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DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS: DR. JOE WILES

DECEMBER 2017



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
Iglesia Misonera Salem	2008
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



*Merry Christmas and
Happy New Year 2018
to you and your family.*

Joe

Anna Lee

Dorothy

HARVEST REPORT
November 2017
Baptisms 3
Professions of Faith 2

NO DECEMBER
Executive Board Meeting

FINANCES



DID YOU KNOW?

Church	November	Total
Aletheia	\$ -	\$ -
Bangham Heights	\$ 325.00	\$ 3,575.00
Baxter, First	\$ 60.00	\$ 660.00
Bear Creek	\$ 50.00	\$ 550.00
Brotherton	\$ 50.00	\$ 750.00
Cane Creek	\$ 92.95	\$ 946.90
Caney Fork	\$ 1,036.46	\$ 11,128.81
Cedar Hill	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,100.00
Church on the Hill	\$ 50.00	\$ 550.00
Colonial View	\$ 339.00	\$ 4,569.00
Cookeville, First	\$ 1,662.26	\$ 16,291.44
Covenant	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Crossroads Community	\$ -	\$ 442.39
Cummins Mill	\$ -	\$ -
Dodson's Branch	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,100.00
Double Springs	\$ 81.72	\$ 795.71
Eastwood	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,350.00
Gainesboro, First	\$ -	\$ 820.40
Hamptons Crossroads	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,500.00
Hope in Christ Fellowsp.	\$ 145.00	\$ 1,269.18
Iglesia Misonera Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Jesus El Buen Pastor	\$ 293.20	\$ 2,764.25
Johnson	\$ -	\$ -
Midway	\$ 60.00	\$ 160.00
Mill Creek	\$ -	\$ 793.00
Monterey, First	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,000.00
Nash Grove	\$ 311.49	\$ 3,851.73
New Heaven	\$ 50.00	\$ 550.00
New Home	\$ 316.00	\$ 3,093.00
Poplar Grove	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,000.00
Poplar Springs	\$ -	\$ 1,475.02
Rocky Point	\$ 777.20	\$ 4,101.77
Sand Springs	\$ 50.00	\$ 550.00
Scott Avenue	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Silver Point	\$ 145.83	\$ 1,437.49
Sonlight	\$ -	\$ -
Stevens Street	\$ 166.67	\$ 1,833.37
The River	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,200.00
Trinity	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,100.00
University Heights	\$ 141.64	\$ 1,667.49
VineBranch	\$ 762.00	\$ 6,871.00
Washington Avenue	\$ -	\$ 2,400.00
West Haven	\$ 80.00	\$ 630.00
West View	\$ 50.00	\$ 500.00
Willhite	\$ 66.00	\$ 726.00
Woodcliff	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,200.00
TN Baptist Convention	\$ 782.00	\$ 10,784.61
Other Budget receipts	\$ -	\$ 4,677.56
Total	\$ 9,244.42	\$ 103,465.12
Church Giving Only	\$ 8,462.42	\$ 88,002.95

Checkbook Balance	\$	9,409.01
Expendable all Sources	\$	9,659.67
Expenditures November	\$	9,227.56
Checkbook Balance	\$	9,841.12

FROM YOUR

DIRECTOR of MISSIONS

Each year the time between this Christmas and the past and future Christmases gets shorter. This was not true as I was growing up. The time dragged on and on! In any case, I still enjoy the season. Family and friends seem nicer, and the season seems to be filled with joy and gladness. I am so very glad that Jesus came to bring that joy. Without Jesus, this time would be just another winter week. Celebrate and enjoy all the good times that this season brings. Lift up those who are sad and those who are in need. Let us show the world that Jesus does make a difference for us and will make a difference for them, if they will just accept Him.

With that being said, I wish for each of you a joyous Christmas time and I pray that you will have a great and blessed New Year.

Joe Wiles, DoM



On One Morning

On one morning – the first Christmas day,
 What a wonderful, joyful event,
 When God gave His best to us
 A Savior, His Son, to us was sent.

A baby boy born in a manger, in a cattle stall,
 Whose coming brought us salvation,
 A chance for each and every one,
 To gain salvation, if we but on Him call.

A baby in a manger on that wondrous morn,
 God's Son, held by Him most dear,
 May you have that wonder and joy,
 And a MERRY CHRISTMAS and
 A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

--Joe Wiles, 12/1/17



Baptist History #29
The First Great Awakening, Part 6

We have already discussed Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Maine and New Hampshire along with the roles of Rev. Jonathan Edwards, Rev. Hezekiah Smith and Dr. Sam Shepherd in the First Great Awakening. We move on.

Vermont. Many of the early Baptist churches in Vermont were formed from New Lights, particularly around Bennington in the southwest corner of the state. Baptist families and ministers also migrated to the Green Mountain area where several churches were formed in the 1780s. Perhaps the earliest Baptist church in the state was that formed at Shaftsbury in 1768, led by Bliss Willoughby and his son Ebenezer. Jonas Galusha, one-time governor of Vermont, was said to be a member of this church; his son Elon later became an outstanding Baptist leader. Despite their lack of numbers, the Vermont churches formed several associations, most of them tiny. The Shaftsbury Association was first, formed in 1780 with five churches; followed by the Woodstock in 1783; and the Vermont in 1785, formed "in Elder Joseph Cornell's barn" (Benedict). As elsewhere, Baptists in Vermont benefited from the postwar revival. By 1790 they reported 1,796 members in 39 churches, most of them Regular Baptists.

Connecticut. In Connecticut the earliest known Baptist was Mrs. Theophilus Eaton who held her Baptist views with sufficient militancy to get her ousted from the Congregational Church in New Haven in 1657. About 20 years later, Seventh-Day Baptists appeared in the state, some of whom formed a Rogerene church at Groton in 1677. However, a more durable Baptist beginning dates from 1705 at Groton and is connected with the famous Wightman family. In 1705 Valentine Wightman (1682-1747) moved from Rhode Island to Groton, near New London, and formed a church on the Six-Principle order. For more than 20 years, it was the only Baptist church in Connecticut, until another was formed in New London in 1726. About 42 Separate Baptist churches were formed in the state, but 19 of them switched to Regular Baptist and most of the rest died out. By 1790 Connecticut numbered a total of 58 churches and 3,298 members, over two-thirds of them Regular Baptists. A few Separate and Seventh-Day churches survived, and at least one Rogerene church was included in this total. The Connecticut associations were formed before 1800, the Stonington in 1772; the Groton Union Conference in 1788; and the Hartford in 1790.



Association WMU Council Meeting
January 25, 2018
Caney Fork Baptist Church
6:30 PM

All ladies who have a heart for missions are encouraged to attend. We will be planning for 2018 in our association. There will be light finger foods after the meeting provided by the host church.



Tuesday, January 23...

NICK'S Restaurant

6:00 PM

RSVP Holly Groe, 615-962-1924

We Can Do More As We Work Together for the Kingdom

Some of our churches have expressed an interest in helping other sister churches. If your church could use some help such as piano player, Sunday School teacher, etc. Please call the Association office at 526-4655 to connect with another sister church.

Hymnals Needed:

Willhite Baptist Church needs some hymnals for use in their nursing home ministry. Call the Association office at 931-526-4655 if you can help.

Free to our churches:

We have recently purchased a copy of "The Church Safety and Security Guidebook" (A step-by-step guide to creating a program). Protecting our children, our worship, and our ministries is of utmost importance!

The Church Safety and Security Guidebook

Take advantage of this resource from Brotherhood Mutual Insurance Company
Also:.....

Forward From Here!

Urgent Priorities for Today's Sunday School and Small Groups by Allan Taylor

Also:.....

We have a nearly new FAX Machine Printing Cartridge for use with a Brother machine. It fits FAX-750, 770, 775, 775Si, 870MC, 885MC, and MFC-970MC.

Please call 931-526-4655 if you can use any or all of these items.

OPPORTUNITY to be a part of what God is doing through the Brazilian Ministry of Bro. Charles Anderson. In the two month trip in 2017, there were 2,219 decisions for Christ. The Ministry involves conferences on



marriage, The Holy Spirit, and church growth, home and community visits, preaching in churches, schools, drug rehab centers and prisons. The average cost of a soul has been less than one dollar. If you are interested in being a part of this ministry, send your donation to the Stone Association designated to the Brazilian Ministry of Charles Anderson or call him at 931-858-6560. Next trip will be April—June of 2018

MISSIONARY HOUSING NEEDED—
July 2018-January 2019
Prefer 3 BR, partially furnished.
Mike McAfee family will be on furlough.
Call Jim McAfee at 858-4790 .



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BANGHAM HEIGHTS

We are looking forward to the celebration of Jesus' birth. We had one to make a profession of faith and he was baptized. Our missionaries to Reynosa, Mexico, Sara and Justin Martin are doing fine and we are looking forward to seeing them over the holidays. The first 4 Sundays in December we will have the Christmas Advent.

The Food & Faith Pantry served 25 families, prepared 30 boxes of food with 6 of the boxes going to Northside Community Center and had 5 committee members and 3 volunteers that served on the first Thursday of November. They gave out 121 Thanksgiving boxes of food on the third Thursday of November and had 5 committee members and 25 volunteers to serve moving, packing and handing out boxes that week. The pantry is open the first and third Thursday of each month from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Christmas food boxes will be given away on Thursday, December 21 from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. If you know of anyone that would like to receive a Christmas Food Box, have them call the church at 528-8885.

The Prayer Ministry sent out 185 cards of encouragement during November.

The Keenagers will be going to the Palace Theater in Crossville on Saturday, January 6, to see the Doyle Lawson Show.

We have set our goal for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions at \$2,000.00. The Women on Missions started their International Missions Study on Russia at their November meeting. They will conclude the study at their January meeting. The ladies prepared desserts for the Annual Executive Board Christmas Party. The children went Christmas Caroling on Saturday, December 9, to area nursing homes. We delivered Christmas Fruit Baskets and Carols to the shut-ins in the community on Sunday, December 10.

We had a Christmas Party for the whole church. It was themed "Ugly Christmas Sweater". The men went all out designing their sweaters. The sweaters were voted on by donations. All donations went to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Tim Morrison was the winner of the contest. A great time was had by all.

Everyone is invited to our Children's Christmas Program on Sunday, December 17, at 6:15 p.m. and our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 24, at 5:00 p.m. We will have a New Year's Eve Singing and fellowship with finger foods and games on Sunday, December 31, at 6:15 p.m.

Our youth plan to go to Winter Xtreme in Gatlinburg on December 31 through January 2.

We are saddened by the loss of one of our members Alvina "Babe" Wright, but rejoice that she is with the Lord. She passed away on Monday, November 6, at the age of 97.

Our Interim Pastor is Rev. Robert Haynes

CANEY FORK

November brought many continued blessings to Caney Fork. Our Operation Christmas Child Packing Party was a huge success with the packing of over 100 more boxes than the previous year for a total of 351. A very memorable Veterans Day service was held on Sunday morning, Nov. 12th. In lieu of Sunday, Nov. 19th, evening services, food boxes were prepared and delivered to several families in the community. Men's Fellowship Time every Tuesday night at 5:30 pm is becoming a great gathering time. Enter the cornhole tournament for 50 cents. All men are invited! Our Annual Bright Life Christmas Trip is Sat. Dec. 2nd to enjoy crafts and gifts with the residents. We will break bread together in a fellowship meal following the Sunday, Dec. 3rd, morning services. Our children's Christmas Party theme is 'Spot Us Sharing GOD's Love'. On Sat., Dec. 9th, they will deliver decorated tissue boxes to Bethesda Nursing Home followed by a trip to Ralph's. Family Game and Movie Night is scheduled for New Year's Eve beginning at 6 pm until late. Something for everyone will be scheduled. Come join us!

Our Pastor is Rev. Steve Thornton.

DODSON BRANCH

"For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, which is Christ the Lord." Luke 2:11

Over 2,000 years ago *Christ Jesus* was born: "Happy Birthday" to You! Thank You, Christ Jesus, for all of your plan of redemption. God came and dwelled among people. John 1:14

At Dodson Branch Southern Baptist we are praying for Bro. John Darrell Davis, our Interim Pastor. Also, we ask others to join us in prayer, because he has had knee replacement surgery. That was December 4, and is now recovering. God is good in all His helps for us.

Our Church is participating in the Dodson Branch Christmas Parade and the Cookeville Christmas Parade scheduled for December 9. We are 'remembering when' with the *traditional Christmas message*.

Our Church invites everyone to our '*Christmas Program titled: John 3:16*' on December 17 at the 11:00 AM service. The Love of God is our "provider". All age groups have parts in the program. Mrs. Faye Davis is our Program Director.

We are also, remembering the Christmas Season with a Christmas card exchange: 'remember when' almost everyone sent Christmas cards? Remember the decorated cookies? We are doing trays of Christmas cookies exchange, also.

We are having a meal time on Saturday, December 16: *fun and fellowship*.

The Lottie Moon Offering is during the month of December. We remember our 'international missions'! The message of our Lord Jesus Christ's Salvation and teaching is to be taken into all the world as well as in our own communities. God bless the Missionaries and their Family members.

At Dodson Branch Southern Baptist Church we say, MERRY CHRISTMAS and A HAPPY NEW YEAR, to each person.

Everyone continue to pray for our Country, and one another, and the persecuted Christians, and the ways that we may help others. PRAY OFTEN!

Our Interim Pastor is Rev. John Darrell Davis

TRINITY

The month of December means three Christmas-related actions at Trinity. Gift boxes containing non-perishable foods are given to those who benefit greatly from a helping hand during the Christmas holidays.

On Sunday, December 17th, our **Christmas Program** celebration will take place during morning worship service, beginning at **10:45 a.m.** Immediately following the program, a **Silent Communion** will occur. Christmas piano selections are played throughout the Silent Communion Service.

Sunday, the 31st, at 10 p.m., our **New Year's celebration** will begin with a **Watch Night Service**.

A **warm and friendly welcome** awaits you at Trinity.

Our senior pastor is Rev. Earl Dirkson

UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS

Several of our congregation will be attending the Executive Board Christmas dinner on Monday Dec. 11th. We are planning a trip to "Bethlehem Marketplace" in Murfreesboro on Dec. 10th. Our Children's Nativity and Bell Music will be on Sunday morning, Dec. 17th and on Dec. 20th Wednesday, we will have a birthday party for Jesus with the children. We will have only a.m. worship service on Sunday, Dec. 24th. Pray for us as we seek a pastor.



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January 25-27, 2018

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Our VBS Association Team needs volunteers to help plan and teach the Associational VBS Clinic in 2018.



Training provided. This team will teach church VBS workers at the Associational VBS Clinic.

Julie Quillen,
Associational VBS Director
319-7055 (call or text)

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
Danny Ashburn	854-9786
Bill Barenkamp	865-335-9650
Gary Bowman	349-7474
Jason Cohoon	615-933-5591
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
Justin Martin	209-6039
Mark Miller	615-476-5564
Joe Morgan	528-7657
Chuck Overton	931-644-3228
Brian Parker	946-3177
Greg Perlongo	931-644-9867
Richard Petty	615-683-9031
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
Ralph Strahin	858-3696; 349-6573 cell
Nathan Thomason	615-426-2693
James Trivette	931-319-1251
Bryan Vaughn	931-644-8877
Keith Weatherly	423-525-3308

COOKEVILLE
RESCUE MISSION

**Help spread the Sound of Hope
Volunteer Today!**

Join us this holiday season and volunteer to be a **Bell Ringer** at select area locations.

Sign up today at cookevillerescuemission.org, or call 931-528-5819, and help change the lives of those in need!



"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.

HAVEN MINISTRIES
Ron Kirkegaard, M.S., LMFT
Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist
Faith-based counseling with adolescents, adults, couples and families...
Location: Life Church
2223 North Washington Avenue
Cookeville, TN
Contact: 931-526-6900
ron@cookevillelife.com
Cost: \$60/hour



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, analeewiles@gmail.com or stoneassociation@gmail.com. You may also bring items by the office.



NEWSLETTER OF THE
 STONE ASSOCIATION OF SOUTHERN BAPTISTS
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DECEMBER 2017 / JANUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
17 Happy Birthday! Lanny Leftwich	18 8:00 AM A call to prayer at West View	19	20 Putnam County Schools closed for Winter Break	21 Winter Begins	22 Happy Birthday! Jim McAfee	23
Stone Association office will be closed for Christmas December 15-January 1, 2018						
24  <i>REJOICE Christ is Born</i>	25 Merry Christmas!	26	27 Putnam County Schools closed for Winter Break	28	29	30
Stone Association office will be closed for Christmas December 18-January 1, 2018						
31 New Years Eve	January 1 New Years Day (Stone office closed)	2	3 3rd Semester starts for Putnam County Schools	4	5	6
Putnam County Schools closed for Winter break						
7	8 8:00 AM A call to prayer at West View	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 MLK Day (Putnam County Schools closed) 8:00 AM A call to prayer at West View	16	17	18	19	20 Happy Birthday! Scott Parkison