

# Run of the Mill News

March 2010

## New Ministry Designed to Help With Busy Schedules

We want to see our Wednesday night groups grow. We have listened to reasons why people can't make it to church on Wednesday nights. Some of those reasons are that it is so hard to get home from work, try to get supper, homework, etc., and get to church. We would like to help with one of those issues.

On February 24th we began serving supper on Wednesday nights at 5:30-6:30 pm (if you can't make it at 5:30, come as soon as you can). We will be asking for a donation of \$2 per person. This money will cover the food for each meal.

We do NOT want to interfere with the WMU monthly supper. Their supper raises money for the building fund. We will communicate with the WMU to make sure our suppers do not overlap with theirs.

**What we ask from you is that if you come to supper, please stay for the adult Bible study in the sanctuary, youth Bible study in the youth room, and the children's studies in the Children's Hall.**

As of now, the following people will be doing the suppers: Lesa Blackburn, Tricia White, Caroline Price, Amber Austin and Melody McLain. We would love to have more volunteers to help. If your Sunday School class or committee would like to take a night and donate the supper, we would greatly appreciate that. If you are interested in helping in any way, please see one of the ladies listed above.

Our church is very important to us and we want to see people here, not just on Sunday mornings, but anytime we have groups meeting. Please pray for us as we start this and we hope to have your full support. The menu for each week will be posted in the weekly bulletin.

*Submitted by Lesa Blackburn*



## Adult Choir to Present Easter Can-

## Little Arks Get Life Changing Results

The Mission Committee served supper at the Homeless Shelter in Monroe on Tuesday, February 9th. The menu included hot beef stew, cabbage, hot biscuits and peach cobbler. This mission project is such a joy! Also, the Food of the Month for March is canned beef stew of any size.



The Mission Committee will sponsor the Heifer International Project beginning Sunday, February 28th. The ark-shaped banks will be handed out on that day and will be collected **during a special time in worship service on Palm Sunday, which is March 28th.** We hope you will join us in participating in this worthy project that supplies livestock to needy families around the world. This allows the families to become self-sufficient and improves their lives.

Our church collected \$3206 for the Haiti relief project! This money will be sent to the NC Baptist Men who are doing work in Haiti. There has been much concern about contributions to Haiti being properly handled by charities, but with the Baptist Men you can rest assured your gift is going for what it was intended.

Thank you for your generous gifts to all the mission projects of the church

*Submitted by Lynda Williams on behalf of the Missions Committee*



## Great Cooking

The annual spring fellowship barbecue, hosted by the deacon families, will be Sat., March 13th.

# Celebrations!

## Happy Birthday to:

Ben Steele 3-4  
Myrick Parker 3-8  
Skylar Williams 3-11  
Peggy Pressley 3-13  
Jerry Deese 3-14  
Lauren Helms 3-18  
Aimee Furr 3-19  
Marshall Honeycutt 3-23  
Geraldine Williams 3-28  
Sue Holley 3-29  
Herman Burnette 3-31

Early April  
none



## Happy Anniversary:

Marty & Jennifer Hartsell: 3-8  
David & Carol Williams: 3-24

Early April  
Beth & Mitchell Clontz: 4-10

The Children, Grandchildren and  
Great-Grandchildren of  
**J. Hugh and Frances  
Helms**

Cordially invite you to join in the  
renewal of their wedding vows in  
celebration of their years of love  
and commitment

**April 10, 2010**

**3:00 pm in the afternoon  
Mill Creek Baptist Church**

~Reception of follow in the  
Fellowship Hall~

Just a reminder: **Daylight Savings Time** starts the morning of Sunday, March 14th. "Spring forward" one hour before you retire for the evening on Saturday, March 13th so you won't miss Sunday School!

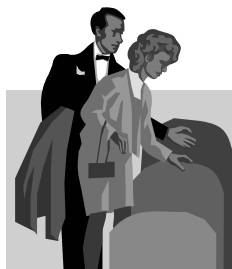


## New Salem Elementary Announces Its CAR & TRACTOR SHOW MAY 1ST, 2010



Concessions, door prizes, 50/50 raffle and more - all to benefit New Salem Elementary School. Entertainment for the whole family begins at 8 am. See the poster outside the church office for info or see Tina Helms.

## March Usher/Nursery/Children's Church/Deacon Lock Up Duty Lists



**Usher Duty:** March 7th: Charles Bridges, Frank Pope, Larry Von Cannon, Eddie Smith. March 14th: Paul Banning, Rick Godwin, Cecil Musselwhite, Phil Zimmer. March 21st: Dale Austin, Elton Braswell, Jim Drake, Ray Honeycutt. March 28th: Danny Tomberlin, Weldon Braswell, Michael Furr, Jim Smith.

**Nursery Duty:** March 7th: Anne Austin & Sherry York, March 14th: Jean Rollins & Renay Mauldin. March 21st: Caroline Price & Jean Griffin. March 28th: Tina Helms & Tricia White.

**Children's Church:** March 7th: Caroline Price & Lesa Blackburn. March 14th: Phil & Valerie Tart. March 21st: Stephanie Holmes & Juliet Banning. March 28th: no children's church so that all may enjoy the Easter cantata.

**Children's Sermon:** March 7th: Debbie Baucom. March 14th: Juliet Banning. March 21st: Gayle Simpson. March 28th: Sue Deese. Substitute: Shannon Baucom when needed.

**Lock Up Deacon:** March 7th: Phil Zimmer. March 14th: Tom Baucom. March 21st: Sam Lewis. March 28th: Jeff Price

**Office Hours:** Secretary: 9 am-12 noon, daily except Tues.; Pastor: as needed.



## From Your Pastor

Dear Church Family,

Since the beginning of this year we have been talking, planning and I hope praying that our Lord will guide us in a special way as we seek to reach out and be all that He wants us to be. I still believe that God has great things in store for each of us and for this church as a whole. And I am sure that each of us realize that this can be accomplished if we will only trust Him and be willing to follow His leadership. I found a little poem that teaches us in simple words how we can succeed for Him. It is entitled:

### Lend a Hand

I am only one,  
 But still I am one.  
     I cannot not do everything,  
         But I can do something.  
 And because I cannot do everything,  
     I will not refuse to do the something that I can do.

*-Edward Everett Hale*

We have just observed Baptist Men's Day, Scout Sunday and Baptist Women's Day in the past few weeks. And it is so encouraging to hear of all the good things that are being accomplished through the work and ministry of this church! We are doing some great things - but there is so much more that we must focus on as we seek to do His will! How do we do it? The little poem says it - I can't do everything, but I can do something.

Spring is just around the corner, just hang on for another few weeks. The weather will open up, the days will become longer and warmer, the flowers will bloom, and the grass will grow! And we will have a new zeal to do the Lord's work!

We love you, from Pastor George and Miss Ella

# Vacation Bible School Is Coming!

We have a great theme again this year for VBS - **Saddle Back Ridge.**

The week will revolve around the bible verse, James 1:5, which says: "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask the God, who gives to all people liberally, and does not upbraid; and it shall be given."

**The week's motto will be "Need answers? Ask God!"**

You will visit places like Mustang Mountain, Big Sky Grill,

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fire Creek  
many more.  
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# Kids' Korner



(Sorry it's so blurry kids!) Spring is arriving daily. You can see it by watching the flowers and the birds. Make it a little easier for your favorite birds to build their homes near you by placing bird houses in your yard or in the trees. Place dryer lint, strings, feathers and food near by to encourage them. Remem-

## Sunday School Preview for March

# Church Gone Wrong



Church conflict can appear over the most minor of issues. One church split after 100 years of history, and the culprit was a piano bench! The church had attempted to replace an antique piano bench. Half the congregation opposed the maneuver, and the church split into two factions. They now have two different services - one with the old piano bench and one without it. Between services, people move the piano bench in place for the service. Obviously, they had far deeper issues than the piano bench. Somewhere along the way they lost focus about the important things in the church.

The church of Corinth fragmented over many different issues. It served as a picture of a church gone wrong. Using passages from 1 Corinthians, this study will address problems many churches face today and provide biblical answers to fixing what's wrong in the church.

Date	Lesson Title	Bible Passage	Lesson Theme
March 7th	When Members Can't Get Along	1 Cor. 1:10-15, 26-29, 3:1-4	This lesson is about the things that divide a church.
March 14th	When Immorality Comes to Church	1 Cor. 5:1-2, 9-13; 6:15-20	The church must uphold God's standards of morality.
March 21st	When Members Insist On Their Way	1 Cor. 8:1-4, 7-13; 10:31-33	Christians need to act in love with the good of others and the glory of God in mind.
March 28th	When Worship Dishonors God	1 Cor. 11:17-34	This lesson is about recognizing attitudes that prevent meaningful corporate worship.
April 4th	When Easter Becomes Just Another Holiday	1 Cor. 15:1-4, 12-19, 54b-58	This lesson is about the implications of Christ's resurrection.

*The above is a preview taken from the Advanced Bible Study Commentary, a teaching guide for adult classes.*

**Long Term Prayer List** JT Adcock, Claudia Clontz, Ed & Reba Austin, Martha Baucom, Myra Benton, Charles R. Biggers, Christine Birmingham, Jim Braswell, Liz Braswell, Dawn Brooks, Steve Brooks, Jeff Carnes, Ron Deese, Mike Ellis, Adam Fish, Julia Bell Godwin, April Greene, Steve Hatley, Jim Holmes, J.D. Honeycutt, Beth McBride, Gary McCormick, Neville McNaughton, Jim Medlin, Linda Medlin, Wilson Morgan, Shields Napier, Crystal Norwood, Micah Orr, Hunter Plott, Kimberly Polk, Pat Polk, Sheila Pressley, Jr. Price, Shelby Price, Virginia Price, Lavinia Rollins, Jan Shoemaker, Boyd Simmons, John Smith, Jonathan Stokes, Mary Threatt, Pat Tomberlin, Jim Tucker, Wanda Taylor, Earnest Thomas, Jean Wykel, James Abee Sr., Cooper Albright, Steve Brooks, Ann Cline, Freddie Drake, Jim Carpenter, Joel Gaddy, Dylan Gamble, Keisha Greene, Lisa Greene, Doris Lemmond, Corey Moore, Melissa G. Mullis, Paula Pittman, Barbara Purser, Heath Polk, Martha Hartsell



## Bits 'n Pieces....

A recent check of kitchen inventory revealed there are over 2,000 disposable gloves in the house, so do not buy more for your event. If you need them, they are in the back of the kitchen cabinet where the phone is located, on the top shelf....Congratulations to Bryce Braswell and his team mates that recently won state runner-up in 2A wrestling. Colt Greene also recently placed 2nd in the state for wrestlers his age and weight....Spring sports are starting. Best wishes to all of our children.... Have documents you'd like shredded? Bring them to the office....

## Hymn Review

# Must I Go, and Empty-Handed

*A Hymn by CC Luther, G.C. Stebbings*

### Verses:

Must I go, and empty-handed, Thus my dear Redeemer meet,  
Not one day of service give Him, Lay no trophy at His feet?

Not at death I shrink not falter, For my Saviour saves me now:  
But to meet Him empty-handed, Thought of that now clouds my brow.

O the years in sinning wasted, Could I but recall them no,  
I would give them to my Saviour, To His will I'd gladly bow.

O ye saints, arouse, be earnest, Up and work while yet 'tis day;  
Ere the night of death o'er-take thee, Strive for souls while still you may.

### (Chorus)

Must I go, and empty-handed? Must I meet my Saviour so?  
Not one soul with which to greet Him; Must I empty-handed go?



## Time

When I was a child, I laughed and wept, Time crept;  
When as a youth, I dreamed and talked, Time walked;  
When I became a full-grown man, Time ran;  
When older still I daily grew, Time flew;  
Soon I shall be traveling on; Time gone.

*Permission to use about poem "Time" by the Hoppers*

The first article I read when I receive my Singing News magazine is [Connie's Corner](#). Connie had written about "time". I then knew why I had been humming the hymn, "Must I Go, and Empty-Handed", and I knew it was time to get busy. As many times as I have played this hymn the word "and" never made me think, "Yes, I'll soon be going but am I going empty-handed?" God has all authority. He tells us to take the gospel to all nations, and He promises to be with us always. Mill Creek, let's start now to use our time witnessing for God. We need to go out and let people know we love them and want them to be in church. We all want to hear the words, "Well done my good and faithful servant." Please read the words of the hymn above, and think about your time. We Love You!

*Submitted by Carolyn Helms on behalf of the Adult Choir*

*"Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Amen) Matthew 28:18-20 NKJV*

# February 2010

Food of the Month: canned beef stew - any size

<b>Sun</b>	<b>Mon</b>	<b>Tue</b>	<b>Wed</b>	<b>Thu</b>	<b>Fri</b>	<b>Sat</b>
	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> 10 am, BW; 6:30 pm, Brotherhood	<b>3</b> 6:30 pm, prayer meeting & Bible study, youth & children's groups	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> 6:30 pm, prayer meeting & Bible study, youth & children's groups	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> 6pm, annual spring BBQ
<b>14</b> Spring Forward Daylight Savings Time Begins at 2 am	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 6:30 pm, prayer meeting & Bible study, youth & children's groups	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> April newsletter deadline	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 6:30 pm, prayer meeting & Bible study, youth & children's groups	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b> Palm Sunday 11 am Easter Cantata						



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