

STONE TABLET



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STONE ASSOCIATION

“Churches/Missions Working Together”

Aletheia Fellowship	2008
Bangham Heights	1966
Baxter First	1957
Bear Creek	1944
Brotherton	1926
Cane Creek	1868
Caney Fork	1813
Cedar Hill	1934
Church on the Hill	1956
Colonial View	1992
Cookeville First	1873
Covenant	2011
Crossroads	2008
Cummins Mill	1987
Dodson Branch	1953
Double Springs	1984
Eastwood	1961
Gainesboro First	1905
Hampton's Crossroads	1897
Hope In Christ Fellowship (mission of The River)	2014
Jesus El Buen Pastor	2000
Johnson	1835
Kainos	2015
(mission, Church on the Hill)	
Midway	1976
Mill Creek	1923
Monterey First	1904
Nash Grove	1912
New Heaven	2013
(mission, FBC, Cookeville)	
New Home	1898
Poplar Grove	1888
Poplar Springs	1890
Rocky Point	1906
Sand Springs	1875
Scott Avenue	1975
Silver Point	1975
Sonlight	2003
Stevens Street	1947
The River	2002
Trinity	1952
University Heights	1994
VineBranch	2010
Washington Avenue	1959
WestHaven	2002
West View	1940
Wilhite	1928
Woodcliff	1918

HARVEST REPORT

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EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 28, 2019

6:30 PM

Stevens Street, Building H



Pigeon Forge, TN

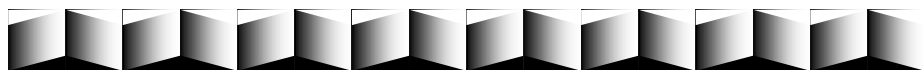
January 24-26, 2019

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MARCH 3-10, 2019

FINANCES

Church	December	Year Total
Aletheia	\$ -	\$ -
Bangham Heights	\$ 325.00	\$ 3,900.00
Baxter, First	\$ 60.00	\$ 720.00
Bear Creek	\$ -	\$ 600.00
Brotherton	\$ 50.00	\$ 550.00
Cane Creek	\$ 99.70	\$ 1,194.65
Caney Fork	\$ 746.33	\$ 11,932.99
Cedar Hill	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00
Church on the Hill	\$ 50.00	\$ 550.00
Colonial View	\$ -	\$ 3,680.00
Cookeville, First	\$ 1,333.33	\$ 19,441.45
Covenant	\$ -	\$ 400.00
Crossroads Community	\$ 142.07	\$ 575.55
Cummins Mill	\$ -	\$ -
Dodson's Branch	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00
Double Springs	\$ 57.47	\$ 832.05
Eastwood	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,300.00
Gainesboro, First	\$ -	\$ 1,111.89
Hamptons Crossroads	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,650.00
Hope in Christ Fellowsp.	\$ -	\$ 947.00
Jesus El Buen Pastor	\$ 257.13	\$ 2,655.90
Johnson	\$ -	\$ -
Midway	\$ -	\$ 240.00
Mill Creek	\$ -	\$ 250.00
Monterey, First	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Nash Grove	\$ -	\$ 3,602.57
New Heaven	\$ 50.00	\$ 600.00
New Home	\$ 424.00	\$ 3,534.00
Poplar Grove	\$ -	\$ 900.00
Poplar Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,410.36
Rocky Point	\$ -	\$ 2,808.96
Sand Springs	\$ 50.00	\$ 600.00
Scott Avenue	\$ -	\$ -
Silver Point	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,766.64
Sonlight	\$ -	\$ -
Stevens Street	\$ 167.00	\$ 2,004.00
The River	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,400.00
Trinity	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,125.00
University Heights	\$ 176.40	\$ 1,774.67
VineBranch	\$ -	\$ 5,900.74
Washington Avenue	\$ 750.00	\$ 1,800.00
West Haven	\$ 50.00	\$ 650.00
West View	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,150.00
Wilhite	\$ 66.00	\$ 858.00
Woodcliff	\$ -	\$ 1,100.00
TN Baptist Convention	\$ 782.00	\$ 11,821.98
Other Budget receipts	\$ -	\$ 10,242.50
Total	\$ 6,636.43	\$ 111,480.90
Church Giving Only	\$ 5,854.43	\$ 89,916.42
Checkbook Balance 11/30/18		\$ 5,888.09
Expendable all Sources		\$ 6,967.54
Expenditures December		\$ 10,050.52
Checkbook Balance 12/31/18		\$ 2,805.11



From YOUR Director of Missions

Just in case you missed it, we have begun a brand new year—2019! It will be filled with good, bad and other. Fortunately, since the Lord is with us we have the needed help to move on through it all for His glory. I trust you will have a happy and prosperous new year.

Since I am asked several times a year what the benefit is of Stone Association of Southern Baptists, I want to share some reasons for participation that I see every day. The churches – all different sizes and worship styles – work together to reach this area for Christ. What do we do? School “back pack” food, area food and clothing ministries, assist the homeless, multiple outreach ministries to children, youth and adults through mission trips, sports camps and vacation bible schools, and strengthen our sister churches in various ways as needed. We also minister to staffs of our churches as they work in their church fields.

Would you want to live in this area if there were no Christian witness? What a dark, dreary place it would be. Our Southern Baptist churches are key to the spreading of Christ’s light in the dark corners of this community. That is why God has planted us here. It is important for us to support each other as we each labor in our spot and our own way. This is our “Jerusalem”! And, yes, we also go elsewhere to help reach the less near and the farthest parts of the world. There is strength in working together! Still our Jerusalem has about 40,000 folks who need Jesus. Let us renew our resolve to work together to reach our community for Christ!

Joe Wiles, DoM

The Apple Tree

A twisted trunk, a gnarled tree,
Blackened branches greeted me;
Through swirling snowflakes
Beckoned me.

I went through puffs of fallen snow
To see a tree. I didn’t know
The beauty that awaited me
When I went out to see the tree.

The snow lay white against the black,
Made up for leaves, made up the lack,
So they were scarcely missed, you see,
Such was the picture of that tree.

Its stark outline against the sky;
The wind that passed through with a sigh
Made a scene and quiet song
That I’ll remember all year long.
--Joe Wiles

Did You Know?

**Baptist History #38
Baptists in South Carolina, contd.**

Another strong church was formed at Welsh Neck in 1738, composed of Baptist migrants from the Welsh Tract in Delaware. This established a second major center of Baptist influence in South Carolina. The Welsh settled on the Pee Dee River, formed their church in 1738, and in 1743 ordained Philip James as pastor. He and his successors not only cared for their own flock but also preached up and down the rivers of that section, assisted weak churches, and formed new ones. The Welsh brought a moderate doctrinal stance, paying more attention to their witness than to theological intricacies. The Welsh Baptists sided strongly with the Charleston church in efforts to provide organization and education for Baptists in the South.

In *Saints of Clay*, a history of Baptists in South Carolina, Loulie Latimer Owens names the coming of Oliver Hart to Charleston in 1749 and the conversion of Richard Furman to Baptist views in 1770 as two of the “major events that profoundly influenced the course of South Carolina Baptists.” Both were creative leaders, and while Furman is better known, Hart laid strong Baptist foundations. Oliver Hart (1723-1795) was converted to Baptist views at the age of seventeen and five years later was set aside to preach at the insistence of the church. He attended the 1749 sessions of the Philadelphia Association, at which a letter from the Charleston church was read, outlining their fruitless two-year search for a pastor to succeed Simmons, who had died. The brethren present agreed that Hart should go. Without a call from Charleston, he quietly moved to the town and about two months later was installed as pastor, a relationship that lasted thirty years.

In 1751 Hart led four churches, Charleston, Euhaw, Ashley River, and Welsh Neck, to form the Charleston Association, the first in the South. For years he had been active in the Philadelphia Association and had seen its benefits. He consciously patterned the Charleston body after its northern neighbor in confessional stance and mode of operation. One could hardly overestimate the importance of this association to Baptists in the South. It provided their major forum for discussion of issues, ventures in church extension and home missions, efforts in ministerial education, and served as a clearing house for churches and pastors seeking settlement. Like the Philadelphia Association, it dealt with issues which troubled the churches, often offering assistance in matters of discipline.



- ▶ College
- ▶ Graduate
- ▶ Seminary Students

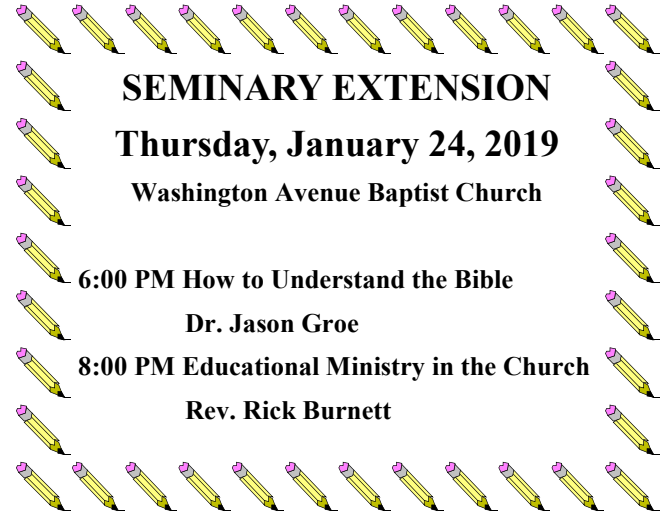
TN WMU wants to encourage these students in their academic and ministry pursuits by providing various scholarships.

Available scholarships:

- Undergraduate (for students attending TN colleges)
- Graduate (for students with TN ties attending graduate school)
- Seminary (for graduate students attending SBC Seminaries)

For applications go to TN Baptist Mission Board website. "WMU Scholarships". Scroll down to "Scholarship applications".

Applications due by January 25, 2019.



SEMINARY EXTENSION

Thursday, January 24, 2019

Washington Avenue Baptist Church

6:00 PM How to Understand the Bible

Dr. Jason Groe

8:00 PM Educational Ministry in the Church

Rev. Rick Burnett



FUNDRAISER

Camp Sandy Stone Kitchen

Saturday, March 30, 2019

Barbeque plates, live music, camp T-shirts for sale, and lots of memories to share!

This event was postponed due to the evacuees from Hurricane Florence using our camp. It is being rescheduled for March. More information to come but put this date on your calendar.



Associational VBS Clinic

FBC, Cookeville

Monday, April 8, 2019

6:00-9:00 PM

Receiving gifts for Camp Sandy Stone Kitchen Renovations...

First gift received

In Memory of Kenneth Deweese\$1,000.



During the months of January, February, March, if there is inclement weather, Executive Board Meetings and other meetings will be cancelled. Please use your best judgment and stay out of the weather that is threatening.

BANGHAM HEIGHTS

We are starting the New Year off with a 21 day of prayer and fasting that began on Monday, January 7. We have 3 new members with 2 joining by their profession of faith and baptism and 1 joining by his profession of faith and was baptized at an earlier date. We had a quarterly fellowship meal with soup & grilled cheese sandwiches on Sunday, January 6.

The Prayer Card Ministry sent out 36 cards of encouragement in December.

The Food & Faith Pantry served a total of 171 families, gave out 178 boxes of food and had 7 committee members and 18 volunteers that served in December. Seven of the boxes of food were given to the Northside Community Center and 135 Christmas food boxes given out Thursday, December 20. The Food & Faith Pantry is open the first and third Thursday of each month from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. If you know of someone in need of food, please inform them of our pantry or call the church at 528-8885.

The Keenagers had 15 that enjoyed lunch at the Golden Corral on Tuesday, December 11.

The youth are planning a Parent Connect night on Saturday, February 9 at 6:00 p.m.

A "You Are Loved" banquet is planned for Saturday, February 9 at noon for the widows and widowers of the church. This event is hosted by the pastor and deacons.

The Middle Ground group hosted an "Ugly Christmas Sweater" party for the church on Friday, December 7, at 6:30 p.m.

Our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the International Missions was \$2,000.00. We received \$3,446.00. Praise the Lord! The Women on Missions had their Christmas meeting on Tuesday, December 18. They provided drinks for the Christmas Banquet for ministers and spouses, Executive Board Members, widows of ministers and staff. They prepared 50 gift bags for returning International Students to TTU for spring 2019 semester.

A Home Prayer Meeting is planned for Friday, January 18, at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Iris Underwood.

Pray for our Music Minister Search committee as they seek out the person that God has in store for Bangham Heights. Also, several of our church families have had a death in their family in December.

Our Pastor is Rev. Robert Haynes.

TRINITY

Here we grow again! On December 2, 2018 another believer was baptized into the Trinity church family. All praises, honor and glory to our Heavenly Father who adds to the church as He sees fit. We are exceedingly glad, especially for these young adults.

We are thankful that during the Christmas season Trinity was able to lend a helping hand to over 30 families and individuals by providing **gift boxes** containing **non-perishable foods**.

The church doors at Trinity swing on **welcome hinges**. **You are always welcome**.

Rev. Jonathan R. Young is our senior pastor; Rev. Earl Dirkson, our Pastor Emeritus.

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Welcome 2019! We had a wonderful celebration of Jesus' birth the entire month of December and now we are ready to begin the new year! Our children's ministry is blossoming even during the cold and we are thrilled that the children are so interested. We had one of our boys pray to receive Christ January 6! Praise the Lord! Pray for us as we continue to seek a bi-vocational pastor.



FREE: 2018 Annual Leadership Directories and 2019 Calendars are in the association office. Please pick yours up as soon as possible.



As we reflect on 2018, and prepare for a new year, God's blessings are evident in the ministries of the TnTech BCM. In obedience to God's direction, the BCM ministries have mobilized ever-increasing numbers of students to be doers of the Word. God's blessings follow examples of our obedience: examples of current and past students who have embraced God's call on their lives, examples of new students finding a Christ-centered community in which to serve and grow spiritually during their time at TnTech, and examples of how God is opening new doors (literally – see announcement of pending additional space), as the numbers of involved students have maxed out our physical space to gather for worship and to disciple and encourage college students.

Thank you for your financial support and prayers for this ministry! Your support makes student discipleship, evangelism, and mission opportunities possible. As we reflect on His blessing of provision for each of us, we ask that you consider making the TnTech BCM part of your year-end giving. 100% of your tax-deductible gift supports the local BCM budgeted ministries to continue sharing the Gospel. Your gift can be mailed or conveniently made online at mtechbcm.com/give. If you have any questions, please contact the BCM.

On behalf of the TnTech BCM Board of Directors, we wish you and your loved ones a Blessed New Year!

Blessings,

Tracy D. Russell

TnTech BCM Board of Directors
is a conversation club to aid internationals in learning English and integrating



**Children's & Youth
BIBLE DRILL**

**YOUTH
SPEAKERS'
TOURNAMENT**

Association Bible Drills
Sunday, April 7, 2019
FBC, Cookeville
3:00 PM

Ministry Opportunity: We need a church to provide refreshments for **November Executive Board Meetings.** We meet on the last Monday evening of each month at 6:30 PM at Stevens Street Building H. Normally we have 35-40 present. The association provides all paper products and ice. This is a much needed ministry and much appreciated by our members as it allows them to attend. Please call 526-4655 if you can fill this ministry opportunity.

USED SOUND EQUIPMENT

Stevens Street Baptist Church has updated the sound equipment at the church and has some "fully functional" equipment to share with other churches. If interested please contact:

Mr. Bill Haberkamp @
931-528-9636

Available Pulpit Supply

From time to time churches need someone to supply **or an Interim Pastor** and do not know who to call. The following men have indicated their willingness to supply (**some as Interim Pastor**) and would appreciate an opportunity to serve.*

Jeff Amonett	931-864-3553, 397-5007
Bill Barenkamp	865-335-9650
Gary Bowman	349-7474
Jason Cohoon	615-933-5591
Ken Coots	931-210-7319
Donald Davidson	615-483-5902
Benny Fields	615-897-2698
Wayne Gantt	372-7606
Charles Gibbs	537-2843
Burt Handschin	526-6477, 544-1334
Jim Highland	615-202-7578
Philip Hutchings	803-295-6819 local
Bob Jett	349-1269
Steven Jones	931-881-7594
William Lester	931-316-5343
Robert Little	858-2345
Christian Lomax	931-252-6523
Mark Miller	615-476-5564
Ethan Moon	931-310-0394
Chuck Overton	931-644-3228
Brian Parker	946-3177
Greg Perlongo	931-644-9867
Mark Phillips	615-517-0988
Marvin K. Pryor	931-858-2326
Carl Scarlett	615-478-7575
Gene Schmid	526-1932
Timothy Selmas	931-704-2293
Russ Stephens	615-351-4319 cell
Ralph Strahin	858-3696, cell 349-6573
Nathan Thomason	615-426-2693
James Trivette	931-319-1251
Bryan Vaughn	931-644-8877
Keith Weatherly	423-525-3308

"I charge thee therefore before God, and the Lord Jesus Christ, who shall judge the quick and the dead at his appearing and his kingdom; Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine."
2 Timothy 4:1-2

*The local church will be responsible for verification of individual credentials and/or qualifications.



Bangham Heights Baptist Church is looking for a part time music minister. For more information call 931-212-4167 or visit the church website.

Caney Fork Baptist Church is looking for a part time minister of music. Call 931-252-0529 for more information.



Attention: Items for inclusion in the "Stone Tablet" are due to the Association Office by the 5th day of each month. You may send them via email to either: stoneassoc@citlink.net, annaleewiles@gmail or stoneassociation@gmail. You may also bring items by the office.



NEWSLETTER OF THE
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JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
13	14 8:00 AM Call to prayer at West View Church Anniversary date Jeremy Flatt at Monterey FBC '13	15	16	17	18	19
20 Sanctity of Human Life Sunday	21 MLK (school holiday) 8:00 AM Call to prayer at West View	22	23	24	25	26 Happy Birthday! Jason Groe
				Bivocational Ministers & Wives Retreat, Pigeon Forge		
				Youth Ministry Conclave, Chattanooga Convention Center		
27	28 8:00 AM Call to prayer at West View 6:30 PM Executive Board Meeting	29	30 	31	February 1	2
3	4 8:00 AM Call to prayer at West View	5 6:00 PM Camp Committee Meeting	6	7	8	9
10 Racial Reconciliation Sunday	11 8:00 AM Call to prayer at West View	12	13 Happy Birthday! Jimmie Simpson	14 Valentine's Day 	15	16 Children's Ministry Day
	FOCUS ON WMU		FOCUS ON WMU		FOCUS ON WMU	
					February 11-17, 2019	