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10:00 AM

Sunday

FOCUS: Minister to Others

DO NOT READ IF YOU AREN'T A SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS MEMBER. What does minister mean to you? Does it mean you have to preach, teach, or lead? I had written down a few things that I had on my mind to say in this article, then Bro. Steve's message on Jan. 22nd made all my thoughts come together. God was speaking the same things to us. When was the last time you ministered to someone or some need? Do you know that we should minister everyday? I don't need to say anything else (unless you weren't there). Sunday School is a ministry! All we as Christians are to minister! Really? Matthew 28:19-20 is a command, not a suggestion. No, I don't do everything the Bible says I should do, not even close. But I am more committed today than ever, and Sunday School had a part of me being more committed. God's grace is sufficient. If you did read this and are not in Sunday School, come join in and be more of what God would have you be. We have classes for all ages, the saved and LOST.

Gaylen Baugh
SBC Sunday School Director

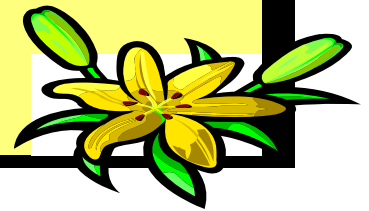
P. S. Opening line was just to get your attention!



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

<u>Letter</u>	<u>Baptism</u>
Mona Lawrence	Randy Baskerville
	Cole Celsor
	Christopher Trimmer
	Alexa Young

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 in the loss of their loved one, Phillip Bobbett.
To Jack Thomas in the loss of his brother, David Thomas.
To David Arnold in the loss of his wife, Brenda Arnold.
To the family in the loss of their loved one, Byrnes Clark.
To Kim Bird in the loss of her father, Don Bailey.
To Sherrie Taylor in the loss of her mother, Alma Coursey.

KIDS KORNER

Saturday, February 18th is Children's Ministry Day. A special event for children in grades 1-6 will be held that day at the Baptist Building on W. Third Street. "Saul the Bully...Meet Paul the Apostle" will address the issue of bullying, a biblical way to handle it and involve the children designing an anti-bully book for children. Lunch will be provided. There is also a poster contest to coincide with this. Information regarding the event and poster contest will be distributed in the children's Sunday School classrooms, as well as GAs and RAs. There is no cost for the event. Please pray for this event; it is a serious issue that is beginning as early as preschool. To the men of the church: do you have a special skill or hobby that you could share with the RAs? If so, please see Rick Browning. To the women of the church: do you have a special skill or hobby that you could share with the GAs? If so, see me. Perhaps you would like to help with snacks on Wednesday nights. If so, please contact Kim Bird or Stephanie Carter. While the handbell choir is not a part of our missions education group, we do work with the same children. I have a request: please stay with your child/grandchild in the handbell choir room until Annette arrives. We do not need unsupervised children in the building. Also, they do not need to go to the gym before meeting with Annette...unless there is an adult present. While teens may be in the gym at that time, they are NOT responsible for younger children. This is a safety issue and we need everyone's cooperation.

Love in Christ, Konnie





Spring is Coming

I love snow! I know, you're probably saying "What!!" Sure it brings a lot of trouble with it, but it is one of the most beautiful things that God has given us. But by the time February arrives I am getting ready for spring. I'm tired of wet, cold, gloomy days. My mind is turning to warmer sunny days, being outside, going fishing, maybe even hitting a golf ball, trees putting forth leaves, and seeing some beautiful flowers. It's a great time of the year. I'm also looking forward to my first spring in Kentucky. Just as spring confronts us with new life, it reminds us too of the resurrection. Everything that was once dead (or so it seemed) is now alive with color and growth. My spirit is already stirring thinking of our Revival Services that we will be having this April and the Easter services when we reflect on our Lord's crucifixion and resurrection. So much opportunity for renewal and growth await us in our lives and in our church.

Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. Do we look forward in faith to what God has for us this spring? Do we have the vision to see what He has on the horizon for us? Do we stand ready to be obedient to whatever He calls us to do? Can we see lives changed, families restored, Sunday School growing, our church revived, and most of all our Savior glorified? I believe so.

Let me give you some things to be praying about. Pray for our first ever 'March to the Cross' which will be our Annie Armstrong Offering for North American Missions. America is more lost than ever and there are so many areas of our country that need the gospel. Pray for our Revival in April. Brother Tom James from Eastwood Baptist in Bowling Green will be preaching for us. Begin now praying for those in our community that need Christ. Pray for our Mission Emphasis in March and most of all pray that this Easter will bring salvation to many hearts and lives! I'm looking forward with faith to it, aren't you?

I think it's time for a good snow and then spring!

Bro. Steve

Mike's Minutes



Sometimes things just click into place, you know? At those times I can't help but wonder about all the other times when I have worked so hard to "orchestrate" a situation, to plan something perfectly, feel in complete control, only to have it unravel at the edges. Then I look at the thing that just "clicked"; I didn't over plan it, didn't try to control it, didn't finesse it- and "click," there it is. Sometimes, that happens on a spiritual level. Those are the times that I really marvel. Typically, Bro. Steve and I get to talk on a weekly basis as to what direction the Lord is leading him to preach. I'm so thankful for that. I then try hard to work on a music themed program that will connect the service. But sometimes the opportunity to talk about what a pastor is doing for the service doesn't happen....so we just have to "wing it." It is in that type of scenario that I have seen God working so well. Because I am praying and seeking and listening to God, I'm not really "winging it", but He is directing and leading the Holy Spirit to tell me what to sing... Sunday comes, and we go thru the worship music portion of the service... Somehow, the song selection is as though he and I had planned it down to the last note. Every song, every spoken word, the entire flow of the worship service is as though we joined heads and hearts the entire week! I've walked away from some of those services just shaking my head in wonder of how God works.

If you've ever watched the old TV show the "A Team," you'd have heard the familiar line, "I love it when a plan comes together." Well, please allow me to borrow from that and say, I love it when one of GOD'S plans comes together. Don't be afraid to let the Holy Spirit lead you in your plans and decisions your making today and this new year. Listen to that still, small voice and you'll be surprised how often you'll find out it really wasn't such a small voice after all. It was God speaking to you, gently urging you and lovingly guiding you in His service.

BTW, If you are a youth, 7th- 12th grades, we'd love to have you come and join us on Sundays mornings at 10am. and Wednesday evenings at 7pm. We have a great youth group that meets each week for bible study and fellowship! And I know our youth workers, Bubba, Sheila, Wendy, Cindy and Mrs. Myrtle would join me in inviting you to come and be a part of these exciting group times each week.

Dates to remember: Registration for 2012 Ky. Changers Mission Trip * June 23-29th. @ Paducah, Ky.

DEADLINE for sign-up is Feb. 12th.

See sign-up sheet for more details.

One last reminder, If you know of a **Hearing Impaired Device** that your family members isn't using we need those devices turned into the church office so that others may be able to use them.

See you next month,

Bro. Mike

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Wedding Anniversaries



Louis & Phyllis Baker	05
Melvin & Pat Henderson	19
Wayne & Brenda Reeves	19
Doug & Betty Wright	19
Tracy & Sharon Sprouse	23



February Birthdays

Randy Whitley	02	Virginia Johnson	17
Brenda Croft	02	Emily Harper	17
Faye Clark	03	James Gant	18
Page "Buster" Vick	03	Melanie Scarbrough	18
DJ Arnold	03	Debra King	19
Walter "Shem" Noe	04	Sandra Grayson	19
Alissa Page	04	Donna Baugh	19
William "Jr." Brown	06	Christopher Yell	20
Barbara Shoemake	06	Vicki Brooks	21
Betty Utley	07	RaeAnn Whitley	22
Whitney Ferguson	07	Sandra Kinser	23
Vicky Bobbett	08	Robin Wood	23
Debbie Bibb	09	DA Canler	23
Patrick Appling	11	Rick Greer	24
Layton Davenport	11	Sonja Cauley	25
Cameron Matthews	13	Carolyn Sullivan	27
Kathy Dworske	14	Kristen Carnal	27
Cooper Martin	14	Rickey Key	28
McKenzie Duncan	15		