

Pastor to People

As we look at our country and the decisions that are being made and the direction it is going, the question is, "Will God bless America in 2010?"

God did bless us in the last century. One hundred years ago **Katherine Lee Bates** wrote: GOD SHED HIS GRACE ON THEE AND CROWN THY GOOD WITH BROTHERHOOD FROM SEA TO SHINING SEA. God blessed us in the birth of our nation.

In 1783, **Ezra Stiles**, President of Yale, contended that "only God's invisible hand had led America to victory in the Revolutionary War against such extreme obstacles. In our lowest and most dangerous state, in 1776 and 1777, we sustained ourselves against the British army of 60,000 troops, the best generals, and a naval force of 22,000. Who but a Washington, inspired by Heaven, could have conceived the surprise move upon the enemy that Christmas Eve when Washington and his army crossed the Delaware? Who but the 'Ruler of the winds' could have delayed re-enforcements by three months of contrary ocean winds at a crucial point of the war? Or what but "a providential miracle" at the last moment detected the treacherous scheme of traitor Benedict Arnold?"

On the French role in the revolution, "It is God who so ordered the balancing interests of nations as to produce an irresistible motive in the European maritime powers to take our part..." **Stiles** concluded, "The United States are under peculiar obligations to become a holy people unto the Lord our God."

George Washington said, "No people can be bound to acknowledge and adore the invisible hand which conducts the affairs of men more than the people of the United States...We ought to be no less persuaded that the propitious smiles of Heaven cannot be expected on a nation that disregards the eternal rules of order and right, which heaven itself has ordained."

The facts have never changed. The most patriotic thing in 2010 is to pray for spiritual awakening, beginning with your own life and then in the lives of our fellow Americans. **We must do what we can and God will do what we can't.** I challenge you to join us Wednesdays in the prayer room and Wednesday nights at 6:00 to pray for this spiritual awakening and for God to keep His hand on America.

God bless America.

Steadfast
Br. Lance

NO EVENING WORSHIP July 4th

Office will be closed on July 5th
for the holiday

WMU Meeting

Monday, July 5th
at 6:00 p. m.

in the Fellowship Hall

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Monday, July 5th
at 6:00 p. m.

Quarterly Business Meeting

Sunday, July 11th
at 6:30 p. m.

God's Way to Healthy Living

Monday, July 12th & 26th
at 6:00 p. m.
in the Fellowship Hall

DEACON'S MEETING July 12th

at 6:30 p. m.

DEACONS FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE

June 27 - July 3

Richard Land
Bernard Waggoner

July 4 - 10

Jack Andres
Gary Henderson

July 11 - 17

David Graves
Jeff Cater

July 18 - 24

Willie Glaze
Wayne Spears

July 25 - 31

Parker Garrett
Jerry Lowe

Memorials

To the Properties Improvements Memorial Fund: (Front Parking Lot Improvements)

IN MEMORY OF KATHERINE STILES, LILLIAN BARRY

By Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Barber

IN MEMORY SHARON DUNCAN

By Mr. & Mrs. Jimmy Henderson

IN HONOR OF JOE BLAKE & KEVIN BLAKE

To the Properties Improvements Memorial Fund:

IN MEMORY OF DOCK WATSON, CLAUDE RUSHING, LILLIAN BARRY

By Mr. & Mrs. Don Alexander

IN MEMORY OF JUANITA PACE, MARGARET LOWE, CLAUDE RUSHING, KATHERINE STILES, DOCK WATSON

By Mr. & Mrs. Bernard Waggoner

IN MEMORY OF DOCK WATSON, KATHERINE STILES

By Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Adams

To the Senior Adult Ministry (Keenagers) Fund:

IN MEMORY OF BILLY LOVE

By Jerry Lowe

IN MEMORY OF ROY SPRUELL

By Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Barber

To the "Vacation Bible School Expenses" Fund:

IN MEMORY OF LILLIAN BARRY

By Jerry Lowe

To the Geneal Fund:

IN MEMORY OF RAY BARBER, BYRON GRAY

By Mr. & Mrs. E. J. Barber

To the Clara Springs Fund:

IN MEMORY OF KATHERINE STILES, ERA SANDERS

By Jerry Lowe

Thank You Notes

I would like to thank you all for the scholarships. I am going to use them to pay for my tuition at Louisiana Teach. Thanks for your support & encouragement.

Sincerely,
Stephen Turner

I just wanted to say thank you for all the phone calls, visits, and prayers during my recent illness. Your prayers are such an encouragement and strength.

Sincerely,
Vonda Eubanks

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for the opportunity of receiving these scholarships. I am excited about what the Lord has planned for my life and by receiving this gift it has enabled me to pursue a college education that will allow me to fulfill God's calling for me. So thank you again for blessing me with these scholarships. I will do my best to honor God and my church family. I love you all.

Jesslyn Cypert

Dear Church Family,

I want to thank you for honoring me with these scholarships. They will help me achieve my goals that are set before me. I am excited about being able to attend Stephen F Austin and pursue my dream of working with horses and children. I will work hard and do my very best to represent my Lord and First Baptist Church. Thank you again for the scholarships and the opportunity you have blessed me with.

I love you and God bless you all.

Katelyn Cypert

Youth Happenings for July

YOUTH CAMP at Clara Spring

July 12th - 15th

Cost: \$67.50

For members

\$135.00

for non-members

Sign up sheet in the 84 building. Deadline is July 7th

"Splash Kingdom"

July 25th

Meet in the 84 building for lunch at 11:00 a. m.
(we will leave at 12:00)

Church will pay for the park entry. You will need to bring spending money for snacks and for a meal afterwards.

SNAC

July 18 in the home of Tonya & Cody

July 25 in the home of Kim & Gary

Happening for Senior Adults

KEENAGERS' MEETING

Thursday, July 8th

Come join us this week
for a great time
at 10:00 a. m.
in the Beckham Building

Chicken & Spaghetti
Fundraiser Dinner

July 11th following the Morning Worship
Services

for Mission Trip to Vietnam for Barbara
McClellan

RT. 226 KID ZONE KORNER

Hey Everyone, just can't tell you all enough how thankful I am for this church and all you do for the children's ministry. Once again I saw you all come together and work extremely hard to meet the needs of our kiddos. Vacation Bible School was INCREDIBLE. I'm not sure who had more fun, the kids or the adults. I know I had a blast. We had a great group of kids-- a total enrollment of 103-- WOW! We had an awesome team of adults and youth that were amazing. Thank you, thank you, thank you to everyone who has some part in VBS. Even if you could not be here that week but you prayed for us and supported us in other ways, you played a very important role. Prayers were answered. A lot of lives were touched that week and we will continue to reach out to them. God is soooooo good!!!! He has blessed this church in so many ways and with such good people. So once again thank you.

I also want to say a special thank you for the covered picnic area on the playground. What a blessing! The preschoolers were able to use it during VBS and enjoyed the shade. So thank you to those that provided this and just know that it is greatly appreciated and will be well used.

I was reading today in Genesis when Abraham was about to sacrifice Isaac. I have heard and read this story many times but today was the first time that I saw the connection between the ram caught in the thicket and Christ. In Beth Moore's devotional Whispers of Hope she brings this to the forefront. She writes, "The shadow of the cross fell on Mt. Moriah that day. We all have been tied to the altar of death and then presented a chance to be loosed for eternal life by the perfect Lamb, One whose head was torn by thorns and was willing to take our place.

Our present challenges may not be as dramatic as Abram's but we too can allow our lives to become visual aids through which God teaches others about Himself---and His faithful ways."

Isn't it amazing how God always knows what we need to hear just at the right time. I was needing some reassurance about God's provisions and got so much more. First of all I am so GLAD that God provided Jesus as our ram. Second, as we all go through trials many times we ask why, in fact even this week I have asked, "Why us Lord, why now?" but one thing I know for sure is God is my Jehovah Jireh (my provider) and He has perfect plan and reasons why. I just have to trust Him and know that He is in control and has our best interest at heart and just as he provided the ram for Abraham, He will always provide exactly what we need at the time we need it. I also know that He can and does use our trials to minister to others who are or will be in a similar situation. So even today I was reminded that people are watching us to see how we handle situations and what that says to them about our faith and our God. So I challenge you just as I am challenging myself that whatever we face to first give it to the Lord, (which is extremely hard), keep our attitudes in check, and to Rejoice in the Lord always (Phil 4:4). Second remember Jeremiah 29:11 (I'll make you look that one up) and finally one last verse to leave you with is Psalms 139:23-24. (again you will have to look it up)

I love you all dearly and thank you for loving us.

Kids be watching for upcoming events and don't forget about Mission Friends, RA's and GA's on

Wednesday nights at 6:00.

In His Love,

Sarah Cypert,
Kid Zone Koordinator

For the Month of July

Preschool Praise & Worship

July 4th - Ricardo & Maria Vergara
July 11th - Tina Graves & Amber Graves
July 18th - Angela & Michael Hall
July 25th - Sarah & Jess Cypert

Worship KidStyle Workers

July 4th - Yvonne Cooper
July 11th - Carol Register & Michelle Morvan
July 18th - Judy Harvey & Helen Homes
July 25th - Melanie Hughes & Angie Burford

Nursery Helpers for the A. M. Service

July 4th - Amber Graves
July 11th - Brenda Barber
July 18th - Dorothea LaGrone
July 25th - Annie Pilley

P. M.

July 4th - Carla Spears
July 11th - Maria Vergara
July 18th - Dorothea LaGrone
July 25th - Mary Rutherford

Clara Springs Summer Camp Dates:

Youth Camp - July 12 - 15
Boys Camp - July 19 - 22
Girls Camp - July 26 - 29

For more information, contact
Clara Springs @ 318-796-3875
Clara springs@cp-tel.nt

Application forms are available in the church office.
Remember, the church pays half for members.

Needed: Nursery Worker

Personnel Committee is taking applications for an additional nursery worker.
Application can be pick up in the church office.

Pictorial Directory Pictures

July 15th - 17th

Exciting new look for our directories this year, so don't forget your sign up time.

Meetings for the Month Of July

July 4th - "Independence Day"

NO EVENING WORSHIP

July 5th - Office closed for the 4th of July Holiday

July 7th - Youth Camp Deadline for Clara Springs

July 8th - KEENAGER'S MEETING - in the Beckham Building at 10:00 a. m.

11th - Chicken & Spaghetti Fundraiser Dinner for Mission Trip to Vietnam for Barbara McClellan

11th - Quarterly Business Meeting at

6:30 p. m.

12th - God's Way at 6:00 p. m.

In the Fellowship Hall

12th - DEACON'S MEETING at 6:30 p. m.

12th - 15th - Youth Camp at Clara Springs

14th - Building & Grounds Committee Meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Pastor's Study

15th - 17th - OLAN MILLS - pictures

12th & 26th - God's Way at 6:00 p. m. in the Fellowship Hall

18th - Youth - SNAC in the home of Tonya & Cody

19th - 22nd - Boys Camp at Clara Springs

24th - YOUTH "Splash Kingdom" - Meet in the 84 building at 11:00 a. m. for lunch

(will leave the church at 12:00)

25th - Youth - SNAC in the home of Kim & Gary

26th - 29th - Girls Camp at Clara Springs