

The Messenger

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May 22, 2007

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 3-7

6:30-9:00 P.M.

3 Year Old – Adult



FROM YOUR PASTOR

Is it possible for us to know that we know that we know the Lord Jesus in a life-altering, eternal-destination changing, kind of way? This coming Sunday we continue to settle once and for all 3 areas that ought to be nailed down.

We have dealt with simply being saved. Now we learn exactly what the Bible says about being secure and certain. Be sure to bring your Bibles with you and be prepared as we walk thru verses of assurance. It would be a great time to invite a friend to come to encourage them to Jesus. Pray that God will use our time to draw people to Him.

Also please pray for the varied ministries of our church as this time of the year brings a turnover in ministry positions. Pray that God will raise up those He has already called and equipped to fill those positions. Finally pray for all of the activities during June that gives us opportunities to share Jesus with children and families. Pray that we will see many come to Christ and spend eternity with us with Him in heaven.

FROM YOUR PRAYER TEAM

Luke 5:16 says, "But Jesus Himself would often slip away to the wilderness and pray." Two lessons are apparent in this short verse of scripture. First, Jesus recognized and demonstrated the importance of prayer. Second, He made time to get away from the crowds to spend time alone with the Father. We can agree that Jesus is many things to us. One of them is our perfect example for living. Lets recognize our need for prayer and set aside time in our busy lives to be alone with God.

Your prayer team here at Lake Bowen Baptist Church is willing and ready to pray for you or someone you know anytime. Call the church office and your prayer request will be forwarded to us.

We meet every other Wednesday night just before the evening service, but we pray throughout the week. Our next meeting is May 30th. There is always room for you to join us.

Thank you cards are posted on board inside church office workroom. We've received cards from: Released Time, Dicky and Debbie Goodman, Amanda Newman, Ruth Guthait, Jean Corn

FROM YOUR MINISTER OF MUSIC

Worship - The Result: "...Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them." Acts 16:25

The other prisoners surely thought they were crazy, or at least delusional. After all, not only were they confined in a dirty Roman dungeon, they had both been stripped and severely flogged. Their open wounds were now caked with dirt and grime because of the stocks that bound their legs to the raw earth. Yet despite the crushing weight of their horrific situation, these two were praising their God.

For most of us, a Roman cell would be a highly unlikely place of worship, but Paul and Silas knew something that escaped their mystified cell-mates. They knew that true joy was not determined by circumstances. They understood that real love was not earned, and that forgiveness was better than revenge. For Paul and Silas, the joy gained through following Christ far overshadowed any earthly pain and suffering. They had long ago set aside rage, curses, and bitterness, and replaced them with thankfulness, joy, and praise. When Paul and Silas were squeezed by life, worship drained out.

Whether you're languishing in a Roman prison, suffering under the whip of anger, or locked in the stockades of debt, we all face such trials at some point or another. The question is, how do we respond? What squeezes out of us under that weight? As any child with a sponge knows, what comes out is what went in.

Paul and Silas oozed worship because they were saturated with it. They practiced the presence of God to such an extent that praise was their native tongue.

As summer approaches, I pray that we all might become more and more saturated with Him, so that in all circumstances and all seasons, we might respond with worship.

Soli Deo Gloria
(To God alone be the glory)

Tim

Like to sing? Summer is the perfect time to join the choir!



Have a tuba in your closet?

Dust it off and come play in the orchestra.



FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

What does the month of June mean at Lake Bowen Baptist Church? Our focus becomes magnified on reaching boys and girls with the message of love and hope through Jesus our Saviour. Hearing the sounds of children's feet as they run in the gym playing basketball or girls yelling cheers in our cheerleading camp. The picture of our youth leading in a Backyard Bible Club service, singing songs about how great our God is. Watching our children as they learn about how to live a Christian life through attending our Vacation Bible School. Then going through the whole summer seeing our children develop their faith in working in a program called "Team Kids" on Wednesday evenings, and oh, let's not forget the major impact we are having in Sunday School on our children as they learn Bible studies and scripture verses. WOW – don't you see how wonderful this is for our children. But, let me remind you, we can't do all this by ourselves, we need your help. Please let me know if you can serve in one of our children's Sunday School classes. There are still positions open. I can't think of a greater feeling in life than sharing Jesus with others. How about you?

Attention All Men:

Mark your calendar for August 17-18 for our big men's event called Momentum. This will be a Friday night and Saturday till noon event which we have set a goal of one hundred men being involved. Tickets now on sale in the Atrium.



HOSPITAL LIST

Hospitalized or surgeries last 2 weeks: Kathleen Hill

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to the following members and their families:

Ronnie and Estelle Bridges at the passing of Estelle's brother

The family of Jerry Ligon at his passing

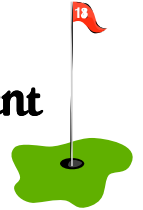


Youth Golf Tournament

Village Greens

Saturday, June 2 at 1:00 p.m.

Cost: \$45.00 per player



Sign up at the Welcome Desk. Four players per team, Captain's Choice. Mulligan and Red Tees will be sold for \$5.00 a piece. All proceeds go to Right Turn Ministries.



**Lake Bowen Baptist
Student Ministries**

Back Yard Bible Clubs - May 29 – June 1. We are excited about the opportunity to share the love of Christ with our community. We will be doing Back Yard Bible Clubs in Boiling Springs as well as Inman. We would like to ask for your prayers as this time is quickly approaching. We are also excited about the opportunity to be able to travel to West Virginia for our mission trip. There will be over 20 students teaming up with the single adult's class for this mission trip. There are papers on the table under the bulletin board that give dates on some upcoming events for the summer. Please feel free to grab one of those papers. There is also some other information on the board that outlines a couple events that will be taking place very soon, so do not forget to keep an eye on the board.

Scott

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NEW ARRIVAL

Jeff and Jennifer Moss have a daughter, Jaimson Noelle. She was born May 8, 2007. She weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces and was 21 inches long. Jaimson's sister is Jenna and her brother is Joshua.



Got a motorcycle? We are having a kick-off ride in Sunday morning, June 3. We want everyone to ride their bike that morning, weather permitting. Wear whatever you normally wear to ride (within reason) and join us in worship and Sunday School. There will be a reserved parking area in the front parking lot. I will have mine here and look forward seeing you.



NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday Evening, May 27: Les and Jean Green,
Lawrence and Janet Rosman
Wednesday Night, May 30: Stephen and Michelle
Grigg

A LOOK AT SUNDAY

	May 13	May 20
Sunday School	572	520
Tithes/Offerings:	\$13,712.29	\$17,749.04
Total Building Fund:	\$240,079.37	



LAKE BOWEN CHILDCARE NOW OPEN

The Childcare program is now accepting children ages 6 weeks through 4 year-old kindergarten. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Shelly Atkins at 599-6700.

If you would like to receive The Messenger electronically, please call the church office and give us your E-mail address or email:
carolyn@lakebowenbaptist.com

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JOB OPPORTUNITY

RR Donnelley, Spartanburg Manufacturing Division, is taking applications at S.C. Job Service on South Church Street. Applications will be accepted from Friday, June 1 until Friday, June 15, 2007. For more information look on the bulletin board in the hallway across from the bathrooms.



COUNTING COMMITTEE

SUNDAY, May 27

Bill & Cheryl Price, Marshall & Lina McAbee,
Cathy Black, Claudette Hendley

SUNDAY, JUNE 3

Richard Gowan, Kenny & Frances Bass, Vickie
Smith, Lewis and Martha Rosman