

# The Connection

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with Russellville on its heart"*  
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10:00 AM

Sunday

### FOCUS: Get Armed

Do you have a morning routine that you follow every day? It seems that when I follow my routine of doing everything, the process of getting ready goes smoothly. However, if I consciously put on my armor of God each morning, my day goes much better. Have you ever made the association of putting on the belt of truth as you slip on your underwear, the shield of faith becomes your shirt, your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace, the

helmet of salvation as you fix your hair, and the sword of the Spirit as you have your devotional time before you leave home? Then, as you go through your day, you have your armor of God ready to assist you throughout your day. Don't forget to pray in the Spirit in all situations. As you make a mental image daily of putting on the armor as you get ready, the day will come when having the armor with you becomes automatic, just like getting ready each morning does.

Now, how about making 10:00 each Sunday morning being in church for Sunday School becoming a routine for you and your family as well? We have to continue to feed our minds with God's Word so that we can use it against snares that Satan throws our way! Don't let Satan win, meet me in Sunday School! See you at 10,

*Gaylen Baugh*  
SBC Sunday School Director

*Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.*

—Ephesians 6:13 NKJV

**REMINDER:** Sunday School Teachers & Officers Fellowship, Mon., Dec. 19th, 6pm, at the home of Gaylen & Shelia Baugh.

### *Wedding Anniversaries*



Billy & Kristen Carnal	08
George & Margaret Norman	09
Mike & Pam Duncan	10
Steve & Donna Arnold	12
Jr. & Margie Brown	25
Chris & Christy Blick	27
Robbie & Kim Matthews	29

*With  
Sympathy*



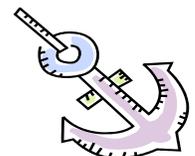
Second Baptist Church would like to extend its deepest sympathy in the loss of your loved one. May God give peace and comfort to you and your family.

To the family of Bro. Edwin Douglas, in the loss of their loved one. Bro. Douglas was a former pastor of SBC.

## KIDS KORNER

Wednesday nights introduce our preschoolers and children to Bible stories, missionaries, mission work around the world and music. They've learned about the ladies behind the names of our main mission offerings: Lottie Moon (international missions), Annie Armstrong (North American missions) and Eliza Broadus (KY Missions). They've learned how their offerings can help provide clean water, through Pure Water, Pure Love. Such a simple thing as collecting aluminum cans can make a difference. We encourage all the children at Second Baptist to be a part of our Wednesday night programs. Their safety is of great importance to us, so here's where we need your help: the RAs and Mission Friends need more help. More than one adult needs to be present in the classroom. To also ensure their safety, GAS, RAs and Mission Friends will have to stay in their assigned rooms until an authorized person gets them. Forms are being provided for this. We ask that you review the updated information regarding our Wednesday night programs and "Child's Rules of Conduct."

Love in Christ,  
Konnie





## Pastor's Ponderings

One thing I have learned as I have tried to study and follow God's Word is that there are always significant turning points in the lives of His people. Abraham left Ur of the Chaldees not knowing where he was going. Moses saw a burning bush and that event changed his life forever. David took a stand against Goliath not knowing that he would never be the same again. The Disciples met a man named Jesus who changed their world. The common thread in all of their lives is that they were obedient to what and where God called them. A devotional writer once penned these words, "There comes a time in your life, perhaps several times, when a decision must be made that will change your life forever as you re-align your purpose with God's intention for your life."

I remember my salvation experience, my call to preach the gospel, the call to pastor my 1<sup>st</sup> church, and the call to walk away from the business world to become full time in the ministry at Russellville Baptist in TN. Now He has called me to 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist of Russellville, KY. There is so much that is unknown for my family and I as we step out in faith for God.

There's always the unknown of a new town, new people, having to learn your way around the area. Got to find the Wally World (slang for Wal-Mart in East Tennessee) for sure. What bank, doctor, dentist, you name it. Lots of information to assimilate and digest, not to mention the decisions to be made with that information. And learning to deal with all the 'Big Blue' fans is going to be fun! But there's much that I already know, too. I have met so many of our church members and found them to be a gracious, kind, and loving people. I have seen the smiles and felt a heart for the Lord. I have read of the ministries in the community and of a 'church with Russellville on its heart'. Knowing of the outreach in Russellville and the county, I am encouraged by God's heart once again shining through His people.

And there is what I see too. I see opportunities for so many to be involved in Sunday School and Bible Study! When I see that 2<sup>nd</sup> Baptist averaged 428 in Worship in 2010 and less than 200 in Bible Study I know there are a lot of folk who need to get plugged in to a Sunday School Class. I see opportunities to expand and continue the present outreach to make an even greater impact on Russellville and Logan County.

As I look forward I also am reminded that Jesus is still in charge, He is still building His Church, He is still the Savior of the world, The Father still and always will love His Children, the Holy Spirit is continuing to convict and convert sinners, and the world is still full of hurting, broken people in need of a friend. To be called to this ministry of reconciling the world to Jesus is simply too amazing for words. We are 2<sup>nd</sup> where He is first! To God be the Glory.

Bro. Steve

## Mike's Minutes



This is a story about a little girl and her dog. Blue's master is about five years old. Blue is so attached to the little girl that every morning he walks her to her school bus, making sure she gets on board safely. Then Blue follows the bus four miles, crossing dangerous intersections, weaving in and out of traffic, greeting his master as she steps off the bus. He then walks his master to the door of the school and makes sure she gets in unharmed. Then Blues just waits — all day — so he can guide his master back on the bus. Again, he runs four miles behind the bus to get back home. He does this every day. Hot or cold. Rain or shine. Consistently. Devotedly.

I could go on writing the story, but I must confess, this isn't a true story, as I only wanted you to think with me a moment. My granddaughters just got a little puppy. And as I watched the five year old, Kinley, sitting in the floor the other afternoon with her pup named Drake resting in her arms, I couldn't help but notice the bond between this new puppy and this little girl. I also couldn't help but be touched by this special relationship, because it reminded me of two things. First, of our little dog, Jasmine, that we had to put down just a year ago, and then of the scripture that not even one sparrow can fall from the sky without God taking notice. The message is simple: If God has that much concern for a sparrow, how much more must He love you and me.

The incredible display of love and devotion between this little girl and her dog was just a glimpse of the bond that should exist between God and His children. What a blessing of comfort and security to know God the Creator cares so much for His creation. He is the author of creativity, and it is our responsibility to offer our very best to Him in every way. My God doesn't deserve mediocrity. He deserves only "our best" that we can give Him. As we grasp this thought, we can rest secure in His love and care, and we can be examples of His love to the people we encounter. Let me encourage you today, this week, this month, to look for those around you who need an ole' Blue in their lives. Show people you are. Speak a word of encouragement. Hold them up in prayer, or however God directs you to meet their need.

Thursday evening, November 3rd is our community chili supper. Giving of yourself to minister to people around this community is one of the loftiest callings we can have. And as we reach out our hands to help others — extending *His* hand — we will find ourselves in the perfect posture to catch the blessing God will pour into our lives.

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I was in need of clothes and you clothed me. I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me...whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me. (Matthew 25:34-36,40)*

We serve a caring and loving God, a God that deserves nothing less than our best! We, as a church, should never let the size of our church or the size of our budget limit the size of our vision, our passion, or our creativity.

Until next  
time,

Bro. Mike

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