



The Pastor's Page

Sandy Valley Baptist Church
1124 S. Houston Lake Rd.
Warner Robins, GA 31088
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Return Service Requested

CALENDAR

Wednesday, April 15

5:30 pm Family Night Supper
6:30 pm Church Conference, House of Prayer, Adult Bible Study, Youth On Mission, Kids of the Kingdom

Thursday, April 16

6:00 pm Sr. Adult Ministry Meeting

Friday, April 17

RA's Camporee

Sunday, April 19

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Morning Worship
3:30 pm VBS Workers Meeting
4:30 pm Church Council Meeting
5:30 pm Discipleship Training
6:30 pm Evening Worship

Monday, April 20

6:30 pm G.R.O.W. "O" Team
Cottage Prayer Meeting

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"It has been said that one of the marks of an individual's maturity is a growing understanding of, and appreciation for, his own body. After all, God's Word reminds us in 1 Corinthians 6:19-20:

Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? ²⁰ For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.

Also God's Word says in 2 Corinthians 6:16:

And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people."

There is a parallel to this in our spiritual life. As we mature in Christ, we gain a better understanding of the Church, which is the Body of Christ. Our emphasis should be more upon the Body of Christ than on "individual Christianity". When the emphasis is more on the individual, isolation from the local church can result.

Of course, the image of the "body" is not the only one used in discussing the church. The church is also seen as a family, an army, a temple, and even a bride; each of these images has important lessons to teach us.

However, Paul emphasizes the church as a body in several places. In each of these places (1 Corinthians, Romans and Ephesians), Paul brings out the same three important truths: unity, diversity and maturity.

Now let's personalize these truths. Hebrews 10:25 says:

not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

I believe God is saying here to us that we all need each other. Not only do I need to be in church for me, but also to encourage others. It seems from this verse that some were already "forsaking the assembling together." I need to be here to hear from God, to be encouraged and lifted up by others, and to help encourage and lift others up!

God's Word exhorts us to do this! My experience has taught me I need this! My experience has taught me that others can benefit from me being here! What about you? Bottom line: I'll see you here Sunday at 9:15 am.

Yours in Christ,

Bro. Phil

Sunday School Report

April 12, 2009

Record (March 29, 1998)	210
Members Enrolled	252
Total Present	116
Previous Week's Attendance	101

Service Opportunities

Deacon of the Week for April 19
Bro. Harold Hambrick

Preschool Volunteers

Sunday, April 19

AM—Jennifer Edwards

PM—Tammy Howard

Sunday, April 26

AM —Volunteer Needed

AM—Carol Simmons



Prayer Room Schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>NAME</u>
4-15	PM	Carolyn Walters
4-19	AM	Paul Lolley
4-19	PM	Janice Simpson
4-22	PM	Carol Simmons



FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Reservations required!

Sign up on the reservation sheet in the foyer, or call the office by 12 noon on the Monday before. Meals are served from 5:30-6:15 p.m. Prices are \$4 per adult and \$2 per child (6th grade and under).

Menu for April 22:

Grilled Hamburgers, Baked Beans, Chips, Salad & Dessert



Thank you so much for all the prayers, visits and food during my surgery and recovery. God does answer prayers.

Thanks for everything!
Wayne & Sue Hayes

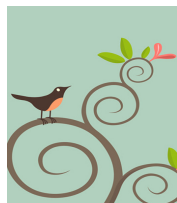
Attention Graduates!

If you are graduating from High School or receiving an Associate's, Bachelors, Masters Degree or a Technical Certificate, contact Regina at the church office (953-4328). We want to recognize and honor you for your accomplishment!



G.R.O.W.

G.R.O.W. Outreach "O" Team will meet 6:30 pm on Monday, April 20.



Covenant Care Services presents their annual **Ladies' Night Out** with **Kay DeKalb Smith**, "the Carol Burnette of Christian Comediennes" at Shirley Hills Baptist Church, Thursday, April 23 at 6 PM. A light dinner will be served. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at **The Lamb's Well**.

Middle GA Community Crusade
April 27-30, 2009

Dr. Tony Evans Nick Vujcic

www.middlegeorgiacommunitycrusade.com

Be in prayer for the Crusade!

Cottage Prayer Meetings



We need four volunteers to host Cottage Prayer Meetings on April 20, 21, 23 & 24 for the Community Crusade. Please call Susie Skeen at 988-9353 if you would like to provide a location for warriors to meet and pray for revival in Middle GA.

Devotions for April 20-25

"Christianity Means Meeting Jesus!"

Monday:	Luke 24:13-24
Tuesday:	Luke 24:25-27
Wednesday:	Luke 24:28-32
Thursday:	2 Timothy 2:15 2 Timothy 3:16-17
Friday:	1 Corinthians 11:23-30
Saturday:	Jeremiah 8:9 Psalm 14:1

Children's Ministry Training

Planning and training are essential for success in any ministry and children's ministry is no exception! There will be a training session on Sunday, April 26 at 4 pm. During the training we'll look at the new ministry curriculum and discuss in detail the responsibilities of volunteers. If you are interested in serving in any capacity, please attend this training! Call Lynette Sheeley (335-8915) for more information.

Senior Adult Luncheon

The youth would like to cordially invite all Senior Adults to join us, **Sunday, May 3**, immediately following morning worship for a time of fellowship. Lunch will be provided in your honor and it will be a privilege to serve you in appreciation for the example you have given us in serving our Lord. Reservations are not required...please join us!

SVBC Reading Challenge

Attention all Bookworms and Book Warriors! **April 26** is the last day of the contest. All participants must return books by that day to be counted. You will be notified about the banquet and program in honor of the winners! Thank you so much for bringing our Media Center to life!

