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OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, Jan 31, 2010

9:00 A.M. Coffeehouse & Library Open
9:30 A.M. Sunday School
10:50 A.M. Worship Service

Wednesday, Feb 3, 2010

6:00 P.M. Choir Practice
6:30 P.M. Children Bible Study
6:30 P.M. Youth Bible Study
7:00 P.M. Prayer Meeting

Answers to previous trivia:

1. Abraham; 2. He was red & hairy; 3. Two Nations; 4. Hunting; 5. 147.

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CHURCH STAFF

PASTOR - Rev. Israel Brooks

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MINISTER OF MUSIC - Melanie Chapman

ORGANIST - Lee Green

PIANIST - Jane Crocker

CHURCH SECRETARY - Ginny Stuart

HOUSEKEEPING - Katie Taylor

Jan 31, 2010

BUS DRIVER & MONITOR

Gary Anderson & Tom Taylor

VAN DRIVER & MONITOR

Cyrus Kavari & Jim Boyd

ATTENTION BUS & VAN RIDERS:

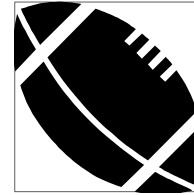
If you need a ride to services, please contact the church office. If you are on our "standing reservation" list to ride the bus or van, you are scheduled to be picked up unless you contact the office or a member of the Transportation Committee. **Remember to call the church during normal office hours (8:30-3:30-Mon-Fri).** Thank you!

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SUPER BOWL PARTY!

Who - Everyone

What - Super Bowl Party
Free food/fun/fellowship

When - Feb. 7th

Times - Pre-game at 4:30 - Game 7:30

Where - EBC Fellowship Hall

Why - Because Jesus loves football too!

ROOM IN THE INN NEWS

Our next Room in the Inn will be Friday, **February 12th.** This month is sponsored by the Sanctuary Class. We would love to have you join us!

SWEETHEART DINNER & CONCERT

Join us on Saturday, **Feb 13th** for a VIP Sweetheart Dinner and concert with Gold City. The dinner will begin at 5:00 with the concert starting at 7:00.

Members of the church are admitted free of charge but **MUST** make a reservation if planning to attend. Non-member prices are as follows: \$20.00 per person for the concert & dinner or \$10.00 for the concert only.

There will be reserved VIP seating. Please contact the church for further information.

WARMTH FOR THE HOMELESS

Start your Spring cleaning a little early this year! Bring your gently used coats, hats, gloves, scarves or blankets to the church to donate to the homeless in our community. You don't have to buy anything, just look and see if you have any of the above items you are no longer using. Bring them to Todd Johnson and he will distribute them. If you have any questions, please call Todd or the church office for more information. Especially needed right now: Coats & Blankets.



UPDATE ON WINTER COLLECTION

This Saturday, Jan 30, 2010, we will meet at the church to deliver the coats, blankets, etc. to the homeless of our community. If you would like to join us in delivering these items, please be at the church and ready to leave by 4:30. Big thanks to everyone who has generously supplied the many items we received for this outreach project!

A volunteer is needed to count attendance in worship on Sunday's. Please call the office if you want to do this task for us!

A Word From the Pastor

Dear Family,

We have all read in the news about the tragic times that Haiti is going through with massive destruction and more significantly the devastating loss of life and injury. The latest numbers I read yesterday were 150,000 to 200,000 dead with right around 190,000 injured. Let me try to put this into a perspective that we can understand and visualize.

That would be like blowing up the twin towers more than 50 times over. It would be like filling up LP Field (the Titans stadium) blowing it up, filling it up again and blowing it up, and filling it up and blowing it up a third time. Finally, it would be like everyone in zip codes 37204, 37205, 37206, 37207, 37208, 37210, 37212, 37215, 37216, and 37220 all dying at one time. But we cannot forget either that is just the current death toll with more to come and does not even include the injuries which is another 190,000 people. According to the population census in 2008 Nashville contained right above 600,000 people. With that number it would be like one third of Nashville dead, one third of Nashville injured and the rest devastated and confused. I know this all seems a bit crazy but I wanted us to try to visualize what the Haitians are going through so that our prayers would go out on their behalf more earnestly.

The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

James 5:16b

Brothers, pray for us.

1 Thessalonians 5:25

Let us pray for those who are in need more diligently and faithfully.

Bro. Israel

Bringing The Truth

When viewing James we must look at him as a 'spiritual director' for the church. James' counsel for the church goes beyond superficialities and guides the church into holiness in its internal relationships. James is faithful to confront sinful motives and evil practices, and he is equally clear about the promise of God's grace.

There should be no denying our need for James' instruction. It is all too easy to find examples such as the troubled church here in James. Unspiritual wisdom, selfish fighting and unkind judging are all too common within our churches. Christians' experiences of this are disheartening, undermining the health and vision of our churches. James helps us recognize the source of all this in our own sinfulness--not to leave us in deeper despair over it, but that we may humble ourselves before the Lord and find grace for change. Contemporary teaching from this passage must not be timid about confronting the specific sins; the harm being done to the church is too large to avoid it. At the same time, teaching from this passage must not take away the promise of the generous grace of God; our need for that grace is too desperate.

We find judgment in James' text that refer to the act of setting oneself up as a judge and lawgiver, as if one had the authority to determine what is right or wrong about another person's life. I observe it happen in the church today with particular frequency in three areas: judging the motives behind others' words or actions in church business, judging how others spend money and judging how others are rearing their children. Judgmentalism needs to be confronted in specific areas such as these, so that we can see how we are doing it. We make judgments about others when we have listened and understood too little about them. James wrote earlier in the epistle, "Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry."

Whether it is studied in a small group, taught in a class or preached to a congregation, this word of God has been properly used if it leads the particular Christian community to repentance in personal relationships. This repentance will include several components such as: self-examination, evaluation by God's standards, change, and grace reliance. Grace reliance is the most far-reaching, life-changing, radical stance we need to learn. I encourage you to go through the book of James and let God's word speak to you - exactly where you are; then determine if you need to move.

Because He Lives,
Bro. AB



THIS WEEK TO:
1/28/10-2/3/10

Jan 28-Samantha Harris; Jan 29-Taylor Harris & Tatum Harris; Jan 30-Hobson Hall & C. Mishell Wilburn; Feb 1-Billie Lowe; Feb 2-Louise Chappell

UPCOMING EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Feb 7-Super Bowl Party
Feb 10-Fellowship Supper
Feb 12-Room in the Inn
Feb 13-Sweetheart Dinner featuring Gold City
Feb 14-Deacon's Meeting
Feb 24-Fellowship Supper
Feb 26-The Kingsmen in concert

A Note of Thanks

Dear Eastland Baptist,

Thank you all for the food, cards, calls, prayers and thoughts during this time. I am doing better now. Will see you all soon!

Your friend, Lorene Givens



BIBLE TRIVIA: The Epistle of James

1. What should we do when we fall into temptation?; 2. How is man tempted?; 3. What should we do when we lack wisdom?; 4. What is pure and undefiled religion?; 5. How should we treat the rich and the poor?

(Answers next week!)

SUNDAY, Jan 24, 2010

WORSHIP SERVICE ATTENDANCE ...
SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE68
Sunday School Visitors..... 4
New SS Members 0

OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS:

SUNDAY Jan 24, 2010

Budget Receipts \$ 4,705.75
RESTRICTED
100th Anniversary 31.00
Offering Envelopes 3.00
Recreation 20.00
Thank Offering 25.00
TOTAL RECEIPTS \$ 4,784.75

Needed weekly for Operating Budget: \$ 4,098.00
Needed to date for Operating Budget:\$ 16,392.00
Rec'd to date for Operating Budget: \$ 14,165.85

TELLERS FOR THIS WEEK
Jan 31-Paula Boyd & Vivian Johnson

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our Military
Monica Cutrell
Red & Alene Cowan
Hilda Baker
Jim & June Austin
Cora McNeil
Mary & Walter Crocker
Jamie Smith
Josephine Crain
Luella & Theron Morris
Mattie Poole
Ruby Hall
Harold Holland
Shirley Marsh (Denise's grandmother)
Myrtle Smith
Peggy Birdwell
Caitlin Gibson (Martin Taylor's girlfriend)
Juanita Baker
Edward Anderson Jr. (Uncle of Amy Anderson)
Ray Scherer
Susan & Steve Pippin (Friends of Ginny)
Arnold Baker