

The Epistle

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A PERSONAL NOTE...

It's hard to believe, but Easter has come and gone. It was a great Easter service here at the church. We set another record for attendance in the two morning worship services. I would like for Sunday School attendance to have set another record, but I guess that is the pastor in me. Don't get me wrong, I'm not complaining. We had 442 in worship this year. Perhaps we should set a goal for having 500 in the two services for next year! Any takers?

Before we know it, May will be here, and we'll be staring down the month of June. We have precious little time to waste in our efforts to be involved in outreach. Our focus is especially on Sunday School. If you took an outreach card this past weekend, be sure to make contacts for Sunday School and Worship. Report your contact by turning in your card in Sunday School or in worship. You can put your card in the offering plate and we'll receive it and be able to tally the number. You can go to the website to see how many contacts were made in a given week, and what the total number of contacts has been through this campaign.

We have a new class for single adults. Mark Fish is teaching that class. The class meets in room #200 on the upstairs level. If you want more information on the class you can contact me, Jerry Hall, or Mark. The class met for the first time on Easter Sunday and there were nine participants. If you know of single adults who might be looking for a Bible study group, please inform them about this class. This is an important class. Being away at college is a tough time for young adults in terms of feeling disconnected from your home church. It is very important that these young adults have a place to gather on Sunday morning to meet their social needs and their spiritual needs. If you'd like to be a teacher or assistant teacher in this class, please let me or Jerry Hall know.

Paul Blessing will be here again on Sunday Evening at 7 pm. He is teaching on the History of Baptist in Southwest Virginia. We had the introduction to the class last Sunday. I hope you will take advantage of this rare opportunity to be in a class with Paul, and the opportunity to learn more about the formation of Baptists in Southwest Virginia.

I hope you will make plans to be here on May 16. As a part of the CVBA "On Mission Celebration", you will have the opportunity to hear missionaries speak that day. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information on this event.

Hope you have a great week. Hope to see you in Sunday School and worship this coming Sunday!

*Your pastor,
Brother Johnny*

WATCH WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR NEW ADULT DISCIPLESHIP STUDIES

We have completed the studies that were being led by the Pastor on Wednesday & Sunday evenings and by Brother Jerry on Wednesday evening. New studies will be announced in the bulletin as soon as the information is available.

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FELLOWSHIP MEAL - MAY 2

The menu is hamburger steak, baked potato or french fries, buttered peas, cole slaw, rolls, strawberry pie, sugar free dessert and assorted drinks. Profit from donations of \$6.00 for adults and \$3.00 for children (12 and under) will go to the Phase 1 Building Fund (TTT). Everyone welcome to participate following the 11 o'clock worship service. (Profit from the April meal was \$26.68)

A SPECIAL DAY TO REMEMBER

Sunday, May 9 (Corrected date)

Mother's Day

SEMI-ANNUAL BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, May 27, 3-7 p.m.

The mobile unit will be on our parking lot near the office building on Thursday, May 27, for our first 2010 drive. We need all the donors possible to support our church blood assurance program. Sign up early at the hallway bulletin board. You will receive a reminder card the week of the drive. If you are 17 years of age you can donate with your parent's permission. Pick up a form from the church office. Please call the Marsh Regional Blood Center at (423) 224-5888 if you have any questions.

SCHEDULE CHANGES IN MAY

No Deacons Meeting - May 2 (Awana Awards Night at 6:00)

No Evening Services - May 9 (Mother's Day)

No Evening Services - May 30 (Memorial Day Weekend)

Church Offices Closed - Monday, May 31 (holiday)

REMINDER!

DEACON VISITATION

Thursday, April 29, 1:00 p.m.

LOOKING AHEAD!

VBS is scheduled for Sunday, June 27 through Thursday, July 1, 6:00-8:30 p.m.

DEACONS' MEETING—Sunday 6:00 p.m. ~ **BUSINESS MEETING**—3rd Wednesday 7:15 p.m.

DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT "CHILDREN'S CHATTER"

SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE

8:30 Worship Service

Preschool care—Birth-age 5

Breakfast in FLC following service

10 o'clock Sunday School

11 o'clock Worship Service

Preschool care—Birth-age 3

Children's Church—Ages 4-3rd grade

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER

Each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. (Sanctuary)

MARCH STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday School Average Attendance - 153

Morning Worship Average Attendance - 260

Sunday Evening Average Attendance - 57

(Adult Studies, Choir Rehearsal, Youth, Kid's Drama, P-n-P)

Wed. Evening (Prayer, Ad. Studies, S. S. Training, Youth) - 51

AWANA (Clubbers, Leaders, Listeners) - 73

Regular (Budget) Checking Account

Weekly Average Undesignated Offerings - \$6,735.24

*Designated Offerings (regular checking) - \$3,368.90

*Includes World Hunger Loose Change - \$163.00

Undesignated Offerings Received Jan.-Mar., 2010 - \$81,768.37

Special Programs Account - End of March, 2010

8006-Phase 1 Building Fund - \$33,949.53

8008-Property Acquisition - \$14,426.56

Annie Armstrong Offering Report

Total Received: \$2,082.00

YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD...

SUNDAY, APRIL 18 - "BRING A FRIEND" NIGHT

You will need \$\$\$\$ for Putt-Putt and fast food. Arrive about 15 minutes early so we can leave by 6:00.

DISCIPLE NOW WEEKEND - APRIL 23-25

Two host homes are still needed! Each home will have 4-6 youth. You will be responsible for transportation to and from the church, snacks for one night and breakfast for Saturday morning. Please see Aaron as soon as possible if you are willing to host a group.

Note: No Youth on Sunday evening, April 25, due to Disciple Now.

NEXT YOUTH PARENT'S MEETING - MAY 16, 6:00 P.M. IN "THE ATTIC"

WORLD CHANGERS MISSION TRIP - JULY 19-24 - SIGN UP NOW!

Cost-\$280.00; \$75.00 deposit due when you sign up

One female and one male chaperone still needed! See Aaron.

NOTE: Medical Release Forms are available. Please pick up your form early, fill it out, have it notarized and turned back in to me before the day we leave.

— Aaron

REMEMBER FAMILIES WHO HAVE RECENTLY LOST LOVED ONES

Edwin & Ingrid Carter family - Edwin's sister, Mrs. Mary Salling

The Tonnie Puckett and Patricia Lemmel families - brother-in-law, Mr. Larry Christopher Frazier

The Wally Pat Ford family - uncle, Mr. Boyd Stacy (Kentucky)

The Jeffry Larkins and James Lanningham families - Jeffry's wife/James' sister, Mrs. Patty Larkins

The Michael & Debbie Crawford family - Michael's father, Mr. Billy G. Crawford

The Jimmy & Nancy Dye family - Jimmy's aunt, Mrs. Clarice Stokes

Mr. Wally Pat Ford and family - first cousin, Mr. Harry Good

MEMORIAL GIFTS

Given in memory of Mr. Garland Stokes by... Fred McNew & family, Georganna Berry, Ms. Sandra Lark, Ms. Jean Broadwater, Eddie & Shirley Henry, Gene & Carol Kilbourne, Bill & Shirley Shelton, Bobby & Shirley Stokes, Wayne & Dovenia Osborne, Mrs. Elizabeth Fuller, Wayne & Sherry Miller, Dr. Steve & Connie Adkins, and The McConnell Family-Joe McConnell, Jon McConnell, DeAnne Poston, Levi Herron, Caleb Herron, Lisa & Mark Fish

Given in memory of Mr. Michael Lee Rhoton by Kermit, Roma, & Lynn Rhoton, Tammy Presley and Valerie Babb

Given in memory of Mr. Billy G. Crawford by Chester & Jean Shell and Dr. Steve & Connie Adkins

Given in memory of Mrs. Clarice Stokes by Dr. Steve & Connie Adkins and Paul & Jo Ann Henry

MAY BIRTHDAY CALENDAR

1 Gabriel Calton	Jonathan Salyer	8 Ryan Gibson	13 Tanechia Honaker	Ella Flanary	Clay Carter
Rebecca Flanary	4 Christine Phillips	Patricia Lowe	Keli Murdock	Luke Miller	Ray Edwards
2 Joseph Blair	5 Nancy Hall	Jewell Perry	14 Daryl Dingus	21 Nancy Christian	Jeff Hamilton
Jim Daugherty	Gordon Jennings	9 Jarrett Bevins	16 Andrew Ball	22 Etta Gillenwater	Stacey Vance
Michael Blanton	6 Ann Dougherty	10 Brady Miller	Frances Cohen	Kasey Repass	26 Jill Kendrick
Emily Clark	Heather Richard	Renae Moore	Hilliary Phillips	23 Lucille Bellamy	Mickey Miller
Peyton Kerney	Cynthia Herrick	Jordan Salyer	Jane Sutton	Yetta Wolfe	27 Winter Broadwater
Sherry Miller	Brittany Rogers	11 Johnny Grimm	17 Annie Ford	24 Randy Compton	Greg Ervin
Frank Peters	Michael Rogers	Katie Beth Musick	18 Courtney Depew	Dovenia Osborne	Zachary Ervin
3 David Flanary	Missy Smith	12 Tracy Bledsoe	19 Patsy Fritz	Johnny Wainscott	Sheila Johnson
Jenny Jayne	7 B. Matt Johnson	Amy Davis	20 Samantha Adkins	25 Keshia Gray	30 Peggy Catron
Tonnie Puckett	Clifton Reed				

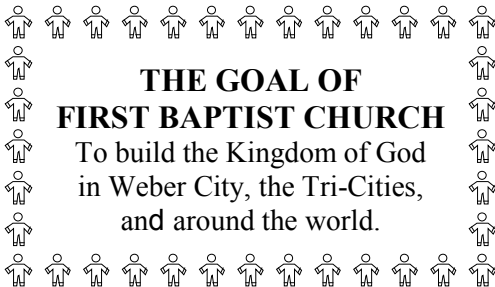
Happy Birthday!

Note: Birthdays listed are church members birthdates we have on file and children enrolled in Sunday School through the 6th grade.

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Gate City, Virginia 24251

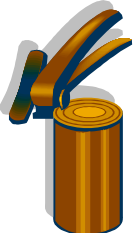
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**THE GOAL OF
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**
To build the Kingdom of God
in Weber City, the Tri-Cities,
and around the world.

CHRISTIAN GOLF TOURNAMENTS

We have 12 golfers signed up to play at Nolichucky View Golf Club Saturday, April 17, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The next match is scheduled for May 15 at Millstone Golf Club, with shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. The \$36.00 green fee is to be turned in to Jim Rogers, Jody Wolfe, or the church office by May 5. Checks are to be made to First Baptist Church. Please contact Jim at (423) 292-5410 or Jody at (276) 386-5550 if you have any questions.



WMU COLLECTING CANNED FOOD
From now until the Annual Associational WMU Meeting, being hosted by Thomas Village Baptist Church, at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, May 3, the Baptist Women I Group has placed boxes at the church entrances to receive donations of canned foods. The food will be given to the Scott County Cooperative Ministries food pantry located in Gate City.

ON-GOING MINISTRY-OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD “SHOE BOX” MINISTRY

Angela Hylton, coordinator of this ministry, has been a busy shopper. She watches for sales on items the children can use and items they will enjoy. Regular donations from some of the Sunday School classes and other individuals on a regular basis enable her to do this. She would like to express her appreciation to everyone who supports this ministry and encourage others to make donations at any time. Make checks to Angela Hylton.

NEW ARRIVAL

*Daniel James Nem (7 lbs./4 ozs.), son of James and Kendon Nem, born February 12.
Charles and Shannon Smith are the grandparents.*