



Our Church Family

F.M. Hylander is still at Baptist DeSoto undergoing tests... **Reatha Crews** is now home from the hospital after recent heart surgery... **Nancy Herron** is home from the hospital.... **Frances Weathers, Mary Talley** and **Jo-Ann Heard**

have been sick and unable to be with us recently... **Gary Pruett's** niece, **Cassandra Armstrong**, suffered a stroke recently and is hospitalized at The Med.

SYMPATHY

Our sympathy is extended to **Reatha Crews and Lisa Cox** and family in the death of **Tim Snider**, their son and brother.

Our sympathy is also extended to **John and Sedgie Taylor** is the death of John's mother last week and Sedgie's aunt, **Irene Edwards**, in Ackerman, MS, on Sunday.

NEW BABIES

Marvin and Patricia McFarland have a new granddaughter, **Kayla Anderson**, born Wednesday to **Marice and Katrina Anderson**. She weighed 6 lb. 5 oz.

Morris Holley has a new granddaughter, **Alexis Nicole Holley**, born March 10th in Little Rock. She weighed 6 lb. 7 oz. and was 20 inches long.

THIS SUNDAY NIGHT

The chorus from **Crowley's Ridge College** in Paragould, Arkansas, will be with us at 5:00 pm to present a program.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

May 31-June 3, 6:30 - 9:00pm. We still need lots of help. Please stop by the tables in the lobby to sign up.

BOY SCOUT YARD SALE

The sales are scheduled for March 27-28 and May 15-16. Questions or donations please call **Wayne Ashmore @ 901-283-4798.**

5th SUNDAY OFFERING

Sunday, March 29th is our next 5th Sunday. This offering will go to our benevolence fund for the purpose of helping the families in our congregation who have recently lost jobs. Please be considering what you can give to help others.

MEN'S RETREAT

The golf tournament is set for May 9. We have 20 slots open, tee times start at 1:30 & the cost is \$45 including the cart fee. The total cost for the retreat and tournament is \$75. You don't have to be in the golf tournament to attend the retreat.

LADIES TRIP

Our next lunch & shopping trip will be April 8 to Rowan Oak, William Faulkner's home in Oxford, MS. We will leave at 9am and return by 4:00.

WORLD BIBLE SCHOOL

All WBS Teachers and families along with anyone interested in WBS will have a pot-luck lunch after morning services on March 22nd. **Robin Cannon** will present WBS news and updates. We will share questions and successes and enjoy a meal and fellowship. Contact Bob or Gwen Coker for more information.

EASTER EGG HUNT

The Easter Bunny will be here April 4 from 11am to 1 pm for our egg hunt. Bring your children and invite your friends to enjoy this family time. Bring your cameras to make pictures with the bunny. We will rotate by ages egg hunts, activities and lunch. **Please help us fill the eggs by bringing individually wrapped candies or small toys.** You can bring these anytime between March 1 and March 29.

NUMERICALLY SPEAKING

March 15, 2009

Sunday Bible Class	412
Sunday Morning Worship	691
Offering	\$ 17,379
Budget	\$ 22,743

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

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Soaring Into Spring!

This coming Friday, March 20, 2009, is the "official" beginning of spring and *I am glad!*

It seems that the older I get the more I welcome the return of warmer weather and out-of-door activity. The budding of trees, blooming of flowers and resurgence of color in the landscape always invigorates my spirit. I look forward to working in my yard, bringing the patio furniture out of storage and enjoying the evening breeze while sitting on my back porch.

But there's something much more profound to me about spring. With the changing of each season of the year I am reminded of God's power in creation. Going all the way back to the beginning of time we learn from Genesis 1:14 how God, on the fourth day of creation, "set lights in the sky to divide the day from the night and be signs for seasons and years." Later, God promised Noah after the flood that, "As long as the earth endures, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night will never cease" (Gen. 8:22). The prophet Daniel proclaimed, "He changes times and seasons; he sets up kings and deposes them. He gives wisdom to the wise and knowledge to the discerning" (Dan. 2:21). The changing of one season to the next is far more than an astronomical occurrence. It is a transition mandated by God, Himself. .

As those of us who live in the northern hemisphere welcome spring people south of the equator are actually gearing up for the cooler temperatures of autumn. On Friday, March 20, 2009, at precisely 6:44 A.M. CDT, the Sun will cross directly over the earth's equator. This moment is known as the vernal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere ("*vernal*" denotes "*spring*" and "*equinox*" means "*equal night*"). For the Southern Hemisphere, this is the moment of the autumnal equinox. Because the sun is positioned above the equator on this particular day, sunlight and darkness are equal in length all over the world. A second equinox occurs each year on September 22 or 23 and marks the autumnal equinox in the Northern Hemisphere and the vernal equinox in the Southern Hemisphere.

As we witness another transition from one season to the next I hope you will stop in the midst of the brilliant, unfolding scenes of beauty and praise God for His wonderful wisdom, power and might.

~ Steve W. Reeves

Kevin's Korner

...Kevin Jourdan

The Good News

Whenever I turn on the television I am constantly reminded of the terrible economic situation our country is in. We are constantly being berated with phrases like "these are bad times," "Financial bail out," "foreclosure," and "economic stimulus." I'm really tired of hearing bad news all the time.

I know that everyday jobs are being lost, homes are being foreclosed on, and families are experiencing a lot of pain; some right here in this church. We all know of someone who is experiencing loss of things above. The other day a friend of mine, who is not a Christian, told me that he may lose his job. He told me that every time he turns on the television he wants to cry knowing how bad things are.

After he told me this I hurt for him and I hate to know that he may lose his job. I started thinking about what we as Christians are supposed to be doing during this time. How are we supposed to respond? I thought about how we can help those, like my friend, see that this world is not all there is. A few days later I read Isaiah 52: 7 which says, "*How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of those who bring good news, who proclaim peace, who bring good tidings, who proclaim salvation, who say to Zion, "Your God reigns!"*"

During these "bad times" we are to proclaim the good news, the salvation of God, the message that Our God Reigns! The good news is that Jesus is the Son of God and that he died for us and was raised from the dead and is seated at the right hand of God. The good news is that the kingdom of God is here and we are living in it.

During these "bad times" we must proclaim the salvation of God. "For God did not appoint us to suffer wrath but to receive salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Thess. 5:9). People are worried about their financial situation while their spiritual life is suffering even more. It is our responsibility to show them the way to Jesus.

My favorite part of the Isaiah 52 passage is where it says, "Your God reigns." That was written thousands of years ago and that phrase still stands true today. Our God Reigns, and he is faithful to those who love him and he is the One in control. Let us proclaim the Good News.

Youth News

... Jeff Shocklee

AREA WIDE DEVO

Next month's devo will be hosted here at Goodman Oaks on April 19. Be watching for ways you can help welcome brothers and sisters from North Mississippi to our congregation.

ATTENTION PARENTS

Mark your calendars for March 29. We will get together to look at our upcoming events, make plans for some new things, and think about how to increase the spiritual growth of our children. Additionally, we will be spending time in prayer and covering all the details of our summer activities. We need your help!

SPANISH CLASS

Our Spanish class is off and talking! We meet at 6pm on Wednesdays. You need to bring a Spanish-English dictionary. You will also need a Spanish-English Bible. We have those available for \$12. Come learn to communicate with our brothers and sisters in Mexico and El Salvador. You will be blessed!

BIBLE STUDY

No Thursday Bible study this week. We will resume meeting on March 26.

SENIOR NIGHT

Our Senior night this year will be on May 3. Seniors need to turn in 10 pictures on a CD by April 5.

*Hope everyone is enjoying their
Spring Break!*