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Sunday

## FOCUS: Thank You, Sunday School Teachers

I just want to take this space this month to thank all of our Sunday School teachers/leaders. You are doing the things that we discuss in our Sunday School training meeting to reach those people not in Sunday School. We have much more to do for our Savior, as the work for our Lord and Savior is never complete. We have written names of those "LOST" written on the white boards in our classes. We are having more "guests" attending and immediately become S.S. class members. Classes are reaching those unchurched through ministry projects. Praying for each other as brothers and sisters in Christ creates a committed effort as a group to continue to do those things as defined by Sunday School growth experts. When we all do a little it is amazing how much can be accomplished. It just takes a committed effort to glorify God and SBC. We are now averaging well over two hundred (200), but the growth in numbers is not the most important, but growing in faith, to get many others ready to lead a S.S. class and maybe someone will be called to preach, or called to be a missionary. I want to also thank Bro. Steve for all he does for Sunday School. He has offered a lot of proven experience on how to grow Sunday School. He has given me support that I needed to help lead this Sunday School ministry. But again, you the leaders are getting it done with your classes. I'm not in your class, and Bro. Steve is not preaching to your class, you through the power of God is what your class needs for spiritual food. Keep up the good works! You are just doing as God commanded in the "Great Commission" Matthew 28:19-20.

Love in Him,

*Gaylen Baugh*

*SBC Sunday School Director*

## Wedding Anniversaries



Thomas & Dorothy Rosser	03
Jr. & Belinda Kinser	04
Rob & Kim Fulcher	07
Lawrence & Andrea Porter	10
Ken & Kim Bird	11
John & Donna Baugh	14
David & Tina Kitchens	18
Mike & Angie Belcher	24
Jeremy & Angela Seabolt	25
James & Peggy Vick	28
Carey & Jean Whitley	28



## 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 Bettye Hargrove in the loss of her husband, Tom Hargrove.  
 To the family in the loss of their loved one, Rachel Riggsby.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Letter  
Janna Chambers

Baptism  
Andrew Simpson  
Noah Whitley

## KIDS KORNER

Wednesday nights will have a new look beginning this month. On Business Meeting nights, there will be some new faces working with the preschool and children's groups. In cooperation with our Youth Group, some of the youth will be leading our classes. They will have an adult "assistant" but will be responsible for the lesson plan, etc. To help this go smoothly, please bring the children to the adult choir room (they'll meet their leaders and go to their prospective rooms), pre-schoolers to the regular Mission Friends room just prior to the business meeting at 7 PM. A light snack will be provided. This is an excellent opportunity for adults to mentor youth and for youth to begin training as future teachers and leaders. We're excited and hope you are, too! Just a reminder: Mission Friends (preschool-K), RAs (Boys Grades 1-2), RAs (Boys Grades 3-6), GAs (girls grades 1-6). With May comes graduation and many of our children will be making some big changes. However, the changes won't actually begin until the start of the new church year in September. (So don't get in a hurry!) It's the season for camps, VBS and family vacations. The ways we can share Jesus are endless! Make it a safe summer and keep Jesus the Center of all you do. The Operation Christmas Child item for May: watches.

Love in Christ, Konnie





## Is Our Revival Over?

Well, depends on what we do with what God said. Which brings me to that question, what did He say to you and me? But before we answer that, let's do a quick review. First off, the services were truly amazing! God's Spirit was manifest in our worshipful spirit, in our smiling faces, and most of all in our heart for Christ this week. What a joyous fellowship we enjoyed from Sunday morning until Wednesday night. I hope you were blessed as I was in everything that occurred. We didn't have any record of anyone being saved or joining the church, but I'm sure there will be fruit born in the coming weeks. God was surely working in our lives.

Having Dripping Spring Church's Choir on Monday and then New Friendship's Choir and Praise Team really encouraged not only our hearts, but theirs as well. The lower level was full on Tuesday night and Monday's attendance was almost as great. Each church brought several of their members and then Tuesday night Eastwood (Bro. Tom's church) brought a couple of buses of Eastwood members to encourage Bro. Tom. He was pleasantly surprised and caught off guard as he didn't know they were coming. Wednesday's attendance was outstanding and our Children and our Choir blessed us in worship!

Brother Tom's messages really confronted us with the question, "What is the Vision that God has given Second Baptist?" He challenged us to go, grow, to follow, to be fishers of men, and to use our Sunday School to reach our community for Christ. Many folks spent time in prayer at the altar seeking to follow His will for their lives. I know God confronted me about being totally sold out to Him and doing whatever it takes to lead our church to win our Jerusalem and to honor Him.

I guess the overall thought from our Revival was, "What is our Vision?" What does He wants us to do? How and what do we need to change to reach more people for His Kingdom? Which leads me back to my original question, "What did He say to you and me?" I can't answer that personally for you, but for me it is this, "Am I ready to continue to teach, train, challenge, and personally as a Christian do to reach that vision?" I feel I'm willing. I just need to allow Him to give me the strength and wisdom to do what He's called me to do.

So, what's He called you to do? Are you willing? He is. Let's go get them. They're out there. They need to know Jesus. Will you go with me?

Bro. Steve

## Mike's Minutes



I received a phone call in my office today, and I responded to a statement that was made with this: *'It seems there is so much to do and so little time, change is urgent!'* This statement caused me to once again start thinking of the church. I know we seem very content at dwelling in our comfort zone. But the time we live in is not a time of leisure and play—it is a time of harvest, a time for action. And we, the church, are not the only ones taking action. The devil surely is, too. If we don't move fast, we'll lose. Big time.

The foremost important thing that boggles me about servitude in the church is the lack of spiritual depth and guidance. There is this culture where so many of our congregation is involved in servitude before they are ready to take the plunge. So they are not necessarily ready or willing, it's based on guilt (of not fulfilling a friend, family or church figure's request), or a sense of fear that they might be viewed as not helpful or not participating in the church's progress, not taking part in the church's mission.

There is this belief that if you're not being pushed to plunge, you will never plunge. Sure, it may be true, but when you push someone without plunging in with them, that could be a problem. When a mother eagle pushes her children from the nest to force them to fly, she is still be watching them, preparing to fly to the rescue if the situation starts to be life-threatening. I see the church so often push people who are not ready to undertake the plunge. What happens so often is we tend to forget about them, and they fall in desperation and disappointment. The church is not a very good mentor. We get them on the roll, give them a job, and forget about them.

Sometimes the church focuses too much on the technical details that it forgets the most important thing in a person: their hearts. In their hearts, they keep commitment. In their hearts, they feel God's love and that love fuels them to act and take part in God's master plan. This fire keeps them going. If the fire isn't fed with oxygen, it will fade, out, and what do you have afterwards? Zombies. Empty shells. Lifeless people doing things because they have to. We should always be reminded that we are in the presence of Holiness. We are not worthy, but we will be instruments if we are willing to give our lives to God.

I could write more on this subject, but I must close. Basically, it's just stuff that boggles my mind. I may not be able to do much about it personally, but I can vent. I do know there is sooooo much work to do. The time we live in is a time of enormous trials, a time of complex problems that invade our lives and our churches. Advancement in our lives also means advancement in how the devil might influence us. So, advancement in our lives has to result in advancement in our ways of thinking and working. Improvements in the church are crucial and urgent. Our children/youth today need spiritual leaders and mentors in their lives.

After all, being a Christian is not a walk in the park; no sir, it's a call to battle.

Bro. Mike



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**May**

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Myrtle Brooks	02	Leslie Spencer	18
Glenda Allen	03	Roy Bond	22
DJ Duncan	04	Joyce Powell	23
Kelly Bibb	05	Junior Kinser	23
Dora Jones	06	Janna Chambers	24
Louey Head	07	Martha Arnold	25
Brayden Costello	07	Sharon Cargill	25
Kenneth Duncan	08	Clint Hadden	25
Laura Burton	09	Rebecca Pedigo	26
Velda Grisham	09	Tabitha Dodson	26
Bobby Grayson	09	William Bagby	26
Michael Humble	09	Dewey Wood	27
Bettye Hargrove	10	James Rigney	27
AK Burton	10	Wanda Ballard	27
Colby Goodwin	10	Bonnie Goodwin	27
Kayla Costelow	10	Carley Gilliam	27
Wayne Reeves	11	Wendell Woodall	28
Kassidy Reynolds	11	Christy Wright	29
Austin Kinser	12	Braydon Moore	30
Susan Laird	13	Glenn Blick	30
Boyce Coles	15	Lucille Bush	31
Neal Hamilton	16	Christy Blick	31
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