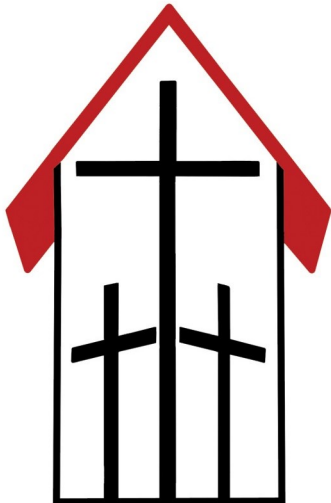


THE TOWER

February 2016



*"The name of the Lord
is a strong tower..."*

Proverbs 18:10a NKJV



The Miracle Continues...
LINKING HEARTS AND HANDS

The Miracle Continues. . . . *. . . .Linking Hearts & Hands* **Capital Campaign Calendar**

Our Capital Campaign moves into "high gear" this month. Below is a listing of the major events leading up to Commitment Day, March 6. Please begin praying now about the sacrifice God would have you make in giving to this new campaign.

January 24—Special Sunday School Lessons Begin.

February 7—Featured Sermon "Til Debt Do Us Part"—
A powerful message about personal finances.

February 22 & 23—Advanced Commitment Gatherings—
6:30pm on the 22nd and noon on the 23rd

March 6—Commitment Day! This is the day we will turn in
our commitments during the morning worship.

March 20—Our First Day of Giving and Ground Breaking.
This will be one of the most exciting days of our year. The Leadership Team will announce the total we pledged to give over the next 3 years. The choir will present our Easter musical. Following the musical we will move to the yard north of our church to have a groundbreaking service. Each family will be given a stake to drive into the ground, as we claim this new space for the teaching of God's Word.

Campaign Goal #1—\$1,200,000

Campaign Goal #2—\$1,500,000

Campaign Goal #3—\$1,750,000

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Mrs. Debbie Johnson

Minister of Youth
Mr. Jamie Mullen

A WORD FROM... OUR PASTOR



By: *Debbie Johnson*



It is hard to believe that we are beginning our 6th year here at LaBelle. The years have passed so quickly, and they have been so full of God's blessings. Lawanda and I want to thank you again for the very generous love gift you gave us on our 5th anniversary. You surprised us! We were deeply touched. It goes without saying, "we love you very much."

The year 2016 will be a very important year in the history of our church. I believe this will be the year we break the 1,000 barrier in attendance. We will build our new Phase #2 educational wing this year (we pray to have it complete by Thanksgiving.) We expect to add to our ministerial staff this year. God has so much in store for us as we follow Him in faith.

2015 A Year In Review

2015 was a record breaking year here at LaBelle. Below is a brief summary of the year in review:

Average Worship Attendance (The highest day of worship 984 on April 5.)	562
Average Sunday School Attendance	336
Total Budget Receipts (The 2015 budget was \$766,000. we set a record for weekly budget giving on 4/5/15 of \$31,636.)	\$1,052,738
Total Building Fund Receipts	\$ 319,160
Total Additions By Letter	101
Total Baptisms	22

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

A donation was given to The Building Fund:

- In honor of: **Echol Bailey**
By: The Ferrante Class
- In memory of: **Juanita Rast**
By: The Wage (Alpha & Omega) Class
- In memory of: **Jim & Jo Key**
By: David & Jo Lyn Beaver
- In memory of: **Edward J. Bach** (Sharon's father)
& **Charlie W. King** (Avery's father)
By: Avery & Sharon King
- In memory of: **Bobby & Jane Kirby**
By: The Ford Class

A donation was given to The Music Ministry:

- In memory of: **Juanita Rast**
By: Bob & Bonnie Wage

A donation was given to The Choir Fund:

- In memory of: **Jim Key**
By: Bill & Joyce Sowell

The year 2016 has started off with a BANG and I can't wait to see all God has in store for the Children's Ministry.

Baby dedication was such a sweet service. We welcomed 6 new babies into our LaBelle family last year. Two girls, Chloe Rogers, and Alex Wright, and four boys, Collin Beasley, Robbie Cook, Jason Daniels and Wyatt Smith. We hosted a brunch for these families and gave each family a read-to-me Bible, certificate and New Testament. Please remember to pray for these parents as they commit to raise their children in a godly manner.

I know it is early to be thinking about summer, but as you plan ahead our V.B.S. will be the week of June 13th – 17th. I am changing the way we have done some things in the past to make it easier on all my teachers. I will be announcing the theme soon so please make plans to help out. Last year we had over 200 and I know with our new sign, we have the potential to double that amount. Thank you all for your willingness to serve.

I am looking at several camp opportunities for our grade school children this summer. Please keep watching the bulletins for updates.

The playground is finished! Thanks to everyone who helped out with this project. We now have a fun and safe environment for our children. I want to thank, Rob Plum who headed up the construction and all the many men who gave up Saturday and Sunday afternoon naps, to complete it, as well as Spencer Rowan, who made the four benches for the children, parents and workers to enjoy. I could have not done this without all of the support of the membership. Thank you for always taking care of our children. I can't tell you I love you enough.

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.

ADDITIONS:

Matthew & Kayce Riva
5965 Rolling Hills Place
Olive Branch, MS 38654
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Mike & Loretta Duncan
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Phelan, Tracy & Abbi Nichols
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Thomas & Barbara Sawner
87 Canal Ridge Rd.
Byhalia, MS 38611
(662) 838-6906

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(901) 268-2434

Peggy Sowell
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Charles & Faye Wright
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Ray & T.J. Duncan
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(662) 429-9417

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4848 Patton Dr.
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Linda McClure: (901) 414-8979

Celebration of Marriage Weekend February 13 & 14

If you are one of the 30 couples to sign up to participate in our Celebration of Marriage weekend. . . please read this article carefully. We want to make sure this weekend is a real blessing to you. We also want this service to be an encouragement to our younger families and singles as they see you as role models.

- **We need a wedding photo** (if you have one) by **February 1**. You may use the shot at the altar, walking down the aisle or feeding each other cake. Pick one and get it to us so we can scan it to put up on the big screens that Sunday morning.
- **Plan to come to the Luncheon and Wedding Reception on Saturday, February 13**. This is a meal, so come hungry. It is a dress up event, so wear a tie. We will have a wedding cake where we will make your picture. It will be a lot of fun. If you will not be able to attend the luncheon. . . please let us know no later than February 7 so we can prepare the right amount of food.
- **We will renew your wedding vows on Sunday morning, February 14**. The couples will walk down the aisle just like they would at a wedding. As they enter their wedding picture will be displayed on the screen. Once all of the couples have entered, Bro. Jim will lead them in renewing their vows.

Your children, grandchildren and family are welcomed to attend this unique service. For some of our families this may be the first “church wedding” they have ever had.

Bro. Jim has some surprise gifts to give to all of the couples. This was why we needed you to commit to being a part of this service so far in advance. The couples who we have record of as signing up to be a part of this day are listed below.

Celebration of Marriage Participants are:

Steve & Linda Tittle	Rawley & Jean Cain
Buddy & Sandy Swords	Doyle & Emily Chandler
Jim & Lou L Ferguson	Bill & Lila Coleman
Gene & Rena Boucher	Jim & Virginia Terrell
Gay & Erma Hudson	Bill & Judy Lantrip
Avery & Sharon King	Lloyd & Vickie Ford
Gladys & Gerald Ehrhardt	John & Willie Mae Koelz
Alfred & Kaye Merrill	Rollo & Dorris Wilkinson
Norm & Linda Dowler	Winford & Joyce Baker
Ronnie & Glenda Boyd	Avis & Dave Brown
Calvin & Janie Russell	J. B. & Mary McNeil
Ed & Jo Sneed	Larry & Marilyn Creasman
Tom & Dorothy Clayton	Dewayne & Jean Dickey
Tom & Yvonne Smith	Kenneth & Bobbie Masterson
Claude & Virginia Taylor	Odom & Mary Mayhan

Music Ministry

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



Worship Choir

I know we just finished with Christmas but this week we will begin work on our Easter presentation. Easter comes in March this year and we will present the musical on Palm Sunday, Sunday, March 20th. This gives us less rehearsal time than in other years so we must make every week count.

This would be a wonderful time to join our Worship Choir as we work to prepare this wonderful message. We would love to have you each Wednesday evening at 7:30 as we rehearse. There are many who have joined us recently or are visiting with us who have sung in choirs in the past. We encourage you to use your talents now for the Lord as we worship here at LaBelle Haven.

J.O.Y. Choir

Our Just Older Youth choir has begun work on new music that we are really enjoying. The music is a collection of hymns and gospel songs arranged in very sing-able medleys. The feedback received from our members has been very positive. We want to see this group grow and see those who once sang with us return. We will meet once more this month on the 21st and each Thursday in February to learn the new music. Please consider joining us as we work together. We have a great time of fellowship each time we meet. This is a great time to join us as we start the new year off with new music to sing His praises.

PRIMETIMERS – January 28th at 11:30 am.

This month we are going to do things a little differently. Since we're in the middle of winter, this would be a great time for a Soup and Chili lunch. We are asking you to make your favorite soup or chili recipe and bring it to share with the group. Campbell's doesn't count unless you can disguise it to make us think it's homemade! Some of you may want to bring a dessert also.

The church will provide the tea and coffee. Ms. Kaye has agreed to make us her delicious hot cornbread. I will be making my famous vegetable beef soup that includes my “Secret Ingredient.” Trust me, you don't want to miss it! (If any of you remember what my secret ingredient is, please stay quiet about it. Otherwise, it won't be secret.)

We will have a **Game Day** on this day as well so bring your dominoes, checkers, board games, Uno cards, etc. We will also have the Wii games set up so we can bowl or play any of the other fun stuff we've enjoyed before. Please join us and invite guests.

Our Deepest Sympathy:




Dr. Butler, and his wife Lawanda, would like to extend our church's sympathy to: Charles Rast & family on the loss of his wife, Juanita Rast, to Jeff & Heather Wenzler on the loss of his grandmother, to the family & friends of Jane Kirby, to Rawley & Jean Cain & family on the loss of Rawley's nephew, Jeff Cain and to Shelby Childs & family on the loss of her son-in-law.



Dear Labelle Haven Family,
Robert and I would like to thank our Labelle Haven Family for the phone calls, visits, cards and prayers during my recent surgery and hospital stay. Although it has been a rough two weeks, I am finally at home. Hopefully, I am on the way to recovery. Thank you all for your friendship, love and concern.

Love you all,
Robert and Shirley Scott

LaBelle Haven Baptist Church Calendar of Events for . . .

SONDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 8:45a Walking Class 7-8:30p Ensemble Practice	2 Remaining Capital Campaign Pkts Mailed 6p Exercise Class	3 5:30p Supper 6:30p Adult Bible Study Youth Bible Study Children's Choirs 7:30p Adult Choir	4 10a JOY Choir 6p Exercise Class	5 8:45a Walking Class	6
7 Stewardship Testimonials Advance Commitment Invitation Calls Begin 5p Schoggen Class Social at Hanson's House	8 8:45a Walking Class 6:30p Deacon's Mtg 7-8:30p Ensemble Practice	9 6p Exercise Class	10 5:30p Supper 5:30p Youth Parent Camp Mtg in Room#110 6:30p Adult Bible Study Youth Bible Study Children's Choirs 7:30p Adult Choir	11 10a JOY Choir 6p Exercise Class	12 8:45a Walking Class <i>Youth Retreat at EBTC 6p, 2/12 through 5p, 2/13</i>	13 50 th Wedding Anniversary Reception in Atrium Advance Commitment Calls End 
14 50th Wedding Anniversary Service & Vow Renewal Service  Advance call sheets due	15 8:45a Walking Class 7-8:30p Ensemble Practice	16 6p Exercise Class	17 5:30p Supper 6:30p Adult Bible Study Youth Bible Study Children's Choirs 7:30p Adult Choir	18 10a JOY Choir 6p Exercise Class	19 8:45a Exercise Class	20
21 Stewardship Testimonials 1:30p Stewardship Mtg 5p Union Mission	22 8:45a Exercise Class 5:30p BRIDGE Team Mtg 6p Inv. Team Training 6:30p Advance Commitment Gathering #1 (Inv. Calls begin) 7-8:30p Ensemble Practice	23 6p Exercise Class 6p Response Team Training 6:30p Advance Commitment Gathering #2 (Inv. calls continue)	24 5:30p Supper 6:30p Adult Bible Study Youth Bible Study Children's Choirs 7:30p Adult Choir	25 11:30a Primetimer's Lunch 6p Exercise Class	26 8:45a Walking Class	27 Invitation calls end today 8a-12:30p Sunday School Baby Shower Fellowship In Atrium
28 Stewardship Testimonials Announce advance commitment totals today Invitation Team sheets due	29 8:45a Exercise Class 7-8:30p Ensemble Practice			February 2016		

