



Our Church Family

Bob Wall is in Baptist Memphis for cancer surgery in the next several days... **Connor Mobley** is in Vanderbilt Children's Hospital in Nashville, TN. He underwent surgery to remove a brain tumor on Tuesday... **Florence Dixon** is in Germantown Methodist recuperating from surgery on Monday... **Dot Jones** is in Germantown Methodist undergoing tests... **Judy Kuntz** will have knee surgery Tuesday at Baptist Memphis... **Ed McIntosh** will have knee surgery on Thursday at Baptist DeSoto... **Gary Pruett** will have knee surgery on Friday... **Jim Hixon** has moved to Health South rehab on Union Ave. room 217 ... **Susan Brownfield's** sister, Barbara Nika, is having gallbladder surgery... Fred Whitlock remains in Methodist University Hospital, Rm. 914T... **Debbie Couey's** brother-in-law, Marvin Couey, will start radiation treatments for his lungs... We are thankful that **Bill Miller** is doing better and hopes to be back with us soon...

LIFE LINE SCREENING

This company conducts ultrasound screenings that can help you avoid a stroke. They will be at Goodman Oaks March 3. Pre-registration is required, call 1-800-324-1851.

THURSDAY SCHOOL TEACHER'S MEETING

Teachers and helpers please be at the meeting Thursday, Feb. 25 at 9:30am. If you can volunteer please call Dawn Ales @ 662-449-5636.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

We are having a Lady's Day/Tea April 24. Please mark your calendar and ask a friend to reserve that date also.

LIFE BLOOD

Life Blood will set up in the FLC on March 3, 5:30-7:30. Please sign up at the information desk.

TRIP TO MOBILE, AL

Anyone wanting to go on a trip to Mobile, AL March 18-20 to visit Bellingrath Gardens and tour the USS Alabama and other attractions. Information sheets are available at the Information desk.

SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

All hunters and fishermen; we will host a Sportsman's dinner March 25 at 6:30pm in the FLC. Please prepare your wild game or fish along with vegetables and desserts. Come enjoy an evening of fellowship and good food. For more information contact **Art Shumway, Greg Kuntz** or **Sonny Howell**.

SPRING BIBLE CLASSES

Sunday Mornings:

- Life Guards - 22 - Daniel continued
- Tweeners - 20 - Passion of Christ conclusion
- Sonshiners - 24 - Colossians
- Faithbuilders - 27 - Romans
- Auditorium - Hebrews

Wednesday Nights:

- Ezra, Nehemiah, Esther - 20 - Steve Reeves
- Family Conflict Resolution - 22 - Michael Davis
- World Bible School - 24
- Men's Class - 26
- Singing Class - FLC
- Lads' Jewish Feasts - 1

Special Note: Beginning Wednesday, March 3rd everyone will go directly to class. We will not meet in the auditorium prior to class time. Announcements will be made by the teachers of the classes.

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

February 21, 2010

Sunday Bible Class	407
Sunday Morning Worship	673
Offering	\$19,230

SCHEDULE OF ASSEMBLIES

- Sunday:**
Sunday School - 9:00 a.m.
Worship - 10:00 a.m.
Worship - 5:00 p.m.
Fellowship, Study and Service - 6:15 p.m.
- Tuesday:** "Encouragement Class" - 10 a.m.
- Wednesday:**
Bible Study - 7:00 p.m.

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Around The Oaks

With Steve Reeves

He Cares For You!

William Whitehall Smith told the story of a man riding down the road in a horse-drawn wagon when he saw a stranger struggling under the weight of a heavy load on his back. He stopped and offered the man a ride. The stranger thankfully accepted. As they rode along, however, the weary traveler still kept carrying the huge pack on his back. "Why don't you just lay it down?" asked the first man. The stranger replied, "Oh no sir, its good of you to carry me, I could not ask you to carry my burden as well."

Many of us are like the man under the burden. We are thankful to receive the ride of salvation offered by the Lord and we enjoy the fellowship of fellow travelers. But instead of experiencing a joyful journey we are often bowed low under the weight of burdens we refuse to lay aside.

Of all the important truths found in the Bible none is more needful and meaningful to me than this one written by Peter "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Pt. 5:7). The inspired apostle wrote these words to Christians whose faith was faltering under the weight of persecution in the first century. He wanted them to know that God had not forgotten them. He was aware of their burdens and sufferings.

Is this still true? Does God really care for us? Is He aware of the anguish and suffering we experience? Does God care when our hearts are broken and our spirits stoop under the weight of physical, spiritual, emotional, vocational or financial problems? We pray and seek relief and yet relief does not come as we had hoped. We wonder, "Does God hear? Does He care? Why doesn't He answer?" Often in the midst of our despair we conclude that we have no choice but to carry the load ourselves and hope that somehow we can manage the pain.

Many years before Peter expressed this divine truth the Psalmist made a similar assertion in Psalm 55:22. "Cast your cares on the Lord and he will sustain you; He will never let the righteous fall." We do not know everything that God knows. We do not see everything He is doing in our behalf. We do not understand the eternal perspective with which God sees our life.

Jesus described the loving care of our Heavenly Father with these words in Matthew 10:29-31, "Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from the will of your Father. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don't be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows."

One of my favorite hymns was written by J. Lincoln Hall and contains these comforting words, "Does Jesus care, when my heart is pained too deeply for mirth and song? When the burdens press, and the cares distress and the way grows weary and long?" The chorus responds with the affirmative answer, "O yes He cares! I know He cares! His heart is touched with my grief. When the days are weary the long nights dreary I know my Savior cares." Take heart my dear friend. **He cares for you!**

~ Steve Reeves

Kevin's Korner

...Kevin Jourdan

Summer Mission Trip

For the past four years, we have taken a trip up north to Riverhead, NY to the Timothy Hill Children's Ranch. Last year the youth group took the trip in place of the College and Young Singles and we worked at their camp in Massachusetts. Last year was going to be our last year to go for a while. I was exploring other options for our annual mission trip and we were invited to come back.

In November of last year, we hosted the annual Timothy Hill breakfast. While the Hills were here, they asked if we would be willing to come up this year to host a VBS on their campus. I accepted the invitation. Our trip will be June 19-25. I have spoken with **Louisa Allgeier** and **Betty Hill** and they are going with us, so that we can have a really good VBS for the town of Riverhead. This trip is for College and Young Singles and will be \$300. The deadline to sign up is Sunday, March 14. We will start with fundraising efforts soon, so be looking for more info to come.

5th—8th Grade Lock-In

Friday, March 26 we will have a lock-in at the church building. It will begin at 10:00 PM and end at 7:00 AM. We will be going to Putt-Putt at 12:00 AM and return to the building at 3:00 AM. I will need a few parents to help take the kids to Putt-Putt. If you can help please contact Paul Tulllos. (paultullos@yahoo.com) Look for sign up sheets in Sunday morning class. Deadline to sign up will be March 5, cost is \$25.

Youth News

... Jeff Shocklee

For what do you pray?

I have been praying for and about people and events my whole life. Having grown up in the church, prayer was always a comfort. Sure, there have been times when you would tell someone you would be praying for them and then not really do it. And there have been times when prayer was a distant part of my life. But prayer has always been a comfort.

When I was younger and someone was sick we always prayed for God to be with the hands of those who ministered to them. That sounded good...proper even.

But somewhere along the way I started to wonder about it. If we were going to ask God to be with the doctors, then we were asking God to intervene in some manner. If we were going to ask the Almighty Lord of all creation to intervene, then why stop with piddling little requests? Why not go all in and ask for...healing!?

Mind you, I still ask for God to be with physicians, but I ask the Great Physician to do what He does better than anyone else...heal and make whole.

This is all theological babble...until you need to ask for healing. As so many of our family face an uncertain future I ask you to pray for things to take place that cannot be explained other than by the power of God at work. Be fervent and be thoughtful. Be bold and brave in your petitions. Ask for what you want!

And remember...prayer isn't powerful...God is powerful! But prayer is how his children ask for what they want and need. And He always listens!

Summer Mission Trip

Our trip will be to Nashville to work with Ride for Reading and will take place June 20-25. The cost will be \$125 per person. Deadline to commit to the trip and pay a \$50 deposit is this Sunday, February 28. Information sheets and requirements are available in the youth room or see Jeff.

Friday at the Movies

Begins this Friday, February 26 at 6:45-9pm! Get ready to have a good time together!

Don't forget to sign up to have Jeff come to lunch with you!