

# NEWSLETTER

## "M" NIGHT DISCIPLESHIP RALLY 2009



NOVEMBER 2, 2009  
7:00 PM  
(Finger foods served at 6:30)  
AT  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, DOVER  
(FAMILY LIFE CENTER)

### Good Samaritans

The Good Samaritans Center has the opportunity each Mon., Wed., and Sat. to minister to needs in the community, whether it be a need of food, or bill assistance such as water, electric, or rent, the Good Samaritans exists to meet such needs.

In recent months we have experienced an increase in the number of individuals and families in need of assistance who have not needed assistance before. Through these difficult times our food pantry has not remained stocked as it usually does. We are asking that churches partner with us to help minister to the families in our community by taking a Sunday or a few Sundays and placing an emphasis on a food drive to help replenish our food pantry so that we can help share and bear the burden of our neighbors.

### ***From Our Director of Missions...***

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

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

shows this Appreciation, the more sacrificially he will serve.

Please pray for and attend our Annual meeting on Oct. 15 at Mt. Sinai BC. Our Annual Link Up meeting begins at 4 pm; Supper at 5 pm and night session at 6 pm. Also, pray for us as we plan for our 2009-2010 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.

In Christ,

*William Gray, Dom*



*From Our Churches...*

**Big Rock:** Big Rock would like to praise God and welcome all our new members. We would also like to extend a welcome to First Baptist Church's new pastor into our association. We have had a busy quarter, with many fun filled activities. Our youth and families went for a fun filled day at Beach bend amusement park. Big Rock celebrated grandparent's day with a yummy ice-cream social. Many families within the church shared a fun week-end of fellowship, and worship at Piney campground. Our church also enjoyed a week of worship at the crusade. Our church has begun a new year of Sunday school, and started a youth visitation night on Wednesday evenings. Our church is now busy preparing for our upcoming homecoming and fall festivities. We are also planning and preparing Christmas programs and activities, because Christmas will quickly be upon us. In closing Big Rock would like to share in the excitement of our new building progression. We would like to ask everyone to join us in prayer over the progress of our upcoming building.

**East Oak Grove:** And now abideth faith, hope, and charity, these three; but the greatest of these is charity. (1 Cor. 13: 13) Announcements: East Oak Grove will continue to have its' 5th Sunday morning revival and high attendance day with dinner served throughout the year of 2009. Our guest preacher for 2009 will be the Rev. Dorrance Powell associate minister of the Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Clarksville Tn. Rev. Powell fed our souls with the word of God Aug. 30, 2009. 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. Everyones Welcome.

**Pleasant Grove:** We are excited with the moving of the Lord in our church this season. Scott and Angel Shepherd are our new Youth Leaders and we welcome their membership and assistance. We have had 5 young people accept the Lord and all were baptized here. We are getting ready for our Fall Fish Fry, Oct. 17, mark your calendar! Our congregation participated in our first celebration of Grandparents Day and what a blessing the service was that day.

**FBC, Dover:** God has been moving at First Baptist Church, blessing us with five new members: Daniel Vallely and Michael Cortez made professions of faith and were baptized into our church family Sunday, September 20th. Charley Summers joined our fellowship on promise of letter and we welcomed our new pastor, Bro. George Miller and wife, Denise, on promise of letter. Bro. George claimed the pulpit Sunday, September 13th, preaching his first sermon to his new congregation. Following the morning service, a church-wide luncheon was held to welcome the Millers into our church family. We are looking forward to Bro. Miller's leadership and are expecting God to greatly bless his ministry and our church in the days to come. FBC has been active in several areas during the month of September. Our choir provided special music for the area-wide Crusade; our children's choir began working on a musical entitled, "GPS - God's Plan of Salvation" which will be presented in November; our worship choir began work on the Christmas cantata which will be presented December 18 and 20; Our JOY group traveled to Gatlingburg September 28-30, to attend a Gospel Jubilee, and our WMU sponsored and hosted an Appreciation Luncheon honoring our city and county officials on September 23. In October, our JOY group will be traveling to Etheridge, TN to visit the Amish Mall; The RAs will be traveling to LBL for their annual campout;

"Harvest Day '09" will be held October 25th. A new, men's outreach program will begin in October. G.O.D. (Great Outdoor Disciples) will hold its first bass tournament on October 24th at Paris Landing State Park. Registration for the tournament will be held at 6:00pm during a time of fellowship and devotional, Friday, October 23rd in the FLC. For further information, contact Jimbo Riner, Gary Wallace, Dicky Conley, or Chris Gillespie. Also in October, our WMU will be sponsoring a food drive in observation of World Hunger Day. Each Sunday, specific food items will be collected and then taken to the Good Samaritan to help fill the food pantry.

**Grace:** We have seen the Lord moving here at Grace! God has truly blessed us with the opportunity to serve. Our GA's celebrated Christmas in August and collected all kinds of materials for a mission in New Orleans, they were recognized in our morning

worship Oct. 4 for all their hard work and prayers for missionaries in New Orleans. Our Ladies have started a local missions group that has a burden to show the love of Christ in practical ways to those in our county. They started their work by challenging our folks to give sacrificially to the Good Samaritans Food pantry. They collected a generous amount of money to purchase food for the Good Samaritans. We have recently had a new ministry begin at Grace, a puppet ministry, it will be led by Sis. Tina Steele. Please pray for her and the youth she works with as they desire to minister the Word of God through this creative ministry. We have begun work on our basement at the church. It was completely stripped out 2 years ago in order to remove damage that was cause by water and termites. However, there is now no water and our rebuilding has begun and looks to be complete by Thanksgiving! We are looking forward to the much needed extra space for Sunday School, Fellowships, and Bible Studies. We will be having our annual Hayride and Bonfire on October 24th @ 5:30, everyone is invited come out for a night of fun and fellowship.

**Hurricane Creek:** Praise God from whom all blessings flow. We, at Hurricane Creek, were given a shocking surprise when Bro. Bud Sherrill submitted his resignation to retire from God's service on July 28th. We are now in the process of finding (with God's help), a new pastor. We have had the privilege of listening to several men of God and have been blessed by each one in several different ways. We are faithfully trusting that God will send us one of his chosen followers. September 15th was the beginning of our homecoming revival with Bro. Joe Shannon as the guest speaker. Bro. Joe's messages were very enlightening and challenging. Our homecoming was September 20th with Bro. Bud Sherrill giving the message. It was wonderful to have fellowship again with Bro. Bud and Mrs. Sybol. We also enjoyed an afternoon of music supplied by Southern Harmony. Our WMU, Angels on Duty, mission is very successful and highly praised by its recipients. We are looking forward to our cluster revival in October with Bro. David Fambrough preaching at five different sister churches each evening. Until next time, Praise God and keep on keeping on.

**Maranatha:** Mrs. Carol Crain lost her granddaughter in a car accident our thoughts and prayers go out to her and her family. We had a new member join Mrs. Naomi Gray welcome to our Church family. We have some get well wishes to Bro. Bear Fitzhugh home recovering from pneumonia also Bro. Russell Luffman home from the hospital after having a heart attack and heart surgery we wish them both a speedy recovery. Sept. 20 we had our homecoming a good time and fellowship was had by all. The group Witness once again came and gave us some inspirational songs to lift our spirits, they truly blessed us, we look forward to seeing them again. Oct. 11 at 5:30 pm starts our fall revival. Bro. Gray will be bringing the message each night. Monday thru Wednesday services will start at 7:00 pm. We wish to invite everyone to come and listen to Bro. Gray, come join us and be revived. There will be special singing nightly. Come and worship with us we will make you feel at home. God Bless you all.

**Mt. Sinai:** We had a great time with our additional VBS-Day Camp at Griffin Ridge Apartments, here in Erin, TN. We condensed our Australian Outback into a one day camp with Bible Study, puppet show, picnic & games. Our attendance has grown steadily this past quarter, until we have had to add Sunday School classes. What a wonderful problem to have!! We had 12 new members added to our church these past two months. We thank God for each one. Our new auditorium building is coming along. We have slowed down as we need money to purchase two central units. We have managed to complete the outside & are ready to do the electric & drywall. With the help of God we have come this far without owing or borrowing any funds. We will host this year's annual Assoc. Meeting in Oct. We had hoped to have the building completed, but we praise God for where we are at present. We will participate in our Cluster Revival Oct. 5-9, 2009. Pray for us as we continue in the Lord's work.

**New Faith:** "Praise ye the Lord. Sing unto the Lord a new song, and his praise in the congregation of saints." Psalms 149:1 God continues to bless us at New Faith! In July, we conducted Boomerang Express VBS for children up through 6th grade. Everyone had a good time! We are appreciative to Slayden Baptist Church for the assistance provided us through use of decorations and materials!! It was really a blessing. In August we celebrated Old Fashion Sunday with dinner following morning service and also had a 5th Sunday Night Singing. In September we were blessed to see six people baptized. We are looking forward to our Homecoming Sunday on October 4. The morning service will be followed by dinner and singing by the Salem Ridge Quartet.

**New Haven:** We are looking forward to a fabulous fall at New Haven Baptist Church! We celebrated the marriage of Kevin and Michelle Heina at NHBC in July. This quarter we have welcome members Tim, Joy, Katie, Kaleb, and Josh Dunaway by letter; as well as Emmette and Emma Burns by letter. Baptisms included Johnnie Miller and Melissa Conrad. Michelle Heina and Ruben Perez will be baptized on October 4. Summer activities that we enjoyed were: our annual Summer BBQ at the home of Jack and Kathy Vetrees as well as a Kids Back to School Carnival and swimming party at the home of Ronnie and Carrie Murray. Our married couples went to Paris to eat at Tom's Restaraunt and go bowling on August 15, and although our retreat to the Buffalo River was canceled due to rain and river conditions, we enjoyed a night of fun and fellowship at the home of Bradley and Candice Jones on September 19. On August 2 we had Sunday School Promotion day, with each child advancing to a new class receiving a certificate or promotion. Our R.A.s and G.A.s held a pancake breakfast on August 30 for Christmas in August. We have had a great emphasis on growing our spiritual leaders, beginning with Sunday School Training in Clarksville on August 8 and following with our Sunday School and Discipleship Training teachers

along with our R.A. and G.A. leaders agreed to a Teacher Accountability Covenant during Morning Worship on Sunday September 13, and the congregation prayed for them. Our R.A.s and G.A.s gave away free hotdogs and sodas at the SCHS homecoming football game. They will kick off a program "A Christmas To Remember" on October 7th. The children will "adopt" a family in the community to share the love of Jesus with this Christmas by raising funds and shopping for a family in need. The children's department also enjoyed bowling on Saturday October 26th. Our youth have been busy with a camping trip, as well as visiting the lost and unchurched. They served the church by giving the van a much needed cleaning! We said goodbye to Summer and hello to Fall with our annual Homecoming on September 27th. We are looking forward to all God has in store for our community in the coming months!

**Walnut Grove:** It has been a very busy few weeks at Walnut Grove. We had a wonderful homecoming Aug. 1st followed by our revival with Bro. Joe Shannon bringing God's Word each night. Matt Washam & Katrina Hemmington were married Sept. 26th. We had an ordination service Sept. 27th for Bro. Dickie Conley. Also our new officers & teachers were elected and are at work for the coming year. We welcome to our church family by baptism: Mike & Kathy Strickland, MyKayla Hemmington, Jeremiah Wojtal, Shawn Spurgeon, John, Kim & Alyssa Emery. Praise the Lord! We now have a church van, and it's up and going thanks to Adam Smith. Continue to pray for our church, the sick & our community. Congratulations to our new pastor & his wife Tina on the birth of their new baby girl, Avery Jewel.

## Stewart County Baptist Association Treasurer Report 4th Quarter 2009

Received from Churches		Other Receipt		Expenditures	
Bear Spring	\$ 480.00	TBC	\$ 5,271.30	Staff - Link up	\$8,700.00
Big Rock		Interest	1.66	Staff - TBC	\$5,271.30
Bumpus Mills	\$ 68.90			Office Phone (AT&T)	\$540.47
Calvary		Crusade:		CEMC	\$197.14
Carlisle	\$ 433.13	Love Offering	\$ 1,100.00	Water	\$48.24
Corinth	\$ 700.00	Hurricane Creek	\$ 200.00	Office Supply (Ck Reorder)	\$69.00
Covenant Fellowship	\$ 154.35	Big Rock	\$ 1,000.00		
East Oak Grove		New Haven	\$ 307.25	Crusade Expenses:	
Fairview	\$ 85.38	FBC	\$ 500.00	Athletic Assoc.	\$400.00
FBC, Dover	\$ 4,169.35	Calvary	\$ 150.00	Food & Travel	\$250.00
Grace	\$ 722.82	Fairview	\$233.00	Dover Inn	\$240.00
Hurricane Creek	\$ 579.00	Grace	\$500.00	Tent Rental	\$ 212.00
Lakeview	\$ 466.19	Yellow Creek	\$ 200.00	Chris Sparkman	\$ 150.00
Little Rock	\$ 225.00			DOA Music Group	\$ 150.00
Maranatha	\$ 202.37	TBF:		Martial Arts	\$ 75.00
Mt. Sinai		Crocketts Creek	193.96	Roger Allen	\$ 200.00
New Faith	\$ 139.00	Model	342.31	Geri Hole'	\$ 100.00
New Haven	\$ 196.50	Tip-Top	114.8	Linda Toombs	\$ 100.00
Pleasant Grove	\$ 800.00			Skip Youngcourt	\$ 3,200.00
Pugh Flat	\$ 392.00			Brigham Hardware	\$ 13.90
Walnut Grove	\$ 500.00			Advertising	\$ 600.00
Yellow Creek	\$ 754.84				
		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$10,114.28</b>		
		<u>Minutes:</u>			
		<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 20,519.05</b>
		<u>Crusade Fund:</u>		<u>Youth Fund</u>	
		<b>Balance as of ()</b>	<b>17,945.33</b>	<b>Total</b>	
		Total Rec. ()	21,183.11		
		Total Expenditures ()	<b>20,519.05</b>		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 11,068.83</b>	<b>Balance on Hand</b>	<b>18,609.39</b>	<b>Includes all funds</b>	