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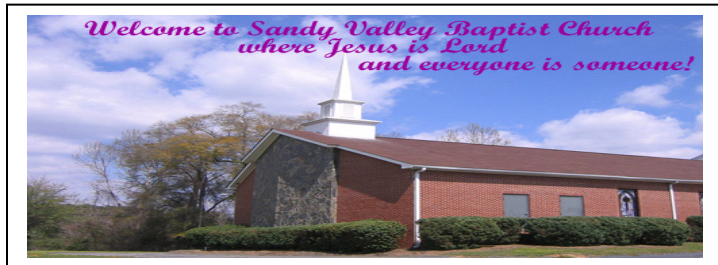
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# Sandy Valley Baptist – SOS



## Verse for the Month:

**Life**  
**Ecclesiastes 3:12-13**

## Minutes from February Meeting:

### Old/New Business –

**Next Meeting at Kathy Douglas' house on March 10.**

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. Karly will call post office (Postal Information: Planning to send a care package to a military service member serving abroad? Send it after March 3 to take advantage of a new flat-rate box from the Postal Service that is 50 percent larger and delivered for \$10.95 to an APO/FPO address -- \$2 less than for domestic destinations).
3. Zack – going overseas
4. Children's home – limit 3 gifts need sizes and recommend CD cases
5. Cathy L. – baskets, journal, puzzle books.
6. New members: Karly, Sandy and Judy
7. Discussed again – Mission: Outside; Ministry – Inside

### Information:

March - Focus on WMU Week

March 2-9 – Annie Armstrong Offering

March 15 – Saturday; Visit Children's Home in Meansville

Change April Meeting – First Monday April 7

April 13-16 - Revival

### Attendee List:

Peggy  
Karen  
Sandy F.  
Ann  
Carol  
Faye  
Diane  
Sandy  
Mrs. Moseley  
Nancy  
Karly  
Sheryl  
Linda  
Cathy D.  
Jennifer  
Shauna  
Julie

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

## **Prayer Request:**

Peggy – Diane Career, Aunt  
Karen - Jason  
Sandy F. - Unspoken  
Ann - hubby job  
Carol – Cindy Jones, Nicole  
Faye – Mom & Dad  
Diane - Mom  
Sandy - health  
Mrs. Moseley – Pre-Op - surgery  
Nancy – Kaylee, Brandi, Unspoken  
Karly – Travel mercies, adoption  
Sheryl – Spencer, Steve  
Linda – Thank you, unspoken  
Cathy D. -  
Jennifer – John, grandparents, parents  
Shauna  
Judy – Praises

## **Life**

*Bible Verse for the Month:*  
**Ecclesiastes 3:12-13**

### **Life**

Life is difficult. There is no doubt with all the trials and tribulations that we go through that we can conclude that life is not easy, it's difficult. The way we react to others depends a lot on our trials and tribulations and how we can relate to situations. If we have not experienced difficulties then it's difficult to have compassion and understanding toward one another. I have said and I am sure others also, that without suffering there is no compassion. I believe sometimes as much as it hurts, it's o.k. to experience pain, hurt, and suffering no matter what age you are. This is what Jesus Christ went through for us. He saw our pain, suffering and even our wicked ways and He loved us still. He took on the weight of the world. All the pain, hurt, suffering, and sin "HE" felt. Some photos that

I've seen did not show Jesus Christ smiling and I don't believe he had much to smile. Also, I don't recall reading anywhere in the Bible where He smiled. I do know the shortest verse is "Jesus wept," John 11:35. Just two verses prior it says that he groaned in the spirit and was troubled. He was feeling the pain of Mary's grieving the death of Lazarus. He did not want to see her suffering and He raised him from the dead. Sometimes we suffer seeing our loved ones lost and with God. I have heard about my own family about close relatives that they have always been that way and will continue to be that way. However, I have not and do not believe this. I have prayed and seen the miracles in life when someone can change and commit their life to Jesus Christ. We can't give up hope for the lost and dying. They can see Christ through us if we show them and pray to Him that saved us. I recall after 9/11 watching television with the events that had just taken place and seen the faces of despair across the screen. I cried for the people who were hurting, not because I knew who they were, but feeling the pain in their tears and suffering. If I had not experienced pain and suffering how would I have reacted to what I saw on television? There were a few people around me laughing and joking about the rich people in the building drinking coffee as the planes flew through the building, and how cool it was to see the towers coming down. I screamed out

"how could you say that, when there are people dying in those buildings". It's obvious they had not experienced true suffering and pain and could not relate. I immediately fell to my knees and prayed, even for the ones who were laughing and joking. In the Book of Ecclesiastes 1:17-18 it says "And I gave my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: I perceived that this also is vexation of spirit. For in much wisdom is much grief: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth sorrow. From reading the verses in Ecclesiastes I understood that he had everything anyone could ever want and in the end it was all vanity and vexation of spirit. Everything we do to profit ourselves in our life here on earth is vanity and vexation of spirit (An annoyance, an irritation to the spirit and overall worthless and pointless). How we react and help others determines our character and how we will be judged in the end. So what is our purpose in Life? Ecclesiastes 3:12-13 - I know that *there is no good in them*, but for *a man* to rejoice, and to do *good in his life*. And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy the *good of all his labor*, it is the gift of God. When Jesus is in your heart, and in your life, His light will shine through the darkness (sorrow and pain). Others will be able to see it and you will want to do what is good in life.

## Projects:

1. Troop Package for Jennifer's fiancé, John W.
2. March 11 - Central Baptist – teaches English every Tuesday and serve lunch (sandwich, chips, cookies – 50-60 ppl)
3. Hands On Project – bring small umbrella or drinks for childrens home in Baxley
4. Meansville Childrens' Home – March 15 – Felicia & Mikayla

### Meansville Children's home

#### Birthdays:

Melissa 6 Aug 17 years old

Felicia 6 Mar 15 years old

Patricia 4 Jan 16 years old

Brandi 26 Feb 15 years old

Ashley 5 Aug 16 years old

Amanda 2 May 17 years old

Mikayla 24 Mar 14 years old

Patrice 23 Oct 15 years old

Kathryn 24 Jun 15 years old

Britney – not sure (new girl)

Those interested in taking a trip to

Meansville on March 15 please let me know – Sarah

5. Upcoming Project: Habitat for Humanity: Received letter from Andrew United Methodist Church asking for assistance at the beginning of 2008.
6. Migrant Ministry – May 1 at Central Baptist in evening – health kit donation items (soap, deodorant, shampoo, disposable razors, toothbrush/paste, comb, washcloths, gallon size zip bags, shaving cream)
7. Migrant Meal – July 10<sup>th</sup> provide meal

## Treasurer Notes: Kitty:

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Secretary Notes: Please provide Ms. Shauna with any updates to addresses and phone numbers.

### March Birthdays

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

Pat J.– 2nd  
Gerri S. – 6<sup>th</sup>  
Sherrie R.



### Scheduled SOS Meeting Places:

March – Cathy Douglas

April – Nancy B.

May – Eat out

June –

July –

August –

September – Eat Out

October – Cathie L.

November – Pat J.

December – Ann S.

## Upcoming Events

### Georgia WMU:

www.georgiawmu.org:

March 2-9

Season of Prayer of North American Missions

March 7-9

JOURNEY

Epworth by the Sea, St. Simon's Island

March 23 - Easter

April 18-19

Hispanic Pastors' Wives Retreat  
Williamson, GA

April 24-27

National Missionary Parents Retreat; IMB International Learning Center  
Rockville, VA

April 26

GA Extravaganza; Perry, Georgia

May 9-10

Executive Board Meeting  
GBMMC, Duluth

May 10

TSR Trip Training GBMMC,  
Duluth

May 16-17

Infinite Grace

Jacksonville Veterans Memorial  
Arena

Womenoffaith.com

888-49-FAITH

May 16-17

Hispanic Women's Retreat  
Camp Pinnacle Conference &  
Retreat Center  
Clayton, GA

June 8

National WMU Annual Meeting

June 9-11

Southern Baptist Convention

June 17-20

CWJC Level 1 Training  
Columbus

## *Websites – related*

### *Ministries:*

[www.gabaptist.org](http://www.gabaptist.org)

[www.wmu.com](http://www.wmu.com)

[www.lifeway.com/women](http://www.lifeway.com/women)

[www.namb.net](http://www.namb.net)

[www.imb.org](http://www.imb.org)