

# THE CHRISTIAN OBSERVER

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Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteous shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

Psalm 37:5-6

“Teaching them to Observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you.”

Mat. 29:20



## WELCOME TO OUR NEWSLETTER

This issue of The Christian Observer contains exciting and encouraging things that we are experiencing in our church. There is a real move of God among our people. The plan of God is at work among the people here at Silver Lake Baptist Church. If you have missed some services lately, you have missed a blessing, but those services can be heard on our church website at [www.Silverlakebaptist.com](http://www.Silverlakebaptist.com). The attendance has been good and the spirit high; adding these together, equals excitement. We are witnessing God in action in the lives of many people, resulting in spiritual growth; closer walks with God; some having been healed spiritually; others have received physical healing; habits of the flesh have been forsaken; and some have been set free from the bondage of Satan; others are being moved into our church from the North, South, the East and the West, those that God has ordained a part of this church; several who have not been active in this church for some time are back and others are coming back soon. Let's all join together, letting God lead and see what he has in store for us.

I am excited about what God is doing here at Silver Lake Baptist Church. Our continued growth depends upon each one working together, to provide the best teaching, training and Godly atmosphere for worship. As we do our part, our example will encourage others to desire to be a part of Silver Lake Baptist Church.

Pastor: Lenier Furr  
Youth Directors: Vickery and Jacob Jackson  
Children's Church Coordinator: Gayle and Larry Tipper  
Deacons: Richard Hayes (Chairman)  
Arthur Hoffman  
Darrin Powers  
Cliff Proctor  
Jim Smith  
Tim Russell

### Our Musicians:

Piano: David Pardue/Mike Rhodes  
Drums: Tim Russell  
Electric Piano: Diann Hayes/Mike Rhodes  
Acoustic Guitar: Jeff Carter  
Harmonica: Billy Slane  
Base Guitar: Ernie Gore/Candy Gore  
Newsletter Editor: Sue Riggs  
Treasurer: Sue Sigmon



*PRAYER: I want to be a faithful and devout servant, O Lord, doing all that is required of me, using my talents in the best possible way. Help me to do what is right, keep me diligent, and turn me away from the temptation to avoid my responsibilities. Amen.*

If you see someone without a smile, give him or her one of yours.

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### WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

#### Sunday

- 10:00am Sunday School
- 11:00am Sunday Worship

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

#### Wednesday

- 7:00pm Adult Bible Study/Prayer
- 7:00pm Children's Meeting
- 7:00pm Youth Meeting

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



#### Thursday

- 10:00am Women's Bible Study

### PASTOR'S GREETINGS



The song says, I'm so glad I'm part of the family of God. We can all agree that indeed it is a blessing from God Himself. Salvation is the greatest of all the blessings that a human can obtain. However, to be a part of the family of God, has to be a close second.

As you take time to look at this newsletter, may we offer up our thanks to God above for our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ that fill each page. A loving, concerned church family is worth more than anything we could ever obtain on our own. Yet, the greatest thing about God's family is that it is never full, there is always room for more.

I would like to take this time and thank God that I serve and the people of Silver Lake for such a great place to call home. It's my prayer that we all grow in His grace and love and continue in his favor.

Pastor Furr

### OUR WMU



*World Missions*

The Baptist Women, who is led by Eloise Roseman, have enjoyed an increase in the number attending the monthly meetings on Thursdays, and had great times of prayer and fellowshiping.

Each month the Baptist Women meet to pray for our Home and Foreign Missionaries, as well as plan activities designed to bring the members of the Church and visitors together in fellowship.

Women's Missionary Union Called to love is our theme for 2008-2009. This is our emphasis as we focus on all that we are about as Followers of Christ. God has instructed us to go forth into all the world with the good news of Jesus Christ, adopting a lifestyle of missions. But God would have us to serve in missions for loftier reasons than just blind obedience. WE DO MISSIONS BECAUSE...Spreading the gospel brings glory to God. We believe in God's cause. People matter to God. Missions is a privilege. When we do missions we represent Jesus Christ. If you are a lady member of the church, you are a member of WMU. We meet the third Thursday of each month at 12:00pm after the Ladies Bible Study at the church. If there is an interest, we could meet at night also. Each month we choose a mission or need and the church body generously provides. In addition, several times during the year special offerings are given to missions. Our next special is Annie Armstrong starting in March and our goal is \$1000. We currently have 3 on-going missions: Baby Mia and the HEMMED IN PRAYER little girls dresses and our goal is to make 50 dresses. We have 3 care boxes going to extended family serving in the military. Coming soon will be news of an OFFERING of LETTERS and how each one of us can seek God's justice for hungry people of the world. Ladies come join us!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**March 3: 7:00pm** - Council Meeting

**March 8:**

**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME (Spring forward)**

**March 13-14:**

WMU Ft. Caswell prayer retreat

**March 15: 6:00pm** - Business Meeting

**March 19: 12:00pm** - WMU Meeting

**March 21: 11:00am - 3:00pm**

Church Fundraiser for our sanctuary . Promise Land Music Ministries with The Silver Lake Band will perform at 12:00pm. BBQ plates will be sold for \$6.00 per plate.

**March 22: 2:30pm:**

Autumn Care Nursing Home visit

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

March 1: Barbara Todd

Patsy Kennedy

March 8: Eloise Roseman

Karen Roseman

March 22: Ruby Williams

Natasha Johnson

March 29: Mary Ellen Smith

Candy Gore



March 3: Gerri Wallace

March 5: Derrick Callis

Roger Martin

March 10: Pastor Lenier Furr

Barbara Jordan

March 12: Madelyn Proctor

March 13: Walt Holeman

March 19: Renee Merritt

March 27: Erenn Harootian

March 30: Delaney Pardue

For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of sound mind.

2 Timothy 1:7



## Reminders



The Baptist Association's food bank is always in need of non-perishable food items. Please place donated items in the basket in the entry way.

Please continue to bring items to be sent to members of our church family who are in the military and have been deployed. If you prefer, you may make cash donations to help off set the cost of postage. Place your donation in an envelope marked "Postage/WMU" and place in the offering plate. For more information on items that are needed, please contact Eloise Roseman at 791-1770.

March through Easter will be our next special offering for Annie Armstrong.

Our monthly visit to Autumn Care Nursing Home is on the fourth Sunday of each month at 2:30 pm. Please plan to join us there for an hour of praise and worship with the residents.

Funds are needed to cover the cost of the renovation that is planned for the church. There are fundraising projects being planned. One is to sponsor a sanctuary chair. For comments or fund raising ideas please see Natasha Johnson.

## Children's Church



March 1: Ruby Williams  
Elizabeth Williams

March 8: Natasha Johnson  
David Robbins

March 15: Lee Dewyea  
Randall Schiavone

March 22: Gayle Tipper  
Larry Tipper

March 29: Helen McClain  
Jenna Cartrette



March 18:  
Darrin and Melynda Powers

## Youth News

March 1: Advance tickets for the Wednesday night dinners will be available for purchase. See Vickery in the fellowship hall after Sunday Morning Service for tickets. The ticket price is \$5. Tickets or donations will be accepted.

March 4th and 18th: Youth Dinner.

March 6-8: Youth Ski Trip  
The Youth will be leaving Friday afternoon on March 6 and will return on Sunday afternoon March 8. For more information contact Vickery Jackson at 520-7780 or Jacob Jackson at 520-6048.

## Did You Know?

Silver Lake Baptist Church has had pastors in the past that was named:

Pastor White  
Pastor Wright  
Pastor Hester  
Pastor Tester

And that's that.



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**A Toast from Ireland**  
May you be poor in misfortune  
Rich in blessings  
Slow to make enemies  
Quick to make friends  
But rich or poor,  
Quick or slow,  
May you know nothing but happiness  
From this day forward.



Most of us have heard the old saying “March comes in like a lion but goes out “Like a Lamb”. I am unsure as to where this old adage came from but I was led to see how much fun I could have trying to apply it to our Biblical Principles.

I broke into my Concordance with pen in hand, looking first, to find how a Lion was used throughout God’s Holy Word. I found, of course, that many references to a Lion was that bold, strong predator we all are aware of. There were two other uses, one was used by Simon Peter, when he made a comparison in 1 Peter 5:8: “your adversary, the devil, as a roaring Lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour.” Peter is telling Christians to be ever watchful because Satan is always trying to find a way to defeat us. The other reference I found was in Revelations 5:5: John says that when looking for one worthy enough to open the seals, the LION of the tribe of Judah was the only one. This Lion is Jesus.

Then I researched Lamb. In the Old Testament, God told His people to sacrifice young, unblemished Lambs as an offering to Him. The only symbolic reference I found always spoke of Jesus. John the Baptist called Jesus the lamb of God in John 1:29, and it can be found all through New Testament even to Revelations. Jesus is called this because He was the Final Sacrifice. He was crucified, buried and has risen. His blood was shed so God could forgive the sins of all call upon the name of Jesus Christ, so animal sacrifices were no longer necessary to the Christians.

In the Book of Revelations, 5:12 called the One worthy to open the seals the Lamb of God. Revelations tells us that when Jesus comes to take His people Home, Satan will be defeated.

Now, let’s put all these things together in a new way. I’m going to symbolize also. March shall represent the Earth and its inhabitants, while we will not alter the Bible’s symbolisms at all. So then we have Earth, created by God, but Satan is always present to persuade and deceive man. Then God sent His Son to Earth that man might find salvation through Him. Having been the Sacrificial Lamb, Jesus returns to His Father until His return. Upon His return, the Lamb of God will defeat Satan, and He Shall Reign Forevermore.

March-the Earth and man-comes into being with Satan-the Lion. Before the Lion can be defeated, the Lamb must come. The Lion has Lost, cast into the fiery pit. The Lamb of God is now in Supreme Reign. A footnote; the only reference to Jesus as LION was after His return for His People. Isn’t it great when you can turn something non-Christian into Christian? It works equally well with people. TRY IT!

Sue Riggs

## Deacons Corner



### Answered Prayers

How long do you wait for your prayers to be answered? At this time, in our society especially, everything is expected to be now, at this minute, without delay. Just look at our daily lives, microwaves, fast food, instant coffee, even instant grits.

Now with prayer, you must realize, prayers are answered on God's timetable and not our own. Patience is often needed but your prayers will be answered. In Matthew 21:22, Jesus said, And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive. Take into consideration these examples of patience from the Bible.

Please take time to look up these, you may be surprised at what you find.

### Daniel Chapter 10

Genesis 18:9-18:15, 21:1-21:8, (note: Despite their age--Abraham was 100 and Sarah was 90 (Genesis 17:17)--God miraculously fulfilled His promise made 25 years earlier (Genesis 12:4,7) to give them a son. Furthermore, the promise was fulfilled at the "time appointed" He had promised (Genesis 18:14).)

Genesis 50:24, Exodus 2:23-4:17

Just a few of many, keep faith in God, pray often, and above all, believe.

Cliff Proctor