

THE CHRISTIAN OBSERVER

JUNE 2009

Silver Lake Baptist Church

Lord, thank you for fathers and their places in the life of the family. Grant that the fathers of the church and our nation shall learn and accept the unique role you have given to them. Give them spiritual discernment to lead their children to know God as Father through faith in Thee. We pray that fathers will have the wisdom to express your truth in such a way that their home will be a lesson to express your truth in such a way that their home will be a heaven on earth because you are in it. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

I am excited about what God is doing here at Silver Lake Baptist Church. From the first moment we visited to the time Pastor Furr asked me to serve as Minister of Education, I have sensed the Holy Spirit truly alive within the members of this church and ready to go to the next level in their Christian faith. The Scriptures teach that a Christian is to grow in grace and maturity to be more Christ like and I am excited to have the opportunity to serve, along with each of you, in this amazing opportunity.

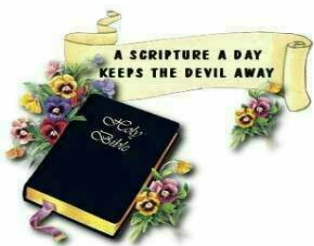
I am a graduate of Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary with a Master's Degree in Christian Education and have had the honor of serving as Minister of Education/Student Minister at two churches and Sr. Teaching Pastor of another. I say that with a humble heart as I understand that teaching the Bible involves far more than simply giving out information about the Bible. Bible teaching is ministering to people where they are, expanding their notion of what it means to live faithfully before God, helping them cast aside old self-defeating habits (man-this speaks to me!), replace them with habits of holiness, and help the application of biblical principles to a 'students' life.

The church provides training opportunities so believers, from our pre-school children to our children to our Sr. adults, are challenged to experience growth. I believe in 'high expectations' of all people in all circumstances and as **Ephesians 4:12-13** commands of us, we are here to **"equip the saints for the work of service..."** We are excited about revamping certain classes here at Silver Lake Baptist Church in our Sunday School, Wednesday night services and other avenues to ensure that our teaching is answering two questions **(1)** what did a passage mean to the original audience and **(2)** more importantly, what does it mean to us today. What difference is this passage suppose to make in my life?

I have met so many wonderful people here and truly am pleased to be able to serve Christ here at SLBC. I firmly believe that the Deacons are special men, that Jacob and Vickery Jackson have started an outstanding Youth Ministry and are pouring into the lives of the teenagers in a mighty way, that David has the praise band leading us to the throne each Sunday morning, Gayle Tipper and Melynda Powers have the children's department heading in the right direction, Sunday School teachers are making a difference each week, and Pastor Furr is truly a man of God's favor! May we always choose the harder right than the easier wrong as we strive to serve our Savior in a mighty way.



"All you have in life is your word, your handshake and the image you portray."



Sincerely,
Pastor Chris Gregg
Minister of Education

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WEEKLY OPPORTUNITES

Sunday

9:45am: Sunday School
11:00am: Worship Service

Services for the hearing impaired are provided every Sunday morning at 11:00am

Wednesday

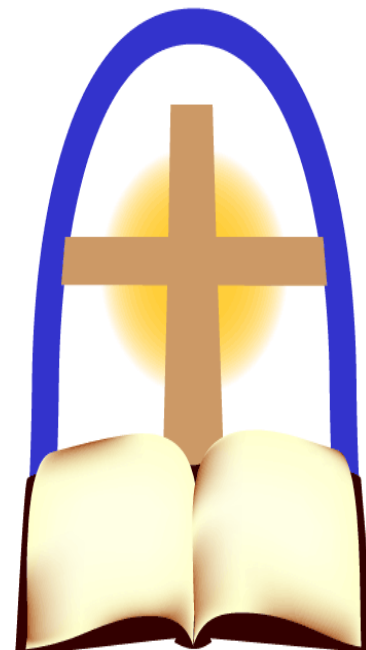
7:00pm Adult Bible Study
7:00pm Children's Ministry
7:00pm Youth Meeting

A nursery is provided for the 11:00am Worship service for children ages birth through three years old.

Thursday

11:00am Bible Study

"Christianity is not a religion, it's a relationship with God."



UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 2:** 7:00pm - Council Meeting
June 13: 7:00pm - Promise Land Music Ministries and the Silver Lake Band Summer Concert with special guest Jeri and Larry Mercer and Landmark Quartet
June 14: Flag Day
June 15: Youth trip to Ft. Caswell
June 18: 12:00pm - WMU Meeting
June 21: Father's Day
June 28: 2:30pm - Autumn Care Nursing Home Visit

***On Wednesday nights beginning at 6:00pm the Youth and Brotherhood will alternate in serving dinner.**



Summer Camp at Camp Dixie

- June 14th - 19th: Kids Camp Grades 2 -4
 June 21st - 26th: Junior Camp Grades 5- 6
 June 28th - July 3rd: Teen Camp Intermediate Grades 7—8
 July 5th—10th: Senior Camp Grades

OUR WMU

The month of May was busy for the WMU ladies. Several ladies attended the Spring Meeting of all churches in our Association on May 5th. On May 7th, we put our feet to our Intercession prayers and became Prayer walkers. We walked around the Church Property interceding for the people of our church. Pray Walking simply involves praying while you walk. Later, we went to Hugh McRae Park and joined others that met to pray for our Country. It was National Prayer Day. This month we will be making Baked Goods for CHRISTIAN WOMEN JOB CORP. CWJC helps women in need one on one. These ladies with the help of a Mentor learn job skills and pull themselves up to become self-supporting. She learns that God loves her. Do you know high school or college students that may be interested in Short Term Missions Opportunities? For more information visit: www.answerthecall.net or call 1-800-462-8657 ext. 6476.

The BABY BOTTLES are still coming in. A special THANK YOU for giving so generously.

Short-term Missions Opportunities for Students Through the NORTH AMERICAN MISSION BOARD

OPPORTUNITIES FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS;

SOJOURNERS are high school students who have completed either their junior or senior year. They work with missionaries in church planting and evangelism projects in the US and Canada in a variety of settings.

Basic facts: must be an active member of a Southern Baptist church; must have minimum 2.0 GPA; serves 4-10 weeks during the summer; will receive travel allowances, insurance, and \$50 honorarium per week from NAMB; room and board provided at the place of service.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS:

Summer missionaries are college students who have completed at least one year of college. They assist local churches, campus ministries, and NAMB missionaries with church planting and evangelism usually through community ministries. Summer missionaries primarily minister to teenagers, assist with campus ministries, or church planting.

Basic facts: must have a minimum 2.0 GPA; must be an active member of a Southern Baptist church; serves from 4-10 weeks between May and August; will receive travel allowance, insurance, and \$75 per week from NAMB; room and board are provided at the place of service.

INNOVATORS are college students who have completed at least one year of college. They work at a secular job while assisting local ministries in church planting and evangelism. Innovators are students who desire a hands-on experience of taking their Christian witness to the work place.

Basic facts: must be self-funded (through secular jobs at their place of service); must have a minimum 2.0 GPA; term of service varies; may be members of a non-Southern evangelical church.

SEMESTER MISSIONARIES: are college students who have completed at least on year of college. They assist NAMB missionaries and local churches, as well as campus ministries with church planting and evangelism.

Basic facts: must have a minimum 2.0 GPA; serves from one to five semesters; receive travel allowance, insurance, and monthly honorarium from NAMB (must be an active member of a Southern Baptist church to receive honorarium); must not have been out of school more than six months at time of application.



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I AM YOUR FLAG

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I was born on June 14th, 1777.

I am more than just cloth shaped into a design.

I am the refuge of the World's oppressed people.

I am the emblem of the greatest nation on earth.

I am the inspiration for which American
Patriots gave their lives and fortunes.

I have led your sons into battle from Valley Forge
To the bloody swamps of Viet Nam.

I walk in silence with each of your Honored Dead,
To their final resting place beneath the
Silent White Crosses, row upon row.

I have flown through Peace and War, Strife and
Prosperity, and amidst it all I have been respected.

My Red Stripes...symbolize the blood spilled
In defense of this glorious nation.

My White Striped...signify the burning
Tears shed by Americans who lost their sons.

My Blue Field...is indicative of God's
Heaven under which I fly.

My Stars...clustered together, unify
50 States as one, for God and Country.

"Old Glory" is my nickname,
And proudly I wave on high.

Honor me, respect me, defend me with
Your lives and your fortunes

Never let my enemies, tear me down from my
Lofty position, lest I never return.

Keep alight the fires of patriotism, strive
Earnestly for the spirit of democracy.

Worship Eternal God and keep His commandments,
And I shall remain the bulwark of peace
And freedom for all mankind.

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NURSERY SCHEDULE

- June 7:** Jessie Britt
Maida Martin
- June 14:** Jessica Camburger
Lisa Gregg
- June 21:** Sue Sigmon
Helen McClain
- June 28:** Madelyn Hoffman
Judy Proctor



Children's Church Schedule

- June 7:** Chris and Lisa Gregg
- June 14:** Gayle and Larry Tipper
- June 21:** Gayle Tipper
Katrina Dellinger and
Dillon Long
- June 28:** Keri Proctor and
Randall Schiavone

Soft Ball Team



If you are a male or female interested in being on a softball team, please contact Pastor Lenier Furr at (910)470-9777.

Brotherhood

To all men at Silver Lake Baptist Church. All interested in being involved in the Brotherhood please email or call:

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Or

Larry Tipper
(910)508-9505

Email: hhmassagenc@gmail.com



- June 12** Diann Hayes
- June 14** Adam Swain
- June 18** Lee Dewyea
- June 21** Kaci Powers
- June 29** Patti Roseman

- June 19** Frank and Barbara Coley
- June 28** Walt and Renie Holeman

Did You Know?

That our church steeple was replaced and was a gift by Baltimore Baptist Church in Fairmont on March 30, 1999.



Children's Church

By Gayle Tipper

Children's Church is gong great! We refer to it as "Worship Kidstyle". The children are having their very own Sunday Worship Service and are supporting other activities in the church. They made Angel banks and filled them with change for "Pennies for Jesus" and as a group put their money in the red wagon in the sanctuary last fall. Recently (photos above) they made pictures that were displayed in the Fellowship Hall on Civil Servants Day to honor our local civil servants. On May 9 in conjunction with the Yard Sale, Children's Church had a bake sale that raised \$65 for the Building Fund. If you have any questions about Children's Church or would like to volunteer in any way, please contact me at 508-9504 or email gtipper@ec.rr.com



A GODLY FATHER

God had something special in mind when He made the first father. He assigned him a specific role in life. All of a father's activities are measured against that standard.

A little boy needs a father. He needs someone to teach him how to be a man, to take him by the hand and lead him through the maze of life, to teach him to be strong, gentle, loving, and to be a defender of the right.

A little girl needs a father, too. She needs a father to protect her, to counsel her on life's problems, to teach her how to be a woman.

The home needs a father to service as provider, protector, spiritual leader, and counselor. While the world seldom hears what a father says to his children, the effects of his counsel will be felt by the next generation, and the next, and the next.

The Bible has these words of instruction for fathers: "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church" (Eph. 5:25). "Fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord" (Eph. 6:4).

Being a father is a wonderful experience. Being a good father is an even greater joy. But being a Christian father who honors God by the way he cares for his family is the greatest joy of all.

FORMULA FOR A STRONG NATION

I know three things must always be
 To keep a nation strong and free
 One is a hearthstone bright and dear,
 With busy, happy loved ones near.
 One is ready heart and hand
 To love, and serve, and keep the land.
 One is a worn and beaten way
 To where the people go to pray.
 So long as these are kept alive,
 Nation and people will survive.
 God, keep them always, everywhere-
 The home, the heart, the place of prayer.



"A good battle plan that you can act on today can be better than a perfect one tomorrow."

-Gen. George S. Patton

Deacons' Corner



As June approaches and Father's Day nears, a day set aside to honor our earthly fathers, I begin to reflect on what it means to be a father.

Right now I have a son that is about to become a freshman at college, a daughter that will be a senior in high school and another daughter that will start kindergarten. I am proud of each of them for the things that they have accomplished so far in their lives. There are also times where I'm not so proud of the choices they make. To be perfectly honest with you, I have been downright upset with them on more than one occasion. But no matter what happens, no matter what they do, my love for them has not diminished.

It is at these times I contemplate about how much our heavenly father loves us. John 3:16 states "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." God's love for us is an unconditional love, a boundless love, a love beyond comprehension. He loves us no matter what we do and his forgiveness cannot be measured. It is thru this love that I think the Lord shows us what it takes to be a father.

Think of this the next time your child does something to upset you. Remember the love that God has shown you and then show your child how much you love them.

God Bless each of you,
Darrin Powers

Baby Mia Update



Dear Friends,

There is so much news to tell you about Mia and our family, that we hardly know where to begin! Your calls and concern for how she is doing are always uplifting and we thank you.

We had a very quiet Christmas in Castle Hayne with family. In January, there was an EB (Epidermolysis Bullosa) weekend at Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida. It was the first really long trip we have taken since Mia was born and she did well. We were given free tickets for the family, which could be used at any of the theme parks. Although Mia (because of her age and condition) and I (because I was expecting) were limited in what we could ride. Casey and Byron rode lots of rides. My sister Beverly and her family were with us too. We visited with other EB parents and really enjoyed the time away! Unfortunately, after we came home Mia came down with strep throat and the flu (which Byron and I also got). She even had to go into the hospital because she had gotten dehydrated. We all bounced back and are doing well now.



EB trip to Disneyworld - Mia meets Minnie



I've got ears!

On February 4th, Mia turned two years old. We had a small party this year with just family and some close friends. She is a very curious child. New toys and turning the pages of books always interest her and she still loves to play anything musical. Everywhere she goes she "tap, tap, taps", so maybe she will grow up to be a musician. She is constantly humming and has a quirky sense of humor.

She currently has four therapists and six therapy sessions a week. She is very serious about the sessions and works very hard. The pictures below show her standing (for brief periods) and working with shapes and other toys. Mia has physical (2), occupational (1), speech (2) and cognitive development (1) therapies. She is beginning to take 3-4 steps by herself, but still is not talking. Her eye has not corrected itself, so the next visit to the eye doctor will probably result in a decision of whether or not to operate.

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*Mia gets ready to put money
in the pig*



Mia working with pop-up
figures

Mia is now a big sister, Sophia Daye Holland was born (3 weeks early) on April 3rd. Mia was curious about the baby when she first saw her and does not seem to be jealous. Of course, the rest of the family is sleep-deprived since Sophie wakes up every 2-3 hours to be fed. Mia herself has only slept through the night about 5-6 times since she was born, but she generally wakes up only once a night because she has become uncomfortable.

This year was the first Easter she could look for Easter eggs...but she either wanted to play with the grass or put the eggs back in the grass instead of her basket.



Mia and Casey with little sister



1st Egg Hunt - Oh! There's something in it!

Now that summer is approaching, we are concerned about the heat affecting Mia's skin. We are putting Mia in some light-weight, lined pants and tops we have special-made without the bandage "suits" she has been wearing. We are not covering her legs and soon hope to leave off the top bandages as well. It will be so much cooler for her in hot weather and we hope that letting more air get to the "boo boos" will help them heal faster. Mia is still blistering and requires the 1-1 1/2 hour dressing every morning to pop blisters, bathe, oil her down and bandage/dress her. The first 30-40 minutes are very difficult for her and both she and Becky still need prayers!

The biggest need we have is for continued prayer for Mia. She still endures a lot of pain during the dressing change and we pray that her condition will improve to the point that the dressing each morning is much less painful, that she will blister less, and take less time. It is difficult to care for Sophie during the dressing change. Between about 8:30 or 9:00 and 10:30am, it would be such a blessing to have an additional person with us in case Sophie needs to eat, have her diaper changed, or just be held. A nurse that comes one morning a week to help. Byron can usually help one or two mornings a week and other relatives are trying to be there to help care of Sophie while I do the dressing change. However our parents help a lot with doctor's appointments, etc. so if anyone would like to come by and help once or twice a month, please give me a call. It would truly be a blessing!

As always, we thank God for your prayers and support for Mia and our whole family. Your witness to God's love is strong and very visible to us and those who know Mia. Please continue to pray for the following:

- >That God would continue his healing work in her.
- >That the dressing change would be less painful for her.
- >That Mia's eye (which does not look out straight) will be corrected.
- >That Mia continues to improve in all areas of her life and be protected from disease.

Your prayers and support have encouraged and strengthened us. God continues to provide for our needs and He continues to work through his people. Thank you...and Mia's grandparents Ralph & Connie and Roy & Bebe Brewton thank you also!

Feel free to contact us at home and come by for a visit:

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A SMILE

A Smile costs nothing,
but it gives so much.
It enriches those who give it.
It takes but a moment, but
The memory sometimes last forever.
None is so rich or mighty,
That he can get along without it.
A Smile creates happiness in the home,
Promotes good will bin business, and
Is the corner stone of friendship.
It can perk up the weary,
Bring cheer to the discouraged,
Sunshine to the sad, and
Is natures' best antidote for trouble.
A Smile cannot be bought, begged, or stolen.
It is something that is of no value, to anyone
Until it is given away.

Learn to laugh; a laugh is better than medicine.

Learn to mind your own business; few people can handle their own well.

Learn to tell a story; a well-told story is like a sunbeam in a sickroom.

Learn to say kind things; nobody ever resents them.

Learn to stop grumbling; if you can't see any good in the world, keep the bad to yourself.

Learn to love other people; this is a doorway to the kingdom.

Learn to place yourself in the other person's position before condemning; it might change your whole outlook.

Learn the great lessons of the Bible; no greater lessons can be learned.

June is here and with it comes vacations, summer fun and many responsibilities. I trust you will have a great summer and include church whether away or at home. Remember God never takes a vacation. Wherever you go for vacation, attend Sunday School and Church.

I'm excited to be a part of this different type of church God is putting together. I see a deepening in your prayer life, giving and love for one another. Lately some pressures have been upon us. This truly tested our love, devotion and steadfastness in the Lord. Together we have become stronger and more eager to move forward for the cause of Christ.

I am amazed at the number of children and young people we have an opportunity to minister to. I feel God has chosen this church for this ministry. After all, they are the future of our church's success.

The vacation season brings many people to our beaches, many of them looking for a church to attend while on vacation. These vacationers will be looking for you to be here in your place, in your church as they come to worship. Don't let them down, be faithful to God, your church and our visitors this summer. Come to Sunday School on time, stay for worship services and be here Sunday and Wednesday nights. God will bless you for your faithfulness. Enjoy the beaches on Saturday, enjoy the fellowship of your church family on Sunday.

I look forward to a busy fun filled summer here at Silver Lake. Don' miss a single event. God has great things in store for us this summer, so let's be in the right place at the right time to take advantage of everything He has in store for you and me.

May God bless and keep you this summer. As we serve Him together.

Committed to His service,
Sue Riggs