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*"A church in the heart of Russellville
with Russellville on its heart"*
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10:00 AM

Sunday

FOCUS: A Great Sunday School

What makes a "Great Sunday School"? Thank you, and you, and you & you for being so committed to working in our Sunday School ministry. We are moving the right direction, The "Christmas for Christ Day" was a wonderful day in the life of SBC. So, where do we go from here? Glad you asked! Do you know families that still aren't in Sunday School, SBC members that don't attend now, but are Christians, & most of all, the LOST? The streets are full of lost folks. We have a mission field right outside the door. Will you ask God to direct you in what he would have you do to reach those unchurched folks? The Christmas with Christ Day, the Community Dinner with food boxes, & Christmas Sunday School class dinners/ fellowships are all excellent outreaches from our Sunday School church family. Next, we must be obedient & continue to reach out with His love. The devil is working hard to bring Christians down. What will you and your class and our Sunday School church family do next? Bro. Steve is a Sunday School man. He will lead; will you be a good follower and help to grow our Sunday School ministry in works and spirit (Numbers will increase if we are obedient.)? I already know the answer and so do you. The answer is 'faith without works is dead' (James 2:20). Each of you makes a "Great Sunday School"! God is very much at work at SBC! It's an exciting time in our church and in our lives!

Gaylen Baugh
SBC Sunday School Director

*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 Thelma Grayson in the loss of her husband, Neal Grayson.
To Barry Mills in the loss of his mother, Martyne Mills.

KIDS KORNER

If you had looked in on us December 21, you would have seen various reactions to food samples. Twenty-three preschoolers and children sampled foods that would be found in London, as part of our International Mission Study. Crafts and games also reflected what MKs (Missionary Kids) might do in London. We ended the evening with "Happy Birthday, Jesus" (led by Jayden!). Thanks to all who helped. Perhaps you noticed a number of children helping to serve food, clean-up or putting chairs away after the Christmas Dinner. Do you know this is one of the "tasks" they learn in missions education: participating in the work of the church? From preschool age through sixth grade, they were working without being asked! What a blessing! Learning this at an early age gives them a "servant's heart." Joe Laird often refers to them as our church's future...they are certainly off to a great start! We encourage all our children to participate in the Wednesday night programs: Mission Friends, for preschool-K; GAs, for girls in grades 1-6 and RAs for boys in grades 1-6. As we start year 2012, let missions education be a part of your child's church life. We begin at 6:30 PM, ending at 8 PM. Light snacks are provided. Children's Ministry Day is February 18, 2012. The theme: Operation Education. Children throughout North American will be involved in this event. For more information, please see me. Happy New Year-Love in Christ, Konnie

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Baptism



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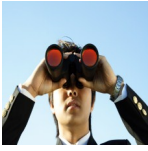
Wednesday, Jan. 18th
2-6pm
FLC Gym

Wedding Anniversaries



John & Kathy Dworske	04
Don & Wanda Ballard	05
Danny & Cindy Coffman	12
Gene & Velda Sweeney	24





Looking to the Future

January always brings reflections and resolutions. Looking at our past can be painful and it also can be encouraging. To see what God has done in and through our lives sometimes leaves us at a loss for words. To relive the hard and difficult times can bring back pain that is difficult to manage. And to cast a personal vision for the new year that is unreasonable just leaves us in despair when reality hits that we aren't going to be able to pull it off!

While thinking along those lines a couple of weeks ago I really began to ask myself what is reasonable and attainable for me and you. Here's what I came up with and I hope that this will help us all to be more for Christ in the coming year. Ready? Here goes....

One, realize we don't have to have it all together for God to use us. Remember a guy names Moses? He led the children of Israel out of Egypt and through forty years of trials in the wilderness. Yet this man was a murderer, couldn't talk very well, and was prone to losing his temper (**Exodus 32:19-20**). Don't forget David, a man after God's own heart, who committed adultery, had a man killed (**2 Samuel 12:9**), and is still listed in Hebrews 11 as one of the great heroes of the faith. He also wrote many of the Psalms which bring so much comfort to hurting hearts. Remember the 23rd Psalm? David wrote it. So don't think you've got to have your life perfect before God will bless you!

Two, understand that God has uniquely gifted all of us for His special purposes. He has gifted some physically to be able to leap tall buildings at a single bound. Well, not literally, but you get the idea. Some folks are just blessed from a physical standpoint. It might be with physical strength or abilities, with special talents musically, intellectually, or just with a great knack to get things done. And He has given everyone who has trusted in His Son one or more spiritual gifts to use for His Kingdom. If you don't know what your gifts are, find out and use them this year for His service. You will be blessed!

Thirdly, know God may have to do something in you before He can do something through you. Moses had to spend forty years on the backside of the desert before he could lead the Israelites out of Egypt. David had to contend with something like thirteen years of being hounded and threatened by Saul before he became the King of Israel. Even God's own Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, had to endure the Cross before He could set us free.

What does He want to do through you and me in the coming year? I don't know the answer to that one, but I can tell you this, 2 Corinthians 4:17 says, 'For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, works for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory'. All I can tell you is that in the long run, it's going to be good!

Bro. Steve

Mike's Minutes



As we approach a new year, and a new season in our Christian walk, let us pray together that we would be united for the coming of the Kingdom of Christ. Last week I was reading some scripture that provoked this thought and it was in Matt. 6:25, 32 & 33 where God's Word tells us, *...do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear... your Heavenly Father knows that you need them (these things). But to seek first the Kingdom, and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.* "In any given year, major events occur that can change our lives in an instant, or over time. All of us have been through much this year...life, illness, passings, financial highs and lows, unemployment, broken relationships, new relationships; gain and loss; joy and heartache; laughter and tears.

Heavenly Father, we
Acknowledge Your Authority, Authorship, and Awesome Presence; we
Pray for Your Passion to indwell the hearts of Your People, so that they will
Yearn for You and You alone...

Not just for You, though, Oh Lord, but for
Every soul, believer and non-believer, everywhere...because You said
Whosoever believeth in

You would have the joy and rapture of
Everlasting life in Your presence!
Abb, Father, we know that You
Rule, You **R**eign, and Your **R**ighteousness is all we need in that final countdown toward not only a new year, but a new life, filled with Your purpose of spreading the Gospel to expedite Your RETURN!

Amen, and may God Bless each of You and send a Happy RENEW Year!

Jeremiah 29-11 to each of you!

Bro. Mike

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Librarian,
Suzann Coles



January
Birthdays

Thomas Kash	01	Sharon Sprouse	18
Ray Schweinebraten	03	Joyce Harper	19
Margie Brown	03	Christian Bibb	20
Johnny Anderson	03	Michael Bibb	20
Dylan Offutt	03	Garnett Page	22
David Wood	05	Charles Davenport	22
Thelma Grayson	07	Wallace Whittaker	22
Bill Skipworth	07	Holly Kash	23
Dan Clark	10	Marilyn Collier	24
Chucky Woods	10	Brittany Dorris	24
Taylor Cross	10	Eugene Ashby	25
Angie DeBerry	12	Joe Davenport	26
Michael Wright	12	Noah Whitley	26
Michael Clinard	12	Russell Poore	27
Bailey Bird	12	Brenda Arnold	28
Chaun Cheaney	13	Steve Wood	28
Luke Hooper	13	Cody Yell	28
Frances Cooper	18	Lori Holloway	30
Helen Ashby	18	Lori Tomes	30