

To Know Him & Make Him Known

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Dear Friends,

As I think about the needs of the church, I have come to the conclusion that any church needs people who are committed to reading the Bible. Sometimes a systematic plan of personal Bible study can be daunting. Folks don't know where and how to start. One thing is sure – you don't have to invest in a 20-volume set of commentaries, or enroll in a Bible college.

My suggestion is to begin with a translation that you can read comfortably. There are some good ones out there. Find one that "fits" you. Then start to read. Daily. You begin by beginning.

Several years ago I heard about a six-point plan for getting something out of almost any passage of Scripture. It can make your Bible-reading time an opportunity to enjoy God and His message. Read a passage of Scripture, and then ask yourself these questions: What did I like? What did I not like? What did I not understand? What did I learn about God? What should I do? What phrase from this passage can I take with me today?

This simple plan can help to renew your appreciation for the Bible. Then you will be able to say that God's Word is "the rejoicing of my heart." (Psalm 119:11)

Think about that!

Love,
Merle

Calendar of Events (March & April):

March 2 – Wednesday	Stewardship Committee Meeting following Prayer Service
March 6-13:	Week of Prayer for North American Missions
March 7 – Monday:	Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM
March 8 – Tuesday:	WMU Meeting, Geraldine Elliott's, 2:00 PM
March 16 – Wednesday:	Family Night Fellowship / Supper & Business Conference
March 19 – Saturday:	Easter Egg Hunt 10:00 AM
March 20 – Sunday:	Palm Sunday / Lord's Supper
March 23 – Wednesday:	*No Wednesday Night Services*
March 24 – Thursday:	Maundy Thursday Service 7:00 PM
March 27 – Sunday:	Easter – Sunrise Service 6:00 AM
March 30 – Wednesday	Youth Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser
March 31 – Thursday	Youth Ice Skating Trip

April 4 – Monday:	Deacon's Meeting 7:00 PM
April 6 – Wednesday	Stewardship Committee Meeting following Prayer Service
April 8, 9, & 10	Youth Disciple Now Weekend
April 9 – Saturday:	TeamKid – Movie Day at Raleighwood Cinemas
April 12 – Tuesday:	WMU Meeting, Geraldine Elliott's, 2:00 PM
April 13 – Wednesday:	Family Night Fellowship / Supper

Weekly Activities:

Sundays:

9:45 AM	Morning Bible Study
11:00 AM	Worship Service
5:00 PM	Turning Point Youth
5:30 PM	Children's Choir Practice
6:30 PM	Adult Choir Practice

Wednesday:

6:30 PM	Shaken (Youth Bible Study)
7:00 PM	Adult Prayer Service
7:00 PM	TeamKid (Children's Bible Study)

Birthdays:

March 1 – Megan Kelly
March 2 – Morris Whited
March 3 – Bob Howell
March 6 – Jay Woolard
March 8 – Amanda Ray
March 9 – Carol Keith
March 17 – Charlotte Peedin
March 21 – Hunter Ray
March 23 – Brooke Hayden
March 27 – Matthew Knight
March 28 – Donald Keith
March 29 – Becky Shue
March 29 – Jim Peedin

April 4 – Gary Wallace
April 4 – Claybon Ray
April 5 – Stephanie Hayden
April 7 – Steven Schmitt
April 7 – Terry March
April 10 – Dena Whited
April 12 – Perry Ray, Sr.
April 13 – Mittie Moore
April 20 – Elizabeth Musgrove
April 20 – Jesse Ray
April 25 – Lauren Gray
April 27 – James Ray
April 28 – Dale Austin
April 29 – Matthew Ray
April 30 – Robert Tarpley

Wedding Anniversaries:

March 7 – Randall & Nancy Tidwell
March 7 – Merle & Jennifer Martin
March 15 – Morris & Dena Whited
March 23 – Alan & Beth Cotney

April 2 – Dean/Elizabeth Foland
April 10 – Jimmy/Louise Goldston
April 20 – Bobby/Mittie Moore
April 23 – Rusty/LeeAnne Kelly

Our Sympathies:

Sandra Schmitt & Family, with the death of Sandra's mother Mrs. Mary Moore

Jim Pollard & Family with the death of Jim's mother Mrs. Shirley Costello

Family Events:

For our annual Marriage Retreat, we have two options to choose from. In August 12-14, we have the "Marriage Impact" retreat or in October 14-16 we have the "Fall Festival of Marriage". During the next two months, I would like to receive some feedback from interested couples so we can decide which retreat we will attend this year.

Let me know which of the two Marriage Retreats you and your spouse would be interested in attending.

-Dale Austin (dale@wakeminster.org)

Marriage Impact 2005 is the premier marriage event inviting couples to experience exciting outdoor adventures combined with powerful Bible-study and inspirational worship. Each morning, couples from across the country will enjoy fellowshiping together during a relaxing breakfast, followed by a short but meaningful time of Bible-study. Then, throw on your worn out khaki shorts and lace up your hiking boots. Couples can select from a fantastic list of recreational adventures, from whitewater rafting to scaling a 40-ft. climbing wall. There's plenty of more relaxing options as well, with canoeing, horseback riding, and mountain biking. And just wait until you see the hiking trails at Ridgecrest and Glorietta. Ridgecrest's thick mountain laurel cascades over parts of the trails forming a lush umbrella to walk under, while Rattlesnake Lookout offers a spectacular view of the North Carolina horizon. Marriage Impact offers even more options for those looking for a more leisurely weekend. The Asheville, NC area is known as one of the most popular tourist locations in the nation.

Festival of Marriage 2005 is a Christ-centered enrichment weekend designed to help a husband and wife grow in their relationship with God and with each other, all in a special, great-escape location! Each Friday through Sunday getaway weekend is set in an exciting location in the mountains, at the beach, or at a popular resort location! And each offers

- 6 workshop sessions with multiple topics of interest to you and your spouse
- 3 general sessions with speakers, drama, and music
- Saturday afternoon free time — date time!
- Candlelight Renewal of Vows Ceremony
- Date time for you and your spouse

Financial Report: As of 2/28/05

February Offerings: \$16,208.52 February Expenses: \$14,701.60
YTD Offerings: (Since 9/1/04) \$75,306.54 YTD Expenses: \$75,614.36
Bank Account Balances: General Fund: \$6,517.96 Building Fund Total: \$271,093.58

Memorials - Building Fund

Truett and Cindy Ray in memory of Mary Moore, Sandra Schmitt's Mother

TeamKid / Children Happenings:

Each family is invited to bring their children on Wednesday evenings for TeamKid. Our Wednesday family services start at 7:00 PM. We will have our TeamKid Movie day on Saturday, April 9th. See Dale later in March for the specific time of our movie/meal at Raleighwood Cinemas.

Our annual Easter Egg hunt will be held on Saturday, March 19 around 10:00 AM.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Carrie Arnold
Tonya Barham
Minnie Benfield
Lynda Bolzner
Alexander Craig
Sophie & Cliff
Edwards
Geraldine Elliott
Jimmy Goldston
Violet Johnson
Kathy Keith
Bobbie Lane
Douglas Martin
Bobby Moore
Bonnie Nichols
Coit & Helen Ray
Jesse Ray
Ola Ray
Ruth Ray
Cheryl Scanlan

CHILDREN' WORSHIP

MARCH

6 - Robert Tarpley
13 - Terry Marsh
20 - Beth Schmitt, Ashley Ray
27 - Dale Austin

APRIL

3 - Tony & Stephanie Hayden
10 - Diane Wallace
17 - Jeff Pollard, Steven Schmitt
Perry Ray
24 - Kelly Singleton

WORSHIP SERVICE NURSERY

MARCH

6 - Tony & Stephanie Hayden
13 - Bill & Sandra Schmitt
20 - Ben & Kelly Singleton
27 - Ellen Berry

APRIL

3 - Jeff & Mary Grainger
10 - Tim & Leanne Keith
17 - Rusty & Lee Ann Kelley
24 - Robert Tarpley

Youth Happenings:

Dear Youth,

What an exciting time to be a part of the youth at Wakeminster Baptist Church! We have so many upcoming events planned that it will make your head spin. There is no way for you to keep up with them unless you stay plugged in to our weekly activities. Make sure that you don't miss a week or a day of activities or you might miss some important information about upcoming events.

We are pumped about the Disciple Now that we will be having in April and I want to take a moment to encourage you to make sure that you don't miss it. You should plan your schedule around this event because it promises to be one of the most life changing events in the life of our youth and hopefully even our church. A lot of what we do will be focused on leading up to this event and we want you to be a part of it. If there is anyone that knows of a student that doesn't attend church somewhere this would be the event to invite them to. There is no way they could leave unchanged from what will take place during this weekend. **DON'T MISS IT!!!!!!!**

We also have some exciting new Bible studies that will be beginning in April. Beth is going to start an all girls Bible study that will deal with issues that are specific to teenage ladies. I am going to be doing the same for the guys of the youth group. These studies should be something that will help all of the youth with problems, temptations, and struggles that they face everyday. I know it will be helpful to you and you will want to clear your calendar to be there.

Below is a calendar of all of the upcoming youth events. We want you to feel like you belong, so if you have any questions feel free to call Beth or myself at anytime. There will be some more news shortly about time for us to spend one on one with each of the youth, whether visitors or members. Again, let me say what an honor it is to be your Youth Minister. I thank God for our relationship.

I Love YOUth!!!!

Alan

Wednesdays in the month of March:	"So I'm saved, now what?" Bible study in 1 John
Sunday nights in March & April:	A Survey of World Religions
March 30 Wednesday:	Youth Spaghetti Supper Fundraiser
March 31 Thursday:	Youth Ice Skating
Wednesdays in the month of April:	Girls & Guys Bible studies
April 8,9, & 10:	Disciple Now (cost is \$25/person)

Sunday Night Food Calendar

March 6: Open
March 13: Elizabeth Foland
March 20: Charlie & Jan Alicardi
March 27: Ted & Carol Keith
April 3: Open
April 10: Open
April 17: Open
April 24: Open