



The Pastor's Page

One of the things I face with people almost on a regular basis is "Why do I have to go to church, I can worship God wherever I am?" I got this e-mail this week. It helps answer this question:

WHY GO TO CHURCH?

A Church-goer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no



sense to go to church every Sunday. 'I've gone for 30 years now,' he wrote, 'and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the

pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all.'

This started a real controversy in the 'Letters to the Editor' column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

'I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this.. They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!' When you are DOWN to nothing... God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible!

Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

Besides that, I love being here with God's people, my brothers and sisters in Christ. I CAN'T IMAGINE ANY OF GOD'S PEOPLE NOT WANTING THIS SAME JOY!!! See you at 9:15 am for Bible Study!

Yours in Christ,
Bro. Phil

Devotions for November 17-22 "There Ain't No Rear To This Battle"	
Monday:	2 Timothy 2:1-4
Tuesday:	John 15:12-16
Wednesday:	Ephesians 6:10-13
Thursday:	Luke 22:17-20
Friday:	Luke 9:23
Saturday:	John 14:15

Thanksgiving Fellowship Dinner
Sunday, November 23 at 5:30 PM



CALENDAR

Wednesday, November 12
 5:30 pm Family Night Supper
 6:30 pm Church Conference, House of Prayer, Adult Bible Study, Youth On Mission, Kids of the Kingdom
 7:30 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, November 15
 11:00 am C.A.P. Pizza & Gift Wrap Party
Sunday, November 16
—Deadline for Operation Christmas Child Gifts—
 8:00 am Men's Breakfast
 9:15 am Bible Study
 10:30 am Morning Worship
 5:30 pm Discipleship Training
 6:30 pm Evening Worship Bible Drill
Monday, November 10
 6:30 pm GROW "O" Team

The gift list for the annual Elberta Healthcare Christmas Party is now posted on the bulletin board in the hallway. Instructions are on the list. We invite everyone to participate. You will receive an enormous blessing by remembering those who have been forgotten.



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Sunday School Report

November 9, 2008

Record (March 29, 1998)	210
Members Enrolled	252
Total Present	107
Previous Week's Attendance	126

Service Opportunities

Deacon of the Week for November 16
Bro. Harold Hambrick

Preschool Volunteers

Sunday, November 16

AM—Jennifer Edwards

PM—Tammy Howard

Sunday, November 23

AM—Sarah NeSmith

PM—Carol Simmons



Prayer Room Schedule:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>NAME</u>
11-12	PM	Carolyn Walters
11-16	AM	C. Walters/A. Strickland
11-16	PM	Loretta Tidwell
11-19	PM	Emily Tompkins



FAMILY NIGHT **SUPPER**

Wednesday, November 19

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: *Vegetable Soup, Cornbread, Salad & Dessert*

Operation Christmas Child

brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love.

Since 1993, more than 61 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered across the globe. People of all ages can be involved in this simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas
—Jesus Christ.

We continue to see more Shoe Box gifts being brought in—THANK YOU!

Detailed information on how to pack a shoe box is in the foyer near the OCC Display. **The turn-in deadline is this Sunday, Nov. 16.** Saturday, **November 15**, C.A.P. will hold a **"Pizza & Shoe Box Wrapping Party"** from 11 am-1 pm. If you would like for the children wrap your gift, drop it off prior to that Saturday.

YOUTH CALENDAR FUNDRAISER

Pre-orders for 2009

Calendars are being

taken in the foyer each

Sunday. Calendars are

\$8 each and would

make great Christmas gifts!



G.R.O.W.

Next **Monday, November 17,**
6:30 pm, GROW Outreach
"O" Team will meet .



All youth grades 7-12 are invited to join us at the Youth Evangelism Conference, Monday, December 29th & Tuesday, December 30th. Cost of tickets is \$15. This cost includes a 2-day conference; Landon Dowden bringing the message, Steve Fee leading worship, and Hawk Nelson in concert...you won't want to miss it! **Tickets will only be purchased for those who sign up by Sunday, November 30th.** Contact Ms. Lynette to register!



SOS Ladies Missions Ministry is collecting non-perishable food items to provide Thanksgiving Baskets for two deserving families. Please place your donations in the baskets in the foyer.

Thanksgiving Baskets



Sunday, November 30
we will have another
5th Sunday Canned Food Drive for Christian Social Ministries. Bring your donations in with you to church that day. Thank you!

\$50 DEPOSITS ARE DUE BY THIS SUNDAY for all 7-12 Graders who plan to attend camp in July. See Ms. Lynette for more information.

SVBC Kitchen Remodeling Fund

Thank you for your generous gifts! We now have **\$13,086** 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.



Thank you notes—

Bro. Phil and Sandy Valley,
I want to thank my Christian family for your prayers, food, flowers, visits, phone calls and just being there for me and my family during the loss of my husband Joe. "God is so good" God bless you all.
Love,
Pat Jobin

Sandy Valley Baptist Church,
We want to say thank you! Although we were not official members, we felt that we were. We will miss everyone! You are filled with God's love and it shows! Please keep us in your prayers during our move and our search for a new church.
John, Trista, Maddy & Jackson Ketels