



New Salem Baptist Church

Your Journey. Our Focus.

March 19, 2017

A Pastor's Ponderings

One Sunday morning at a small Southern church, the new pastor called on one of his older deacons to lead in the opening prayer.

The Deacon stood up, bowed his head and said, "Lord, I hate buttermilk." The pastor opened one eye and wondered where this was going. The Deacon continued, "Lord, I hate lard." Now the pastor was totally perplexed as the Deacon prayed on. "Lord, I ain't too crazy about plain flour. But after you mix them all together and bake them in a hot oven, I just love biscuits. Lord, when life gets hard.... or when things come up that we don't like... and whenever we don't understand what you are doing... help us to realize that we need to wait and see what you are making. 'Cuz Lord, after you get through mixing and baking, it'll probably be something even better than biscuits. Amen."

...and we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose
Romans 8:28

Weekly Schedule for March 19 to March 26

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

Tuesday Men's Breakfast9:00 am
 Ladies' Prayer Group9:30 am
 (at Linda King's home)

Wednesday Fellowship Supper5:30-6:30 pm

K.I.A. in Fellowship Hall

All group activities begin at 7:00 pm.

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

Adult Prayer & Bible Study Groups

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

| HAPPY BIRTHDAY | HAPPY ANNIVERSARY |
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| Mike DouthatToday! Pam Bryant Wed., Mar. 22 Art Simpson Wed., Mar. 22 Janice Cunningham ...Thurs., Mar. 23 Craig PonderSun., Mar. 26 | Tuesday, Mar, 21 Todd & Ashley Wilhoit Saturday, Mar, 25 Mike & Debbie Bush |

| NURSERY VOLUNTEERS | |
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| TODAY | NEXT SUNDAY |
| AM - Tonya Ward, Lori DeLoach and Hannah DeLoach | AM - Kellee & Sierra Malone and Deanna Curtis |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW BIBLE STUDY

Pastor Craig is leading a new Bible study on Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m. The book of Ester happened long ago, but it still provides current messages for us today. Please join our adults in this journey of spiritual revelations, renewal, and rewards.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



Today is the designated "3rd Sunday" for our monthly opportunity to give a special offering for this worthy mission. Our generous gifts can provide useful items to fill those Samaritan's Purse boxes. (November will be here before we know it!) This ministry is also an opportunity to show God's love and spread the Gospel around the world.

DONATIONS NEEDED

This year we are asking for donations of **plastic eggs & wrapped candy** for our **Easter Egg Hunt** on **Saturday, April 15**. *The candy needs to fit inside the plastic eggs.* Give your donations to **Tonya Ward** or put them in the labeled box in the church vestibule. More information will be coming soon about the Easter Egg Hunt.

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. A sign up sheet is available on the table in the church entrance. See **Kathy Ferguson** for more information.

Keep in Your Prayers

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

(James 5:16)



Sickness & Hospital

Tommy Bailey
B.F. Barker
Susan Belcher
Amy Bird
Lois Broyles
Tony Broyles
Ronnie Bryant
Bill Carpenter
Evelyn Casmere
Wade Cole
T.J. Crawford
Matthew Cutshall
Steve Cutshall
Sam D'Antonio
Mary Davidson
Charles Ellis
Daniel Gardner
Kenneth Gray
Anita Hall
Emma Harrod
Pauline Hensley
Cash Hicks
Dorothy Holley
Elisabeth Holley
Ray Holsinger
Glen Johnson
Lisa Justice
Debbie Keene
Jacob Luttrell
Herman Marcum
Katrina Mausolf
Tom McCurry
Jim McNamara
Lori Milliken
Matthew Millsaps
Teresa Monteon
Randy Moore
Pastor Kevin Morris
Faye Morrow
Jenny Murray
Amos Penley
Atler Perryman
Glenda Purdue
Bart Rickman
Jordan St. John
Larry & Judy Smith
Brother Snapp
Mildred Snapp
Betty & Elmer Taylor
Gary Stafford

Tom Swain
Al Vanderland
Judy Vanlandingham
Megan Vess
Linda Vogel
Cameron Whitaker
Gene Wilcox

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
The Sparks children
Don Bryant (house fire)

Praise the Lord!

Christy Judkins
Brother Snapp
Jason Waddell

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:

**Chicken & rice, sweet potato patty,
broccoli (with or w/out cheese sauce),
bread, drinks & 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**?*

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Your Deacon of the Week

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