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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 Bobbie Head & Carol Holloway in the loss of their brother,
Wayne Dean



FRIEND DAY

Sun., Feb. 16th

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Robert and Leslie Harper

KIDS KORNER

For many years, children have learned the song "Oh Be Careful Little Eyes, (Ears, Tongue...)" In a Bible Study there is this quote: "There is a saying, "The eyes are the mirror to the soul." What the eye sees, the mind captures. What the mind captures, a response happens." Now, more than ever, we must be mindful of what we adults are viewing or saying...children are quite likely to repeat this! "What Would Jesus Do?" is not just a catchy, church thing. We all need to be asking this of ourselves. Ask yourself how what you do or say is affecting your relationship with God. Actions really do speak louder than words. Preschoolers and children are invited to attend Children's Ministry Day on February 15, 10 AM - 12 Noon, at The Baptist Building on West Third Street. Our Bible Study will be Psalm 104. The project will be making Coffee Can Cookie Jars and No-Bake Cookies for Senior Adults. Lunch will be provided. February is a great time to remember the basic theme of Mission Friends: LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS

In Christ, Kommie



Any Old Rod Will Do!

In the book of Exodus (4:1-5) Moses is arguing with God over God's instructions (Exodus 3) to lead the children out of Egypt. He makes all the usual excuses that we use when God calls us to do something for Him. Moses said, "Who I am" (verse 11), then paraphrased, "who's telling me to do this?" (verse 13). It sounds a lot like some of our excuses for not obeying Him. I can't do that, I'm just not qualified or able. I certainly can't speak very well so how can I accomplish anything for God. I have no authority to do that either, after all, people will say I just want to be seen by others. Amazing isn't it how we can find all sorts of reasons for not doing what Jesus has called us to do.

Notice what God does in reaction to this. "Moses, what is that you have in your hand?" Moses says, "A rod." It was an ordinary shepherd's rod, nothing fancy, or extravagant, just a simple wooden rod. Moses followed God's instruction to throw down his rod and it became a snake. He told Moses to pick it back up by the tail and it reverted back to a rod. God gives Moses this sign that the people may believe (verse 5). If you follow that rod and Aaron's rod through the book of Exodus you will find that God used those simple rods to turn water into blood, to bring frogs up into the land of Egypt, to cause lice to invade the land, to bring thunder and hail upon the Egyptians, to cause locusts to swarm and devastate the country. That rod was lifted up and God divided the waters at the Red Sea. When Moses raised that rod as the children of Israel were battling Amalek the battle went in their favor. When it was lowered, they lost ground. What are the lessons we can learn from all of this? What does God want us to understand today in our walk with Him?

God took what Moses already possessed to accomplish His will. Moses already had everything God needed to get the job done. Do you and I realize that God and already given us everything we need to accomplish His will? Your personality, your gifts, and talents, are all that Jesus needs to change our world for His glory! Will we lay down what we have as Moses did and surrender it to Him?

God supernaturally empowered Moses' rod to do great and mighty things. God took his ordinary and made it extraordinary. Would to God we could surrender to God everything we are and all we possess to Him. He can take what we have and do incredible things.

Moses' rod was used to bring glory to God. It was not the rod, but God's power through the rod that brought the miracles. God had Moses strike the rock at Horeb (Exodus 17:6) and it brought forth water for them, but at Meribah (Numbers 20:8-13) God commanded Moses to speak to the rock to bring forth water. Moses disobeyed God and struck the rock twice instead of speaking to it. God was not hallowed (glorified) because the children of Israel needed to know that it was not the rod and Moses that had the power, but God. We have to be careful and remember it is not our abilities or gifts that get things done for His Kingdom, but God working through those things for His Glory.

Thinking you can't do anything for God? Jesus is saying, "Give me what you have and I will do great and mighty things through you". Will we give it all? Throw it down before Him and watch what He does!

— Bro. Steve



Mike's Minutes

About a month ago I was looking over some calendars that I'd made daily notes on and had saved from previous years. I realized looking



back over the years is like planning a trip in reverse. In the beginning you have a destination in mind. Depending on your demographic profile you, A) Pull out the old atlas or, B) With the click of a mouse you pull up Google Maps. Then going state by state, city by city, highway by highway, you connect the dots, plotting a course that you hope will bring you to your destination. Now, entering the scene from stage left, comes this thing called Life. It's that life process that causes the twists and turns, some unexpected, that you discover along the course you've plotted. It's that bump in the road that rises up in front of you like some divine detour sign, making it necessary to veer off course, if only for a while. Sooner or later, you end up at your destination; or somewhere else. Both results are possible. Which one is most common, I'll leave for you to interject based on your own experiences. So, whether you're at the final destination or somewhere en route, you are where you are right now. Less profound I know, but nonetheless true. I find myself somewhere en route, with more than likely a great deal more than half of my journey behind me. I know my starting point. I know my current location. It's all the stuff that happens in between that tells the story. There's a lot of story yet to be written and lot of the journey still to be traveled. That's the part that's important. I can't change what is in the past; can't go back and change the course of the journey this far, but I can affect how the rest of the story gets written and how well I stay on course by the choices I make going forward.

That's why I love this time of year. The NEW YEAR! It's an opportunity for a fresh start, for correcting our course if we missed the last turn, for renewing our efforts and commitment to reach the prize that is set before us.

There's hardly a day that goes by where we won't make a wrong turn, come across a detour, hit a traffic jam, run out of gas, or just get tired and need to pull over for a rest. But then we're given a new day, Praise God! A new year and we keep pressing towards the mark.

As we begin the second month of this new year with you, I pray you will have a renewed commitment to the course that God has set before you. That the journey you take this year is full of promise, blessing and that we'll all see great things happen, in music and youth, for the building of God's kingdom as we work together.

I Love You All,

Bro. Mike



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The poster is enclosed in a black border with a white dotted pattern. On the left side, there is a decorative illustration of a green vine with several white daisies and green leaves. To the right of the illustration, the words "Spring Revival" are written in a large, bold, black, sans-serif font. Below this, the dates "March 23-26, 2014" are written in a smaller, black, serif font.



- 02 Randy Whitley, Brenda Croft
- 03 Faye Clark, Buster Vick, DJ Arnold
- 04 Shem Noe
- 06 Barbara Shoemake
- 07 Betty Utley, Whitney Ferguson
- 08 Vicky Bobbett
- 09 Debbie Bibb
- 11 Patrick Appling, Layton Davenport
- 13 Cameron Matthews
- 14 Kathy Dworske
- 15 McKenzie Duncan
- 18 James Gant
- 19 Debra King, Sandra Grayson, Donna Baugh
- 20 Christopher Yell
- 21 Vicki Brooks, Susan Laird
- 22 RaeAnn Whitley
- 23 Sandra Kinser, Robin Wood, Kelly Clark
- 24 Rick Greer
- 25 Sonja Cauley
- 27 Carolyn Sullivan, Kristen Carnal
- 28 Rickey Key



- 02 Building & Grounds Committee Mtg., 5pm
- 05 Business Meeting, 7pm
- 11 Golden Heirs/Senior Luncheon, 11:30am
- Nursing Home Visitation, 7pm
- 26 Deacons Meeting, 6pm

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

Women’s Exercise Class- Each Tues. & Thurs. 9am –
GO Visitation & Meal -Each Wed. night at 5:30pm,
 EXCEPT on Business Meeting night

Volleyball - Mondays & Thursday nights

Basketball – Tuesday nights



Happy Anniversary!

- John & Kathy Dworske 04
- Don & Wanda Ballard 05
- Danny & Cindy Coffman 12
- Tom & Janie White 15
- Gene & Velda Sweeney 24