



**New Salem Baptist Church**

**Your Journey. Our Focus.**

**March 26, 2017**

**A Pastor's Ponderings**

The little boy thought it was normal that his family liked having breakfast food for supper every now and then. One night, his Mom placed a plate of eggs, sausage, and extremely burnt biscuits in front of the family. The boy watched as his dad reached for his biscuit, smiled at his wife, and then asked about everybody's day at school. The boy didn't hear much of the conversations after that. He was too busy watching his dad smear butter and jelly on that ugly burnt biscuit. He ate every bite and never made a face nor uttered a word about it!

Later that night, when the boy went to kiss his dad good night, he asked his dad if he really liked his biscuits burnt. The father wrapped the son in his arms and said, "Son, your Mom put in a hard day at work today, and she's real tired. Besides, a little burnt biscuit never hurt anyone!"

This life is full of imperfect things and imperfect people, and learning to accept each other's faults and choosing to celebrate each other's differences is one of the most important keys to creating healthy and lasting relationships. Understanding and acceptance are the keys to every strong relationship, be it a husband/wife or parent/child.

My prayer for you today is that you will learn to take the good, the bad, and the ugly parts of your life and lay them at Jesus' feet. He's the only One who is able to give you a relationship where a burnt biscuit isn't a deal-breaker! Don't put the key to your happiness in someone else's pocket... keep it in your own.

**Weekly Schedule for March 26 to April 2**

**Today** Sunday School .....10:00 am  
 Morning Worship .....11:00 am  
 Evening Worship .....6:00 pm  
 Choir Practice .....following evening worship

**Tuesday** Men's Breakfast .....9:00 am  
 Ladies' Prayer Group .....9:30 am  
 (at Linda Bailey's home)

**Wednesday** Fellowship Supper .....5:30-6:30 pm

<i>All group activities begin at 7:00 pm.</i>	K.I.A. in Fellowship Hall The Experience* Junior High Small Group* (* meets at <u>The Spot</u> )  Adult Prayer & Bible Study Groups
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**Friday-Sunday** WMU Missions Get-Together.....8:15 am  
 Holston Bapt. Assoc. Student Conf. @ Ridgecrest

**Next Sunday** Sunday School .....10:00 am  
 Morning Worship .....11:00 am  
 Evening Worship .....6:00 pm  
 Following evening worship:  
 Birthday/Anniversary Social

HAPPY BIRTHDAY	HAPPY ANNIVERSARY
Craig Ponder .....Today! Ethan Gillis .....Mon., Mar. 27 Michelle Whitaker ...Mon., Mar. 27 Betty Gray .....Tues., Mar. 28 Greg Wright .....Tues., Mar. 28 Larry Lane .....Thurs., Mar. 30 Jay Curtis .....Fri., Mar. 31 Wes Hardy .....Fri., Mar. 31	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monday, Mar, 27</b> George &amp; Sandra Jaynes</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Tuesday, Mar, 28</b> Tim &amp; Shelby Humphrey</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday, Mar, 31</b> Floyd &amp; Cathy Claypole</p>

**NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

TODAY	NEXT SUNDAY
AM - Kelleve & Sierra Malone and Deanna Curtis	AM - Sheree Cloyd, Tracey Shipley and Jessie Hodge

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**NEW BIBLE STUDY**

**Pastor Craig** is leading a new Bible study on **Wednesday nights at 7:00 p.m.** The book of **Esther** is the focus for insights for our daily lives. Please join our adults in this journey of spiritual revelations, renewal, and rewards.

**ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING**

This annual offering supports Southern Baptist missionaries serving all across North America. We will be accepting contributions toward our church's goal of **\$1,000** through **Easter Sunday**. Offering envelopes are available on the back table.

**DONATIONS NEEDED**

There's just two more Sundays before the annual **Easter Egg Hunt**, on **Saturday, April 15!** We still need **plastic eggs & wrapped candy** for this special event for our children. *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.

**HOLSTON BAPTIST ASSOCIATION STUDENT CONFERENCE**

Our students and their leaders covet your prayers for themselves as they journey to Ridgecrest for this special event. They will be leaving on Friday and will return on Sunday.

**WMU MISSIONS GET-TOGETHER**

Several of our ladies will be leaving for an inspirational, rewarding weekend in Gatlinburg this **Friday**. Those riding together need to meet at the church by **8:15 a.m.** so we can be on the road by **8:30**. If you have not already turned in your **sandwich menu request**, please give it to **Tammy** today or to **Linda King** on Wednesday night. (You may want to take a drink & chips to go with your sandwich from Mountain View. Lunch will be at the motel.)

And don't forget our **MINISTRY PROJECT** when you're packing... We are collecting full-size deodorant, soap, shampoo, toothpaste, tooth brushes, toilet paper and tissues... to be turned in at the Convention Center.

## 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  
Donna Bishop  
Lois Broyles  
Tony Broyles  
Ronnie Bryant  
Bill Carpenter  
Evelyn Casmere  
Wade Cole  
Sonja Cooper  
T.J. Crawford  
Matthew Cutshall  
Steve Cutshall  
Sam D'Antonio  
Mary Davidson  
Charles Ellis  
Daniel Gardner  
Nancy Gillis  
Kenneth Gray  
Anita Hall  
Emma Harrod  
Pauline Hensley  
Cash Hicks  
Dorothy Holley  
Elisabeth Holley  
Ray Holtsinger  
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  
Peggy Payne  
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  
Don Bryant (house fire)  
2017 Student Conference  
WMU Missions  
Conference in Gatlinburg

### Praise the Lord!

Donna Bishop  
Tom McCurry

### 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:

**Pork barbeque, baked beans, cole slaw  
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?*

**Call Lavon Jones @ 426-8105.**



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