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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 Virginia Wood in the loss of her daughter, Maria Lawson.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Marlene Page
Terry Smith



A PRAYER FOR ALL AMERICANS

"O God, Whose name was on the lips of the men who founded this nation, and on the lips of men who died for it...be with us yet. Guide us through this period of crisis, confusion and insecurity. Keep us steadfast in remembering the truths our forefathers lived by. Restore our innocence, renew our vision, enter our hearts and keep us brave. Give us, as Americans, the strength to do Your work and to make this country worthy of Your blessing. Amen."

KIDS KORNER

The Logan Todd Baptist Association WMU Council will host Camp H.E.R.O. at Second Baptist on July 25th, from 9 AM to 12 Noon. The theme: "If I Had a Hammer...Jesus the Carpenter." Special guest will be Rebecca Carnell, former KBC Literary Consultant. Our special project will be making mini-bookshelves for Rebecca to use as she distributes books to children in Kentucky. There are many children in Kentucky who do not have reading books. The camp is primarily for children in grades 1-6, but those who have completed Kindergarten are welcome. Light refreshments will be provided. A sign-up sheet will be posted by the old kitchen. Be safe this summer!

In Christ,
Konnie



Dear Church Family,

What are your thoughts when you first wake up in the morning? What am I going to wear today? What's the weather like? Can I stay in bed just a little longer? Oh, Cathy needs this article for the paper this morning! Seldom do we think about what life is all about or why we are doing this, why am I here? The deeper questions about the meaning of life come on rare moments for most of us. We all need to stop and ask the deeper questions once in a while, as individuals and as a church. "Why am I here – why are we doing this – what is the bottom line?"

In **Matthew 21:33-46** we are encouraged to ask the question, when all is said and done, what's the bottom line? (Please take time to read this passage) So, what is our primary purpose for living? What is God looking for? What are God's expectations? What is the harvest that God, the landowner, is expecting to receive when the season is over? Focus on verses 42-43 to see what happens when we fail to bear fruit as His children and His church. Jesus spoke from Psalm 118 saying, "The stone which the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes." He goes on to say, "Therefore I say to you, the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a nation bearing the fruits of it."

So, where is our fruit individually and as a body of believers? Fruit comes when we see the lost find salvation in Jesus Christ. Fruit comes from us when we obey the great commandment: "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." THEN, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Fruit comes when we stand tall on the truths of God's Word. We are told that one day there will be a final judgment.

In telling this story, Jesus helped those who have an ear to hear what the bottom line is. Each Sunday we gather beneath the cross of Jesus reminded that the bottom line is about love, God's love, love that is willing to sacrifice, to forgive, love that rises above lesser things to bear kingdom fruit. Love that brings us to our knees in prayer, in repentance, to raise trusting God in all things!

J. David Jicka, Interim Pastor

Mike's Minutes

This is an article on a website called Pastoral Care, Inc. that I read this month, and thought I'd share with you. I found it to be a very interesting article regarding the future of the church.



Where Is The Future of the Church 4/11/14

American church leaders fear that the next generation of church members and leaders may be a no-show. A variety of polls suggest that 60 percent to 70 percent of high school students active in their Protestant church drop out after graduation. Churches and denominational leaders are scrambling to discover ways to stop this downward trend. Some students feel that the church has too much type and is not real. Some look at church leaders as examples, only to be left discouraged because so many profess being one way but in real life, display characteristics close to non-Christians.

According to a poll by Lifeway research, it was found that about 2/3 of our youth active in Protestant church during high school will drop out for at least one year before their 22nd birthday. The Barna Group, another pollster, reports that 61% are spiritually disengaged after high school and only 20% remain spiritually active now.

What is it about our faith commitment that does not find root in the lives of our children? Do Sunday School and other curriculum need revising? How do we begin changing our style of worship? Listed below is a chart which shows why teens drop out.

Top 10 Reasons Young Adults Drop Out of Church (Percentage among 18-30 year olds who stopped attending regularly between ages 18-22)

Simply want a break from church	27%
Church members seemed too judgmental or hypocritical	26%
Moved in college	25%
Work responsibilities	23%
Moved too far from church	22%
Became too busy, though still wanted to attend	22%
Didn't feel connected to the people in my church	20%
Disagreed with church stance on political/social issues	18%
Chose to spend more time with friends outside church	17%
Was only going to church to please others	17%

Some churches are reaching out to the 20-something generation, a group described as being more deeply spiritual than earlier generations, but less formal. Those churches tend to develop a non-churchy style—meeting on neutral sites, dressing down, addressing real needs, contemporary music—while retaining the heart of the Christian message and beliefs.

The future of the church is unknown, but one thing is very certain. If the church plans to "maintain in size," they will have to develop ways of effectively reaching this age group or the church will basically "dry up and die," not because of the message but because of lack of regeneration (older people not having the energy to evangelize, work provide the finances, dying off).

The dilemma is real. Today's church must change and reach out now to these young people, otherwise other groups, such as Muslims and religious cults, will attract them. It is up to us, what will the church do?

Something to pray about,
Bro. Mike

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July

- 03 Church office closed - Independence Day
- 05 Bldg. & Grounds Committee Mtg., 5pm
- 08 Business Meeting, 7pm
- 14 Nursing Home Visitation, 7pm
- 25 Logan-Todd Assn. Camp HERO
- 29 Deacons Meeting, 6pm
- 31 Golden Heirs to Grand Rivers, 9:30am

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

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

Brotherhood – meets on Business Meeting night, 6-
7pm

Volleyball - Mondays & Thursday nights



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