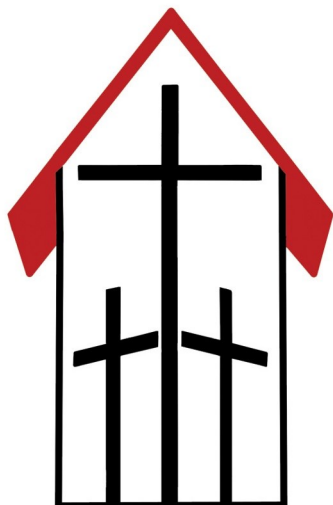


THE TOWER

April 2016



“The name of the Lord is a strong tower...”

Proverbs 18:10a NKJV

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“The Miracle Continues” Campaign Results

Now that the results are in for our new 3 year capital campaign, we wanted to give you a report. The construction loan has been finalized. All we are waiting on to begin is the permits from the city. We have been guaranteed our new wing will be completed by November 1 of this year.

- Number of pledges received 240
(We have 410 family units, so 58% of our families committed.)
- Total amount pledged \$1,254,000
- Amount given on 1st week \$ 55,128
- Amount given to date \$ 206,815
- Our children gave \$ 400

As you can see, we are off to a strong start. Please remain faithful in the months to come. The more you give during construction the less we have to borrow.



What Our New Building Will Mean for the Ministries of Our Church

For Our Adults. . . .it will mean two things. First, we will have room to create new classes. New classes are a must for new sustained growth. Second, it will mean our classes which are in the children's hall will get to move closer to the other adult classes.

For Our Youth. . . .it will mean a much larger Sunday School and meeting space. The new room will be equipped with a video and sound system.

For Our Children. . . .when the adult classes move to the new wing, there will be room to expand our children's ministries. More rooms will be available for Sunday School, Mother's Day Out and our Pre-K Ministries.

For the entire church. . . .it will mean more restrooms, and a small fellowship hall type of space for Bible studies, receptions and showers.

There is something for everyone!

A WORD FROM... OUR PASTOR



I want to extend my dearest thanks to Susan Jackson for helping me preach each Sunday. For those of you who may not know it, Susan has run my preaching teleprompters since we moved into our new building almost 2 years ago. She has done an excellent job of keeping me on track each week. Susan and Robert are moving to North Carolina. Her last Sunday here will be Sunday, April 10. She is training other people to run my computer, but no one will ever be able to read my thoughts like Susan. Both Susan and Robert will be deeply missed.

Please mark your calendar (or iPhone) to be here on Wednesday evening April 13. Our Deacon Body and I will be holding an old-fashioned "family meeting" talking about the future of our church. The Deacon Body has been praying and planning about how to make the years ahead as exciting as the past 5 years. They have come up with a plan that is so exciting to me. I believe it is a perfect plan to insure the growth and success of our church for many years to come. Next Sunday's bulletin will give a bit more information. I hope you will be there as we reveal this plan on Wednesday, April 13. It involves bringing on a new staff member.

Jerebeth Mehler Our New Financial Secretary



We are excited to announce that Jerebeth Mehler is our new Financial Secretary. She started on Monday, April 4, 2016. Many of you know Jerebeth to be one of the sweetest, kindest ladies you will ever know. Others are about to learn this fact first hand. We are excited to add Jerebeth and her experience to our staff.

When you come by the church, please take a few moments to say hello to an old friend, or introduce yourself to a new friend. You will be glad you did!

Our Deepest Sympathy:

Dr. Butler, and his wife Lawanda, would like to extend our church's sympathy to: The Shipp family & friends on the loss of Helen Shipp, to Van Wicker & family on the loss of his mother-in-law, Esther Fuggitt, to Rena & Gene Boucher on the loss of Rena's sister, Kristi Trimble and to Avery & Sharon King on the loss of their sister-in-law.

FROM REV. PHIL ANDERSON, ASST. PASTOR & MIN. OF EDUCATION

"The Miracle Continues" Campaign Report

"The Miracle Continues ... Linking Hearts and Hands" campaign is off to an awesome start! I know that you have to be excited to see God continue to work in His church through you. 240 of our families have pledged



\$1,254,000 to this campaign so far. We have a total of 410 families at LaBelle Haven so I believe others will join us in making a commitment to this campaign. Over the last two weeks our people have given a total of \$63,737.39 toward the new building campaign. We are so excited to see what God will do through our gifts! If you have not yet turned in your commitment/pledge, it's still not too late; please do so as quickly as possible. Even if you do not turn in a commitment card, you can still give to the campaign. Just place your gift in your pink offering envelope and mark the amount for the campaign in the box "Building Fund." Everything in that box will be designated for "The Miracle Continues" campaign. Thank you for your faithfulness to the Lord in giving to see His Kingdom work move forward.

Next Church-Wide Outreach ~ April 25 Light Meal at 5:30pm, Visitation 6:00-7:30pm

Come join us as we go out to visit those who have visited us. We will meet at 5:30pm to eat a light dinner, then we will go out at 6:00pm. We will meet back at the church at 7:30pm for a report/praise time and dessert. We need everyone who can to participate in this outreach event. Let's share the excitement of LHBC!

Music Ministry

By: Rev. Ken Washburn, Min. of Music & Sr. Adults

I would like to express a heartfelt thanks to everyone who worked so tirelessly to prepare for the presentation of "No Cross, No Crown." It is such a blessing to unite with people with various backgrounds and skills to work for a common goal...that of doing our best for He who gave His all so that we might have eternal life. My deepest appreciation goes to the Choir, Orchestra, Drama and Narration Team, the Technical Crew, the Carpenters and the Back-Stage Crew for all of the hours you spent preparing. May God richly bless you.

We are adding a new event to our Senior Adult Schedule. . . an associational rally at First Baptist Horn Lake on Monday, April 18th, at 10:30am. This will be our first time to attend the senior adult functions here in DeSoto County. There will be a special guest speaker. The next rally will be a fish fry at the Ervin Brown Training Center on May 16th. If you want to go with us, meet at the church at 9:45 Monday morning, April 18th.

Primetimers

Our next PRIMETIMER'S fellowship will be **Thursday, April 28th at 11:30 am**. The church will provide the fried and baked chicken and we are asking our members to bring the salads, sides and desserts.

Please join us and invite some guests for this great time of sweet fellowship.

CHURCH DIRECTORY. . . .

If your information has changed or will change, please take a moment and call the church office at (662) 893-2273 and let us know so we can update our records.

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By: Debbie Johnson

I want to give a great BIG Thank You to our children. As of Easter Sunday, they raised **\$400.57** to go toward "The Miracle Continues" campaign. This was given in the form of a little bit of paper money and quarters, dimes, nickels, pennies, pennies and yes even more pennies! All of this change will go a long way in changing lives. If your child has not returned their bank it is not too late. I also have more banks for the children who want to continue giving. What an awesome way to teach our children that they too are invested in their church. Thank-you again.

June 13th – 17th ~ 9:00-12:00 As summer gets closer I am in planning mode for VBS! I need some people to help in drama for the Bible stories. I will also need people to be group leaders. These people will be responsible for transporting the children to all 5 centers and doing short activities in class. These activities will be planned for you this year. Please pray about serving. These little lives can impact their entire family for Christ. Please see Debbie to sign up.



Thank You! I can't say thank you enough to all the people who came and helped at the Olive Branch Easter Festival at City Hall. Being the first year we had no idea how it would be and it was a huge success. There were about 950 kiddo's and we gave away all our prizes. I could have not made it without everyone's help.



Open Registration for 3 & 4 year Pre-K. It is that time of year to begin registration for 2016/2017 P-K school. We offer a well-balanced curriculum that offers everything your child needs to begin kindergarten. They will learn their letters, numbers, colors, & sight words all while enjoying fun activities. Our 3 year old program is 3 days a week M, W, F, 8:30-12:00, and, the 4 year olds will have 2 choices: 3 days M, W, F or 5 days M-F, 8:30-12:00. The prices are \$160 for 3 day option and \$225 for 5 days plus a \$70 registration fee. Classes are starting to fill up, so please see Debbie or the web site www.labellehaven.org for more information.

2016/2017 Mother's Day Out. It is now time to sign up for next year's Mother's Day Out. We offer a loving Christian environment for children 2 months through 5 years. We use this time to teach the children using age appropriate activities. The tuition is \$135 for babies and \$130 for 1-5 year olds, there is a \$50 family registration fee. Some classes are starting to fill up so please see Debbie or the church website www.labellehaven.org for more information.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

A donation was given to The Building Fund:

In honor of: **Rawley Cain & Roy Pierce**

By: The Wage (Alpha & Omega) Class

In memory of: **Michael Bryant**

By: Ronnie & Glenda Boyd

In memory of: **Kathryn Marik's 1st Anniversary in Heaven**

By: Norm & Linda Dowler

In memory of: **Wesley Marshall**

By: Dr. Joy Bailey, Perry & Donna Thornton

In Memory of: **Jack Wright**

By: Ronnie & Glenda Boyd, Perry & Donna Thornton

In memory of: **Helen Shipp**

By: Margaret Ferrante's Class, Patricia Reid,
Mike & Troy Raiteir

In memory of: **Kristi Trimble**

By: Dr. Joy Bailey

A donation was given to House Beautiful:

In memory of: **Debbie Rudzena's father**

By: The Rial (Joy) Class

A donation was given to: The Music Department

In honor of: **Luke McGarrh & Family**

By: Billy Talley & Family





Dear Labelle Family,
Thank you for all the cards, phone calls and prayers. I feel so blessed to have such caring church family. Thank you so much for your thoughtfulness.

Love you all,
June Clement

Dear Church Family,
I would like to thank you for the prayers, visits, calls and cards I received from you after the death of my beloved friend, Jack Wright.

You helped me get through a very difficult time.
Jack's children thank you also.
I love all of you and thank God for you.
Mary Simmons

LaBelle Haven Baptist Church Calendar of Events for . . .

SONDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
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3	4 9a Walking Class 7-8:30p Ensemble Practice	5 6p Exercise Class	6 5:30p Supper 6:30p Baptist Doctrine Study Youth Bible Study Children's Choirs 7:30p Adult Choir	7 10a JOY Choir 6p Exercise Class	8 9a Walking Class	9 10a Waddell Class Social At Dunkin's Enid Lakehouse
						
10 1p Stewardship Mtg 2-5p MS River Chorale Concert at LaBelle 6p Deacon & Wives Mtg (Room 110)	11 9a Walking Class 6:30p Deacon's Mtg 7-8:30p Ensemble Practice	12 6p Exercise Class	13 5:30p Supper 6:30p Family Fireside Chat Youth Bible Study Children's Choirs 7:30p Adult Choir	14 10a JOY Choir Singing at A Nursing Home with lunch at Becky Mullikin's 6p Exercise Class	15 9a Walking Class	16 5p Youth Dinner & Movie At the Andrews' House
17 5p Union Mission	18 9a Walking Class 10:30a Sr. Adult Rally at First Baptist in Horn Lake, MS 7-8:30p Ensemble Practice	19 6p Exercise Class	20 5:30p Supper 6:30p Baptist Doctrine Study Youth Bible Study Children's Choirs 7:30p Adult Choir	21 10a JOY Choir 6p Exercise Class	22 9a Walking Class	23
24	25 9a Walking Class 5:30p Outreach 7-8:30p Ensemble Practice	26 6p Exercise Class	27 5:30p Supper 6:30p Quarterly Bus Mtg Youth Bible Study Children's Choirs 7:30p Adult Choir	28 11:30a Primetimer's Lunch 6p Exercise Class	29 9a Walking Class	30

