

The Messenger

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LIFE GROUPS GET CONNECTED



Small group Bible studies begin this week. If you haven't signed up, please call the church office or sign up Sunday morning.

FROM YOUR PASTOR

What a great way to end the old year and start a new one! Over 70 people made commitments the last Sunday in 2008 to tie up loose ends in their life and some are already seeing the results. We should never doubt what God is able to do when I surrender all becomes more than the title to a song.

And then we had a wonderful time in the Lord with the Lord's Supper this past Sunday as we were reminded that Jesus is both the foundation and focus of our lives. I encourage you to let the experience of both of those days be the daily experience of your life in 2009. I look forward to seeing you in worship this week.

HOSPITAL LIST

Surgeries this week: Trinity Crowe, Barry Robbins; Hospitalized or surgeries last 3 weeks: Charlie White, Lew Russo; Upcoming surgery: Allen White

SYMPATHY

We extend Christian love and sympathy to:

Mrs. Inez Camp and Family at the passing of her husband, Mr. Ed Camp

Mrs. Rachel Davis and family at the passing of her husband, Mr. John Davis

Eddie and Sonya Cook and family at the passing of both of their fathers

Nicholas McDaniel and Alexis Cook at the passing of their grandfathers

Tom and Robin Dixon and family at the passing of Robin's father

Houston and Madison Lynn Dixon at the passing of their grandfather



CANDIDATES FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Coming by Transfer of Letter:

George and Linda Ferguson, 256 Blockaders Den, Columbus, NC 28723

Doris Eubanks, 3 N. Miller Street, Inman, SC 29349

Haley Bishop, 3 N. Miller Street, Inman, SC 29349

Joyce Sullivan, 352 Split Oak Lane, Inman, SC 29349

John and Pam Barnwell, 1069 Corie Crest Drive, Boiling Springs, SC 29349

Buddy and Alicia Fulton, 293 Jacob Creek Drive, Inman, SC 29349

Coming for Baptism:

Caroline and Daniel Fulton, 293 Jacob Creek Drive, Inman, SC 29349

FROM YOUR MINISTER OF MUSIC

Working at Worship: "Continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you..."

Philippians 2:12-13

To me, it doesn't seem all that difficult – pick up a few diced peaches with the green plastic spoon and put them in the mouth. To my 16-month-old daughter, driving a car might be easier (though I don't think I'll test that theory...). Part of the problem is that Micah has discovered that the spoon provides the necessary leverage to launch peaches into geo-stationary orbit. The biggest problem, however, is that she simply lacks practice.

Like most things in life (even eating...), our spiritual life requires discipline. None of us can wake up one morning and successfully determine to have the prayer-life of Billy Graham. Instead, we increase our spiritual muscles by daily working them out (with fear and trembling – as Paul puts it.).

So how do we get spiritually fit? First, eat right. Make sure you're being fed daily by the Word. Next, we need to practice recognizing God's presence through prayer and worship. He is, after all, the source of our spiritual strength (and physical strength, and mental ability, and...). Finally, we need to be prepared for resistance. Physical muscle never grows without resistance, and we should not expect spiritual might to be any different. Temptations, difficult circumstances, frightening opportunities – all are tests that allow us the chance to grow closer to our Lord.

As we start a new year (and many of us determine to eat correctly – in more ways than one...), may we also work out our salvation and grow daily in our walk with Christ.

Soli Deo Gloria

Tim

THANK YOU

The thank you cards are on the office bulletin board just inside the work room. We have received cards from the following: Jane George

For Fruit Bags: Lorene Thomas, Vickie Thomas, Patsy Malone, Mary Jane McAbee, Shirley Poteat

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

Life Groups

Life Groups begin this Sunday with many study groups to choose from. Pick your group and sign up today.

Life Groups – Book Three

Meeting Sunday evenings at 5:15 p.m. and Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.

Esther by Beth Moore

Meeting Sunday evenings at 5:15 p.m. starting January 11 with teacher Amy Cotten.

The Blazing Center by John Piper

Meeting Sunday evenings at 5:15 p.m. with teacher Ray DiStiso.

Fireproof Your Marriage

Meeting on Sunday evenings at 5:15 beginning January 11 with teacher Allen Merrill.

Meeting Saturday mornings from 8:00 to 10:00 a.m. beginning January 10 with teacher Misti Motte.

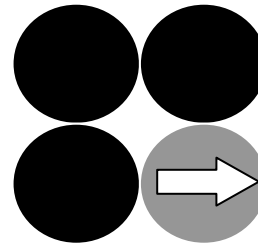


PK OUTREACH

I pray that all had a blessed 2008 and look at 2009 as a new opportunity to serve our Savior. I wanted to thank each person and class that helped to sponsor a family during the Christmas holiday. Each family sponsored was very blessed and send a big thank you to those that made their Christmas a blessed time for them and their children. A huge thanks goes to our youth group, leaders, and Scott for not only sponsoring a single mom of six kids with great gifts, but truly changed the mom's life by giving her a van! What a blessing! It will truly make her and her kid's life so much easier. She will now be able to find a job much easier and get to church without having to depend on others to pick her up. Scott, thanks for thinking out of the box! That night, when you gave her the key to her van and we could see the hope in her eyes that life would become easier, was truly one of the highlights of my ministry over the past 13 years.

Please continue to pray for PK Outreach and how God will use this ministry to reach those in need and those that are hurting and need to see the love of God in action.

In Christ,
Patti Kelly



Right Turn Ministries

Hey everybody. Here are some of our plans for the upcoming month.

January Events

10th Mall Evangelism Project 1:8

We leave the church @ 10:00 am and return at 1:00 pm. *We will go to the mall and share our testimony with those there. We will have some tasks that we will complete. This will be a good way to see God move and speak.

15-17th Ski Trip to Winter Place, West Virginia

*We will leave Thursday evening around 4pm and head to Winter Place. We will stop for dinner (not included in price). Friday we will ski, tube, or snow board all day. We will finish up Friday night and head back to the room. Saturday morning we'll have breakfast and head back home after lunch. We should arrive back around 5pm. Your student may want to bring some money for snacks and things.

21st Bring your Parents to Youth Group

This will be a time of worship and fun for the students and their parents from 6:30-8:00pm. Parents, you do not want to miss this. We will have a time of worship that will be challenging for you and your student. We want you to experience what your student experiences each week. This talk will be geared toward the student parent relationship.

25th After Glow (Combined Jr. & Sr. High) after P.M. service in the fellowship hall



NEW ARRIVALS

Jesse and Jennifer Blanton have a daughter, Avah Lindley Blanton, born December 12, 2008. She weighed 8 pounds and was 20 inches long. Her brother is Gabriel.

Michael and Misty Bonasia have a daughter, Ava Elizabeth Bonasia, born December 19. She weighed 6 pounds 7 ounces and was 19¼ inches long. Ava's sister is Emma.



FROM YOUR PRAYER TEAM

God’s wisdom and resources are unlimited. His will is perfect. His love for us is greater than we can comprehend. All throughout the Bible, there is evidence His promises are true and His faithfulness is never ending. We can trust Him. This year we should remember these truths every day. Remember them as we pray, in good times and bad. Proverbs 3:5-6 tells us “Trust in the LORD with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.”

Don’t forget about our prayer room. The room is available anytime the church is open. It is a quiet place to spend time with our Lord.

The Lake Bowen Baptist Church prayer team is here for you. Let us know about your prayer needs and we will intercede for you. Call the church office and our team will pray for you or someone you know.



NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday Evening, January 11: Cheryl Price, Debbie Williams, Nina Brown

Wednesday, January 14: Kerry Hodges

Sunday Evening, January 18: Stephen & Michelle Grigg, Keith Corn

Wednesday, January 21: Deana Fowler



COUNTING COMMITTEE SUNDAY, JANUARY 11

Tommy & Connie Pearson, Ronnie & Estelle Bridges, Steve McAbee, Larry Richards

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18

Les & Jean Green, Brian Green, Jackie Cothran, Cory & April 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.



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.

A LOOK AT SUNDAY

	Dec. 21	Dec. 28	Jan. 4
Sunday School:	554	405	538
Tithes/Offerings:	\$18,217.37	\$16,695.00	\$13,819.17
Total Building Fund:	\$152,753.05		

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