



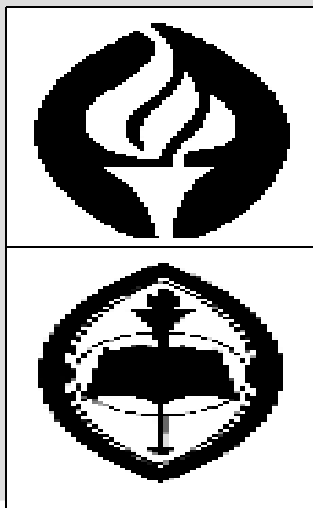
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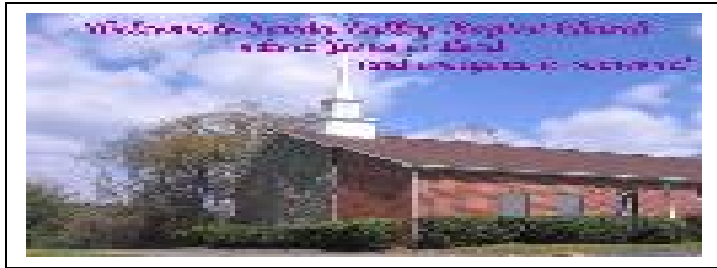
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Sandy Valley Baptist – SOS



Verse for the Month:

*And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry. **Bible Verse: Acts 21:19 (KJV)***

Minutes from June Meeting:

Old/New Business –

Next Meeting at Faye's. house

1. Military Box - items for Ben Hartswell (Sarah will mail package); Next box will be for Jamie Bryant.
- 2 Discussed Soles4Souls Project – discussed how to pay cost to ship shoes. 147 pairs (5 big boxes). Linda and Judy will take to post office and pay, and then be reimbursed from Kitty.
3. Children's home: was scheduled for June 15 but will reschedule for June 22.
4. Nancy mentioned they are still looking for Bus Drivers and Bus monitors those interested need to go Warner Robins Bus Shop (close to base) to apply for bus monitor \$7.30 hour.
5. New secretary for SOS – Kim has volunteered to be secretary.
6. Discussed Soup Labels – article out of June Mosaic. Will collect next meeting.
7. Discussed Migrant Meal on July 10, Sarah will get information and post on SOS board.
8. RADA Knife Sales - \$51.70

Attendee & Prayer List:

Ann –Husband-Job
 Linda –Praise Jeff & Unspoken, & Loretta
 Carol S. –Raymond, supervisor sister
 Nancy -Unspoken
 Cathie -Unspoken, Praise Billy Joe
 Kim –People with addictions, family, and job
 Peggy –Diane, cousin
 Diane –Job and back
 Shauna -family
 Faye -Michelle (baby) & family with new motorcycle
 Sarah –Husband job & test results

Note: Address, phone numbers and birthdays: Please review the list and let me know if you have any changes. We are still missing a few birthdays.
Sarah

Bible Verse for the Month:

And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry. Acts 21:19 (KJV)

Bad News and more Bad News:-

I watched a movie that my mother recommended to me called *“The Bucket List”*. When she first mentioned it to me it did not even occur to me what it would be about. I went to the video store and looked at the back to read the details. It looked interesting enough, two guys who meet in a hospital room, both from totally different backgrounds, one rich guy who owns the hospital and the other guy is a mechanic. Both find out that they do not have long to live and from there they create a “Bucket List” of things they want to do before they kick the bucket.

When they set off on their adventures, traveling around the world they end up at a mountain where they want to go to the top which happens to be the top of the World – Mount Everest. Once they arrive they get the bad news that the weather is too bad to travel to the top, then more bad news that it will not be clear until the spring and of course they are not expected to live that long. I will not spoil the rest of the movie by telling you what happens but I am basing this article on what I saw in the movie and from what I read in the current issue of the *July Mosaic*.

As humans we base our actions on what life throws at us. Sometimes we feel that we never seem to be able to keep our head above the water. We seem to be struggling to survive and then we hear bad news,

then more bad news. Gas prices seem to be constantly going up and those of us with larger vehicles try to figure out how to cut back on other bills so we can cover the gas cost to get to and from work or other trips we are taking on a regular basis. Is there an end in site? The Bible tells us to believe that all things happen for a reason and through the difficulties we will prevail if we stand fast and remain strong in our faith. I relate to the passage out of Ecclesiastes 3:1 – *To every thing there is a season and a time to every purpose under the heaven.* Through the good and the bad we need to continue to be an example for others to follow as Christian believers to show love and compassion and maintain our faith in Jesus Christ.

Acts 21:19 “And when he had saluted them, he declared particularly what things God had wrought among the Gentiles by his ministry”. Paul stood fast in what God had him to do even if it meant him dying at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus (Acts 21:13). There will be better days ahead, especially when we get to the glory land, the kingdom of God!

I admit that I am struggling with my faith and trying to believe that everything will work out for the best, especially when the bad news hit me this week, when I looked at the calendar and realized that I have seventy-five days before my active duty orders expire and I am steadily looking for a job with no response to resumes submitted. The more bad news is that Drew is still looking for a job and no response from his resumes either. I have been faced with a similar situation before when I was getting out of the Army and was pregnant with Katie who was born seven days prior to my

departure; I did not have a job and did not see one on the horizon. I had an Army supervisor laugh at me and ask me what I thought I was going to do with a three-year-old son, and another child on the way and how was I suppose to support myself and them. His words still echo in my mind “You have nothing”. I then replied back to him in a soft voice, (not bitter or angry) and said, “Yes, I do and it’s something that you don’t have”. His reply in laughter was, “Yeah? And what might that be”? I then said “Faith, and with Faith all things are possible”. I soon found a job when Katie turned six weeks old at a daycare and then I ended up finding a better job working at the corporate level at a bank. Jesus Christ made sure I was taken care of along with my kids even when I felt I did not deserve it. All I had to do was believe in Him. I am looking back at my past experiences to help get me through this experience and ask for your prayers that I may be where Jesus leads me to go.

I close by saying it’s ironic that in the story out of the *July Mosaic* is about the Impact of “Mustard Seed” Faith and how it can be enormous (I wrote a story in the last newsletter about the Faith like a grain of Mustard Seed). The article in the *Mosaic* entails how we can share our faith with others as we go through doors of opportunities. What we sometimes view as struggles can be looked upon as obstacles that we can get through and turn into opportunities to witness by giving our testimony to others who may face similar circumstances in their lives. We can move mountains by joining together and reaching out to others in whatever way we can.

Projects:

1. Meansville Children's' Home – June 22 – Jessica and Kathryn's Birthday

Meansville Children's home

Birthdays:

Kathryn - 24 Jun
Jessica - 25 Jun
Ashley - 5 Aug
Melissa - 6 Aug
Amina - 16 Aug
Britney – 10 Sep
Patrice - 23 Oct
Patricia 4 Jan
Brandi 26 Feb
Felicia 6 Mar
Makayla 24 Mar
Amanda - 2 May

Meansville Children's Home
Address: P.O. Box 440
Meansville, GA 30256

2. Migrant Meal – July 10th provide meal
3. Campbell's Soup Labels – Collect throughout the month and bring them to the next meeting.
4. RADA Knife Sales – Please see Linda if you are interested.

Treasurer Notes: Kitty: - \$287.96 – (will use for shipping cost for Soles4Souls Project)

Secretary Notes: Kim has graciously volunteered to be our secretary.

July Birthdays

“Happy Birthday to You;
Happy Birthday to You;
Happy Birthday to the below –
Happy Birthday to You”:

Tammy - 8th
Susie – 16th



Scheduled SOS Meeting Places:

July – Faye
August – Linda
September – Eat Out
October – Cathie
November – Pat
December – Ann

Websites – related Ministries:

www.gabaptist.org
www.wmu.com
www.lifeway.com/women
www.namb.net
www.imb.org

Upcoming Events
Georgia WMU:
www.georgiawmu.org:

June 17-20
CWJC Level 1 Training
Columbus

Information from the Missions Mosaic:

Campbell's Soup Labels – The Columbia Basin Baptist Association WMU has taken on the task of collecting 1.5 million Campbell's Soup labels. This endeavor is to buy a new minivan for the association's Camp Touchet, student ministry, and other ministries as deemed necessary. You can help with this project by removing labels from cans, bottles, and boxes, and mailing them to Laura Kenney, 1830 Artemis Ridge, West Richland, WA, 99353. To send clipped labels, please check out the new procedure at the Campbell's Website: www.labelsforeducation.com/howtoclipuscs.aspx. Let's see how quickly we can get this job done by working together. Billie Philips, Washington