

Florence Baptist Church

201 South Broadway Street

# The Messenger

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**JOIN**  
★ us at ★  
**Sunday**  
**school**



**OUR Teachers**



are GREAT!



Bible Study  
Sunday Mornings  
9:45am

# See YOU Sunday

## PREACHER B'S BE-ATTITUDES

Mike and Kathy Elgin made a decision to let one of their girls play on a travel ball team, but along with that decision, they made another very important and clear choice. Mike and Kathy shared with the coach of the travel team that their daughter could play on Saturday, but on Sunday, she could only play if the game was in the afternoon and if the game was local. They explained that their daughter would be in church on Sunday. Mike had shared this with me, and I asked him if I could tell his story, because it speaks volumes about Mike and Kathy, and it should speak volumes to every parent.

Some might dismiss this and say, "Well, Mike has to be in church. He's a staff member; he's paid to be there; he really doesn't have a choice." But let me remind you that Mike is first of all a Christian husband and father, and these two things should and do guide him in his decision-making long before that of being a church staff member.

All of this is to say, "Parents, a clear, crucial and most important choice is to have your babies, preschoolers, children and youth in Sunday School every Sunday." This should be something that every Christian parent has already decided and determined. You and your children and youth will be in Sunday School and worship every Sunday. We start when they are babies; we continue as they grow and mature into preschool age, childhood, youth and adulthood. Bible study for us and our children on Sunday morning is like food and water. It is something that we must have to live. We'll die without it. Bible study is the same for our souls.

Why? Our children, from the time they are born until they go to heaven, need Bible study. God's Word is critical to healthy growth, development and living.

Why? We have dedicated teachers and leaders in our Christian Growth Center every Sunday morning who are ready and waiting on your children. They have studied and prepared. They are spiritually ready. They love the Bible and love your kids.

Why? Because through Sunday School and through the study of the Bible, God speaks to the hearts of our children. We want to see them saved, but we also want to see them disciplined and growing in the Lord. This happens in the best way if you and your children are in Sunday School every Sunday.

We would never abuse or mistreat our children, but many Christian parents are doing their children a disservice and giving them less than the best by not having them in Bible study and worship every Sunday.

Joshua of old said, "But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve,...But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." (Joshua 24:15)

You're the parent! Be the parent! Make a decision! (If you haven't already, settle it once and for all.) You and yours will be in Sunday School and worship every Sunday!

Preacher B

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Tim Mathis - Transfer of letter  
 Lenora Mathis - Statement of faith  
 Freda Spears - Statement of faith

## GIFTS TO THE BUILDING FUND

**IN MEMORY CHARLES BEAM, brother of Polly Branch**

Mack & Pam McKeithan

**IN MEMORY OF NORRIS CULBERTSON, brother of Ruby Culbertson**

Mack & Pam McKeithan

**IN MEMORY OF HARL OWENS, brother of Ruby**

Evans

Mack & Pam McKeithan

**IN MEMORY OF JOE WRIGHT, father of Jody Wright**

Mack & Pam McKeithan

**IN HONOR OF LOIS TATE on her birthday, October 6th**

Mike & Lynn Ruff

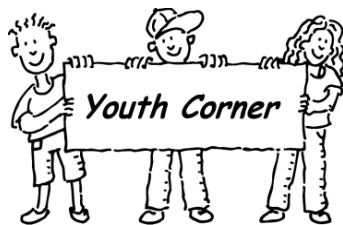
### RECORDS October 04, 2009

Sunday School	382
Budget Offering	22,788.78
LightShine	4,419.60
Angel Food Fund	540.00
Baptist Children's Homes Offering	60.00
Baptist Hospitals Offering	10.00
Baptist Retirement Homes Offering	10.00
NC Missions Offering	85.00
Fellowship Supper	387.00
Youth (Concert Tickets)	116.00
Campus Crusade	95.00
CBF	56.20
Benevolence Fund	



## UPWARD BASKETBALL & CHEERLEADING

SIGN-UPS are happening now for Upward. Kindergartners through Sixth Graders can mail or bring their registration form to the church office. A child may also bring a friend to evaluations and sign-up on the spot. VOLUNTEERS are an essential part of Upward. Please consider being a prayer partner, working in concessions, keeping score on Game Days, Refereeing, assisting with Picture Day, setting up on Awards Night or helping at Evaluations on November 2 & 7. Immediate needs for this Sports Ministry are COACHES. We can't have Upward without kids, likewise teams cannot exist without a coach. Last year we had about 50 coaches here from Florence and the community. Who will lead the children? Call Mike Elgin, Upward Director, today.



I would like to share with you an excerpt from Peter Wallace's book *What the Psalmist is Saying*. "Life throws us curves, forks in the road and roadblocks everyday. In those times, we turn to the Lord for direction and in His time, His way, He gives it.

God's guidance shows the way that leads to true life. It is always for our good. And it will always come when we need it most." I encourage you to look for God's guidance in all that you do, so the roadblocks of life will be a time of learning and not a time of destruction.

Can't wait to see you on Wednesday!

Laura ☺

#### Upcoming Youth Events

#### Casting Crowns Concert

Friday, October 16

Evangel Cathedral- Spartanburg, SC

We will leave the church at 4:30 p.m.

We will return after the concert around midnight.

Please bring money for dinner. We will eat before the concert.

#### Winter Retreat (The Edge Conference)

The Grand Hotel and Convention Center

Pigeon Forge, TN

Saturday, January 16- Monday, January 18

Four Worship Sessions

Two Student Bible Study Sessions

Two Nights Lodging

Cost: \$50.00 plus meals

\*Sign up deadline and \$25 non-refundable deposit due by **THIS** Sunday, October 11



We have openings for placing flowers in the sanctuary during the Salt and Light service in memory or honor of your loved ones. If you are interested you may contact Dianne Hardin at 245- 6783.



Senior Adults Fall Leaf Trip  
Tuesday, October 27th!  
Sign up in your Sunday School Class

#### OPPORTUNITIES FOR - OCTOBER 11 - 17

**SUNDAY:** Jeremiah 20-21: Colossians 1

8:45 - First Light Service (LEC)

9:45 - Bible Study

11:00 - Salt & Light Service

4:00 - G.L.O.W.

5:00 - Youth Praise Band/Handbells

5:00 - Wind Ensemble

6:00 - Evening Worship (Sanctuary)

Adult Handbells

Financial Peace University (LEC Dining Room)

Children's Bible Drill (Room 109)

PowerHouse 7 (*The Ark*)

Live Big 4 & 5 Year Olds (Room 116)

6:00 - 7:30 - Youth Discipleship (*The Loft*)

7:30 - Adult Praise Band/ Team

**MONDAY:** Jeremiah 22-23: Colossians 2

9:00 - Exercise Class

7:30 - Florence/ Bostic vs. W.O.F.F. Black

**TUESDAY:** Jeremiah 24-25: Colossians 3

2:00 - Mission Group 1 Meeting (Church Parlor)

6:30 - Mission Group 2 Meeting (Church Parlor)

6:30 - Florence/ Bostic vs. Bethany

**WEDNESDAY:** Jeremiah 26: Colossians 4

4:30 - Senior Adult Choir

5:00 - Staff Fellowship Serving Time

5:30 - Choir Leaders & Choir Chimes Serving Time

5:45 - 6:15 - Fellowship Serving Time

5:45 - 6:15 - Choir Chimes (4th and 5th Graders)

6:15 - 7:00 - Preschool & Children's Choirs

6:30 - 7:00 - Prayer Meeting (LEC Gym)

6:30 - 7:30 - Youth Bible Study (*The Loft*)

7:00 - 7:30 - Mission Friends/GA's & RA's

7:30 - 8:30 - Adult Choir

8:30 - Adult Praise Band

**THURSDAY:** Jeremiah 27-28: 1Thessalonians 1

**FRIDAY:** Jeremiah 29-30: 1Thessalonians 2

9:00 - Exercise Class

4:30 - Youth depart Casting Crowns Concert

**SATURDAY:** Jeremiah 31: 1Thessalonians 3

10:00 - 11:00 - Angel Food Distribution

#### OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

11 - Junior Johnson, Chrissy Nolan

12 - Tyler Bailey, Doug Haulk

13 - David Campfield, Donna Grisham, McClure Mayse, Christian Perry, Frances Ward

14 - Kandy Hoyle

15 - Elaine Guffey, Janice Holland, Anna-Leigh Yelton

16 - Inez Dale, Wes Smith

17 - Eric Bridges, Lois Jonas, Mark Lingelbach, Matthew Lingelbach

#### OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

11 - Mr. & Mrs. Steven Burns

13 - Mr. & Mrs. Cromer Curtis

14 - Mr. & Mrs. Richard Hodge

15 - Mr. & Mrs. Rocky Scott

Mission Group 2 will meet on the second Tuesday of every month @ 6:30 pm in the Church Parlor. Our first meeting will be Tuesday, October 12th! For more information call Doris Jones (828-305-2521).



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**Church Office Hours:**

**Monday - Friday 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.**

**www.florencechurch.net**

Fellowship Supper Menu  
Wednesday, October 07

Main Menu: Lasagna, Side Salad, Yeast Rolls, Dessert  
Alternate Menu: Bagel Pizza Bits, Veggie Sticks, Dessert

All orders must be received by **Monday noon** before the Wednesday for which you are ordering!

**YOKEFELLOW**  
**ASSIGNMENT**

Crackers (Saltines)

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**NURSERY SCHEDULE SUNDAY – October 11**

**8:30 AM** - Kim Bridges, Steve & Elaine Hughes

**11:00 AM** - Jeff & Keely Condrey, Maria Davis, Eric & Christy Marshall

**6:00 PM** – Kim Bridges, Megan Duncan

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH HELPERS – October 11**

**8:45 AM** - Clint & Amy Bland

**11:00 AM** - Jon & Kandy Hoyle

**WEDNESDAY NIGHT - October 14**

**6:15 - 7:00** - Kim Bridges, Keely Condrey, Adam Moose

**7:00 - 7:30** - Kim Bridges, Keely Condrey, Adam Moose

**Angel Food October orders due on Sunday, October 11th !**