

The Messenger

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Thank You

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

On Sunday, February 8, we want to honor our Sunday School teachers.

We are asking Sunday School members to
write letters of appreciation to their teachers.

Place letters in the boxes located in atrium entrances.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

What another great day of worship yesterday. We are so blessed to be able to come together and lift up our Lord in exciting praise and celebration. And we were blessed again with folks coming to be a part of the church family.

And I need your help in leading in a worship service. I have a number of people share with me the response to the challenge in December to gather family and friends together and give their testimonies. It has been exciting to hear of the impact it has made on families and how Christmas was more special.

And that is where you are needed. I would like for you to share your story with our church family in a coming service on Sunday evening. Please either email me at pastor@lakebowenbaptist.com or contact the church office. The blessing you have had will be a blessing and an encouragement to others.



HOSPITAL LIST

Mary Black Hospital: Hudson Edwards; Surgeries this week: Ed Cartee, Allen White; Hospitalized or surgeries last 3 weeks: Rhonda Dukes, Dot Tinsley, Trinity Crowe, Barry Robbins, Betty Shields, Larry Dukes, Paula Dale, Christie Smith, Ruth Jackson, Richard Gowan; Upcoming surgery: Ken Huffman



CANDIDATES FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Coming by Transfer of Letter:

April Bishop, 3 N. Miller Street, Inman, SC 29349
Tim, Carol, and Bethany Clark, 817 Cecelia Drive, Boiling Springs, SC 29316

Coming for Baptism:

Jennifer Blanton, 131 Summer Lady Lane, Boiling Springs, SC 29316
David Gregory, 226 Bayhill Drive, Boiling Springs, SC 29349

THANK YOU

The thank you cards are on the office bulletin board just inside the work room. We have received cards from the following: Eddie, Sonya, and Alexis Cook and Nick McDaniel; Kristin Hayes and Family
For Fruit Bags: Ruth Guthait, Margaret Smith

FROM YOUR MINISTER OF MUSIC

Thoughts on Worship: "Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things..."

Colossians 3:2

I'm not sure exactly what she was saying, but recently my daughter Micah spent an afternoon telling her world all that was on her mind. Her chatter paused only long enough for her to catch a breath, and she seemed willing to share her thoughts to anyone (or anything) that would listen (me, her mother, the cat, the wall...).

What fascinated me most that day was that Micah's unending and unintelligible speech seemed to be a verbal representation of her conscious mind. Experts tell us that the default setting for our thought patterns is chaos. Throughout our waking hours, thousands of sub-conscious, random thoughts compete with our desire to focus. While our naturally chaotic minds are a creative gift from God, they also make meditation more challenging.

To our Western ears, the word "meditation" may seem foreign to Christian thinking. We usually associate the word with a fat bald guy and orange, hooded robes. Yet Joshua 1:8 encourages us to not let God's word depart from our thinking, but to "meditate on it day and night." In reality, meditation is no different than worry (something we *all* know how to do...), except that it focuses on the positive rather than on the negative.

Few things help us to set our minds on things above better than meditating on God's Word. Such focus not only teaches us His timeless truth, it also helps us to better connect with the Author of that truth. As we respond in praise, we then become the kind of worshipers that He is seeking (Jn. 4:23) – those that worship in Spirit and in Truth.

Soli Deo Gloria

Tim

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements for 2008 are ready to be picked up. They are on tables in the atrium.

COOKBOOKS

We still have cookbooks to sell. They are now \$10.00 each. All the proceeds go to the Youth Ministry.

FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

Teacher Appreciation Day – Sunday, February 8th

We are asking if you would take a few minutes this week and write a card of appreciation and thanks to your Sunday School teacher. Place the teacher's name and your class on the envelope and put it in one of the wrapped boxes in the church. The deadline for the cards to be turned in is Sunday, February 1st. Let's talk it up with other class members and make this a special day for our teachers.

If you can shake hands and smile, I need you to serve as one of our important greeters. Sign up now in the atrium (volunteer table). We need you to help us make a difference on Sunday morning.

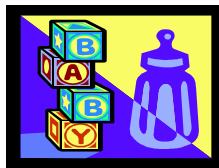
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need people to be greeters in the nursery and preschool departments on Sunday morning. Please see Kim Bogan or Michelle Grigg if you would be willing to serve in this area.



NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP

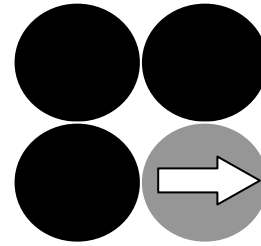
There will be a meeting concerning the Nicaragua Mission Trip this Sunday morning following the second service in the Fellowship Hall.



NEW ARRIVALS

Ted and Patti Kelly have a new grandson, Cameron Elijah Herndon, born to their daughter, Jessica on December 17, 2008. He weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 19¾ inches long. His brother is Almanis.

Andrew and Christy Smith have a daughter, Kailee Faith, born January 10, 2008. She weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 20 inches long. Kailey's sister is Abigail and her brothers are Michael and Jordan.



Right Turn Ministries

Be sure and check out the bulletin board next to the fellowship hall and see what we have planned. February's calendar will be coming out soon. We are starting to prepare for Impact Weekend which will be March 27th-29th. If you are interested in being a host home, please be sure to let Scott Miller know. You can call or e-mail him. We are trying to get host homes and everything set up early. We are excited this year for Impact Weekend.

January dates to remember:

1/21..... Bring your parents to youth night. All parents of students are invited to the youth gathering.
1/25..... After Glow for Jr./Sr. High in the fellowship hall after the service.

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Open Gym for Basketball
Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Senior High and up are invited



GUEST SERVICES TEAM

Please sign up to be a part of our Guest Services Team. You would be responsible for helping us on Sunday morning make sure our guests are cared for and welcomed. Different teams will be made up of individuals who love creating an environment that helps make people happy to be at Lake Bowen Baptist Church.



FROM YOUR PRAYER TEAM

As new leadership takes office at all levels in government, we have clear guidance from God’s word on what we as Christians should do. This is what 1 Timothy 2:1-2 tells us: “First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior.”

The prayers of God’s people are always needed in every situation. He wants us to seek his will and to pray that it will be done. He said it is good and acceptable in his sight. Let’s trust God and pray in 2009.

Lake Bowen Baptist Church has a prayer team that believes God wants his people to pray and that’s what we do. If you have a request, call the church office and we will pray for you or someone you know. Don’t hesitate, because God wants to have a close personal relationship with us.



NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday Evening, January 25: John & Cathy Black, Robert & Lisa Bell

Wednesday, January 28: Amy Cotten

Sunday Evening, February 1: Blake & Lindsey Simpson, Debbi McDowell

Wednesday, February 4: Michelle Ravan



**COUNTING COMMITTEE
SUNDAY, JANUARY 25**

Larry & Kay Dukes, Lew & Margaret Russo, Dennis & Kelli Adams

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Ed & Luann Cartee, Shannon & Sharon Daugherty, Jody & Dee Dee Caldwell



**PRAYER SUPPORT NEEDED FOR
A STUDENT MISSIONARY**

Please go by the table in the atrium and sign up to pray for and encourage one of our students in the commitment they have made to be a missionary in their community. Please pray about this opportunity to radically change the world for the cause of the cross.

A LOOK AT SUNDAY

	Jan. 11	Jan. 18
Sunday School:	584	503
Tithes/Offerings:	\$16,641.00	\$12,295.34
Total Building Fund:	\$155, 795.47	

**DEACONS’ MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1
4:00 P.M.**

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