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CHURCH RECORD: As of March 28, 2010

Avg. S.S. Attendance: 74
 Weekly Budget Requirement: \$ 2,450.94
 Regular Offering Total: \$ 13,240.00
 Designated Offering Total: \$ 1,322.68
 Total Offering: \$ 14,562.68
 Year to Date Requirements: \$ 31,862.22
 Year to Date Offering: \$ 30,964.25
 Budget progress to date: (\$ 897.97)

APRIL BIRTHDAYS:

2nd-Aaron Burke, Gene Booth, Gregory Parsons; 3rd-Karly Pate, Jimmy Ellis; 4th-Audrey Didow, Myrtle Davenport; 12th-Mae Parsons, Ricky Pate; 16th-Casey Jones; 18th-Norma Hubbard; 19th-Mary Barrett, Savannah Waters; Angee Hatcher; 23rd-Heatherleigh Lewis, Rhett Morgan; 24th-Ron Williams, Sheila Dennis, Loretta Powell; 27th-Sean Casey; 28th-Gary Ford.

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES:

12th-Annie Mae & Bobby Price 15th-Connie & Ron Williams

19th-Diane & Harold Tolar Jenny & Jimmy Ellis

24th-Karen & Danny Williams

Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church @ GCCC: 9:00 am - 12:00 noon.

Rev. Todd Blake, Pastor 483-2272
 Janice Simpson, Music Director 485-5209
 Vivian Barefoot, Secretary
 Beulah McLaughlin, Custodian

Prayer Requests

PRAYER CONCERNS: Chestine Adams, Lucy Barber, Robbie Barr, James Barfield, Angel Bryant, Jewell Bryant, Tracy Brewington, Pat Buchanan, Jerry Bullock, Shirley Bushnell, Rudolph Byrd, Kristy Cain, Ada Cameron, Renee Casey, Courtney Causey, Shirley Cooper, Elizabeth Collum, Linda Dalton, Lorena Davis, Sheila Dennis, Joanne Digby, Ann Edwards, Carol Edwards, Lori Edwards, Jenny Ellis, Alan Essey, Gary Ford, Jr., Bennie Fox, Jimmy Griffin, William Groves, Christine Grimsley, Rueben Grimsley, Janice Hall, Ronnie Hammonds, John Harris, Cindy Hensley, Gennie Horne, Margaret Hyatt, Michael Ledford, Ninita Ledford, Debbie Livingston, Lucas Lloyd, Jackie Morgan, Jackie Morris, Linda Peterson, Becky Phillips, Mike Pope, Anthony Porter, Paul & Rosa Ray, Dixie Reynolds, Paul Rollins, Jessica Rush, Judy Scott, Dea Smith, Kat Smith, Janice Southerland, Donnie Spell, Annette Steadman, Steven Strickland, Maurice Suggs, Gerald Tew, Robert Tew, Shirley Tew, Buddy Tolar, Mary Lou Tolar, Connie Williams, Danny Wulff, The Rackoff family.

Extended Care:

Gracie Parker-Campbellton Health Care Center
 Peggy Pate-Village Inn
 Audrey Didow-Carolina Inn
 Mertys Beverly-Carillon Assisted Living
 Ann Martin - At Home
 Mertys Beverly - Carolina Rehabilitation

Military: Marc Arnold, Craig Baker, Tyler Bettini, Jonathan Bill, Caryle Boone, Thad Cain, James Cole, Brandon DeVore, Marc Flaugh, Gary Ford, Justin Gage, John Gessler, David Gibbons, Chris Gibson, Troy Guy, Richard Hodges, Chris Huff, Braden Huley, Jay Liddick, Daniel Page, Brian Parsons, Tom Perkins, Ron Powell, Sr., John "J.P." Paiser, Ben Royalty, Ben Stevenson, Luke Southwick, Jay Wood, Edward Young.

College: Zachary Evans, Jonathan Owen, Steve Miller, Hannah Lunsford, Candace Vizachero, Brandon & Hannah Holloman, Josh Matthews, Casey Jones, Caleb Evans, Christina Heaser, RJ Jones, Ron Powell, Jr., Lindsay Roberts, Carrie Peterson, Adam Woolard.

Law School: Joshua Simpson
Divinity School: Ron Williams

Our Mission

Being one family united by God's grace, we are committed to God's great Commandment by living the faith we profess, sharing the hope of salvation, and loving



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Pastor's Thoughts

Building Families Through Faith

May is going to be about families this year and not just on Mother's Day. Beginning the first Sunday of May, we will spend four weeks focusing on healthy relationships. Every kind of family can be made stronger through a shared faith in Christ: families with kids, couples without children, mixed families, serious couples planning to marry, all types of families.

We will focus on families in several ways. Our worship from May 2 to May 23 will include a sermon series about families. We will challenge families to take on some challenges as a family that we hope will become habit. We will also provide some interesting ways to help you meet those challenges.

How can you help? First, participate. Secondly, pray for your families and others. Finally, help us invite couples and families to join us in Building Families Through Faith. During the month of April we will call on you to help us prepare. Thank you in advance for your participation.

The Time is Almost Here!

I hope you have received an MP3 disc for You've Got the Time: A Journey of Biblical Faithfulness. If you needed a Kidz Bible, I hope you

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received that as well. Many of you asked for extra discs to pass along to a friend or family member. That is a wonderful gift, and I pray it will be a blessing to them as well. If you have downloaded the MP3 files to your computer and do not need the disc any longer, do not return it to the church. Instead pass it along to someone else. If you plan on listening to the Bible directly from the disc, it is yours to keep.

The plan is simple: beginning on Easter, listen for twenty-eight minutes a day for the next forty days. To find a more detailed listening plan and ideas for listening with family and children go to www.faithcomesbyhearing.com/pastors-support-materials and look through all the available resources from Faith Comes by Hearing. There is transforming power in the Word of God. My prayer is that his Word transforms you.

Peace and love,
 Todd

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Youth News

April is already here and the youth have been extremely busy. They have been going to senior adults homes helping to clean yards. They have also been lending a hand to get the church cleaned up and ready for the Spring Festival. Now that the days are longer, if anyone is in need of any work done in their yard please let Mike, Vickie, or myself know. The youth are really enjoying doing missions work within our community.

With Easter upon us, it is time to reflect on what Jesus Christ ultimately sacrificed on our behalf. He gave His life to save us from an eternity separated from Him. As Christians we are told to follow Christ's example. Mark 12:33 says "To love Him with all your heart, with all your understanding, and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." How do we, the people of God, REALLY treat one another?

With Much Love,
Kim & Vickie
Youth and Children's Directors

Super Seniors

Super Seniors met March 2nd with 23 attending. After our pledge, Todd led our devotion time. Following the announcements, we enjoyed some amusing stories that were read. Everyone had a good time playing Bingo. Then, lunch was served. Door prizes were won by Ida Autry and Todd Blake.

Our next meeting will be April 6th. Please join us for a good time of fellowship.

I would like to thank Kim and the youth for the beautiful suckers they made for the Super Seniors. It was very kind of you all to think of us.

Becky Page-Director

Women on Mission

Behold a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us. (Matthew 2:23 KJV) For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. (Luke 3:11 KJV) He is not here for he is risen as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. (Matthew 28:6 KJV)

We know from God's word that Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior was born, the long awaited Messiah of the Jews, to die upon the cross as a common criminal with two thieves (one on each side). His death was a

Baptist Men

The brotherhood met on the 21st of March, we had 12 people in attendance. I would like to thank Mike Casey for leading the meeting this month. Mike opened the meeting with prayer and devotion. I would like to also thank Ray Lewis, Ted Beverly, and Ted Lambert for preparing the breakfast. The main focus of this month's meeting was centered on the church wide clean-up. There was lots of work needed sprucing up the church to get ready for Easter. The men and youth helped with trimming hedges, cleaning the back corner lot, and clearing the debris from the side of the church. The work started around 8 o'clock and we finished up about mid-afternoon. Spring Festival is just around the corner and we will be focusing our time and energies in helping to make it a success. We continue to look for different projects to help folks in some way. If you have any ideas please drop your suggestions in the boxes that are around the church.

The brotherhood would invite the men of the church to our next meeting. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 8:30 A.M. ...Bring a friend!

Ron Hensley,
Brotherhood Director

MUSICAL NOTES

People often ask "When is Easter?" because the actual date moves from year to year. This is because in 325 AD it was decided that Easter should be the first Sunday after the full moon following the spring equinox. If the full moon occurs on a Sunday, Easter will be the following Sunday. This sounds simple enough, but there is actually a very complicated formula for figuring the whole process. I'll leave the mathematics to someone else and just check the calendar to see when Easter is.

As I think of Easter this year, I keep thinking of one of the favorite hymns of Baptists, "Amazing Grace." This is what Easter and the resurrection are all about. God loved us so much He was willing to extend free grace to us through Jesus. In the words of John Newton: "Amazing grace! How sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see." Helen Steiner Rice, a famous 20th century poet was inspired by "Amazing Grace" to write this poem.

It's amazing and incredible, but it's true as it can be,
God loves and understands us all, and that means you and me.
His grace is all-sufficient, for both the young and old.
For the lonely and the timid, for the brash and for the bold.
His love knows no exceptions, so never feel excluded,
No matter who or what you are, your name has been included.
And no matter what your past has been trust God to understand,
And no matter what your problem is, just place it in His hand.
For in all of our unloveliness this great God loves us still --
He loved us since the world began, and , what's more, He always will!

Until next time, keep a song in your heart. Janice

SPARK

Spark began in March 2008. Each night that the Spark kids gather, some gracious ladies provide snacks and goodies for them. The Spark team would like to thank Mae Parsons, Linda Johnson, and Barbara Smith for their faithful service over the past two years. They were very creative and the children always looked forward to the "eating" part of the program. Ladies, thank you for your help and your willingness to be a part in getting Spark started.

We now have a new group of ladies providing snacks, and we thank them for their help. Betty Burke, Teresa Coltrane, and Melinda Pulliam will be feeding us now, and we look forward to their interaction with the children. If anyone else is interested in supplying snacks, please see Janice Simpson and you will be included on the schedule.

We have also been fortunate to have another great lady helping us with food. Every Spark unit has food suggestions for the culture being studied. So with every unit we have a "meal" fixed by Kathy Lewis. Sometimes the kids like the items on the menu and sometimes they don't. Our main goal is to give them an opportunity to experience different tastes and get an idea of what life is like for people different from us.

This month we will be finishing up our unit on world religions and coming back to the United States for a look at some things going on in Arkansas. Hope all you children grades 1-5 will come join us!

The Spark Team