

Sweetwater BAPTIST CHURCH

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March 2026 Newsletter

Free!



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**18th Annual
Sweetwater Baptist Church
Wild Game Supper
Saturday, March 7th - 4:00PM**

**Guest Speaker:
CHRIS WELLS**
Chaplain with
Bassmaster Elite Series



**Guest Singers:
MIKE AND KIM
BLACKWOOD**



**Kidz Program:
Eudora Farms Animals
Ages 4 to 3rd Grade**



****Bring Canned Goods for Sweetwater's Food Pantry****

Special Morning Worship Service
 Sunday, March 8th
 One Service at 10:00AM
 Mini Concert
 by Mike and Kim Blackwood
 Chris Wells - Guest Speaker



Daylight Savings Time
 Begins
 on March 8th
 Spring forward one hour.



Palm Sunday

March 29
 Observance of the Lord's Supper
 In Both AM Worship Services



Missions Service

Sunday, March 22
 6:00 PM
 Fred and Madeleine
 Van Klingerren
 Guest Speakers



MARCH 2026 NEWSLETTER

PASTOR PAUL'S PARAGRAPHS

Dear Members and Friends of Sweetwater:

Blessings! I want to begin by saying *“thank you”* for all of your cards, calls, texts, meals, and expressions of love and concern that you have given me during my recent hospitalization and period of recuperation from my hip surgery. I am doing well and continue to improve each day. I am certainly looking forward to being back in full capacity with you soon. I am so grateful for your prayers and friendship.

We are still saddened by the recent resignation of **Mark Abbott** as our Minister of Music and Worship. However, we wish him the very best in his new ministry position as a hospice chaplain with Piedmont Hospice. **Mark, Alyson, and Noah will always hold a special place in our hearts.** Please, pray for the **Personnel Committee** as they are prayerfully searching for the next person that God would have to serve in this very important position. Members of the committee are as follows: Dave Redmond, Chairman; Diane Brantley, Leo Conner, Wendi Byrd, Ashley Fortsom, Jim Huff, Chuck Nail, Lesa Stone, and Jim Williams. Pray that God will give them guidance and clarity in this very important process.

We are so excited about our annual **Wild Game Supper** which will be on **March 7th** beginning at **4:00 pm.** Don't forget to bring your non-perishable food items for the Sweetwater Food Pantry when you come. Our guest speaker will be Chris Wells. He is chaplain with the Bassmaster Elite Series. Mike and Kim Blackwood will be our guest singers. Mike is on staff at the Connie Maxwell Home. Also, Eudora Farms will be presenting a program for the children in the Family Life Center. Please, pray that God will use this event to impact our community and the CSRA with the gospel message.

Sunday, **March 8th,** will be a special day as **Mike and Kim Blackwood** share a mini concert with us and Brother **Chris Wells** will be preaching. We will only have one morning worship service at **10:00 am.** There will be no 8:30 am service, Sunday School, afternoon activities, or evening worship service.

Palm Sunday will be on **March 29th.** We will be observing the Lord's Supper in both AM worship services. This will be a special time of reflection and worship as we prepare our hearts for the Easter Season.

Thank you so very much Sweetwater for the wonderful privilege of serving you.



With a Pastor's Love,

Paul
Philippians 1:3



BRIAN'S BRIEFS

Wild Game Supper – Saturday, March 7

It is that time of year again. By the time you read this article we will be less than 10 day from the BIG day. Let's make one last push to invite everyone we can to attend. Chris Wells will be our guest speaker. Chris is the Chaplain for the Bass Master Elite Fishing Tour. Chris is an incredible speaker that is funny, passionate, and loves to see people saved. I have heard nothing but great comments from guys in the fishing tournament, men that have heard him before, and one couple said I would rather hear him preach than anyone.

Don't forget that if you are volunteering to be ready to go at your appointed time. I would like to thank each of you in advance for all your hard work and labor of love for this event.

Wild Game Sunday – Sunday, March 8

Don't forget we just have one BIG worship service Sunday, March 8 at 10 am.

There is no Sunday School this day either.

Chris Wells will be preaching and Mike and Kim Blackwood will be leading our worship through music. Remember to dress casual, come a little early and enjoy a great morning of fellowship, celebration and worship.

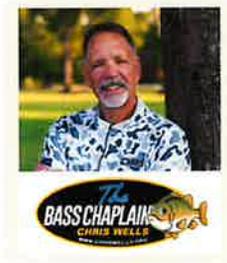
Sweetwater You are Awesome.

Your faithfulness in serving the Lord through the dozens and dozens and dozens of ministries is absolutely fantastic. Your faithfulness in giving to the Lord is so encouraging. We were down in giving and attendance over 50% Sunday, January 11 and then missed two Sundays, January 18 and 25, because of the weather we were behind budget. But because of your faithfulness at the time of this article we are only down about \$13,600. That is commendable. Let's keep serving the Lord and watch him work in and through us.

CALENDAR

Monday Nights - Men's Bible Study

We are diving into the book of James. We meet in Room B208 at 6:30 pm on Monday nights.



March 7 - Wild Game Supper on Saturday, March 7 at 4 pm. Keep your eyes open for the volunteer sign up book. Chris Wells will be speaking. He is currently the Chaplain for the Fellowship of Christian Anglers of the Bassmaster Elite Series. Mike and Kim Blackwood will be leading worship for the wild game supper and will be leading us in worship Sunday morning.

March 8 - One Worship Service at 10:00 am in the Worship Center

Chris Wells - Guest Speaker

Mike and Kim Blackwood - Guest Singers



BRICK

FUNDRAISER



& CONCERT



hosted at:
Sweetwater Wild Game Building
198 Sweetwater Road
North Augusta, SC

Purchase tickets here:

www.brickmissions.com

Donate here:



MARCH 27, 2026
6:00 pm



(GREAT BIG Family PRODUCTIONS)

AN ACOUSTIC EVENING with SIDEWALK PROPHETS



APRIL 15, 2026

SWEETWATER BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTH AUGUSTA, SC
SHOWTIME @ 7PM



GET TICKETS

COLUMBARIUM NICHES

The cemetery committee is looking into the possibility of placing a columbarium for cremation remains in the church cemetery. Each niche is \$1,000.00 and can hold two urns. If you are interested, please fill out the form provided in the church office. Based upon response, we will be planning an informational meeting in the near future for those who are interested.



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Saturday, March 14th
at 8:00AM
in the Fellowship Hall

WAYS TO GIVE

IN PERSON

Please see an usher



OFFERING BOX



In front of
the Welcome
Center Desk

THE VAULT

in the hallway
between Welcome Center
and Elevator



ONLINE

sweetwaterbc.church/giving



DRIVE-THRU

In front of the
Church Office
drop into the
Locked Mailbox



MAIL

Sweetwater Baptist Church
198 Sweetwater Road
North Augusta, SC 29860



What If Revival Started in Our Youth? They're Moving. The Question Is—Will We?

February reminded us that faith is meant to be lived.

Our young ladies attended the **Sadie Robertson Huff** event in Aiken with worship from LO Worship — a powerful evening of biblical encouragement and truth. At the same time, several of our young men partnered with David Harley and Bo Mabe to build a wheelchair ramp for a member of our community — learning practical skills while demonstrating the love of Christ in action.

On Sunday mornings, we are wrapping up our **14-week Spiritual Disciplines series**, where students have been developing habits of prayer, Scripture reading, obedience, and service. These are not surface lessons — they are foundations that will sustain them for life.

In March, we begin a new journey:

Lines – Connecting the Dots from Creation to Redemption.

Students will walk through the historical events recorded in Scripture — from Creation to Covenant — seeing the continuity of God's redemptive plan and understanding how every part ultimately points to Christ. We don't want them to know isolated Bible accounts; we want them to understand the unified story of redemption.

We are also preparing for **DNOW (March 20–22)** as the Anderson University Go Team joins us again for a weekend of discipleship, service, and spiritual growth.

Church family, God is clearly at work in our teens. Pray for boldness. Pray for courage. Pray for young leaders who will stand firmly for Christ in their schools and community.

They're moving.

The question is — will we?

"Be strong and courageous... for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." – Joshua 1:9

In Christ,

Jason Fitzgerald

Sweetwater Youth Ministry

jfitzgerald@sweetwaterbc.church





KIDZ Ministry CORNER



Dear Church Family,

Wow! I just want to say a great big THANK YOU to everyone that volunteered to help in this year's Wild Game Children's Rally. It really is a special night in our community, and a great way to show God's love to some of our youngest community members. The Children's Rally cannot happen without you! Each of you are a blessing and you are greatly appreciated!

This month in Mission Kidz, your children will be learning about missionars in the Dalla / Forth Worth area. We will also start working on our Pinewood Derby cars. 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 to our youngest children learn about God's unending love.

Love,
"Miss" Missy Ferraro

			
Sunday, March 1, 2026			
8:30 AM Babies - Maribeth Weikle Toddlers - Jada Dunn	9:45 AM Amy Clark	11:00 AM Babies - Zack & Katie Canady Toddlers - Hannah McClure & Barbara Schmidt	6:00 PM Clydie Blackwood
Sunday, March 8, 2026			
	10:00 AM Babies - Ginny & Avery Key Toddlers - Eric & Tina Wiggins		
Sunday, March 15, 2026			
8:30 AM Babies - Brenda West Toddlers - Taylor and Jordan Lyons	9:45 AM Cindy O'Driscoll	11:00 AM Babies - Christie Amerson and Katie Fitzgerald Toddlers - Paul & Carol Bunch	6:00 PM Clydie Blackwood
Sunday, March 22, 2026			
8:30 AM Babies - Angie Stuckey Toddlers - Jackie Lyons & Wendy Byrd	9:45 AM Nancy Clark	11:00 AM Babies - TBD Toddlers - Irina Taylor	6:00 PM Clydie Blackwood
Sunday, March 29, 2026			
8:30 AM Babies - Alyss Noe Toddlers - Renee Stewart	9:45 AM Christie Amerson	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



John Carson Shearouse
United States Marine Corps
Son of Aimee Shearouse
Grandson of Susan Shealy

John Carson Shearouse, USMC
Stationed at Pensacola, FL
Mother is Aimee Shearouse;
Grandmother is Susan Shealy



Grayson Rabb
United States Marine Corps
Son of Stuart & Elizabeth Rabb
Brother of Avery Rabb

Grayson Rabb, USMC
Stationed at Jacksonville, NC
Son of Stuart & Elizabeth Rabb;
Brother to Avery Rabb

DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, March 15th
4:00 PM
Room WC106

FINANCE MEETING

Wednesday, March 11th
Immediately following the
Midweek Worship Service

NEELY MISSIONS GROUP

Wednesday, March 11th
10:00AM-12:00PM
Fellowship Hall

SWEETWATER BAPTIST CHURCH HISTORY ROOM

Come visit the History Room

Wednesday, March 4th
from 5:00 to 6:00 pm

Sunday, March 15th
from 4:30 to 5:30 pm



MARCH DEACON SCHEDULE

1	(8:30AM) Grant Preston	(11:00AM) Terry Jarvis
8	(10:00AM) Junior Johnson	
15	(8:30AM) Chris McBride	(11:00AM) Stan Tompkins
22	(8:30 AM) Ronnie Berry	(11:00AM) Archie Coleman
29	(8:30 AM) David Harley	(11:00AM) Terry Jarvis

Women's Ministry News

The Neely Group

March 11, 2026
10:00AM Fellowship Hall
Meets the second Wednesday
of every month for service
projects and fellowship!

Women's Ministry Meeting
March 15, 2026
3:30 Board Meeting
4:45 General Meeting



March 21, 2026
War Binder Class

**Faith Family Fellowship
Churchwide Lunch**

Sunday, March 29, 2026
Following 11:00
Worship Service
Gym
\$5.00/Person



HAPPY EASTER

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

Save The Date!
Ladies Tea
April 25, 2026
10:00
Gym



CHURCH CALENDAR

SCHEDULE EACH WEEK

SUNDAYS (FEBRUARY 22; MARCH 1, 15, 22, 29) (MARCH 8 Special Schedule)

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) (Except Feb. 22 - FLC - Reception for Mark, Alyson, Noah Abbott)

MONDAYS (FEBRUARY 23; MARCH 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

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

Food Pantry (By Appointment) - 2:00PM

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

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

WEDNESDAYS (FEBRUARY 25; MARCH 4, 11, 18, 25; APRIL 1)

Aiken Baptist Association Choir - 1:00PM (Choir Room)

Kidz Choir - 6:00-7:15PM

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

Midweek Service - 6:30PM (Worship Center)

Celebration Choir Rehearsal - 7:20PM

FRIDAYS (FEBRUARY 27; MARCH 6, 13, 20, 27; APRIL 3)

Prayer - 6:00AM (Chapel)

Special Morning Worship Service on March 8th
One Service at 10:00AM
Mini Concert by Mike and Kim Blackwood
Chris Wells - Guest Speaker
(Daylight Savings Time Begins on March 8th)
(No afternoon activities and no evening worship service.)

WEEK OF FEBRUARY 22ND - FEBRUARY 28TH

FEBRUARY 22nd - Women's Ministry Meeting - 4:30PM (B214)

FEBRUARY 22nd - Reception for Mark, Alyson, and Noah Abbott at 6:00PM in the Family Life Center

FEBRUARY 23rd - Norma Pate Bible Study - 6:30PM (FH)

FEBRUARY 24th - Good News Club - 2:00-4:00PM

WEEK OF MARCH 1ST - MARCH 7TH

WEEK of PRAYER - North American Mission Board

MARCH 4th - History Room is open 5:00PM-6:00PM

MARCH 7th - WILD GAME SUPPER - 4:00PM | Speaker: Chris Wells | Music: Mike and Kim Blackwood

WEEK OF MARCH 8TH - MARCH 14TH

MARCH 8th - Daylight Savings Time Begins

MARCH 8th - ONE SPECIAL MORNING SUNDAY SERVICE - 10:00AM | Mini Concert by Mike & Kim Blackwood |
Chris Wells - Guest Speaker

MARCH 11th - Neely Missions Group - 10:00AM-NOON (FH)

MARCH 11th - Finance Meeting (immediately following Midweek Service) (WC105)

MARCH 14th - Men's Prayer Breakfast - 8:00AM (FH)

WEEK OF MARCH 15TH - MARCH 21ST

MARCH 15th - Deacons Meeting - 4:00PM (WC106)

MARCH 15th - Women's Ministry Board Meeting - 3:30PM (B214) & Women's Ministry Meeting - 4:30PM (214)

MARCH 15th - History Room is open - 4:30PM-5:30PM

MARCH 16th - Church Deadline for Submissions to April Newsletter

MARCH 19th - Seniors Birthday Bash (March Birthdays) - 2:00PM RSVP

MARCH 20th - Joyous Seniors - 11:45AM-1:00PM (FLC) RSVP \$10/person

MARCH 20th-22nd - YOUTH RETREAT DNOW

MARCH 21st - War Binder Class

WEEK OF MARCH 22ND - MARCH 28TH

MARCH 23rd - Norma Pate Bible Study - 6:30PM (FH)

MARCH 27th - Brick Fund Raiser

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