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where *He* is first

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Live internet streaming of Sunday morning worship service
Sunday School-10:00 A.M. Sunday Morning Worship-11:00 A.M.
Sunday Evening Worship—6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Prayer & Bible Study—7:00 P.M.



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 Bubba Celsor & Bonnie Goodwin in the loss of their father,
Alvin Celsor.

To Oma McIntyre in the loss of her husband, Harold McIntyre.

CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

I was recently talking with someone about their family, and he shared a very familiar situation. His family was together at home, in the same room, but no one was relating to each other because they were each using their own portable electronic device. When he realized this, he asked them to put the electronics away and pay attention to each other. Isn't it interesting that we have more ways to communicate with others than ever before, but we are often in our own little world instead of really being with the people we say we love the most? In the blink of an eye, any of those precious individuals could be gone, and the memories of things they said, did or shared with us will be all that remains. Maintaining relationships with the people in our lives is so important.

There's another, even greater, relationship that suffers from communication breakdown, and that is the one we have with our Lord. Because of the earlier mentioned electronics and other distractions, we find it hard to focus on just one thing at a time. Yet that is exactly what God wants us to do. One of my favorite Scriptures is Psalm 46:10 - "*Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted on the earth*". When we shut out everything else, and just BE with Him, He communicates with us. It may be through reading your Bible, music, or meditating on Scripture that He speaks to you. One of the most powerful services I was ever part of was for the Lord's Supper. The pianist played "*Alleluia*", the deacons served us, and tears flowed down my cheeks. I was humbled, realizing how unworthy I am and that He sent Jesus to die for my sins. It was an awesome experience.

Take a little time today to be quiet, to be still. It is amazing what you will hear.

—SBC Secretary, Cathy Johnson—Guest Columnist

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Letter

Lyndal Graham
Greg & Sharon Holt
Rayburn & Kim Short

Baptism

Revena Bilbrey

KIDS KORNER

It should come as no surprise to anyone that I do not think like grade school boys! Is it ironic that this is the third year of predominantly boys in the Preteens class? Our God has a tremendous sense of humor! In His infinite wisdom, He has been providing insight into the world of boys. They are highly competitive, full of energy. They also deal with issues that my generation didn't face until at least high school or later. You should hear their prayers, hear what is on their hearts. RAs, for boys in grades 1-6, provides Bible study, missions education and activities. Each month it addresses Character Traits/Virtues such as courage, responsibility, teamwork, faith-to name a few. As they learn how God is at work around the world, they are also, for one hour, in a safe space, where they can just be themselves. Who is willing to invest one hour a week with our boys? Our GAs are working on a project to celebrate WMU's 125th birthday. The challenge is to do 125 of something, so they are making birthday cards. The 125 cards will be sent to the National WMU office upon completion. Our big event will be in November as GA JAM comes to Bowling Green. This is open to all girls in grades 1-6 (Moms, too!). The sign-up sheet is posted. As reported last month, we need an adult to lead Mission Friends for our preschoolers. Trunk or Treat will be held Wednesday, October 30th, 6:45 - 8 PM. Along with the decorated trunks full of candy, we will have games set up in the gym and food for the families. Dress up as your favorite Bible person - please do not have "Halloween" costumes. Let's have fun with this! ADULTS: Remember the parable of The Sower and the Seeds? The investment made in our children's' spiritual growth now will bring great rewards in His Kingdom! —In Christ, Konnie



Ever Had a Bad Day?

I read the following a few years back and have hung onto this to remind myself that we all do have bad days from time to time.

How to Tell When It's Going to be a Rotten Day

*You call Suicide Prevention & they put you on hold
You see a 60 Minutes' news team waiting in your office
Your birthday cake collapses from the weight of the candles
You turn on the news and they're showing emergency routes out of the city
Your twin sister forgot your birthday
Your car horn goes off accidentally & remains stuck as you follow a group of Hell's Angels on the freeway
Your boss tells you not to bother to take off your coat*

Hopefully none of these things have happened to you, but bad things do happen to good people. Sometimes describing them as bad just touches the tip of the iceberg. And we often ask why? As Joni Eareckson Tada says, we often ask, "Why me? Why now? Why this?"; as if we should be immune to trouble.

There are reasons we suffer and hurt. All of our pains cannot be explained, but they will usually fall into one of the following categories:

The Sin of Adam – Because Adam and Eve sinned, this world was cursed and the penalty for sin was death. We live in a fallen world of sinful people and death, pain, and suffering came as a result of their failure.

Our own sin – we do reap what we sow. Our lifestyles and the decisions we make all have consequences. God doesn't shield us from the effects of our decisions.

Sin of Others – You've probably heard it said that no man is an island and that is certainly true. Our sin affects those around us, from our homes, to our communities, to our nation. If you don't believe it, look around at how many children are suffering today because of the sins of their parents.

Because of Satan – **Luke 13:16** says, "And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound, lo, these eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" It doesn't give us a lot of details other than to say Satan was the cause of her infirmity. Job was living a righteous life when Satan challenged God to allow him to afflict Job.

Sometimes it's the trying of our Faith that puts us through the storm. Check out Job, Abraham, Isaac, David, Paul, or just read Hebrews 11.

And there are always the times that we suffer for God's Glory. Remember in John 9:2 when the Disciples asked Jesus why a man was born blind? In John 9:3 Jesus answered, "Neither hath this man sinned, nor his parents: but that the works of God should be made manifest in him." Sometimes God is working in ways we do not understand to show Himself and His Glory to an unbelieving world.

You don't know why you're going through the trial you are right now? As my dear friend Pastor Tom James says, "When you can't see His hand, trust His heart". I concur. He will not let you down.

—Bro. Steve

Mike's Minutes



From time to time I like to highlight the efforts of some individuals in our church without them expecting it and this article is about the technical artists that serve our church. I truly appreciate and know what you do to enhance our services each week.

A big part of the problem with serving behind the scenes is that you are, by definition, supposed to be pretty much invisible. Most of the time technical artists that serve in these positions are OK with that. They'd rather not be the ones on stage, talking to the crowd; or even in a big room full of people if they were honest. They like being in the background, and that's OK. But there's a problem with being invisible.

You tend to sometimes feel invisible. I've sat in your chair. I know it happens often, you're in here early and working to get things ready for the service and an eager congregant come up to the pastor, music director, or soloist and tells them what a wonderful job they did. They will go on and on about how much they love to worship, and how much they got out of the message.

This is all good. But I know it can sting a little. You know that you had helped make the service happen. Shoot, you may have even made the soloist sound better than they really were (reverb covers a multitude of sins, and sometimes turning down an instrument is better than turning it up). You made sure the pastor's slides were made, or helped display them at the right time. All the mics worked exactly the way they are supposed to. The internet service was perfect, all the cameras were focused and the computers working well. The slides on the monitors complimented the music, and the service was technically excellent.

And nobody noticed that!

I know those are the times you don't enjoy feeling invisible. I once felt the same way and one afternoon I was reading through a passage of scripture in Mark 9 that caught my attention and made me re-frame my perspective (I find the Bible is cool like that). I take comfort in the fact that God notices when people give a cup of water to someone in the name of Christ (Mark 9:41). Surely He notices the hours you spend working on mix, programming, and slides. No doubt He sees and is pleased with what you do each weekend.

Somebody does indeed notice.

Just a few verses later, Jesus reminds us that, "Many who are the first will be last, and the last first" (Mark 10:31). Maybe, just maybe, those who received all the praise in this life will be surprised by the praise those who served in the shadows receive in the next.

THANK YOU! God Sees Your Service!

—Bro. Mike



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**TRUNK
OR TREAT**

Wed., Oct. 30th

More details to
come!

**NEIGHBORHOOD
CHILI SUPPER**

Thurs., Oct. 17th
FLC Gym
6:00-8:00 P.M.



FALL REVIVAL

Second Baptist Church
October 20-23, 2013
7:00 P.M.

Bro. Jerry Giffords, Evangelist



- 01 Kyle Harris, Luke Belcher, Cami Wallace
- 04 Michael Ball
- 05 Pam Duncan
- 06 Wendy Barry
- 07 Mary Celsor, Ann McIntosh
- 09 Cheryl Duncan, Alan Owens, Garland Drake
- 11 Patricia Blackford, Pat Jenkins, Tyler Davenport, Kaylin Belcher
- 12 Venita Harris, Jeffery Tennison
- 13 Marvin Flatt, Hannah Farris
- 14 Mark Kennedy, Tina Hamilton
- 15 Zack Harper
- 16 Margie Gibbs
- 18 Donna Arnold, Christy Poole, Christy Thompson, Ethan Hooper
- 19 Steve Arnold
- 20 Kristen Miller, Kevin Prince
- 21 Neal Hamilton
- 24 Laurie Belcher, John Clinard, Addison Reeves
- 25 Bill Baker, Randy Rigsby
- 26 Eddie Brooks
- 27 Phyllis Baker, Mary Robertson
- 29 Will McCormick, Cole Baker
- 31 Myrtle Whitsett



- 03 Men's Ministry, 8pm
- 06 Bldg. & Grounds Comm. Mtg., 5pm
- 08 Senior Luncheon, 11:30am
Nursing Home Visitation, 7pm
- 09 Business Meeting, 7pm
- 17 Neighborhood Chili Supper, FLC Gym, 6-8pm
- 20-23 Fall Revival, 6pm- Sun.; 7pm -Mon.-Wed.
- 24 Men's Ministry, 8pm
- 30 Deacons Meeting, 6pm
Trunk or Treat

Baptist Hour – Each Monday following 12:20pm news on WRUS-AM

Men's Breakfast, Tuesdays, 6:45am, Colonial Inn

Women's Exercise Class- Each Tues. & Thurs. 10am

GO Visitation & Meal -Each Wed. night at 5:30pm,
EXCEPT on Business Meeting night

Volleyball - Mondays & Thursday nights



Happy Anniversary!

- Jack & Peggy Holloway 15
- Charles & Amanda Crafton 16
- Edward & Sandy Taylor 16
- Joe & Rhonda Reynolds 19
- Sam & Fran Stanton 29