

Stewart Co. Baptist Associational Newsletter

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October is **Pastor (Staff) Appreciation Month**. You can schedule it when it is the best for your church and pastor. As your D.O.M., I would like to suggest that you do something special for your pastor (staff) and his family. Many of our pastors serve so sacrificially and faithfully. I believe one of the main needs of every pastor is to feel that the church appreciates his hard work and dedica-

tion. I also feel that the more the church shows this appreciation, the more sacrificially he will serve.

We are thankful for the good associational year the Lord has given us. Pray for us as we plan for the coming associational year.

Mat 6:33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

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Church News

Big Rock, Pastor David Whitehead: The Lord is really blessing us at Big Rock there have been 13 saved Praise the Lord. We are in the planning stages to begin building a new Multi- Purpose building for our church this is very exciting for us to see a vision for the future. The children's church have been saving their money and putting it in a big jar to go towards the building they are having a lots of fun dropping their money in the big jar and having a part. We would like to invite all of you to our Homecoming on October 7th Bro. Pat Merrell will be our speaker for the day with Heaven Sake trio to sing in the afternoon also this month we will be having an old fashioned day on October 28th and that night we will have our annual hayride with songs around the camp fire and lots of fun for all On October 31st we will have for the kids Trunk or treat it will begin at 5:00 p.m. so dress up and have fun.

FBC, Dover, Pastor Royce Dukes: September kicked off with advancement Sunday in Sunday School and with the choir holding a potluck fellowship to review the Christmas music for this year's program. "Tis the Season of Love" will be presented on Friday, December 7th and Sunday, December 9th at 6:00pm. The children's choir is working on their program entitled, "The Mystery of the Manger: It's the Gospel Truth" which will be presented Sunday, December 16th. Our puppet team is also hard at work on their Christmas program which will be presented Sunday, December 2nd during the evening worship hour. Our JOY group visited the Schermerhorn Symphony Center in Nashville on September 13th and our Royal Ambassadors traveled to Mammoth Cave, KY September 28-29, for their annual campout. Church members Perrie and Loretta Boyd left September 16th on a mission trip to Thailand where they will serve for six months. Our many prayers and thoughts are with them as they minister to the Thai People. Bro. Royce traveled to Cut Bank, Montana September 22-27, with a mission team to hold revivals in the area. Our youth have been enjoying "5th Quarter" activities in the FLC following the home football games. Many thanks to our youth team for their work and support of our youth group. October will be a busy month with several activities scheduled. Harvest Sunday was held October 14th with a fellowship meal following the morning service. Brian Arnold held a concert that evening from 5:00pm until 7:00pm. Brian endured a childhood accident in which he lost his left leg, and an automobile accident at the age of 26 in which he lost his left arm, yet he continues to praise God through his talent as a pianist and singer. He is truly an inspiration to all of us. Our children's annual hayride and hotdog roast will be held on Saturday, October 27th at 5:30pm at the Marshall farm. All kids to 6th grade are invited to attend this fun-filled evening. FBC will be participating in the second annual Halloween Festival to be held Wednesday, October 31st at the Middle School. We will host a "Little Debbie Cake-walk Booth" and distribute goody bags to the kiddies.

Fairview, Pastor Tony Chester: God is doing great things at Fairview. As all you all know, we are in our building process and enjoying the experiences that God is providing. We are focusing on the things that the Lord is doing instead of the finished product that He will provide for us. We are focusing on phases of the experience. We have completed phase 1 which was to remove the trees to begin to prep for the footing and foundation. We are now looking forward to phase 2 the ground work and the footing which we hope to see finished in the next few weeks. Then on to the foundation which is phase 3, which looks to be completed by Christmas if all goes well. Our youth have been very busy, they attended the judgement house in Paris, TN. at Fairview Baptist Church. Also they have had a lock in, hay ride, Bible study. They will begin a new ministry the month of November by visiting Dover Mannor Nursing Home. We will also have a Youth Crusade November 1-3. Our evangelist will be Bro. Joe Shannon, all are welcome. A great problem for a pastor is running out of room and we have. God is good and provides, our neighbor David Rosengrant has allowed us to have our youth SS class in his class room for that is used for hand gun safety courses and law enforcement shooting course. We are excited to see what the Lord has in store for us in the coming months. Praise God for His bounty and blessings. Our attendance is up in SS and Worship, Praise the Lord! We are still in need of someone to play the piano, keep this in your prayers.

Grace, Pastor Joe Shannon: We are excited about what the Lord is doing at Grace. We have recently started a visitation program, and the Lord has blessed! We are preparing for our Revival coming up October 24, 25, and 26 services starting at 7:00 PM Nightly. On Wednesday Night the Evangelist will be Bro. Kenneth Massey, Thursday Night, Bro. Nathan Wilkerson, and Friday, Bro. Chris Sparkman. Please be in prayer that there will be people saved and people rededicate the lives back to the Lord. If you have a chance come by and worship with us during our revival.

Hurricane Creek, Pastor Bud Sherrill: We've had a busy summer. Five members, including Bro. Bud, went on a mission trip to International Baptist Church, Memphis, TN for a week. Bro. Wrex and Betty Hauth of International Baptist Church are planning to visit our church Sept. 30. Cluster Revival was held Aug. 8-11 led by Bro. Clark Brown. A good message and special music was enjoyed each night. This was once again a great opportunity to fellowship with the other churches in our cluster. Our WMU adopted a new mission focus. Clothing and toys were collected and delivered to the Safeway House in Clarksville. We hope to continue this outreach, as well as our Knots of Love program with the Stewart County Sheriff's Department. In Reach and Out Reach groups continue to visit and send letters, encouraging people to come to church. Revival services were held Sept 13-15. We were all blessed by the messages Bro. William Gray brought. Homecoming Sept. 16 was dubbed "Old Fashion Day." Overalls and long dresses was standard attire. Bro Bobby Kail brought the message and Harvest Time Quartet sang after the meal. Our youth participated in Gospelooza on Sept. 15. This fun-filled day was much appreciated. We welcome John Benedict into our church family by profession of faith.

Maranatha, Pastor Wray Forrest: On July 23rd Christie Wolf had a baby boy, Wesley Wolfe. Congratulations Christie. On July 30th Jamie and Tanya Tippit had a baby girl Casen Annette Tippit. Congratulations to both. On Sunday August 26th our Church had a cook out for Sgt. Chris Lancaster and his platoon from the 101st Airborne to show them our love and support before being deployed to Iraq. A good time was had by all. On Sept. 9th Cody Tipet joined the church by baptism. Welcome Cody. On Sept. 16th we had our homecoming with Bro. L.J. Hatcher bringing the message and the Witness singers performing. A good time was had by all. On September 17-19 we had our Fall Revival with Bro. Virgil Bishop bringing the message each night. Anyone who has never heard Bro. Virgil speak if given the opportunity should do so you will receive a blessing as we did. On Oct. 3rd Bro. Wray had surgery and is coming along well, continue to keep him in your thoughts and prayers during this time and we pray he'll have a speedy recovery.

Mt. Sinai, Pastor Shawn Kiselka: We had a great VBS. We did Cowboy VBS and the kids & adults had a great time learning and sharing our faith. We didn't have a frog race this year, but we did have a stick horse race. The adults and kids rode to the finish line. Our Cluster revival was a blessing. We enjoy worshipping and fellowshiping with our other sister churches. Our building program is really moving. We are to put the roof on the new auditorium the first Saturday in October. What a blessing!! We are so thankful to all our men and community friends for all their help and support in this building effort. God has been so good to us. Continue to pray for us as we work for His Kingdom.

New Haven, Pastor James Wyatt: Here at New Haven we are having a wonderful time seeking and serving the Lord together. God has added new members Carrie and Ronnie Murray by letter, along with Adam and Casey Earhart, Mandi Bennett, Alexandra Wyatt, Tony Perez, and Andrew Threatt by baptism. We have also had Toby Earhart make a decision to accept Christ. We have enjoyed fellowshiping together at our monthly softball games since July. Thanks go out to Ronnie Murray for coordinating our recreation. In August, our children enjoyed a back to school party at the Bennett home complete with a cookout and inflatable. We appreciate Mandi and Steve for their hospitality. We also enjoyed a church-wide trip to Holiday World in Santa Claus Indiana in August. In September, our married couples enjoyed a retreat to the Buffalo River where we camped and canoed. We have been visiting the Manor House of Dover on the 4th Thursday of each month, with music led by Russell Luffman. On September 19th, our children enjoyed a "Veg-Out" party in their pajamas where we watched a new Veggie Tales movie to kick off a month long curriculum called "God Made You Special." Much gratitude to Danielle MacDonald for her assistance with this event. We had a "work day" at the church on September 22. We were blessed by the many people who showed up to get the church and grounds prepared for homecoming. Thanks to Jason Keatts and Natalie Hardison for all the hardwork and preparation that goes into these events. Homecoming was on September 30th. We enjoyed having around 90 people for our morning worship, and after feeding more than that we still had food to spare! Thanks to all the good cooks for providing such a wonderful meal. During morning worship, we enjoyed scripture readings by Jason Keatts and Ronnie Murray as well as special music by Janice Keatts, Russell Luffman, Crystal Scarborough, and Mandi Bennett. After dinner we enjoyed more special music by Tony Baggett and Jimmy Luffman and his group. The Care Team here at New Haven Baptist has begun a program called "Angel Friends" where we collect donations to purchase Angel Food boxes for people or families who could use a little help. If you know of anyone in need of a food donation, please contact Jennifer Threatt at 232-0995. On October 5th, our youth will visit Judgment House at Fairview Baptist in Paris. On October 11-13 they will have three nights of worship, ending with a hayride on Saturday night. Chris and Justine Welker and Kathy Vertrees work very hard to teach and lead our youth. On October 8th, our families will take a trip to the Nashville Zoo. On October 7th, our adult Christmas choir will begin practicing "Star of Wonder". We are anticipating great things this fall and winter season! God is good!

Pleasant Grove, Pastor Melvin Dunaway: Well, Fall weather is finally here and our Hot weather is past. However we have had a great summer in our church. We have Welcomed Miranda Bolt, Ben & Shane Mahotka, Shawn & Sharon Suiter, Allison Holland, Courtney Melton all by baptism and Brandi Mahotka, Tony & Paula Waynick by Letter of Transfer. We are active with our G.R.O.W. Program, Youth Committee and a New Women's Bible Study. We are also looking forward to hosting the Annual Association Meeting, our Fish Fry and Youth Bonfire on the 27th and a big Mission-Gala Program Sunday the 28th. We are busy "Glorifying the Lord"

Pugh Flat, Pastor Mitchell Allen: We had a good revival September 23rd-26th with Bro. Joe Shannon as our evangelist. Bro. Joe brought some wonderful messages, and we had good crowds. Our youth had a hayride and campout at the church last Friday night, Oct 5. We had a lot of young people present and everyone had a good time. We are praying that we will gain some or all of these youngsters as members of our church. We are having visitors every Sunday for worship service. The oldest member of our church, Bro. Dorris Francis, age 80, recently passed away. One of our members, Mrs. Marie Francis, is now in Centennial Hospital and not doing well. Please remember this family in prayer. This is Bill Francis' mother. A visit to the Judgement House at a church in Princeton is planned for Oct 28th. Our Ladies Outreach Ministry continues to do well and fill many needs. God has really blessed this organization. We are now collecting items for the Ezell family who lost everything in a fire. Best wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas! Lets remember that Christ is the "reason for the season."

Walnut Grove, Pastor Morris Lee: "It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto they name, O Most High" Psalm Psalm 92:1. What a busy summer at Walnut Grove. Our homecoming was August 17th with good attendance food and fellowship. Our revival followed 20th—24th. The attendance and offerings remain to be up, also we are most thankful for the many visitors that we are having. September 29th the youth with several adults took a trip to Chattanooga to see many sights and had a wonderful and enjoyable time. We welcome to our church family by baptism: Sula Boone, Chandler and Ella Conley, Hayley McGarity. We also enjoyed having over 200 in attendance at our Gospelooza event with many things for the whole family to enjoy.

Calendar of Events

November

- 5.....M-Night @ Hurricane Creek BC, 7 PM
Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
- 12.....TBC Pastors Conference
- 13-14.....TBC Annual Meeting @ Convention Center Kingsport
- 19.....Prayer Coordinator Mtg., 9 PM
- 26.....International Mission Night @ FBC, Dover, 7PM

December

- 1.....Christmas Banquet, Big Rock, 12 noon
- 2-9.....Week of Prayer for International Missions
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering
- 8.....Shop-A-Roma @ Nursing Home, 2:00 PM
- 17.....Prayer Coordinator Mtg., 9 AM

January

- 19.....Advisory Council Mtg. @ Sylvia BC, 10:30 AM
- 20.....Executive Board Mtg @ Calvary BC, 2:30 PM
- 21.....Prayer Coord. Mtg. @ 9:00 AM



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November 12, 2007
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