Our mission is to provide the highest quality medical care available in our service area within our scope of care.”

- Scott Bowman, Administrator

Debbie Thompson, Chief Financial Officer, Sweetwater Hospital Association, was a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award, Senior Executive. This award recognizes her 38 years of service at the hospital by ensuring financial growth, stability of the hospital, and extensive community involvement.

Douglas Warren, Chairman, Board of Directors, Sweetwater Hospital Association, was a recipient of the Meritorious Service Award, Board Member. This award honors his leadership and service to the Sweetwater Hospital Association Board of Directors for the past 26 years and extensive community service.

The Tennessee Hospital Association (THA) recognized 24 individuals with Awards of Excellence during its 78th Annual Meeting at the Omni Nashville Hotel in October of 2016. Awards were presented in 14 categories, recognizing contributions of everyone from hospital volunteers and frontline staff to trustees and executives. Two Sweetwater Hospital Association representatives were awarded:

Sweetwater Hospital Association CFO & Board Chairman Win Tennessee Hospital Association Award of Excellence

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SHA Professional Office Building

https://www.Facebook.com/SHA304/
Dr. Vernon Pegram III completed his undergraduate work at the University of the South in East Tennessee and then moved to the then University of Alabama where he obtained his medical degree in June of 1993. He completed his OB/GYN residency at Greenville Hospital in Greenville, South Carolina in 1998. Dr. Pegram is a board certified OB/GYN and a member of the American College of Obstetrics and Gynecologists, Fellow. To make an appointment call: (865)-213-8592

Dr. Walter Chiles III earned his medical degree from the University of Tennessee College of Medicine in Memphis, Tennessee in 1999. He completed his urology residency at the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences in Little Rock, Arkansas in 2005. He was also Chief Resident from 2003 to 2005. Dr. Chiles is a member of the Board of Urology and Fellow American College of Surgeons. To make an appointment call: (865)-690-3811

Dr. Sean DeLair earned his medical degree from the Virginia Commonwealth University. He completed his urology residency at the University of California school of Medicine in 2007. Dr. DeLair is a board certified Urologist and a member of the American Board of Urology. To make an appointment call: (865)-213-8592

Dr. Timothy LeRoy obtained his medical degree from the Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina in Greenville, North Carolina in 2006. He completed his general surgery internship and urology residency at the Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville, Florida in 2011. Dr. LeRoy is a certified Urologist and a member of the American Board of Urology. To make an appointment call: (865)-690-3811

Sweetwater Hospital Association welcomes Mark Clem, Orthopedic Physician Assistant, to Dr. Chris Bowman’s practice. Mark received his undergraduate degree from East Tennessee State University and his graduate degree from James Madison University. Mark has 14 years of experience as an orthopedic Physician Assistant. He joins the general orthopedics and sports medicine practice of Dr. Bowman. Mark’s wife, the former Ange Tilson, is originally from Madisonville. They are currently in the process of relocating from West Knoxville to Monroe County. Dr. Bowman and Mark Clem, PA-C have offices located on the second floor of the new Physician’s Office Building adjacent to Sweetwater Hospital Association. If you would like to make an appointment, please call (865)-213-8595.
SHA EMPLOYEES WEAR RED FOR WOMEN’S HEART HEALTH

Heart disease is the #1 killer of American women. Unfortunately, only 56% of women know that heart disease is their leading cause of death and most fail to make the connection between its risk factors and their personal risk of developing heart disease.

In conjunction with The Heart Truth®, Sweetwater Hospital Association wore red to raise awareness for women and heart disease. The Heart Truth® is a program of the National Institutes of Health to raise awareness about women and heart disease.

The Heart Truth created and introduced the Red Dress® as the national symbol for women and heart disease awareness in 2002 to deliver an urgent wake-up call to American women. The Red Dress® inspires women to take action to protect their heart health.

Risk Factors For Heart Disease:

According to The National Heart, Lung, and Blood institute, risk factors are conditions or habits that make a person more likely to develop a disease. They can also increase the chances that an existing disease will get worse. Important risk factors for heart disease that you can do something about are:

- High blood pressure
- High blood cholesterol
- Diabetes and prediabetes
- Smoking
- Being overweight or obese
- Being physically inactive
- Having a family history of early heart disease
- Having a history of preeclampsia during pregnancy
- Unhealthy diet
- Age (55 or older for women)

If you think you may be at risk, make sure to make an appointment with our medical staff listed below!

INTERNAL MEDICINE

Ken Kozawa, M.D.
865-213-8590

Renea Cagle, N.P.
865-213-8590

Michelle Davis, N.P.
865-213-8590

Thomas Vance, N.P.
865-213-8590

Thomas S. Evans, M.D.
865-213-8595

Eric C. Poston, M.D.
865-213-8595

Chris Shamblin, M.D.
865-213-8595

FAMILY PRACTICE

Tracey Beverley, M.D.
(423) 442-9711

Heidi Fisher, P.A.
(423) 442-9711

Ben Coffey, D.O.
(865) 213-8595

Sigrid Johnson, M.D.
(423) 351-7000

Arrah Ford, N.P.
(423) 351-7000

Hasmukh Kanabar, M.D.
(423) 442-5480

Did you know

250,000 people in Tennessee have coronary heart disease?

Small lifestyle changes can lead to a healthier heart. Learn more about heart disease and risk factors at hearttruth.gov
SHA WELCOMES NEW YEAR’S BABY

The first baby of 2017 at Sweetwater Hospital Association was born at 5:05 PM on January 1st. Miss Emmalie Paige Roberts weighed in at 6 pounds, 2.2 ounces and was 17 inches long. She is the daughter of Justin and Kelsie Roberts and sister of Makenzie. Pictured here is Dr. Creutzinger giving the Roberts family a car seat full of gifts from SHA.

SHA Goes Viral

Tiffany Woodby (left) and Mona Gill (right) were the winners of two recent Facebook contests! To be eligible for Sweetwater Hospital Association’s Facebook contest the participant must like the contest post, share the post, and like our Facebook page.
Be sure to like SHA on Facebook so you can participate in future contests!
Dr. Fredrick Klein
Retires

Dr. Klein dedicated 17 years to Sweetwater Hospital and the Monroe County Community. He began his practice in November of 1999 and retired in December of 2016. Sweetwater Hospital wants to extend a thank you to Dr. Klein and wish him the happiest retirement.

Dr. DeLair, Dr. LeRoy, and Dr. Chiles will transition Dr. Klein’s patients to their practice, as he is retiring. All physicians are accepting new patients in their new offices located in the Sweetwater Hospital Association Professional Office Building, 304 Wright Street, Sweetwater, TN 37874. Sweetwater Hospital Association is fortunate these physicians have chosen to serve the men and women of our community. To make an appointment, please call:

Dr. DeLair (865)-938-5222 & Dr. Chiles or Dr. LeRoy (865)-690-3811.
On March 4th, Casey Camp, MHA attended the Monroe On The Move Healthier Tennessee Fitness Expo. She took blood pressures, taught ways to eat healthy, and described our services to attendees.

SHA SUPPORTS THE HEALTHIER TENNESSEE COALITION

Have your heavy periods affected your everyday activities? Do you frequently cancel on friends? Miss work? Don’t miss out on life! Free yourself from debilitating heavy menstrual bleeding.

NovaSure is state of the art equipment designed to perform endometrial ablation, a one-time procedure designed to remove the uterine lining. For many women this dramatically reduces or stops heavy periods.

If you think Endometrial Ablation may be right for you, make an appointment with a Board Certified OB/GYN:

Dr. Creutzinger
Dr. Pegram

To make an appointment call: 865-213-8592

Sweetwater Hospital Association distributes a completely anonymous employee satisfaction survey and all employees are encouraged to participate. This survey asks about the employees’ environment, leadership in the department, paygrade, and more. This information gives us valuable input on the direction of the hospital, through both, this survey and the self-evaluation forms that are collected during annual evaluations every year.

Sweetwater Hospital Association is proud to inform everyone that we have had another great year for our employee satisfaction survey responses! Out of 409 employees who completed the survey, the overall average positive response for all questions was 96%!
RICK HENDERSON, CRNA

Rick Henderson of Sweetwater, passed away on Saturday, March 4, 2017, at Park West Medical Center in Knoxville. He was a member of the First United Church of Christ in Sweetwater. Rick was a graduate of Hazelwood West Senior High School in St. Louis, Mo., and was also a graduate of Washington University in St. Louis, Mo. Served as the president of the board of directors of Team Lexi. He was a member of the Tennessee Association of Nurse Anesthetists. Rick was a recipient of the Award of Excellence from Sweetwater Hospital Association where he served in the Anesthesia Department for 19 years.

Preceded in death by: his parents, Robert Henderson and Elizabeth Mims; grandparents; his dog, Lex. Survivors include: his wife and companion of 12 years, Heather Henderson; Sons, Christopher and wife Anna, Jacob and wife Hope, Nathan, Jarren, Seth, Riley, and Caleb.

JERRI BAXTER, RN

Jerri Baxter, 48, of Englewood, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, Feb. 19, 2017. She was a daughter of Jean Maynor and the late Ben Maynor and a member of Englewood Church of God. Jerri dedicated 24 years to Sweetwater Hospital Association. She loved her patients, loved people, and always put others above herself.

Preceded in death by: her grandchild, baby Baxter; and adopted father, Ben Maynor.

Survivors include: her husband of 31 years, Buford Baxter; Son and daughter-in-law, Adam and Samantha Baxter; Daughter, Hailee Baxter; Adopted daughter, Laura Case and husband, Adam; Mother, Jean Maynor; Birth father and step-mother, Jerry and Lucille Maynor; Birth mother, Diana Harris; Brothers and sisters-in-law, Joe and Renee; Wyatt and Bryson; Sister and brother-in- Maynor, and David and Amy Maynor; Grandchildren, Phyllis and Frank Hart; Half sisters, Vicki Kesler and Angel Tillema; Half brother, Sky Harris.

EILEEN FISHER, LPN

Eileen Ann Fisher of Vonore, passed away on Dec. 26, 2016 after a brief battle with cancer. She was a loving wife of 54 years, a wonderful mother and grandmother. She was an ICU nurse at Sweetwater Hospital for 25 years and helped so many patients and their families. It was a career that brought her so much joy.

She is preceded in death by her parents William and Ethel Flynn, and her sister Carol Bacany.

Survivors include her husband Joseph Fisher, daughters Lisa Calder (David), Colleen Nolan (Dennis), and son Joseph Fisher (Lori), grandchildren Carrie Bringham, Michael Bringham, Austin Bringham, Catherine Nolan, Dennis Nolan, Ashley Goodman, Joey Fisher, Steven Fisher, Ryan Fisher, brother Dan Flynn (Denise), and sister Jean Ward.

HIM Week

Health Information Management Week is March 26th through April 1st. Sweetwater Hospital’s Health Information Professionals are of vital importance to the hospital’s function. The Health Information Management Department includes: Release of Information & Chart Analysis, Transcription, Coding, and Utilization Management. We want to thank each one of you for your hard work and dedication.
Contact Us

Have you had your yearly check-up? Make your next appointment today!

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