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FOCUS: High Gear for God

What a great, God filled Easter weekend! That's what I felt, what about you? I trust that you're not a CME Christian. God can & will bless us every week as though it was Easter or Christmas if we put Him first in our lives. As I watched the children & parents at the Easter egg hunt, also at the children's sermon each Sunday, I see great joy on faces. Children are excited, parents glow as they watch. These children are a gift from God, as was so evident at the sunrise service. A very small child led that service & touched every one there as no adult could.

What a blessing from the whole service as adults sang & we heard RaeAnn speak from her heart about the birth of Jesus to the resurrection. Our church is full of children that can do the same thing. We just need to encourage them, see that they are fed the word of God each day as they are fed food. Be sure to have them in Sunday school each Sunday, Wednesday night children's programs & set good examples. This world needs God, and God needs us to lead the lost to Him. As Dr. Oakley said in a sermon recently, "why do we have church if we aren't seeking to get the lost saved?" The Great Commission, Matt. 28:19-20, states "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you." (NKJV) This is what Sunday school is founded on & what being a Christian is about. We have excellent preschool & children's Sunday school teachers at SBC. I hope & pray that all will become regular Sunday school attendees. God bless each of you & have a wonderful spring.

See you every Sunday in May,

Gaylen Baugh
SBC Sunday School Director

Listen to me, my children, For blessed are those who keep my ways.
—Proverbs 8:32 NKJV



Wedding Anniversaries

Thomas & Dorothy Rosser	03
Jr. & Belinda Kinser	04
Rob & Kim Fulcher	07
Lawrence & Andrea Porter	10
John & Donna Baugh	14
David & Tina Kitchens	18
Mike & Angie Belcher	24
Jeremy & Angela Seabolt	25
James & Peggy Vick	28
Carey & Jean Whitley	28

*With
Sympathy*



Second Baptist Church would like to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May God give peace and comfort to you and your family.

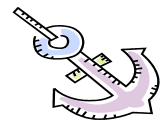
To Jack Thomas in the loss of his mother, Nina Faye Thomas.

KIDS Korner

Can you believe that, with all the wacky weather, the school year will still end this month? The end of school, though, does not mean the end of our Wednesday night programs for preschoolers and children. Meeting dates for May will be 11, 18, 25. During the months of June-August, we'll continue to learn about different missionaries, try different foods (always an experience!) & participate in Christmas in August. The GAs have received information about the Mother/Daughter Overnight (girls in grades 1-3) at Jonathan Creek, June 24-25. GAs in grades 4-6 have camp that same weekend. There are several camping opportunities this summer at Camp Joy. We are also excited about the first Logan-Todd Association Mission Adventure Day Camp, July 18-22. The sign-up sheet for this will be posted on the bulletin board. For boys & girls who have completed grades 3-6, the cost will only be \$20/child for the week. Coming in July is VBS, the 10th-15th, The Big Apple Adventure, Where Faith & Life Connect.

As you can see, we have a busy summer ahead. In the midst of all this, we continue to collect items for OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD. In May, the collection is for toy jewelry. Your response this year has been tremendous. We may ALL be surprised in the number of boxes that will be filled in November.

Love in Christ,
Konnie



SBC Great Neighborhood Giveaway
Sat., May 14th, 7AM-1PM
See church bulletin flyer for more information.

Mike's Minutes



Dear Friends,

Lately, I've been looking for higher ground with all the rain we've been experiencing over the past few days. Did you hear the one about the two frogs having lunch on the riverbank? One says to the other, "Time sure is fun when you're having flies." That's pretty bad, I know. But I can tell you this, life keeps moving at such a hectic pace, sometimes I find myself saying that little phrase!

Time is flying by in our ministry, too. I want you to know that while you are busy coordinating children's schedules, planting fields, and planning summer vacations, I'm right there with you, only six months down the line. That's how long I usually plan ahead for music and youth activities. Right now we are in full speed planning our summer mission trip and the latter part of 2011. Throw in the daily routines and a few additional surprises that we encounter daily and you get the idea of what life is like these days at SBC.

But when I pause long enough to reflect, I am drawn to a verse in the first chapter of 1 Timothy that has impacted my life for years. In verse 12, we find ***"I give thanks to Christ our Lord, who strengthened me, because He considered me faithful, appointing me to the ministry."*** What is interesting and great about that verse is that all the verbs are passive. That means the real work is not mine—it's the Lord's! That blesses me on days when I feel overwhelmed with all that has to get done. And when I think about the life Paul was living at the time Jesus called him, I can rest, knowing that even the ability to receive God's act of grace was given by the Lord Himself.

So, I pause today to thank God for grace—grace that saved me, called me, equipped me, and put me in the ministry. It's all from Him, and it's all about Him. Thank you, Jesus.

Now, pass the flies....

I love you all,

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May Birthdays



Judy Duncan	01	Melvin Chambers	17
Richard Purdy	01	Beverly York	18
Myrtle Brooks	02	Leslie Spencer	18
Joyce Rogers	03	Roy Bond	22
DJ Duncan	04	Joyce Powell	23
Kelly Bibb	05	Junior Kinser	23
Dora Jones	06	Janna Chambers	24
Louey Head	07	Martha Arnold	25
Brayden Costello	07	Sharon Cargill	25
Kenneth Duncan	08	Clint Hadden	25
Mildred Jenkins	09	Rebecca Pedigo	26
Laura Burton	09	Tabitha Dodson	26
Velda Grisham	09	William Bagby	26
Bobby Grayson	09	Dewey Wood	27
Michael Humble	09	James Rigney	27
Bettye Hargrove	10	Wanda Ballard	27
AK Burton	10	Bonnie Goodwin	27
Colby Goodwin	10	Carley Gilliam	27
Kayla Costelow	10	Wendell Woodall	28
Wayne Reeves	11	Christy Wright	29
Kassidy Reynolds	11	Braydon Moore	30
Austin Kinser	11	Glenn Blick	30
Susan Laird	13	Lucille Bush	31
Boyce Coles	15	Christy Blick	31
Neal Hamilton	16	Lindsey Eaton	31