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There is an old saying about March that goes like this: "In like a lion, out like a lamb" or "In like a lamb, out like a lion." Of course, this saying is referring to the winds that usually come in March. I don't mind the wind if it brings little warmer weather. When I think about the winds of March it reminds me of another wind that the book of acts tells us about. It is the rushing mighty wind of the Holy Spirit. I believe that if we are going to be the church that God wants us to be we must appropriate the power of the Holy Spirit in everything we do.

*From the
Pastor*

Years ago I heard that the average church and the average Christian are bogged down somewhere between Calvary and Pentecost. As Dr. Adrian Rogers once said, "We've been to Calvary for pardon, but we have not been to Pentecost for power." When the wind of the Spirit blew across the lives of those believers assembled in that upper room, their lives were mightily changed by the power of God. The need of the day is for a fresh breath of heaven to blow across our church, our lives, and our ministry.

When that occurs in our lives there will be some things that will happen. First of all, there will be no more cowardice in witnessing. When the disciples were filled with the Spirit they began to speak boldly for the Lord. That is a common picture throughout the book of Acts. I believe that one irrefutable evidence that one is Spirit-filled is that compulsion from within to win others to Christ. We need to allow the Spirit of God to blow fresh in our lives so that we can be like those disciples who said, "We cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20).

When the Holy Spirit blows fresh in our lives there will be no complacency in God's Work. Many times our lives are marked by complacency instead of commitment. I hear pastors and dedicated Christians everywhere ask the same thing, "Why can't we motivate our people to witness, to serve, to visit, and to attend faithfully?" What is the answer to that question? The answer is a fresh visitation of the Holy Spirit in our lives that will result in repentance, restitution, and renewal. We need to let the Holy Spirit have control of our lives so that our complacency will be replaced by commitment! The result will be the same as in the books of Acts, "And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved" (Acts 2:47).

Bro. JC

Church Library News

March - Winter Weather

This has been a hard few weeks for traveling and getting around town, especially for our elders and people who have to travel for their jobs. We thought a few words about peace would be helpful.

Finding Peace by Charles Stanley describes five essential beliefs for a peaceful heart:

- God is absolutely sovereign and your protector
- God is your provider
- God made you the way you are for a purpose
- God has a place where you truly belong
- God has a plan for your fulfillment

God desires to give you peace and end the turmoil of your heart. It's good to remember that. Jesus is the source of your contentment. When you, by faith, enter into a personal relationship with Jesus, you will experience peace.

Here are a few books from our Library...

The Jesus I Never Knew by Philip Yancey. The author looks at the radical words of this itinerant Jewish carpenter and asks whether we are taking him seriously enough in our own day and age. From the manger in Bethlehem to the cross in Jerusalem, the author presents a complex character who generates questions as well as answers.

In the Grip of Grace by Max Lucado. When I snap at anything that moves, when my thoughts are gutter level, when my tongue is sharp enough to slice rock, how does God feel about me then? Did I out-sin the love of God? The answer is found in one of life's sweetest words...GRACE.

Yours in Christ,

Lorraine Brown, Mary Robertson, & Joan Frank

March Birthdays

2	Monty Bland
3	Paul Ihim
4	Jarrett DeLozier
7	Monica Casteel
8	Teresa Johnson
	Aaron Easton
9	Sylvia Hafner
	J. C. Christian
	Todd Purtle
10	Davis Burkhalter
11	Christie Johnson
	Amanda Dalton
12	Caleb Gentry
13	Troy Watkins
15	Clay Robinson
17	Kathy Lipka
	Emma Robinson
18	Paulette Hart
	Susan Warren
	Cam Eash
19	Margaret Gray
22	Debbie Huntzinger
23	Jeff King
	Brandy Robinson
24	Clara Roman
	Chris LeMay
26	Hazel Ball
	Mike Welch
27	Adam Crotzer
28	Connor Hull
30	Benji Robinson
	Josh Howland
31	Kelly Morgan

*Happy Birthday
to You!*



Worship Quote of the Month

After being stuck at home for most of the week due to snow, I have come up with a little quiz for you. No fair looking in a hymnal or song list! Just match each number (title) with the appropriate letter (author or source). Good Luck!

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|--------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 1. A Mighty Fortress Is Our God | a. John Wesley, 1739 |
| 2. Shine, Jesus, Shine | b. Fanny Crosby, 1875 |
| 3. O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing | c. Graham Kendrick, 1988 |
| 4. To God Be the Glory | d. Laurie Klein, 1978 |
| 5. We will Glorify | e. Martin Luther, 1529 |
| 6. All Creatures of Our God and King | f. John Newton, 1779 |
| 7. Magnificat "My soul magnifies the Lord" | g. Isaac Watts, 1707 |
| 8. When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | h. Michael W. Smith, 1982 |
| 9. Great is the Lord | i. Twila Paris, 1982 |
| 10. Amazing Grace | j. St. Francis of Assisi, c. 1225 |
| 11. I Love You, Lord | k. Mary, the mother of Jesus, c. 1 BC |

~ Bro. Nick, Minister of Music



Sat

7 **CHANGE YOUR
Clocks**
*Daylight Savings Time
Begins—turn clocks
ahead*

14
8 am Men's Breakfast

21
8:30 am Ladies' Breakfast

28

A vibrant rainbow with red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple bands arches over a black, ornate pot filled with gold coins. The pot sits on a small patch of green grass. The number 28 is printed in a large, black, serif font in the upper left corner of the page.

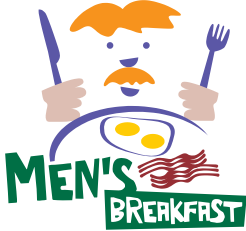
Your Grace Still Amazes Me
Presented by the Adult Choir & Musicians
Palm Sunday, March 29, 10 A.M.

Join us for a covered dish fellowship dinner in the fellowship hall following the worship service

Children in Action - 6:30 pm
Prayer Meeting - 6:30 pm
Youth Service (In Youth House) - 6:30 pm
Business Mtg. (2nd Wednesday) - 6:30 pm
Instrumental Rehearsal



The Church in Action



Men's Breakfast
Saturday, March 14
8:00 am

All men & boys invited
(Fellowship Hall)

Ladies' Breakfast
Saturday, March 21,
8:30 am
In the Fellowship Hall—
bring a breakfast dish
to share
Cindy Oakes, speaker

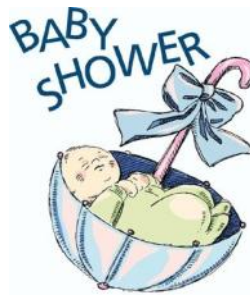


Ladies' Breakfast



Cracker Barrel Fellowship
Wednesday, March 11
10:15 a.m.
Everyone is welcome
(at The Crossings in Spring Hill)

You're Invited to a Baby Shower for
Fabienne Apollon and baby Brandon
Sunday, March 1, 2-4 pm
in the Fellowship Hall



They are registered at Target



Annual Children's Easter Egg Hunt,
Saturday, April 4th at 10 am

We are in need of plastic eggs and individually wrapped candy. Please put your items in the box in the foyer. If you have any questions please call Alisha Terrillion at 615-456-7975 or Brandy Robinson at 931-626-3504.

Future Growth Funding
 \$147,395.24 in a Construction Acct.
 at First Farmer's & Merchant's Bank
 \$373,2647.05 in a Building Fund
 at the Tennessee Baptist
 Foundation.



Family

Connection

On Friday, March 20th, we're taking a field trip to see CYT's production of Frog and Toad at the People's Church in Franklin. To get the group price of \$8 per person, we must pre-purchase tickets. A Meredith Warren autograph and fan photo opportunity is included! The show starts at 7:00pm and we will meet at the Chick-Fil-A at Mack Hatcher and 31 in Franklin for supper at 5:45pm. Join us for one event or both but if you want tickets at the group rate, please let Julie know no later than Sunday, **March 1st. Last year's show was a sell out so I will order the tickets on Monday, March 2nd.**

With the lovely and talented Heather Richardson leaving us, we're in the market for someone to help plan and orchestrate these FC events. Please contact Julie Hull juliehull@live.com 615.476.9522 for ticket reservations or to volunteer for party planner!



Lifeline Memory Verses 2015
March Verses

March 2-8: Proverbs 3:5-6, *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.*

March 9-15: 2 Cor. 12:9, *But He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me.*

March 16-22: Hebrews 12:1, *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.*

March 23-29: 1 John 1:9, *If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

ANNIE
ARMSTRONG
EASTER OFFERING

Church Goal: \$850.00

Week of Prayer
for North
American
Missions
March 15-22,
2015



On **Sunday, March 8th** immediately following the morning service, we are hosting a farewell for **Heather and Colton Richardson**. They have accepted a position as house parents at a boys ranch in Normandy, TN. Come join us for pizza and fellowship as we send them off to their newest ministry opportunity! **Please RSVP** to Susan susanwarren18@msn.com or Julie juliehull@live.com so we have a head count for pizza.