

The Messenger

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March 30, 2010

Join us Easter Sunday evening at 6:30 as the Adult
Choir and Orchestra present:

3:16
THE NUMBERS OF HOPE

FROM OUR PASTOR

Everything about Easter is an invitation. I am not referring to how Easter, like Christmas, has been hijacked and prostituted by the world with the focus on the Easter bunny delivering gifts. Instead I am referring to the real experience of Easter- beginning with a cheering crowd- who then turns violent. A clueless, sleepy, arguing inner circle- wanting their place in the spotlight until they are thrust in the light of confession and then either flee or stand in denial. A collection of religious leaders- who are everything but that. Governmental authority more concerned with opinion polls- some things never change. A silent Savior- even though He knew exactly what was before Him. A criminal's cross-undeserved, yet necessary. A forgiving, dying Redeemer- *It is finished!*

All of that, not for the best that the world and society had to offer, but for the worst. On one side of the cross we are invited to bring the gross and the ugly of our lives. It has to be that way because on that side of the cross there is nothing good and worthy. It is only on the other side of the cross that we are compelled to bring our best- AFTER we have experienced the life-changing, life-giving power of the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Easter is an invitation to come, draw near, experience. It is the one day of worship for which every believer should make every effort to gather with other followers and worship the risen Lord, even if it has been a long time. Easter isn't about bunnies, nor eggs, nor candy, nor new clothes, nor even family; it is only about Him. What do you intend to make Easter about? For Christ's sake, I hope to see you in worship.

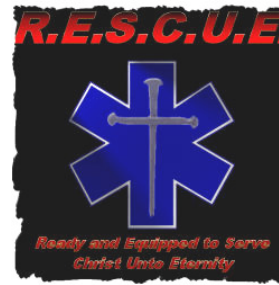
HOSPITAL LIST

Hospitalized or surgeries last 2 weeks: Teresa Brown, Lucille Edwards, Aretta West, Dennis Williams, Jamie Cromer, Lucille Owens, Wes Dukes

SYMPATHY

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

- The family of Chelsey Mitchell that was left out of last newsletter: Lucille Owens at the passing of her great-granddaughter and Travis Owens at the passing of his niece
- Toby, Tina, Haiden, and Connor Yon at the passing of Tina's grandmother
- Travis, Pam, Cason, and Camden Owens at the passing of Pam's grandfather
- Rick and Jackie Burrell at the passing of Jackie's stepfather



R.E.S.C.U.E.
(Youth Ministries)

EVENTS:

- **CHALLENGE 2010 4/11 @ 6:00 pm:** Live speaker **KIRK CAMERON** will be at the Spartanburg Auditorium hosting a free youth evangelistic event. Sign up on board outside of fellowship hall.
- **IT'S A GIRL THANG 2010 4/16**
- **BOOT CAMP 2010 6/3-5:** Save the date. Details and location to come shortly.
- **POWER PLANT** (student mission trip) **7/12-17:** Charleston, WV (no beach students!!!) Cost is \$90 per student attending. Sign up sheet will be on bulletin board. **Deposits due ASAP.** For more details or information on trip see Matt or call 864-809-3309



FROM YOUR PRAYER TEAM

As Easter Sunday approaches, we focus our attention on the great sacrifice Jesus made for us and his victorious resurrection. Let's remember that all year and not just at Easter. More than a fulfillment of prophesies, this act by Jesus paid our sin debt in full. He paid a debt we could never pay. Now by faith in Christ we are reconciled with the Father.

1 Peter 3:18 tells us "For Christ also died for sins once for all, the just for the unjust, so that He might bring us to God, having been put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit."

His sacrifice made it possible for us to approach God's throne. We can do this by praying, reading His word, and spending quiet time listening to Him. If we are not careful, busyness can get in the way of this. We all have things that occupy our time; some of these things are very worthwhile and necessary. Take time every day for prayer and fellowship with our Lord.

Please call on your prayer team at Lake Bowen Baptist Church. We are 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.

MUSIC MINISTRY

"God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God." - 2 Corinthians 5:21

One man, one cross...and our sins firmly securing and fastening Him to hang there to die so that the sins of ALL men are to be forgiven and paid for by His sacrifice.

"..and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin." - 1 John 1:7

Not just this Easter week...but EVERY week, let us remember to share with others the greatest gift ever given to man...*Jesus Christ!!!* Let us, the LBBC church body together and as individuals remember to reach out to those who need to receive the FREE gift of salvation! That is our most important task as followers and believers...it is what we are to do every day of every week of every month of every year of our entire lives...*lead others to Christ!*

Easter night our Choir and Orchestra will present "3:16 - The Numbers of Hope" ...let's share that verse and message of hope...*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whosoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."* - John 3:16 ...with ALL who need it most.

Spread HIS word...share HIS love...spread HIS message...share HIS gift!!!



NEW ARRIVAL

Michael and Jamie Cromer have a son, Gabriel Aaron Cromer, born March 22, 2010. He weighed 6 pounds 14 ounces and was 18 inches long. His brothers are Shane and Zachery Cromer and his sister is Taylor Cromer.

WELCOME

CANDIDATES FOR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP

Coming by Transfer of Letter:

Sam and Karen Quinn, 125 Spring Valley Road, Inman, SC 29349

Coming for Baptism:

Daniel Bishop, 212 Pine Cove Drive, Inman, SC 29349
Joshua Snow, 155 Ridings Road, Campobello, SC 29322

ATTENTION 4TH - 6TH GRADERS



LOCK-IN

FRIDAY, APRIL 9 AT 6:00 P.M.

You must sign up by Wednesday, April 7. Pick up your child Saturday, April 10 at 8:00 a.m.



IT'S A GIRL THANG

APRIL 16 BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

\$20.00 PER GIRL. SIGN UP IN ATRIUM.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS OF SUMMER

Workers are needed for preschool and children Wednesday nights from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Sign up for one night or all summer. Please see Deana Fowler or Kim Bogan.



COLLEGE & CAREER MISSION TRIP

May 30-June 4

C&C will be taking a mission trip to Carson Newman College, a Baptist state college in Jefferson City, TN. The cost is \$50 for housing and meals which will be furnished by the college. The housing will be in the college dorms. Contact the church office or see Pastor Mark for more details.

SINGLES APRIL FELLOWSHIP

DINNER & A MOVIE

APRIL 10, 2010

Meet At O'Charley's

At 5 P.M. For Dinner

With A Movie to Follow



CAMP MCCALL MAINTENANCE

Any adult man (18 & older) who would be interested in going to Camp McCall Friday and Saturday, April 9 and 10, to do maintenance work to get the camp ready for the boys this summer, **please meet with Keith Corn after the second worship service Sunday morning.**



Ladies Ministry

*April 23-24: Extraordinary Women Conference
Greenville BiLo Center*

*May 6: CATERED Dinner and Special Speaker
6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall*

*Oct. 8-9: Priscilla Shirer, Going Beyond
Columbia, SC*



NEW OR ATTENDING MEMBERS CLASS

April 11 or May 16

Lake Bowen Baptist Church

Meet the church leadership. Understand the structure of the church.

Review the foundational beliefs of the church. Know what is spiritually available for you and your family.

Learn of opportunities for you to serve the Lord.

Participate in a question and answer time.

3:30 p.m. to 6:15 p.m. Dinner will be served.

Childcare available.

Sign up for one of the classes in the atrium or on the church website.

A LOOK AT SUNDAY

	March 21	March 28
Sunday School:	376	400
Tithes & Offerings	\$11,394.78	\$14,749.00
Building Fund	\$117,673.93	

LOST YOUR JOB?

For those who have lost your job, we would like to help your search. In the newsletter, *The Messenger*, we will have a section for you to briefly list your info and contact information. On a piece of paper submit the information as follows: Name, phone number, type of employment you are seeking. We will not be able to advertise current businesses; this is only for those seeking positions of employment.

PEOPLE SEEKING EMPLOYMENT

1. Richard VanderMeulen 864-473-1720 – Architect
2. Kirkland Ahern – 828-489-9026 – Seeking position in Behavioral or Mental Health.
3. Scott Rollins – 864-578-0459 – 16 years retail experience, 12 years manufacturing experience and 4 years assistant manager experience



WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER MENU

3-31: Ham, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad, PBJ's, Cookies, and Sweet Tea

4-7: Chicken, Salad, Baked Potato, PBJ's, Dessert, Tea

COUNTING COMMITTEE

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Les & Jean Green, Brian Green, Jackie Cothran, Dennis & Kelli Adams

NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday Evening, April 4: Catherine Patterson, Elizabeth McAbee

Sunday Evening, April 11: Rick & Allison Schmidt

NURSE OR EMT ON CALL FOR CHILDREN

Sunday Morning, April 4: Curtis Cole

Sunday Morning, April 11: Lynn Morris

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