15, 2026

- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 11:00 am Morning Worship Service
- 4:00 pm F.H. reserved for FTV Mtg.
- 4:00 pm Garage Guys
- 5:00 pm Adult Choir
- 5:00 pm Children's Missions

Monday, March 16, 2026

- 6:00 pm ReNew Recovery in F.H.

Tuesday, March 17, 2026

- 10:30 am Women's Bible Study "The Power of God's Names"

Wednesday, March 18, 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
- 6:00 pm YOUTH
- 6:30 pm Men & Women Bible Studies

Thursday, March 19, 2026

- 11:00 am F.H. Reserved

Saturday 21, 2026

- 9:00 am Men & Boys Ministry Clay Shooting Event @ Benton's

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