

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, MARCH 14

7:15 A.M. Deacons Meeting/FLC
 9:00-9:15 A.M. Library Open
 9:00-9:30 A.M. TV Sunday School Lesson, Ch. 44
 9:15 A.M. Grades 1-6 Praise & Worship/Old Nursery
 9:15-10:15 A.M. Sunday School
 10:30 A.M. Morning Worship
 4:30 P.M. Children's Committee Meeting/Youth Café
 5:00 P.M. Children's Bible Drill, Personnel Committee Meeting/Conference Room

5:30 P.M. Family Life Center Committee Meeting/FLC
 6:30 P.M. Evening Worship

MONDAY, MARCH 15

8:00 A.M. Chair Aerobics/FLC

TUESDAY, MARCH 16

12:00 Noon Bettye McMillen S.S. Class Meeting/FLC

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 17

8:00 A.M. Chair Aerobics/FLC
 10:00 A.M. Senior Adults/Graceland Care Center
 5:30 P.M. Children's Bible Drill
 6:00-6:30 P.M. Library Open
 6:30 P.M. Prayer Meeting, Business Meeting

FRIDAY, MARCH 19

8:00 A.M. Chair Aerobics/FLC

DEACON GREETERS FOR MARCH

Mike Staten
 Kenny Rakestraw
 Larry Fair
 Randy Dunnam

DEACON OF THE WEEK

March 14-20
 Kenny Rakestraw
 534-8733

TEACHER FOR THE TV S.S. LESSON MARCH

Bro. Rick Blythe

BUS MINISTRY VISITATION

March 14-20
 Joan Carr & Suzanne Hubbard

EXTENDED SESSION - MARCH 14 (Morning Worship)

Bed Babies
 Trisha Kitchens

Creepers
 Lorie Keener

1 & 2 Yr. Olds
 Cassie Allred

3 & 4 Yr. Olds
 Charles & Bev Kitchens

(Evening Worship)

1 & 2 Yr. Olds
 staff

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NEW DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING CLASSES

Beginning Sunday, April 11

“Israel: A Journey Through Time”

Teachers: James & Nina Byers

“Balanced & Blessed”

Teachers: Bobby & Minerva Moore

TAKE NOTE!!!

There are still half of the *First Choice* baby bottles out that need to be returned to the church right away. These bottles do cost them to be replaced. Thank you!

ELECTION NOTICE

During the morning worship service on Sunday, March 21, 2010, a ballot consisting of four (4) men and four (4) women receiving the highest number of nominations and agreeing to serve, if elected, will be presented to the church. The church will elect, by secret ballot, from the slate of nominees two (2) men and two (2) women to fill vacancies on the Nominating Committee.

FIRST NEWS

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EXPERIENCE GOD
 REACH FOR
 SOMETHING MORE

March 14, 2010

Sponsored by Union County Baptist
LADIES CONFERENCE

“Generations of Faith”
“Living by Faith” *“Legacies of Faith”*
“Growing in Faith”



Kay DeKalb Smith
 March 26-27

Hillcrest Baptist Church
 March 26, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
 March 27, 8:30-11:30 a.m.

Tickets: \$10 through March 24th, \$15 at the door
 You may purchase tickets at the
 Union County Baptist Association Office
 723 Coulter Dr.

534-3940
 T-shirts are also available for \$12 Adult S-XL, \$14 2XL & \$16 3XL.
 NO Nursery provided.
 Promoted by Ladies in the Association.

NEEDED!

Individually wrapped candy, small enough to be put inside plastic eggs. This is for the Preschool-Children's Easter Egg Hunt. You can bring them to the church and place them in a bin in the foyer or outside the fellowship hall. Thanks!

FIRST NEWS

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Rick Blythe - Pastor
 Paul Sizemore - Minister to Students
 Harold Smith - Minister of Music & Sr. Adults
 Jeremiah Ross - Student Ministry Intern

I want to thank each adult Sunday School class that participated in the "Buckets of Hope" campaign for the earthquake stricken people of Haiti. A total of 20 buckets were shipped and that means 20 Haitian families will have the food supplies necessary to feed their family for one week.



HOPE – it is such a beautiful word. During World War II, a Nazi war ship torpedoed a United States submarine off the coast of England. A distress signal was sent out from the sinking submarine. The Allied forces picked it up, and immediately a rescue ship was dispatched. When they arrived at the place where the torpedo had struck the United States submarine, all they found was debris and an oil slick on top of the water. Immediately the ship sent divers down to the sunken submarine to see if they could find any sign of life.

When the divers got down to the submarine, they began to swim around it. They took out their knives and they began to tap on the side of that submarine, hoping that survivors inside would tap back. As they listened, soon those on the inside began to tap back in response. Then the diver noticed there seemed to be a pattern to the tapping. It was Morse Code. The diver listened as the message was tapped out. These are the words that the person in the submarine tapped out: "Is there any hope?"

Probably, many Haitian people have asked that same question since the devastating earthquake rattled that region. "Is there any hope for my family? Is there any hope for my country? Is there any hope for me?" I believe that no matter how dark the condition, nor how difficult the circumstances may be, there is always hope. Thank you church for giving a little hope to the people of Haiti through the "Buckets of Hope."

Because HE Lives,
Bro. Rick

NO Children's Study & Discipleship Training
This Sunday, March 14

Sunday was a great day! I appreciate all of our youth and their preparation for Sunday School and the evening service. It was great to hear from some of our Seniors about what God has done to change their lives. I can see evidence in each of their lives for how they have been changed. Let's commit to pray for all of our students. Pray that they would all know the joy of walking with God and how He will direct them and change their lives!



It's hard to believe that Spring Break is already here. Wasn't Christmas just last week? We've already had the Super Bowl Party, Valentine Dinner and Youth Sunday? Wow! It won't be long before we're loading the bus for things like Student Life Camp and CentriKid! More about those things later.

We need your help with candy for the Preschool/Children's Egg Hunt coming up Saturday, April 3. If you can, please bring a bag of individually wrapped candy and place it in the bins near the Fellowship Hall and in the Foyer. It needs to be small enough to fit in a plastic egg! Thanks!

Have a great week!

Bro. Paul



Thank you, Youth Choir, for the outstanding job you did this past Sunday, as well as, all of our youth in leading us in worship! It's obvious to see that we have some men and women who will be coming up to lead the way for us as servants of Christ! Thanks again for sharing your gifts, talents, and testimonies with us.

Spring break is next week! Therefore, many music groups will not be rehearsing from Sunday, March 14th, through Wednesday, March 17th. These include Youth Choir, all handbell groups, children/preschool choirs, and Adult Choir. We'll get back to our regular schedule the following Sunday, March 21st.

Adult Handbells will have an extra rehearsal on Sunday, March 21st from 3:00-5:00 p.m. to help prepare us for the upcoming State Handbell Festival in Kosciusko. Please mark your calendars!

Senior Adult Choir will go to Graceland Care Center this Wednesday, March 17th, at 10:00 a.m.

Special MEETING

VBS INFORMATIONAL MEETING
Anyone interested in helping with decorating, please attend.
Next Sunday, March 21
4:30 P.M.
Fellowship Hall



This Sunday, March 14

Move your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night!

FAMILY LIFE CTR. COMMITTEE MEETING

This Sunday, March 14
5:30 P.M.
Family Life Center



We appreciate the following being on staff at First Baptist Church:

Troy Nance
for 21 years March 20, 2010.

EASTER "FLOWERS OF HOPE" CROSS

Sunday, April 4
Bring your live, cut flowers, before Sunday School, to put on the cross.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT March 7, 2010

		YTD AVG.
On-Site	393	346
Nursing Home	30	26
Homebound	12	10
Jail	5	11
Total	440	393

New Members - 0 Visitors - 12

March 7, 2010

Weekly Requirement	\$17,397.25
Budget Offering	\$21,046.11
Designated Offering	\$5,628.05
Total Offering	\$26,674.16

GENERATIONS OF GENEROSITY

March 7, 2010

Given This Week	\$3,445.00
Year-To-Date	\$40,646.40
Outstanding Debt	\$2,056,496.49

ACTS 1:8 FUND

March 7, 2010

Given This Week	\$2,023.05
Year-To-Date	\$13,500.87
Yearly Goal	\$78,000.00

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING REPORT

March 7, 2010

Attendance - 107 Average Attendance - 125

SANCTUARY FLOWERS



The Sanctuary flowers this Sunday, March 14, are placed in loving memory of **Martha Frances Kitchens Holder** by Bill and Terri Kitchens.

Senior Adults

This Wednesday, March 17
To Graceland Care Center
10:00 A.M.



This Wednesday, March 17
6:30 P.M.
Sanctuary

Deacons Meeting



NOTICE TO ALL DEACONS Monthly Deacons Meeting

This Sunday, March 14
7:15 A.M.
Family Life Center

CHILDREN'S COMMITTEE MEETING

This Sunday, March 14
4:30 P.M.
Youth Café



The Church in Outreach
Sunday, March 7
Matt Young
(Statement)

Natalie Young
(Profession of Faith-Baptism)

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE MEETING

This Sunday, March 14
5:00 P.M.
Conference Room