

NEWS & NOTES—March 22, 2009

HOSPITAL/SICK: E. L. Shirley (Earvin's brother)--gravely ill at St. Bernard's; **Genevieve Brandon** (Earvin's sister)--SB1120; **Linda Inboden--SB2231** (recovering from knee surgery); **Nettie B. Shirley** (HS-229); **Jeannie McAdams--**strep and flu (at home); **Donald Jones--**out and about but has some tests ahead; **Kelly Henderson, Allen Williams--**shoulder surgery.

PRAYER LIST: Paula & Mollie Arnold (travel), Earl Baker, Juanita Baugh, Xander Bratten, Helen Brochey, Bill Cullen, Eva Cullen, Pauline Grissel, Jerry Houston, Kale Joplin, Nelma Kent, Glenda Lane, Tommy McAdams, Bryan Nichols, Josephine Pearce, Maxine Rose, Carroll & Lynette Thetford (travel), Jewel Watkins, Earl Whittingham, Freida Williams

WED. (3/25): Brad Martin, speaker, Meal: Pizza

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tonight--Youth Fun & Bowling following evening services
- Tonight--Youth Minister Search Committee meets following evening services (Library)
- 3/29--5th Sunday contribution (any over budget goes into our building fund)
- 3/29--5th Sunday night singing
- 4/5--Bono Buddies at 5:30pm

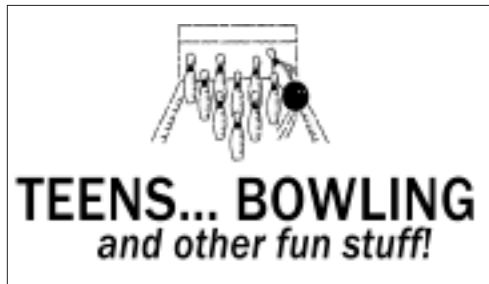
PANTRY ITEM: Oatmeal. A "Pantry Donations" box is in the foyer.

LOST & FOUND... items are in the teacher's workroom.

NOTES OF THANKS: With the help of many Bono ladies, the spring luncheon was a great success. Thank you for all your help. --**Darah Watson**

Thank you for the luncheon and entertainment. The lunch was delicious and the entertainment was too funny. --**Bobbie Findley**

**TONIGHT
March 22nd**

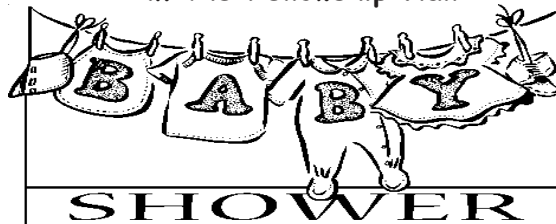


Fun Activities here at our building, then bowling from 8:00-10:00pm

Cost is \$10.00 for 2 hours of bowling and shoes

RECORD / Week of 3/15/09	
AM Class -----	130
AM Worship -----	246
PM Worship -----	109
Wed. Class -----	101
Contribution -----	\$6268

**PINK Baby Shower
Honoring Samantha Wilson
April 5, 2009, 1:30-3:00pm
in the Fellowship Hall**



Samantha is registered at Wilcoxson's on Church St. and Target

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hoping to have the field of applicants narrowed down to three shortly with interviews to occur as quickly as possible with a hire coming in mid-May to mid-June. It's an ambitious schedule that we ask everyone to fervently pray about even as we pray for our new minister before we know him--God will, of course, know who we're praying about.

A third item was allocation of the funds from the sale of the Red Brick Building (should be finalized soon). Most of the proceeds will go to reducing the principal on our new building note, as long ago promised. A small amount (commingled with other available funds) will go for needed projects like a rear screen and projector for our auditorium, a high-speed buffer for our floors, playground fencing and equipment, and some preventative work on our parking lot.

Putting on my Student Center Volunteer Minister hat, let me thank, thank, thank the Bono people who provided our cooking staff at the recent retreat at CRYC at Walcott. That would be **Beth Tate** (with an assist from **Gaylon**), **Rhonda Keith, Kim & Sherry Pittcock, Alex Archer, and Rick Griffin**. To say the least, the group suffered no physical malnutrition.

For spiritual food, **Chris Buxton**, the Campus Minister at Arkansas Tech in Russellville, led us throughout the weekend on the theme, "Blessed to Be a Blessing."

I appreciate so much what Bono has done to make the Student Center enjoy an excellent revival this year.

Bill & Anita Keith, Floyd & Shirley Howard, Delbert & Evelyn Tate, and I will leave Wednesday morning for the Tulsa International Soul-Winning Workshop. We'll return next Saturday.

We continue our Contagious Christian series today, giving a "formula" for success as obey Jesus' command that we go out and bring in the lost. It's a great lesson that will show you the three elements that are needed. Are you thinking and praying about loved ones and friends around you who know nothing of the blessings of being in Jesus?

An excerpt from **The Decline and Fall of the Athenian Empire** by Alexander Tytler (1748-1813) is great food for our thoughts:

A democracy cannot exist as a permanent form of government. It can only exist until the voters discover that they can vote themselves money from the public treasury. From that moment on, the majority always votes for the candidates promising the most benefits from the Public Treasury with a result that the democracy always collapses over loose fiscal policy always followed by dictatorship.

The average age of the world's great civilizations has been 200 years. These nations have progressed through the following sequence:

- From bondage to spiritual faith,
- From spiritual faith to great courage,
- From great courage to liberty,
- From liberty to abundance,
- From abundance to selfishness,
- From selfishness to complacency,
- From complacency to apathy,
- From apathy to dependency,
- From dependency back into bondage.



If you are graduating from high school or college, please leave your name and the school's name on Hope's desk.

Morning Services, March 22, 2009

Opening Prayer: Bill Lane
Reading: Brad Martin (2 Cor. 4:5-6)

Closing Prayer: Lanny Shirley
Communion Prayer: Wayne Tate

Table-East
Jesse Tate
Aaron Tate
Randy Statler
Weston Statler

Table-West
Larson Tate
Joel Cullen
Alan Keith
Robert Douglas

Evening Services

Opening Prayer: Danny Blalock
Foyer and Halls: Gaylon Tate

Closing Prayer: Robin Castleberry

Morning Services, March 29, 2009

Opening Prayer: Dud Owens
Reading: Travis Kimberling (Lk. 23:44-48)

Closing Prayer: Jamey Felkins
Communion Prayer: Bill Swindle

Table-East
Lorne Hazlewood
Carroll Thetford
Tony Sauser
Lanny Shirley

Table-West
Danny Blalock
Shawn Gott
Bill Keith
Kenny James

Evening Services

Opening Prayer: Dale Moody
Foyer and Halls: Wilson Lane

Closing Prayer: Bill Keith

ELDERS: Danny Blalock (935-7693), Donald Jones (932-7654), Arvis Shirley (935-7574), Carroll Thetford (935-3269)
DEACONS: Gynn Arnold (972-0305), Rick Griffin (932-2724), Kenny James (932-5975), Alan Keith (932-5075), Wilson Lane (935-7649), Tommy McElrath (935-9707), John Owens (935-5857), Darrell Parks (935-4664), Gaylon Tate (972-1252)
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SERVICES SCHEDULE: SUNDAY: Classes, 9:00am, Worship, 9:50am and 5:30pm, WEDNESDAY: Classes, 6:45pm
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March 22, 2009 (12/09)

From all accounts I've heard, the Women's Spring Banquet was a smash hit. I've heard especially that the "Fashion Show" will likely set style trends in the USA for several years to come.

Darah Watson deserves our praise for doing the "heavy lifting." I'm sure she would point the finger at several others who made the event a great success. We'll just say, "Thanks, **Darah!**"

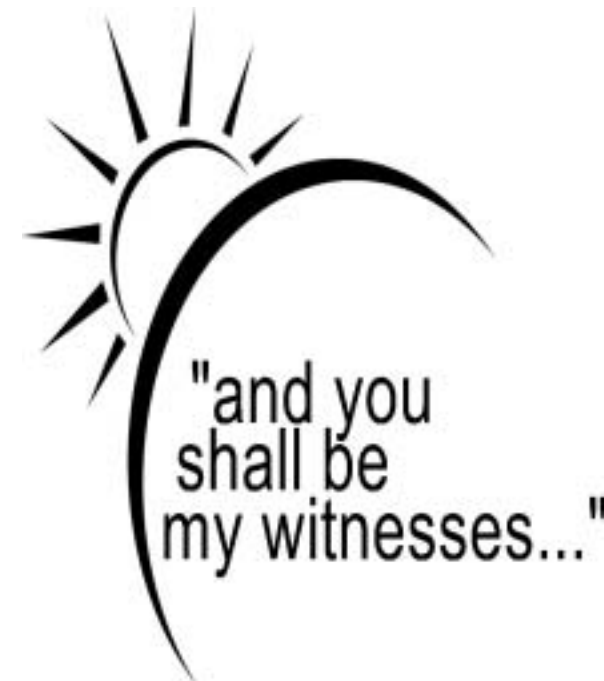
Last Sunday afternoon in the Elders/Deacons Meeting, several items that have been suggested in recent meetings were addressed and we have news.

One thing that has happened is that our schedule for Wednesday nights has been changed. For those who enjoy the fellowship meal, it will remain at the 6:00pm slot. But everything changes a bit after that. At 6:45, we'll gather in the auditorium for our devotional/invitation. Then at 7:00 or 7:05, classes will begin and continue to a dismissal bell at 7:45. This will be new and different and it is *experimental* for the moment.

A second thing--and this is just new activity on something we'd already begun--a Youth and Family Minister Search Committee has been appointed: **Alan Keith, John Owens, Darrell Parks, Misti Crabtree, Bilinda Norman, Karen Shirley,** and me.

We'll meet tonight for the first time to write up our "job description." Then we'll begin immediately to announce the position in every way we can,

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Acts 1:8



Next Week's Sermon:

Attractive Authenticity



"Come, follow me... I will make you fishers of men..." [Matthew 9:19]