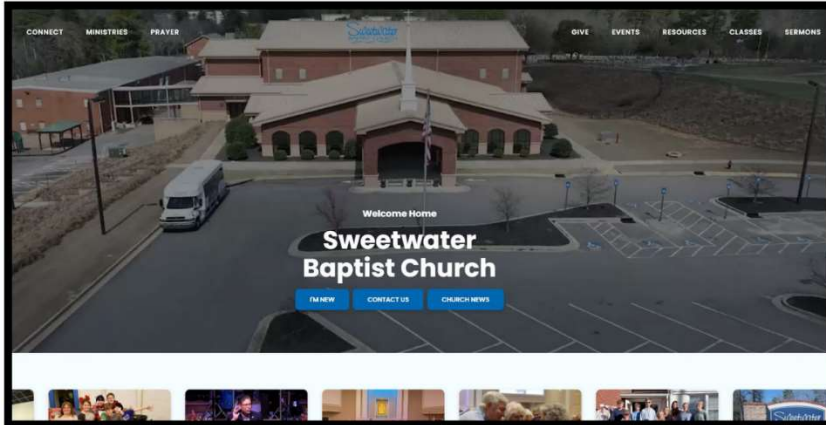




Dr. Paul Noe, Pastor
Rev. Brian Ayers, Associate Pastor/Director of Operations
Rev. Jason Fitzgerald, Associate Pastor/Minister of Youth
Rev. Charlie Crews, Minister of Senior Adults
Mrs. Missy Ferraro, Children's Coordinator
Mrs. Tina Lancaster, Office Manager/Financial Secretary
Mrs. Renee Hope, Ministry Assistant

September 2026 Newsletter



New Sweetwater Website

Launch Date

September 14th

Be sure to log on and check out
our new website

Janie Chapman Offering for State Missions

Goal - \$12,000.00

Week of Prayer – September 6-13



September 20, 2026

"Fall Harvest Sunday"

Maximum Participation
in Sunday School, Worship,
and Financial Giving

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PASTOR PAUL'S PARAGRAPHS

Dear Members and Friends of Sweetwater:

Blessings! September marks an important season for us at Sweetwater. It is the beginning of fall. Let's take advantage of the fall season to make maximum impact for the Kingdom of God through prayer, worship, ministries, activities, service, and giving.

Sunday, **September 20th**, is **"Fall Harvest Sunday"** at Sweetwater. This will be a special day set aside for supporting our church through participation in Sunday School, worship, and financial giving. Let me encourage you to prayerfully consider giving an extra monetary gift towards the budget for the ministries and programs of Sweetwater. Your financial contributions help advance the work and ministries of Sweetwater.

It is exciting to see the progress of Sweetwater's **new Ministry Center** (office complex). This will be the hub of all ministries at our church. I am so grateful for each member of the Building Committee/Long Range Committee and for their hard work in making this vision a reality. Thank you, Sweetwater family, for your support of this very important project.

On **September 14th**, we will be launching **Sweetwater's new website**. We have needed to do this for some time. The new website is filled with important information about the services and ministries of Sweetwater. A special **"thanks"** to **Mrs. Tina Lancaster** for all her hard work in designing the site.

We are so blessed to be a part of the **South Carolina Baptist Convention. The Week of Prayer for State Missions is September 6-13.** Our **Janie Chapman Mission Offering** goal this year is **\$12,000.00**. Every dime of the offering goes to support our missionaries and ministries across the state of South Carolina. Let me encourage you to prayerfully consider what God would have you to give towards this very important offering throughout the month of September.

It has been a tremendously **hot** summer. The hot temperatures remind us that we are to be hot spiritually. God rebuked the church at Laodicea for being lukewarm. **Revelation 3:15 and 16** declare, "I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth." (ESV) Hotness for God requires the following.

H – OLINESS

"But as He who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct."

1 Peter 1:15 NKJV

O – BEDIENCE

"If you love me, keep my commandments." **John 14:15 KJV**

T - RUST

"Trust ye in the Lord for ever: for in the Lord JEHOVAH is everlasting strength."

Isaiah 26:4



Thank you for the privilege of Serving you!

With a Pastor's Love,

Paul

Philippians 1:3



MUSIC NOTES

Please continue to pray as we look for our new Minister of Music! Pray for him and his family and pray for our Pastor and Personnel Committee as they search.

IT'S TIME FOR CHRISTMAS MUSIC!! Now is a great time to join our choir and get in on our new Christmas music! We rehearse on Wednesday's at 7:20 PM in the Sanctuary. We will have just two special rehearsals for Christmas and they are listed below. Please see me and I will give you a CD of the music. WE NEED YOU IN THE CHOIR!!

Rehearsal Saturday September 26th @ 9:30 AM

Rehearsal Saturday October 24th @ 9:30 AM

Presentation Sunday December 13th @ 10:30 AM

SENIOR ADULT NEWS

We have lots of activities starting up for our Senior Adults. Plan your calendars and sign up today.

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| September 10th | Aiken Baptist Sr. Adult Luncheon
Hillview Baptist Church at 10:30 AM
(Sign up in the foyer) |
| September 17th | Birthday Bash at Charlie & Nancy's house
(for those Seniors with September Birthdays)
(To sign up, call the church office.) |
| September 18th | Joyous Senior Luncheon 11:45
(Be sure to sign up for the new year by calling the church office!) |
| October 6th | Apple Pickin' Trip (Grandad's in Hendersonville)
(A sign up will be in the foyer) |

Your Team-Mate In Christ
Charlie

BRIAN'S BRIEFS

Men's Bible Study

We will be kicking off our Fall Men's Bible Study Monday Night September 14 at 6:30 pm. We will be studying I and II Timothy. This will be an exciting study as we learn about mentoring, leadership, being a warrior, leaving a legacy and much more. Invite your friends and join us for a great time of fellowship and growth.

FREE FREE FREE

Now that I have your attention I have an announcement. Your staff is in the process of pulling books from our church library as well as donating many of our personal books to add to our resource room in our new Ministry Center (Church office). This resource room will be a valuable asset of books and materials to help you grow as a follower of Christ, a Sunday School teacher, a parent, husband/wife, and much more.

With that said, beginning Wednesday, September 16 – Wednesday September 30 the books and resources left in the library are FREE game. Feel free to drop by and take whatever books you would like. Then beginning in October we will begin clearing out the library, painting the ceiling and straightening it up.

Men's Bible Study

Monday Nights, Beginning

6:30 PM, Monday, September 14th

In Room B108



SWEETWATER
STUDENTS

The Mission Doesn't End at the Church Doors.

One of the greatest privileges we have as a church is investing in the younger generation—not simply to attend church, but to become lifelong disciples of Jesus who make disciples of others.

As the school year settles into its rhythm, we're reminded that our students are stepping into one of the greatest mission fields they'll ever have. Every classroom, cafeteria, locker room, practice field, and campus is an opportunity to represent Christ.

In August, Sweetwater had the privilege of hosting the **Midlands FCA Leadership Training**, welcoming more than **250 student leaders and adults** from Aiken, Edgefield, Saluda, and Barnwell counties. It was an incredible opportunity to encourage students who are leading Bible studies, sharing the gospel, and making a difference in their schools.

On Sunday nights, our students are walking through a new series called **Walk With Me**, learning what it truly means to be a disciple of Jesus. Soon we'll begin an expository journey through the **Gospel of John**, taking our time to study the life and ministry of Christ one passage at a time. Our hope is that this becomes more than a student Bible study. We are exploring ways for parents to join us as we learn together so conversations about God's Word naturally continue around the dinner table and throughout the week.

Wednesday nights are becoming an extension of Sunday, where students gather around tables to discuss, ask questions, and apply what they've learned together. At the same time, our Sunday morning **Lines** curriculum continues guiding students through the historical events recorded in Scripture, helping them see God's redemptive plan from Genesis to Revelation as one unified story pointing to Jesus Christ.

We're also excited to launch our new **mentorship ministry**, connecting students with faithful adult leaders who walk beside them, encourage them, and help them grow in their relationship with Christ. We believe discipleship happens best through relationships, and we're praying these connections have an eternal impact.

Church family, would you pray with us?

Pray that our students would have the courage to live boldly for Christ.

Pray that they would faithfully share the gospel.

Pray that God would continue raising up disciples who make disciples.

Because the mission field isn't somewhere else.

The mission field is here.

"And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also." — **2 Timothy 2:2**

Know Jesus. Live Bold. Lead Others.

Jason Fitzgerald, Youth Pastor

Sweetwater Baptist Church

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KIDZ Ministry CORNER



Dear Church Family,

Exciting things are happening in our Children's Ministry! Our Mission Kidz programs are already in full swing on Sunday nights. The children have already earned their Give and Pray badges. Have you felt their prayers? They are learning how to have meaningful conversations with God and how to give to missions. If your 4-year-old through Fifth Grade child is not already coming on Sunday nights, we would like to extend a very exciting invitation for them to join us! During the month of September, we will be learning about missionaries in Florida. We won't be meeting on the night of September 6, but we will be meeting all the other Sunday evenings from 6 to 7 PM in the Family Life Center.

Children's Church is on the move... LITERALLY! Starting Sunday, September 6, 2026, Children's Church will make its official move to the Worship Center. We will be meeting in room WC 101. You will check your child in at the Nursery check – in desk. If your child attends Sunday School, please let me know when you check your child in for Sunday School if he / she will be attending Children's Church. Your child will be escorted to the nursery area if he/ she joins us for Children's Church. All children will be picked up at the Nursery Check - In desk.

As always, if you would like to join in the mission of helping our youngest members of the community grow with God, there are always openings for volunteers! The children and I would love to have you join us. If you are interested, please let me know so I can help you get started.

Love,
"Miss" Missy Ferraro

September 2026

Sunday, September 6, 2026			
8:30 AM Babies - Maribeth Weikle Toddlers - Jada and Chandler Dunn	9:45 AM Cindy O'Driscoll	11:00 AM Babies - Stacie Griffin & Christie Amerson Toddlers - Hannah McClure & Barbara Schmidt	6:00 PM Clydie Blackwood
Sunday, September 15, 2026			
8:30 AM Babies - Lori Preston Toddlers - Renee Stewart	9:45 AM Amy Clark	11:00 AM Babies - Ginny & Avery Key Toddlers - Eric and Tina Wiggins	6:00 PM Clydie Blackwood
Sunday, September 23, 2026			
8:30 AM Babies - Brenda West Toddlers - Robin Lanham	9:45 AM Nancy Clark	11:00 AM Babies - Julie Little and Shelbie Johnson Toddlers - Paul & Carol Bunch	6:00 PM Clydie Blackwood
Sunday, September 30, 2026			
8:30 AM Babies - Angie Stuckey Toddlers - Jackie Lyons & Wendy Byrd	9:45 AM Cindy O'Driscoll	11:00 AM Babies - Alyss Marchant & Elizabeth Rabb Toddlers - Amy & Terry 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



Zack Szmanski
United States Marine Corps
Granddaughter of Richard & Wanda Kalb



Brendon LaPorte & Echo
United States Army
Cousin of Archie & Wanda Coleman

DEACONS MEETING

Sunday, September 20th
4:00 PM
WC106

FINANCE MEETING

Wednesday, September 16th
Immediately following the
Midweek Service in Room WC 105

HISTORY ROOM

Open Wednesday, Sept 2nd, 5pm to 6pm
& Sunday, Sept 20th, 4:30pm to 5:30pm

SEPTEMBER DEACON SCHEDULE

6	(8:30AM) Jim Reece	(11:00AM) Archie Coleman
13	(8:30AM) Chris Williams	(11:00AM) Terry Jarvis
20	(8:30 AM) Abbie Prince	(11:00AM) Junior Johnson
27	(8:30 AM) Steve Lanham	(11:00AM) Stan Tompkins

CMC (LABELS) MEETING

Wednesday, Sept 9th, 5:30pm to 6:30pm
Chapel Room 103

Neely Mission Group

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

(All Meetings 10:00am-Noon on 2nd Wed. of month)

Sept 9	Dec 9	Mar 10
Oct 14	Jan 13	Apr 14
Nov 11	Feb 10	May 12

The Neely Mission Group will begin in September. We meet the 2nd Wednesday of each month in the Family Life Center from 10 am - noon. Our first meeting is scheduled for September 9th. This is our planning meeting for the year, so don't miss it. If you have never been a part of our group, this will be a perfect time to start. Please join us as we fellowship with each other, minister to our community and church members, and support and pray for our missionaries around the world. Help us as we do God's work, and you will be blessed.

Women's Ministry News

FAITH, FAMILY, FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON

AUGUST 30, 2026
FOLLOWING 11:00 SERVICE
GYM
\$5.00/PERSON



GRANDPARENT'S DAY PHOTOBOOTH SEPTEMBER 13, 2026



September 25-27, 2026
Gatlinburg, TN

ALL LADIES
WELCOME! SEE JULIE
LITTLE TO SIGN UP!

The Neely Group

September 9, 2026
10:00AM Fellowship Hall
Meets the second Wednesday
of every month for service
projects and fellowship!



September 26, 2026
Fall Gathering

All Things New
2 Corinthians 5:17



CHURCH CALENDAR



SUNDAYS (SEPTEMBER 6, 13, 20, 27)

Early Worship Service - 8:30AM (Worship Center)
Sunday School - 9:45AM
Morning Worship Service - 11:00AM (Worship Center)
Children's Worship - 11:00AM (WC101)
Youth Bible Study - 5:30-7:00PM (C202)
Mission Kidz - 6:00-7:00PM (FH) (No Mission Kidz on Sunday, Sept. 6th)
Evening Worship Service - 6:00PM (Worship Center)

MONDAYS (AUGUST 31; SEPTEMBER 7, 14, 21, 28)

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

WEDNESDAYS (SEPTEMBER 2, 9, 16, 23, 30)

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

FRIDAYS (SEPTEMBER 4, 11, 18, 25; OCTOBER 2)

Prayer - 6:00AM (Chapel)

WEEK OF AUGUST 30TH - SEPTEMBER 5TH

AUGUST 30th - "For the Dreams of Children Sunday"
AUGUST 30th - Fifth Sunday Food Drive
AUGUST 30th - Faith Family Friends Lunch after church (RSVP)
SEPTEMBER 2nd - History Room is open 5:00PM-6:00PM

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 6TH - SEPTEMBER 12TH

WEEK OF PRAYER - JANIE CHAPMAN - STATE MISSIONS
WEEK OF GIVING - Janie Chapman State Missions Offering
SEPTEMBER 7th - Church Office is Closed - Happy Labor Day
SEPTEMBER 9th - Neely WMU Meeting - 10:00AM-12:00PM (FH)
SEPTEMBER 9th - CMC Meeting (Scripture Labels) - 5:30PM-6:30PM (Chapel 103)
SEPTEMBER 9th - Kidz Choir Sings in Prayer Meeting - 6:00PM-7:15PM (WC102)
SEPTEMBER 10th - Sr. Adult Hillview Baptist Church Lunch Trip (RSVP)

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13TH - SEPTEMBER 19TH

SEPTEMBER 13th - Samaritan's Purse - Operation Christmas Child Kickoff
SEPTEMBER 13th - Grandparent's Day Photo booth
SEPTEMBER 14th - Men's Bible Study - 6:30PM (B108)
SEPTEMBER 14th - Norma Pate Bible Study - 6:30PM (FH)
SEPTEMBER 15th - Deadline to provide Ministry Assistant with September Newsletter Input
SEPTEMBER 16th - Finance Meeting (immediately following Midweek Service) (WC105)
SEPTEMBER 17th - Seniors Birthday Bash (September Birthdays) - 2:00PM RSVP
SEPTEMBER 18th - Joyous Seniors Luncheon - 11:45AM-1:00PM (FLC) (RSVP requested)
SEPTEMBER 19th - Men's Prayer Breakfast - 9:00AM-10:00AM (FH)

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20TH - SEPTEMBER 26TH

SEPTEMBER 20th - "Fall Harvest Sunday" Maximum Participation in Sunday School, Worship and Giving
SEPTEMBER 20th - Deacons Meeting - 4:00PM (WC106)
SEPTEMBER 20th - History Room is open 4:30PM-5:30PM
SEPTEMBER 21st - Men's Bible Study - 6:30PM (B108)
SEPTEMBER 26th - Choir Rehearsal - 9:30AM (Sanctuary)
SEPTEMBER 26th - Blossom Fall Gathering

WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27TH - OCTOBER 3RD

SEPTEMBER 28th - Men's Bible Study - 6:30PM (B108)
SEPTEMBER 28th - Norma Pate Bible Study - 6:30PM (FH)