

March Birthdays

Mar 1—Lexi Morris
Mar 2—Madi Catchings; Ella Kate Haywood
Mar 6—Riley Keith; Sandra Weathers
Mar 7—David Lawrence
Mar 8—Issac Foster
Mar 10—Ruthie Courson; Krissy Morris
Mar 12—Amy Foster; Payton Ingram
Mar 13—Kim Martin; Faye Myrick;
Mar 17—Gina Williams
Mar 19—Kent Gardner
Mar 25—Hannah Catchings
Mar 27—Brooke Smith
Mar 28—Barbara Peoples
Mar 29—Molly Collier; Ronnie Hill



March Anniversaries

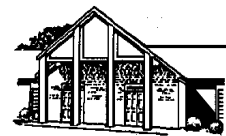


Mar 10—Steve & Stacy Vogel
Mar 14—Randy & Pam Rollins
Mar 27—Kevin & Dawn Hardiman
Mar 28—Glenn & Barrie Hamilton
Mar 31—Kent & Regina Clifton

If you did not see your birthday or anniversary listed, please call the church office at 256-249-3850 and update your records.

Choir and Drama Practice

Choir and Drama Team will begin practicing for an hour on Sundays at 4:45pm until Easter. Practices will be separate. Children will begin practicing the first Sunday in March. *Since many children will be helping with the Easter drama, Children in Action will be moved to 6:00pm, during the worship hour, March 5th through Easter.



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Remember this stuff too . . .

- **Health Fair** - Wed, Mar 1st. CLC rsvd.
- **Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser** - Sun, Mar 5th immediately following the morning worship service.
- **Deacon's Meeting** - Sun, Mar 5th at 7pm.
- **Wednesday Supper** - Wed, Mar 8th at 5pm.
- **Business Meeting** - Wed, Mar 8th at 6pm.
- **Senior Adult Brunch** - Sat, Mar 11th. CLC rsvd.
- **Men's Breakfast** - Sun, Mar 12th at 8:30am.
- **DNOW Weekend** - Fri, Mar 17th-Sun, Mar 19th.

Ministry of Hope

Confidential, Christian counseling is provided free of charge by Darlene Touart. To schedule an appointment, call Darlene at 256-872-6140 or call the church office at 256-249-3850.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 8th at 10:00 AM



At the home of Robb & Nicole Peoples. If you would like to volunteer to help, please see Nicole Peoples.

The Children's Ministry is also **collecting donations of individually wrapped candy and plastic Easter Eggs that open** in preparation for the Children's event. There is a collection box in the church vestibule.

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Pastor

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Associate Pastor of Youth & Outreach

Dolores Catchings
Pianist

Harold Catchings
Drummer

Anneliese Varnado
Secretary

Services:

Sunday:

Sunday School 9:45 AM

Worship Service 11:00 AM

Choir Practice 5:00 PM

Worship Service 6:00 PM

Wednesday:

Supper 5:00 PM*

Youth 5:45 PM

Prayer Meeting 6:00 PM

Team Kid 6:00 PM

*Every other Wednesday.

From Your Pastor

Our emphases in March will be Evangelism, Prayer, and Fasting.

March 5-12 is our **Week of Prayer** for the North American Mission Board. It is also the beginning of our emphasis on collecting the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. The theme for this year is **"Together for His Kingdom."** On Sunday, March 5th, we will distribute prayer guides for you to use as you pray for the spread of the gospel throughout North America. The message March 5th will be on **Evangelism and Missions**.

We will also begin **40 days of prayer and fasting** as we participate with area churches in **"Operation Evangelize Sylacauga."** A sign-up list will be posted, as we ask each member to consider taking at least one day to fast and pray for the lost in our immediate area. We also want to pray that we understand the urgency of the task for the church to witness through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Sunday evenings in March will focus on witness training, and evangelistic tools, as we prepare to share the gospel and personal testimony with our neighbors. Following the 40 days of prayer and training, we will be going door to door throughout our area to share Jesus with everyone in our community. I hope all members will use this month as a time to "sharpen your tools" for witnessing.

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 12th, so remember to move your clocks forward one hour before you go to bed Saturday evening. Our message on the 12th will be on **Prayer and Fasting**.

The Youth will be having D-Now, a discipleship weekend, March 17-19. **The D-Now Team** that is coming in for this weekend **will lead in worship on Sunday, March 19th**. The theme of this service is, of course, the importance and impact of discipleship.

We will also be busy working on the music and drama for **Easter** throughout the month of March. Easter is on Sunday, April 16th this year. The drama team will be practicing at 4:45 on Sunday afternoon. The choir will also be working on music beginning at 4:45 each Sunday afternoon. The choir will work on their regular worship songs from 4:45 until 5:30, then Easter music from 5:30 until 6:00. So if you want to sing just for Easter, you come at 5:30 pm.

Since many children will be helping with the Easter drama, Children in Action will be moved to 6:00 pm, during the worship hour, March 5th through Easter.

A few weeks ago I introduced a discipleship plan called **D-Life**. I ask you to continue to pray about this ministry and how God might use you as a leader, or participant in a D-Life group. We will continue to discuss and educate our members about the D-Life opportunity. Then in April, after Easter, we will offer an in depth D-Life Leader Training course for those who feel led to start a group.

Prayer and fasting focuses our hearts and minds on God's purposes. Prayer is a prerequisite to **evangelism**. Once we have shared the gospel with others and they place their faith in Jesus, we see the need for continuing **discipleship**. God is ready for us to get out into the fields and bring in the harvest. I pray we will become passionate about living for Jesus and reaching the world for His kingdom, beginning with our immediate community.

Bro. Danny

Life Line Screening

Wednesday, March 1st at 9:00am.

Fundraiser Luncheon

Sunday, March 8th

Immediately following the morning service,

Menu:

Baked Potato Bar

All proceeds benefit the Children's Summer Camp.

Deacon's Meeting

Sunday, March 5th at 7:00pm.

Wednesday Night Supper

Wednesday, March 8th

&

Wednesday, March 22nd

Business Meeting

Wednesday, March 8th

6:00pm.

Senior Adult Brunch

Saturday, March 11th

10:00am in the CLC.

Please see the sign up board to register or

call the church office at 256-249-3850.

See Trish Wesson form more info.

Men's Ministry Breakfast

Sunday, March 12th

8:30am in the CLC.

Daylight Savings Time

Sunday, March 12th



It's that time of year again. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead by one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

Youth DNOW Sign Up

Mar 17-19, 2017

Cost: \$45 each

Deadline to sign up & pay: Wed, March 1st

Please see the youth board to register.

We need host homes. If you are interested in volunteering your home, please see me asap.

Youth Ministry

During the month of March, we have a couple of big things happening.

First we will have our envelope fundraiser going on where you pick an envelope with a designated amount on it and donate that amount to help raise money for the students mission trip to Philadelphia. This will go on through out the whole month of March.

March 17th through 19th our students will have their Discipleship Now weekend. The theme this year is called *The Pause* which teaches our students to take time out of everyday, pause and spend some time with the Lord.

If you have signed up for camp, on April 23rd you need to have a balance of \$300 on your camp account. If you have any questions, concerns, or want to know your balance do not hesitate to contact me.



June 16-17, 2017 at the BJCC Arena.

Guest speakers will be: Bill Butterworth, Coach Hugh Freeze, David Jeremiah, Fred Luter, Henry Cloud, & Phil Waldrep.
Worship Leader: Charles Billingsley

Cost is \$89 for just the conference if paid by March 29th. Prices increase after this date. There is a sign up list on the bulletin board. Please see Tom Young for more information and pricing.

MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Health Fair CLC Rsvd	2	3	4 CLC Rsvd
5 Baked Potato Bar Fundraiser Deacon's Meeting 7pm	6	7	8 Wed Night Supper Business Meeting-6pm	9	10	11 Senior Adult Brunch CLC Rsvd
12 Men's Breakfast	13	14	15	16	17 DNOW Weekend →	18 CLC Rsvd
19 DNOW Weekend →	20	21	22 Wed Night Supper Newsletter Deadline	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

Youth Envelope Fundraiser

Beginning March 5th and continuing throughout the month of March, envelopes numbered 1 to 100 will be posted on the bulletin board in the vestibule. Grab an envelope, put the amount money that corresponds with the number in the envelope, and drop your donation in the designated box. Proceeds will help our students raise money for their summer mission trip to Philadelphia.

Children's Church

- March 5th– Jamie & Rena Carter
- March 12th– Steve & Stacey Vogel
- March 19th– Adam & Amy Foster
- March 26th– Kevin & Kellie Ingram

The Library's Latest

God's Perfect Timing - Rev. J. Martin

A Young Woman's Guide to Making Right Choices by Elizabeth George

Uninvited, Living Loved When You Feel Less Than Left Out and Lonely by Lysa Terkeurst

* New Lori Wick have been added.

