

WBBC MESSAGE

MAY 1, 2010

HOME COMING

Sunday, May 16th, 2010

Come and fellowship with past members and staff. Invite old friends.

Contact Taffy Rivenbark, Lib Floyd or the church office for more information. Reservations required if you choose to join us for a catered lunch. Hope to see you there.



WBBC is charting a new course

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NEWSLETTER TITLE

PASTOR KEITH LOUTHAN

We are now nearly complete with two chapters in our walk through the book of Ephesians. God's word has simultaneously challenged us and encouraged us in our walk together. We have now (hopefully) memorized two passages of scripture from this amazing letter in the New Testament. One gives us a window to the book as a whole (Ephesians 3:10-12), and the other gives us a summary and proclamation of our salvation in Christ (Ephesians 2:8-10). "In Christ." If there is one phrase that captures the essence of truth for salvation and the church in this book of the bible, it would be this phrase. The expression is used over thirty times in the letter, the majority of which show up in the first three chapters. This phrase reminds us of the geography of our experience as a church. It is "in Christ" that we have been blessed, chosen, adopted, forgiven, enlightened, included, saved, and sealed in 1:3-14. It is "in Christ" that Paul prays for the light to be turned on in our hearts in order to know the reality of God's power at work in our life "in Christ;" the same power that God worked "in Christ" when he raised his Son from the dead in 1:15-23. It is "in Christ" that we are saved by God's grace alone through an active faith, transferred from an active death to a spirit-filled life "in Christ" in 2:1-10. It is "in Christ" that we are unified with believers of all races, cultures, and backgrounds, finding at the cross the destruction "in Christ" of all that divides us...walking away genuinely unified "in him" in 2:11-22. May we as a church family come to grips with this reality of getting our total identity defined "in Christ."

March 26-27, the staff, deacons, church council, and Sunday School teachers gathered for a retreat to seek God's face together with the desire to have a easily memorized, but useful mission statement for the church. What we experienced in prayer, bible study, and fellowship together that weekend was a great reminder of the faithfulness of God. When two or three are gathered together in the name of Jesus, he still does show up, and he does so in powerful ways. In the Wednesday, April 21 business meeting, we approved the following mission statement for Wrightsville Beach Baptist Church. The mission statement is the culmination of a group effort, and will serve to give this church body, the body of Christ, a starting point based on the word of God, to evaluate all the ministries and programs of the church.

Called to be one in Christ, we...
...worship God
...love people
...make disciples;
Proclaiming the gospel as we go!

This mission statement is packed full of meaning, but will only become useful as we put it to work in the life of our fellowship. Our unity, found only in Christ Jesus our Lord calls us to action. When pressed for the greatest commandment in the Law, Jesus offered two fundamental truths, maintaining that all the mandates of Scripture hang in the balance of these. The first, "you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength." It is in our worship that we express to God our love for him, whether in our corporate gatherings, or in our private prayer closet, or anywhere in between. Secondly, Jesus said, "love your neighbor as yourself." Pressed to define our neighbor, Jesus described the union of two ethnic enemies, united by the need of the one, and the godly compassion of the other along a dangerous road. We must love all people. In the passage of Scripture known as the Great Commission, Jesus released his followers with the command to make disciples. In Greek this command is one word, *poreuthentes*, which needs an English phrase to properly translate. *Poreuthentes* is best understood as "in your goings" or "as you go." We are never to stop making disciples, and the tool that we have to begin the life journey of disciple-making is the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Speaking of going, on May 5, at 7:00, we will meet with anyone interested in going with the church to New York City on a mission trip in support of New Hope Christian Church. There is additional information in this newsletter that I hope you will prayerfully consider. This trip will be special to me for several personal reasons. First, it will be the first short term mission trip that we will have taken as a church family. Second, we will be going to a church and neighborhood in Queens, New York that God has knit very close to my heart. He has done so through my participation with Fayetteville First Baptist Church (Georgia) for ten consecutive summers from 1998-2007. To return after a few years away with the first church I have pastored, in cooperation with the church my family just left will be an unbelievable blessing to my life. I hope you will be able to join us.

Finally church, let me say this. I love you. I love you in the fullness of my heart, bought by the blood of Christ, sealed with the Holy Spirit. I love you dearly.

In Christ,
Keith

MUSIC

It's Sunday morning. The alarm goes off. The routine begins. We have breakfast, get dressed; if you are a mom, make sure everyone else is up getting breakfast, getting dressed. Our minds begin to think about what we did yesterday, or, meant but forgot or ran out of time to do yesterday. We think about who we will see at church... do I have my Bible? My Sunday School book? What are we doing for lunch? Do I have my keys?.... Is this my Sunday to teach/usher/greet?..... and our minds race on..... That is normal. But when you enter the sanctuary this Sunday, I challenge you to consciously change the thought process.

A well known worship leader Bob Kauflin says that the essence of worship is exalting - raising up, lifting high, submitting to, magnifying, making much of, honoring, reverencing, celebrating – the triune God. Think about that. Is that why you are here? Are you here to rest and be a spectator? Or is it your desire to actually participate in worship?

Mark 7:6-8 reads, He replied, "Isaiah was right when he prophesied: "These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me.

This Sunday, will you personally

Exalt,

Raise up,

Lift high,

Submit to,

Magnify,

Make much of,

Honor,

Reverence, and

Celebrate

the One who gave Himself for you and continues to give Himself to you?

Will you come to our Worship Service or will you participate to make it a

Service of Worship?

In Him,

Glenda



Child Dedication

Mother's Day
Sunday, May 9th

(Contact Jody Roney if interested
and for more information)

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THE SHORE

May is an exciting month for the students. This is the month that we move into the auditorium. We have prayed for the opportunity to not only grow but grow effectively. May 12th we will be starting our weekly corporate worship time in the auditorium. There are great plans for that night and great excitement by the leadership. We are so thankful to the church for their support in this process. It has meant a lot to us. We will be pushing Crossroads as well this month. Summer is coming up on us rather quickly and with this means money deadlines.

Crossroads is June 27th through July 2nd. There are some students who will need some financial assistance and the Lord has done such a great job of meeting those needs in the past, that I am sure He will work again this year. We would really appreciate your prayers for May 12th and for summer camp. We have been given an incredible opportunity and responsibility to grow students in Christ. This growth begins with prayer. I would also like to challenge each and everyone of you to pray for the New York mission trip. Do not pray for God to show you that you need to go because He has already done so throughout His Word, Acts 1:8, rather pray this prayer: "Lord I will go unless You show me otherwise." We will be amazed at what we can accomplish if we depend on God's truth to guide our prayers. Again thank you so much for the support you have shown the Youth in this transition process.

There is a lot of work to still be done and without you, faithful prayer Warriors, our ministries would be powerless. Thank you and keep up the good work.

Through Christ,
Shaun

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY-JODY RONEY

Spring is here and I think we are all excited. During the children's spring break in March, the 1st-5th graders spent a day walking in Jesus' footsteps. We went to the stables and listened to the story of Jesus' birth, then we went to the synagogue where Jesus was at the age of 12, then we went to the lake and listened to the story of John the Baptist who baptized Jesus, and then we went fishing for men and heard how Jesus got his disciples. Then we visited the garden and heard the story of the Last Supper and how Jesus went to pray and then being arrested. Our final destination was at the cross and the tomb. We finished our trip at Castle Hayne Baptist Church and completed our day in Jesus' foot-steps.

The Children's Ministry has also been busy this month working on several mission projects and studying "Where do Missionaries Work?". We want to thank all of you for all the pennies and change you have donated to The Baptist Children's Home. We will be collecting change until the end of the month. The children can't wait to see how far the money, if laid out, will take them. We are going to graph it out to see how many miles of change have been collected. We will let you know at the end of this month. We also have been working on placemats for the Pender County Jail mission weekend.

We are getting ready for summer and you know what summer brings - BIG FUN. For the first time, the third thru fifth graders will be going to Centri-kid Camp in Ridgecrest in June. If you have not registered your child and they want to go, please contact me because we still have vacant spots. The cost for camp is \$286.00.

Get Ready for Saddle Ridge Ranch Vacation Bible School July 19th-23rd. We will be having VBS in the evening this year. We are wanting this year to a BIG FAMILY EVENT. So get out your cowboy boots and hats to have a great time at the ranch this summer. You and your friends are now invited to register on line. I hope this will make it easier for everyone. We will be having a Round Up for Volunteers this month, be looking for the date and please be praying for VBS and asking God where He wants you to serve. This is one of our biggest outreaches and we all need to saddle up for the BIG EVENT.

WOMEN IN TOUCH

Saturday, May 1st-Women's Tea Party 11:00 at church.

Thursday, June 3rd-Girls Night Out at Lib Floyd' home.

Thursday-July 1st-Family Cook Out Night

Kitchen Help Is Desperately 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

It's Time to Lunch!

Dynamic Adults meet at church at 9:00 on Monday , May 17th.

WBBC office will be closed Monday, May 31st for Memorial Day

WBBC Men's Ministry

The men of WBBC have two men's groups from which to choose, with a meeting every two weeks. The 'mariners' and the 'fishermen' alternate with each other. The 'mariners' have just started a new study in the book of James. All men of WBBC are invited, bring your bibles and grow with us. Come as you are, we will read the selected scriptures together and walk through it with one another. The 'fishermen' invite all of our men to join us for a devotion, dinner and great fellowship. Make plans to be there and bring a friend.

Building and Grounds

We had a great turnout for the last workday, thank you to all who participated. Watch the bulletin as we will pick another day in May or June to complete our "to do" list.

Young Adult Ministry

We will soon be announcing our summer plans and their respective dates, so please watch the bulletin. We have cook outs, picnics and more coming up. We are also introducing our new 'summer movie nights'. So look for the announcements and make plans to participate. Thanks for your support!

WRIGHTSVILLE BEACH PRAYER CHAIN

Listed below are the names and telephone numbers of those who are participating in the prayer chain. Please keep the chain unbroken by contacting the next person on the list.

If they do not answer, but they have an answering machine, please leave the message and continue calling the person next non the list. This is a call for prayer. State name and need. We want to offer prayer immediately. Please make sure your calls and request are brief and to the point.

In case of emergency call Susan Canady at 795-4668 during the day or Taffy Rivenbark 619-3668 after 4:00 pm.

DAY TIME PRAYER CHAIN

Susan Canady 795-4668
Jenene Smith 799-0839
Heather Smith 794-2861
Ginny Gillette 794-9716
Herman Stancil 799-0274
Millie Aldridge 509-7441
Margaret Bland 395-5253
Marie Williams 791-5297

NIGHT TIME PRAYER CHAIN

Taffy Rivenbark 619-3668/798-4657
Shela Holm 228-4481
Anne Lennon 796-3080
Lib Floyd 256-4709/512-9805
Katie Gilbert 686-2330
Paul Ingold 512-2919
Pat Wooten 264-6361

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MEETINGS

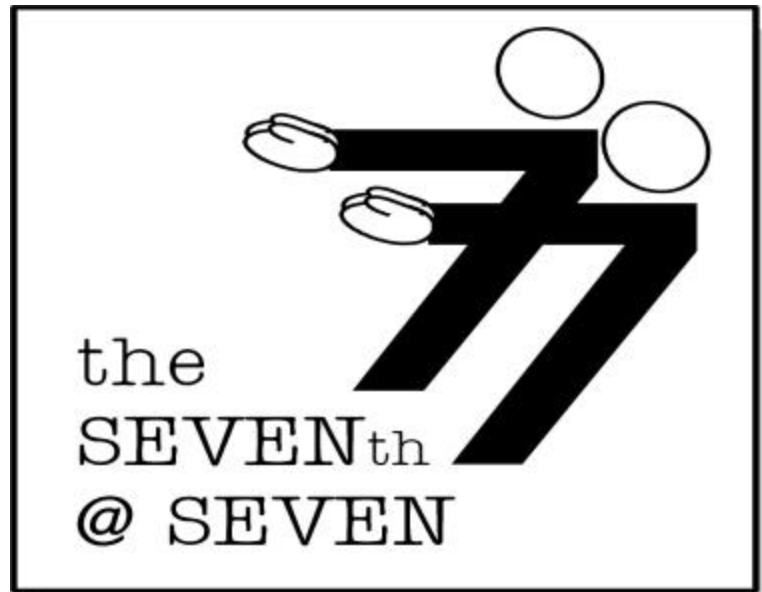
Wednesday, April 28th-Vote on Constitution

Sunday, May 2nd-Deacons' Meeting

Sunday, May 9th-Church Council

Tuesday, May 18th-Hospitality Meeting

Wednesday, May 26th-Finance Meeting



**WBBC
Headed to
NYC!**

When: July 10th-17th

What: Short Term Mission Trip for Youth thru Senior Adults

Why: To share the gospel of Jesus Christ and then do ministry thru VBS, Basketball Camp and Area-Wide Outreach

Find out more at the Big Apple Meeting, Wednesday, May 5th at 7:00



Annie Armstrong Offering

We are currently \$23 away from reaching our WBBC goal of \$4,000.

Come on now, we can do this!

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