



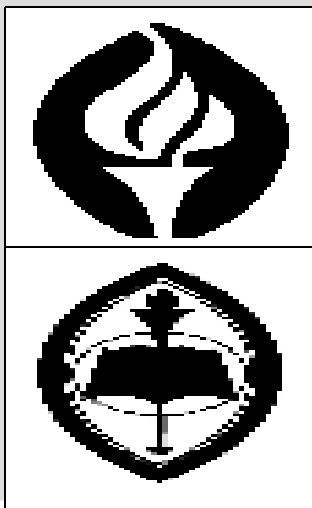
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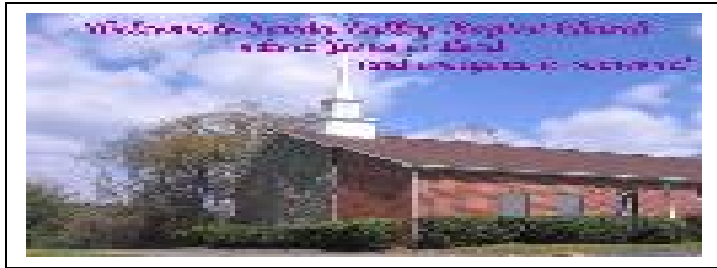
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Sandy Valley Baptist – SOS



Verse for the Month:

Faith like a grain of mustard seed
Bible Verse: Mark 17:20 (KJV)

Minutes from May Meeting:

Old/New Business –

Next Meeting at Carol S. house

1. Box for Soldiers: gum, mints, jerky, nuts, chips, granola, workout, rubix cube, contact solution, Chap Stick, puzzle books, sunflower seeds, travel kit, toothbrush, phone cards.
2. Collecting items for Ben Hartswell (due by 18 May – Peggy's nephew)
3. Voted on nursing home ministry as a mission action project – adult ladies already doing this as their project voted not to do this as a Mission Action Project (MAP).
4. Discussed Soles4Souls Project – next mtg decide how we're going to pay shipping if over and above what is collected. Currently, Linda has \$20 that has been given. Judy C. agreed to pick up and ship shoes when ready. Cut off date 24 May.
6. Discussed Upcoming graduations – Amanda at Children's home
7. Nancy mentioned they are still looking for Bus Drivers those interested need to go Warner Robins Bus Shop (close to base) to apply for bus monitor \$7.30 hour.
8. Additional graduations: Brittney Sampson/College, John

Sheely/College, Jared
Howard/High School, Casey
Cleghorn/High School

9. Shauna ask that we find a new secretary for SOS. Ask for volunteers, no volunteers. Linda ask everyone to pray between now and next mtg for position to be filled.
10. Linda gave a short statement from Prayer Calendar: Ask that we pray for teachers and also Missionary teacher
11. Carol S. led Missionary/Closing Prayer.

Information:

Attendee List:

Ann	Linda
Carol S.	Nancy
Cathie	Pat
Cindy	Peggy
Dianne	Shauna
Faye	Sherrie
Judy	Sheryl
Karen	Susie

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:

Mark 17:20- Then said Jesus, If you have faith like a grain of mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Be moved from this place to that, and it will be moved; and nothing will be impossible to you.

Faith like a grain of mustard seed-

I decided to ask a few of the kids what they thought about the passage "Faith like a grain of mustard seed" meant. Each child had a different perspective and was eager to share their view. The first one to speak was Hasheen who said he thought that it meant that faith starts off small and grows bigger. The next one was Katie and she said its like if you would say to a mountain to move, and believed it would then it would move. The last one I ask was Stefen and he said even if you had very little faith you can still do a lot.

In the bible Jesus Christ stated that we need to have faith like a child. And as I studied the passage out of Matthew 18:2-4 where Jesus called a little child unto him, and set him in the midst of them, and said, **Verily I say unto you, Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is greatest in the kingdom of heaven.**

With this passage and a few other articles I came to realize that a child's faith is stronger than an adult's faith. Why is this? Because they do not have the same worries we do and with worries we tend to have doubt. They accept in blind faith they depend on us to help us through their daily lives and know they will be taken care of. Us adults doubt and want everything spelled

out before we do something and we want to know every little detail; hence our mustard seed shrinks microscopically to a tiny speck.

I recall periods in my childhood that I was told by adults that someone had always been a certain way and would always be like that and I needed to get use to it. I did not believe them because I wanted the person to be different and "believed" they could be a different person. I had faith like a grain of mustard seed and since I was taught to pray as a toddler I took my faith in prayer and believed in my heart that it would happen one day. Well, that day finally came twenty two years later when my dad stopped drinking and turned his life "completely" over to Jesus Christ. Everyone I knew doubted he would change and I felt that I was the only one who believed he could and eventually would. At the present time I thoroughly enjoy the conversations I can have with my dad and they all seem to be on the subject of the Bible and Jesus Christ. I finally have the dad I always wanted and feel truly blessed.

I believe in my heart there were people who loved me throughout the years praying for me as well. I have always believed in God-Jesus Christ but not always lived my life according to His will. Someone or some loved ones did not give up hope and continued praying for me that I would eventually find my way. Now I too have completely dedicated my life to serving others and Jesus Christ.

I have said to someone before that I feel one of the hardest things we do in our life is looking at ourselves in the mirror and see what other people see, and also really liking what we

see in ourselves. We tend to doubt ourselves in what we are and what we can be. It seems to be too hard at times and we feel it's easier to fall into the worldly things on this earth to survive and get by.

As I studied the verses in the Bible about the mustard seed I found that Jesus said the phrase a few more times in Luke 17:5-6 And the Lord said, **if you have faith as a grain of mustard seed, you might say to this sycamore tree, Be you plucked up by the root, and be you planted in the sea; and it should obey you.**

Again, in Matthew 13:31-32 – **The dominion of Heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in the field; it is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.**

I can not count off the top of my mind how many times in my life that I have experienced miracles through the power of prayer with little faith like that of a grain of mustard seed. If one person can have faith, pray, and believe in something to happen, can we imagine what it would be like for ten, twenty, or maybe hundreds of people to come together with faith and prayer to accomplish a miracle or even many miracles?

In closure I want to say that just having a tiny ounce of faith and believe we can do what we are called to do, **NOTHING WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE.**

Projects:

1. Meansville Childrens' Home –
June 15 – Jessica's Birthday

Meansville Children's home

Birthdays:

Amanda - 2 May
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

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

2. Migrant Meal – July 10th provide meal

Treasurer Notes: Kitty:
-need update.

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

June Birthdays

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

Kathy D. – 1st



Scheduled SOS Meeting Places:

June – Carol
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 8
National WMU Annual Meeting

June 9-11
Southern Baptist Convention

June 17-20
CWJC Level 1 Training
Columbus

Information from the Missions Mosaic:

Suggestion to support Mission:

Campbells 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 Campbells's Website: www.labelsforeducation.com/howtoclipuscs.aspx. Let 's see how quickly we can get this job done by working together. Billie Philips, Washington