

THE CHRISTIAN OBSERVER

Silver Lake Baptist Church

Mothers can find all the guidance, direction and encouragement they need in God's Holy Word, the Bible. My personal favorite piece of Scripture for this purpose is the Second Epistle of John. John wrote this letter to "The Elect Lady", which scholars believe is the Church. However, I prefer to think that John is talking to Mothers of a Christian Home. In this letter, Mothers can find praise for service, wisdom, guidance and words of caution. John begins by saying he is happy to hear that her children are walking in the truth. God holds us responsible for our children; we must teach them God's Commandments, and rebuke them when they stray from those teachings. God rebukes us when we fail to teach our children. But I believe that we must not stop at merely teaching; we must show by our own actions how God wants us to be LOVING, TOLERANT and LOYAL. John reminds us of the ageless Commandment to "Love one another". We must "walk in Love...walk in obedience to God's Commandments". We must put our children's needs before our own. John then warns us to guard our homes against the influences of this world and the temptations of the Devil. This modern day is full of idols that Lure our children away from God; money, power, drugs, material possessions. God knows that we have a need for money and material possessions, but is when we put a Love and desire for these things above our Love for Him that idol worship begins. It is very important for us to teach our children that these things are necessary and good, but only when we keep God first and give Him all the glory.

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PASTOR'S GREETINGS

What an exciting time to be a part of Silver Lake Baptist Church. The renovations are in full swing and will be near completion by the time this newsletter is written. I would like to thank everyone that has worked, given of their time and resources to make our church a better place to worship our God and to proclaim His word. We have saw many new faces join us at Silver Lake over the past year. With them comes new talent and new ideas. In the very near future, hopefully the third quarter we will revamp our Sunday school system, to better meet the needs of a growing congregation. The courses that we hope to implement will have greater significance in this ever changing world we live in for both young and old alike. We are hoping to implement a new service at 9am, a contemporary praise and worship to attract

that segment of the population. It will feature new music, but the same gospel message. We must reach out to all people, young and old alike with this good news of Jesus Christ. Sunday School will start at 10:10am and run to 10:50am. Then our regular service will begin at 11:00am. With a growing church comes a growing need for workers in His kingdom. I have said this before, Noah had his day, Paul had his day, and this is our time. God has no less confidence in us, than he did in them. Let us all roll up our sleeves and help make Silver Lake the best it can possibly be. I could not think of a better group of people to accomplish this task than the people of Silver Lake. Be in prayer for your church and it's leaders, look for ways to serve your church and fellow man.

God Bless,
Pastor Furr



"Honor your father and mother, that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you".

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WEEKLY OPOORTUNITIES

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

10:00am Women's Bible Study



UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 4:** WMU Spring Meeting
May 5: **7:00pm** Council Meeting
May 9: **8:00am - 12:00pm** Church Yard Sale
May 10: **Mother's Day**
May 13th & 27th: **6:00pm** Youth Dinner
May 17: **6:00pm** Business Meeting
May 21: **12:00pm** WMU Meeting
May 24: Autumn Care Nursing Home Visit
May 25: **Memorial Day**
May 30: **2:00pm** Baby Shower for Vickery Jackson (It's a boy)
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 15: Youth Trip to Ft. Caswell



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 9 - 12

Brotherhood

The Brotherhood will serve dinner every other Wednesday night beginning at 6:00pm for \$5 per plate, alternating with the youth to raise money for the building fund. The dates are May 6th and May 20th.



Aug. 7th:

6:30pm - 8:30pm

Aug. 8th:

9:00am - 4:00pm



WMU ANNUAL SPRING MEETING

Tuesday, May 4, 2009

**Wilmington First Baptist Activity Center
Independence Drive, Wilmington**

**Begins with Dinner at 6:00p.m.
(\$5.00 per person)**

Speaker: Caroline Jones, Birmingham, AL
-National WMU Consultant
-former missionary to Chile

Special Music!

Exciting Reports!

Missions & More!

Let's celebrate missions around the world!

Woman's Missionary Union - Wilmington Baptist Association

Nursery Schedule

- May 3:** Helen McClain
Joyce Sledd
- May 10:** Barbara Todd
Patsy Kennedy
- May 17:** Eloise Roseman
Karen Roseman
- May 24:** Ruby Williams
Natasha Johnson
- May 31:** Mary Ellen Smith
Candy Gore

Children's Church Schedule



- May 3:** Chris & Lisa Gregg
- May 10:** Lee & Leandra Dewyea
- May 17:** Judy & Cliff Proctor
- May 24:** Gayle & Larry Tipper
- May 31:** Helen McClain & Jenna
Cartrette



May 6 Mark and Natasha Johnson



- May 4:** Rita Proctor
- May 13:** Tyler Buergey
- May 24:** Jim Smith
- May 29:** Kristen Buergey

Did You Know?

Our sanctuary that was built in 1983 was mostly done by the men of the church?

Softball Team



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

Baby Shower



The WMU will be giving Vickery Jackson a baby shower on Saturday, May 30 at 2:00pm. For more information Dorothy Sampson at 632-6439.



Each Purple Heart shall always be
 A part of freedom's history
 Hold deep inside a fervent pride
 For all who gave, the brave who died
 They showed their best for liberty
 They stood for us with certainty
 Their wound of war, their Purple Heart
 Each dared to care and do their part
 Some bore a wound which took their life
 While others lived past war's honed knife
 True patriots, they faced their call
 To keep our nation strong for all
 Deep scars of war are carried by
 Those who return, and those who cry
 Pray for the brave, their loved ones too
 Thank God for heroes - all of you



Deacon's Corner



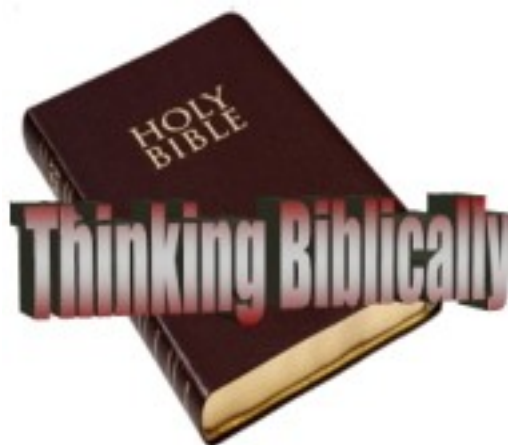
In the past I have found it hard to get going in the morning. Another day of work. Then I would get ill at the radio with it's continuous stream of bad news. This was followed with anger at the driver that cut me off as I headed into town. The following verse tells of if not a complete cure, at least something that made it all a whole lot better.

Psalm 59:16 (King James Version)

16But I will sing of thy power; yea, I will sing aloud of thy mercy in the morning: for thou hast been my defense and refuge in the day of my trouble.

My wife and I get up in the morning and turn on the music. Before long we are singing along to the songs. It is hard to be feeling down when you have a song of praise in your heart. Then on the way to work we turn on a CD and sing some more. I find when I have a song of joy in my heart it is difficult to get angry at the drivers that used to fill me with anger. While I am at work and out on the road I turn on the music once again. I can not get angry at the bad news on the talk radio if I am not listening to it. Music and singing praises to our Lord does not fix all of my problems but it sure makes them a whole lot more bearable. So find some songs that you like and start singing. I think it will make your day a whole lot brighter.

Jim Smith



Baby Mia's Update

WMU members of Silver Lake Baptist Church would like to tell you about a mission project that we took on beginning in March 2007.

My name is Brenda Hunt. One day my husband came from the bank with a flyer about a little baby that was born, Mia, with a rare skin disease called Epidermolysis Bullosa, better known as EB. EB patients have skin as fragile as a butterfly's wing which can blister at the slightest touch, even from a Mother's cuddle. Normal day to day life can cause constant pain and scarring. Mia's mother, Becky, was an employee of the bank and they were collecting items and money for the baby's daily care. Becky had to quit her job to take care of baby Mia. My husband wanted to know if I thought there was anything that the church could do to help. We were having a WMU meeting that night so I presented it at the meeting and we adopted Mia as our project for that month.

Between May 23rd - June 7th, we had collected \$768.10. God had blessed us and I was so excited to deliver this money to Becky and to see Mia for the first time. She was so little and covered with blisters from head to toe. They had to hold her on a "chuck" covered with Vaseline upon a pillow. Two other ladies went with me and when we left there, I just knew that we had to continue our mission for Mia and her family. We presented this to the other ladies at the next meeting and I agreed to be in charge. I put a collection box at church to collect items for her daily care and off we went. In addition, I started approaching businesses to put collection jars in their stores. We also keep a constant prayer chain going for Mia and her family because they have on going problems with staph infections. Also Mia's daily care consist of popping each blister all over her body, draining them, and then removing this skin with tweezers. This process takes one to two hours every morning depending on how many blisters she has that day. This is a very painful experience for Mia physically and mentally for Becky, to have to put her through this every morning of her life but it has to be done. After this is done, she has to put her in a bleach bath to kill infection. Then she applies special ointment and bandages to cover her wounds. Mia is not able to wear clothes like other babies and her blankets had to be made out of special material so not to irritate her skin.

Now Becky does the dressing change in about 1 1/2 hours. Mia's blisters still need to be popped, but she does not have to be greased up as much. Becky uses Emu oil mixed with Baby Oil and polysporin on only the deeper wounds. Then she puts the bandage around Mia's chest, puts some cut off baby tights on to protect her from the diaper, diapers her, then a new special 2-piece outfit made out of the bandage material is put on. This new outfit has been a blessing because now Mia can wear loose fitting outfit over the bandage which protects her skin. Mia is trying to crawl (which is very hard on her knees and hands). She works with a physical therapist two - three days a week. They just found in early July that Mia is extremely far-sighted and this has probably had an impact on some of her physical development. She is being fitted with glasses. This is causing some new problems, but Mia is resilient. She is a very bright little child, but has a long way to go to catch up with other children her age.

Byron, Becky and Casey have been brought together as a family and have been strengthened in their faith as they have seen how God has used Mia's condition. So many prayers and so many caring people have touched their lives and God has been glorified through everything that has happened.

When we first started supporting Mia, she was a couple of months old. Now she is eighteen months and she has really made a lot of progress with her motor skills and her social emotional skills. She has to go through so much but she is a very happy and well adjusted baby.

Mia has just become a an older sister to her younger and very healthful baby sister Sophia who was born in April. Mia just ignores her for the time being, mainly because the baby sleeps a lot and Becky does not know yet if jealousy is an issue right now. Becky says, what ever the case, the baby is there and that Mia has competition ahead of her.

Mia has touched a lot of hearts and we feel very blessed to be such a big part of her life. God has given us through this precious child which he has sent us for a reason.

If you would like any more information on Mia and her family, feel free to contact Brenda Hunt at (910)799-8228 or(910)599-3872.

Your sister in Christ,
Brenda Hunt

Pictures Of Mia





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Our condolences goes out to Kevin Merritt and his family for his mother Georgia Yarborough Merritt who went to be with the Lord on April 22, 2009. We pray the love of God enfolds you during your journey through grief. We send you thoughts of comfort.

We're on the web!
www.Silverlakebaptist.com

CONGRATULATIONS



Tim Russell has many talents, he has been our fantastic drummer for two and half years, on September 07, 2008, he was ordained as a deacon and on March 29, 2009 was called to preach and was licensed at Silver Lake Baptist Church. Tim Russell has two daughters named Alyssa and Brooklyn and is the proud son of Linda Russell.