

This Month @ Cropwell

2009 SPECIAL EVENTS

April 5, 10, 12
- Resurrection Celebration/
see the Easter '09 Schedule
on page 2 in this newsletter

June 14-18 - VBS 2009

Church-wide Mission Trip

To the Ocoee

July 19-25, 2009

-Back-yard Bible Clubs

-Construction

-Float the Ocoee/last day

For more info or to sign up
call Mike Flanagan at 205-
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PERU MISSION TRIP

- info. on p.2 of this issue

Dec 4, 5, 6

- Back to Bethlehem 2009

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FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

Church Membership

Please allow me to share with you my feelings about the meaning of church membership. Church membership is more than a name on a piece of paper. It is a life thoroughly dedicated to Almighty God. Church membership means deep convictions, a sense of supreme loyalty and a feeling that all we are and have belongs to our Heavenly Father. To be a member of the church is a high and holy privilege. In many sections of the world Christians have been locked out of their places of worship, thrown into dungeons, or put to the sword because of their beliefs, yet they had rather assemble together and suffer than not to have Him and deprive their souls of this priceless possession. Church membership to them means blood, sweat, and tears, but it means also, Christ, immortality and an everlasting hope. Let us make our church membership mean more by realizing that belonging to the church means giving of ourselves completely to Him. In this spirit let us come to the House of God on the Lord's Day.

Sunday School—Reaching, Teaching, Witnessing

I'm asking our Sunday school leaders and members to pray that we will get a renewed focus in our Sunday school classes on reaching the lost. Bill Taylor, head of the Sunday school department in Nashville describes a Great Commission Sunday School in this way:

A Great Commission Sunday School focuses on obedience to Christ in the work of evangelism. Its leaders and members are constantly reaching people for Bible study. They are dedicated to seeking, discovering, and inviting spiritually lost people to participate in open Bible Study groups.

That's the kind of Sunday school we want to have. Let's pray that we will truly become a Great Commission Sunday School.

Partners in Ministry

"As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God" (1 Peter 4:10).

I believe a spiritual gift can be defined as a spiritual enablement or ability given at conversion by God that equips the recipient to per-

form a spiritual function or assignment with efficiency and ease that strengthens the church, the body of Christ. It is not a natural talent like singing. It is not God making you fast so that when you run, you feel His pleasure, as was the testimony of Eric Little in Chariots of Fire. No, spiritual gifts are supernatural in origin, and they are given to individuals for the good of the church. First, I say to all our faithful servants: We thank God for each of you and we cherish every effort to build up our church. May the Lord give you health, wisdom, guidance, and spiritual strength to carry on this year. Secondly, no church is so large that it does not have a place of service for every member. If you are asked to serve, it is because the leadership has regarded you to be, for some reason or other, gifted for the task. That gift of whatever sort, is a stewardship obligation to the program of the church. Remember, the success of our church this year waits on your willingness to fill your place of service. We are partners in ministry.

~ Bro. Phillip

Women's Ministry Update

We are so excited about what the Lord is doing at Cropwell. The women's ministry is off and running and we are praising the Lord for the work He is doing in the lives of women. We have had an average 60+ women each week at our ladies Bible study. We will be wrapping up our study on Tuesday night, March 10, 2009 with a time of testimony as well as a "Celebration Dinner".

We plan to offer another ladies Bible study in the fall of 2009...so for those of you who didn't have the opportunity to join us this time, please make plans to join us in the Fall. More details about our next Bible study coming soon.

Also, some of our ladies will be attending two conferences in the near future. The first conference will be in Pleasant Grove, Alabama at the end of February with guest speaker Angela Thomas. In May the ladies will be taking a trip to be part of the Extraordinary Women's Conference in Birmingham.

The women's ministry will be having our first "Mug 'Um for Jesus" visitation night on Wednesday, February 25, 2009. We will be going out to visit with ladies in our community. If you would like to join us, please be in the Fellowship Hall by 6:15 on Wednesday night, February 25th.

Lord willing, the Women Making a Difference Women's Ministry of Cropwell Baptist will be hosting a "Spring Event" the first of May. Be watching for details on this event in the near future.

We want to thank all of the women of Cropwell for the support and participation you have shown to your Women's Ministry. As Christian women, may we continue to invite other ladies to be part of our events, and most importantly, may we share the gospel and love of Jesus Christ with the ladies that God has put in our paths on a daily basis. Thank you and God bless you.

Your Women's Ministry Leadership Team

WMU (Women on Mission)

Pop Tab collection for the Ronald McDonald House continues during 2009. Collection containers are located throughout the church. Your help will enable us as a church to continue to support this worthwhile cause.

Women on Mission supports The Children's Place each year by furnishing a place for their Christmas Party and supplying a gift to each Mom. We will set aside the months from March-October to purchase gifts for the ladies. We would like for each Sunday school class to participate and decide what month would be best for them to contribute. Collection sites will be announced at a later date.

RESURRECTION CELEBRATION 2009

Palm Sunday, April 5

6:30 pm - "It Took A Lamb" presented by the Worship Choir

Good Friday, April 10

6:30 pm - Lord's Supper Service

Easter Sunday, April 12

8:45 am - ONE Sunday School Hour

10:00 am - ONE Worship Service

No Evening Worship or Activities

www.resurrectioncelebration.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Children's Ministry Day

Saturday, Feb 28th

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

In the Fellowship Hall, lunch will be provided.

DIG each Wednesday night at 6:30

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

MOPS

(Mothers of Preschoolers)

Mar 7 at 4:00 p.m. MOPS

OTHER EVENTS

Mar 13 - Parents' Night Out

TIME CHANGE

Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 8, 2009. Remember to move your clock ahead one hour as we Spring forward!

INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP TO PERU

2 weeks available to go: Oct. 10-18 or 17-25

Choose one week or stay for both weeks.

Total cost of trip: \$2,500.00

Interest meeting for the Peru Mission Trip will be held immediately following the evening worship service on Sunday March 8th.

March 2009 @ Cropwell

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
March 1 8:45 am-SS 10:00 am-Worship 4:30 pm-Deacon's Mtg 4:30 pm - Student Choir 5:00 pm - Choir Reh. 6:30 pm - Worship	2 9:00 am - Exercise	3 10:00 am-Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm-Women's Bible Study	4 9:00 am - Exercise 6:30 pm - WMU Monthly Fellowship DIG for Kids (CLC) Student Worship	5	6 9:00 am - Exercise	7 4:00 pm-MOPS
8 Daylight Savings Time Begins 8:45 am-SS 10:00 am-Worship 4:00 pm - Greeter Ministry Training 4:30 pm - Student Choir 5:00 pm - Choir Reh. 6:30 pm - Worship 7:30 pm - Peru Mtg.	9 9:00 am - Exercise	10 10:00 am-Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm-Women's Bible Study	11 9:00 am - Exercise 6:30 pm DIG for Kids (CLC) Student Worship	12	13 9:00 am - Exercise 5:00 pm - Bible Drill Lock-In/Gym 6:00 pm - Parents Night Out	14 6:00 pm - Jane Kendrick's Birthday Party/FH
15 8:45 am-SS 10:00 am-Worship 4:30 pm - Student Choir 5:00 pm - Choir Reh. 6:30 pm - Worship	16 9:00 am - Exercise	17	18 9:00 am - Exercise	19	20 9:00 am - Exercise 6:00 pm - Fishers of Men Banquet/Gym 6:30 pm - SS Game Night	21 3:30 pm - Scrap-booking Fellowship/Sonshiners SS classroom
22 8:45 am-SS 10:00 am-Worship 4:30 pm - Student Choir 5:00 pm - Choir Reh. 6:30 pm - Worship	23 Spring Break Youth Mission Trip 9:00 am - Exercise	24 Spring Break Youth Mission Trip	25 Spring Break Youth Mission Trip 9:00 am - Exercise	26 Spring Break Youth Mission Trip 10:30 am - Omegas	27 Spring Break Youth Mission Trip 9:00 am - Exercise	28 Youth Mission Trip
29 8:45 am-SS 10:00 am-Worship 4:00 pm-Children's SS Teacher Mtg 4:30 pm - Student Choir 5:00 pm - Choir Reh. 6:30 pm - DIG Memory Celebration	30 9:00 am - Exercise	31	April 1 9:00 am - Exercise	April 2	April 3 9:00 am - Exercise	April 4

New Church Visitation

We are now trying a "new approach" to our visitation program. Bro. Bill Daniel has had several people express an interest in helping with visitation; however due to scheduling conflicts they have been unable to participate during our "scheduled" visitation time. Therefore, Bro. Bill is asking all individuals who would be willing to make a visit on behalf of our church to contact him as soon as possible. If you would like to participate, if you have any questions about this new format, or if you need information on methods of evangelism, please contact Bro. Bill at 205-338-7995 or email him at bdaniel@cropwellbaptist.org for more information. We hope this will enable more people to get involved in our visitation program.

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STUDENT MINISTRY EVENTS

Spring Break Orientation Meeting, March 15th

All participants of the Spring Break Mission Trip meet with us at 5:00 p.m. in the Youth Room

Spring Break 2009, March 23-28—Brunswick, GA

We will be going to Morning Star Youth Estate to do light construction work. If you choose to go and help, you will be helping those that can't help themselves. These youth are at Morning Star Youth Estate because someone has abused them mentally, physically or sexually. They will never be the same again. So will you go help us minister to the camp, so they in turn can better help the youth there.

The cost of the trip is \$125.

WE NEED MALE AND FEMALE CHAPERONES!!!!

Sign up in the Welcome Center or on the Student sign-up board.

Student Choir

If interested, please join us in the auditorium each Sunday at 4:30 p.m.

Prayer Ministry @ Cropwell

Join us each Sunday morning at 8:00 a.m. in room 501 for a time of prayer. In the near future we will have a Prayer Room. It is our goal to have several people praying during every worship service. Contact Bro. Bill Daniel if you are interested in being a part of this ministry.

CROPWELL BAPTIST CHURCH STAFF

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- Janice Hudson, Ministry Assistant/Senior Pastor
- Sherry Daniel, Interim Ministry Assistant/
Associate Pastor
- Jeremy Elliott, Ministry Assistant/Worship Pastor
- Jacque Owen, Financial Secretary
- Linda Williams, Church Custodian

Find out more about our staff at...

www.cropwellbaptist.org/staff.htm/

CROPWELL NUMBERS (Numbers = Souls)

Average Attendance Jan 25, 2009 to Feb 15, 2009

- Sunday School: 360
- Morning Worship: 469
- Evening Worship: 176

Financial Update for Jan 25 to Feb 15

- Weekly Budget Offering Required \$16,341
- Average Weekly Budget Offering Given \$17,220

Financial Update Year-to-Date for 2009

Budget Offering Required Year-to-date: