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April 2026 Newsletter



Easter Morning Schedule

April 5, 2026

- 7:00 AM – Sunrise Service in the Cemetery
- 7:30 AM – Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:15 AM – Sunday School
- 10:30 AM – Morning Worship Service
(No Afternoon Activities or Evening Service)

April 19, 2026

Dr. Elijah Soritau

From Emanuel University and Seminary
 Oradea, Romania

Will be our guest Speaker
 in Both AM Worship Services



TAX DAY SCHEDULE

Regular Mid-Week Service

April 15, 2026

11:00 AM

In the Chapel

Sidewalk Prophets in Concert

7:00 PM

Ticketed Event through Great Big Family Productions
 A Special Worship Event for Youth, Young Adults, and our Community.

Quarterly Business Meeting

Wednesday,
 April 22nd

6:30 PM

in the Sanctuary

(Finance Committee Meeting to follow)

EASTER

EGGSTRAVAGANZA

APRIL 1, 2026	6:30 - 7:15 PM	FUN GAMES SNACKS EGG HUNT
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SWEETWATER BAPTIST WILD GAME PAVILION

APRIL 2026 NEWSLETTER

PASTOR PAUL'S PARAGRAPHS

Dear Members and Friends of Sweetwater:

Blessings! It is hard to believe that we find ourselves in the Easter Season. It seems like yesterday we were celebrating Christmas. Easter is one of the most meaningful times in the life of a church and a Christian. Our **Easter morning schedule** for April 5th will be as follows. Sunrise service will be at 7:00 am followed by a fellowship breakfast. Sunday School will begin at 9:15 am. And our morning worship service will be at 10:30 am. (There will be no afternoon or evening activities on Easter Sunday.) I hope you will make plans to be with us at Sweetwater on Easter Sunday morning. Also, please invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us as we celebrate the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ.

On **April 15th** we will be having a special **TAX DAY SCHEDULE**. Our regular Mid-Week Service will be in the Chapel at 11:00 am. Sidewalk Prophets will be in concert at 7:00 pm in the main sanctuary. This is a ticketed event through Great Big Family Productions. This will be a special worship event for youth, young adults, and our community. We are very blessed and fortunate to have such a premier group at Sweetwater.

Please, continue to pray for the **Personnel Committee**. They are busy at work searching for our next Minister of Music. This is certainly a critical addition to our church staff. The members of the committee are Dave Redmond, Chairman; Diane Brantley, Wendi Byrd, Leo Conner, Ashlie Fortson, Jim Huff, Chuck Nail, Lesa Stone, and Jimmy Williams. Please, pray that God will give them clarity and guidance in this very important process.

The Masters Golf Tournament is one of the biggest events in the CSRA and the world. The dates for this year's tournament are April 6-12. If you have ever been to the **Augusta National**, you know it is beautiful. Its majestic pines, blooming azalea bushes, white bunkers, manicured greens, etc. are gorgeous. I remember the first time I walked out on the course nearly twenty years ago, I said to myself, "***This is what Heaven must look like.***" As Christians we are reminded that we have a glorious home called Heaven (John 14:1-3). It is much more beautiful than the Augusta National. Paul wrote in **1 Corinthians 2:9**, "Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him." Entry into Heaven is not through a Masters ticket, but through a relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ (John 14:6). I hope this Easter and Masters season you will be mindful and thankful for your salvation and promised home in Heaven.

Thank you for the privilege of serving you.



With a Pastor's Love,

Paul

Philippians 1:3



BRIAN'S BRIEFS

Wild Game Supper

A **HUGE thank you** goes out to everyone who helped, gave, and supported the Wild Game Supper this year. Sweetwater is such a giving and working congregation that supports Kingdom work. We had around 900 people attend this year. This is a great event that gives people the opportunity to hear the gospel, provide a fun, clean, and encouraging place that the whole family can enjoy. I look forward to the next Wild Game Supper.

Easter Sunday Schedule

April 5, 2026

7:00 am	Sunrise Service in the Cemetery
7:30ish am	Breakfast in the Gym
9:15 am	Sunday School
10:30 am	Worship

Men's Bible Study Monday Nights

No Men's Bible Study on
Monday, March 30th and Monday, April 6th
We will kick back off our weekly Men's Bible Study on
Monday, April 13th
6:00PM
with James 4

Mark Your Calendars



March 13, 2027 – Mark Dance

(Executive Director of Arkansas Baptist Convention.
Mark hunts with Jimmy Sites – Spiritual Outdoor
Adventures)

March 11, 2028 – Gevin Spinney

Pastor FBC Haughton, Louisiana

SENIOR ADULT NEWS

My Momma used to say, “Gettin’ old ain’t for Sissies!” And the longer I live the more I discover how right she is! Because of the Lord’s grace and modern medicine we are living longer! So how do we live and what do we do with the time that God has blessed us with?

J.I. Packer, in his book “Finishing Our Course With Joy”, gives us a few suggestions. First, live one day at a time. We need to get in the habit of planning each day’s business in advance. Glorifying God should be our constant goal. And we should get in the habit of reviewing before God how well we have done at the end of the day. Second, live in the present moment. Acknowledge God’s presence in your life and cultivate His divine companionship! Don’t live in the nostalgia of the past, focus on today and what God has for you right now! Third, live ready to go when God calls you! We don’t know the when or the how, but we know that we will all die physically. Is your will up to date, have you made funeral arrangements? Most importantly, are you walking in a manner worthy of your calling? (Eph. 4:1). “For we must all appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil.: (2 Cor. 5:10). Redeem the time that you have. Use it to be a blessing to everyone around you.

And to you ‘young whippersnappers’ who might be reading this - it’s pretty good advice for you too!

Your Team-Mate In Christ

Charlie

UPCOMING EVENTS

Senior Birthday Bash on Thursday, April 16th @ 2:00PM at Charlie & Nancy’s House



Joyous Senior’s Luncheon on Friday, April 17th @ 11:45am
(For any change in reservation, call the church office.)

Joyous Senior’s Luncheon on Friday, May 15th @ 11:45am





SWEETWATER
STUDENTS

THEY'RE STEPPING FORWARD. IT'S TIME FOR US TO STEP UP.

March was more than an event—it was a glimpse of what God is doing in the next generation.

During **DNOW**, nearly 40 students were led by the Anderson University “GO” Team through a powerful weekend of worship, teaching, and small group discipleship. Their leadership was exceptional, and God used it in a big way.

We saw **3 salvations**—lives changed for eternity.

We also celebrated **2 baptisms during DNOW weekend**—one student who was saved at Merriwether Middle School (part of the 25 students who came to Christ there), and another who gave their life to Christ during DNOW. God is continuing to save and transform lives both inside and outside our walls.

But what stood out most wasn't just what happened inside the church—it was what happened outside of it. Our students went into the community...

Knocking on doors. Praying with people. Spending time with older generations.

And when asked what impacted them most, the answer was clear: **ministering to people face-to-face.**

They didn't just learn about evangelism and discipleship—they lived it.

We are **incredibly thankful** for **our adult leaders** who poured into these students all weekend. They gave their time, energy, and hearts to love and lead well. The investment they made will have a **lasting impact** in the lives of these students, and we are truly grateful for their faithfulness.

This is exactly what we've been building toward. Through our study of Spiritual Disciplines and now into **Lines: Connecting the Dots from Creation to Redemption**, students are beginning to see the full picture of God's work through the historical events recorded in Scripture—and their place in it.

They are not just attending church. They are stepping into the mission.

Church family, this is where you come in.

Pray for them.

Encourage them.

Walk with them.

Because what God is starting in our youth is not meant to stay there—it's meant to spread.

They're stepping forward. It's time for us to step up.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations...” – Matthew 28:19

In Christ,

Jason Fitzgerald

Sweetwater Youth Ministry

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KIDZ Ministry CORNER



Dear Church Family,

THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! I cannot express just how grateful I am to have had such wonderful volunteers to help out with this year's Wild Game Children's Rally! The children completed activities that surrounded the story of Jesus walking on water. Also, it is such a blessing to have Eudora Farms bring live animals for our children to pet and feed. If you visit there, please let them know what a blessing they are. And make sure to give a BIG THANK YOU to Mr. David for transporting the animals and sharing information.

On April 1, 2026, we will have our annual Easter Eggstravaganza at the Wild Game Building. The event will take place from 6:30 – 7:15 PM. There will be snacks, games, and an Easter egg hunt. Children will need to bring their own Easter baskets to collect eggs.

This month in Mission Kidz, your children will be learning about missionaries in the Philippines. We are also working on our Pinewood Derby cars. Our race will take place in late May, along with a fun car show! Mission Kids will not be meeting the nights of March 29 or April 5. If your child is not currently joining us for Missions Kidz on Sunday nights, then please don't wait! All children aged 3 through Fifth Grade are welcome!

Please consider signing up to help in our nursery. You can be part of helping our youngest children learn about God's unending love.

Love,
"Miss" Missy Ferraro



					
Sunday, April 5, 2026		Easter Service 10:00 AM Babies - Zack & Katie Canady Toddlers – Hannah McClure & Barbara Schmidt			
Sunday, April 12, 2026					
8:30 AM Babies - Brenda West Toddlers - Taylor and Jordan Lyons	9:45 AM Cindy O'Driscoll	11:00 AM Babies - Stacie Griffin & Katie Fitzgerald Toddlers - Paul & Carol Bunch	6:00 PM Clydie Blackwood		
Sunday, April 19, 2026					
8:30 AM Babies - Alyss Marchant Toddlers - Robin Lanham	9:45 AM Nancy Clark	11:00 AM Babies - Katie Johnson Toddlers - Irina Taylor	6:00 PM Clydie Blackwood		
Sunday, April 26, 2026					
8:30 AM Babies - Renee Stewart Toddlers - Charity & Tyler Lyons	9:45 AM Amy Clark	11:00 AM Babies - April & Claire Jernigan Toddlers - Terry and Amy Jarvis	6:00 PM Clydie Blackwood		

Nursery is also offered on Wednesday evenings during the service and during adult choir practice. Thank you so much for choosing to share God's love with the youngest children. Please contact Missy at (803) - 270 – 4055 if you are unable to be in the nursery on your assigned day.

SERVICE PERSONS OF THE MONTH



Ryan Nasworthy, USMC
 Stationed at Al Udeid Air Base, Qatar
 Great Nephew of Edwina Marshall
 & Betty Gipson



SPC Jacob Farr & wife Danica, US Army
 Stationed in Europe
 Grandson of Jake & Polly Farr

DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, April 19th
 4:00 PM
 Room WC106

FINANCE MEETING

Wednesday, April 22nd
 Immediately following the
 Business Meeting in Room WC 105

NEELY MISSIONS GROUP

Wed., April 8th at 10:00AM-12:00PM in the
 Fellowship Hall. Our project is Walking Tall
 Ministry! April 5th Bulletin will have more info.
 This will also be posted on our Facebook page.

APRIL DEACON SCHEDULE

5	(8:30AM) Jim Reece	(11:00AM) Junior Johnson
12	(8:30AM) Chris Williams	(11:00AM) Stan Tompkins
19	(8:30 AM) Abbie Prince	(11:00AM) Archie Coleman
26	(8:30 AM) Steve Lanham	(11:00AM) Terry Jarvis

Annie Armstrong
 Easter Offering



North American
 Mission Board

Sweetwater Baptist Goal : \$24,000.00

Amount Given : \$14,004.50 +

Check Church Bulletin for most recent amount given.

Women's Ministry News

HAPPY EASTER



EASTER PHOTO BOOTH
 MARCH 29, 2026 &
 APRIL 5, 2026

The Neely Group

April 8, 2026
 10:00AM Fellowship Hall
 Meets the second Wednesday
 of every month for service
 projects and fellowship!



Please Join Us
 Women's Ministry
 Tea
 April 25, 2026
 10:00 gym

Sign up in your Sunday
 School Class or
 in either Lobby of the
 Worship Center!



Mother's Day
 Photo Booth
 May 10, 2026



May 23, 2026
 Summer Gathering

CHURCH CALENDAR

SCHEDULE EACH WEEK

SUNDAYS (MARCH 29; APRIL 12, 19, 26) (Special Schedule April 5, Easter)

Early Worship Service - 8:30AM (Worship Center)

Sunday School - 9:45AM

Morning Worship Service - 11:00AM (Worship Center)

Children's Worship - 11:00AM (FLC)

Youth Bible Study - 5:30-7:00PM (C202)

Mission Kidz - 6:00-7:00PM (FH) (April 12, 19, 26)

Evening Worship Service - 6:00PM (Worship Center)

MONDAYS (MARCH 30; APRIL 6, 13, 20, 27)

Food Pantry and Clothes Closet - 1:00-2:00PM (Donations)

Food Pantry (By Appointment) - 2:00PM

Clothes Closet - 2:00-4:00PM (Shopping)

WEDNESDAYS (APRIL 1, 8, 15, 22, 29)

Aiken Baptist Association Choir - 1:00PM (Choir Room) (April 1, 15, 22) (No rehearsal on April 8 & 29)

Kidz Choir - 6:00-7:15PM (April 1 - 6:30PM-7:15PM Easter Eggstravaganza in the Wild Game Pavilion)

Faith & Fun (Youth) - 6:00-7:15PM (Gym)

Midweek Service - 6:30PM (Worship Center) (April 1, 8, 22, 29)

Celebration Choir Rehearsal - 7:20PM

FRIDAYS (APRIL 3, 10, 17, 24; MAY 1)

Prayer - 6:00AM (Chapel)

Easter Sunday Schedule

April 5, 2026

(Easter Photo Booth available self-serve)

7:00 am Sunrise Service in the Cemetery

7:30 am Fellowship Breakfast in the Gym

9:15 am Sunday School

10:30 am Morning Worship Service

No Afternoon Activities or Evening Service

WEEK OF MARCH 29TH - APRIL 4TH

MARCH 29th - PALM SUNDAY

MARCH 29th - Observance of the Lord's Supper - in both AM Worship Services

MARCH 29th - Faith Family Fellowship - immediately following 11AM Service (FLC) - RSVP \$5/person

MARCH 29th - Easter Photo Booth available self-serve

MARCH 29th - Special Called Business Meeting - 6:00PM (Worship Center)

APRIL 1st - Easter Eggstravaganza - 6:30PM-7:15PM (Wild Game Pavilion) (Children's Ministry)

APRIL 3rd - GOOD FRIDAY - Church Office is closed today. (HOLIDAY)

WEEK OF APRIL 5TH - APRIL 11TH

APRIL 5th - EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 5th - Easter Photo Booth available self-serve

APRIL 6th - Norma Pate Bible Study - 6:30PM (FH)

APRIL 8th - Neely Missions Group - 10:00AM-NOON (FH)

APRIL 8th - History Room is open 5:00PM-6:00PM

WEEK OF APRIL 12TH - APRIL 18TH

APRIL 13th - Church Deadline for Submissions to MAY Newsletter

APRIL 13th - Men's Bible Study - 6:30PM (B108)

APRIL 15th - Mid-Week Service - 11:00AM (Chapel)

APRIL 15th - SIDEWALK PROPHETS CONCERT 7:00PM (Worship Center)

APRIL 16th - Seniors Birthday Bash (April Birthdays) - 2:00PM RSVP

APRIL 17th - Joyous Seniors - 11:45AM-1:00PM (FLC) RSVP \$10/person

APRIL 18th - Children's Choir Rehearsal - 10:00AM-1:00PM (Meet at Worship Center; pick up at FH)

WEEK OF APRIL 19TH - APRIL 25TH

APRIL 19th - Deacons Meeting - 4:00PM (WC106)

APRIL 19th - History Room is open - 4:30PM-5:30PM

APRIL 20th - Norma Pate Bible Study - 6:30PM (FH)

APRIL 20th - Men's Bible Study - 6:30PM (B108)

APRIL 22nd - Quarterly Business Meeting - 6:30PM (Sanctuary)

APRIL 22nd - Finance Meeting (immediately following Quarterly Business Meeting) (WC105)

APRIL 25th - Pearls of Wisdom Tea - 10:00AM (Gym)

WEEK OF APRIL 26TH - MAY 2ND

APRIL 27th - Men's Bible Study - 6:30PM (B108)

MAY 1st - MAY 2nd - WOMEN OF JOY CONFERENCE (MYRTLE BEACH)

(GREAT BIG Family PRODUCTIONS)
AN ACOUSTIC EVENING
with
SIDEWALK PROPHETS

APRIL 15, 2026
SWEETWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTH AUGUSTA, SC
SHOWTIME @ 7PM

GET TICKETS

The poster features a photograph of two musicians performing on stage. One is playing a guitar and the other is playing a harmonica. The background is dark with some stage lights.