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CHURCH RECORD: As of April 25, 2010

Avg. S.S. Attendance: 72
 Weekly Budget Requirement: \$ 2,450.94
 Regular Offering Total: \$ 8,314.09
 Designated Offering Total: \$ 3,053.00
 Total Offering: \$ 11,367.09
 Year to Date Requirements: \$ 41665.98
 Year to Date Offering: \$ 39,278.34
 Budget progress to date: (\$ 2,387.64)

MAY BIRTHDAYS:

1st-Gabrilie Bentley; 2nd-Michael Faircloth, Joshua Rawhoff; 4th-Lindsey Willard, Johnny Hatcher; 6th-Jessie Hatcher; 7th-Daniel Williams; 9th-Ray Lewis, Jr.; 13th-Christopher Freeman; 15th-Jimmy Hubbard; 16th-Shirley Ann Tew, Ann Martin, Megan Didway; 17th-Faye Trogdon; 21st-Brittany Cowart; 23rd-Connor Didway; 24th-Teresa Tatum; 25th-Alaina Price; 27th-Chris Peters; 28th-Karen Williams; 30th-Chestine Adams.

MAY ANNIVERSARIES:

10th-Jennifer & Todd Tucker 13th-Tangela & Billy Thurmes

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
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Prayer Requests

PRAYER CONCERNS: Chestine Adams, Eula Ackers, Lucy Barber, Robbie Barr, James Barfield, Angel Bryant, Jewell Bryant, Ada Cameron, Shirley Cooper, Elizabeth Collum, Linda Dalton, Lorena Davis, Gail Didow, Brenda Didway, Joanne Digby, Lori Edwards, Jenny Ellis, Gary Ford, Jr., Christine Grimsley, Rueben Grimsley, Janice Hall, Cindy Hensley, Timmy Hill, Gennie Horne, Glyndetta Hubbard, Jimmy Hubbard, Margaret Hyatt, Ninita Ledford, Beulah McLaughlin, Annie Ruth Melvin, Donna Nadell, Linda Peterson, Becky Phillips, Mike Pope, Anthony Porter, Robin Price, Paul & Rosa Ray, Dixie Reynolds, Paul Rollins, Judy Scott, Kat Smith, Janice Southerland, Annette Steadman, Shirley Tew, Buddy Tolar, Mary Lou Tolar, Connie Williams, 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

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Our Mission

*Being one family
 united by God's
 grace, we are
 committed to
 God's great Com-
 mandment by liv-
 ing the faith we
 profess, sharing
 the hope of salva-
 tion, and loving*



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Pastor's Thoughts

"Building Families Through Faith"

The first and second chapters of Genesis teach us that our world and humanity itself was created by a loving and creative God. Phase two of creation was the creation of the family. The family was not always perfect, but it became the primary unit that transferred faith from generation to generation. Around the family fire, stories of God's faithfulness to previous generations were recited again and again.

Like our economy, the family has outsourced much of what used to be done within the family. The biggest detriment to the family is the expectation that someone else will pass on faith to the next generation. The church can be a great help to families in sharing faith with the next generation, but God's design from the beginning was that faith would be a family affair.

During the month, you will be challenged to reclaim the role of faith within the family. Faith, and the activities that contribute to it, can help any kind of family be closer to one another and closer to God.

I will issue you four challenges:

- Pray and read the Bible as a family on a daily basis.
- Worship as a family every week.
- Play as a family every week.
- Serve others as family just once during the month of May.

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Take on those challenges and let them transform your family. Declare through words and actions, "as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

Baptists Today

Some of you already receive the *Biblical Recorder*, the news publication of the Baptist State Convention of N.C. If you would like another option for learning the newest happenings in Baptist life, consider *Baptist Today*.

Baptists Today provides a monthly edition especially for N.C. Baptists. Anna McLean has provided the office with back copies of *Baptists Today*. If you would like to have or borrow a recent edition, stop by the church's office and pick up a copy. You can also check it out at www.baptiststoday.org.

Baptists Today has some unique features. Dr. Tony Cartlege, former editor of the *Biblical Recorder* and current professor at Campbell University Divinity School, is a contributing editor. If you teach Sunday School and use Smyth & Helwys curriculum, you will find commentary to go along with your teaching plan.

Peace and love,
 Todd

Youth News

What a beautiful sight it was to see all the children and their families at the Children's Easter Party. The kids had such a great time. They listened to Mark tell a beautiful Easter story and then lead the kids in some wonderful Easter songs. Then watching them all race for the eggs was so much fun to watch. There is nothing like helping children remember what Easter is all about! Thank you so much to all the people that helped to make the party amazing. We could never have done it without you all.

With the Spring Festival approaching, we should remember what it is all about. The success of the Spring Festival is directly related to the fact that it is not about us. The Spring Festival is about helping others. It is about coming together as the people of God, living out his calling. I encourage each and every one of you to find a way to be a part of this awesome event!

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

Super Seniors

Super Seniors met April 6th with 25 attending. After our pledge was recited, Cora Essey led us in a time of devotion and prayer for those on our concern list. Then Cora introduced our special guests: Noah Barefoot, Keith Barbour and J.E. Davis. Noah and Keith's wives also joined us. Before the men began their entertainment, Ann Barbour read a scripture and a beautiful story about Easter and the Resurrection. It was very inspiring. Noah began the program with a beautiful chalk drawing of the cross where Jesus was crucified between the two thieves.

The three gentlemen entertained us with beautiful music - Noah, on the piano, Keith on the violin and J.E. on the harmonica. The music was a blessing to all.

We enjoyed lunch and a time of fellowship. Door prizes were won by Chestine Adams and Eunice Hill. Roberta Mitton and her sister, Betty Jean Page presented everyone with a beautiful hand made Easter egg centerpiece filled with goodies. This was a very nice gesture and we appreciate it very much. Thanks to Roberta and Betty Jean for their thoughtfulness.

Our next meeting will be on May 11th due to Election Day, May 4th. Please join us.

Becky Page-Director

Baptist Men

The brotherhood met April 18th, we had 14 people in attendance. We opened the meeting with prayer and devotion. I would like to thank Ray Lewis, Ted Beverly, and Ted Lambert for preparing the breakfast. In this month's meeting, we decided that our energy would be best used in preparation for the Spring Festival. It is just around the corner and there is lots of work to do.

We also began the planning stages for the next church wide cleanup project. There were many items we did not get to finish during our last cleanup, like finishing the signs, which we started in the fall of last year. The tentative date for the cleanup is May 29th.

We are planning to do a missions project in the Red Springs area toward the end of summer, more details to follow. We continue to look for different projects to help folks in some way. If you have ideas please drop your suggestions in the boxes that 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,

Women on Mission

Jesus was asked by a Pharisee, "Which is the greatest commandment?" He answered, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: Love your neighbor as yourself. All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments." Today the question is asked: "What is most important to God?" The answer remains the same: "Love God first, and then love others." Everything Jesus did was to bring glory to God. Individuals who were ignored by others were shown the love of God by Jesus. The Women on Mission strive to follow the example of Jesus. We love God by loving others.

We visit each month with the residents at Happy Valley Retirement Center. On our last visit we shared communion with them. The diapers collected during our diaper drive have been delivered to the Agape Pregnancy Center. Approximately 200 pair of shoes that were donated to our Soles 4 Souls collection were delivered to the New South River Association for distribution. A total of \$ 974 was collected for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American Missions. The Women on Mission thanks everyone who has contributed to our projects. We also ask that you be in prayer for missions at Mt. Pisgah. When the church prays the kingdom of God increases.

Karen Williams, Director

MUSICAL NOTES

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

SPARK

Hello, everyone!

This month Spark will be learning about *Together for Hope* (TFH) in Helena-West Helena, Arkansas. Bob and Leonora Newell are Cooperative Baptist Fellowship field personnel who work with and minister to the people of this area. TFH helps the 20 poorest counties in the United States, and Helena-West Helena is one of them. The Newells try to restore hope and make the future look brighter. Their work isn't easy because every day they face problems such as trust issues, racial divisions, drug abuse, teen pregnancy, and alcohol abuse. Through it all, the Newells are trusting God to make new things possible.

The Newells are involved with many projects. Leonora helps with storytelling with the Stories on Wheels Bus, activities in the Helena Community Center, and Delta Jewels jewelry co-op. Ben starts his day doing office work then goes on to networking activities and building relationships in the community. One of their big projects is the "Garden of Eden," a beautiful community garden. It has vegetables, flowers, a greenhouse, a fish pond, and a white picket fence decorated by Helena children. Delta Jewels is a mentoring program for teenage girls. The girls make earrings and sell them. They can keep the profits, but they also learn about giving back to their community and saving money. The girls work with adults who listen to their difficulties and pray for them. They have devotions, memorize scripture, and learn how they can be Christians as teenagers. One of the largest projects the Newells work on every year is the All Church Challenge, which includes a two-week summer camp to serve children and adults in Helena. Children can participate in swim camp, music, Bible, art, VBS, various sports, and many other activities. Churches from all over the United States send mission workers to help with the camp and develop relationships with residents of Helena.

Leonora's Stories on Wheels ministry is collecting board books for their *Christmas 2010 Early Literacy Project*. Our Spark kids will be collecting books to send to Helena. Any church members who would like to participate can donate books also. The requirements are as follows: a board book, for a child (age 3-5), high quality, multicultural, a positive theme. They are also requesting copies of *The Big Picture Story Bible* by David Helm. If you can donate a book, give it to Janice Simpson or leave it in the choir room. Thanks to everyone and let's remember how fortunate we are that we can help others.

The Spark Team