

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS AT THE ROC Begins September 3rd

Suppers

Sageberry Catering (Edna Jennings)

Cost:

- ✓ 2 and under Free
- ✓ 3-6 yrs old: \$3.00
- ✓ 7 and up: \$5.00

Menu: Meat/2 vegetables/dessert and tea

Time: 5:15-6:00 PM

Sign up: Welcome Center or call 927-6342

Deadline: The Monday before the Wednesday supper (ex. Monday, Sept. 1st)

Reservations required

Specialty Classes

End of Life Strategies	Dr. Linda Miller
Troubleshooting Adolescence	Dr. David Miller
Women's First Place 4 Health	Beverly Moon
Developing Spiritual Habits	Dr. Jim Wright

Children's Mission Classes

Mission Friends (ages 4-5)

Boys: Lads (grades 1-3) & Crusaders (grades 4-6)

Girls: Girls in Actions (grades 1-6)

Youth:

Chaos Youth Group (grades 7-12)

Time for all classes: 6:15-7:30 PM

**CALLING ALL 2009
COMMITTEE/TEAM MEMBERS &
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

**LEADERSHIP MEETING
SUNDAY, AUGUST 31
FELLOWSHIP HALL
6:00PM**

**This is a very important meeting as we begin
a new church year.**

Church Bus Fund Started

The church vans are used on a regular basis to transport the B-team Angels, the youth and children. The vans have been used to transport various groups of our church for fourteen years. However, over the last couple of years there has been growing concern over the safety and reliability of the vans. Issues concerning the tires, transmission and brakes have plagued both vans.

Although there has been much talk about the vans, nothing has been set in motion until recently. Through the efforts of a concerned church member, roughly \$4,000.00 has been committed toward the purchase of more reliable and safe transportation.

If you would like to contribute toward the purchase of a newer, safer and more reliable mode of transportation, please mark your check/envelope as Transportation Fund.



UPWARD BASKETBALL UPDATE

A special "thank you" to those who responded to the plea for help in Upward Basketball. However, we still need more help! Although we had some response, it was not what we needed to comfortably give the green light to another year for this ministry. We still have a little time left before we have to make some crucial decisions. The following are the major needs:

- Coach: 1 hour practice/wk beginning in December & 1 game/wk
- Referee: 1 or more games on Saturday (max time 9-3pm)
- Evaluations: 2 Saturdays (Oct/Nov) 9-12pm

The Upward Basketball season lasts for 8 weeks (Jan-Feb). Last year we had over 180 children participate who heard the Gospel, and received devotional guides. In addition, family members were exposed to the Gospel each week.

If you can help, please contact Sheila at 927-6342.

Church News/Events

Steven's

RADIO MINISTRY UPDATE

As you may know we have experienced problems with our radio ministry. Unfortunately, there have been several Sundays when we have not been on the air. Fortunately, we have discovered the problem and will be taking steps this week to correct the problem. We expect the radio broadcast to resume this Sunday, August 31st. We are hoping that the steps we are taking will ensure a consistently good radio broadcast. We apologize for the inconvenience.

CONNECTION CLASS

Sundays in September at 9:45PM downstairs in the basement. If you are considering joining Centre First Baptist, this class will give you an opportunity to learn more about our church.

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE Sundays at 4:30 PM

WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES at ROC

Activities will resume at the ROC beginning Sept. 3

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING AVAILABLE

Dr. David Miller is now taking appointments. Please call the church office at 927-3316.

ATTENTION Sunday School Teachers

On the first Sunday of each month you will find an additional list attached to your S.S. attendance sheets. This list will give a summary of the previous month's attendance. Please note absentees and contact them. Postage paid postcards are available in the church office to mail out to your absentees.

YOUNG AT HEART

The YAH will meet Tues., Sept. 9, 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish and join the fun.

YOUNG AT HEART TRIP

"ROCKETTES" at BJCC in Birmingham on Fri., Dec. 12
Space is limited.

JUDGEMENT HOUSE T-SHIRTS

If you are helping in Judgement House and would like to purchase a T-shirt, you can sign-up at the Welcome Center. Note: main character actors will receive their own shirts.

MOPS is coming to Centre!

What is MOPS? Mothers of Preschoolers. We are a fun, inspiring, and encouraging group of MOMS of preschoolers that meet to eat and socialize without interruptions, do craft activities with sharp scissors, and recharge our batteries while our children are cared for in a loving environment around the corner out of ear shot! Meetings will be held the 2nd Tuesdays from 9-11 AM and 4th Thursday from 5:30-7:30 PM at Pine Grove Baptist Church. For more information contact Brandi Green 927-6246 or Elizabeth Baker 927-7505.

One of the biggest blessings I have as a student minister is to see students devouring the Word of God. We are called as believers to not only read but to study and know the Word. Bible Drills are giving students the avenue to not only do this, but have a blast while doing it. I wish I had an incredible program like this when I was younger. The kids are so far ahead of me when I was their age that it is humbling.

Parents please strongly encourage your children to be involved. It will not only help shape and change their lives but because of that it will also greatly affect yours. Also no students ever have to compete, if they choose to great, but our goal is to get the Word of God into their hearts.

Give us three Sundays. We are so passionate about this that we believe in three Sundays your children will be having so much fun and learning so much that they will desire to come back.

Also after Bible drill, activities will continue for the youth and children. Children head to the fellowship hall for music and drama and the youth are somewhere with me. We will either go out in the community for church or we will remain at church and go eat afterwards. There is plenty to keep your children involved.

Steven

ROC CLAIRIFICATION

There has been a misunderstanding concerning fundraisers for the ROC. Although the ROC debt is now included as part of the church's general fund, there is still a need for fundraisers so we can quickly reduce the debt. The ROC Fundraising Team will continue to lead us in opportunities to retire the debt as quickly as possible.

Welcome New Members


Tommy & Jean Baswell—8/3/08 by letter

Bronson Chandler—8/3/08 by baptism

Jacob Whitmire—8/3/08 by baptism

Lucas Whitmire—8/3/08 by baptism

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

 Ella Gate Maples was born on August 10. She weighed 7 pounds 7 ounces and was 19 inches long. Ella is the daughter of Chad & Lisa Maples. Proud sisters are Regan and Ashlyn.

SYMPATHY NOTE

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Lionell Earwood and family on the death of his brother, Harold Earwood.

**Please join us for an 80th Birthday Celebration
for Ross Stephens
Sat., Sept. 6, 1:00-3:00 PM at the ROC
Your presence will be his gift—no other expected.**



Brandon's Beat

Reconciling Suffering with the Nature of God Part 4—conclusion

God wants us to be in Him. More specifically we are to be “in Christ”. The Bible states that we were predestined before the founding of the world to be “in Christ”. Before creation was created God had us in mind as part of that creation. His pre-creation plan for us was for us to experience redemption through Christ. It’s up to each of us to choose whether or not we will fulfill that destiny. When we experience this redemption our souls are attuned with the Holy Spirit, and we have the promise of eternal worship. The question arises; If God desired us to worship Him forever then why didn’t He just make us that way and save us from this earthly existence? The answer is given through one of the most basic character traits of God, that being that He wants us to choose Him.

This brings us back to the Garden of Eden. I’m sure it was a place of extreme beauty and tranquility, but it was temporal. Eden was a wonderful place, but it wasn’t Heaven. Everything in the garden, with the exception of the tree of life, was of this world. God himself even walked there each evening, but it was only for a visit. Eden really was a paradise, but only in the physical sense of the word. Behind the scenes evil was planning the most sophisticated and crucial attack yet recorded. The attack was executed with precision and yielded deadly results. As a result of this attack mankind rebelled against the most basic of God’s commands; “Don’t”.

Because of the rebellion that Adam and Eve demonstrated we were all cast into darkness. No more would we walk with God in the cool of the day. No more would we experience the refreshing air of the garden. No more would we thrive without labor. Man had fallen. Suffering, from this point, would eternally be present. All was lost, or was it?

Think. Think about the perfect plan of an all-knowing all-powerful God that never has, and never will make a mistake. Think about our prime directive of existence, that being to choose Him and thus bring Him glory and pleasure. Think about his perfect plan for us to spend eternity with Him. You see, without the fall of man there would have been no need for the incarnation of Christ. Yes we would have still had the option to choose, but would be stranded in a very physical world tainted with constant temptation. Without the incarnate Christ there would be no ultimate salvation from the temporal Eden. Without salvation there would be no means by which we could hope to spend an eternity with God.

Remember that we are considering sin-induced suffering. May I submit that such suffering is the visible incarnation of the result of the environment that we’ve been placed in. It is the proof that the process of redemption is at play. It is a glorious reminder that we have the potential to truly know God through this marvelous staging area called life. Suffering is necessary, but take heart the reign of suffering is limited for some. When we have made our choices, and the time is at hand, some will at last feel relief. One day, those who have been players on this great stage will stand before an audience of One. The curtain will raise, the players will be divided, and suffering, at least for some, will come to an end. Act two will begin. Suffering will still be present, but not for those who have chosen to be “In Christ”.

Discipleship Strategy Information

The implementation of our discipleship strategy begins in September. The following is an explanation of some of the results you will see.

1. **Core Competencies.** Beginning in September, you will notice that there is a core competency that is linked to most of the sermons. There are 30 core competencies that we will be focusing on over the course of a year.
2. **Resource Center.** This new room, located next to the Welcome Center, is designed around the 30 core competencies. At the Resource Center you can purchase an assessment tool-called the *Christian Life Profile*-to help you understand which of the 30 core competencies you need to work on. In addition, we have sections in the Resource Center devoted to each of the competencies. Therefore, you can check out or purchase resources that will aid you in growing in your desired area. All materials for discipleship classes can be purchased at the Resource Center. In addition, there will be many biographies, Bible study aides and other materials available at the center.
3. **Aligned Sunday School classes.** There are currently five Sunday School classes that are aligning with the sermon. If you are in one of those classes, the topic will be the same as the one dealt with in the sermon. This will allow you the opportunity to study the topic more in-depth and discuss it. In addition, free devotional guides on the week’s topic will be available at the Resource Center.
4. **Discipleship Diamond.** The first base of the Discipleship Diamond, *Developing Spiritual Habits*, will launch There will be two opportunities to take this base: Sundays at 5-7pm at the ROC or Wednesdays at 6:15-7:30 at ROC. The class is open to adult singles or couples. The groups are limited in size. Leaders are strongly encouraged to attend.
5. **Redesigned Sermon Web Page.** On this page you will be able to download the sermon audio, watch the video, and download the study guides for the neighborhood small groups. This section is still in the development stage. We will announce when the redesigned sermon page is on-line.

There are a few more components of the discipleship strategy that are being finalized. In the near future look for information about neighborhood small groups.

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday
8:45 a.m. *IMPACT Contemporary Worship*
9:45 a.m. *Bible Study*
11:00 a.m. *Traditional Worship*
4:00 p.m. *Youth Bible Drill*
4:30 p.m. *Children's Bible Drill*
4:30 p.m. *Adult Choir*
6:00 p.m. *Children's Music*
6:00 p.m. *Evening Service*

Wednesday at the Church
3:00 p.m. *Prayer Service*
Wednesday at the ROC
6:15 p.m. *CHAOS-Youth Bible Study*
Fridays at the ROC
5:15 p.m. *Celebrate Recovery*

Want your life back?



**Celebrate
Recovery**

**On the campus
of the ROC
Every Friday Night
at 5:30 p.m.**

**A safe place to
work through your hurts,
habits, & hang-ups.**

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

- 9-7 Ruth Brannon, Bonnie Murphy, Matt Woodfin
- 9-14 Graham & Billie Brown, Lana Evans
- 9-21 Scott & Lynn Curry, Ruth Matthews
- 9-28 Doug & Frances Newman, Gail Hayes

DEACON OF THE WEEK

- Aug. 31-Sept. 6
Kevin Grimes 927-3639
- Sept. 7-13
Terry Dean 927-2401
- Sept. 14-20
Don Price 927-5409
- Sept. 21-27
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