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As I watched the Super Bowl this year, I noticed that most teams have star players. If you get the ball to them, they will move the ball down the field and eventually score. Some of these players play for the team and seek to advance the whole team, while others seem to be playing to advance their own career; to increase their own averages. But once in a while you see a team that plays together with great team-work. It's not about one person scoring big, but it's every team member doing his utmost to move the team forward to win the game.

Each player on the field has a role to play, and when each plays that role well and aggressively, the whole team benefits. When one player just goes through the motions, the team is crippled. If a key member of the team is injured, or just doesn't show up for the game, the whole team suffers. The team fails to score.

A healthy church has a lot in common with a finely tuned sports team. Church shouldn't be just a spectator sport with a few players entertaining the crowd. Church is a team sport; we are all to be involved. Church relies on each person actively using the gifts that God has given to them and doing what he or she does best. Are you giving your all in the work of the church?

Let me ask you: what's your role in the Church? What are you doing to move the Church forward? In what way can you further your effectiveness as a willing servant of the Lord Jesus Christ?

Some of you are wonderful, indispensable team members that help your church do Christ's work? Thank you! But I long for the day when everyone will submit to the discipline of being a faithful member of Christ's team. His team has the goal of glorifying God and bringing people to Christ.

Dear friends, it's time to work together! Your participation is valuable. Let's get in the game for Christ! Let's score by bringing people to faith in Christ!



Library News

March – God Honors Our Choice

How could a loving God send people to Hell? That's a commonly asked question. The question alone reveals a couple of misconceptions.

First, God does not send people to hell. He simply honors their choice. Hell is the ultimate expression of God's high regard for the dignity of man. He has never forced us to choose hell. No, God does not "send people to hell." That is a misconception. The word, people, is neutral, implying innocence. Nowhere does Scripture teach that innocent people are condemned. People do not go to hell; sinners do, the rebellious do, the self-centered do. So how could a loving God send people to hell? He doesn't. He simply honors the choice of sinners.

Matthew 19:9: *And if your eye uses you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire.*

Here are a few books from our Library...

How to Listen to God by Charles Stanley. This book helps you discover the joys of being an obedient listener and offers biblical guidelines to help you distinguish God's voice from all the other voices you hear around you. Your relationship and attitude to God can be free from distortion. Learn to listen to the God who wants to speak to you.

A Love Worth Giving by Max Lucado. Finding it hard to love? Someone in your world is hard to forgive? Is patience an endangered species? Kindness a forgotten virtue? If so, you may have forgotten a step – an essential first step. Living Loved – God loves you – Personally, powerfully, & passionately. Others have promised and failed, but God has promised and succeeded. He love you with an unfailing love. And His love-if you let it-can fill you and leave you with a love worth giving.

Yours in Christ, Mary Robertson & Joan Frank

March Birthdays

2	Monty Bland
	Abby Crotzer
3	Charlotte Robertson
5	Faith Crawford
8	Aaron Easton
	Laura Sparkman
	Tissy Peters
9	Sylvia Hafner
	J C Christian
10	Davis Burkhalter
	Shavonnah Easterling
11	Joyce Steele
	Christie Johnson
15	Clay Robinson
17	Emma Robinson
18	Dorothy Lawrence
	Susan Warren
	Christy Ploen
19	Margaret Gray
23	Byron Gallimore
	Brandy Robinson
24	Chris LeMay
	Douglas Wilhoite
26	Mike Welch
27	Adam Crotzer
30	Benji Robinson
30	Josh Howland

*Happy Birthday
to You!*

"Odds & Ends"



Offering Envelopes: If you do not have offering envelopes or need more for the 2020, please contact the church office and a box will be prepared for you. Don't forget that you can also give through our website, the **Church Life App**, or text giving. See our church website for details.



Ladies' Bible Study **The Case for Easter** by Lee Strobel.

This 4-session study begins Monday, March 9, at 10 am **or** 6:30 pm, meeting at Linda Bland's home. Books are only \$1.00. It will be an exciting time together, rejoicing in the marvelous details of our Lord's crucifixion and resurrection. You may text or call Linda at 931-797-8826 for more information.

Spring Into Action

Women's Fellowship Brunch

Saturday, March 21st, 10 am
in the Fellowship Hall

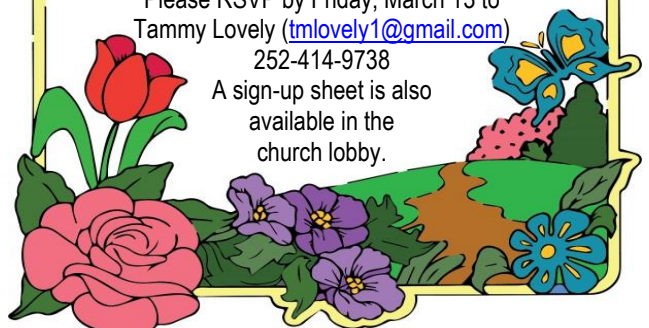
You are cordially invited to a delightful fellowship that includes brunch, a unique service opportunity, a fun skit, special music by David Lovely and Leanne Seiber, and an exciting message from author and Bible

Teacher, Jill Glassco.





Please RSVP by Friday, March 13 to
Tammy Lovely (tmlovely1@gmail.com)

252-414-9738

A sign-up sheet is also
available in the
church lobby.



MARCH 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Love Offering for Fischer Family Deacons' Meeting 6 pm AWANA-Regular Meeting 6 pm NACHO USUAL ENCOUNTER	2 1 pm Facility in Use 6-8pm Facility in Use-Boy Scouts	3 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	4	5 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	6 8am-4pm Facility in Use-Homeschool 4pm Facility in Use-Brownie Scouts	7  Turn Clocks Ahead before you go to bed!
8 2 am Daylight Saving Time Begins 6pm AWANA-Crazy Hair Night 6pm ENCOUNTER	9 10 am & 6:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study @ Linda Bland's Home 6-8pm Facility in Use-Boy Scouts	10 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	11 10:15 am Cracker Barrel Fellowship 12-3 pm Facility in Use-Precepts 6:30 pm Prayer Mtg., Art of Marriage, Children's Activities	12 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	13 8am-4pm Facility in Use-Homeschool	14
15 6 pm AWANA-Green Out Night 6 pm ENCOUNTER	16 10 am & 6:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study @ Linda Bland's Home 6-8pm Facility in Use-Boy Scouts	17 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group 	18 12-3 pm Facility in Use-Precepts 6:30 pm Business Mtg. Art of Marriage, Children's Activities	19 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study  First Day of Spring	20 8am-4pm Facility in Use-Homeschool	21 10 am Women's Ministry Brunch
22 6pm AWANA-Balloon Night (Fundraiser) 6pm ENCOUNTER	23 10 am & 6:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study @ Linda Bland's Home 6-8pm Facility in Use-Boy Scouts	24 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group	25 12-3 pm Facility in Use-Precepts 6:30 pm Prayer Meeting Children's Activities	26 9 am Sr. Adult Bible Study	27 8am-4pm Facility in Use-Homeschool	28 Facility in Use-Baby Shower
29 Special Gospel Music by South Ridge Fellowship Dinner No Evening Activities	30 10 am & 6:30 pm Ladies' Bible Study @ Linda Bland's Home 6-8pm Facility in Use-Boy Scouts	31 10 am Ladies' Prayer Group				



Schedule of Services:

Sunday

Sunday School – 8:45 am
 Worship – 10:00 am
 Adult Choir Rehearsal – 5:00 pm
 AWANA – 6:00 pm (Sept.-May)
 Youth ENCOUNTER – 6:00 pm
 Worship – 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Children's Ministry – 6:30 pm
 Prayer Meeting – 6:30 pm
 Business Meeting – 6:30 pm (2nd Wednesday)



Our Church in Action



Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, March 11,
10:15 am
Everyone is Welcome!
 (The Crossings, Spring Hill)

GREETERS SCHEDULE

March 1: Davis & Sharon Burkhalter
March 8: Jane Love & Paul Smith
March 15: Dan & Jan LaRose
March 22: Willie & Shirleen Mangrum
March 29: Tammy & Caroline Lovely

Thank you for your wonderful response to the food needs for The Well.



Current High Needs Grocery List: Canned vegetables & fruit, tomato sauce, Boxed goods (brown or white rice, mac & cheese, instant potatoes, Jiffy cornbread mix, Ramen Noodles), dried beans (all varieties), pasta sauce, applesauce, ketchup, mayo, mustard, syrup, PEANUT BUTTER (most needed item!)

(Boxes are located in Sr. Ladies Classroom/Library)

Let's keep filling the boxes to overflowing!!



VBS – June 1-5, 2020!

Volunteers are needed for VBS – it will be here before we know it! Teachers, helpers, kitchen help; you name it and there's a place for you!! See Josh Howland or Patty Welch to sign up!



We are collecting ALL YEAR LONG for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes!

During the month of March, please bring **small reusable water bottles** and place them in the collection container in the Sr. Ladies Sunday School Classroom. Thank you!



Future Growth Funding
 \$18,786.62 in a Construction Acct.
 at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
 \$340,023.39 in a Building Fund
 at the Tennessee Baptist Foundation.

KidCentral News...



March 29: 5th Sunday - NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH



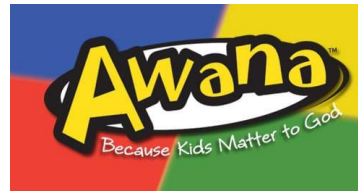
Childcare Available

Schedule

March 1: Brent & Christie Johnson
March 8: Adam & Crystal Vaughn
March 15: Barry & Cynthia Huntzinger
March 22: Tom & Linda Hagerty

Nursery Desk Schedule

March 1: Brent Johnson
March 8: Barry Huntzinger
March 15: Chuck Peters
March 22: Mike Welch
March 29: Aaron Easton



AWANA Schedule

March 1: Regular Meeting
March 8: Crazy Hair Night
March 15: Green Out Night
March 22: Balloon Night - Fundraiser
March 29: NO AWANA

Background Checks

Everyone who works with children age birth through 18 years old **must complete a criminal background check**. Please contact the church office or Josh Howland so that you may be sent the link to complete the check online. You fill out the request and the office is notified when the check is complete. NO sensitive information is kept on file in the office. We only see the results so that your privacy is protected.



- We're kicking off spring with a special ENCOUNTER on March 1st. It's "Nacho Usual Kind of Night" – don't miss it at 6 pm.
- Our March ENCOUNTER Study is about becoming Godly men and women. For these three weeks, the girls and guys will have their own spaces as we challenge each other to pursue godliness. Remember, ENCOUNTER is Sunday evenings at 6 pm.