



To Know Him & Make Him Known

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Dear Friends,

As most of you surely know, Jennifer and I entered a new phase of our lives on Sunday, February 22, at 4:00 PM. Our daughter, Beth Anne, and Son-in-Law, Peter, presented us with our beautiful first grandchild, Bella Grace Arnold. I was told by more than one grandparent that the first sight of a grandchild is an indescribable joy. I know that for myself, now.

As I looked at her tiny body (when they finally let me in), I thought of the passage from Psalm 139, "For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well." God's handiwork is awesome!

I pray that the Lord will continue to bless Bella Grace and her parents as she grows and as they grow in this new role in their lives as well. Jennifer and I want to express to you our heartfelt thanks for your many prayers, gifts, support, and good wishes during this wonderful time.

"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God has prepared beforehand that we should walk in them." Ephesians 2:10.

Love,
Merle

RESURRECTION SUNDAY SERVICES:

"You seek Jesus of Nazareth, which was crucified: He is risen; He is not here: behold the place where they laid Him."
- Mark 16:6



Resurrection Day/Easter this year is on Sunday, April 12th.

We will be changing our Sunday worship service schedule during the celebration of Resurrection Sunday with a Sunrise Service starting at 7:00 AM and ending all of our services by 11:00 AM. The children will be leading the Sunrise Service this year. Any children who wish to participate in the Sunrise Service are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings during TeamKID or Sunday mornings during Children's Church.

Sunday, April 12th Morning Schedule

- 7:00–7:45 Sunrise Easter Service
- 8:00–8:45 Fellowship Breakfast
- 9:00–10:00 Sunday School / Morning Bible Study
- **10:00–11:00 Sunday Morning Worship Service**

Our normal 11:00 AM service will be held one (1) hour earlier from 10:00 – 11:00. There will be no afternoon services or programs.

MUSIC NOTES

"She wrapped him in cloths and placed him in a manger." Luke 2:7 NIV

We don't often sing of Christmas and Easter in the same song, but Rae E. Whitney's text for the hymn, "Christmas Has Its Cradle," set to the tune, PETHHEL, beautifully shows the relationship between Christmas and Easter. Because it is not a familiar tune, this is not a hymn that we usually sing in the worship service, but the text is so poignant, that I just had to share it with you. You can read the entire text in [The Baptist Hymnal](#) (1991 edition), hymn #152.

Christmas has its cradle, where a Baby cried;
Did the lantern's shadow show Him crucified?
Did He foresee darkly His life's willing loss?
Christmas has its cradle and Easter has its cross.

Christmas has its cradle, where the Baby cried;
In the Easter garden, Christ lay, crucified;
When death's pow'r was conquered, God's life through Him poured;
Christmas has its cradle and Easter has its Lord!

Praise God! Jesus did not stay in the cradle, nor did he remain in the tomb. May you and your family have a blessed Resurrection Day!

Anniversaries:

Dean & Elizabeth Foland	April 2
Jimmy & Louise Goldston	April 10
John & Chris Gray	April 12
Bobby & Mittie Moore	April 20
Rusty & LeeAnn Kelley	April 23
Bill & Sandra Schmitt	May 4
Mike & Sheila Boyce	May 25
Gary & Diane Wallace	May 28
Stephen & Amanda Ray	June 24
Ted & Carol Keith	June 25

Birthdays:

Claybon Ray	April 4
Gary Wallace	April 4
Stephanie Hayden	April 5
Terry Marsh	April 7
Steven Schmitt	April 7
Dena Whited	April 10
Perry Ray, Sr.	April 12
Mittie Moore	April 13
Lauren Gray	April 25
James Ray	April 27
Dale Austin	April 28
Edna Mitchell	April 28
Matthew Ray	April 29
Robert Tarpley	April 30
Brenda Barbee	May 4
George Ray, Jr.	May 6
Josh Tidwell	May 13
Bill Schmitt	May 14
Robbie Keith	May 15
John Nichols	May 15
Hannah Grace Austin	May 16
Lisa Keith Johnson	May 18
Tonya Barham	May 25
Dean Foland	June 1
Morgan Whited	June 2
Kendall Wallace	June 4
Michael Boyce	June 4
Pat King	June 10
Sheila Boyce	June 11
Jeffrey Pollard	June 13
Ashley Ray	June 13
Beth Anne Arnold	June 14
Rachel Goldston	June 17
Chuck Marsh	June 18
Ted Keith	June 20
Jeff Grainger	June 21
Kevin Estes	June 24

Websites to Check Out:

For movie reviews from a Christian perspective, go to: www.pluggedinonline.com.

For good advice on a variety of topics that affect family life, go to: www.family.org (Focus on the Family)

www.familylife.com (Family Life Today)

To look up scripture passages when a Bible may not be handy, visit www.bible.com.

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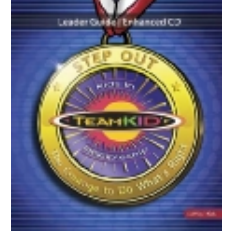
CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

"And He said: 'I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'" Matthew 18:3 (NIV)

TeamKID

Each Wednesday evening (except for the Family Fellowship evenings) we have TeamKID (Kids In Discipleship) for children ages 4 to 11.

We have begun our new TeamKID study titled "STEP OUT". In the STEP OUT study series, kids are encouraged to step out and do what is right in all parts of their lives. We are studying the great stories and people in the Bible in chronological order to learn about issues ranging from the courage to make the right choices, to the courage to admit when they are wrong, to the courage to follow God's leadership.



Community Easter Egg Hunt

Our annual community-wide Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 11th, from 10:00 to 11:30 AM at Boyce Farms on Mount Vernon Church Road. Please be sure to invite your friends to this event. Dale will tell the Resurrection Story; there will be games; and of course, the kids will get to hunt eggs.

Summer VBS



Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it. The VBS training that starts in the next few months will soon be announced. Kickoff is Saturday, June 13th, from 9:30 AM to noon. VBS begins on Sunday, June 14th, at 6:00 PM with a snack supper and ends at 8:30 PM each evening through Thursday, June 18th. The last night (June 18th) is Family Night; all of the participants' families are invited to join us. If you are interested in leading one of the VBS classes, assisting with crafts, or providing snack supper, please contact Stephanie Hayden.

Backyard Bible Club

Our annual Backyard Bible Clubs will be held on the following Sundays: June 21st, June 28th, and July 5th. Backyard Bible Club is an extension of Vacation Bible School, and all children ages 4 to 11 are invited to join us. We are currently looking for homes to host the clubs on June 21st and June 28th, so if you are interested in hosting us on one of these dates, please call or e-mail Dale Austin (dale@wakeminster.org). The final meeting is a Family Backyard Bible Club. The entire family is invited to join us at Blue Jay Point for a Bible story, games, and a cookout. In the event of rain, we will have the final meeting in the fellowship hall at the church, and we will plan indoor games and have a potluck supper. Last year, the Family Night was a hit, so we hope to make this an annual part of Backyard Bible Club.

TREASURER'S REPORT

"A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD." (God speaking to Moses) Leviticus 27:29 (NIV)

This financial report was submitted during the Church Business Meeting on March 11, 2009.

YTD Summary (as of February 28, 2009)

There are three significant issues of deficit affecting Wakeminster financially for the first six months of the 2008/2009 Church year.

- \$7,314.02 shortfall of undesignated offering receipts (was \$8,450.75 from two months ago).
- \$4,158.62 shortfall of building fund offering receipts (was \$6,684.08 from two months ago). All mortgage payments are paid from the Building Fund. YTD we have received \$15,475.00 in Building Fund offerings and paid \$19,633.62 in mortgage payments.
- \$9,078.05 shortfall of directed offering receipts for parsonage repairs (was \$14,878.05 from two months ago). We have received \$6,800.00 in offerings, and we have paid \$21,678.05 towards repairs.

Total of 3 deficits = \$20,550.69 (was \$30,012.88 from two months ago)

Bank Account Balances

Building Loan: \$ 313,671.26
Building Fund: \$ 26,144.75 (\$23,268.45 on 12/31/2008, \$28,461.53 on 10/31/2008)
General Fund: \$ 4,788.35 (\$10,147.07 on 12/31/2008, \$15,084.98 on 10/31/2008)

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Bible Trivia:

A flogging was a punishment often given to those who committed crimes not worthy of death. The prisoner was stripped naked and tied, hands over head, to a post. The number of lashes depended on the severity of the crime.

Under Hebrew law, the prisoner could receive up to forty lashes; the general practice was to stop at thirty-nine (39) just in case there had been a miscount.

Weapons for flogging:

*Rod or Stick

*Whip – usually made of a long piece of braided leather attached to a handle.

*Cat of Nine Tails – a whip with several strips of leather bound to one handle.

* Whip of Scorpions – a cat of nine tails with bits of glass, broken pottery or metal embedded in the end of each strip.

Before His crucifixion, Jesus was ordered to be flogged by Pilate. By the time Jesus was led out to Golgotha, he was so weak from that beating, he could not carry his own cross (Mark 15:15-22)

For more interesting Bible facts that can change your life, join one of our Sunday Morning Bible Study classes. These classes meet each Sunday morning at 9:45 – 10:45.

YOUTH EVENTS

For information on any of our youth events or Bible Studies, please visit the Youth Section of our web site at www.wakeminster.org.

- Youth Girls Night Out – Friday, April 3rd
- Presentation of "The Passion of the Christ" in the fellowship hall – Sunday, April 5th
- Meet in the Street in Wake Forest – Saturday, May 2nd
- Roadside Cleanup – Saturday, May 9th, 9 AM to Noon
- Mother's Day Breakfast – Sunday, May 10th 9 AM

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

"Pure and undefiled religion before our God and Father is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself unstained by the world." James 1:27 (HCSB)

ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING:

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is collected during the Easter season to raise funds for North American Missions through the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

THE PASSION OF THE CHRIST:

The Youth are showing "The Passion of the Christ" in the fellowship hall on Sunday, April 5th from 5 to 8 PM. The entire church is invited to this event. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the Gospel with your unsaved friends. Due to the graphic nature of the movie, it is not recommended for children. Terri Austin will be providing an alternative movie for the children downstairs in the Bible study room where Dale Austin's class meets; the children will be watching "The Easter Story," an animated version of the Resurrection that is suitable for children. Volunteers to help with the children are welcome.

MEET IN THE STREET

Meet in the Street is an annual street fair held on S. White Street in Wake Forest. This is a wonderful opportunity to share the love of Christ with our community. Wakeminster will have a booth where we will be distributing tracts and balloons. Last year, we also gave out bags of candy to the children. We will need people to "man" the booth throughout the day. You can sign up for two-hour time slots by contacting Tony Hayden at tony@wakeminster.org.

BUILDING TOGETHER MINISTRIES

The short-term missions committee is working with Building Together Ministries in Raleigh for our mission project for the next several months. The mission statement of Building Together Ministries is: "Building Together is a collaboration of Christians working together to encourage and empower the communities in Raleigh through education, social action and reconciliation. We're seeking to promote the well-being of individuals, families and neighborhoods." We are currently looking for people who would be interested in reading to preschoolers. Once we have more information, we think you can sign up to volunteer on a weekly, monthly or as-needed basis. If you are interested in participating in this project, please call Kathy Pollard or e-mail Terri Austin at terri@wakeminster.org.

LADIES & GENTLEMEN LUNCHEON

The next Ladies and Gentlemen meeting will be held on Saturday, May 16th, at 5:30 PM. The Black Creek Gospel Group will provide entertainment. This will be a potluck dinner with Ted and Carol Keith's Famous Grilled Chicken. More details to come. Mark your calendars.

Visit our web site at www.wakeminster.org for additional information and date/time of this event or contact Becky Shue for more information.

PRECEPT BIBLE STUDY MATTHEW PART II

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman who needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth." II Timothy 2:15 NKJV

The next Precept Bible Study begins Monday, May 4th, at 7:00 PM and Tuesday, May 5th, at 9:30 AM. The last study series, MATTHEW Part I, ministered to over 100 students in the two classes with almost 20 from Wakeminster Baptist. If you would like to experience a deeper level of understanding Scripture, contact Becky Shue for more information: 847-9817 or jshue@telix.com.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

"...a man leaves his father and mother and bonds with his wife, and they become one flesh." Genesis 2:24 HCSB

RIDGECREST CONFERENCE CENTER

There are a number of marriage retreats that are available for couples to attend during 2009. If you and your spouse like outdoor activities, then the MARRIAGE IMPACT retreats may be the thing for you. In the Summer of 2009, there are three weekends at Ridgecrest Conference Center (near Asheville, NC) available for couples to attend together for worship, family workshop,s and various outdoor activities.

The FESTIVAL OF MARRIAGE retreats are offered in the fall at Ridgecrest Conference Center. The FESTIVAL OF MARRIAGE retreats offer more in-class seminars than the MARRIAGE IMPACT, but there is still plenty of free time to spend with your spouse.

If you are interested in attending any of these marriage retreats, contact Dale Austin for additional information.

FAMILYLIFE MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

The FamilyLife Marriage Conference is being held in the Jacumin-Simpson Missions Center on the campus of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary April 17th-18th. The featured speakers are Dr. and Mrs. Daniel Akin. The cost for the conference is only \$10 per couple. You can register and see a full schedule of the event on-line at www.sebts.edu.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

APRIL:

Friday 3 rd	- Youth Girls Night Out
Sunday 5 th [11 AM]	- Lord's Supper and Hymnal Dedication Service
Sunday 5 th [5 – 8 PM]	- Presentation of "The Passion of the Christ"
Saturday 11 th [10 – 11:30 AM]	- Community-Wide Easter Egg Hunt (Boyce Farms)
Sunday 12 th [7 AM]	- Sunrise Service (led by the children)
Sunday 12 th [8 AM]	- Breakfast Provided by Adult Men's Bible Study Class
Sunday 12 th [9 AM]	- Bible Study for all ages
Sunday 12 th [10 AM]	- Worship Service
Wednesday 15 th [6:30 PM]	- Fellowship Supper

MAY:

Saturday 2 nd [10 AM – 4 PM]	- Meet in the Street Downtown Wake Forest
Monday 4 th [7 PM]	- Evening Precept Begins
Tuesday 5 th [9:30 AM]	- Morning Precept Begins
Saturday 9 th [10 AM – Noon]	- Roadside Cleanup
Saturday 9 th [9 AM until]	- Church Cleanup Day (Everyone is invited.)
Sunday 10 th [9 AM]	- Mother's Day Breakfast Provided by the Youth
Wednesday 13 th [6:30 PM]	- Fellowship Supper & Business Meeting
Saturday 16 th [5:30 PM]	- Ladies & Gentlemen Meeting

JUNE

Saturday 13 th [9:30 AM – Noon]	- VBS Kickoff
Sunday 14 th [6 – 8:30 PM]	- Vacation Bible School
Monday 15 th [6 – 8:30 PM]	- Vacation Bible School
Tuesday 16 th [6 – 8:30 PM]	- Vacation Bible School
Wednesday 17 th [6 – 8:30 PM]	- Vacation Bible School
Thursday 18 th [6 – 8:30 PM]	- VBS Family Night
Sunday 21 st	- Backyard Bible Club
Sunday 21 st [8:45 – 9:45 AM]	- Church Council Meeting (for 3 rd Quarter)
Sunday 28 th	- Backyard Bible Club

Weekly Services:

<i>Sunday:</i>		<i>Wednesday:</i>	
9:45 AM	Morning Bible Study	6:00-6:30 PM	Snack Supper*
11:00 AM	Worship Service	6:30 PM	Youth Bible Study
4:00 PM	Chimes Choir Rehearsal	6:30 – 7:15 PM	TeamKID for Children
5:00 PM	Youth Fellowship	6:30 – 7:15 PM	Adult Prayer & Worship
		7:15 PM	Adult Choir Rehearsal

* Monthly Wednesday Family Fellowship Meals/Business Conferences will begin at 6:30.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

KITCHEN COMMITTEE

Thanks to all for doing such a good job of cleaning up after functions at the church. Remember to take home the leftover food and launder and return to the church any linen used.

THANK YOU

We would like to thank Mike and Sheila Boyce for allowing us to host the annual Community Easter Egg Hunt at Boyce Farms again this year. It is always a fun-filled morning.