

The Wakeministry

Wakeminster Baptist Church

*"To Know Him
and
To Make HIM
Known."*

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Dear Friends,

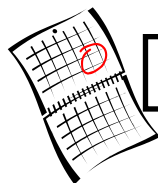
About this time each year I remember a phrase from a poem or devotional writing that I read many years ago: "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" As I write this, yet another winter storm threatens at the end of this week. All of us welcome the passing of the gloom and cold of winter and the promise of spring with new life all around us.

It takes winter, though, to consolidate the resources of trees and plants and prepare them for new growth in the warm days of spring and summer. Everything is beautiful in its season. We cannot have spring without winter, or summer without spring, or fall without summer. The circle is completed each year with the changing seasons. God does not let us live perpetually in any season. Growth in any form, brings about change. "Because they have no changes, they fear not God," David tells us in Psalm 55:19.

Spring is the season that awakens hope in our hearts and gives us a new sense of life. Has yours been a hard, spiritual winter because of sorrow, a life-changing event, or sickness? Remember this: "If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" Think about that.

*Love,
Merle*

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April Newsletter Deadline - March 24th



Mark Your Calendar

Mar. 17 Family Night Supper
Business Meeting

Weekly Services

Sunday
9:45 a.m. Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
5:00 p.m. Youth - Turning Point
5:00 p.m. Adult Chimes
6:00 p.m. Adult Choir
Wednesday
7:00 p.m. Prayer Service
7:00 p.m. Dale Night (Children)
7:00 p.m. Youth - Turning Point

New Arrivals

Congratulations to Willard & Katherine Berry on the birth of their son, Stephen Willard Berry, born January 30, 2004. He weighed 7 lbs. And 1 oz. His brother is Pearce and his proud grandparents are Ed & Ellen Berry.



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Prayer Concerns

Ruth Ray
Violet Johnson
Coit & Helen Ray
Jesse Ray
Carrie Arnold
Rachel Goldston
Ola Ray
Kelly Caudill
Bobbie Lane
Greg Harrison
Jimmy Goldston
Tommy Davis
George Schmitt (Bill's father)
Geraldine Elliott



The Berry Family
The Ross Family
The Estes Family

Building Committee &
Program
Our Nation

The Fall Festival of Marriage

The Fall Festival of Marriage is a marriage retreat that is scheduled for Oct. 22-24, 2004 at Ridgecrest Conference Center (15 miles from Asheville NC). The early registration deposit of \$180.00 is due on or before May 31, 2004. All of the information about this upcoming marriage retreat can be found on Wakeminster's web site (<http://www.wakeminster.org>).

The Fall Festival of Marriage is a Christ-centered enrichment weekend in a special getaway location (Ridgecrest Conference Center - NC), designed to help a husband and wife grow in their relationship with each other and in their relationship with God. It is a weekend retreat in which you will learn ways to strengthen your marriage, laugh with your spouse, and richly love God and your spouse more than ever before.

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Bulletin Announcements

If you have an announcement that you would like put in the Sunday bulletin, please notify Stephanie Hayden at stephanie.hayden@sabrenetworks.com or via office phone 329-1511, by Friday.

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Altar Flowers

We still need flower arrangements for the church. There is a sign-up calendar on the bulletin board in the back hall. You may also donate a silk arrangement or make a donation for the purchase of a silk arrangement. See or call Terry Ray, 848-3239 with questions or concerns.

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The Monahans

Kevin sent a brief note January 29 to let everyone know that he, Meghan, and Jacob had made it safely to Cincinnati and to give us contact information.

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Children's
Worship
Service



- 3/7 Terry & Ashley Ray
- 3/14 Beth Anne & Alex
- 3/21 Leanne Keith
- 3/28 Kerri & Robert Tarpley
- 4/4 Terry Marsh

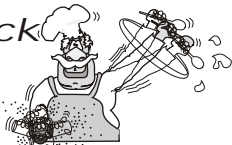
Nursery
Attendants



- 3/7 Rusty & Lee Ann Kelly
- 3/14 Renee & David Martin
- 3/21 Kerri & Robert Tarpley
- 3/28 Amanda Ray
- 4/4 Terry & Ashley Ray

*If you are unable to serve on your
scheduled date, please make
arrangements for someone else to
take your place.*

Youth Snack
Supper



- 3/7 Kristen & Clifton
- 3/14 ---
- 3/21 ---
- 3/28 Shelly King
- 4/4 Beth Anne

Youth - Schedule
Changes for March

Beginning March 7 -
Turning Point will be from
5:00-7:00 on Sunday nights

Beginning March 2 - The
youth mid-week service will
be moved from Wednesday
night to Tuesday night from
6:00-7:30 for a trial month

New Members

I am happy to announce that we have four new members.

Alan & Beth Cotney - joined by transfer of letter from Mignon Baptist Church in Sylacauga, Alabama. Alan, our Youth Minister and Beth are both students at Southeastern Baptist Seminary.

Ronald West - joined by transfer of letter from Memorial Baptist Church in Frankfort, Kentucky.

Eliza Rutter - joined by transfer of letter from First Baptist Church of Cambridge in Cambridge, Maryland. Eliza is also a student at Southeastern Baptist Church.

Dear Church Family,

Beth and I are so blessed to be a part of this body of believers. We knew very shortly after my meeting with the youth minister search committee, that God was leading us here to minister. I have had to make many hard decisions over the course of my ministry, but this was certainly not one of them. For the first time in about six months, we are able to get up on Sunday mornings and be excited about being in God's house. It was difficult to be excited when you didn't know where to go, or how you would be received, or what you would be able to do, but now we can truly say that we have found where we belong. Just a few days ago, Mary Candace Grainger was writing me a note on the board in my office, and she accidentally wrote, "Welcome home Alan". She erased it and changed it to something else, but the truth is, I liked the first message better. Beth and I truly do feel that we are at home.

You will be hearing about a lot of new and exciting things that we are planning for the youth in the upcoming weeks and months. Some things will be strictly FUN, some things will be for spiritual growth, some things will be to help others, but ALL things will be for the Glory of our GOD! We want to let all members know that you are welcome at anything that we do. May God bless you, and we will see you Sunday!

I love YOUTH!!

Alan

Youth - Upcoming Events

April 16-18: "Disciple Now" (for all youth from 6th grade - 12th grade)

*More information coming soon!!!

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March Birthdays



Megan Kelley	1st
Bob Howell	3rd
Jay Woolard	6th
Amanda Ray	8th
Carol Keith	9th
Charlotte Peedin	17th
Hunter Ray	21st
Brooke Hayden	23rd
Becky Shue	29th
Jim Peedin	29th



March Anniversaries

Nancy & Randall Tidwell	7th
Alan & Beth Cotney	23th

Comrades

Mr. Meant-To has a comrade,
comrade,

And his name is Didn't-Do;

Have you ever chanced to meet them---

Did they ever call on you?

These two fellows live together

In the house of Never-Win,

And I'm told that it is haunted

By the ghost of Might-Have-Been.

Author Unknown

If I there are anniversaries or birthdays not listed here, please let me know so that they can be added to my list.

Thanks,
Renee