

# Stewart Co. Baptist Associational Newsletter

January - February - March

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<p><b>Ministers Wives Brunch</b></p>  <p><b>January 26</b> FBC, Erin 10:00 am</p>	<p>I am starting my 22 year as your DOM. It seems like only few days. Please make a new commitment to be faithful to your associational events.</p> <p>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.</p>	
<p><b>Wild Game Supper</b></p>  <p>Walnut Grove January 26th 6:00 PM</p>	<p><b>Executive Board Meeting</b></p>  <p>Calvary Baptist Church</p> <p>January 20th at 2:30</p>	
<p>Women and children are welcome. Please bring a covered dish, (it does not have to be wild game) and enjoy the fellowship.</p>	<p><b>Associational Evangelism Conference</b></p> <p>February 10th Corinth Baptist Church 2:30 PM</p> 	

## Church News

**Bear Spring, Interim Pastor Billy Bateman:** The Lord is blessing us as Bear Spring, we have had one join by letter and one to be saved and joined the church by baptism. We had our Christmas Dinner on the 2nd of December, and a good fellowship was enjoyed by everyone. Our Christmas Program was on the 23rd with the preschool who took part in the program and we are very proud of them. Please continue to pray for us at Bear Spring.

**Big Rock, Pastor David Whitehead:** The Lord is still blessing us at Big Rock we had one saved. The Big Rock Crafters made a scarf and hat for the all the children at the Children's Home . We also made around 100 fruit baskets for the shut-ins in our community as well as others. We will have the Four Fold Quartet on Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>, 2008 at 6:00 p.m. everyone is invited to attend. Happy New Year to all.

**Covenant Fellowship, Pastor Vernon Wade:** We had one profession of faith. Revival is scheduled from March 8th-12th, with Brother Wray Forrest as the evangelist. We all enjoyed participating in our annual Samaritan Purse program in November. We sent approximately 17 boxes. Hope everyone had a good Christmas. Happy New Year to everyone.

**East Oak Grove, Pastor Dwayne Tyler:** "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct they paths." Proverbs 3:5-6  
Greetings, hope everybody had a Merry Christmas and a Happy (Blessed) New Year. Let us resolve to "Trust in the Lord" during the year of 2008. Announcement: We will continue to have our 5th Sunday morning revival and high attendance day throughout the year of 2008. Our guest preacher during the year will be the Rev. Oscar Dixon, Associate Minister of First Missionary Baptist Church of Clarksville. Please continue to pray for the pastor and members of East Oak Grove Baptist Church. Sunday School 10:00 am; Morning Worship 11:05 am.

**FBC, Dover, Pastor Royce Dukes:** December was a very busy month here at FBC. We participated in the Christmas parade with a float entry that placed second in the church division. Thanks to everyone who worked to construct the float, "O Holy Night." Many thanks to Lonnie and the choir for the presentation of "'Tis the Season of Love" Christmas program that was presented on December 7th and 9th. The first presentation included a delicious dinner, served to 200 plus, which was prepared by Dianne Feltner and crew. A huge thank you to Lynda Hicklen and Phyllis Dill for the many hours they spent decorating the FLC for the occasion. Everything was beautiful. Our puppet team presented a Christmas program on December 2nd. Many thanks to director, Amy Ross, and her puppeteers for all their hard work. The Children's Choir presented "The Mystery of the Manger: It's the Gospel Truth" on December 16th, under the direction of Lonnie Penrod. The kids did a great job! A candlelight service was held during the evening of December 23rd. This simple but beautiful service reminded each of us to remember that Christ Jesus is the true reason for the season. In addition to the special programs, our WMU sponsored an "Angel Tree" providing gifts for needy children, as well as distributing 20 food boxes to needy families. Our WMU also sponsored an outreach program in which tins of home-made cookies were delivered to the residents of Cambridge and Ridgecrest apartments. Our Lottie Moon Offering goal of \$3500 was surpassed with a total of \$3715.50 given to Lottie Moon through offerings and the LM Post Office, also sponsored by our WMU. We will begin January 2008 with a visitation training program that will be held the first three Tuesdays in January at 6:30pm. Everyone is encouraged to participate. January 20th will kick off with a church-wide breakfast as we observe Baptist Men's Day. The morning service will include testimonies and an all men's choir. Everyone is invited to join us Sunday, January 27th when our morning service will be led by Brian Arnold. Sunday School will be held from 9:30 until 10:00; the service will begin at 10:00 with Brian sharing his musical gifts as well as preaching from God's Word. A soup and sandwich lunch will be held in the FLC following the service. If you haven't met Brian, don't miss this opportunity. We rejoice to welcome Doug Wonacott by baptism and David Riggins by profession of faith into our church family. We are looking forward to the coming year and all the blessings God has in store for us. May God bless each of you in 2008!

**Grace, Pastor Joe Shannon:** Psalms 149:1 "Praise Ye the Lord. Sing a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints." The saints at Grace have a lot to praise the Lord about. This past year we have seen just what he can do with people who love him and want to serve. We have had 13 professions of faith and 11 baptisms. Our Bible School was very successful, our Revival was a blessing to all of us with a rededication. This year the children blessed the Lord with a play and singing at Christmas. We were also blessed with a choir that sang praises to our King! We have a lot of blessings to praise our Savior about and hope to serve him with love and praise in the new year coming up. Anyone who needs a church home will be welcome where there is a passion for Jesus and compassion for the lost. Pray for us that we will work diligently and be faithful to our Blessed Lord and Savior!

**Maranatha, Pastor Wray Forrest:** On November 9, 2007 Mrs. Lily Mae White passed away. She will be sadly missed by her family and her church family. Keep her family in your prayers. On November 8th, Mrs. Pauline Mathis had heart surgery. The Lord answered prayers and now she has recovered. Mrs. Emma Burns had surgery. We thank God for healing her. Please continue to pray for Bro. Wray and Mrs. Patsy as the Lord has been answering prayers on their behalf. Pray for Bro. Clarence Shemwell as he is facing surgery soon. God Bless all!

**New Faith, Pastor Lance Parker:** Under the leadership of Pastor Lance Parker, New Faith continues to grow in number and in Spirit. During the October-December quarter we have added three new members and have been blessed to see four individuals accept Christ as their Savior. We thank Lakeview Baptist Church for their sponsorship and for their hospitality in hosting us for a fellowship dinner and dual church service in September. Being a new church, we continue to experience many "firsts". We celebrated our first Homecoming on October 21; a Fall Hayride and Fellowship on November 3; a church Thanksgiving Dinner on November 18; and a Christmas Eve Candle Light Service. We are planning on these events becoming annual celebrations at New Faith. We also delivered Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets. In addition to continuing our weekly visitation program, in December we began a nursing home ministry to Erin Care and Rehab. We will be going there on the second Saturday of each month at 2:00 pm. For a time of fellowship with the residents. At the end of September, we began our "One of 600" initiative. Our goal is to be able to purchase the building we are currently renting in the next few months. If 600 individuals or churches would contribute just \$100 each, we could achieve this goal. Church members have been working together to send out letters to Southern Baptist Churches offering them the opportunity to partner with us and share in the blessings and rewards of the work we strive to do for the Lord at New Faith. We are all excited to see what the Lord has in store for New Faith in 2008!

**New Haven, Pastor James Wyatt:** We here at New Haven hope that the year has gotten off to a wonderful start for each of you! God is good! We have added new members Robbie, Danielle, and Jacob MacDonald, and Steve and Hunter Bennett by baptism. We have added Sarah and Michael Nolen by letter, and Clarissa Parker by statement. In November we visited local homes and gave away gladware containers for people to store holiday leftovers. This was a very well received outreach. We had our monthly recreation day on November 18<sup>th</sup>, with an evening of board games and snacks. On November 26<sup>th</sup>, we had fellowship lunch. On December 1<sup>st</sup>, We gave away hot chocolate and stuffed animals at the Dover Christmas Parade. On December 2, our ladies had their Secret Pal reveal luncheon, and exchanged names for the upcoming six months. On December 9<sup>th</sup>, we had the children's Christmas program "Born in a Stable. We also presented New Haven Baptist Church's first ever adult choral cantata. "Star of Wonder". On December 15<sup>th</sup> we had a church work day. The men of the church installed insulation under the floor of the church. On December 16<sup>th</sup>, we visited homes on Old Hwy. 79 and gave away Christmas Care packages and sang Christmas carols. Then on the 19<sup>th</sup>, our children had their Christmas party. On the 23<sup>rd</sup> we had fellowship breakfast. We also collected gifts for Manor House residents during the month of December. On New Year's Eve we celebrated together with music, testimonies, prayer, devotion, games, and refreshments. Through out the month of December our children were very helpful collecting the Lottie Moon Christmas offering. In January, we will be having a spiritual renewal class January 7- 11. We will be going through a course called "Down Pour." It starts at 6:30, we encourage all who can to attend. On the 13<sup>th</sup> of January we will have a baby shower for Ronnie and Carrie Murray at 3:00. On the 18th, our children will be going to see the Veggie Tales Movie, "The Pirates Who Don't Do Anything." We praise God for the wonderful 2007, and pray that we all keep our eyes fixed on the Savior throughout 2008.

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**Calendar of Events**

**January**

- 6-9..... January Bible Study
- 19..... Advisory Council Mtg. @ Sylvia BC, 10:30 AM
- 20..... Executive Board Mtg @ Calvary BC, 2:30 PM
- 20..... Sanctity of Human life
- 21..... Prayer Coord. Mtg. @ 9:00 AM
- 26..... Ministers Wives Brunch @ 10am, FBC, Erin

**February**

- “True Love Waits” Emphasis Month
- Thursdays in Feb.: Adrian Rogers Pastor’s Training Institute @ 6:30 – Alpha Assoc.
- 10..... Assoc. Evangelism Conf. @ Corinth BC 2:30 pm
- 11..... Joint Assoc. Evangelism Conference, 7 pm @ ??? – Meal at 6 pm
- 11-17..... Focus On WMU
- 18..... Prayer Coordinator @ 9 am
- 25..... Pastor Fellowship @ TBA, Dickson
- 29-Mar.1..... Youth Evangelism Conf. @Municipal Auditorium, Nashville TN

**VBS 2008 training dates**

Saturday Feb 16, 2008 - West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson Tennessee 8:00 am - 1:00 p.m.  
Monday Feb 18, 2008 - Stevens Street Baptist Church, Cookeville Tennessee - 5:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.

**March**

- 3-9..... Week of Prayer for North America and Annie Armstrong
- 8..... Bible Fun Field Day 8 – 1:30 ; Linden Valley 11:30 – 5:15
- 9-15..... Youth Week
- 16..... Substance Abuse Prevention
- 23-29..... Sunday School Emphasis Week
- 28-29..... Bi-Vo Minister and Wives’ Retreat, Paris Landing State Park
- 29..... Bible Fun Field Day,Carson Springs 8 – 1:30



**Vacation Bible School  
Training**

There are two opportunities for your VBS Directors and VBS volunteers to attend training for this upcoming year’s Vacation Bible School.

**February 16th:**

**West Jackson Baptist Church, Jackson, TN  
8:00 am - 1:00 pm**

**February 18th:**

**Stevens Street Baptist Church, Cookeville, TN  
5:15 pm - 8:45 pm**

**Youth Evangelism Conference**

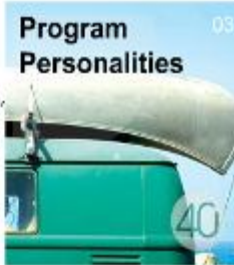
**Feb. 29-Mar. 1, 2008  
Municipal Auditorium, Nashville**



**BUBBA THURMAN** - leader of student ministries at Lake Pointe Baptist Church in Rockwell, TX. Bubba is a 20+ year veteran of youth ministry.



**Kristian Stanfill** - from Cumming, GA, he is one of the worship leaders at North Point Community Church & travels across the nation.



**Nick Vujicic** - born without any limbs, Nick is the founder of Life Without Limbs, a ministry that has a burning passion & fire to see more souls coming to the full knowledge of the hope & love of Jesus.

**33 Miles** - "We really believe that God has called us to the church. We feel like we've been called to remind the church and ourselves of who we are in Christ and whom we serve." This purpose is reflected in their name, a simple metaphor for the 33 years that Christ spent on Earth, and how He lived them.



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