

The Messenger

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February 17, 2009

Celebration Banquet
Sunday, March 1, 2009
6:00 P.M.

Sign up in Atrium or Worship Guide.

Meal provided, but we ask
each family to bring a dessert.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

The Cross. In and of itself there is nothing special about a cross- at least nothing that is good. During the period of 100 years on each side of the birth of Jesus, it was a despised and dispicable symbol of deepest evil. No one was intrigued by it. No one jokingly drew it. No one would have ever thought to make it into jewelry. Ultimately it was cast aside for being too inhumane. Not even the worst criminals deserved such a fate.

Then Jesus was fastened to one. Out of all of the instruments of death, that is what God chose. And as we sing, ever since then, the cross *“has a wondrous attraction for me.”* This coming Sunday morning we continue our series- The Cross. I hope that you will plan to be here as we begin to fully understand the theology behind God’s choice.



HOSPITAL LIST

SRMC: Wilbur Smith; Hospitalized or surgeries last 2 weeks: Sybil Brewington, Marty Blanton, Amy Thomas

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to:
Ted and Patti Kelly at the passing of Ted’s mother
Jacob, Jessica, Lauren and Danielle Kelly at the passing of their grandmother
Doris Eubanks at the passing of her son
April Bishop at the passing of her brother



NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP MEETING

There will be a meeting this Sunday, February 22nd, for anyone interested in going to Nicaragua on the mission trip August 15th – 22nd. A \$45.00 deposit will need to be received no later than Sunday, March 1st. Please make all checks out to LBBC. You can give your check to the office or to Keith Corn. If you have any questions, you may contact Keith at 864-921-9811.

FROM YOUR MINISTER OF MUSIC

Worship the Sufficient God: “My grace is sufficient for you; my power is made perfect in weakness.”

1 Corinthians 12:9

Our living room is divided into two sections: the “totally-toddler-proof” side (if there is such a thing), and the “not-so-toddler-proof” side. The furniture and a large gate separate the sections. Until recently, our daughter Micah has been mostly content to play in the safer of the two sides. This has begun to change; however, as our little Houdini has decided that the other side of the barrier holds more interest.

As Micah is learning, barriers are a part of life, no matter your age. Whether they’re physical (such as an illness or disability), emotional (like those often found in relationships), or spiritual (such as unconfessed sin), the barriers in our lives prevent us from living like we think we ought to live.

While some of the barriers before us are self-made and need to be removed (like unconfessed sin), others have been allowed by God to be put in place and are out of our immediate control. When this is the case, an opportunity arises. Either we can recognize that God is still in control, and that His grace is totally sufficient, or we can poke out our bottom lip (like Micah often does) and dissolve into a puddle of frustration and self-pity.

No matter what the barrier, God can use it to teach us to trust in His sufficiency. Paul learned this when God allowed a “thorn in the flesh” to torment him so that he would learn “when I am weak, then I am strong.”

God wants us to live in total dependency – His all-powerful strength, wisdom, love, and joy replacing our pitiful self-will and pride. May we always trust that His ways are better than our ways, and that His grace is sufficient even when we face immovable barriers.

Our 2-3 year old Preschool Choir needs a teacher.

We need someone to help put our children on a path of praise (extensive musical knowledge not required).

Soli Deo Gloria

Tim

THANK YOU

The thank you cards are on the office bulletin board just inside the work room. We have received cards from the following: Deb, Paul and Rachel Atkins

YOUTH MINISTRIES

This Wednesday night, Feb. 18th, we will be attending Youth Night at Buck Creek Baptist Church. The bus will leave at 6:00- be here at 5:50. A late van will leave at 6:30. We will return at 8:45.

Youth Council elections will be Sunday, March 1st. Each SS class will select an individual to represent their class on the council.

Don't forget every week:

Discipleship Training on Sundays at 5:15 p.m.

Wednesday Youth Service at 6:30 p.m.



YOUTH AFTERGLOW - AN EVENING OF SUSPENSE & INTRIGUE SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22ND

The Afterglow in the Fellowship Hall will begin 5 minutes after the close of the evening worship service and will be over at 9:00.



IMPACT WEEKEND IS HITTING THE ROAD

Our youth will join with the student ministry of West Salem Baptist Church March 13th – 15th for a weekend of Bible Study and spiritual growth. The cost is \$10.00 and information packets are available at the registration table outside the Fellowship Hall. Students must pre-register for this event.



GUEST SERVICES TEAM

Please sign up to be a part of our Guest Services Team. You would be responsible for helping us on Sunday morning make sure our guests are cared for and welcomed. Different teams will be made up of individuals who love creating an environment that helps make people happy to be at Lake Bowen Baptist Church.



WIGGLY GIGGLY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need people to volunteer on a rotating basis to stay with the preschool children (ages 2-5) on Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. during the worship service. If you would be willing to help in this ministry, please see Kim Bogan.



CANDIDATES FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Coming for Baptism:

Hunter Barnwell, 180 Cole Road, Campobello, SC 29322



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need people to be greeters in the nursery and preschool departments on Sunday morning. Please see Kim Bogan or Michelle Grigg if you would be willing to serve in this area.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST
FEBRUARY 22, 2009
7:15 A.M.**



FROM YOUR PRAYER TEAM

In Matthew 6:6 Jesus tells us, "But you, when you pray, go into your inner room, close your door and pray to your Father who is in secret, and your Father who sees what is done in secret will reward you." Jesus understood the need for us to spend time alone in prayer. The busyness and distractions of our daily lives can make finding time for prayer difficult. Let's not allow that to happen. We must make it a priority and put it ahead of other things that get in our way.

Take time to visit our prayer room. It has been redecorated thanks to some hard working church members. Thanks Krisann and Kay. It is easy to find. As you come in the front doors of the church, pass through the foyer and turn left and then right down the hall. The room is on the right just before the door to the sanctuary.

Don't forget that your prayer team is here for you. Call the church office and our team will pray for you or someone you know. If you would like to join us, our next meeting is Wednesday February 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the prayer room.



Open Gym for Basketball
Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Senior High and up are invited



NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday Evening, February 22: Debra McAbee, Tom & Melissa Holscher
Wednesday, February 25: Martha Cooper
Sunday Evening, March 1: Jason & Mary Kimbrell, Billie Burrell
Wednesday, March 4: Michelle Grigg



COUNTING COMMITTEE
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

Tommy & Connie Pearson, Ronnie & Estelle Bridges, Steve McAbee, Larry Richards

SUNDAY, MARCH 1

Les & Jean Green, Brian Green, Jackie Cothran, Cory & April Caldwell

A LOOK AT SUNDAY

	Feb. 8	Feb. 15
Sunday School:	559	496
Tithes/Offerings:	\$15,347.00	\$15,500.24
Total Building Fund:	\$148,999.81	

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