

## CALENDAR

### SUNDAY, APRIL 6

9:30 A.M. .... Finance Meeting  
 10:00 A.M. .... Sunday School  
 11:00 A.M. .... Morning Worship Service  
 5:00 P.M. .... Bible Drills  
 ..... Ladies Handbell  
 ..... Preschool Choirs  
 6:00 P.M. .... Evening Worship Service  
 7:00 P.M. .... Deacons' Meeting

### MONDAY, APRIL 7

12:00 P.M. .... Women On Mission  
 6:15 P.M. .... Weekly Visitation

### TUESDAY, APRIL 8

3:00 P.M. .... Children's Choir

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

10:00 A.M. .... Morning Prayer Meeting  
 6:00 P.M. .... Family Supper  
 6:30 P.M. .... Mission Organizations  
 6:45 P.M. .... Youth Deep Impact  
 7:00 P.M. .... Prayer Meeting  
 7:30 P.M. .... Sanctuary Choir

### SUNDAY MORNING

#### NURSERY

Pam Fisher, Judy & Morgan Darsey,  
 Robbie & Cindy Hemphill, Holly &  
 Andy Bridges, Susan & Hannah Davis,  
 Tommy & Tammy Reid, Jennifer Key

#### NURSERY CONTACT PERSON

Dawn Yeoman

#### OFFERTORY PRAYER

Joby Jackson

#### DEACON COUNTING COMMITTEE

David Putman, Keith Rushing, Glenn Bourne

#### SENIOR PARKING ATTENDANT

Russell Durham



#### HOMEBOUND OF THE WEEK

DOT KELLY  
 321 OAK DR.  
 WINONA, MS 38967

Sharing God's  
 Transforming Love

## BIBLE STUDY REPORT

### MARCH 30, 2008

Adult .....171  
 Youth .....21  
 Children .....19  
 Preschool .....23  
 Visitors .....3  
**ON CAMPUS TOTAL .....237**  
 Winona Manor .....33  
 Bus Ministry .....3  
 Kent Street Ministry .....4  
**OFF CAMPUS TOTAL .....40**  
**TOTAL IN BIBLE STUDY .....277**

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Budget Gifts..... \$11,812.32  
 Designated Funds ..... \$3,455.00  
**TOTAL GIFT ..... \$15,267.32**  
 Weekly Budget Needs ..... \$13,373.58  
 Monthly Budget Needs..... \$66,867.90  
 Budget Gifts to Date ..... \$56,866.69

### FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER



PORK LOIN, CHEESY POTATOES,  
 GREEN BEANS, PEAR SALAD,  
 ROLLS, TEA

NEIMAN MARCUS BROWNIES

#### CHILDREN'S MENU:

GRILLED CHEESE, CHIPS,  
 PICKLES, CAKE BROWNIES

### Sanctuary Flower Calendar

If you would like to place an arrangement in the sanctuary in memory or honor of a loved one, the following dates are available.

May 4                      May 25  
 June 1                     June 22

### *Sympathy*

The pastor and entire church family extend sympathy to the family of:

***Ella Mae Brown***

From Your Pastor:

The following is from the great Baptist pastor, Charles Spurgeon, entitled: "Feeding the Sheep or Amusing the Goats?"

*An evil is in the professed camp of the Lord, so gross in its impudence that the most short-sighted can hardly fail to notice it. During the past few years it has developed at an abnormal rate, even for evil. It has worked like leaven until the whole lump ferments. The devil has seldom done a cleverer thing than hinting to the church that part of their mission is to provide entertainment for the people, with a view to winning them. From speaking out as the Puritans did, the church has gradually toned down her testimony, then winked at and excused the frivolities of the day. Then she tolerated them in her borders. Now she has adopted them under the plea of reaching the masses.*

*My first contention is that providing amusement for the people is nowhere spoken of in the Scriptures as a function of the church. If it is a Christian work why did not Christ speak of it? "Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation." That is clear enough. So it would have been if He had added, "and provide amusement for those who do not relish the gospel." No such words, however, are to be found. It did not seem to occur to Him. Then again, "It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ might be built up...." Where do entertainers come in. The Holy Spirit is silent concerning them. Were the prophets persecuted because they amused the people, or because they refused? The concert has no martyr roll.*

*Again, providing amusement is in direct antagonism to the teaching and life of Christ and all His apostles. What was the attitude of the church to the world? "You are the salt of the earth," not the sugar candy—something the world will spit out, not swallow. "Let the dead bury their own dead...." He was in awful earnestness! Had Christ introduced more of the bright and pleasant elements into His mission, He would have been more popular when they went back, because of the searching nature of His teaching. I do not hear Him say, "Run after these people, Peter, and tell them we will have a different style of service tomorrow, something short and attractive with little preaching. We will have a pleasant evening for the people. Tell them they will be sure to enjoy it. Be quick, Peter, we must get the people somehow!" Jesus pitied sinners, sighed and wept over them, but never sought to amuse them. In vain will the Epistles be searched to find any trace of the gospel of amusement. Their message is, "Come out, keep out, keep clean out!" Anything approaching fooling is conspicuous by its absence. They had boundless confidence in the gospel and employed no other weapon. After Peter and John were locked up for preaching, the church had a prayer meeting, but they did not pray, "Lord grant unto thy servants that by a wise and discriminating use of innocent recreation we may show these people how happy we are." If they ceased not for preaching Christ, they had not time for arranging entertainments. Scattered by persecution, they went everywhere preaching the gospel. They "turned the world upside down." That is the only difference! Lord, clear the church of all the rot and rubbish the devil has imposed on her and bring us back to apostolic methods.*

*Lastly, the mission of amusements fails to effect the end desired. It works havoc among the young converts. Let the careless and scoffers, who thank God because the church met them half-way, speak and testify. Let the heavy laden who found peace through the concert not keep silent! Let the drunkard to whom the dramatic entertainment had been God's link in the chain of their conversion, stand up! There are none to answer. The mission of amusement produces no converts. The need of the hour for today's ministry is believing scholarship joined with earnest spirituality, the one springing from the other as fruit from the root. The need is biblical doctrine, so understood and felt, that it sets men on fire.*

Spurgeon wrote this over 115 years ago; we still deal with the same issues today. What will we do? Will we trust that God's message is enough to change lives? Or shall we employ our own means to "reach" those who care little for God's truth? Shall we keep silent for fear that people might not like the firmness of God's Word, or shall we always make things "light and fun" so that people never wrestle with the discomfort of sin? I pray that we will choose God's message, for God's glory.

Bro. Phillip



**First Baptist Goal:**  
**\$7,500.00**  
**Received to Date:**  
**\$5,906.09**

**Attention Students**  
What: Cookout  
Date: April 19th  
Place and Time: TBA  
*Details will be made available soon!*

### Adult Discipleship Class

**A People Called Baptist:  
Who We Are & What We Believe**  
to begin Sunday, April 13th @ 4:45 p.m.

### Change of Address

In order to avoid return postage charges please notify the church office of any change in your mailing address. You can contact the church office at (662) 283-4682 or mail a change of address form to P. O. Box 408, Winona, MS 38967.

### *Thank You Notes*

Thank you notes have been received from the following and are placed on the bulletin board at the Family Life Building main entrance Family:

*Sarah Shaw  
Shirley Pratt  
Tommy Griffin  
The Family of Mrs. Blanch Randle*

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS BY LETTER

Cory Wade



### **Spring in Savannah**

The L.L.L. Club has planned a spring trip to Savannah, GA. The trip dates are May 5th –8th. If you are interested in being a part of this trip, contact Frances Coburn @ 283-3621.

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## April is Preschool Ministry Emphasis Month



*And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into His likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit..*

II Corinthians 3:18

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