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Sunday

## FOCUS:

## How Do We Treat God?

As we move into another quarter of studies, the Life series has some interesting study titles. June's focus is in the book of Malachi, in reading I find some very interesting questions. Most of us expect a lot from God. But, how do we treat God? "Who cares" as long as we get what we want at this moment, seems to be what most of our attitudes in this country are. Let me extend an invitation to you to be present in Sunday School if you aren't already attending regularly, and study this amazing series in Malachi. We will get a deeper understanding of God's purpose as we grow in our Christian walk. Do you have a friend that is LOST? Invite them or better bring them to Sunday School with you and be a prayer warrior for that person until they accept God in their life. The nominating committee has begun working for the coming 2012-13 church year that begins in September. We have identified some areas that will need additional folks to lead. Will you pray that God will lead you in whatever He would have you do in this coming year. Hope everyone of you plan to be in Bible School, yes, adults too. If you aren't teaching, or working in some capacity, there is an adult class that will meet each evening through the Bible school week. A lot of good things are going on at SBC, don't miss out, join in as we fellowship and worship God.

*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 Brian Holloway in the loss of his brother, David Holloway.  
 To Billie Ruth Gilliam in the loss of her husband, Bobby Gilliam.  
 To Crystal Jones in the loss of her mother, Barbara Van Winkle.

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

### Letter

Roger Belcher  
 Laurie Belcher  
 Luke Belcher

### Baptism

Cheryl Duncan  
 Jacqueline Belcher

## KIDS KORNER

It's June and the calendar is already full of activities! Are you ready to earn your wings at "Amazing Wonders Aviation" VBS? Some have asked what class they will go in...it's the grade you just completed. That's how the material is designed. It's most evident in the Youth material; those going into the 7th grade are not ready for this. Years of VBS experience has taught me that! Now, Camp Joy is a little different, Music Week is for grades 4-8 but, they have indicated that it can be the grade you are going in to or the one just completed. Mike has posted the sign-up sheet; please see him about this camp. The sign-up sheet is also posted for girls in grades 1-12 for Overnights at Jonathan Creek (July 13-14). Another camp opportunity coming in July is the Logan Todd Association Missions Overnight Camp (July 20-21) at Elkton Baptist Church. Sign-up sheet will be posted; information provided to children in grades 1-6. Don't forget, the summer mission project for ALL children is collecting aluminum cans; proceeds will go to the Cooperative Program. Bro. Steve recently talked about how children learn. Unfortunately, one of the things they are learning is texting while someone is talking to them, or texting in church. They are watching us! DID YOU KNOW? RAs not only have racer competitions (they build their own cars - quite similar to what the Boy Scouts do), they have a Pit Stop Challenge. Like NASCAR pit crews, you change tires and fuel the car. It takes a little work to build the mock race car but, it would be fun. What about a GA/RA competition? If you would be willing to help us build a few mock race cars let me know. Directions will be available.

Love in Christ, Konnie



## Wedding Anniversaries



Keith & Terry Prince	05
Duane & Leslie Spencer	05
Glenn & Barbara Penrod	07
Russell & Patsy Poore	11
Michael & Michelle Starks	19
Randy & Annette Whitley	23
Kenneth & Becky Belcher	25
Ryan & Tonya Davenport	25
Jimmy & Sonja Cauley	26
Michael & Christy Hooper	27
Leo & Vickie Brooks	28
Ken & Anne Rose	29
Steve & Lisa Costellow	30
Nate & Tonya Johnson	30

## Is VBS Really Important?

Why do we take the time, spend the money, wear ourselves completely out, for a week of wild and beautiful kids to have a great time at church? Is it just about them having a 'good' time or is there something more important going on.

So many parents today have the idea that we should let our children make up their own minds when it comes to religious instruction. I realize that each person has to come to Jesus personally of their own free will, **(John 3:3)** but we never use that idea with any other training in their lives. We don't let them

decide for themselves on whether they should attend school or not. We know they need an education. We don't let them decide whether they will take a bath this week or not do we? We want our kids to know the value of cleanliness. And we certainly don't let them choose on whether they will brush their teeth before bedtime or going to school? We have learned that if you don't take care of our teeth you won't have them long. If we ignored these simple things we would raise a generation of illiterate, smelly, green toothed kids. Bubba wouldn't be too welcome at most places and certainly would have trouble finding a job!

But there are better reasons than that for teaching our children God's Word and Ways. Let me give a few to think on as we get ready for VBS this month.

**It's Obedient to the Commands of God.** **Deuteronomy 6:6-9** tells us to teach our children God's Word, to live God's Word before them, and thereby to instill God's Ways in their hearts.

**Ephesians 6:4** says basically the same thing. We're not born with a proclivity towards God, on the contrary we are born in sin, with a rebellious nature. We need to teach our Children His Word, His Will, His Ways. VBS is a great way to come alongside parents and reinforce His truth.

**It's shows Responsibility as an Adult.** We are responsible as adults for the physical and mental wellbeing of our children. To be faithful in those areas and not to be concerned for their spiritual upbringing is irresponsible. The future of our nation depends on it (see **Judges 2:10-11**).

**It's Demonstrates God's Love to our Children.**

When you love someone you want God's very best for them. God has called us to love those around us, especially our children. To neglect that which is most needful in their lives is unloving and uncaring.

VBS is coming. Let's remember as we give, share, serve, and love what it's all about. I can't wait to see the look in their eyes!

—Bro. Steve



## Mike's Minutes

Ok, let me confess, if you're getting this newsletter a day or so later than usual this month it's all my fault. Not Cathy's, not Bro. Steve's, it's all mine! Ok? Please forgive me. I'm a little late getting my article written and to her. So, just to redeem myself, I'm sitting

here at 9:30 p.m., in my office, with thoughts of taking a group to Holiday World at 7:30a.m., and what's on my mind? Roller Coasters!!!! No, not like in excited to be riding them, but what excuses can I make to our youth tomorrow "Not" to ride them! However, when the ole' back was better, I loved roller coasters!

Sometime ago, I saw a flyer for one of the world's largest roller coaster ride. There in the picture, the two people sitting in front were holding their hands up over their heads and their mouths wide open. You've seen one like it before I'm sure? I thought, they are not holding onto the bar in front of them!

Today has been one of those days in my life that felt like a roller coaster ride. It's been filled with an endless sequence of ups and downs, joys and laughter and tears. But in the midst of all the uncertainties and frustration, one simple message keeps coming through, over and over again. God is in control and there is no safer place to be than in His hands. Hands that care about the tears you cry and the things that sadden you. Hands that can be trusted. Hands that will one day guide us home. That's where we have to place our faith.

You may have heard this, "Faith isn't faith until it's all you're holding on to." On a roller coaster, the ride's creator knows the roughness of the ride you'll take and builds into the coaster a bar that locks in place to hold you secure throughout the entire ride.

Sometimes the ride of life can be equally rough. But the creator of life, our heavenly Father, knows every peak and valley, every twist and turn that life can throw at us and has given us a bar to hold on to that will keep us safe and secure throughout our journey. That bar is called faith. And each of us will come to a point at various times when that is all we have to hold onto.

Can you see God's presence and sense the enormity of His gifts to us? Blessings to strengthen us through the bad times. Blessings that lead us to the good times.

So much love! So much grace! And those hands. Hands we must learn to hold onto and trust. Hands that will always be there for us, instantly upon the expression of our need.

Some of you are riding with your hands up off the bar, but every so often all of us will come to that point on the roller coaster of life, where we just have to grab onto the bar and hold on for all we're worth. Well in life, that means taking all our worries and problems and turning them over to God through prayer. But in turning them over to Him, we have to let go completely. After all, if we're holding onto them, how can our hands be free to hold on to Him?

Until next time,

Bro. Mike

### Upcoming Youth and Music Events:

\* **VBS June 3-8th**

Evangelistic emphasis for all ages, children through adults. Pray for souls to be saved!

\* **Creekwood Place Nursing Home Services June 12th & July 10th**

This is a thirty minute song and devotion service for the residents.

\* **Kentucky Changers Paducah Project June 23-28th**

Pray for a safe trip and great weather to complete all mission projects!

\* **Patriotic Service July 1st**

\* **Camp Joy Music Week July 8-12th**


This camp is for 4-8th graders. Registration forms for can be picked on Sunday.



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Congratulations to Lucas Celsor, who was awarded the FCA, Panther Spirit, Murray State University & Diana Hutchings Evans Glasgow Memorial Scholarships, as well as the deGraffenried Outstanding Senior Award!



# June Birthdays

## *Congratulations 2011 Graduates*

**HIGH SCHOOL**

Bryce Carter  
 Lucas Celsor  
 Taylor Chambers  
 Alicia Croft  
 McKenzie Duncan  
 Kyle Harris

**COLLEGE**

Tim Blick  
 Vicki Canales  
 Whitney Ferguson  
 Lindsey Gipson  
 Cindy Offutt

Rick Browning	01	Brian Holloway	17
Miranda Elamon	01	Earl Brown	18
Danielle Elamon-Pritchett	01	Sofia Jones	18
Lane Barry	01	Keaton Martin	19
Nick Posey	02	Bret Berry	19
Faye Boley	03	Brooke Berry	19
Michelle Starks	03	Halle York	20
Lorrie Hopper	05	Thomas Rosser	21
Bobby Grayson	06	Loriene Thomas	22
Barsha Jenkins	06	Stephanie Cole	22
Lauren Peters	07	Luis Canales	23
Brenda Whittaker	08	JoAnn Fulkerson	24
Erica Elamon	08	Janet Johnson	26
Carolyn Smith	09	Winnie Duncan	27
Carey Whitley	12	Relda Wood	27
Tim Smith	12	Mariencia Harper	27
Camryn Smith	12	Keith Prince	27
Marcia Hadden	14	Melissa Poole	27
Logan Browning	15	Kevin Bibb	27
Beth Kennedy	15	Matt Cherry	27
Jordan Blick	15	Scott Wright	28
Sherman Christie	16	Dwight Scarbrough	30
Shelby Browning	16	Tim Blick	30