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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.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Leanna Cantrell
Frank & Bonnie Noe
Layla Torbett



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 the family in the loss of their loved one,
Melinda Mittelstrasser.

To Konnie Smith in the loss of her father, Bob Westerfield.
To Pat Kirkpatrick in the loss of his brother, Tom Kirkpatrick.

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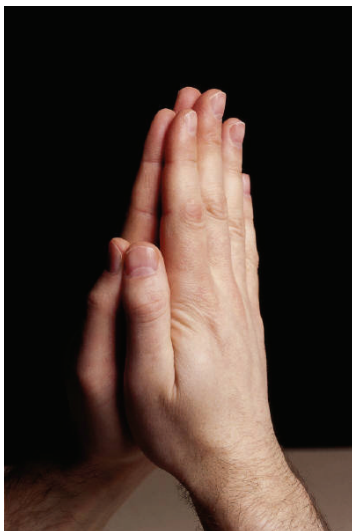
WORSHIP TIME

PRAYER

MINISTRY

Beginning May 4th

If you would like to be a part of this ministry, please see Bro. Steve.



KIDS KORNER

Many thanks to everyone involved with the Easter Egg Hunt...did you know we hid over 1100 eggs? AND, that only 10 were still hidden until Jimmy Prince mowed the field? It was fun to watch the children check out what was in the eggs. For many children, school will end in May. A few of you have school days in June. The end of another school year does not mean the end of our Wednesday night groups as we meet year-round. Come join us! A sign-up sheet for the GAs Mother-Daughter Overnight (GAs completing grades 1-3) and GAs overnight (GAs completing grades 4-6) will be posted. If a GA is going to either camp, we need the parent/grandparent or guardian to register for her. In the past, some of the girls have signed up for camp and then did not attend. We cannot get a refund on the cost of the camper. The Overnights at Jonathan Creek will be July 11-12. The RA Camp Courage is scheduled for August 1-2 at Laurel Creek (Corbin)-more info on this will be provided later.

In Christ,
Konnie



Do We Learn from our Mistakes?

When I was a young man working as a Material Manager/Purchasing Agent for a Furniture manufacturer I made a horrible blunder by forgetting to order some material for a job we were to run. I just totally overlooked the job.

Hence I didn't order any of the plywood for an order of 1,000 bunk beds that we were to produce. I also was in charge of scheduling the plant and while updating the schedule I discovered my error. Immediately I called the Vice-President of Manufacturing and told him that I had blown it. He gave me instructions on reworking the schedule while he called the Plant Managers to inform them of our change in plans.

Later that day when he was at the plant where I was headquartered I again apologized for my mistake. He looked by straight in the eye and said this (which I have never forgotten though that was approximately thirty eight years ago), "everyone makes mistakes, but it would be to your advantage not to make the same mistake twice".

I've been reading through Kings and Chronicles that last few weeks and continue to see a recurring theme. The children of Israel would be living in faithfulness to God and then slowly begin to drift into idolatry and all sorts of sinfulness. God would give them the space to repent, but when they would not He would bring judgment upon them. Sometimes it would be through a famine (drought), a pestilence (disease), or maybe by the sword (an invading army). God would bring them to their knees, they would repent, and God would deliver them. His blessings would flow and everyone would be at peace for a time and then the cycle would start to repeat itself. The Book of Judges is a continual saga of the same issue.

One thing I have tried to remember from the admonishment of our Vice-President that day is that if I had been a little more diligent to review my work I could have avoided the mistake that so embarrassed me, and cost my company a great deal of money. From that point on I made very sure that I didn't repeat that blunder. Because of that I never had to face the result of making that mistake again and seeing how my boss would deal with me.

I'll never know how he would have handled that, but I am so thankful that my Heavenly Father forgives my sin the first, and second, and third, and fourth, and you get the picture, every time I cry out to Him for His forgiveness. You see, the penalty was paid for my errors in life when God sent His Son to pay the price for my past sin. And not only for my past sin, but every mistake I have made, and ever will make. Not because of anything I have done, can do, or will do, but because of the Cross my sin is already paid for! There are already covered by the blood of His Son. Makes me mighty grateful, aren't you thankful too?

Your Pastor loves YOU!!



Mike's Minutes



"Just Do It!" Remember the old ad campaign slogan that Nike's marketing team created a few years back? Keep that thought in mind as

Paul, in his last epistle, encouraged Timothy to be strong in his service to Christ. The aged Apostle sits alone in a Roman prison while his days are numbered. The young Timothy was stationed in Ephesus with his own pile of church problems. In 2 Timothy 2:15 says, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that need not to be ashamed" This second epistle to Timothy was Paul's encouragement to a discouraged man of God. As a worship/youth leader, I can only imagine the young man reading these last words from his mentor with tears filling his eyes.

Sometimes we need to be inspired to reach farther than we're reaching, dig deeper than we're digging, and to think in bigger terms than we're thinking!

God deserves our best, not our leftovers! As the scripture says, we are to study and prepare our *very best* so we will not be ashamed of our efforts before God. Now, I know it's easy for us to look at others who lack discipline in their lives and say, "Just Do It!" But when we're honest with ourselves, we each have areas in our lives we're ashamed to admit we've neglected to properly develop for His service.

I attended a music workshop in Nashville a few weeks back and a middle-aged worship leader attending testified to his resentment toward his father. It seems his father had pushed this young man to excel in sports in his youth and discouraged him from taking piano lessons. Years later, this man's music ministry is being severely limited by what he perceives to be an irrevocable wrong.

The truth is, there's no cut-off date to take piano lessons. If you can't read music, you can still learn! If you don't know how to properly run new computer technology, I'm living proof you CAN teach an old dog new tricks!

We all live incredibly busy lives. I know in church work, I strive diligently to present my best offering to God. Just like you there are weeks I feel extremely prepared and confident and times I'm scrambling to just get through. I believe what Paul was saying to Timothy then and to us today is we can't let preparing for the short term keep us from preparing for the long term. We need to look at the bigger picture!

Is there a God-given talent you've completely neglected? Are there weaknesses you have that could be better developed to truly give God your best?

What's holding you back? I have a few new things that I'm having to learn to change with the times. Starting from scratch at something is intimidating when your used to your comfort zone. I'm not saying it will all be fun. In fact, it may be humbling and humiliating at first.

But what are you waiting for? Study to give your very best and show yourself approved unto God... Join me... just do it!

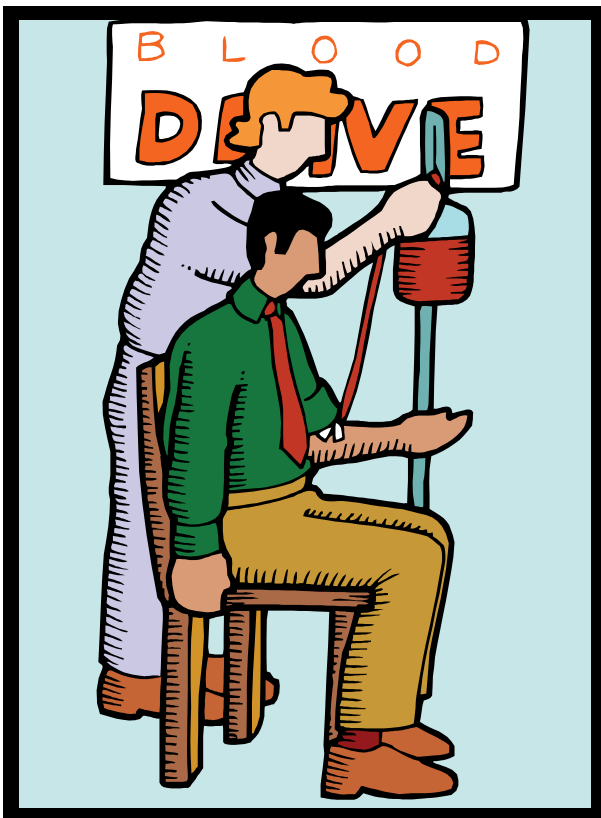
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- 02 Myrtle Brooks
- 03 Glenda Allen
- 07 Louey Head, Brayden Costello
- 08 Rayburn Short, Kenneth Duncan
- 09 Laura Burton, Velda Grisham,
Bobby Grayson, Michael Humble
- 10 Bettye Hargrove, AK Burton
- 10 Kayla Costelow
- 11 Wayne Reeves, Kassidy Reynolds
- 12 Austin Kinser
- 13 Susan Laird
- 15 Boyce Coles
- 18 Debbie Thomas, Beverly York,
Leslie Spencer
- 22 Roy Bond
- 23 Joyce Powell, Junior Kinser
- 24 Janna Chambers Shanklin
- 25 Martha Arnold, Sharon Cargill
- 26 Rebecca Pedigo, William Bagby
- 27 Dewey Wood, Wanda Ballard,
Carley Gilliam
- 28 Wendell Woodall
- 29 Christy Wright
- 30 Braydon Moore
- 31 Lucille Bush, Lindsey Eaton



- 04 Building & Grounds Committee Mtg., 5pm
- 07 Business Meeting, 7pm
- 11 Mother's Day
- 13 Senior Luncheon, 11:30 am
- 14 Red Cross Blood Drive, 2-6pm
- 26 Memorial Day – Office Closed
- 28 Deacons Meeting, 6pm

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

Women's Exercise Class- suspended until further notice

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

Volleyball - Mondays & Thursday nights



Happy Anniversary!

- Thomas & Dorothy Rosser 03
- Jr. & Belinda Kinser 04
- Rob & Kim Fulcher 07
- Lawrence & Andrea Porter 10
- Ken & Kim Bird 11
- John & Donna Baugh 14
- Robert & Leslie Harper 15
- James & Peggy Vick 28