



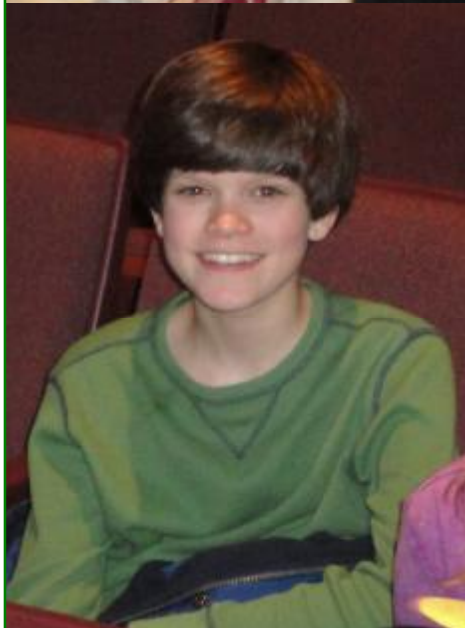
Greetings from Pigeon Forge, Tennessee!! Twenty-two students and five adults are here for our annual Chillipepper conference. We are worshipping with bands like Downhere, Leeland, Bellarive, with speakers such as Duffy Robbins and Dave Edwards and with comedian Bob Smiley. It has been an awesome weekend! This is a great way to kick off our new year in the youth ministry. It's always a blessing to see God working in the lives of our students. On Saturday night Dave Edwards taught on Luke 2: 25-35, the story of Simeon and how God told him that He would not let Simeon die until he had met the Messiah. So when Christ was born, Simeon went to the temple to see Jesus and blessed God. Most of us have heard this story before, but what I didn't know is that it took eighty-five years from when God made the promise to Simeon to when Simeon actually saw Jesus. While Simeon waited for the promise that God made to him, he remained righteous and devout to the Lord. As Dave said, Simeon "stayed in the ring." For the 31, 025 days that Simeon waited to see the Messiah, he lived "inside" the ring. He put God first in everything that he did and people around him saw it. Dave told the students, and adults, to imagine that we have a ring around our body and inside the ring represents living a Christ like life. Outside the ring represents us living a life that is unpleasing to Christ. As Christians we tend to live "inside" the ring on Sunday's and Wednesday's, but the other five days of the week we tend to live "outside" the ring. Dave shared with us that as Christians we are called to live "inside" the ring 365 days of the year.

If you were to walk in the youth room, you might notice a ring on the wall with the words "Stay In the Ring." This is just a reminder to the students and adults of what Christ has called us to do. As 2012 begins, that is our motto for this coming year: "Stay In the Ring!" I'm confident this is going to be a great year for the youth ministry. God has some great things in store for us! Thank you for your support for our students and youth leaders!

In Christ, Brad Cook, Youth Minister



Chillipepper 2012





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The Message From Michael

BEING A THOUGHT-FULL DISCIPLE



Last month, I wrote a few words about being good stewards of the buildings and resources we've been blessed with at Mount Moriah. This month, I'd like us to think about being good stewards of something a bit more personal—our minds.

In the 80's a great ad campaign showed an egg with a caption. "This is your brain." The second picture was an egg in a hot frying pan with the words, "This is your brain on drugs. Any questions?" It was a great way to remind people of the damaging effects of drugs on a person's mind. Unfortunately, many people have the perception that something similar happens when you trust Jesus. Some critics would say that you have to "leave your brains at the door" in order to be a Christian. Maybe this stereotype is justified, based on the way many well-intentioned Christians present concepts like, "blind faith." Have you ever avoided an uncomfortable question by saying something like, "you just have to believe?" Maybe we shy away from developing our minds because that feels unspiritual, or because we're afraid of the implications it might bring, or simply because we're lazy. However, I think Christians ought to be able to ask intelligent questions and offer intelligent answers. We **SHOULD** use our minds. Here are a few reasons I think this is important:

1. God is big enough to handle our questions and thoughts. He knew what he was doing when he gave us these brains. He's not surprised when we use them, and he's not intimidated by our questions. (Rom. 11:33-36)
2. Jesus said to love God with "all your mind" (Matthew 22:37) He demonstrated this through his knowledge of scripture and his ability to discuss intelligently with others. It's a matter of obedience to be "thinking Christians."
3. Proper worship and prayer is thoughtful, not blind or mindless. (John 4:24; 1 Cor.14:15)
4. Being molded as a disciple involves the renewing of our minds. (Rom.12:2)
5. God expects us to use our intellect (among other things) to bear witness to Him. (1 Pet. 1:13, 3:15)
6. God frees us from bondage through truth and wholesome thinking. (John 8:32, Phil 4:8)

My list could go on. The point is, God gave us our minds to create, discover, learn, worship, and relate to one another. It is one of the greatest gifts we have. May we not be guilty of letting this gift go unused or underdeveloped.

Have you been neglecting the stewardship of your mind?

Do you spend time reading, studying, meditating, memorizing, and applying the scriptures?

Do you listen and discuss matters of faith with other believers?

Do you embrace challenging questions, and prayerfully ask the Spirit to lead you into all truth?

Do you seek the wisdom of faithful teachers and thoughtful authors?

This month, commit to becoming a more disciplined steward of your mind.

Take one or two steps toward being a more **THOUGHT-FULL** Christian.

Michael Tolar, Pastor



There are many who want me to tell them of secret ways of becoming perfect.



I can only tell them that the sole secret is a hearty love of God, and the only way of attaining that love is by loving. You learn to speak by speaking, to study by studying, to run by running, to work by working; and just so you learn to love God and man by loving.

Begin as a mere apprentice and the very power of love will lead you on to become a master of the art.



-St. Francis de Sales



If we truly love people, we will desire for them far more than it is within our power to give them, and this will lead us to prayer: intercession is a way of loving others.



-Richard J. Foster

Children's Chat



February 14 is recognized by everyone as “Valentine’s Day”, a day to remember and admire the people we love. The Bible is our timeless source for the true meaning of love. In 1Corinthians 13 Paul writes that the way of love is the most excellent way to exercise spiritual gifts. The New Adventure Bible (NIV Study Bible for Kids) paraphrases the “Love Chapter” in this way:

If I can speak beautifully and can sing like an angel, but don't love others, I sound like a child banging on a piano or a screeching radio. If I'm very smart, almost a genius, if I can figure out the hardest math problems and understand sentence diagrams, but don't love others, I am nothing.

Love will stand in line and wait its turn.

Love looks for the good in others.

Love doesn't always want what others have, and it doesn't brag about what it does have.

Love is polite, even when the other person is rude.

Love doesn't always have to be first.

Love doesn't get angry over the small things,

and it doesn't remember one reason after another to be hurt.

Love isn't happy when someone else fails but is happy with the truth.

Love will always protect others, especially those who are often picked on or teased.

Love always believes the best about others and is steady and true.

Love never gives up.

Preaching will stop someday. So will speeches. Knowledge will come to an end. Today we only know part of what there is to know. We can preach and speak only with a small part of understanding, but when perfection comes then what is imperfect will go away. I am now young, and so I talk and think and speak like a child. When I become an adult I will put childish ways behind me. Now we see only a poor reflection, like in a mirror; then we will see face to face. Now I only know part of what there is to know; then I will know fully and will be fully known. Only three things really matter: Faith, Hope and Love.

But the greatest of these is LOVE.

Susan Wells, Minister to Children



Children's Ministry Volunteers
Appreciation Breakfast
Sunday, February 26, 9:00am



*For Children's Ministry Volunteers
and their families*

Please sign up in the children's building foyer
or e-mail Susan at
susanwells2@yahoo.com

Save the Date!
2012 Vacation Bible School
July 16-20

**There's nothing that can help you
understand your beliefs more
than trying to explain them
to an inquisitive child.**

~Frank A. Clark



*Baby Dedication Sunday
January 15, 2012*



Above, left to right: Michael & Carrie Tolar with Andrew James, Josh & Sarah Bunn with Bryan Morris, Brandi Jo & Jason Burdine with David Keith.


Sweetheart Banquet


Saturday, February 11
 5:30 in the evening

Tickets \$15.00

-Menu-
 Grilled Rib Eye Steak or Chicken Breast
 Baked Potato & Salad
 Rolls & Homemade Dessert
 Coffee & Sweet Tea
Meal cooked by "Papa Tim" Cooper

Call Joan Cooper to make your reservation!

Mt. Moriah Preschool
Benefit Golf Tournament

April 28th at Pine Hollow Golf Club
12:30 pm Tee Times
\$75 per player
Sponsors Needed



**See Daniel Carson, Tonia VanDyke
 or Susan Wells**

"In Harmonics" *"Music is the art of the prophets and the gift of God" -Martin Luther*

"Near the Cross" is the title of our new Easter cantata which will be presented by our Youth Choir during Sunday morning worship on April 22, 2012. Our Youth Choir has grown in its love and understanding of church music and this program will be the next step for us. I'm totally excited about it. The songs are amazing! Youth Choir meets on Sunday evenings at 6:45pm after the Children's Choir rehearsal at 6:00pm.

All our groups are up and running for the new season; they will be participating in worship on a regular basis. Our handbell group, The Joyful Ringers, will play in church on February 12 and February 26 at 11:00am.

The Silver Topps, our Senior Choir, has a new rehearsal day. We will meet on 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10:00am. I would love to see our group "filled to the brim", as they say. If you are available, please come sing with us. Our music is manageable and we have a great time.

Blessings and thanks for your beautiful singing as we worship each Sunday,
 Allen Moody, Minister of Music

Save the Date!
FEBRUARY
 Valentines Banquet
 Saturday, Feb. 11, 530pm

Women's' Sisterhood Breakfast
 Sunday, Feb. 19, 9:00am

Children's Ministry Volunteer Breakfast
 Sunday, Feb. 26, 9:00am

MARCH
 Youth Sunday
 March 25

APRIL
 Good Friday Seder Meal
 April 6, 630pm

Children's Day & Children's Sunday
 April 14 & 15

Relay For Life Old Fashioned Supper
 Wed., April 18, 5pm

Relay For Life Service
 Wed., April 25, 630pm

Preschool Golf Tournament
 Saturday, April 28, 1230pm

MAY
 Parade of Tables
 Saturday, May 19

Woman's Sunday
 May 20

JUNE
 RBA Music Camp
 June 18-21

JULY
 Vacation Bible School
 July 16-20

Mount Moriah's Preschool Provides Class for Home Schooled Children

Mount Moriah has a new class in the Preschool this year for children in Kindergarten-Second grades who are home schooled. It is an enrichment class based on the "Five in a Row" curriculum by Jane Claire Lambert. The class reads books from around the world and travels on a learning adventure that includes art, history, vocabulary, geography, science, human relationships, math, and writing. Each book has a related Christian character Bible study that provides spiritual lessons for the children.

In the fall, the class read books that focused on ancestors and life in the past. As a part of that study, they went on a field trip to the Tobacco Farm Life Museum. They dipped candles, played old-fashioned games, and toured the museum buildings that depicted life in the eras covered by the books they were studying. The pictures below show the world map the class uses to learn geography and shows them at the Tobacco Farm Life Museum.

The class gives the home schooled students an opportunity for social interaction with other children. They can participate in Chapel worship, check out books from the church library, and go on Pre-school field trips. The class meets on Tuesdays and Thursdays and is taught by Mrs. Carolyn Clark.



To register your homeschooled children or if you know of a homeschooled child who may enjoy this class, contact Preschool Director Tonia VanDyke at 772-1273.



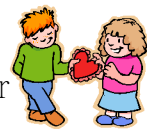



February Birthday Blessings






- Feb. 1 Marie Baucom
- Feb. 3 Patricia Powell
- Feb. 4 Clara Gibson
- Feb. 6 Wanda Cooper
- Feb. 9 Sylvia Brandt
- Feb. 9 Rebecca Echerd
- Feb. 10 Kim Dennis
- Feb. 11 Debbie Lee
- Feb. 11 Joyce Fenton
- Feb. 11 Kim Jones
- Feb. 11 Bryant Dennis
- Feb. 13 Michelle Andrews
- Feb. 13 Dixie Coats



February Birthday Kids!

- Feb. 16 Bradley Radford
- Feb. 18 Connor Hobson
- Feb. 18 Graycen VanDyke
- Feb. 23 Danielle Kemp
- Feb. 14 Lucretia Stuart
- Feb. 16 Pat Jenkins
- Feb. 19 Tony Radford
- Feb. 19 Dylan Turner
- Feb. 19 William Vaughan
- Feb. 20 Allen Moody
- Feb. 21 Lenor Cooper



- Feb. 22 Paul Robinson
- Feb. 23 Rex Suits
- Feb. 24 Jacob Robinson
- Feb. 26 Pam Grady
- Feb. 27 Shea Barbour
- Feb. 27 Teresa Ivey
- Feb. 27 Dee Norris
- Feb. 27 Amy Taylor
- Feb. 28 Daniel Bagwell
- Feb. 28 Scott Kelly
- Feb. 28 Jackie Newsome
- Feb. 28 David Swick



Love Letters



*My brothers and sisters in Christ at Mt. Moriah,
 Thank you doesn't say enough but then again in my case it might just say it all. Thank you for your support, love, caring, calling, and all the cards, and all the love, but most of all, all the prayers, and they just keep coming. I was on a fast-track roller coaster ride for several months. I found a cyst, got diagnosed, had surgery, and a rather aggressive treatment plan that apparently has worked for me.*

I have been extremely blessed, my major set back was a below normal white blood count which kept my immune system messed up, but God is good!

I love you all, Alexa Chattin

Let's Surround These People with Our Community of Christian Love!

We Welcome New Members

Barbara Douglas
 413 Hardwood Ridge Road
 Clayton, NC 237520
 919-553-2471

Congratulations to

Mary & Rocky Lanier
 on the birth
 of
 ~ Cyrus Rex Lanier ~
 Born January 24, 2012
 at 12:39 am
 7 pounds, 15oz., 22 inches

First Wednesday Night Fellowship Meal

February 1, 2012

~Menu~

- Homemade Vegetable Soup
- Grilled Cheese
- or Peanut Butter & Jelly Sandwiches
- Homemade Dessert, Coffee & Sweet Tea
- Sign up on-line at
- www.mountmoriahbaptist.net
- or call Joan Cooper by January 30



The Busy Needles Club

will have

Classes for Beginners

starting the first Thursday in
 February, 2/2/12. Classes will be on different kinds of
 needle work, crocheting, knitting, quilting,
 cross stitch, crewel, cutting materials, using patterns,
 and just plain sewing. Please sign up during January.
 Sign up in the vestibule
 or call Anne Lee at 550-0152 or Pearl Fowler at 772-7977



L ove Offerings



The L ighthouse Vision Fund
I n L oving Memory of Bobby Jenkins
Given by Pat Jenkins

The A litar Fund
I n Honor of Kay Johnson
Given by Pat Jenkins



The Y outh Fund
I n Honor of Brad Cook
Given by Pat Jenkins

The L ibrary Fund
I n Memory of Jimmy Eatmon
Given by Kevin & Wanda Jackson

The Cemetery Fund
I n L oving Memory of
L .O. and Edna U. Branch
Given by Dr. L eslie B. Branch
and Barbara A . Bennett



As of January 22, 2011



Weekly Budget Need
\$11,379.25

Total Budget Need
\$45,517.00

Budget & LHV Offerings	Overage
\$46,050.75	\$533.76



Tithes From The Faithful

	Budget	LVF
1/1	\$ 12,128.92	\$ 1,590.00
1/8	\$ 13,657.40	\$ 975.00
1/15	\$ 8,465.19	\$ 625.00
1/22	\$ 7,714.24	\$ 895.00

January Church A ttendance

	<u>Sunday School</u>	<u>Worship</u>
1/1	No Sunday School	212
1/8	232	342
1/15	228	357
1/22	217	252



We remain in prayer for family and friends...



Adam Muller, Alexa Chattin, Anne Moody, Billy Wayne Poole, Bobby Hill,
Douglas Hodge, Jack Huber, Felton & Betty Johnson, Kristitty Mikelonis, Lisa Prevatte,
Lucy Carter, Mandy Kemp, Mary Douglas, Nathan Matthews, Nathan Morris,
Dick Rhodes, Lenor Cooper, and John & Sylvia Morgan

...for those who are in Nursing Homes

Christine Andrews, The Brian Center, Clayton
Francis Nichols, Unicare Post-Acute Care Raleigh
J.Y. Baker, The Laurels of Forest Glen

Margaret Brown, The Brian Center, Clayton
Pete Williams, The Laurels of Forest Glen
Samuel Avery, Carolina House of Smithfield

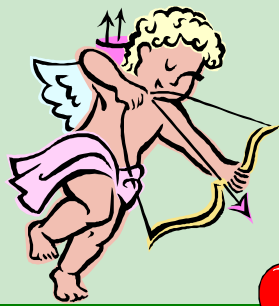


...for those who serve in the military

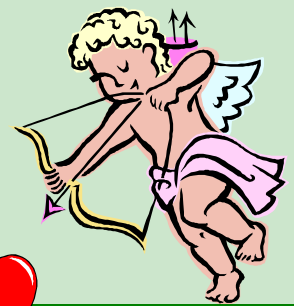


Bill Brower, son of Bill & Laurie Brower
Brandon Chauvaux, grandson of Don & Joyce Fenton
Brian Parrish, son of Michael & Sandra Parrish
Clarion Okamoto, daughter of Judy & Eric Okamoto
Donny Cooley, brother of Carrie Tolar

Erica Brennan, daughter of Terris Klausung
James Marapoti, co-worker of Jacque Baker
Jamie Hare, son of Reagan & Tonya Register
Joe Forgeng III, son of Kate & Joe Forgeng
Josh Storms, son of Amy & Jeff Storms



February 2012



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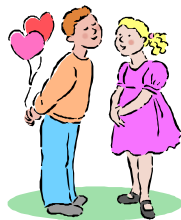
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Fellowship Meal, 530pm
Wed. night activities, 630pm
Choir, 630pm
Moriah Praise, 745pm

Ground Hog Day

Youth Mtg., 6pm

Busy Needles, 7-10pm



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Chapel Prayer, 9am

Katie Johnson Circle, 10am
Pat Jenkins home

GROW, 930am



Silver Topps, 10am



Discipleship, 6pm
Children's Choir, 6pm
Youth Choir, 645pm



Orchestra, 530pm
Handbells, 630pm
Missions Comm. Mtg., 7pm

Wed. night activities, 630pm
Choir, 630pm
Moriah Praise, 745pm

Busy Needles, 7-10pm

Sweetheart Banquet, 530pm

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Chapel Prayer, 9am



Valentines Day



Wed. night activities, 630pm
Choir, 630pm
Moriah Praise, 745pm



Busy Needles, 7-10pm



Discipleship, 6pm
Children's Choir, 6pm
Youth Choir, 645pm
Deacon Mtg, 8pm

Orchestra, 530pm
Handbells, 630pm

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Chapel Prayer, 9am



Orchestra, 530pm
Handbells, 630pm

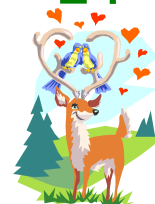


Wed. night activities, 630pm
Choir, 630pm
Moriah Praise, 745pm

Silver Topps, 10am



Busy Needles, 7-10pm



Discipleship, 6pm
Children's Choir, 6pm
Youth Choir, 645pm

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Chapel Prayer, 9am

Children's Ministry Volunteer Breakfast, 9am

Discipleship, 6pm
Children's Choir, 6pm
Youth Choir, 645pm



Leap Day

Orchestra, 530pm
Handbells, 630pm

Wed. night activities, 630pm
Choir, 630pm
Moriah Praise, 745pm



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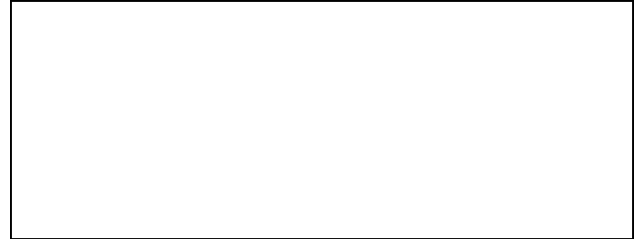
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"On the mount of the Lord,
it shall be provided."
-Genesis 22:14



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Please join us each Sunday!
Sunday School at 9:45 am
Morning Worship at 11:00 am

Nursery provided for Sunday School
& Morning Worship