

WBBC MESSAGE

Special Points of Interest:

- *Men and Women's Ministry*
- *College and Career Class*

PASTOR KEITH LOUTHAN

Grace has been given “so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him.” (Ephesians 3:10-12) Thank you for taking the time to memorize these verses of scripture. Allow them to serve as a lens through which to understand our study of Ephesians. What an amazing thing it is that God has chosen us, his church, to be an object lesson of his magnificent wisdom. And while God is demonstrating his wisdom through us in heavenly places, he has called us to live out this grace that has saved us on this earth, right here in Wrightsville Beach and Wilmington.

We get to live out this wisdom together by growing in our understanding of our salvation. Philippians 2:12b-13 instructs us, “work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.” In these verses, which are written to a church, the ‘you’s’ are plural, while the salvation is singular. There is an aspect of our growth as followers of Jesus Christ that is necessarily done together. I cannot grow solely by myself, I need the fellowship, encouragement, prayers, and worship of other believers. So do you. We all do. And the scriptures encourage us to grow together, working out this salvation that we all share. Our society is built so heavily on individualism that we often overlook the corporate nature of our salvation and growth. Salvation is something we share. Our growth is stimulated best when the group is functioning together.

The last month, we have seen some amazing things. I hope that many of you got to see the snow on the beach. What a beautiful thing it was to walk around Wrightsville Beach on February 13, and see the wonder of what 3-4 inches of snow can do to a beach landscape. It was amazing. I wonder if Isaiah was looking at a similar weather phenomena when he had the vision from God, and the Lord spoke these words to him in Isaiah 1:18, “Come let us reason together, though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be white as snow.” Isaiah had to know what snow looked like. Was it not amazing how the snow colored everything white? Was it not amazing how quiet things were as the snow absorbed nearly all sound? Is it not amazing that Jesus has negotiated such an amazing salvation in our own lives, washing us white as snow?! Amazing grace!

Over the next month, several very important things will happen. First of all, on Sunday, March 7 at 7:00pm, we will gather as a church body in prayer together. This will be the second month of our prayer ministry ‘The 7th @ 7’ and will provide us as a fellowship another opportunity to seek God together in prayer for the health and growth of Wrightsville Beach Baptist Church. What an awesome opportunity/responsibility God has given us in prayer! Another thing that will take place this month is a staff/leadership retreat on March 26 and 27. The purpose of this retreat will be to gather together in prayer and bible study to try to come up with a working mission statement for the church. Philippians 2:2 challenges the church to be like minded...being in full accord, intent on one purpose. This will be the intent of this retreat. Pray for the staff and leaders who serve this church in a variety of ways; pray that God would unite us as we continue to move forward in his will.

Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord Jesus Christ and his church. Let’s grow together! I love you all.



WBBC is charting a new course

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THE SHORE

Over the past month, the students have really enjoyed getting to know Keith and his family. We especially enjoy having Austin and Hunter with us. We have started studying the book of Ephesians in Sunday School to go along with Keith's preaching on Sunday mornings. We have had a lot of visitors lately which has been very exciting. Continue to encourage your child to bring their friends on Wednesday nights and Sunday mornings.

This weekend the youth are heading to Raleigh to be a part of the Nexus Project at the Summit Church. We have about 20 students

going with us. They will have the opportunity to listen to some of North Carolina's most dynamic speakers and participate in singing led by Carl Cartee. Please keep them in your prayers this weekend.

Lastly, don't forget about the parent meetings every 4th Sunday of the month. It is important for you to be there to get updates on the youth group and have a chance to input your thoughts and ideas. Hope to see you there!

Shaun

SPARE CHANGE?

Help the Children's Ministry minister to the Baptist Children's Home by bringing in your spare change. Small banks will be placed at the dinner tables on Wednesday evenings.

MUSIC

There is power in singing about Jesus. Rev. E. P. Scott was a missionary to India. One day he met a man that belonged to a wild mountain tribe that had never heard the name of Jesus. Scott decided to visit that tribe. As soon as he reached their village they surrounded him and the pointed their spears at his heart. Not sure what to

Do, he drew out the violin he always carried with him and began to play and sing in the native language, "All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall, Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him, Lord of all". He sang with his eyes closed, prepared to die. When he reached the 3rd verse and realized nothing had happened,

he opened his eyes and was amazed to see that they had dropped their spears and were listening with tear filled eyes! Scott spent the next two years winning many of them to Christ. There is power in singing of Jesus!

In Him,
Glenda

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY-JODY RONEY

February has been a very busy month for the Children's Ministry. We started off the month with a lock-in with 20 children. We had a wonderful time; we want to thank Ms. Regina for helping us and spending the night. We had a canned-food drive as admission for the evening and as a craft project we made Valentines for soldiers in Iraq. We then had our own Valentines Party with pizza and treats and we watched The First Valentine which showed us what the true meaning of Valentines is - that we are to lay our lives down for our friends. We worked on another mission project, Kids Fun Packets. The children collected small hygiene items and packed them in a gallon size bag to be given out at the Gibson Avenue Food Bank. Our children packed over 20 bags, and on February 20th several of the children went to the Children's Ministry Day hosted by WMU. There was a puppet show, missions by Ms. Susan, music and lunch. We had a great time. We have another mission project we are working on now, Mile of Pennies. The children are collecting change for the Baptist Children's Home. We will have some kind of bank or item sitting the tables on Wednesday night collecting change for this project. Please help support The Baptist Children's Home with your change. We will be having a Children's Mission Evening on March 10th and we will be studying Annie Armstrong. The Children's Ministry Committee will be hosting an Easter Egg Hunt on March 24th. Please invite your family and friends. There is still time and space to register your child, 3rd-6th grade, for Centri-Kid Camp June 23rd-27th in Ridgecrest. Please contact me ASAP for registration form, \$50.00 registration is due now.

WOMEN IN TOUCH

March 4th-Spudnic (baked potatoes with all the toppings).
Mission emphasis– Annie Armstrong Offering

March 12th-13th-Ladies Spring Prayer and Bible Study Retreat at Ft. Caswell. Sponsored by the WBA

EASTER EGG HUNT

Where: WBBC
When: Wednesday, March 24th at 6:00
Who: All children of WBBC and friends!



Thank you to Jay and the deacons for the fabulous Valentine Dinner and to the Hospitality Committee for decorating twice. It was beautiful! We appreciate all of you!

WBBC Fishermen

March 8th
April 5th
May 3rd
May 31st
June 28th
July 26th

WBBC Mariners

March 22nd
April 19th
May 17th
June 14th
July 12th
August 9th

Volunteers Needed

WBBC is looking for folks who would be available to help in the kitchen. If this is an area where you can serve please contact Ellen.

Work Day

All hands on deck!
Work day is scheduled for Saturday, March 13th from 8-1.
Women In Touch will be providing a light lunch.

MISSION OPPORTUNITY

Your North American Mission Board missionaries (NAMB) in partnership with state conventions, associations and local churches are sharing God's transforming power in the US, Canada and their territories. The work to proclaim Christ's message in North American is crucial as 75% of the people right here on our own continent do not know Jesus as their Savior.

The Week of Prayer for North American Missions is March 7-14, 2010. On Sunday, March 7th, you will receive a guide highlighting the work of different missionaries for each day that week. Please let this guide serve to remind you to pray for these highlighted missionaries as well as the over 5,500 other NAMB missionaries who are boldly and faithfully sharing Christ throughout North America.

On Wednesday, March 10th at 6:30 PM we, as a church body, will be learning about the work of several of our North American Missionaries who very creatively and effectively share their love of the Lord with those who do not know him. We will see how the money, that is given to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering for North American missions, is strategically used to reach persons for our Lord. Susan Canady will be leading the adult mission study and Carrie Sullivan, Children's Missions leader for our Associational WMU, will be leading the children's mission study.

This year the goal for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, the offering that is given to support our North American missionaries, is \$70,000,000. We here at Wrightsville Beach Baptist Church have a church wide goal of \$4,000. Please PRAY for our missionaries, GO and be part of a volunteer mission team this year, and GIVE a sacrificial offering so that our Southern Baptist missionaries can boldly share Christ all over North America. The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering will be received during the month of March so plan now to set aside a worthy offering for missions.

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MISSION-CHILE

OUR INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD RESPONDS TO EARTHQUAKE

Southern Baptists are moving quickly to assess relief needs in the aftermath of an 8.8-magnitude earthquake that struck Chile at 3:34 a.m. Saturday, killing at least 82 people, collapsing buildings and setting off a tsunami.

Disaster relief specialists from South Carolina and California are on standby to respond, said Jim Brown, director of the U.S. office for the International Mission Boards primary partner in disaster relief, Baptist Global Response. A decision about what initial response is needed will be made within the next 12 hours (Saturday).

We are evaluating damage reports as they come in and preparing initial response plans, if it is determined that a significant response is needed, Holste said. Southern Baptists have ministry partners in Chile who will be able to help respond immediately with basic necessities.

We know that immediate needs usually include things like food, water, shelter and medical needs, Brown said. We have emergency response funds available to help with the crisis response. Southern Baptists always respond quickly when a disaster like this strikes. They pray and give from the heart. Were glad to know so many people who care are ready to spring into action to help people in need.

