

The Messenger

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- **May 3 – 4:00 p.m.** “Ten Things Parents Need to Know” and “Understanding Spiritual Development of a Child” with guest speaker: Clara Mae Van Brink.
- **May 10** Happy Mother’s Day – No Discipleship Training/Life Groups
- **May 17 – 5:15 p.m.** Open House in Nursery, Preschool and Children’s Departments, and rising 6th graders – Parents, come meet your child’s teacher and visit their classrooms.
- **May 24 – 5:15 p.m.** How to Protect Your Children from Child Abuse
- **May 31 – 5:15 p.m.** Leading Lost People to Christ – Do you know how to answer a child’s or friend’s questions concerning salvation?

FROM YOUR PASTOR

The visitor and I sat and talked before the evening service this past Sunday. We discussed the existence of God and the need to have a relationship with Him. That discussion ended with the visitor needing to know that God was real as we moved into the service.

We picked up our talk after the service and that discussion ended with the visitor's confession- He is real! And then the visitor stated that they wanted to be saved. We knelt in my office and I had the joy of listening to a prayer of confession and acceptance.

And here is my encouragement to you: our visitor said that what God used to make Himself known was at the start of the last segment of the invitation, watching people move forward and sing to our Lord spoke to them of God's presence.

Your worship helped bring someone to Christ. Plan to be here this Sunday and bring someone with you as we continue to understand- The Family Ordered.

HOSPITAL LIST

Hospitalized or surgeries last 2 weeks: Pat Morrell, Stephanie Fortner

SYMPATHY

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

Boyd and Gloria Walton at the passing of Gloria's father
Diane Mormado at the passing of her father

Nikki and Brian Mormando at the passing of their grandfather

Betty Johnson at the passing of her husband, Ralph
Eddie and Lynn Johnson at the passing of Eddie's father
Heather Johnson and Dillon at the passing of Heather's grandfather

Ray Johnson, J. Harold Johnson, Kathleen Shields, Dorothy Hunnicutt, and Thelma Jolley at the passing of their brother

James and Kim Marlow at the passing of James' mother
Caleb Marlow at the passing of his grandmother

RECEPTION FOR TIM

Tim Cotten has resigned as our Minister of Music. We will have a reception for him Sunday evening after the worship service.

MEET AND GREET FOR MATT

Matt Patterson is now our Interim Minister to Students. We will have a meet and greet for him Sunday, May 10th after the evening service.

FROM YOUR MINISTER OF MUSIC

Worship with Thanksgiving "Be joyful always, pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Tank ewe." "Huh?" "Tank ewe. Tank ewe!" As I looked down to try to understand what my 20 month old daughter was trying to say, I was greeted by outstretched hands and another urgent "Tank ewe!!!" We were in the backyard playing with the dog, and she apparently wanted to hold the stick that I had in my hand. Although she didn't know exactly how to ask for it, she knew that she wanted to say "thank you" once I gave it to her.

I didn't think too much about the incident until a few days later when I read Philippians 4:6 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, *with thanksgiving*, present your requests to God." Micah may not have understood what she was doing, but she was correct in saying "thank you" even before the request was granted.

Thanksgiving is rarer than it ought to be, even in the best of times. It is almost non-existent, however, when circumstances turn sour. After all, how many of us naturally thank God when times are tough?

Biblical gratitude is not dependent upon circumstances (see 1 Thess. above). Instead, it is born out of faith that our sovereign God is always in control. We can trust in His provision so much that we can (and should) thank Him even before He answers us. Likewise, we can thank Him even when His answer isn't what we were expecting. At the very least, the life granted by our Creator and the hope secured by our Savior should give us more than enough reason to pour out continuous thanksgiving to Him.

Today, I find myself nearly overcome with gratitude. My Savior's grace and love astounds me, and I am truly thankful that I know Him. I am incredibly grateful for my bride and my three-foot-tall never-ending source of inspiration. I am thankful for God's calling on my life to lead others in worship.

I am also truly thankful that God has allowed me to serve here at Lake Bowen. This is undeniably a wonderful body of believers, and it has been a privilege to worship and work with you. Thank you for your love, your support, and your prayers. I pray that you will continue to live out a life of worship, continually being made more and more into the likeness of Christ. May He bless you, and may you live for Him.

Soli Deo Gloria

Tim



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

Weekly Schedule

Wednesday Service E.M.S. Training 6:30 p.m.
Discipleship Training Sunday 5:30 p.m.

As spring rolls in we see the flowers, trees, grass, and shrubbery return to full bloom after a long winter of rest. With spring's return we often see thunderstorms that test the strength of these plants. It has always amazed me how some trees and plants can fair better during these storms than others. The reason why these plants endure is due to their root system. You see, a deep-rooted plant has a firm foundation that won't give under the high stresses that are found in the storm. The wind can blow, but even some of the tallest of trees won't budge.

Jesus spoke of roots in one of his most famous parables found in Luke 8:4-8. The parable of the sower speaks of four different types of root systems to describe the types of people we encounter. We see some who have no roots that don't believe in God. Some who are shallow rooted who hear the word and are excited initially but turn away after time. Then there are those roots that are choked out by thorns. These are those who hear the word and are quickly turned away due to temptations and distractions in the World. Finally, there are those roots that fall on good ground. They are deep, making a good firm foundation. These are those who are receptive to God's word and live for Him.

You can test how deep rooted you are by asking a simple question. When life sends a storm your way, who do you turn to? A person who is deeply rooted turns in no other direction than to God for help. He is our life vest. He is our anchor. Trust in the Lord and he will see you through even the fiercest of all storms.

Have a Blessed week in the Lord,
Matt Patterson

Announcements

Afterglows - May 10th & 17th
World Changers Summer Mission Trip Location - Anniston, Alabama July 18th-25th. Deposit due May 17th \$45.00. (Remaining \$45.00 balance due June 7th.)
Youth needed to help at Yard Sale this Saturday-May 2nd
Youth Volunteers needed for Children's Choir, VBS, and Wiggly Giggly club. See Matt for information.
Paintball gathering on Saturday, May 30th.
Youth Sunday School teacher's meeting this Sunday May 3rd @ 5 pm.



ATTENTION GRADUATES

If you are graduating from high school or college, please call the church office and give us your name and school and to let us know if you will participate in our Recognition Service on May 31.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

If you are a mother or a daughter, you are invited.

MAY 10, 2009 - 7:30 A.M.

Childcare Provided

Sign up Sunday in Sunday School or at Welcome Desk.

Men, if you would like to help cook, set up, or watch children, please sign up in SS or Welcome Desk.



LBBC GOLF TOURNAMENT

Captain's Choice

Four Man Team

May 9, 2009

1:30 P.M. at Woodfin Ridge

There is a \$45.00 entry fee. Two mulligans are \$5.00 each and 1 red tee is \$5.00. Sign up in the atrium. If you have questions, please call Jared Corn - 431-7959, Keith Corn - 921-9811, or Les Upton - 706-2597 or 592-9372. **ALL PROCEEDS GO TO THE NICARAGUA MISSION TRIP.**

WORKERS NEEDED

Any men interested in going to Camp McCall to work on cabins, please contact Keith Corn. The dates are May 1st and 2nd. We will leave the church at 6:00 p.m. Friday.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 14-19

We need people to work in our VBS this summer. If you are willing to help, please sign up at the Welcome Desk.

PRESCHOOL CAMPOUT MAY 15th 7:00 P.M.

4 & 5 Year Old SS Classes & Parents



Thank you cards are on the bulletin board in the work room of the office. We have received cards from: The Ruth Gilbert Family, Joyce Holcombe



It's a Girl Thang

May 22 – 23

8:00 p.m. Friday to 8:00 a.m. Saturday

All youth and college age girls are invited.

The cost is \$20.00 per girl. Sign up in the atrium.

Do you have pictures from the 1970's that we could use for the event? We would love to see your groovy outfits and fabulous hair styles. We will return your pictures.

Also needed are old roller skates, platform shoes and vinyl records. The skates and shoes will be returned, so please label with name. The records will not be returned. Please place items in the Girl Thang box in the atrium.



FROM YOUR PRAYER TEAM

We all have our trials and circumstances we wish were different. Things don't always work out like we want. Some situations are much worse than others. Jesus spoke about this. He said in John 16:33 "These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world." That is what our Savior said. Our faith and trust must be totally in Him.

Let's go back to the Old Testament and read Psalm 118:5 "From my distress I called upon the LORD; The LORD answered me and set me in a large place." That should be an encouragement for all of us to pray.

Do you know someone experiencing difficult times? Think about what sharing these verses and a little of your time could mean to them. Remember, it is God's will that we should pray. Hebrews 4:16 tells us: "Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need."

Your prayer team here at Lake Bowen Baptist Church is 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.



Church-Wide Yard Sale/Car Wash

Saturday May 2, 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon

There is no cost-you bring your stuff, you sell your stuff. The youth will collect non-clothing items to sell. If you have items to donate for the youth to sell, you may bring them this week and place in hallway next to the kitchen. The youth are also having a car wash during the sale.



SURFING SUNDAY SCHOOL MAY MADNESS!

FUN, FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP FOR ALL

Please Sign Up In Children's Department Entrance!

1ST Grade – Saturday, May 16th

When: 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Where: Shelter/Gym if Rain

What: Fun Day! – Bounce House, Games,

Playground, Pizza & Crafts - No Cost

2nd & 3rd Grade – Friday, May 15th

When: 6:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Where: Meet at church and go to Mr. Gatti's

What: Pizza & Games

Cost: \$5.00 per child

4th & 5th Grade – Friday, May 8th &

Saturday, May 9th

Where: Church Fellowship Hall to start

What: Lock In – Mr. Gatti's, a Movie, Back to Church for Games & More!

Bring pillow & blanket – just in case we sleep

Cost: \$7.00 per child



NURSERY WORKERS

Sunday Evening, May 3: Ronnie & Carolyn Moore, Linda M. McAbee

Wednesday, May 6: Rhonda Dukes

Sunday Evening, May 10: Les & Jean Green, Lawrence & Janet Rosman

Wednesday, May 13: Kerry Hodges

COUNTING COMMITTEE

SUNDAY, MAY 3

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

SUNDAY, MAY 10

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

A LOOK AT SUNDAY

	April 19	April 26
Sunday School:	463	450
Tithes/Offerings:	\$14,826.74	\$14,458.70
Total Building Fund:	\$113,504.47	

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