

# The Messenger

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# Impact Weekend

## Hitting the Road

Our Youth will Go to  
West Salem Baptist Church

March 13 - 15

Cost: \$10:00

Students Must Preregister

## ***FROM YOUR PASTOR***

I hope that you are planning on being with us this coming Sunday evening for the rescheduled Celebration Banquet. It is always a special time as we are reminded of how God led us to relocate and how He so wonderfully blessed us in doing so. We also will focus on where we are and will be challenged as to where we are going from now.

As you will further read in this newsletter, this past week Bro. Kenny announced his resignation from LBBC to join the staff at Buck Creek Baptist Church. He has been a tireless worker and servant of the Lord in the 10+ years that he has served the Body of Christ here. Since his schedule prevents us from having an appropriate reception for him, speaking on behalf of the church family, I share with you what I have already shared with Bro. Kenny:

I have always boasted to others of your heart and dedication for the Lord. You have demonstrated a compassion for others and a passion for our Savior in all that you have done in your responsibilities on our staff. You will leave behind a powerful mark and legacy upon our ministry. You will forever be the first Associate Pastor of LBBC.

I have appreciated the honor of serving beside you. It has been an unbelievable journey together to see what God has done. Thank you for your example. Thank you for your service. Thank you for your heart that compels you to go beyond what is required. Thank you for the love for others that cannot be quenched. Thank you for your tireless dedication. Thank you for your friendship.



### **HOSPITAL LIST**

Hospitalized or surgeries last 2 weeks: Lynda Loftis, Florence Wilson, Alicia Fulton; Upcoming surgery: Emma Grace Alexander, Ken Huffman, Frieda Taylor

### **SYMPATHY**

We extend Christian love and sympathy to Susan Howell at the passing of her husband Rick and to Jeff and Josh Howell at the passing of their father.



### **CANDIDATES FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP**

#### Coming for Baptism:

Adam Cochran, 522 Dreamers Drive, Inman, SC 29349

#### Coming by Transfer of Letter:

John and Nancy Riley and Hersa Alverson, 290 Trails End, Campobello, SC

## ***FROM YOUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR***

Wow, how do I begin to put into words how I feel about leaving LBBC. I will try, but it won't come close to sharing what's in my heart. After joining the church some 30 years ago, I took a position teaching the 7/8 grade boys' class and never looked back. I have felt so blessed to get to do something that I had only dreamed of doing. This has been an amazing journey seeing all of what God has done at this church.

I want to thank Pastor Mark for giving me the opportunity to serve as Assoc. Pastor along with him for so many years. I will always be indebted to him for seeing something in me to help me hear God's call on my life.

I want to thank the most awesome church members in the world for all your phone calls, notes, and words of encouragement given to me. You have become more like family than church members. I will hold onto the sweetest memories that were made here at LBBC for me and my family.

May God continue His work and His blessings on Lake Bowen. May you be steadfast and always abounding in the work of the Lord.

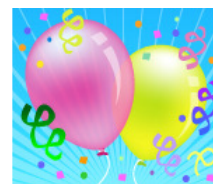
With much love...Kenny McDowell

### **THANK YOU**

The thank you cards are on the office bulletin board just inside the work room. We have received cards from the following: Doris Eubanks and April Bishop

### **LIFE GROUPS**

The new Life Groups will begin their study of book 4 "The Life-Giving Power of Community" on Sunday evening March 15<sup>th</sup>.



### **CELEBRATION BANQUET**

Due to the snow, our annual Celebration Banquet will be this Sunday evening, March 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. The meal will be furnished, but we ask that each family bring a dessert.

## FROM YOUR MINISTER OF MUSIC

**Worship our Guardian:** “And the peace of God... will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”  
Philippians 4:7

Last week my wife Amy was working in the office when our 18 month old daughter Micah brought her our debit card. Micah had been playing in the living room, and Amy’s purse (containing the debit card) was completely out of reach (or so we thought). Somehow, our 31 inch adventurer had scaled the couch and the table and thus gained access to mom’s magical purse. Back on solid ground and having sufficiently cleaned the purse from all its pesky contents, Micah discovered the debit card and shared her prize with her mother as if to foreshadow teenage years in which she’ll undoubtedly be asking “can I borrow this?”

In a sense, a woman’s purse is her life. It contains that which is most valuable and necessary and it is almost always guarded closely. Amy certainly thought that her purse was safe from curious hands – that it was guarded by the height of the table. Needless to say, more caution was needed.

Proverbs 4:23 is a verse that speaks about guarding that which is most valuable to us – our hearts. Above all material possessions (including purses and debit cards), above all fame and honor, above even earthly relationships, our heart (and its closeness to God) is most important. If we allow it to grow cold or distracted away from our Lord, everything else loses purpose and focus.

Thankfully, the task of guarding our hearts is not ours to bear alone. The peace found in knowing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior keeps our hearts secure. We do play a major role in this, however. Our job is to trust Him – to put our faith in His protection, and to praise Him for being our Guardian.

This week, I encourage you to explore Philippians 4:4-9. May we keep our focus on Him and allow His peace to guard our hearts.

*Soli Deo Gloria*  
Tim

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**Our 2-3 year old Preschool Choir needs a teacher.**  
We need someone to help put our children on a path of praise (extensive musical knowledge not required).

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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

### 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.



### IMPACT WEEKEND IS HITTING THE ROAD

Our youth will join with the student ministry of West Salem Baptist Church March 13<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> for a weekend of Bible Study and spiritual growth. The cost is \$10.00 and information packets are available at the registration table outside the Fellowship Hall. Students must pre-register for this event.



### IT'S A GIRL THANG SPIRIT NIGHT AT CHICK-FIL-A THURSDAY, MARCH 12 5 – 9 P.M.

Come support our youth girls by purchasing food and turning in your receipt. The girls will receive 10% of all sales.



### DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 8<sup>th</sup>

Be sure to turn your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.



**WIGGLY GIGGLY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

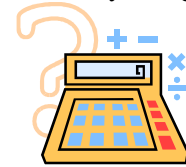
We need people to volunteer on a rotating basis to stay with the preschool children (ages 2-5) on Sunday evenings from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. during the worship service. If you would be willing to help in this ministry, please see Kim Bogan.



**NURSERY WORKERS**

Sunday Evening, March 8: David & René McAbee, Lamar & Brenda West  
Wednesday, March 11: Rhonda Dukes  
Sunday Evening, March 15: Linda McAbee, Andrew & Amanda Thompson  
Wednesday, March 18: Kerry Hodges

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED SATURDAY MORNING**  
We need people to help set up tables and chairs for the Celebration Banquet at 11:00 a.m. Saturday.



**COUNTING COMMITTEE  
SUNDAY, MARCH 8**

Lew & Margaret Russo, Dennis & Kelli Adams  
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**SUNDAY, MARCH 15**

Ed & Luann Cartee, Shannon & Sharon Daugherty



**NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP MEETING**

We will have a meeting Sunday morning, March 15<sup>th</sup>, immediately following the second morning worship service in the fellowship hall for all those planning to go on the Nicaragua mission trip.

**A LOOK AT SUNDAY**

	Feb. 22	Mar. 1
Sunday School:	512	427
Tithes/Offerings:	\$15,202.49	\$13,766.28
Total Building Fund:	\$139,208.91	



**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.



**CHURCH KEYS**

If you have borrowed church keys or van keys to use for an event or for some other reason, we need you to return these keys as soon as possible. We are missing several keys and they are needed when someone uses the building or vans for special events.

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