

# Sweetwater BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Paul Noe, Pastor  
Rev. Brian Ayers, Associate Pastor/Director of Operations  
Rev. Jason Fitzgerald, Associate Pastor/Minister of Youth  
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Mrs. Renee Hope, Ministry Assistant

## June 2026 Newsletter

Vacation Bible School  
June 8 – 12, 2026  
9:00 AM until 12:00 Noon  
4 Years to Rising 6 Graders



### FAITH OF OUR FATHERS

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm

THE KING JAMES BOYS



The King James Boys Concert  
Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Homemade Ice Cream  
Fireworks Show

★ HAPPY ★  
FATHER'S  
★ DAY! ★

Sunday, June 21<sup>st</sup>

#### New Minister of Music's Current Address

Patrick and Sadie Duncan  
Kalee (17) and Sawyer (10)  
7488 Northgate Drive  
Hanahan, S. C. 29410



# JUNE 2026 NEWSLETTER

## PASTOR PAUL'S PARAGRAPHS

### Dear Members and Friends of Sweetwater Baptist Church:

**Blessings!** On Sunday morning, **April 26<sup>th</sup>**, our church congregation called **Patrick Duncan** to be the next Minister of Music of the Sweetwater Baptist Church. We are so excited about the Duncan family's arrival in mid-July. Please, pray for Patrick, Sadie, Kalee, and Sawyer as they are preparing to transition to our area.

The dates for our VBS will be **June 8-12** from **9:00 AM until Noon**. This year's theme is **"RAINFOREST FALLS: Exploring the Nature of God."** Please, make plans to bring your children and grandchildren to this exciting event. A special **"thank you"** goes out to **Mrs. Missy Ferraro** for directing VBS, and the many **volunteers** who have signed up to serve in this year's Bible school. Please, pray that many boys and girls will have the opportunity to personally accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Our summertime patriotic event, **"Faith of Our Fathers,"** will be on Sunday evening, **June 21<sup>st</sup>**. **The King James Boys** will be with us in a ministry concert. The concert will be at **7:00 PM** in the sanctuary followed by food and fireworks. This is always a special evening for our church family and community. Please, make plans to attend and bring a guest with you.

It is time to submit deacon nominations for the deacons to consider serving in this very important leadership position. Let me encourage you to prayerfully consider faithful and dedicated men to serve in the is capacity. **Deacon Nomination Forms** are available in the **Information Center**. Please, fill them out and return them by **Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>**.

June is the month that we honor our fathers. **Father's Day** (June 21<sup>st</sup>) is a day set aside to recognize our biological fathers, adopted fathers, and the special men in our lives. It also reminds us of our Heavenly Father who loves and cares for us. Father's Day also reminds is that our society desperately needs godly men and Fathers. David exclaimed in **Psalm 12:1**, "Help, Lord, for the godly man ceases!" (NKJV) There are seven important attributes of a godly man. He is . . .

1. **Dedicated to the Word of God – Colossians 3:16**
2. **Devoted to Prayer – 1 Thessalonians 5:17**
3. **Delights in Church Attendance – Psalm 122:1**
4. **Declares Jesus Christ to Others – Luke 24:48**
5. **Denounces Sin and Evil – 1 Thessalonians 5:22**
6. **Depends on the Guidance of the Holy Spirit – Romans 8:14**
7. **Denies Self and the Flesh – Galatians 5:24**

Fathers, let's strive to be godly men.



**It is a Joy and A Privilege to Serve You!**

**With a Pastor's Love,**

**Brother Paul**  
**Philippians 1:3**



# BRIAN'S BRIEFS

## **Men - Meal - Message**

Our weekly Monday Night Bible Studies have been such a great time of discussion, growth, and fellowship, we hate to take a break. While we will not meet weekly due to summer schedules and vacations we have scheduled three times for us to meet. We will be having Men, Meal and a Message on Monday June 15, July 20, and August 17 at 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm. The cost will be \$5.00 to help cover the cost of the meal. This will be a great time to invite your friends.

## **Joyous Senior Meals**

<b>September 18</b>	<b>Hamburgers/Hotdogs, Chips and Fixings</b>
<b>October 16</b>	<b>Chicken Pot Pie</b>
<b>November 20</b>	<b>Ham, Brown Rice, Green Beans</b>
<b>December 18</b>	<b>Beef Tips, Rice, Green Beans, Glazed Carrots</b>
<b>January 15</b>	<b>Chicken and Dumplings, Stewed Apples</b>
<b>February 19</b>	<b>Lasagna and Salad</b>
<b>March 19</b>	<b>Meat Loaf, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans</b>
<b>April 16</b>	<b>Shrimp, Baked Potatoes, Slaw and Hush Puppies</b>
<b>May 21</b>	<b>Tacos, Burritos, Nachos</b>

**Menu is subject to change based on food availability and mood of the cooks.**

## **Faith of our Fathers Sunday June 21**

<b>7:00 pm</b>	<b>The King James Boys – Concert</b>
<b>8:15 pm</b>	<b>Hamburgers/Hotdogs/Homemade Ice Cream</b>
<b>9:15 pm</b>	<b>Fireworks Show</b>

**\*\* If you are interested in making homemade ice cream, please sign up in information area of our worship center. (No peach – already taken care of)**

# SENIOR ADULT NEWS

## MATTERS OF THE HEART

The first successful heart transplant took place in Cape Town, South Africa in 1967. The surgeon was Dr. Christian Barnard, and the recipient was 53 year old Louis Washkansky. The donor was 25 year old Denise Darvall, who had died in a car accident.

Our gracious heavenly Father has been performing heart transplants since Adam and Eve rebelled in the Garden. When the Israelites were in exile, God gives them this promise through Ezekiel; *"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do them."* (36:26-27) God is still in the transplant business, and He is still changing hearts and lives today!

Consider these scriptures:

The Lord sees your heart . . . 1 Samuel 16:7b

Serve Him with all your HEART . . . Colossians 3:23

Be Tenderhearted . . . Ephesians 5:32

Guard your heart . . . Proverbs 4:23

And why does God give us new hearts? Out of his gracious mercy, He loves us and wants to redeem us to Him. He wants to hear our praise. He wants us to use our new hearts to love Him forever!

Thank God, right now for giving you a new heart and new life, and commit to walking in His statutes.

Your Team-Mate In Christ

*Charlie*

Senior Birthday Bash on Thursday, June 18<sup>th</sup> @ 2:00PM, RSVP 803-279-2821



**SAVE  
the DATE**

Next Joyous Senior's Luncheon on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> @ 11:45am



## **WE'RE NOT RAISING SPECTATORS— WE'RE RAISING LEADERS.**

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This summer is not about simply keeping students busy—it's about building foundations that last. We are challenging our youth to step up, take ownership of their faith, and begin leading now, not someday in the future.

Throughout the summer, students will serve during VBS, help with local service projects, spend time with elderly and shut-ins, gather for extended Wednesday nights and Friday late nights, and begin leadership and student training together. At the end of June, we will head to camp believing God is going to continue growing and stretching our students in powerful ways.

But the goal behind all of this is bigger than events.

We are seeing deeper conversations. We are seeing students want to lead. We are seeing young people become more serious about studying God's Word and living it out. One parent recently shared, "These students are serving more and doing more with their faith than they ever have before."

That matters.

We are not preparing students for church attendance—we are preparing them for mission. Their schools may very well become a ten-month mission field, and we want them grounded in truth, bold in faith, and ready to lead their peers toward Jesus.

Church family, we need your prayers. Pray for boldness. Pray for courage. Pray for wisdom and leadership. Pray that this younger generation would stand firmly on God's Word in a culture pulling them in every direction.

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**This generation is worth investing in.  
They are stepping up, and we are standing behind them.**

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*"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." -Joshua 1:9*

In Christ,  
**Jason Fitzgerald, Youth Pastor**  
Sweetwater Baptist Church  
[jfitzgerald@sweetwaterbc.church](mailto:jfitzgerald@sweetwaterbc.church)



# KIDZ Ministry CORNER



Dear Church Family,

I can't wait to help share God's love for everyone at this year's Vacation Bible School. It's not too late to sign your child up to attend Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God. VBS will take place daily June 8-12, 2026, from 9 AM to noon. Children ages 4 years through rising Sixth Grade students are invited to attend. Volunteers can contact me to sign up or sign up in the Volunteer Book in the Children's Ministry area in the foyer. There will be a volunteer meeting on Sunday, June 7, 2026, at 4:00 PM, in the Fellowship Hall. I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.



Because of holidays and graduation celebrations, we have chosen to move the Pinewood Derby race to June 24, 2026, at 6:30 PM, in the gym. We will have a fun time racing, enjoying a meal, and also enjoying some dessert together. The Robinsons will be making homemade ice cream for everyone to enjoy as we race. If your child has not made a car yet, there is still time. Please see me to get a car.

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

Love,  
"Miss" Missy Ferraro

 <b>VBS 2026</b>		<h1>JUNE</h1>		 <b>VBS 2026</b>	
<b>Sunday, June 7, 2026</b>					
<b>8:30 AM</b> Babies - Maribeth Weikle Toddlers - Jada Dunn	<b>9:45 AM</b> Amy Clark	<b>11:00 AM</b> Babies - Zack & Katie Canady Toddlers - Hannah McClure & Barbara Schmidt	<b>6:00 PM</b> Clydie Blackwood		
<b>Sunday, June 14, 2026</b>					
<b>8:30 AM</b> Babies - Angie Stuckey Toddlers - Robin Lanham	<b>9:45 AM</b> Nancy Clark	<b>11:00 AM</b> Babies - April & Claire Jernigan Toddlers - Eric & Tina Wiggins	<b>6:00 PM</b> Clydie Blackwood		
<b>Sunday, June 21, 2026</b>					
<b>8:30 AM</b> Babies - Brenda West Toddlers - Taylor and Jordan Lyons	<b>9:45 AM</b> Cindy O'Driscoll	<b>11:00 AM</b> Babies - Christie Amerson & Katie Fitzgerald Toddlers - Paul & Carol Bunch	<b>6:00 PM</b> Clydie Blackwood		
<b>Sunday, June 28, 2026</b>					
<b>8:30 AM</b> Babies - Alyss Marchant Toddlers - Renee Stewart	<b>9:45 AM</b> Amy Clark	<b>11:00 AM</b> Babies - Cameron & Cassidy Stampley Toddlers - Irina Taylor & Casey Miller	<b>6:00 PM</b> 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**



Cannon Thomas Morgan  
United States Navy  
Grandson of John & Lois Morgan

Cannon Thomas Morgan, US Navy  
Stationed at Pensacola, FL  
Grandson of John & Lois Morgan



Hannah King Martin  
United States Air Force  
Granddaughter of Earl & Elaine King

SSgt. Hannah King Martin, USAF  
Stationed at Aviano AFB, Italy  
Granddaughter of Elaine King

Mrs. Judy Holmes has completed intensive training on grief and is now a Certified Grief Educator. Her primary focus is Parent Grief. She is available for personal appointments and meetings. You may contact her at (803) 215-2710 or pick up one of her cards in the main lobby at the Information Center.

**DEACONS MEETING**

Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>  
4:00 PM

**FINANCE MEETING**

Wednesday, June 17<sup>th</sup>  
Immediately following the  
Midweek Service in Room WC 105

**HISTORY ROOM**

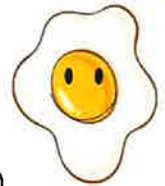
Open Wednesday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>  
from 5pm to 6pm

**JUNE DEACON SCHEDULE**

7	(8:30AM) Ronnie Berry	(11:00AM) Stan Tompkins
14	(8:30AM) David Harley	(11:00AM) Archie Coleman
21	(8:30 AM) Jim Reece	(11:00AM) Terry Jarvis
28	(8:30 AM) Chris Williams	(11:00AM) Junior Johnson

**MENS PRAYER BREAKFAST**

Saturday, June 20<sup>th</sup>  
9:00AM-10:00AM  
Fellowship Hall  
(Sign up sheet in the Church Lobby)



**SWEETWATER STAFF JUNE BIRTHDAYS**

**Brian Ayers - Monday, June 1st**

**Jason Fitzgerald - Sunday, June 21st**

*Women's Ministry News*

**PLANNING MEETING**  
JUNE 14, 2026  
4:30PM  
Laurie Kinseys SS Room

**Father's Day Photo Booth**  
June 21, 2026



**SAVE THE DATE**

**AUGUST 1, 2026**  
**WILDGAME PAVILION**  
**10:00AM**



June 27, 2026  
10:00 AM  
Fellowship Hall  
\$25.00



## CHURCH CALENDAR

### **SUNDAYS (MAY 31; JUNE 7, 14, 21, 28)**

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

### **MONDAYS (JUNE 1, 8, 15, 22, 29)**

Food Pantry and Clothes Closet - 1:00-2:00PM (Donations)  
Food Pantry (By Appointment) - 2:00PM  
Clothes Closet - 2:00-4:00PM (Shopping)

### **WEDNESDAYS (JUNE 3, 10, 17, 24; JULY 1)**

Faith & Fun (Youth) - 6:00-7:15PM (Gym)  
Kidz Choir - 6:00PM-7:15PM (WC102) (Every Wednesday except VBS week.)  
Midweek Service - 6:30PM (Worship Center)  
Celebration Choir Rehearsal - 7:20PM

### **FRIDAYS (JUNE 5, 12, 19, 26; JULY 3)**

Prayer - 6:00AM (Chapel)

### **WEEK OF MAY 31ST - JUNE 6TH**

MAY 31st - Graduate Recognition Sunday  
MAY 31st - Fifth Sunday Food Drive  
JUNE 1st - Brian Ayers' Birthday  
JUNE 3rd - History Room is open 5:00PM-6:00PM

### **WEEK OF JUNE 7TH - JUNE 13TH**

JUNE 7th - VBS Workers Meeting - 4:00PM (FH)  
JUNE 8th - JUNE 12th - VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

### **WEEK OF JUNE 14TH - JUNE 20TH**

JUNE 14th - Chocolate & Friends|Women's Ministry Meeting - 4:30PM (B212)  
JUNE 15th - Men Meal Message - 6:30PM-8:00PM (FLC) \$5 will help cover cost  
JUNE 15th - Church Deadline for Submissions to JULY Newsletter  
JUNE 17th - Finance Meeting (immediately following Midweek Service) (WC105)  
JUNE 18th - Seniors Birthday Bash (June Birthdays) - 2:00PM RSVP  
JUNE 20th - Men's Prayer Breakfast - 9:00AM-10:00AM (Fellowship Hall) \$5 will help cover cost

### **WEEK OF JUNE 21ST - JUNE 27TH**

JUNE 21st - Father's Day - Happy Father's Day!  
JUNE 21st - Father's Day Photo Booth available self-serve  
JUNE 21st - Jason Fitzgerald's Birthday  
JUNE 21st - Faith of Our Fathers - 7:00PM (see details page 3)  
JUNE 27th - Restored - 10:00AM (FH) RSVP requested

### **WEEK OF JUNE 28TH - JULY 4TH**

JUNE 28th - Deacons Meeting - 4:00PM  
JUNE 29th - JULY 3rd - Youth Camp - Crossroads  
JULY 3rd - Independence Day - Church Office is closed today. (HOLIDAY)  
JULY 4th - Independence Day - Happy July 4th!