

“Buckets Of Hope” offer an opportunity for EVERYONE to provide hands-on help to Haitians

A “Bucket of Hope” consists of a plastic five-gallon bucket packed with selected foodstuffs. For approximately \$30 anyone can purchase the materials and assemble a “Bucket of Hope.” **The food contained in a single bucket will feed a Haitian family for a week.** *You are also requested to include a \$10 cash contribution, placed in an envelope and attached to the lid of the bucket, to offset the cost of transporting the relief buckets to Haiti.*



The Food Items:

- 2 – 5-pound bags long grain enriched rice
- 1 – 48-ounce plastic bottle cooking oil
- 2 – 2-pound bags dry black beans (can substitute with red beans)
- 1 – 5-pound bag of all-purpose flour (not self-rising)
- 1 – 20-ounce cylinder container of granulated white sugar (coffee service size)
- 2 – 1-pound boxes of spaghetti noodles
- 1 – 2-pound 8-ounce (40 oz) plastic jar of smooth peanut butter
- 1 – 2-gallon plastic ziplock storage bag (used to wrap the bottle of cooking oil)

Buckets can be purchased at Walmart (UPC-09826250640); Ace Hardware (Ace#17714); Sherwin Williams; Lowes; Home Depot; US Plastics Corp.

For instructions on how to pack the buckets, or more information on the project, go to www.NAMB.net/BucketsofHope, or pick up a brochure from the Church office. You may also call Mark Livengood at 762-2075 after 6 p.m.

Please bring your filled buckets to the Church by Sunday, March 14.

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Perspective

Pastor Tom

WHAT IS THAT IN YOUR HAND?

Based on Exodus 4:2, I have been teaching a series of messages based on the question God asked Moses: “What is that in your hand?” I feel quite sure Moses was confused about the question and seriously doubted that God could do anything significant with a stick, a shepherd’s rod. Moses greatly underestimated the power of God and what God can do with anything we surrender to Him. The Bible is filled with examples. Gary McGuckin taught our preschoolers this week of how Jesus fed 5,000 with a couple of fish and some small loaves of bread. I loved the creative way Gary taught that story!

We have looked at a few things that are in our hands that we usually would not consider important or of use to God. Like Moses, we would make a big mistake to underestimate what our Heavenly Father can do with what we trust into His hands. We first talked about our influence and secondly about our intimate relationships. This past Sunday, we dealt with our investments. The point of this week’s message was that too many have too much “debt” in their hands when it comes to finances. So we looked at the strong warnings of the Bible about borrowing. Even Shakespeare gave good advice when he said “neither a borrower or a lender be.” We then focused on God’s plan for financial freedom. Our salvation includes not only the promise of going to heaven when we die, but God’s desire for us to have abundant life while we live here on earth. It is hard to have abundant, kingdom life when debt is worrying, threatening and acting as an ever-present oppressive spirit in our lives. There is hope and help. If you are currently drowning in debt, we do have believers that will help you. There is no silver bullet or fund account that can make bad decisions or bad debt go away. But there are thoughtful, proven plans to stop the insanity and start a process of getting out, and staying out of, debt.

Staying out of debt, or getting out of debt, have the first step in common. It is the recognition that God is the source and ultimately the owner of all we have. We are His stewards, His managers. Our finances and investments are not ours to spend. They belong to our Heavenly Father who has enabled us to earn them and then to manage them and, even, to enjoy them. Getting out of debt or staying out of debt, either way, the plan starts with acknowledging God as the source of our blessings. We acknowledge His ownership when we give back to Him a portion of what He has entrusted to us. Our tithes and offerings are the acknowledgement of gratitude and acts of obedience that thank Him for all we have.

What is that in your hand? Ultimately, it is something God has given you. Will you trust Him by giving him your influence, your intimate relationships and your finances? You will be surprised at what He can do with them.

See you Sunday, with “Buckets of Hope,” Pastor Tom.

*Welcome New Members having Completed Class 101: Discovering Membership at JIBC:
Jim Dobbins, Miranda Zirbel, Megan Driggers, Kimberly Grimes and Jonathan and Erin Pruett.
The Deacon table hosts for Class 101 were Bob Chambless and Jay Brown.*

Praise The Lord for the baptism of a brother in Christ at last Sunday Night’s Celebrate Recovery

Ministry

We are in need of an assistant for the 4- and 5-year-old Preschool class on Sunday mornings. Gary McGuckin is the lead teacher and he needs help. He will be out of town on Sunday, March 7 and 14. If you can help, please let the Church office know.

Weekly Updates

Deacons for the Month of February
*Please feel free to call these deacons
 for ministry or prayer*

Ronnie Cooper	795-8699
Jason Lindsey	795-7184
Dave Baxley	762-2447

Extended Session Schedule for February/March

February 21	Jan Cooper's class
February 28	Janie Brown's class
March 7	Tom Brown's class
March 14	Marge Bowen's class
March 21	Fred Roark's class
March 28	Preschool dept. workers

What's in the kitchen?

Wednesday, March 3:
 Barbecue chicken, French
 fries, green beans,
 coleslaw and dessert



A Look At The Numbers...

Projected budget	
January 2010:	\$54,855
Actual received through	
January 2010:	\$44,205
2010 weekly budget	
requirement:	\$10,971
This week's budget	
receipts: 2/14/10	\$6,970

Prayer Requests

Home/Hospital

- Shannon Cone (surgery, 3/4/10)
- T-Lee Smith
- Peggy Atwater
- Lisa Oberg
- Bertha Waltz
- David Beatty
- Wade Pitts
- Inez Pittman
- Bobby Townsend
- Harper Drolet
- Georgia Baldwin
- Marcella Malphrus (Life Care)
- Ron Hanna
- Robin Clayton
- Carole Baker
- Bill and Bev Driggers
- Charles and Judy Dillon
- Sharon Owens (Sam and Joyce Owens' daughter-in-law)

Special Prayer

- Haiti earthquake victims

Mission Prayer

- Refuge Point Recovery – Pastor Ted
- Ryan and Kristin Parker – South Asia
- Chinese Fellowship
- All Stars Children's Worship
- Hispanic Church
- Nicole Wilcox - South Africa
- Charles and Judy Dillon – New Orleans
- John and Yi Ling Pittman – Asia
- Pastor Marius and Cristina Moisin—Bethany Baptist Church—Campulung, Romania

Military

Josh White, Andrew Iler, Trey Kluttz, Jefferson Weathersbee, Wade Suggs, Kevin Stirgus, Drew Monroe, Marcus Montez, Taisha McLaurin, Marty Sineath, Brad Jackson, Aaron Diezman, Addison Poole, Travis Kornahrens, Mauronda Wilder, Jack Blevins, Art Perez, Timothy Marlowe, Bryan James Walker, Scott Thomas, Staff Sgt. Edwin Brown, PFC James Garner, Adam Clack

Our Christian sympathy is extended to John Pittman, and his family,
 on the death of his father, David Pittman. Mr. Pittman died last week. He was 97-years-old.

Ongoing Events

Sundays

- 8:30a Blended Traditional Worship
9:45a Bible Study
10:00a Hispanic Church in Spanish
11:00a Contemporary Worship
Chinese Worship
All Stars
(Children's Worship)
5:00p Middle School (5th-8th-grade)
High School (8th-12th-grade)
Worship in Youth
Room (Dinner provided—\$2)
6:00p Celebrate Recovery @
Common Grounds Café
6:00p Praise and Prayer in Library

Mondays

- 1:30p Senior Aerobics
5:45p W.I.T. Fitness

Tuesdays

- 6:30p Men's Bible Study (Genesis
classroom)

Wednesdays

- 5:30p Family Fellowship Dinner
6:00p AWANA
7:00p First Place 4 Health
7:00p Adult Bible Study and Worship

Thursdays

- 1:30p Senior Aerobics
5:45p W.I.T. Fitness



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Maturity

Five Love Languages Class for Couples

What if you could say or do just the right thing guaranteed to make that special someone feel loved?

The secret is learning the right love language! We will offer an eight-week class on Gary Chapman's best selling book "*The Five Love Languages*" beginning March 8 at 9:45 a.m.

Please contact Jan Cooper at jcoop57@bellsouth.net or 830-4329, or the church office at 762-0244 for more information.

Bulletin Board



Congratulations to Rett and Linda Iler on the birth of their grandson, Caleb Everett Iler, who was born on February 19 in Omaha. He weighed 8 pounds, 7 ounces. His proud great-grandmother is Evelyn Birchfield and his parents are Andrew and Bethany.

Fellowship

Senior Adult Banquet Friday, March, 5 at 5:30 p.m. Rutledge Baptist Church

The cost, which includes meal and program, is \$5 per person.
For reservations, call 266-5872.
The deadline is noon Monday, March 1.

Ministry

Disaster Relief Training Conference

This conference will be held on March 5 and 6 at Concord Baptist Church in Anderson. The cost is \$20 for returning volunteers and \$25 for new volunteers. You may register online or by mail. Training *IS* required to go on a deployment with any disaster relief team. For more information, call Brenda Lugmayer at 800-723-7242 ext. 3400 or email her at brendalugmayer@scbaptist.org

Gary McGuckin's office, along with Water Missions International, is collecting hand tools to send to Haiti. If you'd like to donate, please bring the tools to the Church office.

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