

Stewart Co. Baptist Associational Newsletter

April - May - June




What if?

One Mind One Love One Spirit One Purpose

**2009 Southern Baptist Convention
Pastor's Conference
June 21st & 22nd
Kentucky Exposition Center (Louisville, KY)**

SBC Annual Meeting 23rd & 24th



VBS Clinic

May 17, 2009
Big Rock Baptist Church
1:30pm—4:30 pm

Bring all your VBS volunteers for a day of tips, training & ideas

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Executive Board Meeting

First Baptist Church, Dover

**April 19th
2:30 PM**

Director of Missions Report

Psa 85:6 Wilt thou not revive us again: that thy people may rejoice in thee? **Pray for the Revivals** going on in our associations and try to support with your attendance too.

Vacation Bible School can be a great Evangelistic tools. More people was saved last year in Vacation Bible Schools than all the Revival meeting. We need to use all the means we have available to win the lost to Christ. (Act 1:8) But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. If you need our help during VBS please contact us as soon as possible. The sooner we know the better we can serve you. Thanks to everyone that attended the State VBS training. **Please make plans to attend the VBS clinic @ Big Rock BC on May 17.**

Don't forget to pray for and participate in the missions and ministries opportunities this summer in your church and association. If you need help with a mission project let us know. Churches that are involved in missions and ministries are growing churches. Churches that are not involved in missions and ministries are declining. **Pray for me and the mission team going to El Salvador, April 28 – May 5.**

Pray for the Area Wide Crusade, September 6-10. The different Crusade committees will be sharing at our Executive Board meeting on April 19 at 2:30 pm at FBC, Dover. We need at one person from all the churches to serve. All pastors are on this committee and it would be good to have at least one more from each church.

Mat 28:19-20
(19) Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.

The Good Samaritans

A caring ministry...

As many of you begin Spring cleaning, I hope you will consider the option of donating what you consider “clutter or junk” to the Good Samaritans. There are many items that you may consider useless or bothersome that someone else may be in need of or could find great use for. The aim of the Good Samaritans is to meet the needs of those in our community. We take all donated items and sell them at a very reasonable price, that money is then taken and used to help pay Electric, Water, Rent, and buy food for families in Stewart Co.

Consider the Good Samaritans as an incentive to begin your Spring Cleaning! Hopefully with this info our Spring Cleaning serve as more than just cleaning our house, but bettering someone else's!

You can Donate the following:

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| Furniture (Couches, Beds, Tables, etc...) | Food (Can Goods, Non-perishables) |
| Clothes (All Ages, sizes, styles, & seasons) | Paper Products (Toilet Paper, Napkins, etc.) |
| Household items (TV's, Radios, & Dishes) | Baby Items (Formula, Diapers, etc.) |
| Entertainment (Books, Movies, & Toys) | |

Church News

Bear Spring, Pastor Dale Taylor: PRAISE the Lord! Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever. Psalm 106:1 We are so blessed at Bear Spring the Lord has been so good to us. We had Kelly Dew and Michelle Eagle join the church by statement. Margie and Billy Vann joined the church by baptism, Norman Knight, Crystal Hanen, Sierra Eagle, Sky Eagle, Patrick Collins, Montana Eagle were saved and joined by baptism. Carl Everette joined by baptism & Katrina joined by statement. We have new youth leaders Jeni and Bart Link we are so proud of them they are going a great job! On February 26th we had a pizza and Wii party with 35 youth present. Then, March 27th we had a ice cream/game night with 25 youth attending. The kids enjoyed playing games, eating hotdogs, and making ice cream sundaes! We had our Fifth Sunday Night Singing on the 29th with our special guest With Willing Hearts and also some of our local singers. After our singing we had a fellowship and everyone was truly blessed and enjoyed it. We are planning to have our Easter egg hunt and cookout on April 11th. We also happy to announce the pay-off of our beautiful church PRAISE THE LORD!!!

Big Rock, Pastor David Whitehead: Big Rock Baptist church has been busy this quarter. Our youth and children have enjoyed attending events of family fun, at the circus, skating, and laser tag. The older children and youth are looking forward to a lock-in coming up. Our older youth participated in the associational event YEC in Nashville Tennessee. They are also participating in true love waits program. The older youth hosted a baby-sitting night for parent in our church. They watched the kids for an evening and let the parents enjoy a date-night. Big Rock is preparing for Vacation Bible School. Our Vacation Bible school teachers attended an associational bible school training event in Nashville. We also hosted a training session at Big Rock, for all the Bible school leaders in our community. We are continuously praying for this year's event. A new women's discipleship training class has been added on Sunday nights. They are currently following a Beth Moore bible study. Our Big Rock crafters have made blankets for many of the new mothers in our community. They work with the HUGS program, through the Stewart County help department, and are currently creating more blankets to distribute.(any church is welcome to participate) Our Choir has been busy practicing for the upcoming Easter Cantata. Big Rock has committed our upcoming revival in prayer. Our revival will be on May 3-6, with John McBride, as the evangelist.

East Oak Grove, Pastor Dwayne Tyler: And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. (I Cor. 13: 13) Announcements: East Oak Grove will continue to have its' 5th Sunday morning revival and high attendance day with dinner served throughout the year of 2009. Our guest preacher for 2009 will be the Rev. Dorrance Powell associate minister of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Clarksville Tn. Rev. Powell fed our souls with the word of God this past 5th Sunday. Please continue to pray for the pastor and members of East Oak Grove Baptist Church. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning worship 11:05 a.m. Everyones Welcome.

FBC, Dover: We have been blessed with six new members; Brad and Faye Wallace by letter, Devin Crain by baptism, Danielle Radden by baptism, Lee Shepherd by profession of faith, Kelsey Cox by profession of faith. We welcome each of them to our church family. The associational missions fair, held March 1st in the Family Life Center, was a tremendous success, thanks to all who participated. Special thanks to Bro. Bill Gray and Mrs. Jo Lewis, coordinators of the fair. Our youth group recently attended "Acquire the Fire" in Nashville. Approximately 45 attended this event. Our deepest thanks to youth leader, Gary Dacus, for his work with our young people. The worship choir has been busy preparing for the Easter service. Under the direction of Lonnie Penrod, the choir will present "Look to the Lamb" at 10:30am on April 12th. Everyone is invited to attend. Charlie Green will be leaving on his 9th mission trip to Albania in April. Your prayers for Charlie, the mission team and the Albanian people are coveted. We ask for your prayers for our church family as our Pastor Search Team continues the process of seeking a pastor for our church. May God bless each of you with His richest blessings.

Hurricane Creek, Pastor Bud Sherrill: Spring reminds us of new beginnings. Green grass, trees budding and flowers blooming, tells us that Easter is right around the corner. Because of the events of Easter, everyone has the opportunity of a NEW Beginning! We are looking forward to our Easter Sunrise Service, entitled The Stones of Passion to be held at 7 a.m. with special music followed by breakfast. We recently enjoyed Movie Night, where we watched Fireproof. It made you look at your own marriage or relationship, whether in turmoil or just in need of improvement. We are looking forward to our next Cluster Meeting at Little Rock Baptist Church, April 19 at 6:30 p.m. WMU has started a new outreach program, Angels on Duty. Starting April 4, meals will be delivered at 3 p.m. to the elderly, sick and shut-in once a month. Our VBS and Mission Trip plans are still being developed. We continue to have alot of sickness but also have been blessed. And remember, as we look around us and see the signs of Spring, take this opportunity to start your own new beginning!

Grace, Pastor Joe Shannon: "For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's." Here at Grace God has continually poured out His blessings. We are active in praying for our 5 on the Way and through this we have seen 8 individuals come to know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. We are excited that we have had several families join our fellowship at Grace in the past couple of months: Jerry & Faye Simpson, Andy & Leslie Simpson, Clayton, Cathey, Gaby, & Sawyer Simons, Rick McPherson, Adam & Danielle Fuller, Bill & Tina Steele, Lucas Cheatham, and Kylee Smith. We are looking forward to our VBS this year, we will be having ours June 24-28. Then the following month we will be on a mission trip in Grand Mound, Iowa helping God's Family Baptist Church conduct a VBS and doing survey work for a new church work in their community. Please pray for those in our Association that will be going on a mission trip to El Salvador, April 28—May 5. Pray for many souls to be saved.

Lakeview, Pastor Ben Clark: We had a great time helping our Youth with a coke booth on Irish Day in Erin. We also enjoyed working as a group to build a float for the parade. We used it as an opportunity to advertise for VBS. Mrs. Marie Winters is doing a great job working with the ladies to keep us involved in mission. It is great to have a church family. Please keep praying for us.

Maranatha, Pastor Wray Forrest: Debby Lancaster knee surgery, Bro. Wray for tests and Mrs. Emma Burns for tests, Carol Crain for tests. Mrs. Jane Lancaster is also in need of prayer, she has had infections. We thank the Lord for answering prayers for these mentioned. We would especially like to thank Bro. Alfred Luffman for filling in for Bro. Wray after he had his tests run. We appreciate you. We would like to invite everyone to our upcoming revival. Starting April 19th thru April 22nd, with Bro. Dale Taylor bringing the message each night. Sunday April 19 the services will begin at 5:30 pm. April 20-22 the services will begin at 7:00 pm. Everyone come join our worship services. God Bless You All.

Mt. Sinai, Pastor Shawn Kiselka: PRAISE THE LORD, JESUS IS ALIVE!! We pray Spring is bringing new beginnings and renewal hope to you all. We here at Mt. Sinai have been working toward some new projects. In January we began, with the help of the Lord, collecting food for the less fortunate. God has really blessed. We have also been collecting other things for our local mission. We want to help meet some of the needs of our community. We want to be a blessing to others. God has blessed us so much. We want to pass it on and give God all the glory. He is so worthy. In February we enjoyed our cluster meeting at Hurricane Creek. It's always a blessing to gather with our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Bro. Bud's message enlightened and informed us of the true flames of Hell. It reminded us that there is a place that the lost are headed without Christ. And our greatest concern should be their souls and witnessing for Jesus. Telling as many as we can that there is a better place to spend eternity and what a wonderful relationship they can have with our Savior. We send a shout out to all our spirit-filled preachers for listening to the Lord and preaching the truth. People are seeking the truth more today than ever. God bless you all in your ministries. Keep us in your prayers as we move forward for the Lord. HAPPY EASTER TO YOU ALL.

New Faith, Pastor Lance Parker: We are continuing to move forward at New Faith Baptist Church. We began the New Year with a Watch Night Service with lots of food and singing to ring in the New Year and ask God's continued blessings on us. We are continuing our monthly ministry at Signature Healthcare in Erin. The residents there always bless our hearts. Our basketball team finished second in our league!! We began a Sunday School class for younger children in January. We desire to see more children from the surrounding area start attending Sunday School and church. Since God has allowed us to purchase our church building, we have started on some much needed renovations. Come by and see what's new at New Faith!! Some upcoming events include an Easter Egg Hunt and Resurrection story on April 11 at noon followed by Nursing Home ministry @ Signature Healthcare in Erin at 2:00 p.m.; Sunrise Service and breakfast on April 12; 5th Sunday Singing on May 31 @ 5:00 p.m.

New Haven, Pastor James Wyatt: Our year got off to a wonderful start here at New Haven Baptist! We started the year with a three night prayer emphasis using Jim Cymbala's "When God's People Pray" which is a wonderful resource to use when praying for a harvest of souls! On January 4th, we had our annual visitation blitz, and were able to visit over 20 families in our community who are either lost or without a church home! On the 4th our children went to Jump Zone in Clarksville and had a great time! On January 11th our building team met to discuss further plans for future additions to our building. Please pray for us, as construction on the addition is planned to start in May. On January 14th Olan Mills photography was present taking photographs for our new church directory. On January 25th, we had a fellowship lunch and a baby shower for Chris and Justine Welker and baby Landon. We also wished Brother James a happy 35th birthday! February 6th and 7th, the men attended Johnny Hunt's Men's Conference at FBC Woodstock, in Woodstock Georgia. On Valentine's Day, the youth had a Valentine's Lunch, where they were presented with two different scriptural views on love from Jonathan Hardison and Misty Wyatt. That evening, parents were treated to a night out, and the children were given a Valentine's Party by Justine Welker, Amy Perez, and Erica Cotter. We were treated by the children's choir to a special song on February 15th, which was "Oh How I Love Jesus" in honor of Valentine's Day. On the 15th, New Haven set new all time records for both Sunday School and Worship service, having 83 in Sunday School, and 104 in worship! We praise God for the increase, and pray that His hand remain upon us! On the 22nd, we had our fellowship breakfast. On March the 1st, our RA's, GA's, Outreach Team, and REVIVE prayer ministry team had displays at the Associational Missions/Ministry Fair. On March 6th-7th, our youth attended YEC where four decisions for Jesus were made! On the evening of the 8th, the youth gave testimonies to the church of their experience. On the morning of the 8th, the RA's and GA's hosted a pancake breakfast to raise money for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missions. On the 22nd, the church viewed the movie FireProof during evening service. On March 25th, we participated in the Concert of Prayer, which was wonderful!!! On March 29th, we had fellowship lunch as well as a wedding shower for Bradley Jones and Candice McGee. Congratulations to this wonderful couple who will wed on June 6th. This quarter, we have welcomed members Emma Scarborough, Kaylee Murray, Kameron Heina, Mark Smith, Jordan May, Cortney Etherton, and Britney Taylor by baptism- as well as Kevin Heina by statement, and Marcella Bryant by letter. Making professions of faith were Cody Colon, Anna Ross, and Emily Ivy. Anna Ross is to be baptized on April 5th. Marty Greenhill came forward to join by baptism on March 22, and his baptism is slated for April 12th. One other very special announcement: On Wednesday March 18th, we welcomed Landon James Welker to the world! Landon weighed 6 lbs and 13 oz! Congratulations Chris and Justine Welker on the birth of that sweet baby boy! We will be having our annual VBS on Good Friday April 10th from 9:00 to 2:00 ending with an egg hunt. Please encourage all children in the association to attend. On April 12th, Easter Sunday we will have a choral/drama presentation during morning service. Have a great Spring everyone!

Walnut Grove, Pastor Morris Lee: We are busy planning things for spring. We thank the Lord for His many blessings. Praise the Lord we exceeded our Annie Armstrong Offering church goal. We covet your prayers for our sick, the lost in the community also for our military. We welcomed Mario and Chrystal Stark to our church family by baptism. Our youth also are planning many activities this spring.

The Associations

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Calendar of Events**April**

11: Crossover, Pomona
12-18: Baptist Doctrine Study
17-18: Prayer Conference @ Parkers Creek BC
18: Advisory Council Mtg @ Sylvia BC, 10:00 am
19: Life Commitment Sunday
19: Executive Board Meeting@ First Baptist Church, 2:30pm
20: Prayer Coordinator, 9 am
25: Joint VBS Clinic @ FBC, McEwen 9 am—12:30 pm
25: Reg. Children's/Youth Bible Drill @ Hermitage Hills BC
26: Cooperative Program Sunday

May "Associational Missions Emphasis Month"

2: Youth Bible Drill/Speakers Tournament @ Baptist Center
3: Senior Adult Sunday
3-10: Christian Home Week
7: National Day of Prayer
10: Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelism
17-23: Baptist Association Week
17: VBS Clinic @ Big Rock BC - 1:30—4:30 pm
18: Prayer Coordinator Mtg., 9:00 am
30: Crossover, Parkers Creek BC

June

14: Baptist Men's Emphasis
15: Pray Coord. Mtg, 9 am
19-20: Crossover Louisville
22: SBC Pastor Conference
23-24: SBC Convention @ Louisville, KY
27: Crossover

Second Quarter 2009 Treasurer's Report

Received from Churches:**Other Receipt:****Expenditures:**

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| Bear Spring | \$ 240.00 | TBC | \$ 5,271.30 | Staff - Link up | \$8,700.00 |
| Big Rock | \$3,600 | Interest | 0.44 | Staff - TBC | \$5,271.30 |
| Bumpus Mills | \$ 52.92 | | | Office Phone | |
| Calvary | | TBC (Evang. Conf.) | \$ 400.00 | CEMC | \$364.10 |
| Carlisle | \$ 329.86 | Grace: | | Water | \$48.24 |
| Corinth | \$ 525.00 | FBC | \$ 100.00 | AT&T | \$624.75 |
| Covenant Fellowship | \$ 139.00 | | | PO Box Rent | \$26.00 |
| East Oak Grove | | Bro. Gray Phone Re- | \$ 287.25 | Grace Baptist | \$900.00 |
| Fairview | \$ 126.92 | Total | 6058.99 | Incorp. Fee | \$20.00 |
| FBC, Dover | \$ 3,427.25 | | | Evang. Conf. | \$150.00 |
| Grace | \$ 432.48 | Minutes: | | VBS Materials | \$216.00 |
| Hurricane Creek | \$ 574.00 | | | Tent Rental (Crusade) | \$ 213.00 |
| Lakeview | \$ 538.43 | | | | |
| Little Rock | \$ 150.00 | | | Total | \$ 16,533.39 |
| Maranatha | \$ 325.00 | Total | | | |
| Mt. Sinai | \$ 690.65 | | | Youth Fund | |
| New Faith | \$ 200.00 | Crusade Fund: | | | |
| New Haven | \$ 320.00 | Carlisle | \$ 500.00 | | |
| Pleasant Grove | \$ 600.00 | | | | |
| Pugh Flat | \$ 579.00 | | | Total | |
| Walnut Grove | \$ 500.00 | | | | |
| Yellow Creek | \$ 575.34 | | | | |
| Total | \$ 13,925.85 | | | | |
| | | Balance as of () | 8,595.69 | | |
| | | Total Rec. () | 20,484.84 | | |
| | | Total Expenditures () | 16,533.39 | | |
| | | Balance on Hand | 12,547.14 | Includes all funds | |