



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, December 3	
6:30 pm	House of Prayer, Adult Bible Study, Youth On Mission, Kids of the Kingdom
7:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, December 6	
6:00 pm	Ladies/Men's SS Party
Sunday, December 7	
9:15 am	Bible Study
10:30 am	Morning Worship
5:30 pm	Discipleship Training
6:30 pm	Evening Worship
Monday, December 8	
6:00 pm	SOS Party at the Strickland's
6:30 pm	GROW "R" Team
7:00 pm	E-3 Youth Meeting-Sheeleys
Tuesday, December 9	
2:30 pm	Elberta Christmas Party

Coming this month.....

- Dec. 14 (AM Worship)—The Fortune Family
"The Story of Christmas"
- Dec. 14 (PM Worship)—Christmas Cantata
and Fellowship
- Dec. 23 (6:30 PM)—The Lord's Supper Service

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Mary and Don were two of the happiest and funniest people in the world. Their marriage and lives were full of love and laughter for each other and all those around them. Then one day, Don went out on a snowy morning to shovel the sidewalk for his next-door neighbor. He suffered a fatal heart attack. Mary was left alone in their home of love and joy of more than 30 years.

A group of college students from Mary's church adopted her as their own grandmother. For the next year they dropped by to visit, shopped for her groceries, took care of her yard, maintained her car and gently made sure she knew they were there for her. She told everyone they were her "angels."

It is easy to say we love others as God loves us. It is easy to put down on paper how we love others. However, it is quite another thing to love as God commands us to love in the name of Jesus! It takes work! It takes energy! It takes commitment!! And yes, sometimes it takes money! But aren't we expected as the children of God to act like it?

A verse I try to live by every day is found in Mark 10:45:

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many."

Do you attempt to invest your life in the lives of others? Isn't that what Jesus did? Isn't that what God expects of us?

The Christmas season is close upon us. Kids are already speaking of gifts. Adults are looking for time off. Many are preparing their thoughts for meals they will be preparing. **BUT PLEASE DON'T FORGET THE LOVE BEHIND IT ALL!** God has loved us with a love unmatched in human form. Shouldn't we love others this way? John 13:34-35 says this:

A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. 35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Make love of others your number one priority, second only to your love for God!

Yours in Christ,
Bro. Phil

Devotions for December 8-13 <i>"Visions Of Things To Come"</i>	
Monday:	<i>Mark 1:1-8</i>
Tuesday:	<i>Luke 1:5-15</i>
Wednesday:	<i>Luke 1:16-25</i>
Thursday:	<i>John 1:1-10</i>
Friday:	<i>John 1:11-18</i>
Saturday:	<i>Hebrews 1:1-3</i>

Sunday School Report

November 30, 2008

Record (March 29, 1998)	210
Members Enrolled	252
Total Present	94
Previous Week's Attendance	102

Service Opportunities

Deacon of the Week for December 7
Bro. Raye Jones

Preschool Volunteers

Sunday, December 7

AM —Kay Hester

PM—Lynette Sheeley

Sunday, December 14

AM —Cindy Jones

PM—Sandy Hambrick



Prayer Room Schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>NAME</u>
12-3	PM	Terry Simpson
12-7	AM	Ken Sorrell
12-7	PM	Carol Simmons
12-10	PM	Raye & Cindy Jones



FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Wednesday, December 10

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: Pork Loin, Baked Potatoes, Green Beans, Salad & Dessert

G.R.O.W.

Next Monday, December 8,
6:30 pm, **GROW** Outreach
"R" Team will meet.

The gift list for the annual *Elberta Healthcare Christmas Party* is posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. We still need some "extra" gifts for the patients whose families may forget



to bring something for their relative. You will be truly blessed when you remember someone who has been forgotten. All gifts should be turned in

by this Sunday, December 7. The party will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 9, 2:30 pm at the Elberta facility. See Carolyn Walters for more information.

Ladies & Men's

SS Christmas Party

Saturday, December 6, 6 PM

All members of the Ladies & Men's SS classes are invited to gather in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate together!

GO TELL

the story of Jesus



Today is the third day of the *Lottie Moon Week of Prayer*. Please use your prayer guides every day and focus on Southern Baptist Missionaries planted all over the world. Be praying over the next few weeks about how you can support these servants of God. Our goal at Sandy Valley this year is **\$2,500**. We look forward to celebrating the victory of meeting that goal on Sunday, December 21!

MIXED ADULTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY

Friday, December 12 at 6:30 pm
Bring your favorite finger food or dessert, plus one wrapped White Elephant Gift (couples should bring 2 gifts) for exchange. If you need nursery for your children, sign up in advance through Gerri Sorrell!

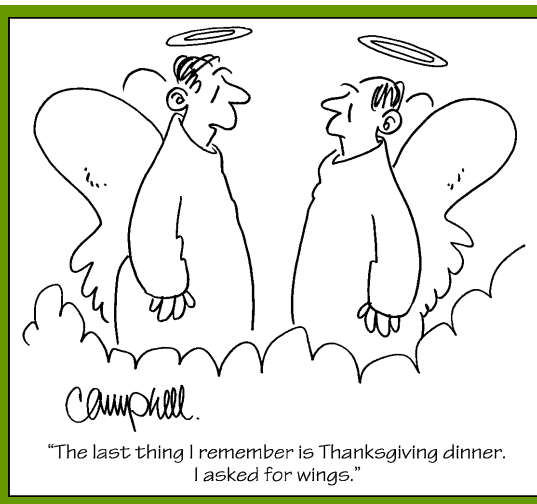
BIBLE DRILL

For 3rd thru 6th Graders is on hiatus during the month of December and will resume in January.



YOUTH NEWS

The Youth Christmas party (grades 7-12) will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, December 13th @ 6:00 p.m. Remember to bring a wrapped unisex ornament (costing no more than \$5) for the ornament exchange.



SVBC Kitchen Remodeling Fund



Thank you for your generous gifts! We now have **\$13,729** toward our goal of \$20,000 to remodel the church kitchen. Donations can be left in the foyer or added to the offering plate during worship.