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10:00 AM

Sunday

FOCUS: Bible Study

Hey SBC family, I hope each of you are happy and healthy. March is here, and that means it's springtime. Everyone is getting busy planning for the spring and summer months. You may be doing yard work, getting ready for outdoor sports for your children, going fishing, preparing to plant a crop or garden, and planning that family vacation. Most people enjoy being active and outdoors in the spring. It's an amazing transformation that God performs every spring in just a few short days. But think about the book of Genesis, how God made everything in just a few days. Have you read your Bible about that lately? What about Jesus feeding the five thousand with just two fish, the 23rd Psalms, or the Ten commandments. Bible study gets put aside a lot in lieu of THINGS. Yes, I'm as guilty as anyone. But I'm doing better, not were I need to be yet. What about you? Are you spending time with your family in devotion and worship at home daily? That is the most important thing you can do this spring is spend more time with God in your home daily. If you do that and ask God to help you manage your time better, you may find that you will have more time for those other activities that you've ever had. Try it! And yes, come to Sunday School every Sunday, as well. A Bible study with your church family is a blessing. God will do much for us that we never expected if we only seek him then be obedient. God has made it all! He has made it very well, only man has messed it up. Read the last verse in the book of John; you will see how much God has done and how big this world really is. See you in Sunday School.

Gaylen Baugh, SBC Sunday School Director

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me. — Philippians 4:13

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Letter

Baptism

Luke Hooper



Sing -n- Praise Service

Sun., Mar. 11th, 6:00 P.M.

Anyone who would like to sing, play an instrumental, or share a testimony is encouraged to do so. Come and share your praise to the Lord!

KIDS KORNER

By the time you read this, we will have participated in Children's Ministry Day. If not already received, the children will be receiving a booklet, designed by children, about bullying. If your child complains about headaches or stomach aches a lot, you need to find out what's going on with them...they just may be victims of bullies. From preschool through high school, this is an issue! But it doesn't stop there. Just read the paper, watch the news. Lives are being lost because of this, young and old. If we take a stand, we can make a difference!

It won't be long before camps begin. There are camping opportunities for kindergarten through high school. Be watching for camp dates.

NOTE: The handbell choir will now be meeting in the Children's Church room on Sunday nights. Again, we ask that you stay with your child until Annette arrives. If the worship choir does not have practice, the handbell choir will not meet. It's important to read the weekly bulletin for any changes/cancellations.

Love in Christ, Konnie



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Wednesday, Apr. 11th
 2-6pm

Wedding Anniversaries



Jimmy & Shirley Davenport	01
Kenneth & Barbara Shoemake	03
Barry & Jan Mills	10
AK & Laura Burton	14
Jerry & Carol Holloway	18
Dorris & Connie Blick	24
Wallace & Brenda Whittaker	24
Bill & Maxine Owens	25
James & Wendy Barry	26
Earl & Mary Nell Brown	28
Bobby & Sandra Grayson	28
Pat & Sharon Kirkpatrick	29



A New Home!

Let me first tell you what a joy and honor it is to be your Pastor! God has truly blessed my family with a loving church. God is good! And by the time you read this, we will have moved into our new home here in Russellville. If you didn't get a chance to view it during our recent open house, you sure missed a great opportunity to see what a wonderful home Second Baptist has provided for my family and me. Thank you!

It has been remodeled, refurbished, renovated, renewed, and restored (am I missing any words to describe it that begin with 'R'). It is beautiful, clean, smells new, with no clutter or dirt anywhere! The contractors moved some walls, stripped the floors, refinished some of the beautiful wood floors, and recovered some rooms with brand new carpet. If you didn't or haven't had a chance to see it yet, come knock on our door, we would love to show it off.

All of this reminds me that we personally need to be refurbished, remodeled, and renovated sometimes. We call it being revived in the church. Corporately we hold revival services from time to time in our church so that everyone can experience a renewal with God. We will be having a spring revival from April 15th through the 18th. Would you and I start now preparing our hearts for the Lord to do a 'new' work in us? Let me give you some things to pray about as we approach this time together.

Ask Jesus to expose and remove the clutter in our lives that keep us from allowing Him to reside freely in our hearts. Are there some rooms that you have closed off to Him because there are things that you don't want Him to see? Trust me, He already knows about them.

Ask Jesus to strip us of all the old habits and sins that dirty our hearts and hide the true beauty He created us to have. Let's ask Him to strip us of all that doesn't glorify Him.

Ask Jesus to renew our minds to His truth **(Romans 12:2)**. How easily we are lulled into believing what the world tells us. Our Lord will have a Word for each of us. Let's not let the evil one blind us to God's truth.

The Parsonage may look pretty much the same on the outside, but believe me, it's all brand new inside and that reminds me, too, that Jesus does His best work on the inside. We just have to be willing to let Him. Let's pray for all that to happen.

Your Pastor loves you!

Bro. Steve

Mike's Minutes



As I sit here today and recall the amazing days in February, can you remember those days like Ground Hog, Valentines and President's Day? How many of you celebrated "Hoodie-Hoo" Day? That's right, you could have had an extra day of leisure if you'd have lived in the Northern Hemisphere because it is a copyrighted holiday on February 20.

On "Hoodie-Hoo" Day, people who observe it go outside at noon, wave their hands over their heads, and shout "Hoodie-Hoo!" The purpose is to "chase away winter and bring in spring." While I don't believe this impacts anything related to the seasons, I do think it could improve the weather in one's spirit after a long, gray winter. I just heard the weather men say six more weeks of winter. ugh.... I had to laugh though when I heard about Hoodie-Hoo Day.

You know in Proverbs 15:13 it says, "A merry heart makes a cheerful countenance" Even if all is gray around us, we have a Savior who bestows His joy on those who abide in Him (John 15:11). BTW, in my research of unusual days of celebration, I also found such days as Teddy Bear Day, International Chocolate Day, Collect Rocks Day, and even a Hot Dog Day. Yeah! I can see you are always impressed with my research!

Well, it's looking like a very busy spring for SBC, so folks get your rest now. You will want to be here for these special days. I see all kinds of events planned that will truly be hard work for some and an enjoyable time for others. I also see a few first for SBC! Looks as though we'll be having our first "Mission's Day" on March the 18th. Bro. Stave will let us know more about that service. From what he's shared with me, it sounds like a pretty good lineup of guest for that day although confirmations were not available at press time.

Our spring revival is on the calendar for April 15-18th. Let's all be in prayer for our revival team. May we see many come to know the Lord that week.

Our ladies will be leaving for the "Women of Joy Conference" on April 19 and returning on the 22nd. Another first for SBC will be our "Women of Joy Celebration" service on April 29th. In this morning worship service our ladies will be asked to "fill the choir" and a few will give testimonies of how the Lord is working in their lives. Then Bro. Steve will also give a challenging message to our congregation. This service will be similar to the Men's Day service we just experienced. Let's also pray for our ladies as they experience two great weekends of women's ministries. Once again, let me thank all the men who participated in our Men's Day activities. This too, was a wonderful day of worship in the Lord's house. So, as you can see, we will be pretty busy praying, planning, and preparing around here for awhile! I haven't even talked about VBS and Ky. Changers in June, or Music Week in July just yet! But you'll be hearing more about them later on.

Until next month,

Bro. Mike

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