



Cropwell Baptist

April 2011 | Monthly Newsletter of Cropwell Baptist Church

Upcoming Events:

May 1

I'm a Christian Now
New Believers Class for Children

May 1 and May 4

On Mission Celebration Missionary

May 7 through May 12

Deliver your Yard Sale items

May 14

“Help Haiti” Church-Wide Yard Sale

May 15

Senior Adult Day

May 19

“Life Is Good” Banquet to Benefit
Ann’s New Life Center

May 21

School’s Out Celebration

May 22

Graduate Recognition @ 10 am
Kellie Fournoy Bridal Tea 1-3 pm

May 25

Last Night of DIG

Resurrection Sunday

What the world calls Easter, is in all probability the biggest Sunday of the year in terms of people attending church worldwide. It even exceeds Christmas. It is an extraordinary opportunity for the children of the resurrected Lord to pray for, minister to, and reach out in other special ways to our community. I trust that you will share with conviction to others the truth regarding Resurrection Sunday. What does the resurrection prove? Nothing short of the full redemptive plan and purpose of God. In fact, the resurrection is the key to everything. If you remove the resurrection of Jesus Christ from Christianity, you don’t have Christianity. The only hope for this lost world is in fact the resurrected Lord. **On the 24th, Easter Sunday Morning, our church will offer two worship services. The services will be at 8:30 am and 10:00 am.** On this special Sunday we will not have Sunday School or small group Bible Study. Our children’s worship services will coincide with the adult worship hours.

-- Pastor Phillip

Spring Bible Conference at Cropwell

Mark your calendars for our April Bible Conference with David Miller. Brother David has been preaching for 45 years. He served as a pastor for five years before serving as Director of Missions for Little Red River Baptist Association (Arkansas), a position he held for 25 years. An itinerant preacher, David has been in full-time evangelism since 1995. He served on the Board of Trustees of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky for eight years. He currently prefers the title "Country Preacher-at-Large". David is no stranger to Cropwell Baptist. Let's gather around the Word and pray that God will empower His Word to change lives. The dates for our Conference are April 14-17, 2011. Notice this is a Thursday night through a Sunday morning. This is different from the normal Sunday through Wednesday night schedule, however, I think we will find this to be a refreshing change of pace and certainly God is not bound to any schedule. My prayer is that you will plan accordingly and be present in as many services as possible. God bless you church family and remember that I love you and I am praying for you.

"For we are Laborers together with God." (I Corinthians 3:9)



**** Please note that there will be no Wednesday evening service or activities on the Wednesday prior to our conference (4/13/11). Also please join us for a Family meal at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 14th in the Family Life Center. ****

O Death, where is your sting? O Hades, where is your victory?

In 1874, a Baptist minister named Robert Lowry penned this hymn:

*Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Savior;
Waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!
Vainly they watch His bed, Jesus my Savior;
Vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
Death cannot keep its Prey, Jesus my Savior;
He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!
Up from the grave He arose,
With a mighty triumph o'er His foes,
He arose a Victor from the dark domain,
And He lives forever, with His saints to reign.
He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Do you see in those lines what Jesus' resurrection means to you? If you are a Christian you can rejoice in the fact that Christ rose from the dead as a victor, a champion who lives forever to reign. I want to draw your attention to what Paul wrote in I Corinthians 15:16-19 so that you can see what happens when you forget the resurrection. For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Let's focus on the hypothetical "what if" that Paul assumes temporarily in I Corinthians 15 "What if the resurrection were a myth?" What if Jesus Christ were still dead and in the grave? First of all, you would still be in your sins, under the tyranny of death along with the most vile and unbelieving pagan (The wages of sin is death - Romans 6:23). Second, if there is no resurrection, "Those who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished." In light of the other consequences, the last is rather obvious. "If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied." Without the resurrection we would have no Savior, no forgiveness, no gospel, no meaningful faith, no life, and we could never have hope for any of those things. If Christ is still dead, then He not only has no ability to save you in the future, but He can't help you now either. If He were not alive, where would be your source of peace, joy, or satisfaction now? We would have nothing to justify our faith, our Bible study, our preaching or witnessing, our service to Him, or our worship of Him. We are not to be pitied for Paul immediately ends the dreadful "what if" section by saying "**But now Christ HAS BEEN RAISED from the dead**, the first fruits of those who are asleep" (I Cor 15:20) As Paul said at the end of his life, "I know whom I have believed and I am convinced that He is able to guard what I have entrusted to Him (i.e. his life) until that day" (2 Tim 1:12) Those who do not hope in Christ alone for salvation are the real fools; they are the ones who need to hear your compassionate testimony about the triumph of Christ's resurrection. **Don't forget the resurrection; rejoice in it, glory in it, for He is risen indeed!**

(Adapted from article by John MacArthur)

Family Matters

Parent Seminar

“Bringing up Boys” by Dr. James Dobson

Friday April 1, 2011 at 6:00 pm

- Meal & Conference

Saturday, April 2, 2011 at 9:00 am

- Snacks & Conference

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- Meal & Conference

Sign up for childcare in the Preschool or Children’s areas by Sunday, March 27th. Please plan to purchase a participant’s guide for \$10 at the conference.

Parent’s Night Out

Friday, **April 8, 2011** from 6:00 to 10:00 pm
Sign up in Preschool Department

Parent/Child Dedication

Sunday, **May 8, 2011** at 10:00 am Worship Svc
Please sign up in Preschool area or see Mrs. Patsy Flournoy for more information.

Family Egg Hunt & Picnic

Saturday, **April 16th** at 11:00 am
Bring your Easter baskets to hunt eggs and a picnic lunch for your family and join us at Pete & Etheleen Funderburg’s home at 307 Williamsburg Marc Road, for a fun time!



Vacation Bible School Volunteers Needed !

Get ready for Summer! Sign up to help now with our Vacation Bible School coming June 12-16 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm. We need volunteers to help in many areas. You can sign up in our Preschool or Children’s Area to help with Vacation Bible School.

Summer Wednesdays

Our “Summer Wednesdays” will be July 6, 13, 20, 27, and August 3rd from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Sign up on the Preschool Bulletin Board to participate in our Preschool Summer Wednesday program.

Wedding Invitation



Cropwell Baptist Church Members

Mr. & Mrs. Larry Morgan
request the honor of your presence
at the marriage of their daughter,

Mary Elizabeth Morgan

to

Joshua Andrew Dorough
on the thirtieth day of April,
two thousand, eleven at
two o’clock in the afternoon,
at Cropwell Baptist Church.

Reception will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Celebrate the Resurrection !

In celebration of the upcoming Easter Season, we will be having several events and services to celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord:



Sunday, April 10th at 6:30 pm

We will be observing the Lord's Supper during our evening service, as we remember the body and blood of our Lord.

"This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes. (1 Cor 11:23-26)

Sunday, April 17th at 6:30 pm

Music by our Adult and Student Choirs, focusing on the Easter season.

Sunday, April 24th at 7:00 am

Sunrise Service at 7:00 am in front of the Family Life Center. Breakfast to follow.

Sunday, April 24th Worship Services

Two worship services to choose from: 8:30 am or 10:00 am. There will be no Sunday School or evening service on Easter Sunday.

The ladies of Cropwell invite you to attend a Bridal Tea honoring **Mary Beth Morgan**, bride-elect of Josh Dorough, **on Sunday, April 3rd from 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

in the church Fellowship Hall. Mary Beth is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond and Wal-Mart.



You are cordially invited to a Miscellaneous Bridal Tea honoring **Miss Suzanne Morrow**, daughter of James & Reba Morrow **on Sunday, May 1, 2011 from 2:00 - 4:00 pm**

in the church Fellowship Hall. Suzanne is registered at Sears, Target, Dillard's, & Bed Bath & Beyond.

Church Directory

Updates

We will be printing our updated church directories in the next couple of weeks. The updates for your directory notebook will be in the Welcome Center. Also, if you are a newer member, or you never received the Cropwell Baptist Church Directory notebook, please contact the church office (205.338.7995).

We will also make the church directory available online. We will email you this information. If you are not currently receiving emails from our church office and would like to be able to access the church directory online, please send the church office your email address. You can email sdaniel@cropwellbaptist.org to start receiving church emails, notifications, prayer requests, and of course the link to the updated directory.

We are also looking into making the church directory available through our church website. **All online directory information will be "password protected"** which will ensure that only our Cropwell Baptist Church family is able to access this information.



"Help Haiti" Boston Butt Sale

Thank you so much for your support of our monthly "Help Haiti" events. During the month of April we will be offering tickets for Boston Butts, cooked by Jeff Martin. **You can reserve your Boston Butt by dropping a ticket in the box in Welcome Center or in your Sunday School Class. Each Butt will be \$25 and can be picked up the Saturday before Easter Sunday (4/23/11) from 10:00 - 12:00 Noon.** You will pay when you pick up your Boston Butt. Be watching for tickets. This will be great to have for your Sunday Easter meal and you will be helping Haiti at the same time.



"Thus it is written,
and thus it was necessary
for the Christ to suffer
and to rise from the dead
the third day."
(Luke 24:46)

April 2011



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>2011 Offerings as of 3/20/11 \$ 213,876 <u>Under</u> budget by \$ 20,523</p>		 <p>FLC open every Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday from 10-11 am for walking!</p>	<p>Each Sunday during the month of April at 6 pm we will be meeting together to pray for our Haiti Mission Trip</p>	<p>The W.O.M. needs more <u>elastic</u> donated for our Haiti Dresses. Please put in cart in Welcome Ctr.</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Parenting Seminar "Bringing Up Boys"</p>	<p>2</p>
<p>Reserve a Boston Butt for Easter starting Today !</p> <p>Morgan/Dorough Bridal Tea (2-4 pm)</p> <p>Deacon's Mtg 4:30 BIBLE DRILL 6:30</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Knifty Knitters/ WOM @ 10:00</p> <p>Men's Bible Study @ 6:30</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Meal 5:00 pm DIG 6:15 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm</p>	<p>7</p> <p><u>4/6/11 Menu:</u> Meatloaf, Mac & Cheese, butter peas, salad bar, roll, dessert</p>	 <p>6 - 10 pm</p>	<p>9</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Associational Bible Drill @ 2 Haiti Mtg 5:00</p>  <p>Lord's Supper @ 6:30</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Men's Bible Study @ 6:30</p>	<p>13</p> <p>NO EVENING SERVICE OR ACTIVITIES !</p> 	<p>14</p> <p><u>4/14/11 Menu:</u> Country style ribs, limas, turnip greens, cornbread, salad bar, hotdogs, dessert</p>	<p>15</p>  <p>Bible Conference with David Miller 6:30 pm in Worship Center</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Family "Egg Hunt" & Picnic 11 am</p> 
<p>17</p> <p>Bible Conference</p> <p>District Bible Drill @ 2 pm</p> <p>Choir Meets @ 4 Easter Music 6:30</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Knifty Knitters @ 10:00</p>  <p>Men's Bible Study @ 6:30</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Easter Meal 5:00 pm DIG 6:15 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm</p>	<p>21</p> <p><u>4/20/11 Menu</u> Ham, chicken quarters, potato salad, green beans, shoe peg corn, roll</p> <p>Women Bring Desserts ! EASTER MEAL</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Good Friday Church Office Closed</p> 	<p>23</p> <p>PICK UP YOUR "RESERVED" BOSTON BUTTS FROM 10 am - 12 Noon</p> 
<p>24</p> <p>7:00 Sunrise Svc in front of FLC Breakfast follows</p> <p>8:30 Worship 10:00 Worship No Evening Svc</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Men's Bible Study @ 6:30</p> 	<p>27</p> <p>Meal 5:00 pm DIG 6:15 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm Acts 1:8 Meeting @ 6:00</p>	<p>28</p> <p>OMEGAS Monthly Mtg <u>4/27/11 Menu:</u> Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, salad bar, roll, dessert</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Dorough Wedding Rehearsal</p>	<p>30</p> <p>Dorough/Morgan Wedding at 2:00 pm</p> <p>CHURCH FAMILY INVITED</p> 



Missions Spotlight

April, 2011

GREAT NEWS!! The Men's Ministry had the privilege to host the Fisher of Men at Cropwell. We had plenty of FOOD and FELLOWSHIP. I praise God that there were 6 renewed commitments that night. I want to thank the following men of our church for their support that night: Keith Rampey, Richard Champion, Bill Sherbet, DeWayne Champion, Jody Albus, and Bobby Goodwin.

On Tuesday, March 22 we started a men's Bible study. We will be meeting weekly on Tuesday at 6:30 pm in the youth room. Each week we plan to cover a different subject so please plan to attend. Any questions please call me at 281-4557 or the church office.

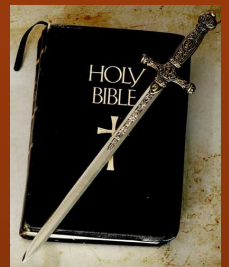
We ask that you pray for the Men's Ministry at Cropwell this month.

Yours in Christ,
Wayne Sherbet

Children's Bible Drill

We are so proud of our Bible Drillers. They have been working hard now for the last three months getting ready for our upcoming Bible Drills:

- **Sunday, April 3, 2011 at 6:30 pm** at Cropwell Baptist (Church Drill)
(SHOW YOUR SUPPORT!)
- **Sunday, April 10, 2011 at 2:00 pm** at Cedar Grove Baptist Church (Leeds) (Assoc. Drill)
- **Sunday, April 17, 2011 at 2:00 pm** at Crosspoint Church (Trussville) (District Drill)

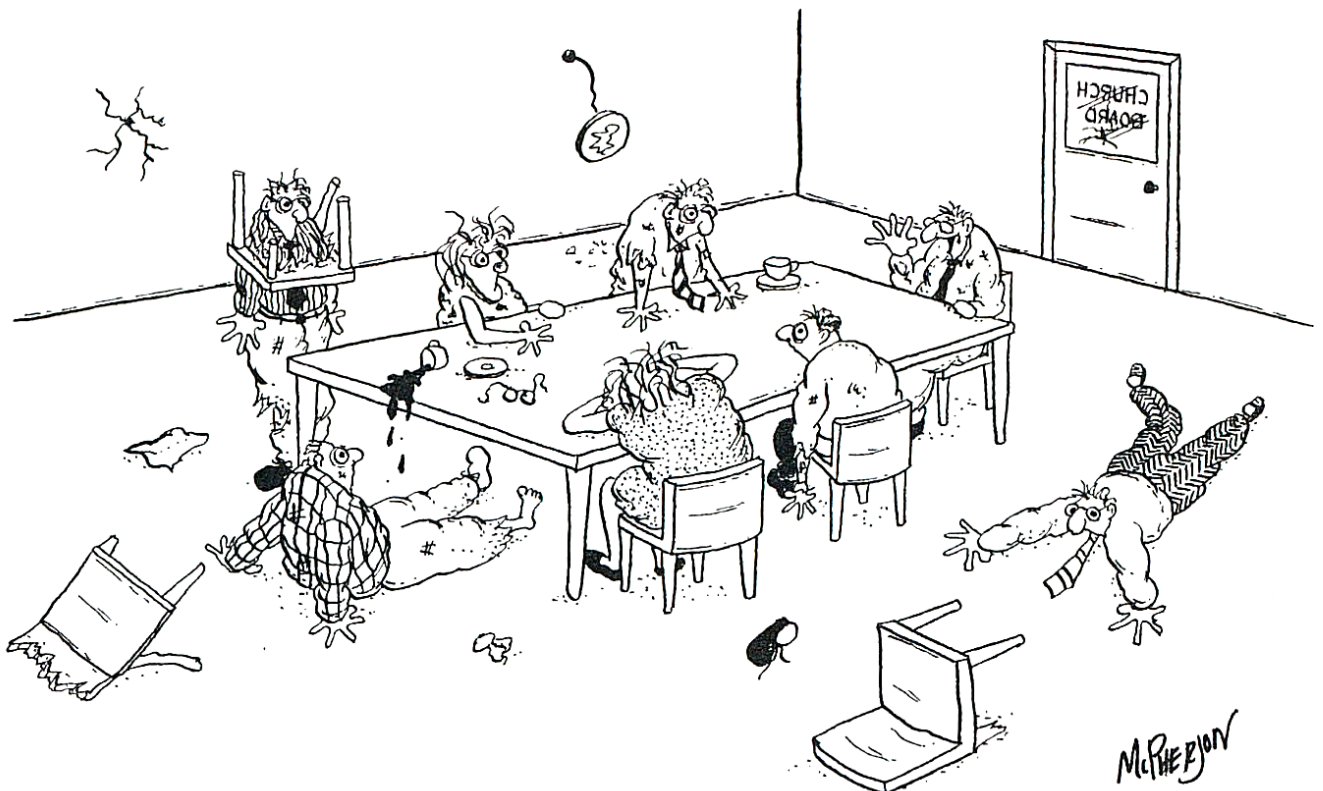


This year's Bible Drillers include: *Sonali Albus, Hallie Kate Hannah, Will Haynes, Trey Lee, Daphne Moon, Dillon Morris, Will Pruitt, Chloe Warren, and Christa Wood.*

A special thank you to Ashley Anderson and Dianne McCoy for working with our children!



Olivia Howard	4/1	Jordan Wood	4/9	Cody Ford	4/20
Shirley Rutherford	4/1	Carol Fowler	4/9	Barbara Brooks	4/20
Trey Finn	4/1	Patsy Stevens	4/9	Vishell Ehl	4/20
Kaden Williams	4/1	Cathy Sherbet	4/9	William Calhoun	4/22
Wayne Cook	4/1	Suzanne Morrow	4/10	Paul Biddy	4/22
Daphne Moon	4/2	Lauryn Cochran	4/12	Carl Goodgame	4/22
Meaghan McCowan	4/3	Jason Hannah	4/13	Rhonda McDanal	4/22
Sarah Smith	4/4	Hallie Kate Hannah	4/13	Mike Megois	4/22
Ricky Nickens	4/4	Kelli Hall	4/14	Caitlin Sims	4/22
Laurie Funderburg	4/5	Mima Hutcheson	4/14	Mike Smith	4/23
Shelia Allen	4/5	Clint Smith	4/14	Randall Armstrong	4/24
Richard Champion	4/5	Ryleigh Bannister	4/15	Danielle Daly	4/25
Leah Brooke Walker	4/5	Suzanne Price	4/15	Ashley Campbell	4/25
Sandy Miller	4/5	Amanda Jacobs	4/16	Christian Elliot	4/26
Matthew Hill	4/5	Brett Price	4/16	Sue Smith	4/26
Dennis Goodgame	4/6	Tori Lonergan	4/16	Stephanie Morris	4/26
Iris Davis	4/7	Sharon Bonner	4/18	Nicholas Brantley	4/28
Alyce Freeman	4/8	Louise Nickens	4/18	Jean Johnson	4/28
Tina Stewart	4/8	Mike Sewell	4/19	Bill Oliver	4/28
Sheila Moore	4/8	Rocky Beach	4/19		



"THEN IT'S SETTLED! WE PAINT THE SUNDAY SCHOOL ROOM BLUE!"

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