



Tribune

December Newsletter

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Director of Mission's Report

Praise the Lord for the many blessings we have received this year. Let's pray that 2007 will be the best year our association has ever experienced. Thank you for your faithful support this past year. (Phil 3:13 KJV) but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before.

If we can help you or your church in any way, please call on us. Pray that as we begin a new year, that we may see many new works started for Christ. Please make a new commitment to be faithful to your associational events. We are always open to helpful suggestions.

Pray for me during Jan. 4-17. I will be in Kenya, Africa with a mission team from Judson BA.

Calendars (<http://www.jstba.com/Calendar/Cal%2008V4.pdf>) and minutes (<http://www.jstba.com/Minutes/TrMinBk07.pdf>) are available on our website.

Upcoming Meetings

Advisory Council Meeting
Sylvia Baptist Church
January 19th @ 10:30 am

Executive Board Meeting
FBC McEwen
January 28th
Meal - 6:00 PM
Meeting - 7:00 PM

Merry Christmas Happy New Year

“The Word had become flesh, a real human baby. He had not ceased to be God. He was no less God than before, but He had begun to be man. He was not now God minus some elements of His deity but God plus all that He had made His own by taking manhood to himself.”

The Son of God became man to enable men to become sons of God.

- C. S. Lewis

Buffalo, Andy Plank, Pastor: It's hard to believe that it is the Christmas season again, but ready or not, here it is. Our youth have been putting on skits for us to help us remember the reason for the season. We are having our Christmas fellowship this next Sunday. We have been blessed with visitors on a consistent basis. One of our youth, Makayla has made a decision for Christ and plans to be baptized as soon as the Buffalo River warms back up!! God has also blessed us with Charles, a very capable handyman, and he has built a ramp to make it easier for us old folks to get into the building. Karen Hurd and Tiffany Guillory were both very sick, but with God's answer to prayer, Karen is doing much better and Tiffany's cancer is in remission. We praise God for His continued blessings. Our prayers are with your churches and your ministries as the new year rolls ever closer.

Cedar Grove, E.G. Mullinax, Pastor: December 1st our church went to see the ice at Gaylord, it was awesome and we have a great time, December 12th we went Christmas Caroling at the nursing homes and ate pizza afterwards. December 23rd we will have our Christmas meal after morning worship and a Christmas play and Santa for the night of worship. We want to wish all of the other churches a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Pomona, B. Carter Elmore: We have been blessed that 10 have joined us here at Pomona since the beginning of September. Two of the 10 have been by baptisms. On December 2, we had a fellowship meal which was enjoyed by all. On December 9, our choir presented their musical "Emmanuel". On December 16 our youth and children will present a musical during part of the morning worship service.

Sylvia, Clark Brown, Pastor: Merry Christmas! We are excited about celebrating our Saviors Birth here at Sylvia! On December 16th we will have our Christmas program with Children and Adults, the play is called "Joyland" it begins at 6:30 pm, everyone is invited to attend. We have had 3 baptisms this passed month. We celebrated Thanksgiving with a meal on Sunday night and a time of "Thanksgiving" sharing after the meal in the fellowship hall. Our Golden Hearts Senior Adult group have been busy, they went on Thursday Dec 6 for a Christmas meal at Montgomery Bell State Park and then off to Nashville to view the Christmas lights. Our Youth and Leaders would like to say a special "thank you" to our Men's Ministry group for doing much needed renovations to our Youth Hang Out, the project is almost complete and the Hang Out looks incredible. God has been so good to us this past year, we look forward to what He has in store for us in 2008. God Bless you and Happy New Year!

Trace Creek, Mark Warren, Pastor: God really blessed during the Judgment House presentation. There was total of 450 people who came to see this drama. We have started a new Sunday School Class, "12th Grade and Beyond." On Monday, Nov. 12th we had a Disaster Relief Training Class. During World Hunger Emphasis the children in AWANA were given rice bowls to fill. They enjoyed this project and gave a total of \$351.11 to World Hunger. Our Missionary families, the Deasy's and the Palmer's will be sharing with us on Sunday, Dec. 2nd and Sunday, Dec. 9th in the morning services. Our adult choir will be presenting the Christmas Cantata, "Gather at the Manger" on Sunday Morning, December 16th. The youth will be going on their annual Christmas shopping trip, Saturday, December 8th, to buy for the family that they have taken as their Christmas project. The youth will leave December 27th for the Xtreme Conference in Branson, Mo. We had Hanging of the Green, Sunday Night, December 2nd. The Lord has blessed us with 6 new members to our fellowship. We wish for your church family a very joyous and Merry Christmas.

Vanleer, Phil Corbin, Pastor: Hello, everyone! Once again our Lord has supplied us with rain and a beautiful autumn. Our church recognized our pastor with a gift certificate and basket of goodies along with a dinner, (of course). Thank God for sending us Bro. Phil. We appreciate everyone's part in our church. A few weeks ago, we had the pleasure of hearing Brother Gray at our church. He enlightened us with information about the Association. Thank you, Bro. Gray! On December 1st, we had our senior dinner, and took plates to the shut-ins around the community. Keep us in your prayers, and let's not forget our troops. Merry Christmas, everybody!

Waverly First, Dennis Perkins, Pastor: God continues to bless here at FBC Waverly!!! Our Children's Choir are gearing up for their Christmas Musical set for Sunday, December 16 at 6PM. Bro. Jeff Palmer will be speaking to us on Sunday morning December 16 and immediately following the service we'll have a special time of fellowship at our annual Christmas meal. Our Personnel Committee are still interviewing prospects for our staff position so keep us in your prayers as we seek to find the one God has for us. May God grant each of you a safe and joyful holiday.



Associational Vacation Bible School Training

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

Ministers Wives Brunch

January 26
FBC, Erin
10:00 am

Evangelism Conferences

Truett Conference

Trace Creek Baptist Church
February 10th at 6:00 pm

Joint Conference

Burns Baptist Church
February 11th
Meal at 6:00 pm
Conference at 7:00 pm

Sanctity of Life Day

On January 22, 2008, many will reflect on the Supreme Court decision to legalize abortion in Roe v. Wade many years ago.

Just two days before that, on January 20, 2008, many will choose to recognize Sanctity of Life Sunday. It is a day set aside to remember the anniversary of that Supreme Court ruling by lifting up the unborn.

Call To Action

- Pray that Sanctity of Life Sunday will touch the hearts of young women who need to hear a message of lasting hope.
- Pray that many people would be encouraged to share options with struggling women.
- Pray that churches will join in Sanctity of Life Sunday to educate their church members.

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**"For we are laborers
together with God."
-1 Cor. 3:9**

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Calendar of Events

January

- 6-9.....January Bible Study
- 19.....Advisory Council Mtg. @ Sylvia BC, 10:30 am
- 20.....Sanctity of Human life
- 26.....Ministers Wives Brunch @ 10am, FBC, Erin
- 28.....Executive Board Meeting @ FBC McEwen
Meal 6pm; Meeting 7 pm

February

- 10.....Evangelism Conference @ Trace Creek BC 6 pm
- 11.....Joint Assoc. Evangelism Conference, 7 pm @ Burns BC
Meal at 6 pm
- 11-17.....Focus On WMU
- 16..... VBS Training: West Jackson Baptist Church
8:00 am - 1:00 p.m.
- 18.....VBS Training: Stevens Street Baptist Church,
Cookeville - 5:15 p.m. - 8:45 p.m.
- 25.....Pastor Fellowship @ TBA, Dickson
- 29-Mar.1..... YEC @ Municipal Auditorium

Youth Evangelism Conference

**YEC 2008
Feb. 29-Mar. 1,
2008**

**at
Municipal Auditorium,
Nashville**

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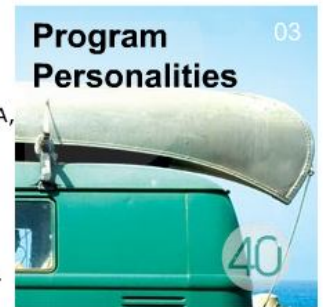
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BUBBA THURMAN - leader of student ministries at Lake Pointe Baptist Church in Rockwell, TX. Bubba is a 20+ year veteran of youth ministry.



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.

