



New Salem Baptist Church

Your Journey. Our Focus.

February 19, 2017

A Pastor's Ponderings

(Hoshea) removed the high places and broke down the sacred pillars and cut down the Asherah. He also broke in pieces the bronze serpent that Moses had made, for until those days the sons of Israel burned incense to it... (2 Kings 18:4)

It was never supposed to be that way! The bronze snake had at one time been an instrument of healing and transformation for God's people. It had saved them from the consequences of their sin. But then the people turned it into an object of worship. Thereby ruining it and robbing it of its power.

We see here the very essence of *traditionalism*. It's not simply holding onto Grandma's preferences. It's when we take things... good things... effective things... and we end up worshipping them instead of the God who used them for a season. And it can happen to anything.

Hymns or contemporary worship. KJV or otherwise. Live preaching or video preaching. One campus or multiple campuses. Sunday school or small groups. None of these are bad things, but they're also not the ultimate thing. And therefore, we shouldn't treat them as such. Otherwise, we run a dangerous risk. The very thing that you hold up as a tool for transformation today can easily become an idol of tradition tomorrow.

God has a way of smashing our idols or rendering them powerless. Don't get me wrong. We should never lose our appreciation or respect for the things God uses to reach people and transform their lives. But we must never allow them to steal God's glory by becoming a greater object of our affections than God or the new ways He wants to work among us. God's glory is greater than Grandma's traditions and our own as well.

Weekly Schedule for February 19 to February 26

Today Sunday School10:00 am
 Morning Worship11:00 am
 Evening Worship6:00 pm
 Choir Practicefollowing evening worship

Monday WMU6:00 pm

Tuesday Men's Breakfast9:00 am

Wednesday Fellowship Supper5:30-6:30 pm

K.I.A. in Fellowship Hall

The Experience*
 Junior High Small Group*
 (* meets at The Spot)

Adult Prayer & Bible Study

All group activities begin at 7:00 pm.

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| HAPPY BIRTHDAY | HAPPY ANNIVERSARY |
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| Nancy WrightFri., Feb. 24 Faith NortonSat., Feb. 25 | Wednesday, Feb. 22 Carl & Karen Cloyd |

| NURSERY VOLUNTEERS | |
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| TODAY AM - Bo, Noel & Lilly Shell | NEXT SUNDAY AM - Jenifer Carter, Patrick Mitchell and Hunter Barker |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WOMEN'S MISSION GET-TOGETHER

Attention ladies who are going to the conference on **March 31-April 2** at the **Gatlinburg Convention Center**: Registration and lodging fees are due **TODAY, February 19**. See **Nancy Gillis** if you have any questions.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This year, we are trying a new approach to gathering items for this mission project. Buying in "bulk" is less expensive and assures that all boxes have similar, age-appropriate items. Therefore, *we will be collecting a special offering on every 3rd Sunday*. Designated "shoppers" will then be able to make cost effective purchases of items on our "suggested shopping lists". Your offerings will allow everyone an easier opportunity to participate in this worthy mission project. And, if you want to shop and donate actual items, your donations will still be accepted and appreciated as always.

WMU

Tomorrow is the monthly meeting at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Come to learn more about our missionaries and mission projects. All ladies are encouraged to attend.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SMALL GROUP

A new small group study started this past Wednesday. The 6-week study is entitled "**All The Places To Go.**" The study teaches us how to recognize doors of opportunity God places before us every day and gives us the encouragement to step out in faith. Now is the perfect time to come join us in this new and exciting study.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

Check the back of this bulletin for the menu and other information.

SHOWER TIME

On Saturday, March 11, from 2:00-4:00 p.m., there will be a "diapers & wipes" shower in the fellowship hall for Pam and Patrick Mitchell's expected little one. Pampers Swaddlers & Pampers sensitive wipes are preferred. Lori Deloach will be the hostess. All are welcome to attend.

Keep in Your Prayers

...the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.

(James 5:16)



Sickness & Hospital

Tommy & Linda Bailey
B.F. Barker
Susan Belcher
Amy Bird
Lois Broyles
Tony Broyles
Ronnie Bryant
Bill Carpenter
Evelyn Casmere
Wade Cole
T.J. Crawford
Steve Cutshall
Sam D'Antonio
Mary Davidson
Charles Ellis
Barbara Fazio
Doug Fox
Kenneth Gray
Patsy Greene
Anita Hall
Lynn Hampton
Emma Harrod
Pauline Hensley
Cash Hicks
Dorothy Holley
Elisabeth Holley
Ray Holtsinger
Glen Johnson
Lisa Justice
Jacob Luttrell
Herman Marcum
Katrina Mausolf
Tom McCurry
Jim McNamara
Lori Milliken
Matthew Millsaps
Teresa Monteon
Randy Moore
Pastor Kevin Morris
Faye Morrow
Halen Pate
Dixie Patton
Amos Penley
Atler Perryman
Glenda Purdue
Bart Rickman
Jordan St.John
Art Simpson
Art Simpson, Jr.
Larry & Judy Smith

Other Requests

American Military
Radio Ministry
The Spot
The families of our
community
Washington County
Jail Ministry
Issac Cutshall
Unspoken requests
FISH Ministry
The young couples of
our church
Doug & Barb
Weberg's travels
Gatlinburg communities
and churches
Pastor & Congregation
of Roaring Fork
Baptist Church
Grieving families
Our school teachers
2017 Student Conference
Juanita Caulier's family
Christine Kyker's family

Shut-in & Nursing Home

Christine Harris
Rena Hensley
Lou Shelton
Eric Starner
Brownlow Yarbor
Millie Yarbor

Salvation

K. Adamson
Kevin Ayers
Michelle Ayers
Robin Booth
Charles Bowers
S. Branstractor
Kathy Brooks
Karen Burgin
Rick Burgin
Mary S. Carter
Heather Crumb
Jessica Curtis
John Dowdy
Jon Fazio
Ben Franklin
Karen Ingram
Patton Jervis
Donna Laws
Betty Lewis
Scott Lewis
Diane Miller
John Nichols
Jim Norris
Becky Norton
Harry Norton
Kenzie Nunley
Pam Nunley
Jennie Reasor
Larry Richardson
Amy Roberts
Dustin Roberts
Sue Roberts
Bill Shelton
Rita Shelton
Kelly Shoun
Tammy Waterhouse
Kevin Whistine

Note:

If a name needs to remain on the prayer list for longer than one month, just let Pastor Craig or Linda King know.

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

This week's menu:

**pinto beans, potatoes, slaw, cornbread,
drink & dessert**

(A **sign up sheet** is in the foyer.)

Meals are **\$4.00** for each adult.

Supper will be served from **5:30 - 6:30 p.m.**

It's VERY important to let the cooks know how many meals to prepare. Otherwise, food may be insufficient or wasted. So, please remember to *sign up!*

Thank you for your help in making these fellowship suppers a time of social and physical nourishment... followed by spiritual nourishment during group Bible studies.

Can't join us for supper? Bible study is still on the "menu" for everyone. Hope to see you there!

*Need more information or need to **sign up** or **cancel**?*

Call Lavon Jones @ 426-8105.

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS WELCOME

Have you visited the nursery lately? Our youngest children and volunteers are benefitting from many improvements. Our nursery can always use more volunteers. Please consider signing up. See Kathy Ferguson for more information.



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