

Stewart Co. Baptist Associational Newsletter

January - February - March

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JOHN 4:35-37

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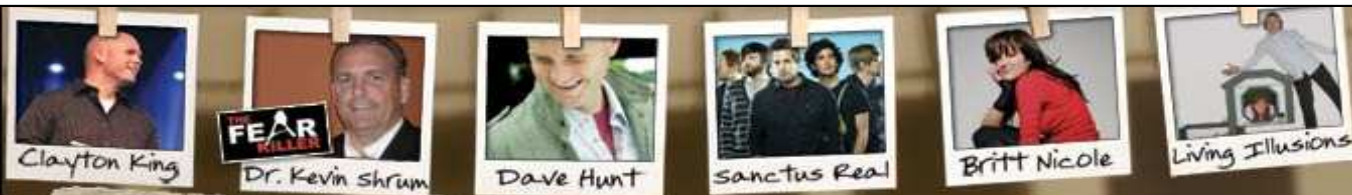
Praise the lord! for the many blessing that we have received this year. Let's pray that 2009 will be the best year that our association has ever experienced. Thank you! For you faithful support this past year. If we can help you or your church in anyway please call on us. Pray that as we begin a new year that we may see many new works started for Christ. The new associational calendars are available. Also, go to the associational website at www.jstba.com and click Calendar to see online associational calendar. You can view or download your association events of all the associations. You can print monthly calendars, weekly or daily calendars. Also, you can download a calendar at <http://www.jstba.com/downloads.htm> ! If you have any problems let me know. Also, the association minute book for 2008 is on the website to view or download. I am starting my 23rd year as your DOM. It seems like only few days. Please make a new commitment to be faithful to your associational events.

Mat 28:19-20 **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: (20) 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. Amen.**

Executive Board Meeting

East Oak Grove BC

January 18th
2:30 PM



GOING GOD
youth evangelism conference
March 6-7, 2009
Nashville Municipal Auditorium



Church News

Bear Spring, Pastor Dale Taylor: "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." Psalms 100:4. We are so thankful at Bear Spring the Lord is truly blessing us. We have three to be saved and join the church by baptism. Our Christmas Program was held on December 21st with the preschool and adult classes doing a play in which everyone enjoyed and was really blessed by the real meaning Christmas. Our church went caroling on December 22nd; we had a good time and got a blessing it. The people made us feel welcome into their homes and also the nursing home as they themselves had a blessing out of it. Please continue to pray for us at Bear Spring as we continue to do God's will.

Big Rock, Pastor David Whitehead: We've had a great year for the Lord this past year with many souls saved. We made Christmas Fruit Baskets for the shut-in's of our church as well as people in our community. Everyone enjoyed making the baskets as well as delivering them. We have a trip planned to visit Opry Mills in Nashville to see the Christmas Lights on Jan. 2nd, 09. Our youth plan to go to the Youth Evangelism conference in March we want to pray for our youth as well as the ones who work with them they do a Great Job! May we have a Great year for the Lord. Happy New Year

Bumpus Mills, Pastor Jimmie Oliver: On December 7, we visited the Dover Nursing Home singing Christmas carols and giving all the residents socks, comb, and a box of tissue. It was a very humbling and rewarding experience as every visit there is. Also on December 21 we made 30 fruit baskets and delivered to the shut ins in our community. Please continue to pray for our church. Our prayer is that 2009 will be the Best year ever and the Lord will add to the church accordingly.

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) Greetings, we hope & pray that everyone had a blessed Christmas and pray that God's blessings will fill your cups that it overflows with his love in the year of 2009. 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. 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, Interim Pastor Jackie Kay: With the closing of 2008 upon us, FBC has seen several changes in leadership. Bro. Royce resigned as pastor in November, answering the call as pastor of Gum Springs BC in Clarksville. Also resigning was Richard "Dicky" Conley, Minister of Youth, who accepted a position at Walnut Grove BC. We pray God's blessings upon their ministries as they seek to serve Him through other churches. We are blessed to have Bro. Jackie Kay currently serving as transitional pastor, and will be with us through February. We are so very thankful to God for bringing Bro. Jackie our way. He is a wonderful support and encouragement to us during this time of transition. FBC entered a float in the annual Christmas parade which was held Dec. 6th. The theme this year was "All I want for Christmas is..." Our entry was entitled "Christmas Wish List" and featured an unrolled scroll, listing the fruits of the Spirit, which ended at the manger. The float was named "Parade Favorite" by the St. Co. Chamber of Commerce. Many thanks to everyone who helped design and build the float. Congratulations are in order for Justin and Jamie Smothers who welcomed their first child, a beautiful baby girl. Vivianne Leigh Smothers was born December 10th, weighing 8 pounds, 10 ounces. Our best wishes to Justin, Jamie and Vivianne. Our annual Christmas dinner musicale was held December 14th with an attendance of 200+. Following the dinner, the FBC Choir presented the Christmas musical, "Emmanuel ~ God With Us" under the direction of Lonnie Penrod. Our children's "Celebration Choir" presented "It's a Wonder-Full Life" during the evening service on December 21st, under the direction of Cyndy Penrod. Many thanks to everyone who helped with stage design, props, costumes and especially to the children who did an outstanding job! Our WMU has been busy with Thanksgiving fruit baskets to our shut-ins, and more recently, assembling donations of food for the annual Christmas food boxes for needy families. FBC members have also provided Christmas gifts for several needy children this year. Thanks for making Christmas merrier for those less fortunate. A Christmas Eve candlelight service was held December 24th. It is our hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas with Christ being the center of each celebration. It is our earnest prayer that God will lead FBC in His ways and His direction as we seek His will for our church in the New Year. May each of you know His richest blessings in 2009.

Hurricane Creek, Pastor Bud Sherrill: We here at Hurricane Creek have a lot to be thankful for. We have had a lot of sickness, but have been blessed with successful surgeries and good recoveries. Our church enjoyed a Deacon led revival held throughout the month of October. The churches of our association met at Hurricane Creek on November 3 for M Night. We want to congratulate our friends at New Haven for receiving first place in attendance. Our Harvest Festival and hayride was enjoyed by all. The children had great fun with the obstacle courses and other games. The ladies of our WMU joined with the youth to make up Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes and soon after delivered Thanksgiving baskets. We pray that God will bless the recipients of these gifts and we thank Him for our many blessings. Our annual Hanging of the Green program was held December 7th, where we decorate our church building for the Christmas season, as well as discuss the many traditions behind each decoration. As this year draws to a close, we reflect on the past year and look forward to the year to come. Plans are already being formed for 2009 including a mission trip, vacation bible school and other mission opportunities. Praise the Lord for continuing to work through us to accomplish His will.

Grace, Pastor Joe Shannon: Psalm 40:5a, "Many, O Lord My God, are they wonderful works which thou hast done" We at Grace are praising God for all he has done! In October a revival was held and Evangelist Bro. Willie McLaurin from the TBC blessed us with wonderful messages from God's Word. A hayride and bonfire was enjoyed by everyone. We also participated in the City's Halloween Fest at the Middle School giving out candy and gospel tracts. What a blessing it was. In November we enjoyed a Thanksgiving dinner and fellowship. In December we were blessed when we went caroling with the children to the Manor House. The children also blessed us with a play titled, "The Christmas Star" where they praised Jesus as the star! On the 21st of December our adult choir presented special singing. Christmas Eve was spent in a time of fellowship and of watching the movie "The Nativity Story." New Year's eve we had a time of fellowship, singing, and eating and a short sermon by Bro. Joe and we welcomed in the New Year with prayer. The year of 2008 was a magnificent year with so many blessings and new additions. Those that have joined our fellowship are: Wade & Lenese Tosh, Casandra Osteen, Cierra & Skyla Collier, Wally & Molly Taylor, Howard & Bini Hayden, Diane Barrow, Adam & Danielle Fuller and Lucas Cheatham. We are thankful for all the Lord did in 2008, we anticipated great things in 09 and we were amazed on the 1st Sunday of 2009 to have Jerry & Faye Simpson and Bill & Tina Steele come forward to join us at Grace. Praise God for all these additions. We pray that God will continue His blessings upon our Association and that we will all see many come to know Jesus this year!

Lakeview, Pastor Ben Clark: We had a marvelous Christmas program. The children and choir did an great job. Our Women's Ministry is active again thanks to our new director, Mrs. Marie Winters. We are working hard to serve our church, community and other missions. The teens have enjoyed a few joint cluster events such as basketball and skating. We are looking forward to enjoying more joint events with our sister churches. We are planning a New Years Eve event so that we can all be fellowshiping together as we ring in the New Year.

Maranatha, Pastor Wray Forrest: We lost one of our loved ones earlier this year when Bro. Clarence Shemwell went on to be with the Lord. We all welcomed Bro. Russell Luffman as a member of our church family. Our fall revival was brought to us by Bro. David Whitehead, we all enjoyed the messages he brought each night. We had a really special Thanksgiving this year as our prayers were answered and Chris Lancaster came home from Iraq safe. Our church celebrated Christmas with some scriptures some songs and good food. We pray that your New Year will be a safe one, and more lost people will come to know the Lord. God bless everyone.

Mt. Sinai, Pastor Shawn Kiselka: AND BE NOT CONFORMED TO THIS WORLD: BUT BE YE TRANSFORMED BY RENEWING OF YOUR MIND, THAT YE MAY PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD, AND ACCEPTABLE, AND PERFECT WILL OF GOD. ROMANS 12:2. We pray all of you had a wonderful Christmas holiday. We know times are proving to be trying but we are relying on God's goodness and mercies to see us through these times. Keep the faith, brothers and sisters. We want to congratulate our pastor and his wife on the birth of their first grandchild. On Oct. 20th Andrew and Shawna Stanfill welcomed Bailee Rai into their family. God is merciful. On Dec. 20th we had a visitation day, we went around in our community visiting folks and passing out fruit, cookies, hot cocoa, and christmas cards. Spreading the gospel and some Christmas blessings. We invited everyone to our Christmas Fellowship Night on the 21st. Where we sang Christmas carols, read in Luke 2 of Christ's birth, had snacks and we had good christian fellowship. We are looking forward to the New Year. We have several projects in the works so keep us in your prayers. As all of you are in ours. Most of all in this New Year we at Mt. Sinai want to be found doing God's perfect will. God's great blessings to you all and have a Happy 2009!

New Haven, Pastor James Wyatt: In October we had our annual Trunk or Treat which was our biggest turn out yet! We were able to distribute many Bibles and gospel messages on C.D. In November, we had our annual visitation where we handed out Thanksgiving care packages which included glad ware containers for people to store their Thanksgiving leftovers. This type of visitation is always well received, and gives us an opportunity to pray with people and share the love of Jesus with them. We also had a youth day with clean up around the church. We had a special Thanksgiving lunch on the 30th of November. On December 7th we had our ladies Secret Sister lunch and redraw, along with a candy/cookie exchange. On December 10th our children visited Manor House Nursing Home and delivered care packages to each of the residents. Part of this included new hats and t-shirts with Christian messages. The children also gave out poinsettias, personal care items, and hand made cards and ornaments to the residents. There were 20 children in attendance, and the residents enjoyed the visits very much! On the 13th the youth gave the parents of the church a Christmas gift of free baby sitting and gift wrapping. On the 14th our choir presented their program "A True History Lesson" followed by desert. On the 21st we had Christmas breakfast, Communion, and in the evening our Christmas puppet show. On the 22nd we went visiting and gave out ornaments and Christmas candy. On the 31st we will start a revival and will also have a night of fellowship. Baptisms this quarter were Cassie and Nathan Langley. Also accepting Christ was Cameron Heina. His baptism is planned after the New Year. We would like to remind everyone that the movie Fire Proof will be available on D.V.D. on January 26th. This movie is by the same people who did Facing the Giants. It is a wonderful film for married couples, or those planning to be married. We went as a group to see it in October, and it left a lasting impact. We pray that you all have a great new year.

Walnut Grove, Pastor Morris Lee: "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name." Psalms 100:4 It has been a busy time at Walnut Grove. November 16th we had old-timer's days and Thanksgiving Dinner celebrating Bro. Lee's 58 years in the ministry. December 13th we had our church Christmas Dinner at Tom's Steakhouse & Pizza what a wonderful time of fellowship. On Dec. 14th we had our Cantata and the children did a fantastic job. On Dec. 17th we had a chili supper & prepared fruit baskets. We exceeded our Lottie Moon church goal. Praise the Lord! We welcomed Dickie Conley as our new Youth Director, his wife Tina, and his children Chandler & Ella also to our church family; Frank, Julie & Adam Smith, Morgan & Taylor Kanyah, Brian & Christy Shupe, and Jason Weaver. We wish everyone a Happy & Prosperous New Year!

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Calendar of Events

January

4-7: January Bible Study
10: Deacons Conference @ FBC White Bluff
15-16: Associational Secretaries Celebration Baptist Center; Brentwood
17: Advisory Council Mtg. @ Sylvia BC, 10:30 am
18: Sanctity OF Human Life Sunday
18: Executive Board Meeting @ East Oak Grove, 2:30 pm
19: Prayer Coord. Mtg. @ 9:00 am
24: Brotherhood Wild Game Supper @ Walnut Grove BC, 6pm
31: Crossover

February

"True Love Waits" Emphasis Month
1: Joint Assoc. Evangelism Conference, 6 pm @ Eastside BC Training at 5 pm
8: Assoc. Evangelism Conf. @ Corinth BC 2:30 pm
9-15: Focus on WMU Week
14: We have a Heart for You
16: Prayer Coordinator @ 9 am
21(Sat.): Assoc. VBS Training @ Woodmont Baptist Church, Nashville TN
23: Strengthen Giving in Challenging Economic Times @ ???
28: Crossover

March

2: Mission Celebration @ FBC, Dover ??
2-8: Week of Prayer for North America and Annie Armstrong
6-7: YEC Municipal Auditorium Nashville, Tennessee
8-14: Youth Week
14: Bible Fun Field Day @ Linden Valley
15: Substance Abuse Prevention
16: Prayer Coordinator, 9 am
22-28: Sunday School Emphasis Week
28: Crossover, FBC, White Bluff

First Quarter 2009
Treasurer's Report

Received from Churches		Other Receipt		Expenditures	
Bear Spring	\$ 385.53	TBC	\$ 5,271.30	Staff - Link up	\$8,514.00
Big Rock		Interest	0.98	Staff - TBC	\$5,271.30
Bumpus Mills	\$ 49.77	Grace	\$ 300.00	Office Phone	
Calvary				CEMC	\$231.23
Carlisle	\$ 392.18	TBF:		Water	\$48.24
Corinth	\$ 525.00	Rushing Creek	\$ 92.71	AT&T	\$359.55
Covenant Fellowship	\$ 263.20	Total	5664.99	WMU	\$180.00
East Oak Grove				TBC for Yellow Creek	\$644.00
Fairview	\$ 105.56	<u>Minutes:</u>		MCI	\$50.00
FBC, Dover	\$ 3,138.54	Hurricane Creek	\$ 50.00	"M" Night	\$50.00
Grace	\$ 322.48			Bldg. Maint.	\$342.30
Hurricane Creek	\$ 603.00			Total	\$ 15,690.62
Lakeview	\$ 688.04	Total			
Little Rock	\$ 300.00			<u>Youth Fund</u>	
Maranatha	\$ 125.07	<u>Crusade Fund:</u>			
Mt. Sinai					
New Faith	\$ 194.00				
New Haven	\$ 480.00				
Pleasant Grove	\$ 600.00			Total	
Pugh Flat	\$ 273.00				
Walnut Grove					
Yellow Creek	\$ 920.00				
		Balance as of ()	9,205.95		
		Total Rec. ()	15,080.36		
		Total Expenditures ()	15,690.62		
Total	\$ 2,386.30	Balance on Hand	8,595.69	Includes all funds	