

# Stewart Co. Baptist Associational Newsletter

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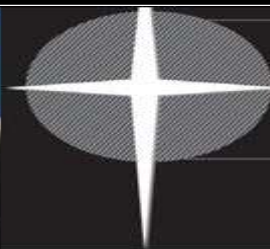
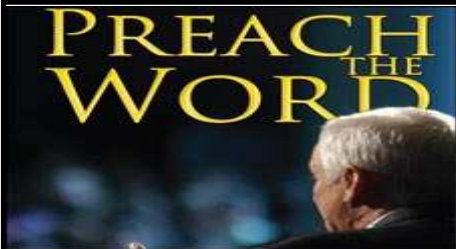
**Hurricane Creek**

**November 3rd**  
**7:00 PM**

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

Please pray for and attend our **Annual meeting on Oct. 16 at Walnut Grove BC**. Our **Annual Link Up meeting is (begins at 10 am) on Oct. 18 at FBC, White Bluff**. Also, pray for us as we plan for our 2008-2009 associational year. Please feel free to offer suggestions on how we can serve you better. We are thankful for the good associational year the Lord has given us.

**Psalm 37:23:**  
**"The steps of a good man are ordered by the LORD: and he delighteth in his way."**



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**PASTORS CONFERENCE**  
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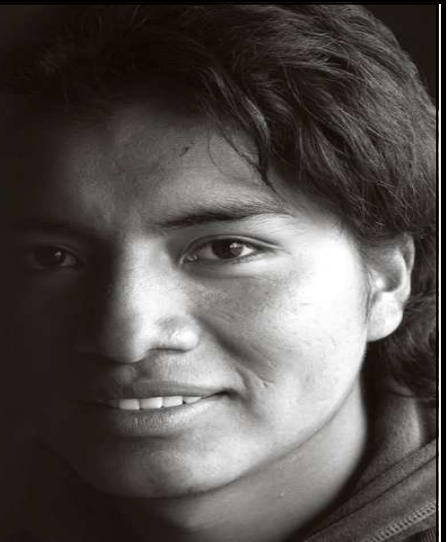
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## Church News

**Bear Spring, Pastor Dale Taylor:** The blessing of the Lord, it maketh rich, and addeth no sorrow with it. Proverbs 10:22 The Lord continues to bless us at Bear Spring, and we are truly thankful. We had our revival and fifth Sunday night singing in August everyone was really blessed. We had a great fellowship after the singing. We had two to be saved and join the church by baptism, and two people to join by letter. Praise the Lord! Our church is having a camping trip for the youth on September the 26th. We will be having our fall festival on October the 25th with a hayride and weiner roast. Our church is so thankful to have Bro. Dale and his family they are a wonderful inspiration and blessing to us. Please pray for our church that we might continue to grow in the Lord and do his will.

**Big Rock, Pastor David Whitehead:** To get the kids started back to school we had a Back to School ice cream supper. We had several saved as a result of the crusade Praise the Lord. Also Joe and Carrah Maney went with the Disaster Relief Team to Houma, La to help the victims of Hurricane Ike. The Big Rock Crafters are in the process of making baby blankets for the H.U.G.S. program to help new mothers. Mike Wallace gave his testimony at the Youth night at the crusade and Richard Conley brought the devotion it was very a very fitting message for the young people. We had a Family Campout at Piney Campground with 50 in attendance it was lots of fun for all. On Oct. 11<sup>th</sup> we plan to have a "Blast from the Past" also on October 5<sup>th</sup> we will have our Homecoming with Bro. Pat Merrell will be our guest speaker with For Heavens Sake doing the special music. We will have a hayride on Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> with lots of campfire songs and fun. Our annual Trunk or Treat will be Halloween Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> at our church everyone is welcome.

**Corinth, Pastor Roland Mudge:** We thank God for all He has blessed us with !! In August Corinth Baptist Church took a trip to Venture River Water Park with our Youth. We had 36 youth and adults go and we had a great day of swimming, eating and fellowship. Our pavilion was also finished in August and looks great!! Victoria Ashworth was baptized and joined Corinth Baptist Church on Aug. 31st 2008! Praise the Lord!! We elected new church officers for the 2008-2009 year in our August business meeting. Our church "Walked for Jesus" to hand out tracts inviting people to come to our homecoming and revival. We walked a mile or more on Wednesday nights before service started and was provided with t-shirts by Mrs. Gail Wilson, which were a testimony themselves, Thank you Mrs. Gail. We had our homecoming Sept. 14th 2008. It was a great day and all were blessed. Thank you to all who cooked and brought food to make our fellowship dinner a success. Thank you to Simple Traditions for your wonderful music. Sept. 15-19, 2008 we had our revival. Special thanks to Bro. Jerry Jenkins and his church for coming out, supporting and speaking at our revival, We had wonderful music that blessed our heart and soul from our community. Monday night we had Corinth's own Brianna and Carolyn "Peanut" White, Tuesday Day night we heard from The Lighthouse Group, Wednesday night was The Leatherwood Ashbury United Methodist Singers, Thursday night was Russell Luffman, and Friday night we heard from Dennis Stavely. Thank you again for all who came to sing and support our revival may God continue to bless you all. On Sept. 21, 2008 Mike and Michelle McClelland renewed their wedding vows starting fresh again after five years in a Christian marriage. Following the renewal of vows Mike McClelland was baptized and joined Corinth Baptist Church. We praise God

**East Oak Grove, Pastor Dwayne Tyler:** East Oak Grove, Pastor Dwayne E. Tyler: For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16). Greetings all, aren't you glad that God so loved the world? (that's the whole human race: past, present and future generations). That he give his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. I regularly tell the active members at East Oak Grove to make (John 3:16) personal by placing their names in the place of the plural noun world, and the plural pronoun whosoever. By doing this you make Jesus your personal Saviour and Lord. Announcements: East Oak Grove will continue to have it's 5th Sunday morning revival and high attendance day with dinner served throughout the year of 2008. Our guest preacher for the year is the Rev. Oscar Dixon associate minister of the First Missionary Baptist Church, Clarksville TN. Rev. Dixon blessed and fed our spirits this past 5th Sunday, Aug. 31, 08 by preaching the Gospel of Jesus Christ. 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.

**FBC, Dover, Pastor Royce Dukes:** At this writing, it's wonderful to be enjoying the beautiful sound of falling rain. How we thank God for the much needed rain and for His provision! September was a busy month. We began preparation on a new church pictorial directory which will hopefully be available by the end of the year. Our JOY group was honored with an appreciation luncheon on September 24th with 45 in attendance. The luncheon was sponsored and prepared by the Mary H. Dill Baptist Women. September 28th was Sunday School High Attendance & Harvest Day. Scott Rowlett, Anna Laura Moore and Beverly Dill were recognized for having missed only one day in Sunday school during the 2007 church year. They were presented with a gift and a certificate. Harvest Day was well attended with a special offering taken and a church-wide dinner held following the morning worship hour. Our worship choir has begun working on this year's Christmas program entitled "Emmanuel, God With Us." The program will be presented during the annual Christmas dinner, on Friday, December 12, and again on Sunday, December 14th. The second presentation will conclude with a dessert afterglow. Our children's choir has begun working on their Christmas program entitled, "It's a Wonder Full Life", which will be presented Sunday, December 21st. Our R.A.s will hold their annual camp-out October 17-18 in LBL and our girls, ages 4-9 are invited to participate in the association-wide "Princess and the Kiss" which will be held Saturday, October 25th in the FLC. We will be participating in the annual Halloween Carnival again this year. Boxes have been placed in the upper hallways and church foyer for donations of bagged candy. The goodie bags will be assembled Wednesday, October 29th at 6:30pm in the FLC. We ask for your prayers for our JOY group who departed Oct. 6th on a trip to Vermont. Pray for their traveling safety.

**Walnut Grove, Pastor Morris Lee:** You are the light of the world...let your light shine before men. Matthew 5:14, 16.

It has been a busy summer for Walnut Grove. We welcome Nicole Arnold, Bobby & Heilda Stutton by baptism. Dale Ross, Mike Winstead, Sherry Westerman by letter to our church family. Our homecoming was Aug. 17th with our revival the following week with good attendance & many hearts were touched. The youth enjoyed pizza & bowling in Murray Sept. 6. We had a church wide picnic at Dyer's Creek Sept. 13th what a great time of fellowship & good attendance. We still covet your prayers for those on our sick list. We are planning & looking forward to the new church year. Pray for us that we will do God's will.

**Hurricane Creek, Pastor Bud Sherrill:** Another year has come and gone. We thank God for the blessings of the previous year, and pray he blesses us in the coming year. During our recent mission trip, we had the opportunity to serve with our new friends at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Fairview Tennessee. Messages brought by Bro Willie Freeman during the Cluster Revival brought hope to everyone. Remember when Hope is all you have, Hope is all you need. We will be having our Revival and Homecoming, scheduled for September 24-28 at 7:00 pm, with Bro David Famborough. Bro Bud Sherrill will bring the message for Homecoming. Let's pray for many souls to be saved and lives to be changed for the glory of our Lord. Our Sunday School Director Richard Brandon, recognized our S.S. teachers with a gift of appreciation. We would like to welcome Bob Hodge to our church family.

**Grace, Pastor Joe Shannon:** Another church year has gone by us, and it is truly amazing to hear what all the Lord has done in and through our Association! We are so grateful for what the Lord has done in our church. Last month our church began ministering at the Good Samaritans on the 2nd Saturday of each month. We have had a tremendous time ministering to the needs of those who come in for assistance. And just being a Christian witness to whoever may come in to shop. Coming up near the end of the month we are looking forward to our Revival, which will be held October 22nd thru 24th with Bro. Willie McLaurin of the TBC. On Halloween night we will participating with the City of Dover's Halloween Festival, we will be setting up a booth and handing out candy, tracts, bibles, and devotionals. Pray for us as we continue to minister to our community.

**Mt. Sinai, Pastor Shawn Kiselka:** God is good all the time and all the time God is good. He has blessed us greatly this year. On May 13th Danny, Misty and Travis Welker welcomed Tyler Ray into their family. What a blessing. In early June we rejoiced when Andrew Stanfill gave his life to Christ and was baptized. We welcome him into our church family and into the family of God. In July we had a 3 day VBS. We taught our little ones the importance of being Fishers of Men. We wrapped it up with a Family BBQ. Our crowd was small but the Spirit was great. At the end of July we had a Homemade Ice Cream Fellowship. We gathered our children around the altar and prayed for God's protection and guidance over their lives in the upcoming school year. For we know the devil is after our young ones. The ice cream was delicious and we had great fellowship one with another. We enjoyed our Cluster Revival in August. We thank Bro. Bud and all the other pastors for keeping these meetings going. And we thank Bro. Willie for delivering God's message each night. God sent us messages to revive our hearts. We want to congratulate Dixie Kiselka on the birth of her newest granddaughter. John and Michelle Wyatt welcomed Natalee Elizabeth on Sept. 17th. We praise God for His blessings. Continue to pray for us as we continue to build. God has been so good to us. We give Him all the praise, glory and honor. Blessings to you all!

**New Faith Baptist Church, Lance Parker Pastor** – Our church has had several special events during this past quarter. On July 19 we had our annual church BBQ/Picnic which was a well-attended event. August 3 we had a great turn out for our annual “Bring a Friend/Pack a Pew” Sunday. We hope this event continues to grow every year! We were delighted to host the first night of our Cluster Revival on August 19 with Brother Willie Freeman as speaker, and many of our members enjoyed attending the following nights at different cluster churches. We have continued our monthly nursing home ministry at Signature Healthcare in Erin. Our weekly visitation program in the community continues to see results. Our most exciting news came in September when we were able to complete the details to purchase our church building!! We truly praise the Lord for the many blessings and answers to prayer in our congregation!!

**New Haven, Pastor James Wyatt:** As we usher in the cooler days of Autumn, may our passion to spread the good news only grow hotter! October is Pastor Appreciation Month, we at New Haven would like to share our gratitude and appreciation for all of the hard working pastors in our community. You are all in our prayers! We have so many blessings to report! Throughout the months of July, August, and September, we have employed a unique mode of baptism- the backyard pool. This has worked out wonderfully, thanks to the Vetrees and Murray families for the use of their pools. Those baptized over the past several weeks include: Don Miller, Dawn Miller, Renee Greenhill, Chase Welker, Jason Welker, Hunter Welker, Erica Cotter, Matthew Cotter, and Candice McGhee. Praise God for this wonderful work! Also joining by letter this quarter was Kathy Jones. The hard working men of our church installed new parking lot steps to our additional parking, as well as fixing a water leak and installing a children's play area in the back of the church. Our youth enjoyed bowling and a lock in on August 1<sup>st</sup>, and our children enjoyed a back to school carnival on August 3<sup>rd</sup>. The “Girls of Grace” group from Alyssa's Dance Studio performed interpretive movement to Christian music on Wednesday August 13<sup>th</sup>. On September 7<sup>th</sup> our children's choir performed during morning worship, and on September 10<sup>th</sup> our children visited Manor House. On September 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, our couples enjoyed our annual marriage retreat, camping and canoeing on the Buffalo River. On September 21<sup>st</sup> we enjoyed a very high spirited game of soft ball at Paris Landing State Park. On September 28<sup>th</sup>, we held Homecoming. Upcoming events in October include a puppet show on October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m., Couple's Night Out to see the new movie “Fire Proof” on October 11th, and Trunk or Treat/ Kid's Sock Hop on Halloween night starting at 5:30. The Girls in Action will be having a sleepover with Ms. Candice on November 8<sup>th</sup>. Autumn produces images of harvest everywhere, let us all pray and seek a soul harvest! Have a blessed fall!

**Pleasant Grove, Pastor Melvin Dunaway:** In Psalm 119:130, the psalmist declares, “The unfolding of Your words gives light”. How true and how gracious God is in His generous provision for His children. Pleasant Grove has seen the unfolding of His words, not only in our regular services, but in our July Homecoming and revival. Bro. Jimmie Oliver brought God's message to us each night. We also were blessed as we participated in the Crusade with Bro. Donnie Mathis. God's Word brought in song is always a worship experience. In September, Pleasant Grove hosted a benefit singing for Larry Russell. Please remember him in prayer. On October 4, the Servants 4 blessed us with worship in song at our semi-annual singing. Coming up in October is the Youth Hiking for Hunger on the 18<sup>th</sup> to collect food for Good Samaritans in honor of Hunger Awareness Month. Also on the 18<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 pm, is our fish fry with an open invitation to all. On October 26<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate Super Outstanding Sunday. Also, we want to recognize and show our appreciation for our pastor and his wife. Bro. Melvin and Lucille Dunaway have been faithful and loving in their years of service to the Lord and, because of Him, to all of us at Pleasant Grove. May God continue to bless their ministry here. Please remember our sick in prayer, as well as the lost in our community as we seek to glorify Him as a testimony to the world around us.

