

# The Messenger

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## MEN'S BREAKFAST



SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup>  
7:30 A.M.  
LBBC FELLOWSHIP HALL

## FROM YOUR PASTOR

I cannot think of a better way to spend a Sunday than to have great worship in the morning focusing on the Lord Jesus and to return in the evening to be led by our students in focusing again on Him. I wish all of our church family could have been in the Fellowship Hall before the evening service to hear the students returning from Impact Weekend as they shared out of a heart burdened for the glory of the Lord. And then they closed that time with precious prayers for God to be truly honored in their lives, in the Students Ministry, and in LBBC. It was thrilling to hear the testimonies of an Impact Weekend having an impact. May God burden each of us the same.



### HOSPITAL LIST

Greenville Memorial: Caroline Wood; Hospitalized or surgeries last 2 weeks: Joyce Holcombe; Kelly Bolin, Alton Wilson, Alicia Fulton; Surgery this week: Ken Huffman, Lorene Thomas; Surgery next week: Frieda Taylor, Mindy Malone

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

### Meeting

Tuesdays 7:00 To 9:00 P.M.

LBBC Fellowship Hall

Refreshments Served From

6:30 To 7:00 P.M.

## JOB OPENINGS AT LAUREL WOODS

1062 W. Mill Street, Columbus, NC

Job openings are for part-time evening servers. To apply see Freddie Jones, Executive Director.



### MEN'S AND WOMEN'S SOFTBALL

Any men or women interested in playing softball, please sign up on the tear-off section of the worship guide Sunday or call the church office.

## THANK YOU

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

## FROM YOUR MINISTER OF MUSIC

Worship our Prince of Peace: "For He Himself is our peace..."

Ephesians 2:14

The last book was finished (finally!), the favorite stuffed lamb secured, and the 'baapi' (pacifier) inserted. Our daughter Micah was ready for bed. On this night, however, one more thing was needed. As Amy was about to put her down for the night, Micah hummed a few notes. While not uncommon, something made Amy pause. Micah hummed the notes again with more urgency, and Amy realized they were the first four notes of "Jesus Loves Me." Though she may not know the words yet, Micah wanted to hear that comforting song before going to sleep.

O how often are we like that little girl – in need of hearing those profoundly peaceful lyrics. O how often are we like her in that we don't fully understand the depth of their magnitude, yet we recognize the comfort they bring. O how often are we in need of such a simple reminder that peace, true peace, comes in "Jesus loves me."

Calvin Miller writes, "'Jesus Loves Me' is the heart of all I cherish. Its warmth lingers about me in every instance of threat or pressure. This simple song calms me, strips off my threats, and drains my stress into reservoirs of God's serenity."

Indeed, in light of Jesus' all-consuming love, priorities and perspective come sharply into focus. Suddenly the troubled economy, faltering relationships and even failing health seem to lose their power to rob us of our peace. Our Lord, our Creator, our God and our Savior loves us! What an incredible thought!

Whatever your trial, whatever your sorrow, whatever you frustration, you can find peace, purpose and life in the love of Christ. In every circumstance, we find comfort and safety in Him. In Ephesians 2 (see the verse above), He is the peace that unites a divided congregation. In Psalm 23, He is the peace that sees us through even the valley of death. In Jeremiah 31, He is the peace that restores the hope of the nation.

In every possible way, we have peace in the knowledge that "Jesus loves me."

*Soli Deo Gloria*

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Coming this Easter:

## We Need a SAVIOR

Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm

## ***YOUTH MINISTRIES***

### **Reflections from Impact/Renown**

During the last few days, I have really seen and heard many things that have changed my view on almost everything I do. Before I went on this trip, I didn't even think of a relationship with Christ the same as I do now. I wasn't even very excited to go on the trip. I didn't see it as really a big deal, but as something that my parents thought was best for me. As the weekend progressed, the people I was around influenced the way I viewed my personal relationship with the Lord. Even all of the new people from Virginia that I met directly impacted my life this weekend. I learned quite a lot during these few short days.

One thing I learned that I thought to be very significant was that a church membership is a commitment - a commitment to all of those around you in the church. I never really thought of my membership at Lake Bowen Baptist to really mean much because of the fact I'm only a kid, but after hearing what Eddie Strickland had to say about this subject, I began to rethink how I view most people around me. Pastor Eddie told of how unity is a major point in a church membership. He told us how we shouldn't get discontented with ourselves, because discontentment leads to many problems, such as division and dividing of the church.

I could write pages of the things I learned and I wish everyone in our church could say the same. I thank God for giving me the opportunity to go on this trip, and my parents for forcing me. Every song, session, and sermon that I sat through this weekend had a huge impact on my entire life. Anyone who wasn't able to go on this trip missed out on a great chance to hear the amazing work of God.

Zac Cassidy

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This past weekend has been a great experience for me as I went to Virginia for Impact Weekend. I learned that one day Jesus Christ will come back and everyone that rejected him will be rejected by God and they will tremble in terror. I also learned that we think that we just barely miss the mark when it comes to the glory of Jesus Christ but that is way wrong. I only deserve eternal death in hell and it was because of Jesus that I am not cursed by my sins because He died on the cross for me and for you, and it is written that whoever dies upon a cross is cursed. God didn't do it for the half-hearted people that get bored in church and don't truly praise Him. He did it for the people who are always in Him and are overwhelmed by His grace. Jesus Christ found that His greatest joy was living for the glory of God, and those who find joy in living for the glory of God and humbling themselves will be exalted, and if you expect

to rise, then pursue with all your might. I also learned that if anyone rejects Him, then we will bow in fear of rejection from Him.

Todd Hill

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This weekend at Impact Weekend I learned a lot more about God. I learned that the most important thing to God is his glory and God puts his glory on display (Psalm 19). God used His glory to build the church we are in now. God's glory will fill the earth for eternity. Even after we are saved we will still reject God's glory. The greatest thing we can do is to live for the glory of God. It is great to have an awesome Savior like our God that can fix what we mess up.

In the sermon about His glorious grace, I learned about how we need to do everything in His praise. God has given us every spiritual blessing in heaven. In 1 Timothy 1:12-14 it tells us that we need to thank Jesus Christ because He trusts us and gave us a chance to serve Him and He gives us strength. I learned that we all spoke against Christ and did all kinds of things to hurt Him. God showed us mercy because we did not know what we were doing. We did these things when we did not believe. The last thing is that the grace of our Lord was fully given to us and with that grace came the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus.

Brandon Hill

### **YOUTH WORKERS' MEETING SUNDAY, MARCH 22<sup>nd</sup> 5:30 P.M.**

### **YOUTH AFTERGLOW**

There will be a Youth Afterglow Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, immediately following the evening worship service at the Clock in Boiling Springs. Each person needs to bring \$10.00. Transportation will be provided. We will return to the church at 9:00 p.m.

### **ADULT EDUCATION MINISTRY**

We welcome 2 additions to our Adult Education Ministry:

Gary Luther, who serves in our Deacon Ministry, has stepped in as our Interim Minister of Education. Working with him in Sunday School is Rick Burrell as Director. Pray for these men as they develop a leadership team to bring structure to the adult ministry.

### **Life Groups - Book 4**

### **"The Life Giving Power of Community"**

It's not too late to join one of the Life Groups. Sign up sheets are in the atrium.

**Proverbs 11:25** – “A generous man will prosper. He who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.”

It is without a doubt that each and every one of us is being affected by the harsh economic times we are experiencing. Possibly you or someone you know will have lost a job or lost wages that will make them unable to make a mortgage payment, rental payment or utility expenses, or even worse, to feed their own families.

LBBC would like for you to help ease some of the burden of these families by donating a nonperishable food item or toiletry item to our food pantry. To make it convenient for you, there will be a container placed for item drop-offs on a table at the three main entrances to the church. The goal is to have enough food in the pantry for immediate needs, and once a week to take food to local soup kitchens.

Tony and Dena Waldrop will be contacts for this ministry and we ask for your support by bringing at least one item each week. Through your generosity and God's Grace we will provide.

Tony – 864-494-0291 (cell)  
Dena 864-279-1805 (cell)  
Home – 864-472-3586



**FROM YOUR PRAYER TEAM**

“Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.” Those words are from our Savior Jesus Christ. You can find them in Mark 11:24. We trust Jesus for our salvation so we can trust Him with our prayers.

Have you ever wondered how that applies to your particular situation? You have prayed; maybe for a long time and the answer or outcome you expected was different. Maybe it has not happened yet. The next steps for us must not be to give up or doubt God. Humbly submitting to God's will and His plan in a prayer that honors Him may help us begin the process of dealing with this. Remembering we are praying to a Holy God that loves us is a comforting assurance we need to accept. Trusting God and his will in all things is what we as Christians are called to do.

Have you prayed for someone lately? If you haven't, then why not do it right now. That is what the prayer team at Lake Bowen Baptist Church does. We pray and believe God's will is going to happen in His time and His way. Do you want us to pray for you or someone you know? We really will and we will make it a priority. Call the church office and make your request known.

## **Feeling overwhelmed with life? Feeling out of touch?**

Sign up today to join us at the *Deeper Still* event with Kay Arthur, Priscilla Shirer, and Beth Moore on Friday, July 31, 2009 through Saturday, August 1, 2009 in Greensboro, N.C. The tickets are \$75.00 plus lodging. Sign up at the Welcome Desk or see Janet Rosman.

### **WGGLY GIGGLY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

We need people to volunteer on a rotating basis to stay with the preschool children (ages 2-5) on Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. during the worship service. If you would be willing to help in this ministry, please see Kim Bogan.

### **NURSERY WORKERS**

Sunday Evening, March 22: Amy Cotten, Barry & Cindy McAbee

Wednesday, March 25: Kim Bogan

Sunday Evening, March 29: Todd & Cheryl Suttles, Margie McAbee

Wednesday, April 1: Amy Cotten

### **COUNTING COMMITTEE SUNDAY, MARCH 22**

Bill & Cheryl Price, Ron & Becky Stikeleather, Cathy Black, Kellie Price

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### **SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

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

### **A LOOK AT SUNDAY**

	Mar. 8	Mar. 15
Sunday School:	442	434
Tithes/Offerings:	\$17,025.50	\$16,665.78
Total Building Fund:	\$141,746.27	

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