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VALENTINE BANQUET—FEBRUARY 10

By Mat Whitaker



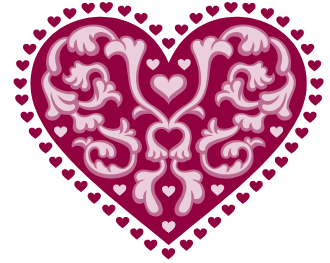
Everyone is invited to attend a wonderful evening of fellowship on Sunday, February 10 at 6:00 PM.

Our incredible youth are sponsoring a Valentine banquet that will include lasagna, salad, bread and dessert. There will be a dessert auction following dinner. If you are still interested in signing up for the event, contact the church office at 296-1214. If you are interested in providing a

dessert to sell, you can sign up in your Sunday School Classroom on Sunday.

Youth participating are asked to arrive at 5:15 PM with a pan of lasagna and a dessert to be served.

The dress code for the evening will be black pants, white shirt and red or pink tie (tie not required for girls)



What's The Score: Music Ministry Update

By Carl Peters



With the coming of February, we settle in for the darkened days of winter. Everything seems different. Late December had a celebrative mood. January ushered in the excitement of the new year. Through January we focused on Jesus baptism and ministry – the light of the world had come and the freshness of the new was present.

But now, it feels different. What has changed? May I suggest that somewhere in our collective memories as Christians, we, like Jesus, turn now toward Jerusalem. Jesus knew that the time was coming. But, there was much to do before His mission would be completed and the words, "It is finished!" could be declared. As we look toward Holy Week and those culminating events in the earthly ministry of Jesus, we realize we too have much to do. For our remembrance to

be all that it should be, we must prepare. This preparation begins with our hearts.

The period before Easter has always been considered a time for introspection and examination – of confession and sacrifice. My mother used to clean our house from top to bottom at this time every year. She called it "Spring Cleaning." A year's worth of clutter would be removed through this annual process. In like manner, all of us have accrued a year's worth of clutter in our lives. This time prior to Holy Week can be a powerful experience of cleaning out the cobwebs. Much like the children of Israel wandered in the desert for 40 years being purified for entrance into the Promised Land, we now have 40 days, plus our Sunday services of worship, to prepare for Easter.

Along with the personal preparations that need to be undertaken, our choirs and orchestra will be crafting their musical offerings for our Holy Week remembrances. Pray for our musicians as they take on extra responsibilities during this season.

Please mark your calendars with the following services: Thursday, March 20 at 7 p.m. – Maundy Thursday Service led by the Chamber Choir, Friday, March 21 at 7 p.m. – Good Friday Service led by the Sanctuary Choir and Chamber Orchestra presenting "The Weeping Tree" by Joseph Martin, and finally, Sunday, March 23 at 10:25 a.m. – Easter Sunday Service led by the Sanctuary Choir, Chamber Choir and Orchestra along with our children.



We have 21 tickets available at a church discounted rate of \$19 per person. These tickets are for Friday, March 7, from 6-9:30 pm. They are on a first come, first serve basis.

THE LARGEST EVENT ON PERSONAL FINANCES IN THE U.S. - PERIOD TOTAL MONEY MAKEOVER

Thursday, March 6, 2008, 6:00 - 9:30; Friday, March 7, 6:00 - 9:30
Southland Christian Church

Dave Ramsey will be personally leading this seminar. Mr. Ramsey is a personal money management expert, an extremely popular national radio personality, author of the *New York Times* best sellers *The Total Money Makeover*, *Financial Peace* and *More Than Enough*, and the founder of *Financial Peace University*.

Ramsey knows first-hand what financial peace means in his own life— living a true rags-to-riches, back-to-rags, back-

to-riches story. By age twenty-six he had established a four million dollar real estate portfolio, only to lose it by thirty. He has since rebuilt his financial life and now devotes himself full-time to helping ordinary people understand the forces behind their financial distress and how to set things right—financially, emotionally and spiritually.

While You Were Out

By ?

When the Senior Pastor leaves for vacation, the church staff becomes a little more mischievous than usual.

We sincerely hope our beloved, Paul returns as fresh and revived as he

appears in this picture taken during his teenage years.

As the old saying goes, "When the cat is away the mice will play." But nevertheless, we miss you Paul, and await your return and scolding.



Church Family Information

February Birthdays

- 1 - Mary Jo Holbrook
- 3 - Betty Bragg
Pat Clark
- 6 - James McGaughey
Linda Osborn
- 7 - David Thomas
- 8 - Vicki Lowe
Breanna Pratt
- 10 - T. Harris
- 12 - Morris McClure
Bill Woodward
- 15 - Alan Woodward
- 17 - Evan Nealis
- 18 - Kathy Day
Dan Phillips
- 19 - Betty Fisher
- 21 - Lori Drake
- 22 - Gin Gilmore
Dagmar Howe
Jane Oliver
- 23 - Gregg Pierson
- 24 - Karen Covington
Roy Tatum
Annette Wagoner
- 27 - Brian Cross
Nanette Steele
- 28 - Jeff Ginn
Claudia Thomas

February Anniversaries

- 9 - Norman and Markita Goodman
- 10 - Jay and Sharon Jackman
- 11 - Bucky and Gwen Harper
- 25 - Joel and Kim Rapp
- 27 - Larry and Nancy Etherton
- 28 - Floyd and Judy Carter

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

- Mary Jo Holbrook
- Raymond & Pearle Peck



All the men of the church are invited to attend the monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast Thursday, Feb. 7 Beginning with breakfast at 8:45 The Testimony this month Will be given by Dr. Michael Bishop

Discover the Joy of Missions

WMU News

It was cold outside but a warm spirit prevailed as fourteen of us met for our January meeting at the home of Janie Powell on January 20. Jean Nicholson did a super job leading us in the International Mission Study of Moldova.

We voted that we would furnish one of the rooms at the new lodge at the Haven of Rest in Inez. This is the ministry that Eileen Mullins was led to begin to minister to the families of incarcerated people at the Big Sandy Federal Prison. The furniture is there but we need to provide white sheets, towels, washcloths, other bedding and room accessories. The room will be equipped for families; therefore, it has one double and one set of bunk beds. We have named it the ANCHOR ROOM and we'll be using a nautical theme throughout. If you would like to have a part by donating money to buy these things, you may give

your donation to Elaine Hiatt. If you have pictures or lamps with an anchor interest, we'd love to use it in this room.

KY WMU is sponsoring a rally on Tuesday, February 12 at 9:30-10:30 in the Rotunda of the Kentucky State Capitol to protest the Expansion of Gambling. This will be a state-wide event called W.A.G.E.—Women Against Gambling Expansion. You are invited to be present to indicate your opposition to expanded gambling in Kentucky. I want all the women of the church to join me as we go to Frankfort to join in this rally. Our WMU Executive will be one of the speakers.

The annual SOUPER BOWL for the homeless and indigent families will be held at Calvary Baptist Church, 150 E. High St., Lexington on Sunday, February 3. We need to send BLANKETS, Chili, crackers, BLANKETS,

sandwiches, chips, BLANKETS, desserts, drinks, hats, coats, socks, gloves and BLANKETS! Let me know if you can help with any of these items by calling me at 351-6720.

On February 5, we will start a new ministry at the Elkhorn Clothing Closet, located on Traveller Road, behind Gardenside Baptist Church. We'll be working there from 10:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. or whatever time you have to devote to it. We'll be meeting regularly on the first Tuesday of each month. Come join us!

WMU Focus Week is February 11-17. We'll be having some special events to let you know that WMU is the mission arm of the church through which you can be involved. We need every woman in our congregation to join us as we try to carry out the Great Commission in our mission field. Did you know that when you work in our nursery that you are doing Mission work?

*By Ginny Sisk for the
Woman's Missionary Union*



Faith Formations: Discipleship Ministry Update

Our first session of Christian Life Academy has now concluded. 40 participants attended three classes. Mat taught a class for children entitled, "The Basics, Christianity for Kids." Darlene Drake served as our instructor for "Conversational Sign

Language." I facilitated a class called, "Time for Faith – Focusing Our Time on Christ". Thank you to our leaders and to all who took part in these four sessions. One CLA student said, "The things we are learning have changed the way I am worshipping."

Christian Life Academy offers a course of study that will help us find greater depths in our understanding and practice of evangelism, discipleship, worship, fellowship and ministry. Classes will reconvene in April, July and October.

By Carl Peters

**The
Christian
Life
Academy**

The Harbor Crew Raises the Bar in '08

By Mat Whitaker

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Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity. 1 Timothy 4:12

This is the theme verse for our Harbor Crew this year. I'm challenging all of our youth to take steps to move forward in their relationship with the Lord. For some who've never developed a habit reading the Bible, reading it once a week would be a step in the right direction. If they do in fact read the Bible a few times a week, they could increase their frequency by reading a few verses everyday. The point is to make realistic

achievable goals for themselves and to commit to doing things that they can reasonably fill.

For the last four weeks we've been talking about prayer specifically. How can we raise the bar in prayer? We can pray more often for starters. But praying more regularly isn't enough. Part of praying is learning to quiet down, to listen to what God has to say, not just rattling off our wants and needs, but slowing our lives down enough to hear His still, small voice.

My desire is for our youth to set the example at school, at home, and at church with their lifestyles, with their gifts, and with

their priorities. Let's do our part in encouraging them.

Coming up on the calendar we have lots of exciting things planned. February 10th we will have our annual Valentine Banquet and Desert Auction. We've had almost 100 people already sign up to participate and we are excited about the possibility of having our largest turnout yet. February 15th the youth will travel to Perfect North Indiana to hit the slopes, snow skiing and tubing. Right now a lock-in or spring retreat are in the works and more information will follow. I hope you will encourage you teenager to be a part of these activities.

Paul Sisk, Senior Pastor
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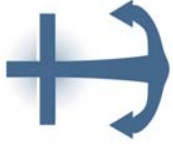
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