



# STEWART CO. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER

What's Inside	
DOM Report	1
Church News	2, 3
Upcoming Events	4
Contact Information	4
Treasurers Report	4



Praise the lord! for the many blessing that we have received this year. Let's pray that 2007 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](http://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 2006 is on the website to view or download.

I am starting my 21 year as your DOM. It seems like only few days.

Please make a new commitment to be faithful to your associational events.

## Bi-Vocational Pastor and Wives' Retreat

March 16 & 17

Paris Landing State Park

Please plan on attending this Retreat. It will be a great opportunity for pastor's and wives to grow together, as well as a great time of fellowship with others.

The only cost is for the room. Please plan on reserving your own room by contacting Paris Landing State Park.

For more info, contact the Associational Office by  
Phone: (931) 232-8441  
Email: [william@jstba.com](mailto:william@jstba.com) or [joe@jstba.com](mailto:joe@jstba.com)

## Evangelism Conference

February 11th

2:30 PM @ Corinth Bapt.

### Looking Ahead.....

February is "True Love Waits" Emphasis Month



## News From Our Churches

**Bear Spring, Billy Bateman, Interim Pastor:** Our church has called Bro. Billy Bateman to serve as our interim pastor. We welcome Bro. Billy and Sis Carrie. We have added Bro. Kenny Collins as a member. Welcome Bro. Kenny. Our church family is saddened by the death of Sharon Cothran. She was a charter member of our church. She is missed, but we know she is HOME. The Christmas season started out with our church dinner. We participated in the Samaritan's Purse Christmas Shoebox. We had great response churchwide in this. Our Christmas program was presented by the Sunday School Children and the Adults. The program was very good. Food boxes were delivered to families in the community. The Lord is blessing, each service is Spirit filled and we have many visitors attending each Sunday. We thank and praise God.

**Big Rock, David Whitehead, Pastor:** These last few months have been full of excitement and opportunities. We've enjoyed being apart of the Association and the different events of the Holiday Season. We want to welcome our new members and continue to encourage our Church Family during these winter months. We've received many cards of appreciation for the fruit baskets and the Cantata Presentation here at Big Rock. We hope we've been a blessing during the Christmas Season.

**Bumpus Mills, Jimmie Oliver, Pastor:** We are looking forward to a great new year! We are rejoicing that the Lord has sent young people our way. We have several visitors and are thankful for the Lords blessings. Continue to pray for us as we serve the Lord.

**Carlisle, Benny Mann, Interim Pastor:** Happy New Year! A New year and another year of opportunity to follow after Jesus. Pray for us, as we make our attempt. Pray that we will desire to see souls saved. We give our thanks for the mercies and blessings of our God and Pray that we can please Him in our walk. Our prayer for you, is that Psalm 117 Will forever be on your lips.

**Corinth, Roland Mudge, Pastor:** In September we lost Sister Donna Settle. Sister Donna was our Piano player and we deeply miss her music and her cheery smile. It brings us comfort in knowing she is at peace with our Lord and Savior. Sister Donna enjoyed spending time with our youth and they enjoyed her as well. On November 30th, the church lost Bro. Jim Hood. Brother Jim will be deeply missed but we are comforted in knowing that he was a true man of God and we rejoice for the time we all had with such a kind, loving man. On December 3rd, the church held their Adult Christmas Program with a fellowship meal following. The church also had a Children's Christmas Program on the 17th of December. In December the church went Christmas caroling. Our prayer for the new year is that each and everyone of us continue to grow in our spiritual relationship with our Lord and that His will be done in our lives.

**Covenant Fellowship, Vernon Wade, Pastor:** Our hearts and prayers go out to Slayden Baptist Church. We have had a good quarter, our attendance is still picking up. Over the Holidays our attendance was, at times, about three times more than our membership or more. We are starting another round of the Masterlife class Sunday afternoon January 7th starting with the first book for those who have not had it and also in preparation for some to assimilate into the church. The Lord continues to bless and we continue to "Fight the good fight of faith," [and] lay hold on eternal life, to which [we] are called. 1 Timothy 6:12

**East Oak Grove, Dwayne Tyler, Pastor:** Greetings my dear Brothers & Sister in Christ, please continue to pray for the pastor and members of East Oak Grove Baptist Church. We hope and pray that our God and Savior Jesus Christ be honored, and glorified through the lives of we his children of faith in this New Year of 2007. Sunday School 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship 11:05 a.m.

**Hurricane Creek, Bud Sherrill, Pastor:** Here at Hurricane Creek Baptist Church., the lord has truly blessed us in all that we have done. On November 19th we held a "This is Your Life" program honoring our most senior members with a trip down memory lane. In this program we reviewed a pictorial display and a lot of childhood memories as well as special occasions throughout their lives. These special moments in time were enjoyed by these honorers : Susie Anderson, Cliff & Marie Barnes, and Mable Elwick along with the entire congregation. Finishing the enjoyable day with live music, and lunch in the fellowship hall. We also have celebrated several (50+years) Wedding Anniversaries : Cliff & Marie Barnes Dec. 24 Married 62 years, Leo&Susie Anderson Dec. 30 Married 55 years, Joyce and Bud Wyatt Dec 18th Married 50 years. On Dec. 3rd we enjoyed Hanging Of the Green with refreshment afterwards. On Dec. 17th we had a large turn-out for our Christmas program "The Journey To Bethlehem" It was a candle light program and one of the loveliest one's we have ever performed at Hurricane Creek Baptist Church . We were all truly blessed. On Christmas Eve morning, we enjoyed our Sunday School lesson on Jesus, God's greatest gift. Followed by worship service, then the Lord's Supper was served. Dec.24th-2006: Richard Lawrence Brandon was baptized and become the youngest member in our church at age 6. GOD BLESS HIM !!!!!

**Lakeview, Ben Clark, Pastor:** Happy New Year!!! - We are so thankful for our past year, and are looking forward to what God has in store for us in 2007. In December, we enjoyed the Christmas program performed by the children, and the fellowship that followed. We are looking forward to the cluster meeting!!! Our church is continuously growing!!! Currently we have four new babies, two new church members, and more children. The children's ministry continues to have new programs for the increased amount of children in the church. We offer programs for all age groups, such as; cadets for the younger youth, soldiers for the pre-teens, and warriors for the teens. We also have a new program on Wednesday night for the younger youth and pre-teen groups called Bible Skills, Drills, and Thrills. WMU is having monthly meeting and setting new goals!! In March our youth will be participating in the Irish Day parade. Please continue to pray for our church.

**Maranatha, Wray Forrest, Pastor:** Greetings from Maranatha Baptist Church. We hope everyone has a great Christmas. In October we had a revival with Bro. Roland Mudge doing the preaching. We want to thank Bro. John Richardson for filling in for Bro. Wray while he took a short vacation. Our Thanksgiving service and supper was good. It is good to stop and give thanks to the Lord for all He has done for us. Sometimes we fail to do this. In December, we lost one of our members, Mrs. Melva Allen went to be with the Lord. We got 6 new members in December, 5 by letter and one by baptism. We would like to welcome them to our fellowship. We fixed Christmas baskets for our elderly members. Our Christmas program was very good. Thank you to our young people, and our programs directors for all their hard work, We at Maranatha would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year and hope next year we can all do more for the Lord than ever before.

**Mt. Sinai, Shawn Kiselka, Pastor:** We are so thankful for the past year and for the opportunity to serve in our community & church. One of our goals as a church, for the past year, was to "Make a Difference for God" in our church, community, & families. We have several testimonies from individuals that we have been successful. We are striving to teach & preach God's Word in such a way that it meets people's need on a daily basis, and changes their lives. Our building project is coming along. We have enjoyed our new Sunday School rooms this year and look forward to completing the new auditorium in the coming year. Most of all we look forward to souls being saved, people's lives being changed for the better, and God's kingdom being advanced. We wish all our Sister Churches a blessed New Year. Pray for us as we plan this next year's work.

**New Haven, James Wyatt, Pastor:** The church was blessed with the opportunity to send 20 shoe boxes to children overseas during Operation Christmas Child. During the months of November and December our children enjoyed a special session of lessons based on the story "What God Wants for Christmas." They also enjoyed a "Happy Birthday Jesus" party during Sunday school on the 17th. We have welcomed new members Ashlee Nemeth and Jeanette Hastings by letter and Lara Keel and Jennifer Threatt by baptism. We enjoyed Thanksgiving breakfast together on the Saturday following Thanksgiving. Our ACTeens were busy with present wrapping, baby sitting, and Christmas card activities this Christmas season, as well as Christmas caroling at the nursing home. Our children and adults presented a special Christmas program on Dec 17th, followed by refreshments. On Fridays, the "Amazing Moms" group continues to grow in attendance. This is a great time of study and encouragement for women with children of all ages, and we invite you to join us at 10:00 each Friday morning. The group is led by Natalie Hardison, and you may contact her at 232-6652 for further information. Also, our ladies have started a Monday morning prayer group which meets at 9:00 in our sanctuary. Please feel free to join in with the ladies to pray for our community, our schools, and also personal needs. We enjoyed our church Christmas dinner on Wednesday Dec 20. On Sunday December 24th, we had a blessed morning service as we shared the Lord's Supper and Ashley Threatt made a profession of faith in Jesus Christ. New Year's Eve celebration is a night of family fun, fellowship, and reflection kicked off by a praise and testimony service as we remember all that the Lord has done during 2006. On January 7th, we will follow morning service with lunch and a day full of visitation and outreach. We would like to take this opportunity to mention the kindness of Big Rock Baptist Church as they are always so faithful to offer use of their baptistry to us.

**Pleasant Grove, Melvin Dunaway, Pastor:** What an exciting Fall we have had. We moved into our new building, had a great Open House, a Beautiful Christmas Program and a record 170 in attendance for the Watch Night Service. PRAISE THE LORD. We have received Elvis Proctor by Letter of Transfer and Joe Griffin by Baptism and Kay Gillum accepted the Lord as Savior and was Baptized for Membership. We are starting a Visitation Program this month and hope to Glorify Gods' Holy Name even more and more. Praying we all in the Association have a wonderful New Year.

**Pugh Flat, Mitchell Allen, Pastor:** We are happy to report that Bro. Mitchell Allen, who has served as our interim for several months, has been called as our new pastor. We look forward to working with Bro. Mitchell and his family and welcome them to our church family. Our Thanksgiving service was well attended and we had several visitors. We had a very large crowd for the meal and good attendance for the gospel singing. We have observed the usual Holiday festivities with a meal and Christmas tree and a program by our Youth on Sunday December 18 with our caroling and delivery of fruit baskets the following Wednesday night. We had our usual Sunday morning service on Christmas Eve. It is our hope and prayer that our church will begin to grow again and we are so thankful that the Lord has blessed us with a young pastor and a lovely family who we have already learned to love and appreciate. As we look forward to the New Year, 2007, we extend our wishes to each of you for a Happy and Spirit filled New Year.

**Walnut Grove, Morris Lee, Pastor:** "I was glad when they said unto me let us go into the house of the Lord." - Psalm 122:1  
On November, 12th we had Old Timer's Day and celebrating Bro. Lee's 56 years in the ministry. December was full of activities: Dec. 2nd church luncheon at Ryan's. Dec. 17th was our Christmas play with finger foods afterwards. Dec. 20th we prepared 35 fruit baskets. Also we praise the Lord we exceeded our Lottie Moon Church goal. We had 5 additions by baptism, Carol Glasgow, Donnie and Jane Burkhart, Matt Washman, Katrina Hemington. We welcome them to our church family. We wish everyone a Happy and a prosperous New Year!

Stewart County Baptist Association Quaterly Treasurer Report					
From Churches		Other Reciept		Expenditures	
Bear Spring	\$ 240.00	TBC	\$ 5,271.30	Staff - Link up	\$ 7,800.00
Big Rock		Interest	2.54	Staff - TBC	\$ 5,271.30
Bumpus Mills	\$ 77.38	Mileage(TBC)	\$ 22.00	Office Phone	\$ 224.34
Calvary		Discipleship Training	\$ 100.00	CEMC	\$ 166.48
Carlisle	\$ 256.91	BTF	\$ 90.91	Water	\$ 45.72
Corinth	\$ 525.00	Grace Bapt.	\$ 5,360.55	MediCom	\$ 244.85
Covenant Fellowship	\$ 150.00			MCI	\$ 25.00
East Oak Grove		<b>Total</b>		Grace Bapt.	\$ 7,137.55
Fairview	\$ 27.97			Minutes Books	\$ 120.98
FBC, Dover	\$ 1,666.66	<u>Minutes:</u>		WMU	\$ 180.00
Hurricane Creek	\$ 691.00	Fairview	\$ 20.00		
Lakeview	\$ 348.38			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 21,216.22</b>
Little Rock	\$ 200.00				
Maranatha	\$ 244.88	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 16,375.42</b>	<u>Youth Fund</u>	
Mt. Sinai					
New Haven	\$ 320.00	<u>Crusade Fund:</u>			
Pleasant Grove	\$ 400.00				
Pugh Flat	\$ 260.00			<b>Total</b>	
Walnut Grove	\$ 100.00	<b>Total</b>			
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 5,508.18</b>				
		Balance as of (Sept)	9146.78		
		Total Rec. ()	16375.42		
		Total Expenditures ()	<b>21,216.22</b>		

**Stewart Co. Association**

**February**

- 11: Assoc. Evangelism Conf. @ TBA (2:30 pm)  
19: Prayer Coordinator @ 9 am

**March**

- 5: Assoc. Home Mission Night @ Big Rock BC, 7pm  
19: Prayer Coordinator, 9 am

**LINK-UP & CLUSTER**

**January**

- Linkup and Cluster  
? 11: Compensation/Tax Issues Workshop  
@Cumberland Assoc. Office, 10am  
20: Advisory Council Meeting @  
Sylvia, 10:30 am

**February**

- 5:Joint Assoc. Evang. Conference, 7 pm,  
@TBA - Meal, 6 pm  
4: Evang. Conference, 7 pm,  
26: Pastor Fellowship @TBA, Dickson

**March**

- 10: Sunday School Leadership Confrence@Clarksville  
16-17: Bi-Vocational Pastors and Wives Retreat @  
Paris Landing

**We're on the web  
www.jstba.com**

**SBC and TBC**

**February**

- "True Love Waits" Emphasis Month  
1-3: Youth Ministry Conclave at Chattanooga  
2-3: Assoc. S. S. Directors Summit @ TBC  
2-3: Associational DT Directors Summit @ TBC  
9-10: Missions Selection @ Mont. Bell St. Park  
11-12: Regional Evangelism Conference @ TBA  
15: VBS Clinic @ Englewood Bapt. in Jackson @ 5 pm  
17: VBS Clinic @ Hermitage Hills Baptist in Hermitage 8 am  
17: HANDS-ON TENNESSEE  
18-19: Regional Evangelism Conference @ TBA  
22-24: Bi-Vo Ministers and Wives Retreat @ Pigeon Forge  
23-24: YEC @ Municipal Auditorium in Nashville  
27:Minister Support Training Conference @ Baptist Center in  
Brentwood

**March**

- 4-11: Week of Prayer for North American Missions  
and Annie Armstrong Easter offering  
16: TN WMU Executive Board Meeting, Connection, Missions  
Get-Together@ Gatlinburg  
17: WMU Annual Meeting @ Gatlinburg  
17: Bible Fun Field Day @ Linden Valley  
22-23: Developing and Managing People Supervision Training  
25-4/01: Sunday School Emphasis Week  
29-30: Associational Counseling Training