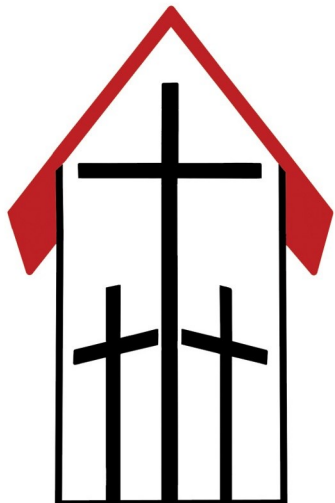


THE TOWER

March 2016



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

Proverbs 18:10a NKJV



The Miracle Continues...
LINKING HEARTS AND HANDS

Goal #1. . . \$1,200,000

Goal #2. . . \$1,500,000

Goal #3. . . \$1,750,000

Commitment Day — March 6

The past 5 months have been leading up to Commitment Day. That day is almost here. On Sunday morning, March 6, our LaBelle family will be making their commitments to our campaign. If we are going to reach any of the goals above, it will require **ALL** of us sacrificing together. LaBelle is counting on you!

- February 29 we will mail out commitment cards to all our families.
- Sunday, March 6 we will serve sausage biscuits and donuts from 8:30-9:00 for those coming to Sunday School.
- In worship on March 6 there will be a time when we all turn in our commitment cards. . . your card will have an envelope for you to use so no one will see what you wrote on it.
- Extra commitment cards will be in the pews for those who may have forgotten theirs.
- As you turn in your card **please pick up a gold commemorative coin**. . . these coins are a keepsake, and a reminder to stay faithful in fulfilling your pledge. The coin has a picture of Jesus on the front, and the scene of the Lord's Supper on the back. Below the Lord's Supper are 2 hands, one is God's hand, the other is a man's hand. The symbol is God linking his heart and hands with us. This is where our campaign title "The Miracle Continues. . . Linking Hearts and Hands" originated. The coin will be a reminder over the next 3 years of the importance of our depending upon God to provide for our needs.
- **Our first day of giving will be March 20.** We urge our LaBelle family to give as much of their pledge as possible on that day. This will get our campaign off to a strong start.

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A WORD FROM . . . OUR PASTOR




Would You Help Run Bro. Jim's Computer?

Susan Jackson has been so faithful in running my power point computer every Sunday morning. This computer gives me the freedom to preach without using notes. I am sad to report that Robert and Susan will soon be moving out of state. **I need a person to take her place.** If you would be willing to serve, here are the qualifications we are looking for:

- * Must be faithful in weekly worship attendance.
- * Need to be familiar with computers—we use the Microsoft Power Point Program—you don't need to create the presentation, just click through the cells as I preach.

If you would be willing to help, please contact Tracy or myself. Susan will be here long enough to train you and be sure you are comfortable with the process.



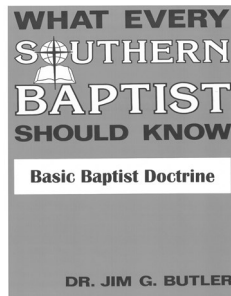
Spring Ahead!!

Time Change — March 13! Oh no! **This is the bad time change** where we lose an hour's sleep. Don't forget to "spring forward" on Saturday night, March 12, so you will not be late to church!

New Wednesday Bible Study

Please don't forget to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 for Bro. Jim's newest study:

Basic Baptist Doctrine "What Every Southern Baptist Should Know."



Our Deepest Sympathy:

Dr. Butler, and his wife Lawanda, would like to extend our church's sympathy to: Pauline & Chris Tinkham & family on the loss of Pauline's son, to Barbara Weeks & family on the loss of her uncle, Paul Kolb, to Mike & Donna Bryant & family on the loss of their son, Michael and to Nora Baker & Winford & Joyce Baker & families on the loss of Nora's sister-in-law & Winford's first cousin, Muriel Fryer.

LaBelle Haven Baptist Church wishes to express their deepest sympathy to Bro. Jim & Lawanda Butler and family on the loss of their brother-in-law, Wesley Marshall.

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

Wild Game Dinner

Sponsored by the Men's Ministry

Friday, March 4, 2016~ At 6:00 PM in LaBelle's Atrium

The Men's Ministry of LaBelle Haven is excited to sponsor our annual Wild Game Dinner in March! **Sorry Ladies, this is a men and boys only event!!** This is an event we have looked forward to for over a year. Bud Cummings, Chairman of the Men's Ministry, and our men have put together this exciting event. This event is a family event and open to all men and boys, so make plans to attend this exciting time of fun, food and fellowship. Seating is limited so get your ticket early. We need men to **bring your favorite Wild Game Dish to be entered in a drawing for special prizes. Oh, and don't forget to bring some veggies and desserts.** The men have planned a wonderful menu for us all. There will be numerous **door prizes** and items given away. **The cost is only \$5 per person.** Tickets are still on sale, but going fast. Invite your neighbors and friends to attend this event! Don't miss the fun!!

Ground Breaking Will Follow The Musical



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Following the musical on March 20, we will all go outside for a ground breaking ceremony for Phase #2. This will be a unique time. . . **you do not need a shovel, but you will need a hammer.** Instead of digging dirt, we will have each family drive a "Scripture stake" along the outline of the new building.

What is a "Scripture stake"? It is a wooden stake on which you write your favorite Scripture reference. Those stakes will be driven into the ground as a testimony to mark what God is doing here at LaBelle. You may pick up your stake (1 per family) on March 13. Bring your stake and hammer on March 20 to drive into the ground. We will have pictures made of this exciting event, so don't miss it.

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:

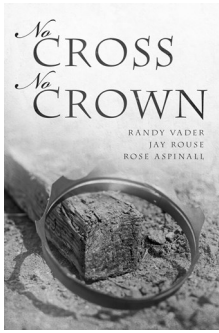
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Easter Musical

“No Cross, No Crown”

Sunday, March 20

This year’s Easter musical will be the most powerful presentation we have ever presented. Our goal is to have 90 singers joined by 20 orchestra members. In addition to the narration. . . we are adding drama this year. God is putting all the pieces together to make this a day you will not want to miss.

The musical reminds us how important the cross was in our salvation. This terrible instrument of death became a symbol of life. From the cross to the

grave, from the grave to the open tomb, from the open tomb to Christ living in our heart. Life came from death. Come and listen to Christ’s story as told by Peter.

We are asking our members to park in the area by the busses on this special day. We would like to save the “best” parking spaces for our guests. We could break the 1,000 barrier for the very first time.



By: **Debbie Johnson**

June 13-17 is V.B.S.!!

I am starting to “DIVE” in to planning for this year’s V.B.S. I will be needing people who want to help with the stage set, (I am not an artist) as well as people to work in the Bible story room and missions room. We will be doing the rotation a little differently this year and so I will need several people to work with transporting children and doing small activities with your age group. With our new sign outside, I look for double the children we had last year. Please pray about serving.



It is now open registration for Pre-K & Mother's Day Out. Our Pre-K program is for children ages 3 & 4. We offer a positive Christ centered curriculum that gives the children everything they need to have the advantage in starting “BIG SCHOOL”. We offer a 3 day class for both 3 & 4 year olds M-W-F, 8:30-12pm, the price is \$160 per month. There is also a 5 day class for 4 year olds M-F, 8:30-12pm with a cost of \$225. Both have a \$70 registration fee per family.

Mother's Day Out is for children 2 months-5 years. We offer a safe Christ like environment that allows children to learn and play and parents time to take care of the things they need to do. Registration fee is \$50 per family and the cost is \$135 for babies and \$130 for 1-5 year olds. The classes fill up quickly, so please see Debbie for the registration forms or you are welcome to go on-line at www.labellehaven.org.

MEMORIALS & HONORARIUMS

A donation was given to The Building Fund:

In memory of: **Michael Bryant**

By: Jim & Sue Loftis, Joy Bailey & Bud, Frances & Kelsey Schumacher

Music Ministry

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

March Special Rehearsal Schedule for Easter Musical:

- Sunday, February 28**—Drama Team - 1:30pm
- Wednesday, March 2**—Choir & Drama Team, 7:30-8:45pm
- Sunday, March 6**—Lunch & Choir/Orchestra/Drama, 12-3pm
- Wednesday, March 9**—Choir & Drama Team, 7:30-8:45pm
- Sunday, March 13**—Lunch Choir/Orchestra/Drama, 12-3pm
- Wednesday, March 16**—Choir & Drama Team, 7:30-8:45pm
- Saturday, March 19**—Choir/Orchestra/Drama Team Dress Rehearsal, 9am-12pm
- Sunday, March 20**—Performance Day

Primetimers

Our next PRIMETIMER'S fellowship will be **Thursday, March 31st 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.

Ladies Exercise Opportunities

We have 2 different classes to help keep those New Year's resolutions:

1. A walking class is held on Mondays and Fridays at 9am. This is a low impact class.
2. An aerobics class is held every Tuesday and Thursday at 6pm. The price is \$1 per session. Non-members are welcomed so please come and give one of the classes a try, we have a lot of fun!



LaBelle Haven Baptist Church Calendar of Events for . . .

SONDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 6p Exercise Class	2 5:30p Supper 6:30p Baptist Doctrine Study Youth Bible Study Children's Choirs 7:30p Adult Choir	3 10a JOY Choir 6p Exercise Class	4 9a Walking Class 6p Men's Wild Game Dinner	5
		6 Campaign Commitment Day 12p Choir & Orchestra Lunch & Rehearsal	7 9a Walking Class 6:30p Deacon's Mtg 6:30p Women's Bible Study 7-8:30p Ensemble Practice	8 6p Exercise Class	9 9:30a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Supper 6:30p Baptist Doctrine Study Youth Bible Study Children's Choirs 7:30p Adult Choir	10 10a JOY Choir Singing at Kennington Point 6p Exercise Class
13 Daylight Savings Time 12p Choir & Orchestra Lunch & Rehearsal 12p Stewardship Mtg	14 9a Walking Class 6:30p Women's Bible Study 6:30p Response Team Mtg. 7-8:30p Ensemble Practice <i>Pre-K & MDO Out of School All Week for Spring Break</i>	15 6p Exercise Class	16 9:30a Women's Bible Study 5:30p Supper 6:30p Baptist Doctrine Study Youth Bible Study Children's Choirs 7:30p Adult Choir	17 10a JOY Choir 6p Exercise Class	18 9a Walking Class 6:30p Youth "Under the Stars" Fundraiser, March 18-19	19 9a Choir Dress Rehearsal Response Wrap Up Team Calls End
20 Easter Musical Commitment Total Amount Announced Today Ground Breaking 5p Union Mission	21 9a Walking Class 5 7-8:30p Ensemble Practice	22 6p Exercise Class	23 5:30p Supper 6:30p Baptist Doctrine Study Youth Bible Study Children's Choirs 7:30p Adult Choir	24 10 a JOY Choir 6p Exercise Class	25 Good Friday Holiday (Pre-K Out & Church Offices Are Closed)	26
27 Easter Sunday 	28 <i>Pre-K Out of School</i> 9a Walking Class 7-8:30p Ensemble Practice	29 6p Exercise Class	30 5:30p Supper 6:30p Baptist Doctrine Study Youth Bible Study Children's Choirs 7:30p Adult Choir	31 11:30a Primetimer's Lunch 6p Exercise Class		

