"A people gathered in Christ; nurtured in His Spirit; and sent in His name."

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From Osour Pastor...

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A typical response to observing the season of Lent may be, "Is that Baptist?" The answer to the question would be "Of course!" not because it is or isn't listed in a Baptist Church Manual, or because every Baptist church does or doesn't observe Lent, but because every local Baptist church is autonomous and has the privilege of deciding how it will worship, and what traditions of the faith it will observe. So in that regard, Lent is very much a "Baptist thing." Hopefully as we journey together to the cross, we will gain a better understanding of how Christ is calling us to "forsake all else and follow Him." That doesn't mean we leave our families, it means we make our relationship with Jesus Christ our top priority. Like the beggars in last Sunday's sermon, we fully recognize Jesus as Lord and Messiah and then follow Him.

That seems like a radical concept to our culture. Ironically enough, to a culture that has forsaken all else to pursue money and power, a total commitment to Christ is labeled "radical." To a culture that denies "absolute truth," Jesus is seen as a good teacher, but His teachings are easily dismissed when they interfere with our own plans and desires. This Sunday we will examine the source of truth and how that impacts our journey to the cross.

We'll see you Sunday!

Ramon

In Touch

"New York, New York, what a wonderful..."
mission trip?

That is right! New York City has become one of the most moving areas for mission work over the last several years. Hundreds of local organizations and thousands of churches minister to the lost and lonely throughout the five boroughs of the city. Moreover, mission teams from around the world come to the Big Apple to minister to one of the most diverse cities in the world.

New York City is home to so many people defined by a variety of backgrounds and life situations. People from every corner of the globe find their way to New York. They are people of different races, religions, ethnicities, financial circumstances, and languages. So many people call New York City home. Because of the great number of people, local churches and ministries have much to do in order to reach the people with the hope and love of Christ. The great number and diversity of the people increase the need for significant ministry. Local New York City Christian churches and organizations count on mission teams from outside of New York to help meet the overwhelming need.

New York's overwhelming need equals a new opportunity for the youth of our church. The high school youth from our church will be going to New York City on a week-long mission trip to the Big Apple. The mission trip will be July 16-23, 2005. The journey is just beginning, and I look forward to telling the story through my newsletter article over the next several weeks. Stay tuned!

Jeff



If you would like to help with refreshments for the Follies by providing cookies or some type of sweet treat, please call Jim & Leigh Ann Pernell at 946-2807 or Barry & Beth Nelson at 774-0074.

Your help is greatly appreciated!!

Attention Ordained Deacons

If you are an ordained deacon and did not receive a letter from Rick Matthews last week, please call the church office. We want to update our records.

N.C. Baptist Retirement Homes Offering Our Goal: \$2,000.00

Our Goal: \$2,000.00 Received to Date: \$1,205.00

In Loving Memory

of

Mr. Frederick James Swift

April 22, 1918

February 10, 2005

Member of College Park since November, 1989

Youth Ministry Council Meeting

Sunday February 20 Lunch Meeting

After Worship



Family Night Supper - Wednesday, February 23

Country-Style Steak

Mashed Potatoes Green Beans
Yeast Rolls Dessert

Please make your reservation by noon on Tuesday, Feb. 22.

Our prayers and support are offered to the following members of our church family who are, or have been in the hospital in the last week:



Juanita Anderson, Mary Fisher, Melba Jones, Macie McElroy, Sandy Orrell, Dr. A. L. Parker, Blanche Phillips

Notes of appreciation have been received and posted on the bulletin board from Jay & Clara Edmonds and from Helen & Carroll Simmons.

Crisis Control Gift for February: Applesauce

January Collections: 65 shampoo, 6 Peanut Butter, 4 Pork & Beans, 1 Dish Detergent, 1 Macaroni & Cheese, 5 Laundry Detergents

REPORT FROM FEBRUARY 13, 2005

Sunday School	253
Worship	324
Brookridge	42
Budget Requirement To Date	\$94,007.83
Budget Receipts To Date (86.74%)	\$81,546.46
FULFILLING THE PROMISE	
New FTP Pledges	\$289,522.00
New FTP Pledged Gifts to Date (108.92%)	\$315,358.41
Total Building Fund Receipts To Date	\$2,926,226.52
Balance Due on Building	\$155,099.99

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 20 - 26, 2005

Sunday, February 20	
9:15 a.m.	Media Center Open
9:30	Sunday School Classes
10:45	Gathering in Sanctuary for Worship
12:15 p.m.	Visitation Assignments
3:30	Youth Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal
4:30	Ainesis Rehearsal
5:30	Youth Snack Supper
6:00	College Park Follies
7:00	Handbells Rehearsal

Monday, February 21

10:00 a.m.Monday Bible Study5:00 p.m.Children's Ministry Council7:00Boy Scout Troop 907

Tuesday, February 22

10:00 a.m.Grace Notes Rehearsal6:00 p.m.Basketball Practice

Wednesday, February 23

5:30 p.m. Media Center Open 5:30-6:30 Supper Line Open 6:00 Cherub Choir, Sing for God, & Psalm 8:2 Rehearsals Connections Team 6:45 Prayer Meeting Mission Friends, RAs, GAs, Acteens, Challengers 7:30 Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Deacons

Thursday, February 24

6:30-7:30 Primary Basketball 7:00 Intermediate Boys Basketball @ First Baptist

Friday, February 25

6:00 p.m. Girls Basketball @ Old Town Baptist

Saturday, February 26

Greeters: February 20

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study

<u>Workers in Worship Nursery</u>: February 20, 10:30 a.m. Ivarene Billings; JoAnn Lehman; Becky Grubbs; Marci Fricke; Ben & Lori Jackson; Terri & Noah Goodman

Deacon of the Week: Jim Pernell

Properties Comm. Member on Duty:
Brookridge Driver:
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Wilho

Russell Talley & Kate Thomas

<u>Duty:</u> Lawrence Hudspeth

Larry Jones

Information Center February: Wilbert McBride, June Crabbe



THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, February 20th 10:45 a.m. THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT I Saw A New Heaven Sanctuary Choir

The Voice of Truth APB

Truth: True or False?
Ramon Smith

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