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"Loving God, loving people...serving the world, reaching people."



Week of Prayer for
North American Missions
And the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering[®]

March 4-11

Church Goal: \$5,000

Schedule for the Week

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| Sunday - March 4 | Prayer Guides in Sunday Bulletin |
| Monday - March 5 | 6:45 p.m. Sherry Hall will discuss "Mission Memphis" |
| Tuesday - March 6 | 10:00 a.m. Meeting "Memphis Family Fest" and Lunch |
| Wednesday - March 7 | 6:10 p.m. "Whatever It Takes"/Church Plant Meeting in the Fellowship Hall |
| Thursday - March 8 | 10:00 a.m. Prayer Walk/Mission Action |

All events include men, women and youth!



FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

I appreciate our men . . . and all the work that went into the Wild Game Night. We had a great crowd (over 200 men) and the food was some of the best we have ever had (although it is always good). I filled up on venison and "squirrel dumplings" (it takes a lot of squirrels to make that dish.) We had a lot of men that were "guests" that evening and everyone seemed to enjoy it. Thanks to all the men who cooked, served, planned and brought wild game.

I did bring my usual wild game dish (chicken nuggets from Wal-Mart) and they were gone quickly. I have been "mocked" by some about my "wild game," but if you have ever been to Wal-Mart on Saturday, you know that it was wild. Like a skilled hunter, I carefully picked the time of day that the "game" would be freshest. I quietly made my way to the neighborhood market (hunting for close parking spot), slipped quietly unnoticed into the "hot food" line and patiently waited the opportunity to bag my animal. Even when other shoppers tried to distract me, I remained focused on the task at hand. Then, at just the right moment, I lunged forward and claimed my prize (\$10.00 worth of General Tso's chicken nuggets). There were some tense moments. Would there be enough hot nuggets there? Would I be taken out by an out of control shopping cart? Would I be tempted to snack on nuggets before I got to the church? It was definitely a trip that was not for the faint of heart. I bagged my limit (\$10.00 was all the nuggets they had) and I humbly brought the beast for everyone to enjoy.

I am excited . . . about the changes in our children's area. I have been talking with Kathy for a while about the plans to paint and decorate our children's area. She worked with our Children's ministry team to coordinate the design and the colors. The money was raised outside our budget through events like the Clothing Consignment Sales. After approval by the House and Grounds Committee, the painting has begun. Lee Dickson has been busy preparing the walls and painting. Jane Croy is the artist who will be painting the graphic design on the walls. Every room has a theme and the hall colors have been coordinated not only with the children's rooms, but with the Youth Area who share the opposite end of the hall. It is going to be beautiful and bright for our children and we will plan an "open house" when all the work is complete.

If there is a theme for 2012 in our church . . . it would be "discipleship and evangelism." You might be tempted to say "Isn't that always our theme?" The answer would be "YES," but we will be introducing very soon some new strategies to help strengthen our people in both these areas. Our goal is to see Christians who are growing and teaching others how to grow. God is blessing our church in so many ways and we don't want to become complacent or comfortable. Be praying for your staff as we seek to lead our church to be disciples and to make disciples.

35+ Singles Event - March 17

On Saturday, March 17 we will go to the Bartlett Performing Arts to see Agatha Christie's "Mousetrap". Tickets are \$10.



Trivia Night, Friday, March 23. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 p.m. We will play eight to a table. Cost is \$5 in advance and \$6 at the door. Bring refreshments! Free Popcorn! Can drinks will be for sale for a donation!

Golden Circle - March 27

The Golden Circle will meet on Tuesday, March 27 at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish to share.

Mission Opportunities

There are two mission trip opportunities coming up in the summer of 2012.
Malawi, Africa - June 10-20
Venezuela - July 19-27

If you feel God calling you to either of these mission fields, contact Steve McPherson for more information.



Congratulations to...James and Kristen Richardson on the birth of a baby girl, Emma Gail Richardson, born 2/9/2012. Grandparents are Fred and Wanda McGuffin.

Welcome New Members



Andrew Cline, Renee Tatum and Brian Abraham
Joined 2/19/2012
By Letter and Baptism

Churchwide Outreach - March 4 and 25



We will meet in the Fellowship Hall at 4:15 p.m. to make visits, send cards and minister wherever needed.



Beginner Handbells

If you would like to participate in beginner handbells see Stephen St. Clair.

Children's Choir Grade 1-5 - March 4

Our children grade 1-5 will sing in the morning service on Sunday, March 4. The children need to be here at 8:45 a.m. to warm up.

Good Friday Service - April 6

On Friday, April 6 we will have a Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m. with the observance of the Lord's Supper.

Easter Sunrise Service - April 8

On Sunday, April 8 we will have an Easter Sunrise Service around the crosses at 7 a.m., followed by Bible Study and Worship at 9:30 a.m. We will have 11:00 Bible Study, but no afternoon or evening activities.

Youth Ministry



Youth Evangelism Conference - March 9-10

The Youth Evangelism Conference will be held in Nashville on Friday and Saturday. This two day conference is for all students grades 6-12.

City and County School Spring Break March 12 - 16

Youth Guys Camping Trip - March 16 & 17

Girls Night Out - March 24

Children's Ministry

Kickball Tournament - March 24

AWANA Final Friday - March 30



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Senior Counselor positions for our summer rec camp are now being accepted. Applications are available in the Welcome Center.

Mother's Day Out and Preschool Summer 2012 Registration

(Open to children who turned 1 by Sept. 30, 2011 through those entering kindergarten in August 2012). There is a \$10 registration fee per child. (Tuition for 6 week summer session 2 days a week, \$180) See MDO page at www.bartletthills.org for more information or contact Stephanie Norris @ 386-9763.

Sunday Report

January 29, 2012

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| Bible Fellowship 8:15 a.m. | 58 |
| Bible Fellowship 11:00 a.m. | 392 |
| Total Bible Fellowship..... | 450 |
| 9:30 a.m. Worship Service..... | 505 |
| Budget Receipts..... | \$17,163.71 |
| Weekly Budget Needs..... | \$20,196.00 |
| TWG..... | \$4,317.00 |
| TWG Needs..... | \$5,242.00 |
| Lottie Moon to Date..... | \$12,000.00 |

February 5, 2012

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| Bible Fellowship 8:15 a.m. | 56 |
| Bible Fellowship 11:00 a.m. | 389 |
| Total Bible Fellowship..... | 445 |
| 9:30 a.m. Worship Service..... | 518 |
| Budget Receipts..... | \$23,050.26 |
| TWG..... | \$3,506.00 |

February 12, 2012

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| Bible Fellowship 8:15 a.m. | 45 |
| Bible Fellowship 11:00 a.m. | 323 |
| Total Bible Fellowship..... | 368 |
| 9:30 a.m. Worship Service..... | 437 |
| Budget Receipts..... | \$14,804.71 |
| TWG..... | \$2,788.33 |

February , 19, 2012

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| Bible Fellowship 8:15 a.m. | 46 |
| Bible Fellowship 11:00 a.m. | 363 |
| Total Bible Fellowship..... | 409 |
| 9:30 a.m. Worship Service..... | 487 |
| Budget Receipts..... | \$20,443.67 |
| TWG..... | \$3,283.00 |

We extend our Christian Sympathy to...

Hank and Nikki Collins in the death of his uncle, Ronnie Clark of Metairie, LA; Tina and Kevin Collins in the death of her mother, Mrs. Pat Collums and grandmother of Austin; Phil and Mary Sikes in the death of his mother, Mrs. Mary Evelyn Sikes and Mike and Judy LaRiviere in the death of his brother, Francis LaRiviere of Alexander, AR.

Wednesday Menus for the month of March

March 7, 2012

Chicken (grilled or fried)
Potatoes, Vegetable, Salad
Bar and Dessert

March 14, 2012

Hamburgers,
Hot Dogs,
French Fries,
Baked Beans
Ice Cream

March 21, 2012

Breakfast Meal

March 28, 2012

Spaghetti, Vegetable,
Bread, Salad Bar and
Dessert



Sunday, March 11

Don't Forget to set your clocks forward!

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Church Staff

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| Pastor | Dr. John Finley |
| Minister of Education | Leslie Tisdale |
| Minister of Music | Stephen St. Clair |
| Minister to Students | Nick Daniel |
| Church Administrator | Steve McPherson |
| Minister to Children | Kathy Hogel |
| Preschool Ministry Coordinator | Cindy Bussey |
| Pastor's Secretary | Jane Stehle |
| Financial Secretary | Karyn Allen |
| Receptionist/Secretary | Carol Miller |

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