

March 2010

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
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| | 1 Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 | 2 WOM/Knifty Knitters @ 10:00 in FH | 3 Prayer Svc, DIG, Student Ministry & Women's Bible Study @ 6:30 | 4 | 5 DEACON'S RETREAT | 6 MOPS: Teaching your Child Purity @ 4 pm |
| 7 PERU Mission trip info @ 4 Spring Break Info Mtg @ 4 Women's Bible Study @ 5 | 8 Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 | 9 | 10 Prayer Svc, DIG, Student Ministry & Women's Bible Study @ 6:30 | 11 | 12 CHILDREN'S BIBLE DRILL LOCK IN | 13 |
| 14 Women's Leadership Mtg @ 11:00 Women's Bible Study @ 5:00 Baptism @ 6:30 | 15 Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 | 16 Knifty Knitters @ 10:00 | 17 Prayer Svc, DIG, Student Ministry & Women's Bible Study @ 6:30 | 18 | 19 SS Game Night in FH | 20 |
| 21 Women's Bible Study @ 5:00 | 22 Women's Bible Study @ 10:00 | 23 | 24 Prayer Svc, DIG, Student Ministry & Women's Bible Study @ 6:30 | 25 OMEGAS | 26 | 27 FAMILY EGG HUNT (11:00 – 1:00) |
| STUDENT MINISTRY SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP – BRUNSWICK, GEORGIA | | | | | | |
| 28 MOPS Lunch @ 11 Choir Rehearsal @ 4 Women's Bible Study @ 5:00 Easter Music /Bible Drill @ 6:30 | 29 Women's Bible Study @ 10 | 30 | 31 Prayer Svc, DIG, Student Ministry & Women's Bible Study @ 6:30 | | | |

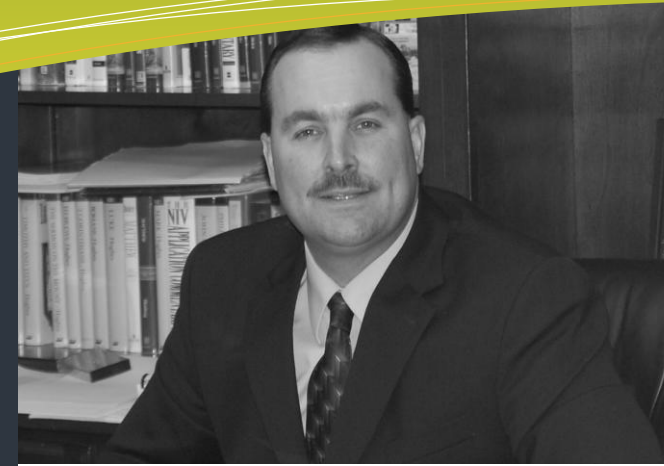
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Today the claim that Jesus is the only way to God is not popular. Exclusive and ultimate truth claims about Jesus Christ do not receive a welcome reception. Rejecting all absolutes, postmodernism asserts that there is no absolute truth; rather, truth is an individual determination. Christians are often ridiculed and criticized for claiming that Jesus Christ is the only Savior for humankind. We are frequently called narrow-minded bigots. Recently, we have been confronted with Tiger Woods' remarkable statement of confession. I realize it was couched in the language of the recovery movement and coached by public relation professionals. But the most remarkable aspect of his confession is its Buddhist shape. Tiger Woods said, "Buddhism teaches that a craving for things outside ourselves causes an unhappy and pointless search for security. It teaches me to stop following every impulse and learn restraint. Obviously I lost track of what I was taught." From an evangelical perspective, the statement by Tiger Woods points to the radical distinction between Christianity and Buddhism – between the Gospel of Jesus and the dharma of Buddha. Christianity does not teach that we should (or could) empty ourselves of all desire, but rather we should desire the salvation that Christ alone has accomplished for us, the salvation that leads to divine forgiveness and the restoration of the relationship we should surely desire. Once we know that salvation, our desire for God is only increased and pointed to eternity. In response to Woods' statement, Brit Hume made headlines when he said Tiger Woods needs to convert from Buddhism to Christianity because Buddhism doesn't offer forgiveness and redemption from sin. Hume has been ridiculed for his Christian bias. I say, praise God for a man that will tell the truth!

Hume's point is further confirmed by Stephen Prothero, a Boston Professor on Buddhism, who recently said: "In the Buddhist tradition, no matter what Woods says or does he is going to pay for whatever wrongs he's done. There's no accountant in the sky wiping sins off your balance sheet, like there is in Christianity." Incidentally, listen to what Hume said while appearing on The O'Reilly Factor to explain and defend his remarks: "Christianity is uniquely and especially about redemption and forgiveness. That is the cornerstone of what faith is about. Now other faiths aren't hostile to the idea, but think of what the message of Christ and Christianity is. It is that the God of the universe sent His only begotten Son, who died a hideous death on the cross, to atone for all our sins." Hume was right! What should a believer think in response to Woods' faith? We should respect the integrity and honesty of Woods' statement, but hope and pray that he will one day come to know the salvation and forgiveness of sin that comes only through faith in Christ. We believe that he will not find hope instead that he would hear the gospel and desire Christ. If we are to be true to our Lord and the Bible, we must proclaim such a message. The Cross of Christ is God's greatest testimony that Jesus is the exclusive way to the Father. Only the gospel of Christ and His work on the cross proclaim the good news of salvation by grace through faith in the accomplishments of One who paid in full the price of sin as our Savior – Jesus, our Mediator. Christians, it's time to stand up for Jesus!

Teaching Your Child Purity in an Impure World

The MOPS meeting is Saturday, March 6th from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Angie Cantrell will be there to discuss purity. We would also like to help the pregnancy center, so we will be collecting baby items, pregnancy books, cleaning supplies, and office supplies. See you on the 6th!



Also, on Sunday, March 28th following the morning worship service, MOPS will host a fundraiser. Come down to the fellowship hall for your lunch and support our MOPS ministry!

WE STILL NEED WORKERS FOR VBS IN JUNE ! PLEASE SEE ASHLEY OR PATSY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERVE IN THIS MINISTRY !



Preparing Your Kid for a Life with God

Parenting Conference

Friday, March 20, 2010
&
Saturday, March 21, 2010

Parents please join us for a Friday and Saturday Parenting Conference at Cropwell. All meals and childcare will be provided during the weekend. The schedule includes:

Friday night: 6:30 p.m. until 8:30 p.m.

Saturday morning: 10:00 a.m. until 12:00 Noon

Saturday Evening: 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.

Cost is \$10 per family (for the "Parent Adventure" book)

Topics that will be covered during the conference include:

The Adventure Begins; Letting Go; A Yes Home; Pain Happens; Celebrate; and The Adventure Continues.

Please sign up & pay in the Preschool or Children's ministry area!

Any questions: pflournoy@cropwellbaptist.org

"GLAD TO MEET YOU TOO"



"Good morning, I don't believe we have met...I'm Patty Lyons, and you are...?" "You" in this statement may be a long-standing member of our church, "you" could be a friend that comes frequently or infrequently, "you" might be an active member, OR "you" very well may be a new visitor to our church. As our congregation numbers now exceed 350 on average, the chances are significant that you do not know every one that attends. Whether you have a really good memory or a poor one, **we can point to the scripture to remind us of the need to reach out to those we do not know.** Take Hebrews 13:2 for example: "*Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so doing; some have entertained angels without knowing it.*" Even if you have been a long-standing member of CBC or a recent one, **I encourage you to reach out and introduce yourself to someone you don't know in the church.** You never know the difference one kind gesture could make! Consider the following. Perhaps you might notice: A couple standing alone in church that you haven't seen before; someone sitting alone in the parking lot who might just be trying to determine if we are a friendly church or not; someone wandering around the halls of our church looking for a classroom; or maybe a teenager wondering if the youth group at CBC might be what they were hoping for...**Let's make Christ known to others and welcome more sheep into His care.** Those who visit our church may be searching for answers to their questions about faith, about Christ, or about us.

Step out of your comfort zone for Jesus !

Pastor Bill Daniel



Women's Ministry Table Decorating Expo

Make plans now to participate in our Women's Ministry Spring Event. **We will be hosting a "Table Decorating Expo" on Saturday, May 15, 2010.** We are hoping that our new Family Life Center will be complete by that time, if not we will host the event in our existing Fellowship Hall. The event will include a great meal, music, and a speaker. Also, we will have a competition. **The goal is for each table team to decorate their table around a verse, theme, or story from the Bible.** Each table will be different. It can be as "Fancy" or as "Simple" as you like.

Some may choose to use fine china, others may choose to use paper products, and still others may choose to use non-traditional items for tableware. At the beginning of the event, all ladies will be given an evaluation form to complete for each table. Each team will receive points for things such as Teamwork, Creativity, adhering to guidelines concerning "Bible Theme or Verse". The table with the highest score will be announced at the end of the event and receive a prize! **If you are interested in working with a table team, please sign up at the women's ministry table now! (Theme ideas & more info also available @ table.)**

The deadline for sign up is Sunday, April 11, 2010. We will match up table teams of 6-8 ladies. This will give teams time to plan and coordinate their table. Even if you choose not to participate in the decorating competition, we would still like for you to sign up as a "guest" on the signup sheet. Guests will be seated at team tables. We hope that all ladies will be a part of this fun event!

As always, use this Women's event as an opportunity to invite an unchurched friend, neighbor, or Co-worker, even ask them to serve on your team! SIGN UP NOW!

Student Ministries Spring Break Mission Trip 2010

The Student Ministry Spring Break Mission Trip will be March 21-27, 2010. If you have not signed up, the cost is \$200 per person. We will have an Orientation meeting on Sunday, March 7th at 4:00 p.m. to discuss details/plans for this trip.

Sign Up Ends March 5th, 2010