

# STONE TABLET



*Saved by His grace, joined by His blood, bound by His love and sent by His Word to spread the Good News.*

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DIRECTOR OF MISSIONS: DR. JOE WILES

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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 (mission, Church on the Hill)	2015
Midway	1976
Mill Creek	1923
Monterey First	1904
Nash Grove	1912
New Heaven (mission, FBC, Cookeville)	2013
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

## BIVOCATIONAL MINISTERS & WIVES RETREAT

Music Road Hotel and Convention

Center, Pigeon Forge, TN

January 25-27, 2018

[www.tnbaptist.org](http://www.tnbaptist.org)

**Only \$225.00 per couple. Wonderful encouragement and a restful time for ministry couples. Don't miss out!!**



## Association WMU

## Council Meeting

## January 25, 2018

### Caney Fork Baptist Church

2404 Highway 70 E

**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. Men are welcome also.



**Tuesday, January 23...**

**NICK'S Restaurant**

**6:00 PM**

**RSVP Holly Groe, 615-962-1924**

## HARVEST REPORT December 2017

Baptisms 8  
Professions of Faith 1

**JANUARY 29, 2018**  
**Executive Board Meeting**  
**Stevens Street Building H**  
**6:30 PM**

**FINANCES**



**DID YOU KNOW?**

Church	December	Total
Aletheia	\$ -	\$ -
Bangham Heights	\$ 325.00	\$ 3,900.00
Baxter, First	\$ 60.00	\$ 720.00
Bear Creek	\$ 50.00	\$ 600.00
Brotherton	\$ 50.00	\$ 800.00
Cane Creek	\$ 79.75	\$ 1,026.65
Caney Fork	\$ -	\$ 11,128.81
Cedar Hill	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00
Church on the Hill	\$ 50.00	\$ 600.00
Colonial View	\$ -	\$ 4,569.00
Cookeville, First	\$ -	\$ 16,291.44
Covenant	\$ -	\$ 200.00
Crossroads Community	\$ 549.96	\$ 992.35
Cummins Mill	\$ -	\$ -
Dodson's Branch	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00
Double Springs	\$ 80.72	\$ 876.43
Eastwood	\$ -	\$ 1,350.00
Gainesboro, First	\$ 182.00	\$ 1,002.40
Hamptons Crossroads	\$ 300.00	\$ 1,800.00
Hope in Christ Fellowsp.	\$ -	\$ 1,269.18
Iglesia Misonera Salem	\$ -	\$ -
Jesus El Buen Pastor	\$ 274.35	\$ 3,038.60
Johnson	\$ -	\$ -
Midway	\$ -	\$ 160.00
Mill Creek	\$ -	\$ 793.00
Monterey, First	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Nash Grove	\$ 260.00	\$ 4,111.73
New Heaven	\$ -	\$ 550.00
New Home	\$ 281.00	\$ 3,374.00
Poplar Grove	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00
Poplar Springs	\$ 252.05	\$ 1,727.07
Rocky Point	\$ -	\$ 4,101.77
Sand Springs	\$ 50.00	\$ 600.00
Scott Avenue	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Silver Point	\$ 145.83	\$ 1,583.32
Sonlight	\$ -	\$ -
Stevens Street	\$ 166.62	\$ 1,999.99
The River	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,400.00
Trinity	\$ 100.00	\$ 1,200.00
University Heights	\$ -	\$ 1,667.49
VineBranch	\$ 550.00	\$ 7,421.00
Washington Avenue	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 3,600.00
West Haven	\$ 50.00	\$ 680.00
West View	\$ -	\$ 500.00
Willhite	\$ -	\$ 726.00
Woodcliff	\$ -	\$ 1,200.00
TN Baptist Convention	\$ 782.00	\$ 11,566.61
Other Budget receipts	\$ 212.70	\$ 4,890.26
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 6,451.98</b>	<b>\$ 109,917.10</b>
<b>Church Giving Only</b>	<b>\$ 5,457.28</b>	<b>\$ 93,460.23</b>
<b>Checkbook Balance</b>		
<b>11/30/17</b>	\$	<b>9,846.85</b>
<b>Expendable all Sources</b>	\$	<b>16,298.83</b>
<b>Expenditures December</b>	\$	<b>9,860.94</b>
<b>Checkbook Balance</b>		
<b>12/31/17</b>	\$	<b>6,437.89</b>

**FROM YOUR**

**DIRECTOR of MISSIONS**

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** May this year far outshine the last! I say this not because last year was bad, but rather in hope that this year will be so much better! We have an opportunity to serve the Lord and see Him work in our lives and the lives of our churches. Good planning and better execution of those God-centered plans will let us look back next December and exclaim at the wonders God has wrought!

As we begin 2018, would you try to imagine with me what would happen if:

- ▶ Every church had at least one Executive Board member in attendance at our meetings;
- ▶ Every church was giving to the Association a percentage of their undesignated offering;
- ▶ Every church was doing a special ministry in their community;
- ▶ Every church was involved in a mission endeavor?

I suspect that doing any of these suggestions on a regular basis will take some planning and some time. I also realize that so doing would revitalize our churches and change our communities for the better. Please consider how any one or more of these might fit into your church and its outreach.

May the Lord bless and keep you in the center of His will as you serve Him this year.

Joe Wiles, DoM



**Snow Time**

The snow came fluffing down in swills and eddies,  
 The wind as a soft cold breeze  
 that built up by the hour,  
 Until the snow came driving down with a  
 gale's full force and power.

The weather raged with a sibilant hissing noise.  
 It gave the earth a white and pearly breath  
 That chilled the trees and froze the lake's soft breath.

The bustling fire upon the hearth  
 put out a steady flame while  
 Steaming cups of coffee passed from hand to hand  
 As we watched through snowy windows  
 the painting of the land.

--Joe Wiles

**The First Great Awakening, Part 7, Middle Colonies**

Baptists in the Middle Colonies enjoyed far more religious freedom during the eighteenth century than in either New England or the South. The Congregational Church was established by law in the North, while the Anglican Church was set up by law in the South. By contrast the Middle Colonies had no state church, though for a time the Dutch Reformed in New York sought to gain a favored position and restrict others. Probably the Quaker influence from Pennsylvania and the great religious pluralism helped prevent any church from gaining an upper hand in this region.

**Pennsylvania.** By 1700 Pennsylvania already had a diverse Baptist population, including Regular Baptists, whose churches at Pennypack and Philadelphia were prominent; Keithians, who came to attention in the 1690's; Mennonites, who settled in Germantown by 1692; and Tunkers (or Dunkers), who sprang from German Pietist sect which had adopted immersion. From these latter the Ephrata sect grew in the 1730s, led by Conrad Beissel. The English-speaking Seventh-Day Baptists formed churches at Newtown and Nottingham in 1700, which later grew to five churches. However, as the Regular Baptists gained strength, most of the other groups declined; by 1711, for example all four the Keithian churches were extinct.

Philadelphia provided the major area of Baptist concentration. The important Philadelphia Baptist Association was formed in 1707. It was the first organized Baptist association in America. In 1742 that association adopted a confession destined to shape Baptist theology in American for more than a century and in 1749 issued a carefully reasoned explanation of the power and limitations of an association. By 1770 this association had founded a Baptist college (in Rhode Island), sent out home missionaries, provided a cohesive center for Baptist life throughout America, and was entertaining plans for a Baptist organization to cover the entire country.

(Next time: We will consider the influence of the migration from Wales.)



**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 .

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

**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.

**Free Resources for use in 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.



**Missions Get Together**

An event for women of all ages

&

**Connection**

A mission event for girls in grades 7-12

**March 16-18, 2018**

**Gatlinburg Convention Center**

For questions regarding registration contact Emily Traylor at etraylor@tnbaptist.org or 800-558-2090 ext. 2038



**Week of Prayer**

for

**North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Offering**

**March 4-11, 2018**



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**BANGHAM HEIGHTS**

We are looking forward to a great New Year at Bangham Heights. We have 3 new members. They all joined the church by letter. On Sunday, January 7, the first Sunday of 2018, during the morning worship service Bro. Robert Haynes will present "New Year, New Beginning" based on Philippians 1:5-6. On Monday, January 8, everyone is encouraged to participate in a 21day fast. On Friday, January 12, we had a Home Prayer Meeting at Bro. Robert Haynes home. Also, we are going to start a study on Colossians on Wednesday nights.

The Food & Faith Pantry served 33 families, prepared 46 boxes of food with 7 of the boxes going to Northside Community Center and had 4 committee members and 1 volunteer to serve for the first week in December. On Thursday, December 21, they gave out 128 Christmas food boxes, had 5 committee members and 20 volunteers that helped move, pack and give out boxes that week. The food pantry is open the first and third Thursday, of each month from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal was \$2,000.00. So far we have received \$2,332.24. The Children Mission groups will continue their study on Russia.

The Youth went to Winter Xtreme in Gatlinburg on December 31 through January 2.

We are saddened by the loss of one of our members Don Pantell, but rejoice that he is with the Lord. He passed away on Monday, January 1. Also, a former member Ted Matthews passed away on Monday, January 1. Please remember these families in prayer during their time of loss.

Our Pastor is Rev. Robert Haynes

**CANEY FORK**

Caney Fork was very busy in December as our members celebrated the birth of our savior in fellowship and ministry together. Men's Cornhole Tournaments every Tuesday night at 5:30 pm has continued to be a great gathering time. All men are invited! Great joy to share the joining in our membership on Christmas Eve morning of a new member. January will be the return of our Youth Chili Cookoff as a Fund-raiser for their activities. Date is Saturday, Jan. 20<sup>th</sup>, 5 pm. Men, dust off your best recipe for awards in several categories; ladies, bring toppings and desserts; everyone, bring your appetite and a donation for a bowl of your choice! A Church-wide Breakfast will be held on the Sunday morning following, Jan. 21<sup>st</sup>, at 9 am, by our Men's Brotherhood. We hope you will join with us in service together.

Our Pastor is Rev. Steve Thornton.

**CROSSROADS**

► We're starting the new year with 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting. Please join us January 8-28 as we kick off 2018 with a season of prayer.

► We're working with our partner churches in the West Putnam Food Ministries to host a grocery giveaway on Saturday, January 27, at Upperman High School. Helpers are welcome between 8:00 AM and 12:00 that morning. Families who want groceries should arrive between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM.

► We're already getting ready for the Baxter Community on Friday, March 30. If your church (or small group) would like to help fill plastic eggs, assist with the food, or help provide family/children's activities for this event, please let us know as soon as possible.

Our pastor is Rev. Rick Burnett

**GAINESBORO FBC**

Greetings from Gainesboro First Baptist Church!

Wow have we had a busy December 2017! (1) Special Music by Dave Pierce and Gene Kennedy. (2) Bro. Kelly and Vicky attended a Pastor's Appreciation Night at Washington Avenue Baptist Church. Great to see other pastors and their wives! The Trinity choir sang! Great job! (3) We hosted a Christmas party at Mabry's Assisted Living. Our Children did a play for the residents. Fun, food, and fellowship was had by all! (4) On the 17th at the 11:00 AM service, the children performed their play for our congregation. Very good! Our thanks to Daisy Davis for her leadership. We had a candle lighting service that night. (5) On Wednesday the 20th we were invited to the Gainesboro Church of Christ for their children's program with soup and dessert to follow! We were truly blessed to share Jesus with our community. (6) On Sunday, Christmas Eve, we had preaching, singing, and visitation with the Nursing Home residents at Mabry.

We welcome Jason Eli Nash, born in November, to our congregation. Mother and baby are doing well! May be a little sleep deprived!

Blessings to you in 2018. *"Mercy, peace, and love be yours in abundance."* Jude 2

Our pastor is Rev. Kelly Stockton

**MILL CREEK**

**Good-Bye 2017, Hello 2018!**

At the first of the year, Rev. Lonny Davis was elected as full time Pastor. Then in July, Jason Davis was ordained by Mill Creek as Associate Pastor. We had eight newcomers to join our church family. They are Erin Evans, Donna

Jones, Rick Taylor, Loyce McCloud, Donnie McCloud, J. Isaac Davis, Noah Jones, and Sarah Jones. Pastor Lonny had the pleasure to baptize six this year. Two precious ladies of the church, Anne McCloud in May and Hazel Stephens in June, went home to be with Jesus. Ricky Taylor and Donna Jones were married on August 9th. We had two young men to graduate in 2017. They were honored with a new KJV Study Bible and fellowship dinner. They are J. Isaac Davis and Noah Jones. Isaac graduated from Cumberland University on May 6 and Noah graduated from Upperman High School on May 19. Our Vacation Bible School was a huge success The theme was "The Armor of God" The church Christmas caroled at three of our local assisted living homes: Bethesda Asst. Living, NHC Health-care and Standing Stone Care.

Mill Creek had 13 meals together as a church family and 152 services this year! To God Be the Glory!!

We are looking forward to 2018,

**Where Everybody is Somebody and JESUS, CHRIST is LORD!**

Our pastor is Rev. Lonny Davis

**SOVEREIGN GRACE**

Our church has been meeting for several months in the Algood Chapel of Hooper, Huddleston and Horner Funeral Home. We began from a Bible study in the home of Rev. Bryant and Ronda Owens and our fellowship is growing. We had our first baptism on Sunday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, in Spring Creek. What a great way to begin a new year! Pray for us as we continue to reach out to others, share Jesus and develop a community of believers.

Our pastor is Rev. Bryant Owens.


**UNIVERSITY HEIGHTS**

We celebrated the birth of Jesus with special music all month in December and a Children's Nativity and Children's Bell Choir on Dec. 17<sup>th</sup>, following with a church-wide birthday party for Jesus on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> and special worship service, Sunday, Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. We began January by hosting the ordination service of Robert G. Haynes who has been called as pastor of Bangham Heights Baptist Church. Pray for us as we seek a pastor.

**WESTHAVEN**

We are looking forward to all of the things that God will do in 2018! We begin the year with a January Bible Study through the Letter to Philemon. We will have this time of Bible study and fellowship during our Sunday evening services during the month of January at 6:00 PM each Sunday nights. If your church does not meet on Sunday nights, we would like to invite you to join us for this Bible study.

Our pastor is Rev. Bryan Hickey.



**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)

**SPRING 2018**

**Seminary Extension Classes**

**Washington Avenue Baptist Church**  
**1621 N. Washington Avenue**  
**Faith Building (new education building)**  
**Thursday, February 1**

6:00 PM  
 NT 2190 Revelation (2 hrs)  
 Taught by Dr. Jason Groe

8:00 PM  
 TH 3200 Systematic Theology (3 hrs)  
 Taught by Dr. Joe Wiles

Contact Dr. Wiles: 931-858-2494 (home), 931-526-4655 (office), 931-252-2494 (cell)  
 Email: joewiles@twlakes.net or stoneassoc@citlink.net

Have you picked up your Associational Annual and Calendars? These are great resources for addresses and phone numbers of leaders in our churches. Pick yours up today. They are FREE.....

Office Hours:  
 M-F 8:30 AM-12:30PM  
 T-Th 8:30 AM-12:30 PM and 1:30-4:00PM  
 25 West Broad Suite 3  
 931-526-4655



**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@cookevilife.com

Cost: \$60/hour

**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
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
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.

**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, an-naleewiles@gmail or stoneassociation@gmail. You may also bring items by the office.



NEWSLETTER OF THE  
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JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
14 Church Anniversary date for Jeremy Flatt at Monterey FBC (2013)	15 8:00 AM Call to Prayer at West View <b>MLK Day</b> Putnam County School closed	16	17 	18	19	20 Happy Birthday! Scott Parkison
21 <b>Sanctity of Human Life Sunday</b>	22 8:00 AM A Call to Prayer at West View	23 <b>6:00 PM Minister's Wives Fellowship at Nick's</b>	24	25 <b>6:30 PM WMU Council Meeting at Caney Fork</b>  Bivocational Minister's and Wives Retreat—Pigeon Forge Youth Minister's Conclave—Chattanooga	26 Happy Birthday! Jason Groe	27
28	29 8:00 AM Call to Prayer at West View  <b>6:30 PM Executive Board Meeting</b>	30	31	<b>February 1</b>	2	3
4	5 8:00 AM Call to Prayer at West View	6	7	8	9	10
11 <b>Racial Reconciliation Emphasis</b>	12 8:00 AM Call to Prayer at West View	13	14 	15	16	17
<b>FOCUS on WMU</b>		<b>FOCUS on WMU</b>		<b>FOCUS on WMU</b>		<b>February 12-18, 2018</b>