



Thanks! Baptist Women's Day was a tremendous success. Thank you, Cyndy Meares! You and your helpers did a great job. Her helpers within the music realm were those in the Women's Chorus, Mary Covey – their director this year, our Ladies Handbell Choir, Katie Young – soloist, and of course, our capable keyboardists – Jennie Riggs and Rita Savage. We are so very blessed! Thank you, women!

ASSOCIATIONS: This past Sunday evening I tried to share an idea – briefly. Those of you who know me at all are aware that brevity is not my strong point. Therefore, in a short time frame, the inevitable generally happens. Some element needed to make sense out what I'm trying to share is sure to be omitted. So, allow me to try to fill in the holes I left Sunday evening in my vain effort to be succinct!

I began by NOT remembering the name of Anton Armstrong! He is a nationally acclaimed choral clinician/lecturer, especially regarding the performance practice of black spirituals. He is on faculty at St. Olaf College in Minnesota and the choirs he conducts are world class. Dr. Armstrong is an African American. However, because he was reared in the Lutheran church, his expertise in black spirituals comes from scholarly study of the subject rather experience or heritage. I recently heard him speak at a church music conference.

Although I could not recall his name at the time, I mentioned Sunday evening his explanation of why black church choirs “sway.” He told us that “lifting the feet” from the floor represents “worldliness.” Simply put, “you don't dance in church — if you lift your feet, you're dancing.” So, for black church choirs to avoid an *association* with the world, when they move, they sway – keeping their feet on the floor.

I followed this by asking Sunday evening's crowd to lift their hands if they were members of SBC churches or knew of SBC churches “hurt” by the charismatic movement during the '60's. Few did. This surprised me. My home church and a number of Texas congregations experienced disruption in their fellowship at that time over this controversial issue. In more direct words, churches split over the issue of speaking in tongues. The pain this brought about in our lives has caused some of us to struggle with anything *associated* with the charismatic movement, especially musical style and worship practice – choruses, hand clapping, and overt emotional display.

Immediately following this “sermon/lecture,” as my family calls them, we sang a medley of very traditional hymns – well known to folks my age and older, less familiar to new Christians, children, and youth. How did these “old favorites” relate to my discussion on “swaying” and “speaking in tongues?” It's simple.

For those of us near my age and beyond, those traditional hymns have a positive *association*. They remind us of meaningful worship experiences in the past and our roots in Baptist life. However, because our world has expanded and we have musical flavors available to us beyond vanilla, chocolate, and strawberry, these hymns may not have as positive an *association* for our younger worshippers.

“Well, Mike, you make a good point! We need to sing these more often to give them an *association*,” you might suggest. My response? I agree. That's why we sang them Sunday evening. However, their world has moved far beyond these hymns. I want to pass along the best of our heritage from the past, ALL OF US need to expand our means of worship through music. To do this, we must consider what we sing NOT ON THE BASIS OF ITS ASSOCIATION, but rather on the basis of its Biblical/doctrinal content.

Music missionaries in Africa have had to expand their understanding of music in worship. In that culture singing and dancing are simultaneous expressions. When they sing, they clap their hands AND lift their feet. It doesn't mean they “love the world.” The hand clapping and movement are not preludes to “speaking in tongues.”

We cannot nor should we completely divest ourselves of our *associations*. They are there for a purpose. However, we all should look beyond our accepted *associations*. If we fail to do so, we just might rob ourselves of a fuller revelation of the awesome God we worship.

Mike

PRAYER ALERT for the WEEK Week of Prayer for North American Missions March 5-12, 2000

Dear Church Friends,

Thank you so much for your loving kindness through prayer support, phone calls, and cards during Clarence illness and passing.

I send a special thanks to Mike and the Choir for all they have done during this difficult time.

Rhonda Fries

I would like to express my sincere thanks to all of you for your concern and prayers during my recent surgery and recovery. Thanks for all the lovely cards, the food you provided, and your help with transportation.

Vicki Rader

FAITH REPORT Week of February 27, 2000

	This Week	This Semester
Attempted Visits.....	42.....	178
Actual Visits.....	20.....	99
People Talked To.....	23.....	130
Gospel Presentation.....	4.....	11
Enrolled in S.S.....	6.....	18
Professions of Faith.....	3.....	7



What an incredible weekend! Disciple Now 2000 was a great success. God really moved in the lives of all those who participated. From the recreation time to the Bible study time, there seemed to be a great excitement and anticipation of God moving in the lives of our students.

For those of you who don't know, our theme for the weekend was “Different”. Students were placed in homes of church members (Host Homes) and lead through five sessions of a Bible study curriculum over the course of the weekend. The sessions dealt with how Jesus was different, how a lost world is different, how we are different as believers in Christ, and how we are to live different lives as a result of our relationship with Christ. They were challenged at the end of the weekend to make a commitment before God to daily live out who they already are in Christ. Many of our students made this commitment.

I would like to thank all of our Host Homes, Co-host homes, and guest leaders for all that they did to make this weekend happen. They are:

- 7th Grade- Kim and Karen Eskew
Jeff and Pam Earhart
Nathan Reddin
- 8th and 9th Boys- Mike and Brooke Gray
Mark and Marquita Denherder
Brad Dutton
- 8th and 9th Girls- Vaughn and Jane Skinner
Rebecca Flores
Betsy Pendleton
- 10th and 11th Boys- Randy and Mary Covey
Joe and Cheri Desoto
Matt Pratt
- 10th and 11th Girls- Bill and Carol Brunner
Mona Lois Schmidt
Lindsey Wilkinson
- 12th Grade Boys- David and Aamie Mason
Cliff and Laura Grisham
Andrew Skinner
- 12th Grade Girls- Laura Thomas
Janna Lofton

Thank you for your tireless love and heart for students this weekend. Thank you also to Nancy McKay for making the Leader's dinner on Friday night.

Please pray for our students that they would daily live out the commitments that they have made and that they would be “different” than the world around them. Thank you for your support of Disciple Now 2000 through your gifts and prayers. May we all be “different” because of Him. God Bless.

In Him,

Jim



HOME-AWAY-FROM HOME POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Sunday, March 12, 12:00 Noon
Mitchell Hall
following Morning Worship
Call Nancy Eckels, 750-3250,
or the church office, 442-2387
for reservations

Who Wants to be a Faithful Steward? Money Management for the Christian

Sunday, March 5, 12,
April 2, 9
5:00 pm. - Room 322
Leader: Chris Brune

The first two sessions will focus on basic money mangement principles and will include information on budgeting and credit.

The last two sessions will concentrate on employee benefits and investing, with special emphasis on insurance, retirement plans, and college planning.

Praise Record - February 27

Sunday School Enrollment	1099
Sunday School Attendance	516
Morning Worship	482
Evening Worship	235
Decisions	1
Shiloh Community Church	42
Received February 20	\$ 10,577.24
Required February 20	\$ 20,391.35
Received in February	\$ 91,580.77
Required in February	\$ 81,565.40
Received in 2000	\$ 165,321.21
Required in 2000	\$ 164,559.31
Great Is Thy Faithfulness for week 2/27/00	\$ 1,036.00
Great Is Thy Faithfulness since 5/01/99	\$329,964.33
Balance owed GITH as of 2/28/00	\$148,175.00

EXTENDED SESSION ~ March 5

Babies: Lola Mae Shackelford, Evelyn Brooks

Older Babies: Maxine Mayes, Margaret Little

Ones: James Kelly & Mona Lois Schmidt

Twos: Steve & Melinda Renfro

Threes: Dan & Nancy Eckels

VAN MINISTRY - March 5

Van Bobby Harwell & Harry Norman

DECISION

By Profession of Faith and Baptism:

Daniel Savage

2108 Loren Cr.

Fayetteville, AR 72701

521-3114

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Jere and Royce Ann Mitchell and James and Doris Barrentine on the arrival of twin granddaughters, Anne Riley (Annie), 5 lbs. 2 oz., 18 1/2", and Caroline Grace (Callie), 3 lbs. 13 oz., 16 3/4", on February 24, 2000. Proud parents are Julie and Kevin Barrentine of Flowermound, Texas. Also welcoming Annie and Callie is aunt, Mary Covey, and her family, Randy, Elizabeth and Dallis.

....and to Rugang Li and Shi Qing Zhao on the arrival of David Li on February 26, 2000. David weighed 6 lbs. 12 oz. Big brother, Hao, also welcomes David.

SYMPATHY

Our church family extends Christian love and sympathy to Muriel and Charles Dryer on the loss of Muriel's brother-in-law, Edward Baker of Blytheville, Arkansas on February 19, 2000; and Charles' brother-in-law, William Lytle of Jonesboro, Arkansas on December 27, 1999.

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Don Krouse, March 5-11, 2000

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNER

March 8 - Served 5:00-5:45 p.m.

Baked Chicken Rice Pilaf

Mixed Vegetables Rolls

Salad Bar Baked Potato Bar

Dessert

Children - Corn Dogs/Chips

Kitchen Crew: Cleo Liles & LaWanna Mundy

Herb Huneycutt & John Barfield



GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

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Principal Paid

BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY

BAPTIST WOMEN'S DAY WAS AS GREAT TIME OF FELLOWSHIP! WE HAD A LITTLE OVER 100 ATTEND THE BREAKFAST AND A CHOIR LOFT FULL OF WOMEN TO SING! CAROLYN SCHMITT WAS A WONDERFUL SPEAKER WHO INSPIRED US ALL! THANK YOU TO ALL OF YOU WHO HELPED AND PARTICIPATED. THE LORD HAS BLESSED OUR CHURCH WITH SO MANY WOMEN AND MEN WITH SERVANT HEARTS. I APPRECIATED EACH AND EVERYONE OF YOU WHO WERE INVOLVED. CAN'T WAIT TO BE WITH ALL OF YOU AT THE WOMEN'S RETREAT! SIGN UP SOON!

5TH ANNUAL WOMEN'S RETREAT



WOMEN FACING CHALLENGES

Rocky Branch Resort on the Lake
March 31, 6:00 p.m. - April 1, 2:00 p.m.

Cost:

\$15 - shared \$25 - single

Includes lodging, breakfast & lunch

(Friday evening dinner - \$3 extra)

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: March 26

\$10 deposit due at the time of sign-up

~Sign-up sheets available at the information Center or church office~

Memorials

In memory of Donna Hall
Berta Seitz

In memory of Belle Mitchell
Berta Seitz
Rick & Carolyn Tanneberger

In memory of Jerry Hoskins
Berta Seitz

In memory of Murray Smart, Sr.
Berta Seitz

In memory of Nell Johnson
Berta Seitz

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Minister of Youth - Jim Thomas

Minister of Childhood Education - Lisa Wheat

University Minister - David Mason

Organist - Jennie Riggs

Pianist - Rita Savage

MISSION STATEMENT:

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

Several of you know by now, but just in case any of you have not heard the news, our daughter Julie delivered twin girls last week. Anne Riley Barrentine weighted 5 lb. and 2 oz. She was 18 1/2 inches tall. Caroline Barrentine weighted 3 lb. and 13 oz. and was 16 3/4 inches tall. They are beautiful little girls. Caroline is still in NICU at the Plano, TX Medical Center. She is doing just fine and will probably go home later this week. Julie and Anne went home on Monday. Julie and her husband, Kevin, are fine parents so far. Royce Ann and I and grandparents, Jim and Doris Barrentine, will be keeping a close watch on them.

Thank you for your prayers and concern for them. We are so grateful to God for His marvelous love and His answers to our prayers.

I am also thankful for the great support and unity of our church concerning the purchase of the property just north of us on College Avenue. In case you have not heard, the vote was 183 for purchase and 1 opposed. There is still a great deal to be done before we take possession. The proposed closing date is in July 2000. Keep praying.

Also keep praying for FAITH. We are having a very good semester and thank God for the way He is blessing our efforts.

Next week is the Week of Prayer for North America Missions. Please join me in praying for the work of Southern Baptists in North America.

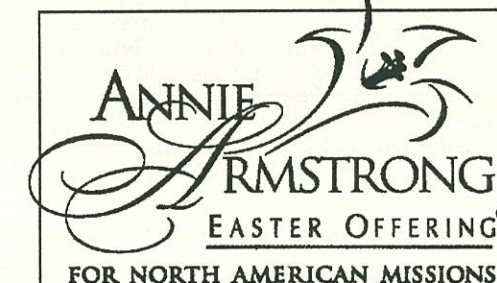
I will look for you next Sunday in Bible Study and Worship.

Love,

Preacher

WEEK OF PRAYER for NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

March 5-12, 2000



Women On Mission
Friday, March 3, 2:00 p.m.
Butterfield Trail Village, Villa Room

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