

COMMUNICATING THE VISION

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What a friend we have in Jesus. These words are part of a classic hymn that we as Christians sing. If you have been in a worship service, you have probably heard these familiar words. It does not matter what size church, where the church might have been located (city or the rural,) or which style of worship was preferred. **Christian people like to proclaim that glorious truth that Jesus is our friend.** Maybe even now as you read this article, the familiar melody of this gospel favorite begins to fill your mind. **Take a moment and sing - It will both bless you and glorify Him.** Sing it out loud! Do not be bashful! **Tell the world that is listening about your friend - Jesus.**

I have good news - there is more to it than just a song! Jesus really is your friend, and what a friend He is! What does it mean that Jesus is your friend? Does it mean that He talks to you and

listens to you? Does it mean that He cares about you and is faithful to stand with you in every circumstance? Does it mean that you can feel free to call on Him late at night, early in the morning, or in the most inconvenient times? Does it mean that you can share your most intimate secrets and dreams with Him? Does it mean that to know He is there brings a calm in the midst of the storm? Does it mean that a smile comes across your face when you think about Him? Does it mean that you get excited just to think about the possibility of spending some quality time with Him? **All of these things are usually true in our lives when we call someone our friend.**

Take time to meditate on these questions the next time you sing these words, "*what a friend we have in Jesus.*" **Allow Him to be the friend He wants to be.** You will be blessed!

Bro. Mack

We Welcome To Our Fellowship...



Charles & Christin Jennings
Coming by Letter
Children: Caroline, Natalie
PO Box 527
Eastaboga AL 36260

*Congratulations
Kevin Anderson
on your
1st Anniversary
as
Worship Leader
for our
Casual Service*

Christian Sympathy is extended to...

Tim Mitchell & Family.....Death of Grandfather
Betty Barnes & Family.....Death of Step-Daughter

Minister on Call	
April 4 - 10 Kevin Garrett.....256-238-0379	April 11 - 17 Bro. Mack.....256-831-9903
Deacons on Call	
April 3 - 9 Bobby Jack McElroy.....256-253-3123 Kim Moore.....256-237-5157 Larry Dempsey.....256-820-4744 Jay McElroy.....256-831-8263 Dallis Mayo.....256-835-6664	April 10 - 16 Don Heath.....256-892-4638 Mike Moore.....256-237-5600 Bill Brom.....256-237-3841 Greg White.....256-238-0159 Eddie Lee.....256-236-6527

Loving God . . . Loving You . . .

Join us...



Good Friday, April 22

6:00 P.M. - Midnight

The Third Floor of the Christian Life Center

Call the church by April 8 to reserve your study guide!

God's grand design is to display His glory in the salvation of sinners. The climax of this redemptive plan is the cross of Christ, upon His Son so that we might receive His mercy. But how is Christ's work on the cross applied to our lives? In the words of the Philippian jailer, "What must we do to be saved?" During the "Secret Church" simulcast we will explore how the Bible answers this question as we consider God's love, Christ's atonement, and the Christian's conversion, regeneration, justification, sanctification, and eventual glorification. In the end, we will find ourselves boasting only in the cross of Christ, through which we have received the grace of God and by which we now live for the glory of God.

In Christ,
Kevin Garrett

Children's Ministry

The calendar shows a busy month of April! Let me share some things with children that you need to calendar:

Sunday, April 3 - Preschool Children's Choir will sing in the 10:45 service and will be taken to Preschool Worship following their performance.

Wednesday, April 6 - Flashlight Night at AWANA for Kindergarten - 6th grade

Sunday, April 10 - 1st - 6th grade Children's Choir will sing in the 10:45 service and will be taken to Children's Worship following their performance.

Friday, April 22 - Flashlight Egg Hunt for preschool - 4th grade. Begins at 6:45 with supper and then crafts, games, story time, and egg hunt follows!

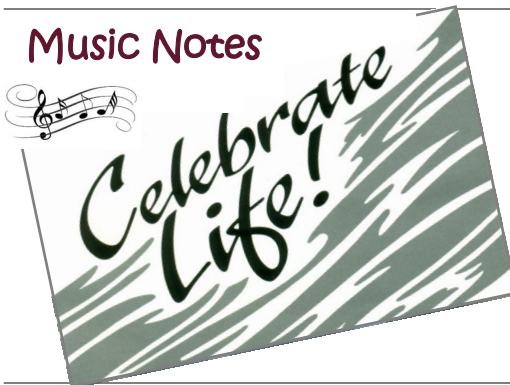
Sunday, April 24 - Children's Worship (1st - 6th grade) will not meet so that the children can worship with their parents. Preschool Worship will meet as usual.

Wednesday, April 27 - AWANA will not meet this week.

Please let us know where you would like to serve in VBS! We need to get all of the positions filled now. Our VBS teacher training meeting will be Sunday, May 1st. Our theme this year is from New York. It is going to be so much fun!

- Carolyn

Music Notes



Tuesday, April 19

7:00 p.m.

Presented by PMBC Music and Drama Ministries



The beautiful flowers remind us of the beauty of life through our risen Savior! Bring your live greenery and flowers to cover the empty cross on Easter Sunday morning, April 24, as you come to Sunday School and worship. By noon the cross will be alive with beautiful flowers! This is a wonderful way for the entire family to be involved.

A Worship Experience

So much is going on today. Decisions must be made about this and that; preparation must be made here and there. This one is calling, that one is texting and another is knocking on the door. As I am writing this, my mechanic just phoned to tell me the news concerning one of our vehicles; not an easy fix and could be 2 to 3 days. While all of this is happening, my little girl has been asking me to braid her hair. As I listen to her and think about all that I need to do and decide this morning, I can sense the Lord's presence in my situation. Funny story, my morning devotion was about Mary and Martha - the two ladies who had Jesus visit them at their home (Luke 10). One was busy doing "responsible" stuff, while the other was relaxing at the feet of Jesus. I don't think today's devotion and my morning crossroads are a coincidence!

I imagine Jesus smiling and may be even chuckling at the scene in our home this morning. As I consider Martha, Mary and my morning pull, I think I get what Jesus is saying to me today. While I want to be spending the next few minutes calling this person, responding to that person and getting my calendar straightened out, I decide to glance at a video-tutorial in braiding hair-You Tube can serve a purpose! While it doesn't look right to me, my daughter thinks it looks fine and goes about her merry-little-way in a happy, Rapunzel-like fashion.

I am learning that I am often quick to ignore a moment of ministry if it isn't dressed in traditional garments. But what we discredit as ministry could be the very thing God wants us to do! Could braiding my daughter's hair be a point of ministry? I think so. For it caused me to slow down, listen to her for a little while, laugh a little and even reassess the day. Before I stopped to braid her hair, my mind was spilling everywhere. Now, it seems the Holy Spirit has created a moment to refocus (John 16:13). EPHIPHANY! When I stop to minister, I receive ministry! (James 1:2-4) Matthew 6:33 - but seek first His kingdom and His righteousness and all these things will be given you as well. To know the correct order of the day, put first things first: time alone with the Lord means I'll be in tune for what He wants to do this day!

"New Beginnings" An evening of worship - April 10th at 5:30 p.m.

Kevin Anderson
Worship Leader



Easter Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary again this year at Easter in honor or memory of family members and friends. Each person wishing to do this is requested to purchase a lily and bring it to the church by Thursday, April 21. Please call the (receptionist) with the name(s) of the person(s) in whose honor/memory lilies were given and the donor's name by Thursday, April 21. Lilies may be picked up on Monday, April 25. If you plan to pick up your lily, be sure that your name is on the plant in an inconspicuous place.

RECREATION

Monday Night Church League Basketball Schedule

4/4	6:30	@ Grace
4/11	7:00	@ PMBC
4/18	TBA	@ Grace
4/25	TBA	@ Grace

Men's League Softball

Sign-ups have started. We will be fielding two teams again this year and the season will begin the week of April 18th. If interested in participating, contact the CLC. Cost will be **\$20 per person**.

Men's League Softball practice - Saturday, March 20 - 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at Cave Road Field in Weaver. Directions: coming from Anniston travel on 21 into Weaver. Take left onto Cave Road right before Galloway Gate at McClellan and follow road until you run into field.

Paintball For Youth

Sunday, April 3

Hurricane Mountain (Jacksonville)

\$25/pp

(includes field fee, gun, mask, 500 paintballs)

Spring Golf Tournament

Friday, April 22

Silver Lakes Golf Course (par 3)

\$30/pp - 4 person scramble

Must pre-register through CLC

ADULTS

Atlanta Passion Play

Saturday, April 9

Depart 7:00 a.m. from PMBC

\$30 per ticket

5 tickets remaining

Lunch at Pacific Spice (Oxford)

Thursday, April 7

Dutch Treat

25 passenger van

Adult Luncheon

Thursday, April 21 - 10:45 a.m.

Special Guest:

George Hamilton and Colin Elliott
Irish-Gospel music

Lunch \$3.00/pp

*A love offering will be received
For George and Colin*


LUNCH ON QUINTARD

Tuesday, April 5, 12 - 1 pm
Church Fellowship Hall

Guest Speaker: John Croyle
Big Oak Ranch

Cost: \$8/Person
Proceeds Go To Feed The Homeless

Teams to Serve at the Baptist Service Centers

Important Dates

- April 18, 10 am - Noon:** Training at the Associational Office
- April 19, 21, 10 am - 2 pm:** Observe at BSC South
- April 25, 26, 28, 10 am - 2 pm:** 1st Week of Service

Call the Church Office if interested in serving.

*When you did it unto
the least of these. . .*

Calendar of Activities
April 1 - April 15, 2011

MONDAY, APRIL 4	
9:30 AM	WOM Memorial Service - Fireside Room
6:00 PM	Ministry Council - Patio Room
6:30 PM	Church League Basketball - Grace
TUESDAY, APRIL 5	
12:00 PM	Lunch On Quintard - Fellowship Hall
5:15 PM	Ladies Bible Study - Patio Room
THURSDAY, April 7	
11:00 AM	Adults To Lunch - Pacific Spice (Oxford)
6:30 PM	Choir & Orchestra Practice - Sanctuary
SATURDAY, April 9	
7:00 AM	Passion Play - Atlanta
SUNDAY, April 10	
5:00 PM	Coffee Corner Opens - CLC
5:30 PM	"New Beginnings" Contemporary Service - Gym - CLC
TUESDAY, APRIL 12	
5:15 PM	Ladies Bible Study - Patio Room
THURSDAY, April 14	
6:00 PM	Prudence Hilburn Cooking Class - Patio Room
6:30 PM	Choir & Orchestra Practice - Sanctuary

**The Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
for Home Missions
will be received through
Easter Sunday, April 24th
Church Goal: \$15,000**

**"In As Much" Sunday
April 17th**
Bring non-perishable food
items and place in the red
boxes located throughout
the church facilities.
All food will go to the
Baptist Service Center South.

Thank You Notes Received From:

Tessie Hand Fuqua
Riffe Family

Worship and Service Opportunities

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| <p>Sundays
7:45 a.m. - "Coffee Corner" Fellowship Time/CLC
8:15 a.m. - Casual Worship/CLC
9:00 a.m. - Library Open until 9:30 a.m.
9:30 a.m. - Small Group Bible Study for all ages (Sunday School)
10:45 a.m. - Classic Worship/Sanctuary - Children's Worship - "Coffee Corner" Fellowship Time/CLC</p> <p>Mondays
6:00 a.m. - Prayer Room Ministry/CLC
8:30 a.m. - Aerobics/CLC Gym</p> <p>Tuesdays
6:00 a.m. - Prayer Room Ministry/CLC
9:00 a.m. - Staff Meeting
2:00 p.m. - Flexibility Class/CLC-Gym
6:00 p.m. - Weight Watchers Arts & Crafts Room</p> | <p>Wednesdays
6:00 a.m. - Prayer Room Ministry/CLC
8:30 a.m. - Aerobics/CLC Gym
4:00 p.m. - Library
4:30 p.m. - Children's Choirs
5:00 p.m. - Family Night Supper
5:30 p.m. - AWANA
6:00 p.m. - Young Adult Bible Study - Prayer Service/Bible Study - Youth Bible Study
7:10 p.m. - Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal Sanctuary</p> <p>Thursdays
6:00 a.m. - Prayer Room Ministry/CLC
8:00 a.m. - Woodcarvers/Arts & Crafts Rm
9:30 a.m. - Sounds of Joy/Fireside Rm
6:00 p.m. - Weight Watchers Arts & Crafts Room</p> <p>Fridays
6:00 a.m. - Prayer Room Ministry/CLC
8:30 a.m. - Aerobics/CLC Gym</p> |
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<p style="text-align: center;">PMBC CHURCH STAFF</p> <p>Mack Amis, Jr. Senior Pastor Kevin Garrett. Assoc. Pastor/Education Don Gober. Music Minister Kevin Anderson. Worship Leader/Casual Service Carolyn Clifton. Children's Director Jason Head. Sr. Adults/CLC Director Janice McCabe. Admin. Assistant to Pastor Wanda Kilgore. Educational Ministry Assistant Debbie Morris. Financial Ministry Assistant Jennifer Powell. Receptionist Gwen Moore. Pianist Vicki Brock. Organist Tom Price. Food Service Director Kenneth Kirby. Building Superintendent</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">CHURCH OFFICE HOURS Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CHRISTIAN LIFE CENTER Members: Mon., Tues., Thur. - 6:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. Wed., Fri. - 6:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed on Saturday</p> <p>Phone Prayer Room FAX 256-236-5628 256-236-1515 256-236-5441</p> <p style="text-align: center;">website: www.parkermemorial.com</p> <p>Sunday AM Worship Telecasts: Sunday School - 10:15 a.m. Live - Channel 2 - 10:45 a.m. Week Delay Channel 9 - 11:00 a.m.</p>
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And God's People Gave . . .

BUDGET

Given March 20 (week 16).....	\$18,590.45
Given March 27 (week 17).....	\$35,026.28
Revised Budget.....	\$1,445,595.00
Revised Weekly Budget Required.....	\$27,799.90
Budget Requirements Y-T-D.....	\$472,598.30
Budget Receipts Y-T-D.....	\$492,806.50
Never To Fail Pledged.....	\$221,557.00
Never To Fail Receipts 03/20/11.....	\$4,298.00
Never To Fail Receipts 03/27/11.....	\$2,137.00
Never To Fail Given to date.....	\$90,201.00
03/20/11 Sunday School	388
03/27/11 Sunday School	364

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New Beginnings

*A Worship Experience
with Parker's Praise Team*

Sunday, April 10

5:30 pm

CLC Gym



**Join us for "Cake and Coffee"
in the Coffee Corner at 5 p.m.**