

VITAL SIGNS

ATTENDANCE	
S.S. Average Attendance	199
8:30 Worship Average	73
Morning Worship Average	234
Evening Worship Average	90
Wednesday Evening Average	119
STEWARDSHIP	
Budget Requirements	\$ 40,464.92
Budget Receipts*	40,522.17
Building Fund Receipts	9,113.34
Other Missions	100.00
Initial Offering	86.00
World Hunger	15.00

*This includes make-up offering from the snow Sunday, Jan. 31.

TIME CHANGE

Don't forget to set your clocks forward one hour on Saturday evening, March 13th. Please be on time for Sunday School (9:45) and the 8:30 or 11:00 AM worship service.



HAITI PROJECT

The SBCV "Buckets of Hope" for Haiti Project drop off is March 5th & 6th from 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. at Mt Pleasant Baptist. www.SBCV.org further info.



ANNIVERSARY NOTICE

Congratulations to Kirby & Ruth Rakes upon their 50th Wedding anniversary celebrated last month.

DESIGNATED GIFTS

According to tax law, a person is not to receive tax credit for a gift designated to an individual, unless the church has acted to request gifts or establish a fund for an individual as an extension of the ministry of the church. If the donor initiates and controls the gift, it is not tax deductible.

CHURCH STAFF

Steve Felker..... Pastor
 Brent McGuirt Assoc./Youth
 Brian Lee Music Director
 Susan Humphries..... Pianist
 Anne Cizek..... Secretary
 Cheryl Felker.....Assistant Secretary
 Robert Scriver Custodian
 Ashley Henard..... Nursery Director
 Krista DeVauld..... Nursery Worker
 Tiffany Kester Nursery Worker
 Jayme Whelan Nursery Worker

BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Bible Study for Unequally-Yoked Marriages: Are you in an unequally yoked marriage? This six-week course begins Tuesday, April 13 at 7:00 pm at Swift Creek Baptist Church. Sign up on the Women's Ministry board or contact Kristy Fowler kristy.fowler@gmail.com with questions.

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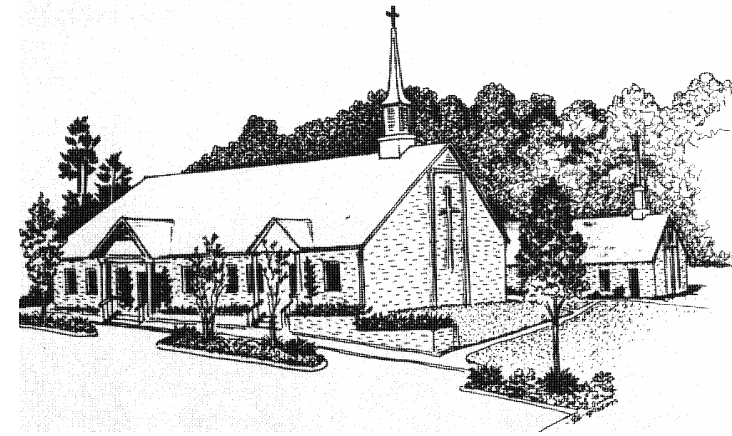
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 March 3, 2010

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Worship, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
 Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Service, 6:45 p.m.
 Word of Life Club for Youth, 6:30 p.m.
 AWANA for Children, 6:30 p.m.



HOME MISSIONS EMPHASIS

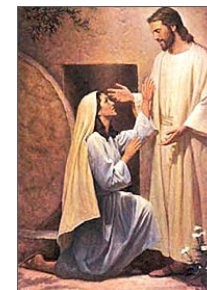
This Sunday, March 7th, we will begin our annual emphasis in support of our SBC North American missionary work. The theme for this year's emphasis is "Live with Urgency: Sharing God's Transforming Power." One of the most important ways that we can support our North American missionaries is through prayer. This Sunday we will give out a prayer guide bulletin insert with names and prayer requests of some of our missionaries. In addition to Sunday and Wednesday prayer times, you may attend the prayer meeting on Friday, March 12th, at 7:00 a.m. led by our pastor. We will give special focus upon North American missionary work. In addition to prayer support, our Mission Board is highly dependent upon the annual Annie Armstrong Offering for North American missions. The national goal is \$70 million. This year our church has set a goal of **\$7,850**. Please use the special offering envelope in your boxed set, or use one of the Annie Armstrong offering envelopes found in the pew to designate your gift for this special offering. On Wednesday, March 10th, after the 6:45 p.m. prayer time, we will have a NAMB Mission Study led by Orriss Burnett. We hope you will come and learn more about our missionary work. Perhaps you will not only be inspired to pray and give, but also to go on a short-term mission trip!



SPECIAL ED. SUNDAY

On Sunday, March 21st, we will have our annual observance of Special Education Sunday. One of the great ministries that God has given our church is our ministry to those with special needs and their families. Our Special Ed. Class will have an active part in the 11:00 a.m. worship service that Sunday. You will also see a video highlighting our Special Ed. class.

EASTER MUSICAL AND DRAMA



On Sunday, March 28th at 6:00 p.m. our Adult choir, along with some of our Youth and our Children's choir, will present the Easter Musical, "The Resurrection and the Life" created by Deborah Craig-Claar and Robert Sterling. There will also be approximately 30 actors along with narrations by Ron and Shirley Winters. Artistic props & special lighting will enhance the musical experience. The musical is a collection of some of the most powerful events surrounding the life of Christ. It shows how the story of Jesus has changed the history of humanity forever. Please plan to attend and invite friends and family so the story of Jesus can be shared and hearts changed.



FROM THE PASTOR

The next several weeks will be very important in the life of our church. About 60 of us are working on the Easter musical & drama to be present on Sunday evening, March 28. Plan to attend, and be sure to invite others. Let's have a full house for this special event. Pray for Brian & Debbie as they lead us.

Be sure to read the article about the nationwide outreach that our church is participating in. Pray that God will create a spiritual hunger in the lives of people who will be touched by the media campaign and materials many will find on their doors. Also pray that God will grant enough workers for this outreach. Jesus said in Luke 10:2, "The harvest truly is great, but the laborers are few; therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."

The need for an outreach to our nation has never been greater. I see so much moral decadence. We are in the midst of a significant economic downturn, which could get even worse in the years ahead, especially if the politicians continue to run our nation into excessive debt. We may be approaching the last years of the last days. In Luke 21:11 Jesus warned "there will be great earthquakes in various places, and famines and pestilences (diseases)..." In addition to the recent devastating earthquake that killed hundreds of thousands in Haiti, an 8.8-magnitude earthquake struck Chile, killing hundreds of people, & collapsing many buildings. In v.25, He said "there will be ... on the earth distress of nations, with perplexity, the sea and the waves roaring." The later could refer to a number of tsunamis that will hit following later-day earthquakes. In times like these, you need a Savior. His name is Jesus. He not only delivers from sin, but also the wrath to come (1 Thess. 1:10).

I hope to see you Sunday. I will continue my series from Mark with a message entitled, "True Greatness." Sunday evening I will continue my series from Ephesians with a message entitled, "Will You Follow Jesus or the World." For many, the world has a strong draw like metal to a magnet. But 1 Jn. 2:15, 17 says, "Do not love the world or the things in the world.... [For] the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever." Sunday is the Lord's Day. Is that true in you life? Worship Him this Sunday!

BUSINESS MEETING

At the bi-monthly business meeting on Wednesday, March 17th (note change), we will receive nominations for the 2010-2011 Nominating Committee. In order to serve on this committee, a person must be a member of the church for at least 2 years as of the May business meeting. At the end, we will also vote on the new Nursery Director.

YOUTH UPDATE



GPS Youth Day Event- Please join us as we reach out to our community through *God's Plan for Sharing*. We will meet here at church on Saturday morning, March 27th at 10:00 a.m. and go distribute Evangelistic Materials for Easter Sunday around our community. We will then go out to eat lunch together, and go bowling after lunch. We plan to be back by 4:00 p.m. The cost is \$5 to help offset the cost of bowling. Please sign up by March 20th if you are planning on coming. This will be a great opportunity to reach out with the Gospel and have some fun together, too!

Junior/Senior Luau- On Saturday, April 24th, Youth are asked to be here by 4:30 p.m. as we serve our Senior Adults a meal for our Annual Jr./Sr. Banquet. This year's theme is going to be a Hawaiian Luau, and we are going to have a great time as we serve and entertain our Senior Adults. We need all youth to be here to help, because this event takes a whole lot of work. Please sign up by April 1st to participate.

Word of Life Club- We meet on Wednesday nights from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. Congratulations to Katie and Kristie Reid for their qualification for Regional Competition at Word of Life Teens Involved.



High School Sunday School Class- We are continuing our study in Philippians over the next month in Sunday School.

Mark your calendars-

Youth Mission Trip to WV- Mon., June 28th - Fri., July 2nd.

Youth Camp at CLW- Sun., July 11th - Sat., July 17th.

This past month has been busy. Our group participated in Area Teens Involved. We had a quiz team that did an excellent job. The Reid girls also performed instrumental entries and did very well. Our youth also had the opportunity to help get and serve the food at lunch that day. A special thanks goes to Dana and Judy Reid for their help at this event. Last Sunday, our Youth led all the worship services for Youth Sunday. I was very proud of all their hard work, and each played an important part in making the day a great success for the glory of the Lord. Thank you Youth and Youth Parents for all your help. I believe we truly blessed our church on Sunday. I am excited about what God is going to continue to do in the lives of our students.

In Christ,

Brent McGuirt

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

MARCH

- 4 - Thu. Library Work Day, 10:00 a.m.
- 5 - Fri. Disaster Relief Training, Grove Ave. Baptist, Richmond. Deliver "Buckets of Hope" to Mt. Pleasant 5th-6th.
- 6 - Sat. Drama practice, 9:30-12:00 (entire cast)
- 7 - Sun. Week of Prayer for NAM/Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (-14th). See article. Lord's Supper, AM services. Promotion Day in Preschool Department
Young Adult Planning Lunch, 12:30 p.m.
- 8 - Mon. Deacons' Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 9 - Tue. Personnel Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 10 - Wed. Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m. Mission Study led by Orriss Burnett, PM service.
- 11 - Thu. Fellowship Bible Class Study @ SCBC, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 - Sun. Daylight Savings Time Begins. Spring forward one hour.
Choir and drama rehearsal, 4:30 p.m. (cast in pages 1-9)
- 15 - Mon. Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 17 - Wed. Church Business Meeting, 7:15 p.m. after 6:45 prayer time. Nominations received for Nominating Committee. Nursery Director vote at end.
Choir and Easter drama rehearsal, 8:05 p.m. (cast in pages 10-18)
- 19 - Fri. Prayer Breakfast, 7:00 a.m. (Roland F. cooking)
- 20 - Sat. GPS: Praying Across North America/Prayer Walking, 10:00 a.m.
- 21 - Sun. Special Ed. Sunday.
Choir and drama rehearsal, 4:00 p.m. (entire cast)
Brent McGuirt preaching PM Service.
Anne Cizek's 14th Anniversary
- 22 - Mon. Mid-Range Planning Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
Building & Grounds Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 24 - Wed. Choir and drama rehearsal, 8:05 p.m. (entire cast)
- 25 - Thu. Fellowship Bible Class Study @ SCBC, 7:00 p.m.
- 27 - Sat. GPS: Door-to-Door Gospel Distribution, 10:00 a.m.
Easter Drama Dress Rehearsal, Drama 6:30 p.m.;
Choir 6:45 p.m.
- 28 - Sun. Church Anniversary & Palm Sunday. PM Service: Choir Easter Cantata, "The Resurrection & the Life"
- 29 - Mon. Deacons' Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

APRIL

- 2 - Fri. Community Good Friday Service, noon @ Life Church, Harrowgate Rd. Lunch available for the first 100 who purchase tickets (\$2). Rev. Fred Adkins, preacher.
- 4 - Sun. Easter Sunday.

MISSION TRIP ASSISTANCE

All interested SCBC members should notify the Missions Committee if you are planning a mission trip and wish to apply for financial assistance. See www.sbcv.org/mission_connection_center for many mission trip possibilities. Requests must be turned in by Wednesday, March 17th. Funds are available to active members only, and first consideration will be given to persons embarking on a mission trip for the first time.

NEWSLINES

On Feb. 5th, we had a record high attendance at our Friday morning prayer breakfast with 20 present! We appreciate all who participate in this important ministry.

On Feb. 6th our Social Hall was filled with men & boys for our annual Sportsmen's Banquet. We thank the deacons for sponsoring this event, and all who participated. Pat Porter & Bill Dalton secured door prizes from some local businesses.

Our church has sent over 40 Rest & Relaxation kits to VA soldiers, including handwritten letters of appreciation. Thanks to all who participated in this mission project.

March 7th will be Ashley Henard's last Sunday as Nursery Director. We appreciate her service as Director since July 1st, 2006, and look forward to her contribution as a volunteer worker in other capacities.

NATIONWIDE OUTREACH

GPS: *God's Plan for Sharing* is a national evangelism initiative which calls and equips Southern Baptists to reach North America for Christ by the Year 2020. The first phase of this outreach is the "Find It Here" Campaign. A three-week targeted media saturation will take place March 20th-April 11th (TV, radio, billboards, newspapers, etc). Our church is one of the 175 participating churches in VA. On Saturday, March 20th at 10:00 a.m., volunteers will prayer walk in the neighborhoods we will be attempting to reach. Then the following Saturday we will distribute 1000 packets containing a Gospel presentation, & information about our church, including invitations to attend our Easter musical, & Easter services. We need at least 10 teams of 2 or more to sign up on the bulletin board to help with each of these outreach events. Families may form one team. Please pray daily for this national & local outreach. For more information, see www.FindItHere.com.



YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY

Attention Young Adults: Would you like to serve on a ministry team for Young Adult Ministry? This team will be led by Young Adults to implement ministry opportunities, fellowship, & outreach among Young Adults. Join us for lunch at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, March 7th at the Southpark Mall Food Court as we eat, brainstorm, and fellowship.

GRASSCUTTERS NEEDED

Our church relies upon volunteers to keep our lawn mowed. If you would be willing to serve on a grass cutting team, please sign up on the bulletin board. You should only need to donate 2-4 hours every 4-6 weeks. Only those 16 and up should sign up (ages 13-15 should only work under the supervision of a parent).