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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Join us on Sunday evenings for our new contemporary worship service "Sunday Night Praise" from 7:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. This will be a time of praise and worship, prayer and fellowship. Everyone is invited to come and experience this new worship service. We look forward to seeing you there!

WEEKLY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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| <p>Sunday 9:45 a.m. Bible Study 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship 5:15 p.m. Children's M & M (Music & Missions) Youth Discipleship Training 6:00 p.m. Choir Practice 7:30 p.m. Sunday Night Praise Contemporary Service</p> | <p>Monday 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts</p> | <p>Wednesday 6:00 p.m. K.I.S.S. (Keep It Simple Supper) 6:30 p.m. Bible Studies and Prayer Meeting 7:30 p.m. Handbell Practice</p> <p>Thursday 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting</p> |
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The Reminder



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WOMEN'S CONFERENCE SATURDAY, APRIL 4TH FEATURING TRUDY CATHY WHITE CO-FOUNDER OF IMPACT 360



Join us for a Women's Conference at Buies Creek First Baptist Church on Saturday, April 4th from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The theme of the conference is *A Life Seasoned with Faith, Adding Spice to all the Seasons of Life*. We are pleased to have Trudy Cathy White leading our conference. Trudy is a wife, a mom, a missionary, an executive and the daughter of Chick-Fil-A founder S. Truett Cathy. Trudy brings unique insights to the recipe of a "successful" life, come expecting great things! Tickets for the event are \$20 and include all conference materials, parking and lunch. Tickets can be purchased through the WMU leadership team or at the church office. For more information call 893-4280 or see Gina Smith. We look forward to seeing you at the conference!

Pastor's Paragraphs

By the time you receive this newsletter, we will either have concluded our revival services or be in the midst of them. Either way, as I write, I can only anticipate what I hope to see the Lord do during this special time in the life of the church. We are in the midst of Lent and moving quickly toward Easter. We are thinking of our Lord's walk toward Jerusalem and the cross, a sacrifice He made willingly for us. As we remember His sacrifice, we take time to look deeply within ourselves and ask one simple question: "What sacrifice have I made for Jesus?" This is truly a reflective time and a time for us to recommit ourselves fully to the Lord. There is no better time for a revival than during Lent. It is a time to seek the face of God and open ourselves completely to Him. It is a time to realize that if revival is to come to us, our church, and our nation, it must begin within us. Whether you receive this newsletter during or after the revival services, it is a time for us to turn to God and trust Him completely. It is a time to take seriously the call of Christ to take up our cross and follow him daily. If there is to be a spiritual renewal, a resurrection of our spirits, it will come only after we allow our sinful natures to be crucified on the cross with Christ. Resurrection can only happen after death. As a nation, we must die to our own desire to "fix" everything ourselves and allow God to be at the center of who we are as a people. We must die to the idea that we must keep God out of everything that isn't church, and expect him to be pleased with what we call "being tolerant." We must die to the notion that God will bless us no matter what we do and realize that He will bless us only when we turn to Him and trust Him. We must die to the notion that as a church we are here only to maintain the past and preserve our history. We must die to the idea that we can take God for granted and expect Him to smile upon us. We must die to the belief that we can take our time, talents, and resources and use them on ourselves to the neglect of our tithe to the Lord's work through the church or considering the needs of others. I could go on and on, but you know what I am saying. If revival is to take place or is to continue to happen, we must pray for it, expect it, and trust the Lord to let it start and continue in us. Revival is an individual thing. It is only important to us if we allow God to make it happen in us.

Easter is on the way. Resurrection is sure and certain. Jesus is alive. That we celebrate. That is our hope for today and forever. For resurrection to happen in us and our spirits to come alive again, even in the midst of our national and world situation, you and I must be of the same mind as Paul who said he was crucified with Christ, nevertheless he lived. Yet it was not he, but Christ who lived in him. My prayer for each of you is that you will die to whatever you need to die to, in order that you may live victoriously and abundantly with Christ, both in this life and in the life to come. As a result, we will reach others for Christ and the glory of God. I believe our Lord has something great in store for Buies Creek First Baptist Church and for each of us. I want what He desires for us, don't you? Whatever happens through the Lord's use of Rhyme & Reason and the revival services, it is my hope that Jesus will reign in us in this place and we will serve Him faithfully.

I look forward to seeing you Sunday and to the celebration of Easter and Resurrection with you. God bless you now and always.

Pastor Michael



**APRIL
BIRTHDAYS**

- 4 Arlene Brown-Page
- 6 Susan Carpenter
- 9 Bob Roberson
- 9 Levi Lemons
- 10 Dorothea Gilbert
- 19 Janice McLeod
- 19 Elizabeth Mason
- 20 Larry Stewart
- 20 Tom Lanier Jr.
- 21 Gayle Stewart
- 22 Chris Stewart
- 26 Chris Hare

**ANNIVERSARIES
IN
APRIL**

Celebrating 
An Anniversary This Month

29 Larry & Marilyn Buie

Food Pantry Spotlight

Each month we will spotlight a different category of food for donations to the Food Pantry as well as a special treat for the children of the families that this food will go to. April's spotlight item is boxed dry goods such as Hamburger Helper, Pasta Salads, Stuffing, Brownie/Cake mix, and breakfast cereals. The special treat for the children for this month is suckers or gum. Thank you for your generous donations to the Food Pantry and be sure to check again next month for the next category. If you have any questions about the Food Pantry please contact Brenda or Sumer Edwards.

Financial Outlook 2009

Budget amount needed to date as of
3/15/09 = \$64,822.12
21% of annual budget

Budget amount received to date as of
3/15/09 = \$53,009.10
17% of annual budget

Summer Mission Trip News!

Our 2009 Church-wide Mission trip will be July 13-18. We will be participating in the North Carolina Baptist Men "Deep Impact" program in Red Springs, NC. There is a need for: Backyard Bible Study/VBS, Sports Camp, and Light Construction. Be on the lookout for registration forms and deposit information we will need to get these filled out and the deposit money in soon. If you are interested in going on this upcoming mission trip please see Gene Lewis or another Mission Leader and let them know A.S.A.P. More information will be coming in the weeks ahead so be on the lookout and keep this trip in your prayers. Thank you.

Easter Celebration

Our Easter Celebration for children and their families will be on Sunday, April 5th. Plastic eggs and wrapped candies are needed for our annual egg hunt. If this is something that you can help with please see Debbie Jones by March 29th. Thank you.

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER: Our Nation and its Leaders, our missionaries, all Service Men and Women, Andrew Upshaw (Germany, Al's nephew), Peter (Chip) Dinklage (Iraq), Wiley Yates, P.J. Melvin (Iraq), Mary Rhodes (Journeyman), Celia Melvin, Anne Oxford, Veronica Stewart, Wayne Hatcher, Kelli Melvin, Helen Occhiuzzo (Jill Inscore's grandmother), Wanda Melanson (Eric Matthews' sister), Juanita Kendrick (Ron Kendrick's mother), Wanda Miller (Roger Tankersley's sister), Bunn Bennett (Joyce Stewart's brother-in-law), Vera Bostick (Jennifer Stewart's mother), Joyce Haire (Brenda Edwards' aunt), Larry Wynns (Joe Wynns' uncle), and our homebound: Jill Upshaw-IHS Nash in Rocky Mount, Donna Turlington, Hazel Weaver, Mattie Slaughter, Iva Newton, Mary Lucas (Brenda Edwards' grandmother), Billy Mason-Parrish Nursing Center in Dunn, Doug Johnson, Beulah Stewart-Harnett Manor in Lillington, Wayne and Doris Morgan, May Marshbanks, Mae Danner-Windsor Point in Fuquay-Varina, Mae Kuhns-Harnett Manor in Lillington, Ruby Biggs-Brookfield Retirement Center in Lillington, Leon Davis-Harnett Manor in Lillington, Juanita Hight-Brookfield Retirement Center in Lillington, Mildred Harmon-Freedom House in San Antonio, Frances Jones-Britthaven of Harnett in Dunn, Doris Yates-Britthaven of Harnett in Dunn, Sue A. Brown, Mary Ramer-Brookfield Retirement Center in Lillington, and Eloise Sheppard.

KidShine

"Let your light shine before men...and
praise your Father in heaven."
Matthew 5:16

"I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit in you..." Ezekiel 36:26-27a. I hope, as we are experiencing revival you are feeling revived and refreshed. May we all feel God's Spirit moving anew within our hearts and souls as we approach the holy season of Easter.

This year is quickly moving right along, our Easter Celebration for children and their families will be on Sunday, April 5th. Plastic eggs and wrapped candy or goodies are needed for our annual egg hunt. If this is something that you can help with, please contact me by March 29th. This will give me time to purchase what is still needed. Thanks so much for your support of this ministry and certainly for loving the children.

It is also time to begin planning and preparation for Vacation Bible School. This year's theme is **CROCODILE DOCK...WHERE FEARLESS KIDS SHINE GOD'S LIGHT**. This will be an exciting time, discovering God's presence, power, love, life and care. This VBS is buzzing with fun for kids, teenagers and adults as we experience amazing Bible adventures. At our "Bible Bayou" we will be following Moses as he leads God's children out of Egypt. Also this year, we will be adding something new called "*God Sightings*." Those participating will be watching for God in their everyday life. They will discover that God is constantly active in our lives and that His fingerprints are everywhere! I am really excited about how God will use this experience to touch and change lives. However, it will take many volunteers to make it happen, so **PLEASE** be in prayer for where God can use you! I will be sharing more verbally and visually very soon. So, pray...pray...pray and we will see you at the Bayou!

LET YOUR LITTLE LIGHT SHINE!

Debbie

Buies Creek First Baptist Church Holy Week Services April 6-12, 2009

Palm Sunday: Jesus rides into Jerusalem to the shouts and praise of the crowds.
11:00 a.m.—Celebration Worship and Triumphant Music of Praise

Monday: Jesus returns to Jerusalem and cleanses the Temple.
12:00 p.m.—Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Rev. Faithe Beam, Campus Minister, Campbell University

Tuesday: The chief priests, scribes and elders question Jesus' authority.
12:00 p.m.—Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Rev. Mark Howard, Pastor of Kennebec Bapt. Church in Angier

Wednesday: Judas offers to turn Jesus over to the chief priests.
12:00 p.m.—Lenten Luncheon at Buies Creek First Baptist Church
Speaker: Dr. David Whiteman, Pastor of Memorial Baptist Church

Maundy Thursday: Jesus shares his last Passover meal with his disciples.
6:00 p.m.—Pot Luck Supper in the Fellowship Hall
Communion Service to follow the evening meal
Speaker: Dr. Michael Simmons, Pastor of the Buies Creek First Baptist Church

Good Friday: Jesus dies on the cross in our place for our sin.
12:00 p.m.—Luncheon and Communion in the Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Rev. Dan Deaton, Director of Missions, Little River Baptist Association

Saturday: Jesus remains in the tomb while his disciples hide.

Easter Sunday: Jesus rises from the dead and assures believers of everlasting life.
6:30 a.m.—Easter Sunrise Service at Buies Creek Cemetery
Speaker: Dr. David Whiteman, Pastor of Memorial Baptist Church
*Breakfast to follow in the Fellowship Hall of Memorial Baptist Church
11:00 a.m.—Easter Celebration of Worship in the Sanctuary
Speaker: Dr. Michael Simmons, Pastor of the Buies Creek First Baptist Church

*Events in the life of Jesus during Holy Week are based on the Gospel of Mark. Luncheon reservations should be made by calling the church office at 893-4280. A donation of \$4 is suggested for the Luncheon on Monday, Tuesday, and Friday. There is a charge of \$4 for the Lenten Luncheon on Wednesday.

WMU News

Great excitement!! Our total collection for the Heck-Jones Missions Offering was well over our goal. Many thanks to all those who helped.

The Annie Armstrong North American Missions Offering will be collected during April. Our BCFBC goal is \$500.00. This offering helps fund home missionaries and their work. Your envelope should be in your box of offering envelopes. If you need an envelope, please use one in the pew and mark it for Annie Armstrong Offering. Be on the lookout for Annie Armstrong to make an appearance is our sanctuary one Sunday!!

The Women's Conference is Saturday, April 4. Our speaker will be Trudy Cathy White, the daughter of the founder of Chick Filet. The Seasons of Life is our topic. Tickets are \$20 and include lunch.

Two groups for women continue to meet regularly and want ladies of all ages to know there are spaces for anyone who would like to join us. Frances Lewis leads one group which meets during the day and Gina Lewis leads the group meeting on Wednesday nights.

A Message from the Minister of Music

The Kidz Khoir is gearing up for a fun musical to be presented on Sunday, May 17 at 6:00 pm. This musical entitled "Living Inside Out in an Upside Down World" has the kids singing about exercising, recognizing God in the choices we make, and how to set our priorities. They are very enthusiastic about their parts and are having fun learning the music. We are even singing a rendition of the old song "Three Blind Mice" but the composers changed it to "Three Blind Guys" and we have named it "Three Blind Girls" since we have more girls than guys. Everyone will enjoy the kids as they participate in this exciting adventure at Buies Creek First Baptist Church.

The sanctuary choir is working on music for the Easter season. There are so many beautiful songs to express our belief in what Jesus did for us and how he paid the price for us to understand life and how to live it. We hope our music does minister to all of you. We would love for you to come join us in this avenue of ministry to the congregation.

Handbell Choir members are continuing to practice and we will hear from them soon in the Sunday morning service.

Thanks go out to Joan Lanier, Brenda Brown and Jane Tart and all the helpers who led us in a family night of fun and music. They had everyone laughing and singing. Viewing the beautiful legs of the men in our church was quiet humorous! The Fellowship Hall was full of hysterical laughter. Carolyn Johnson has missed her calling as a stand up comedian but she shared her gift of laughter with us. She is hilarious making fun of us old people and those "in love!" We need to make this an annual event.

See you in church!