

Stewart Co. Baptist Associational Newsletter

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Executive Board Meeting
Where: Carlisle BC
When: April 20th
Time: 2:30 pm

Minister & Wives' Fellowship
May 19th
6:00 pm
Cindy's Catfish Kitchen



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 4.**

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 the Mission trip to Kenya in May. Pray for me and the mission team going to El Salvador, April 23 – May 1.**

Pray for the Area Wide Crusade, September 7-10. We will have a **Crusade planning meeting on April 6 at 2:30 pm at Corinth BC.** 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. Amen.



Mission Celebration!

On March 3, WMU hosted a Missions Celebration @ FBC, Dover. This event celebrated various local, state, North American, and Foreign missions that churches within the Association had been apart of.



We are so thankful to have many churches involved in missions across the globe, spreading The Good News of the Lord Jesus Christ.

We look forward to next year's celebration to see all that God is doing in and through our churches.



Church News

Bear Spring, Interim Pastor Billy Bateman: We are so excited at Bear Spring because the Lord has been so good to us. JW Hanen was saved and joined the church by baptism. We had our 5th Sunday night singing in March and we are looking forward to our revival in April on the 26th and 27th with Bro. Dale Taylor as the guest speaker. Please continue to pray for our church as we continue to see what blessings God has in store for us.

Big Rock, Pastor David Whitehead: The Lord is still blessing us at Big Rock we had several of our youth attend the Youth Evangelism conference and 4 of them were saved and baptized. We have had some more additions to our church by letter Luther and Jean Mathis we welcome you. On March 21st and March 23rd our worship choir presented "Worthy is the Lamb". On April 13th during the morning worship service we will have as our guest speaker Brian Arnold. Wesley Feltner will speak for us on March 30th we look forward to hearing him speak. Also Grace Abound will be at our church on May 18th for 3rd Sunday night quarterly singing. Our Youth are planning to have a lock-in on April 4th at the Stewart County Middle School. Our VBS will be June 15th-20th our theme will be Outrigger Island.

East Oak Grove, Pastor Dwayne 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 Savior 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 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 am; Morning Worship 11:05 am.

FBC, Dover, Pastor Royce Dukes: We welcomed Adam Lamb into our church family by baptism. The associational mission fair was held March 3rd, featuring several displays of mission projects and mission trips. A salad luncheon was held March 5th to help raise funds for Mandy Taylor Asolas, who will be making a mission trip to Africa in April. Congratuations to Gary Dacus and Megan Riner, who were married on March 15th. Our youth traveled to Nashville for "Winter Jam" on March 16th. Easter was celebrated with special music by the worship choir, directed by Lonnie Penrod. FBC held a Spring Revival March 30-April 2. All speakers were former members of FBC and included: Wesley Feltner, William Marshall, Joe Shannon, James Wyatt, and Wally Vinson. Our youth will be traveling to Nashville for "Acquire the Fire" April 11-12. A food drive will be held Sunday, April 13th, with all donations going to help stock the Good Samaritan food pantry.&nb sp; Our J.O.Y. group will be traveling to Nashville on April 15th to visit the Belle Meade Mansion.

Grace, Pastor Joe Shannon: The Lord has truly blessed us at Grace Baptist Church. We have had several additions to our membership. We have started a wonderful choir, that has continually brought praise to the Lord in our worship services. We anticipate a great things from the Lord as we continue to worship and magnify His name. We recently had 7 youth make decisions to accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. We rejoice in their decisions and look forward to their growing in His grace. Our VBS will be June 5-8th, the theme will be Cactus Canyon.

Hurricane Creek, Pastor Bud Sherrill: We've had a wonderful start in 2008, beginning with Cross-over visitation for the one-day revival with Terry Mitchell. Approx. three hundred homes were visited on the morning of Saturday, January 19 with the help of Lakeview, Mt. Sinai and New Faith participation. The seed was planted. God will give the increase. The men had a Prayer Breakfast with good food, fellowship and prayer. Bro. Bud has challenged our youth to memorize a verse every week for 52 weeks. Keep up the good work kids. We welcome Teresa Green, Ethan and Ashley Gumber and Jeremy Maynard to our church family. Our Cluster Group went to Lakeview on Feb. 17, where they experienced a record attendance. We enjoyed good music and heard a good message from Bro. Clark. Our next Cluster meeting will be on April 13 at Hurricane Creek at 7:00 pm. We want to welcome New Faith to our Cluster. We ask that you lift up special prayers to the Great Physician for Shy-anna Brandon and Suzie Anderson. Our WMU met a mission opportunity at our back door when they delivered food to the Danville Bait Shop to feed those cleaning up after the tornado damage. Our youth met on Sat. Feb. 23 for a day of fun in the Lord. We played games, sang songs and made crafts. They also finished blankets with the WMU as part of our "Knots of Love" mission. These blankets, along with stuffed toys, are given to law enforcement officers in Stewart County who then give them to children in crisis. We want to thank all who participated. "Rise and shine and give God the glory, glory, children of the Lord!"

Maranatha, Pastor Wray Forrest: Our church has had a lot of members sick and out from surgery. Pray for Bro. Bear Fitzhugh and Mrs. Patsy Forrest for healings. Debra Lancaster, Bro. Clarence Shemwell, Mrs. Emma Burns, and Mrs. Pauline Mathis are all recovering nicely from surgeries. Thank God for answering prayers. On Feb. 3rd our church lost a member, Mrs. Lorene Rippey she will be greatly missed by her church family as well as her own family. Easter Sunday we had our first Easter Sunrise service followed by a breakfast cooked by the women of the church. What a beautiful way to greet the day in service to our Lord and Savior. Pray for our Pastor and church that we may continue to grow in the Lord and continue to serve him.

New Faith, Pastor Lance Parker: We started off 2008 with a Watch Night Service to ring in the New Year with lots of praise, food, singing, and fun. During January, some of our members participated in Crossover Day at Hurricane Creek and enjoyed making visits and meeting new folks in that part of the country. We continued our nursing home ministry at Erin Care the second Saturdays of January and February. We always enjoy our time with the residents there and have seen some of them come to know the Lord, too. Our church basketball team had a great time, even with a few injuries, and finished in second place. We continue to have an active visitation program. New Faith Baptist Church has been blessed this first quarter of 2008!! Praise the Lord for allowing us to see seven more souls saved, four baptized, and five new members added to our church! We have added a new Sunday School class for new Christians or those new to the Baptist faith. IN addition, we are watching our building fund grow steadily as we work toward the purchase of the building we are currently leasing. Thank you and bless you to all who have helped us out! We would like to invite everyone to come out for our revival which will be April 6-9. Brother Gray will be our guest for services on April 6 at 11:00am and 5:00pm. On Monday through Wednesday night, services will start at 7:00 pm with Brother Bud Sherrill on Monday; Brother Joe Shannon on Tuesday; and Brother Larry Mulberry on Wednesday. Come and join us!!

New Haven, Pastor James Wyatt: Happy Spring, everyone! We hope that you all had a wonderful Easter, as we celebrated our resurrected Lord! As always, God is good! We are so excited to have seen four members added by baptism: Katelyn Kwiecinski, Bradley Jones, Doyle Scarborough, and Joey Bennett. We have voted Sarah Nolen as our new worship leader, and Amy Perez as pianist. We ordained Ronnie Murray as deacon on March 16th. Our children's activities have included a movie party on March 15th at the home of Jack and Kathy Vetreese, and our 3rd annual Good Friday VBS was held on March 21st, and was a fun day for all with crafts, games, story telling, music, costumes, and drama as well as lunch, and a big egg hunt at the day's end. We have added Justine Welker as children's team leader. Our youth attended YEC on Feb. 29th and March 1st. They had a wonderful experience which they shared with the church in a testimony service on March 3rd. The men of the church attended a conference called "Whatever it Takes" led by pastor Johnny Hunt on March 7th and 8th. On Easter, the NHBC choir, directed by Crystal Scarborough presented a dramatic narration and musical program titled "The Nails". We also celebrated together by taking the Lord's Supper on Easter Sunday. Upcoming plans include a spring cleaning day on March 29th, a salad and sandwich lunch on March 30th, and the ladies of the church will be attending a conference in Gatlinburg on April 11 and 12 featuring Kay Arthur and Jeremy Camp. We would like to invite everyone to come out for our Spring revival. The dates are April 20, 21, 22, and 23. The time is 6:30 nightly. There will be special music each night. Brother Don Pearson, prayer coordinator for the Tennessee Baptist Convention will be speaking nightly. We hope to see you all there. Thank you so very much to Big Rock Baptist church for continuing to open your doors and your baptistery to us. Especially we thank you for the donation of more than 50 Baptist Hymnals. These have been such a blessing to our Sunday morning worship! "He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor." Proverbs 22:9

Pugh Flat, Pastor Mitchell Allen: Our church is now beginning to make some progress un the leadership of Bro. Mitchell and Starla Allen. We are so grateful to have their family with us. We have recently had two of our members to pass away; Mrs. Marie Francis and Mr. Lyos Bryant. There have been several additions to the church, with five joining by letter; John and Kyler Herndon, Ken and Alice Lunte, and Mike Heffington. Patricia Millard came by baptism. Several of our members went to Patti's for dinner on Saturday, March 22. The ladies outreach went to Mr. Bill's Restaurant at Grand Rivers for lunch in December. There were nineteen present. This Organization continues to be a blessing in our church and community.

Walnut Grove, Pastor Morris Lee: "Thanks be to God, who always lead us to victory through Christ." 1 Corinthians 2:14. Praise God from whom all blessings flow. The Lord continues to pour out. His many blessing on Walnut Grove. January 20th we observed Baptist Men's Day with the men cooking a wonderful breakfast and a good time of fellowship. We had different Lay-Speaker's for the morning and evening services. January 26th we hosted the Associational Brotherhood Wild Game Supper with approximately 100 in attendance. We enjoyed the time of fellowship with our sister churches. We will have our Spring Revival May 18th—23rd with the Evangelist Brady Weldon Sunday morning thru Tuesday. Greg Locke will be Wednesday thru Friday. We still covet you prayers for all our sick and the lost in our community and all our service men and women.

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Calendar of Events

April

13.....Cooperative Program Sunday
13-17.....Baptist Doctrine Study
14.....SS Conf. @ FBC, Waverly
19.....Advisory Council Mtg @ Sylvania BC, 10:00 am
20.....Life Commitment Sunday
20.....Executive Board Meeting @ Carlisle BC, 2:30pm
21.....Prayer Coordinator, 9 am

May

4.....VBS Clinic @ Big Rock BC - 1:30—4:30 pm
4.....Senior Adult Sunday
11.....Day of Prayer and Fasting for World Evangelism
12.....Prayer Coordinator Mtg., 9:00 am
19.....Pastor & Wives' Fellowship @ Cindy's, 6:00 pm
19-25.....On Mission in Baptist Association

June

10-11.....SBC Convention @ Indianapolis, IN
15.....Baptist Men's Emphasis
16.....Pray Coord. Mtg, 9 am

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Your Sunday School

date: April 14

location: FBC, Waverly

time: 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

- Preschool Leaders
- Children's Leaders
- Youth Leaders
- Adult Leaders
- Sunday School Directors
- Pastors and Staff
- Sunday School Leaders



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VBS Clinic

When: May 4th

Where: Big Rock Baptist Church

Time: 1:30 - 4:30 pm

This Clinic is for all Pastors, VBS Directors, and VBS Teachers, to help equip the leader to plan, promote, and put on a successful Vacation Bible School.

