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Preparations for Parenting

By Mat Whitaker



Clarissa and I recently learned we are expecting our first child. The excitement over this is indescribable. It is a truly awesome feeling to know you will be bringing a new life into the world, but with that excitement is an overwhelming weight of the responsibilities. We were overjoyed with this news but also filled with questions. When will it arrive? Will it be a boy or girl? How do we prepare for this? How do we find the best doctor and hospital?

That's just the start.

As I reflect on some of the questions, I see that we want to parent in excellence. We hope to provide the very best we can for our child. But the Lord is teaching me that being an excellent parent is much more than just doing the best things for my child. It's first about being a father in constant communion with Our Father. Being the best includes recognizing my sonship in Jesus Christ and being hidden in Him. It means being a man who

walks in the Spirit.

Of course it is important to find the right doctors and follow all the instructions and to get the house ready. But even before this is to be constantly in prayer for my family. I must to model the life that Christ calls me to so that I may be the godly father and husband that my family needs most. Please pray for us in the coming months that God will transform us to be the parents he desires.

WHAT'S THE SCORE: Music Ministry Update

By Carl Peters



Think for a moment about your experiences visiting in other people's homes. Have you noticed the many family pictures prominently displayed? These reminders proudly pronounce to everyone what is most valued by the inhabitants. Conversely, realtors claim that they can tell the dysfunctional homes by their lack of family pictures.

Is this also true of churches? What do we value as a congregation? When guests enter the house of the Lord where Anchor assembles, what might they observe? If they visited us during Holy Week, they observed our lavish remembrance of the Passover in a Christian Context. Over 160 of us came together to remember the Exodus – both Old and

New Testament versions. We retraced the steps of Moses as God used him to free the Hebrew people from bondage to Pharaoh and the Egyptians. We also refocused the evening on the salvific work of Jesus as He leads us out of bondage to sin, and toward the promised land of His eternal Presence.

On Friday, we gathered at the foot of the cross. Nearly 300 of us shared the sorrow of the Weeping Tree. We stood with Mary and John and anguished over the sinless One who suffered for all our sins.

Then, on Easter Sunday, we reconvened to celebrate Jesus glorious resurrection. Over 500 of us filled Anchor's sacred space to join the song – Christ the Lord is Ris'n Today!

For those visiting with us in those services, they saw what we value most displayed for all to see. His name is Jesus, and through Him we have all become family. Only in Him are we included in God's great family portrait. And in Christ alone do we move from dysfunction to the divine – for He is in us, we are in Him, and He is in the Father. Now that is a close knit family.

Thanks to all who worked so hard to make these events truly remarkable. Thank you to everyone who insured that our "walls" were not empty on these, the most important days in history. The pictures were there for all to see.

What a glorious blessing to worship the Risen Christ!

Letters to the Crew

I have never been so amazed at a church as I have been at Anchor Baptist. The people are wonderful and the professional staff are so professional, competent and caring.

I am looking at [March] Moorings and I have never seen a church newsletter so professionally written. Mat Whitaker's article on the Easter Egg—I didn't realize the significance or real meaning of the Easter Egg. Carl's article about Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter spoke to me. I never

knew the real truth about these events in the Bible. I am so overwhelmed by these articles.

I am so glad that Christ brought me to Anchor Baptist Church. Anytime I needed to give my testimony I am willing to do so. I have a lot of titles, but the only title I care to have or to be remembered as is a Christian.

Love to all my brothers and sisters.

Ray Peck

I would like to thank you and everyone else, who are responsible for the two very meaningful worship services we had Thursday and Friday [of Holy Week]. I am at a loss for words to adequately express what they meant to me. After Thursday, I don't think I will ever see the Lord's Supper in the same way. Friday's program actually brought me to tears. Thank you and all the other participants.

Jerry Wilson

Church Family Information

Birthdays

- 1 - Patrick Hostetter
- 2 - Tee Stith
- 3 - Elfreda Bowen
Dan Hammond
JoAnn Sexton
Shirley Warner
- 4 - Jean Nicholson
Cumi Ragland
- 5 - Darlene Drake
Jay Jackman
- 6 - Nelle Duvall
Clarissa Whitaker
- 8 - Horace Murray
- 9 - Shirley McClure
- 10 - Monica Leach
- 11 - Deborah Burgess
- 13 - John Marsh
- 14 - Sue Hager
Jack Hiatt
- 15 - Sharon Hurst
Gabby Samaan
- 16 - Lee Caudill
Bucky Harper
- 17 - Marilyn Melton
Diana Brashear
Marsha Cox
- 19 - Bill Erwin
Doris Hucaby

- 20 - Alison Gembar
- 21 - Vicki Carter
David Cross
Lyle Morgan
- 23 - Charlie Cook
- 24 - Shelby Lykins
- 26 - Luis Simpson
- 28 - Diane Hancock
Michael Morgan
Bonnie Watkins
Sara Young
- 30 - Lydia Bishop
Doug Blackwell
Gayle Snowden

Anniversaries

- 2 - Dick & Carolyn Edwards
- 4 - Glenn & Judy Marsh
Al & Joetta Warner
- 6 - Charlie & Billye Cook
- 8 - Reid & Doris Hucaby
O. P. & Jean Nicholson
- 13 - Lee & Dell Caudill
- 14 - Ken & Sonya Hiler
- 21 - Brian & Beth Cross
- 23 - Alison & Rick Gembar

New Members



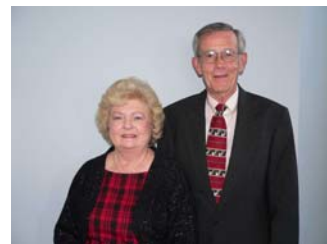
Welcome to our staff Dr. Seaton Alfred (Al) Washburn as Organist/Accompanist. Dr. Washburn grew up in Shelby, NC and is a graduate of Stetson University, DeLand, FL. He is an alumnus of the University of Michigan, and earned masters and doctoral degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served as chairman of the Church Music Division of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, Chairman of the Music Department of Golden Gate Theological Seminary in San Francisco, CA, and Adjunct Professor of Church Music at Southern Seminary. He has served in music ministry and as organist in churches in Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, California, Louisiana, and Europe. Al and his wife, Sylvia, reside in Georgetown.



June Davis



Daniel Webb



Sylvia and Al Washburn

Discover the Joy of Missions

WMU News

Finally! Spring has sprung! Aren't we all glad! However, it has not been a dull winter around here. There are so many things happening – good things but some we wish we didn't have to work through.

We rejoice that the Casino Bill did not pass in the House and Senate as they had planned but as of this date, it is not over. I urge you to contact the Capitol and register your NO vote with your representatives in the 6th District as well as the Senators.

Some weeks ago I introduced you to our Haven of Rest Project in Inez, Kentucky where we have committed to name and furnish a room in the dormitory that provides overnight housing for the families of inmates at the Big Sandy Federal Prison in Eastern Kentucky. You have been most responsive in helping us with money to buy certain articles as well as giving linens and other accessories for the ANCHOR ROOM that we have been assigned. We have just about finished collecting the articles. Faye Phipps and Elaine Hiatt shared their talents by doing some lovely original paintings. Others have shared and donated so generously. Thank you so much for your help. Sometime in April we are going to caravan to Inez to decorate the room and dedicate it to the Lord and that wonderful ministry.

We are still receiving our Annie Armstrong Easter

Offering for North American Missions. Our goal is \$2000 and it would be great if we exceeded that again.

We observed Focus Week and as part of that we toured our new building and served lunch for the builders. It is exciting to be part of this delightful phase of our church life.

Eleven Anchor women gathered for the WMU Prayer Breakfast on March 15 to hear Lonnie and Belinda Riley share about their ministry about the Meridzo Center at Lynch, Kentucky.

March 28-29 the Kentucky WMU Annual Meeting met in Bardstown at the Parkway Baptist Church. Seven of us attended. Hearing our missionaries share is so inspiring it makes us realize how ripe the harvest is right here in our own communities.

On April 20, 3:00 p.m., the Women On Mission meeting will be at the home of Liz Nicholson, 1813 Headley Green, Phone: 278-4678. Kay Ragland is co-hostess.

The semi-annual meeting of Elkhorn Association will meet on April 21, 6:00 p.m., Highlands Baptist Church, 2032 Parallel Road, Lexington. It is a dinner meeting with Greek Cuisine, \$5.00 per person. Scott Pittman, Director of Partnership Ministries with the KBC will be our speaker. You are encouraged to attend. It is great way to learn what is

going on in our association. At Anchor, we generously support the Association, (second or third in giving) so come hear what you are supporting.

Each year, Anchor participates in a ministry at Keeneland Race Track for those who work behind the track. Frequently, these workers come with only the clothes on their back, no accommodations, only a bare room with no facilities. We try to provide a warm meal, be part of an evangelist service, and try to minister to so many who do not even speak English. If you have jeans, work shoes, work jackets, single-serving foods, foam mattresses, blankets, sweatshirts, rain jackets, shower shoes, pillows, towels, washcloths, all sorts of hygiene products, etc., you may bring these to the church and mark them for the Race Track Ministries.

Exciting things continue to happen. In May we have the Women on Mission meeting at the church on May 18, 3:00 p.m. when we hear from missionaries from Guatemala, Bobby and Lisa Edwards whose ministry is bringing disable children back to the state for medical help of various sorts. Mr. Edwards ask that we especially invite the men to join us for that presentation.

By Ginny Sisk for the
Woman's Missionary Union



VACATION BIBLE
SCHOOL

JUNE 23-27, 2008

Your VBS Team is
getting ready!

MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!

**Men's Prayer
Breakfast**

Thursday, April 3
8:45 a.m.
Choir Room

This month's
testimony:

John Schrader
Family Court Judge

ARC Soon to Sail

It won't be long before the Anchor Resource Center opens. This 18,600 square foot facility contains eight

large classrooms, four large rooms with movable walls, an exercise alcove, activity floor for basketball, volley-

ball, and an office for Mat and Brian.

The Bluegrass Deaf Mission will also have a new space for worship and Bible Study.

We expect a mid-April temporary occupancy permit for interior use and final certification mid-May. Tentatively plan for a June 1st Dedication. Please be prayerful as we prepare to add ministries to our church family and the neighborhood.



Anchor Baptist Church

Paul Sisk, Pastor
Brian Cross, Pastor of the Bluegrass Deaf Mission
Carl Peters, Associate Pastor - Music/Worship/Discipleship
Mat Whitaker, Associate Pastor - Youth/Children/Families
Al Washburn, Organist
Patty Wilson, Church Secretary

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