



# Stewart Co. Baptist Associational Newsletter



(Mat 6:33) But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. We must have a revival of putting God first in our lives. I am sure God is tired of our leftovers.

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 Baptist Church on May 6, 1:30 pm till 3:30 pm. Lite Lunch will be served before the clinic.

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.

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: 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."

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**Executive Board Meeting**

**Bear Spring Baptist Church**

**April 15th**

**2:30 PM**

**Associational**

**Closing the Church's Back Door Seminar**

April 16, 2007      7:30 - 8:30 P.M.

Walnut Grove Baptist Church

Conducted by: Rev. Dale Lee, M.Div., M.R.E.

## News From Our Churches

**Bear Spring, Billy Bateman, Interim Pastor:** We welcome new members Bro. Billy and Sis. Carrie Bateman and Chris and Carolyn Wallace. Our church family was saddened by the loss of Brady Link. He was a Charter member of our church. **Our Spring Revival will be held April 22, 23, and 24. Bro. James Shepard will be the evangelist.**

**Big Rock: David Whitehead: Pastor,** This is an exciting time with Summer on the way. Our youth attended YEC and it was enjoyed by all. This year's theme for VBS will be Game Day Central. **The VBS clinic will be held at Big Rock May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2007** everyone is urged to come and see what you can do to make your VBS better this year. We want to invite everyone to **our VBS carnival which will be June 17<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 5:00 p.m. with our VBS to follow June 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2007** with lots of fun as well as learning about God's word.

**Calvary:** The Lord is truly blessing at Calvary, we ask that you keep us in your prayers as we seek a new pastor and that all we do will be to glorify God, as we minister to this community. We had a community wide egg hunt Saturday the 7th and food was served after the hunt. Easter Sunrise Services will begin at 6 am followed by a pancake breakfast and then Sunday School. **On Saturday May the 5th we will have a community wide fellowship with Games, Music, Food, and Speakers** This will start at 1 pm, This will begin our **Spring Revival Sunday the 6-8th with Bro. Bill Ramsey as speaker. VBS will start June 4-8 and on Saturday the 9th we will have a Vacation Bible School Blowout.** VBS registration will be on Saturday the 2nd of June. Come be with us.

**Corinth, Roland Mudge, Pastor:** We have had a worship service the last three months at Manor House nursing home. We hosted the Evangelistic meeting Feb. the 11th. We held a singing with fellowship afterwards. Our special guests were Pam McGhee, Russell Luffman and Dennis Stavely. We Welcome two new members by way of baptism, Tony and Kimberly Pipkin. March 17th. We enjoyed pizza and a movie in the fellowship hall. The movie, Facing The Giants. Thanks to Jerry and Maudell Keel for providing the movie. We have had some sickness but praise the Lord most are on the mend. **Our Spring Revival will be held May 6-9,** everyone welcome. Please remember to keep us in your prayers always.

**Covenant Fellowship, Vernon Wade, Pastor:** We had one new member added this quarter by statement. We had a great time in our revival led by Bro. William Gray. We have one youth and one in the children bible drills coming up this month. The Associational drills will be held here on the 18th and the finals will be at Hermitage Hills Baptist Church on the 28th. There were five that completed the Master-life, "The Disciple's Cross," this quarter. We are thankful for the things God has done, is doing, and will continue to do. For "...we know that all things work together for good to those who love God..." (Romans 8:28)

**East Oak Grove, Dwayne E. Tyler, Pastor:** 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 thy paths. (Proverbs 3:5-6). Greetings my dear brothers and sisters in Christ, once again we ask that you please continue to pray for our Sunday Morning as we celebrated the Resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Let us pray for those who are seasonal Christians (only see them on Easter) to become regular active Christian church members. Sunday School 10:00 am. Morning Worship 11:05 am.

**First Baptist, Royce Duke, Pastor:** In March, FBC welcomed these into our church family: Henry Sellers by baptism; Van, Cheryl, Justin, and Sabina Waldrop by letter. Our annual Easter egg hunt for children was held Saturday, April 7th at Keel Springs. Only a few braved the cold, but everyone had a great time. Congratulations to those who found the gold, silver, and most eggs, and many thanks to our children's team for planning and hosting this activity. On Easter Sunday, the FBC worship choir presented "No More Night" under the direction of Lonnie Penrod. During the invitation, Len and Denise Zimmerman responded, making public their recent professions of faith. We are delighted to welcome them into our church family. **Southern gospel singer, Jane Greene Johnson, who is a grammy and Dove Award nominee, will be in concert Sunday, April 15th at 5:00pm here at FBC.** Everyone is invited to attend. A dessert afterglow will be held in the family life center following the concert. Looking Ahead: Revival will be held May 6-9. The services will be led by Montgomery Co. DOM, Dr. Dennis Pulley. **Life Line Screening will be at the FLC on Monday, June 4th from 9:00am until 4:00pm.** They offer four life-saving screenings which cost \$35-\$45 each or all four screenings for only \$129.00. The screenings include a Stroke/Carotid Artery screening; an Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm screening; an Ankle Brachial Index; and a Bone Density screening. You must pre-register by calling 1-800-324-1851. FBC will be hosting **Squire Parsons in concert on Sunday, June 10th at 5:00pm.** We invite everyone to attend.

**Grace, Joe Shannon, Pastor:** Here at Grace, we are experiencing God's Grace! We have had 3 professions of faith, with all 3 following in baptism. We do want to thank, First Baptist, Big Rock, and Walnut Grove for their continued support in the Lord's work here at Grace. We are looking forward to seeing the Lord continue to grow us spiritually and numerically. We were truly blessed on Resurrection Sunday with an attendance of 58. Pray for us as we continue to strive to reach our community. God has truly opened a door to reach the children, with the van First Baptist donated to us, we are picking up around 30 children each Wednesday. We praise God for the opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with each one of them.

**Hurricane Creek, Bud Sherrill, Pastor:** The Lord is always here with us at Hurricane Creek Baptist Church His presence and blessings are greatly sanctified. We have been doing some remodeling at the church, with new vinyl siding to cover the old wooden trim. Now we're in the process of getting the new carpet and our church pews padded and covered. Hoping to make God's house more comfortable for everyone to hear His word. We have started two new programs. The In Reach Program and the Out Reach Program, these are designed to bring old and new members into the church. Please pray for God to help us to get these started. Our WMU are always doing a spectacular job in the church. They had a huge success with the Hands On Tennessee Program. Along with other activities they have going they stay pretty busy. Our Youth also have been busy they attended the YEC conference. It had a tremendous impact on them, they especially loved the younger Christian music. I know personally I heard four of the teens talk of the trip for several days. The youth also built a float for the Irish Day Parade. "Keep Your Mind Clean" was the theme for the float. The fellowship while building it was quite enjoyable and the float turned out beautiful. The Lord blessed us again with a beautiful day for the parade. April 7 our men of the church will meet for a Saturday Morning Prayer Breakfast. They all get together after breakfast for a special time of prayer and fellowship. This is always a triumphant honor in the Lord's name. We are having our **Vacation Bible School June 18 - 22 Time 6:00 until 8:30**. Please encourage your children to come. We also have a new member we would like to welcome to our church Barbara Agy joined us on April 1. God Bless everyone and have a great Spring.

**Lakeview, Ben Clark, Pastor:** We are having our latest **cluster meeting at Little Rock Baptist Church, Sunday evening, April 15th beginning at 7:00 pm**. Our youth will take a trip to Dickson to bowl on the afternoon of April 22nd. Join us for homecoming beginning at 11:00 am, on Sunday May 20th. Former pastor, Artie Rivers, will be our guest speaker. We will have a potluck immediately following the service and music following lunch. Summer is quickly approaching; please keep our area Vacation Bible Schools in your prayers,

**Maranatha, Wray Forrest, Pastor:** Greeting from Maranatha. First; Wray and I would like to say thank you for praying for our son after he had a heart attack. We are glad to report he is doing fine. In March, our youth had a St. Patrick Day dinner for the church. They did a great job. **Our revival is April 15th through 18th. Bro. Joe Shannon** will be doing the preaching. Sunday night service is at 5:30, Monday through Wednesday at 7:00. The men cooked a ham breakfast for the ladies Palm Sunday. We are having a Easter egg hunt after Church Easter Sunday. Isn't it wonderful we have a Lord who loved us so much that he died for us. Sometimes we forget and leave him in the grave but he didn't stay there, he rose and defeated death. Bro. John Richardson will be preaching for Bro. Wray the first Sunday in May. Our home church has asked Wray to preach for their homecoming. Pray for our members that are sick. May God bless each of you.

**New Haven, James Wyatt, Pastor:** We have had a blessed first quarter of the year. We have enjoyed many visitors, and have added members Jim and Carol Norman by baptism, Ashley Threatt by baptism, and Debbie Finch by letter. We have enjoyed many exciting activities. Our ACTeens provided a couple's banquet complete with dinner, silent auction, speaker, and child care on February 17. They also attended Connection in Gatlinburg TN in March. Our children and youth visited the nursing home in February and gave Valentine's to the residents. On March 3, our children enjoyed a pizza party at Pizza Hut, and then went to Promise Land book store in Paris to premiere the latest Veggie Tales movie. Our men have begun holding a monthly fellowship. Our ladies continue to enjoy Monday morning prayer meeting. We have begun two great Sunday evening discipleship studies, Lies Women Believe and the Truth That Sets Them Free is being offered at 5:30 for the ladies, and the men are going through a study on the book of Nehemiah. We hosted our Good Friday day camp for ages 4-9 again this year, starting at 10:00 and ending at 2:00 with an egg hunt. On that evening, we showed the film Facing the Giants followed by a time of family fellowship. On Monday April 2nd, our ladies held an outreach ministry to our community, providing home baked goods. On Saturday April 7, our youth went to homes in our community, surprising children with egg hunts, in an effort to reach the un-churched. On April 17th, our ladies will participate in Petals and Pearls a mother/daughter enrichment event hosted by the S.C. Middle School. On Monday, April 30, we will have a time of visitation. **Please join us for our spring revival April 23, 24, and 25 with Bro. Skip Youngcourt speaking.**

**Pugh Flat Baptist Church, Mitchell Allen, Pastor:** Our church is pleased to announce that we have called Bro. Mitchell Allen from Indian Mound, TN as our pastor. We welcome both Bro. Allen and his family to our fellowship. Our attendance has already begun to increase and we look forward to working with them. The youth went bowling at Indian Hills bowl in Hopkinsville on March 31. They also had an Easter Egg Hunt last Saturday and presented a Puppet Show on Sunday Morning. We had a gospel singing in February featuring Billy Fletcher and his group. Plans are being made for VBS, but a date has not been set. We extend our sympathy to James and Shirley Clark and to their entire family in the loss of their son, John Clark, who died in an accident on January 24. Bro. James is a deacon in our church and Shirley is our Sunday School Secretary. Please continue to pray for this family.

**Walnut Grove, Morris Lee, Pastor:** This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it. Psalm 118:24 Spring has finally sprung, and we have many activities and events planned. Continue to pray for our church, the sick as we go forward for the Lord's work. We welcome into our church family Danny Boone by letter. April, Tyler & Timothy Cook by baptism.



**VBS Clinic  
May 6th**

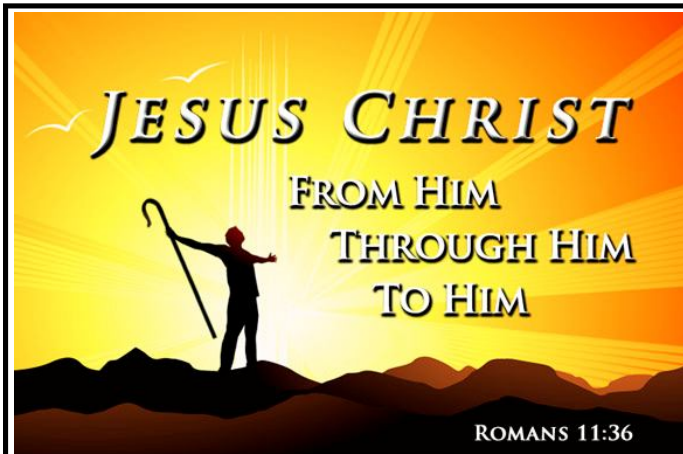
**Big Rock Baptist Church  
1:30 to 4:30 pm**

- Lite Lunch served before Clinic

Orders for VBS material through the Associational Office are due by April 16th.

Three ways to order:

- Call, (931) 232-8441
- E-mail (joe@jstba.com)
- Mail, P.O. Box 115  
Dover, TN 37058



**SBC Convention  
June 12, 13  
San Antonio, TX**

**Pastor and Wive Fellowship  
May 21st @ Cindy's Restaurant, 6pm**

**Minister and Wife Appreciation  
April 29 - Dover Manor House, 1:30 pm**

**Calendar of Events**

- April 15.....Executive Board Meeting, Bear Spring, 2:30 pm
- April 16.....Prayer Coordinator Meeting, 9:00 am
- April 16.....Associational Closing the Back Door Conf., Walnut Grove, 7:00 pm
- April 16.....VBS Order Deadline (if ordering through Associational Office)
- April 21.....Advisory Council Meeting \*CANCELLED\*
- April 28.....State Youth Bible Drill, Stevens St. Baptist, Cookeville
- April 29.....Minister and Wife Appreciation at Manor House of Dover, 1:30 pm
- April 29.....Youth Council Meeting at Associational Office, 2:30 pm
- May 6.....VBS Clinic (lite lunch served before), Big Rock, 1:30 pm
- May 14.....Prayer Coordinator Meeting, 9:00 am
- May 21.....Pastor & Wife Fellowship, Cindy's Catfish Kitchen, 6:00 pm
- June 12,13.....SBC Convention, San Antonio, TX
- June 18.....Prayer Coordinator Meeting, 9:00 am
- July 15.....Executive Board Meeting, Big Rock, 2:30 pm, Nominating Committee to follow
- July 16.....Prayer Coordinator Meeting, 9:00 am
- July 21.....Link-up (Budget 9am and Planning 10am) @ Sylvia BC