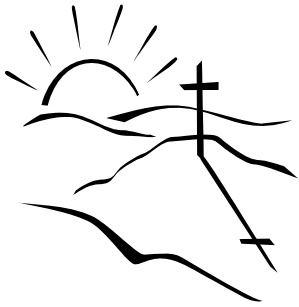


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10:00 AM

Sunday

FOCUS: You Are Sunday School

Come grow with us! You will not be a number! You will be a part of a small group Bible study! The church is God's bride, of

which Sunday School is a part. I am a church member. What do I give to God or get from Him? Are we approaching church like it is a civic organization or are we really being a sincere Christian, growing in the faith. *'Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually'*—1 Corinthians 12:27 NKJV. Because I am a member of the body of Christ, I must be a functioning member. I will give. I will serve. I will minister. I will study. I will seek to be a blessing to others. This is Church, this is a Christian & we are Sunday School, where we rejoice together, we mourn together, and in Sunday School, we learn together. If you aren't a Sunday School member, God wants you to fellowship with your brothers and sisters to grow his kingdom through the Sunday School ministry.

As I have said many times here, we need you in Sunday School. The unsaved needs the salvation that can only come from asking God into their heart. Invite a lost friend, neighbor, co-worker or family member to Sunday School. Invite them to Revival Apr. 15-18th.

Commit yourself to daily devotion & prayer with your family; it's good medicine for a healthy family. See you each Sunday in April.

Gaylen Baugh, SBC Sunday School Director

If one member suffers, all members suffer, or if one member is honored, all members rejoice. —1 Corinthians 12:27 NKJV



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 Pat Henderson in the loss of her husband, Melvin Henderson.

KIDS KORNER

We asked, you responded! RA Leaders for boys in grades 1-2 are Jerry Smith, Joe Laird and Eddie Brooks. For now, they will be using Children in Action material (in line with the GA material). RA Leaders for boys in grades 3-6 are Robbie Matthews, Tim Smith and Barry Dill. Other men offered to help but for now these will be our boys leaders. RAs are now a part of the WMU Organization; changes in curriculum will begin this fall. For the most part, preschoolers and children will be learning about the same missionaries each month. Each month the GAs work on GA Journal. It involves a mission-focused activity and completion of a section of their journal. This is an opportunity for them to earn badges for their accomplishments. As the RAs get more established, we'll explore the opportunities for earning badges, beginning with the 2012-2013 year. The Preschool & Children's choirs did a great job at the March Sunday Night Singing. Thanks to Jamie & Susie for their work. The Handbell Choir is now meeting in the "Children's Church" room. As a reminder, please do not leave your children without adult supervision until Annette arrives. **REMINDER TO THE CHILDREN:** Gym time is a privilege, not a right. All children attending Wednesday nights are to go to their classroom after choir practice. **DON'T FORGET:** The Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 7, 10 AM at the home of Jimmy & Lois Prince. Jan Mills & Carolyn Smith will be coordinating the refreshments. See them for details. Happy Easter to everyone.

Love in Christ, Konnie



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Letter

Baptism

Luis & Victoria Canales
 Javier Palomeque
 Susan Laird

Wedding Anniversaries



Jerry & Konnie Smith	02
Barry & Amy Dill	04
Jerald & Tonia Harper	04
Mike & Barbara Dorris	05
Bill & Teresa Browning	12
James & Charlotte Cauley	14
Glenn & Sue Blick	17
Barry & Beth Kennedy	17
Kevin & Nichole Bibb	24
Victor & Debra King	24
Tom & Bettye Hargrove	25
John Paul & Amy Clinard	26



Having a Growing and Vibrant Sunday School

We all envision and desire a great Sunday School in our church. We want to see people saved, lives changed, and our Lord to be given His rightful due in our lives. But desire and realization don't always meet up when it comes to our dreams. So how do we 'make it happen' as we say in today's lingo? We tend to analyze and complicate the process when in fact Jesus made it very simple for His Church. The first Sunday School wasn't started until the 1700's in England, but the principles are dominate in God's Word. Let me give you four basics for having a growing and vibrant Sunday School in the 21st century. *We understand that the Mission is to Make Disciples.*

Do we remember the Great Commission of Christ to go and make disciples (**Matthew 28:19-20, Acts 1:8**)? Do we remember that He called us to go and compel them to come in that His house would be full (**Luke 14:23**)? When we get a mindset of 'us four and no more' we miss His calling on our lives. More than that, others are deprived of an opportunity to know Christ. To use a quote from the Lorax movie, "Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing's going to get better. It's not."

We need to develop a Ministry Mindset

In the wording of today it's called building community. **Ecclesiastes 4:12** says, "a three fold cord is not easily broken". Sometimes we say it as "there's strength in numbers". However we phrase it, we all know that we need each other in this world. Let's make sure our classes are open and inviting to each and every guest we have. Let's keep our eyes open for opportunities to minister to those within the class and those without.

We share the Message of Christ

I remember a survey done a couple of years ago in preparation for the GPS emphasis of the North American Mission Board. People were questioned as to what they were looking for in life and the top four answers were these: Hope, Purpose, Peace, and Life. Our Bible Study should always seek to uplift Christ and His message, because His message is one of Hope, Purpose, Peace, and Life.

We understand we are to Multiply Ourselves

We are not just to teach His truth, but to teach and train others to teach His truth (**2 Timothy 2:2**). Our classes should always be striving to apprentice new teachers, to create new classes, and to multiply ourselves by mentoring and discipling others. If our Classes don't have a kingdom vision they will become inward focused and self-centered.

Jesus took twelve men and changed the world. What can He do with us if we let Him?

Bro. Steve

Mike's Minutes



This morning when I awoke, the birds were singing their little throats out just outside my bedroom where they were busy with their nest. All were making promises about what they intended to do on their little branch of the tree.

Spring is about hope- Hope, joy, and music! Many poets have said it: we can't live without hope. Despair destroys us, but even a little hope keeps the heart alive in the darkest of days.

As the earth makes plans for the summer to come, know this : we need to be serving a God who has plans to give you a hope and a future! (Jer. 29:11) We will *never* be without hope, if we have Christ in us! And Christ is that glorious hope! I hope this Easter season is a reminder to you of the hope we have within us!

We've had some pretty awesome services the past few weeks at SBC, but our Spring Revival is coming soon too. Sunday, April 15th-18th has been scheduled for this series of meetings. Back a few months ago, during the KBC meetings, I had the privilege of meeting our evangelist Bro. Tom James. I'm looking forward to hearing him speak the Word and also working with him and our revival team. Something else I'm looking forward to is that our special music will be a little different this year! We will have with us, on Monday and Tuesday evenings, the Dripping Spring and New Friendship Choirs! Both churches have very active music programs and I'm sure you'll enjoy both of them. I have asked their worship leaders, Wesley Walker and Alex Watkins, to help lead us in our worship. Just a note, Dripping Spring B.C. just finished their spring revival with "extended" services and on one evening they had "eleven" come to know Jesus! Praise the Lord! May we too, begin to prepare our hearts to receive true revival.

God is truly blessing our youth ministry! Pier 419 is growing each Wednesday evening with energetic teens. I'm excited to see how our kids are growing spiritually also. SBC should be proud of the young people that attend our Wednesday evening program. They are a very good group to work with. Let me also invite all seventh thru twelfth graders to join us. I want to thank Bubba Celsor who helps me on business meeting nights too. The kids seem to enjoy the time he spends with them in bible study. It's truly a blessing to have him and a group of young people who enjoy being together. We are working with Konnie Smith, our children's director, and Phil Baker to provide a "pilot" youth-led program on business meeting nights. This will allow for parents with both youth and children to attend. As is, we do not have any programs for the children during those evenings. We will have more details on this at a later time. Please pray for these details to be worked out. I have several youth eager to get started!

We continue to need adult help in our Wednesday evening Children's Choir. Jamie and Susie are doing a wonderful job but they need some extra help. Will you volunteer?

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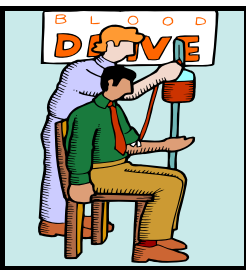
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Easter Egg Hunt



Sat., Apr. 7th, 10:00 A.M.
Home of Jimmy & Lois Prince, 757 N. Main Street
See bulletin for more info.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE



Wednesday, Apr. 25th
2-6pm
FLC Gym



April Birthdays

Sue Wood	03	Steve Smith	12
Shelia Hahn	04	Dorothy Rosser	15
Cheyenne Belew	04	Bobby Utley	15
Kellie Johnson	04	Charlotte Cauley	16
Barbara Dorris	05	Daphne Clark	17
Bill Browning	06	Cara Williams	18
Kenneth Page	06	Drew Chambers	18
Sarah Cheaney	06	Michael Hooper	19
Malene Gibbs	06	Zachary Yell	20
Cole Celsor	06	Ben Harris	21
Dorothy Sawyer	07	Christopher Starks	22
Addie Young	07	Joda Boley	24
Tom Hargrove	08	Ashley Carter	26
Margaret Wells	08	Shea Humphrey	28
Victor Dodson	08	Leo Brooks	29
Marjorie Jeffries	08	Angela Belcher	29
Irene Elamon	09	Mary Brown	30
Jean Spulock	09	Debbie Whitman	30
Sherrie Taylor	10	Connie Blick	30
James Cauley	10	Kayelynn Davenport	30