



THE CHIMES

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MISSION STATEMENT

Our Mission is to:

- Glorify** and Praise God
- Grow** and develop disciples
- Go** into our community and bring people to Christ

OUR GOAL

We are Committed to:

- L**ordship of Christ Mt 22:37
- O**ngoing Stewardship Mal 3:10
- R**eaching out in Evangelism Mt 28:19-20
- D**iscipleship Training II Tim 2:15

October

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Fun for all ages !!!



Friday, October 30th 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM

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Dear Church Family,

Last month was truly a blessing to Michelle and me as we had the opportunity to meet many more of you face to face through the meet and greets, church picnic, and other activities. We look forward to getting to know more of you in the coming weeks. Michelle and I are continually grateful to each of you for the way you have received us. I think you would all agree with me that the fellowship we have at McCormick FBC is incredible and will continue to be strong and grow.

Fellowship is a great blessing we have as a church, but the purpose of the church is far greater than just fellowship. The church is a living organism made up of born again believers who have a God given purpose. Starting October 11, we will begin a sermon series that will explore our purpose as a church. I can sum up our purpose in the following eight words.

Love God, Love People, Preach Jesus, Make Disciples

We will examine the Two Greatest Commandments (Matthew 22:37-40) and the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15) to see what God expects from us as individual Christians and as a church. I hope to see you the next several weeks as we seek to glorify God through the study of His Word. Have a great week!

In Christ,
Michael



Larry Baker
Paul Bollman
Forrest Gilmore
Tommy Henderson
Jason Hodges
George McClain

Ben McKinney
Dave Nawyn
George Patterson
Roy Phillips
John Tabor
Wallace Wood

**Ministry of
Evangelism and Outreach**

It is hard to believe that the Walley's have been in McCormick for one year now! Thank you, church family, for being a blessing. We look forward to the years to come. We believe that God has great things on the horizon for the church!

This month I would like to share a great Bible passage with you: Habakkuk 3:17-19

17 Though the fig tree should not blossom,
nor fruit be on the vines,
the produce of the olive fail
and the fields yield no food,
the flock be cut off from the fold
and there be no herd in the stalls,
18 yet I will rejoice in the Lord;
I will take joy in the God of my salvation.
19 God, the Lord, is my strength;
he makes my feet like the deer's;
he makes me tread on my high places.

Habakkuk's commitment to praise the Lord despite the circumstances is great. Think about the importance of figs, grapes, oil, and animals in the agricultural society at the time this was written. These resources were of immense value. But notice verse 18- YET I WILL REJOICE!! No matter the circumstance, the writer's commitment to the God of his salvation is resolute. If everything that was normal and predictable suddenly collapsed, would we be as unfaltering in our worship? Or are we fickle in our worship? We should worship the Almighty no matter our current circumstances because He is worthy. He has provided salvation!! Rejoice!

Father, thank you for your blessings. We are undeserving. Help us to more consistently be mindful of worshipping you.

Associate Pastor Jared

HarvestFest 2015

Pray for the harvest. The fields are ripe and the workers are few.

On Saturday evening, October 3, the Lakeland Baptist Association churches will host the 10th annual HarvestFest at the Connie Maxwell Children's Home farm. Davis Sons will be the guest speaker. The event will include praise music, solos, and creative movement teams. It is an event to bring the Gospel to the youth in a family environment. For the first time a fireworks show will follow the event. McCormick First Baptist has been an active participant from the beginning by feeding 150 people during the meal time and bringing our youth for the message. The gates will open at 5:00 p.m. and meals will be served beginning at 5:15pm. Over 6,000 people attended last year. Everyone is encouraged to attend. Baptist Men



ARE YOU A TEAM-KID? "I am a Team-KID. That's what I wanna be!"

Boys and Girls in 1st through 6th grades have accepted the "challenge." Each week at TeamKID we are studying a "Character Challenge" - a specific character trait that God wants each of us to develop if we are to grow to be more like Jesus. At TeamKID we sing, we play, and we study God's Word, committing a verse a week to memory. The fun activities reinforce the week's character challenge to help us remember ways to apply it in our everyday lives. We are also learning about Missions all over the world and learning that praying is just talking to our Heavenly Father that wants a personal relationship with us.

There is a special club for the younger kids, too - 3, 4, and 5 year olds are learning about God and His plan for them through a series called "ALL AROUND." They meet in the same room used for 3 yr - K5 Sunday School while grades 1-6 meet upstairs in the room used for Junior Church.

TeamKID starts at 5:45 p.m. each Wednesday. Parents can pick their children up at 7:05 or as soon as Wednesday Prayer Service ends. For safety reasons, we ask that children be dropped off and picked up at the rear breezeway entrance of the education building. A TeamKID Coach will be at the entrance to direct parent's and children to their rooms during drop off and pick up. This door will be locked while club is in session.

The TeamKID motto is: Learning about God, Using the Bible, Living for Jesus.
After all, the "K-I-D" in TeamKID stands for "Kids In Discipleship" and discipleship is growing to be more like Jesus.

Are YOU a TeamKID? Don't you wanna be?

For more information or to register your children aged 3 years through 6th grade, call Randy Lindsey at 864-993-3019 or Jared Walley at 852-2640.

Back to School Party Highlights

You all "done good". You helped about 12 kids (and their families) have an enjoyable day.

I do praise God for His people who love and serve the children of this community. The refreshments were from the hands of Carolyn Tranton, Joan Prince, Tom Mowday, and Judy Brown. The beautiful watermelon cake that Joan baked was a big hit. Jan Willis got them to sing a few watermelon songs and how can you not love spiting seeds and messing with water and balloons? When it comes to games and fun, The Lindseys rule.

Tom was better at being Uncle Jim than Uncle Jim. What a good story. Hopefully now the kids will always remember the colors of the watermelon tell a beautiful story and will tell the "story" to others. Mary Ann Beckwith showed them all the witnessing tool and how to use it. One of the most helpful ones were the ones that dished out the food and cleaned up afterwards. Thanks so much. I have not forgotten our loyal Sunday School kids who are willing to do anything they are asked to do, even if means doing a skit thanks to Joy and Justin.

LETS DO THIS AGAIN ~ next year. Jayne McMahan



SuEllen DeBerry
Glenda Lewis

Our Shut-ins:

George Bolin
Lillian Brown
Margie Bussey
Sandra Gordon
Marvin Hammond
Dessie Jennings
John Talbert



October

- 2 Rose Combs
- 5 Jennings McAbee
Cyndy Matheny
Michael Johnson
- 8 Kathy Johnson
- 9 Peggy Gilmore
- 10 Jake Trantham
April Walley
- 11 Aaron Gordon
Vern Adams
- 12 Marvin Hammond
- 13 Gaye McKee
- 16 Carole Adams
- 17 Jack Fitch
- 19 Barney Ouzts
- 20 Cathy Buckner
- 21 Glenda Lewis
- 25 Paul Bollman
- 26 Carol Cleveland
Esther White

Family Fellowship Night

In the September Chimes you were asked to circle Sunday, Oct. 18 on your calendar for our next Family Fellowship Night. If you haven't circled that date please do so now. Following our social gathering at 6:00 p.m. we will relocate to the sanctuary around 6:25p.m. for a wonderful evening of music by Larry Freeland and his band The Believers. Joining Larry will be Kathy Reese, Peggy McHugh and Larry Roark. Many of you have heard Larry and his band and know you are in for a real blessing by the Gospel message he brings through his music. The social time and singing will be open to the community so please put the word out and invite your friends and neighbors. We are asking members that attend the social to bring extra finger food for our community guests. A sign-up sheet will be posted on the bulletin board in October for any church member that would like to be a greeter/usher for our arriving guests. The Fellowship Night is hosted by the New Horizon and New Seekers Sunday School classes. See you there.

New Additions

Bodhi Bennett born September 26 to
Melissa and David Bennett
of Ringold, Georgia
Bodhi is the 7th grandchild of
Dave and Jo Nawyn

Campbell Reese Fender
born September 24 to
Bradley and Amanda Fender
of Charleston, South Carolina
new grandparents are
Joe and Diane Shaffer and
Leroy and Brenda Terrell
Proud aunt is Ashley Shealy

John Daniel Han-gyeol Marks
adopted September 1 to
Eric and Andrea Marks
of Tuscaloosa, Alabama
First grandson of John and Mary Tabor
John Daniel will be 2 on November 3

Pathfinders Class

How often have we said we can't understand how those who don't know God deal with life's challenges? As we continue our study "Stand Strong: Building Your Life on God's Promises," we are reminded that God has given us many promises that offer us the help and hope needed to overcome life's difficulties.

Koinonia Class



We have started a new study for this quarter titled, "Standing Strong: Building Your Life on God's Promises. If you are not attending a Sunday School class, please consider joining us. We always have thought provoking discussions with each of our rotating teachers.

The photo above was taken at a recent class fellowship at the Mill House in Greenwood. Did I mention that our class likes to have fun events beyond the classroom? Seated around the table are Dave Becker, Marian and Charles Parnell, Charlene Yates, Carolyn Trantham, Babe Thomas, Fran Becker, George and Marge Elmore, Jack and Pat Fitch, Michelle and Pastor Michael Allen.

Grades 1-6

October will conclude a series of lessons on God's Promises as found in Old Testament History. We have learned how Samuel anointed Saul to be the first king of the Israelites.

Mid-October we will be continuing in the Old Testament with a series of lessons about the prophet Daniel. This unit is titled Dare to be Different.

While we are learning about important Bible characters, we are learning how God expects Christians- even us kids - to be different from those who do not know Jesus Christ. And God has promised to help us be bold in our faith even when peer pressure and bullies make fun of us.

What about you? Have we been missing you in our Sunday School? If you aren't there, we do! Tell your parents there is a class for everyone in the family. Hope to see you this Sunday at 9:45!



All 1st through 6th graders are invited to Sunday Night JAM (Jesus and Me) starting at 6 p.m. We are worshiping Jesus during our JAM Sessions (choir) and learning the chronological story of the Bible during our JAM Journey time. We might even have JAM sandwiches from time to time. Earn enough JAM points each week and get free or discounted quarterly trips and activities.

Volunteer Schedule



October 4

Audio William Matheny
 Projection Joan Prince

October 11

Audio Forrest Gilmore
 Projection Andrea Mann

October 18

Audio Larry Baker
 Projection Diane Shaffer

October 25

Audio William Matheny
 Projection Gaye McKee

BUDGET REPORT

Financial Summary
 August 2015

Contributions YTD

Budget \$272,620
 Actual \$292,839

Expenses YTD

Budget \$272,620
 Actual \$267,293

Funds

Missions \$ 160
 Rebuild 4,923
 Mission Trip 17,605
 Capital Imp. 22,353
 Misc. 6,489



October
 Ricky Banks

November
 Bryant Hurt



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Every Sunday we record the entire 11:00AM Service on CD. These are mailed weekly to our shut-ins. If you know of someone who should or would like to receive one of these, please let us know so that we can put them on the distribution list. We usually have a couple extra that we are now putting in a basket in the foyer on the table. Please feel free to take these.



If there is a particular Sunday you wish to have a CD for, contact Mary she has the master to make you a copy. We keep the recordings on file for several months.

Also, the sermon is posted on our website and left there, you can access it by going to the "resources tab" and selecting "sermons", then pick the date you want to hear. The sermon notes are listed with the audio to follow along with.

Nursery Volunteer Schedule

October

October 4	Judy Brown	391-3706
October 11	Patsy Lee	852-2644
October 18	Joy Roberts	391-3625
October 25	Melissa Gable	443-5705

Our Christian sympathy and love is extended to the following families:

*Keith Creswell and Brenda Terrell
in the passing of their mother,
Mrs. Hazel Creswell*

*William and Cyndy Matheny
in the loss of William's father,
Mr. Jack Matheny*

*Jim and Joan Prince
in the passing of Jim's father,
Mr. Calvin Prince in Texas*

*Joe and Cathy Gibbons
in the loss of Cathy's sister,
Mrs. Jeanette Porter in Florida*

*Dave and Jo Nawyn
in the loss of Jo's sister,
Mrs. Christine Namie in Alabama*



Bob Everett

Miriam Azevedo

Hazel Creswell

Alton and Esther White
Marion and Patty Henderson

Jack Matheny

Alton and Esther White
Marion and Patty Henderson

Notes

Your heartfelt support after our loss meant a great deal to our family. From preparing a wonderful meal to all of your thoughts and prayers and weekly visits to Mama, we are grateful for such a loving church family during this time.

In His Name,
The family of Mrs. Hazel Creswell

Thank you for your thoughtfulness and prayers during this difficult time. Your kindness will always be remembered by the family of Allana Morgan