

THE CHRISTIAN OBSERVER

Silver Lake Baptist Church

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come into your presence today with hearts full of thanksgiving. God, you are exalted above all things and are worthy of praise. We give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness. Your mercy, loving kindness, forgiveness and grace are beyond measure.

At this season of thanksgiving, may we remember that every good and perfect gift comes from you, Lord. Your outpouring of blessings to us should remind us of our responsibility to others. Let us be your hands and feet to reach out and care for those who are hurting and less fortunate. Let us be your ambassadors as we tangibly share the love of God with others.

Thank you for your Son, Jesus Christ, and may we walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him in every good work.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

Love,

Sue Riggs



1 Chronicles 16:8
Give thanks to the
LORD, call on his
name; make known
among the nations
what he has done.

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SUNDAY:

9:30am - 10:20am	Sunday School
10:30am	Worship Service (Nursery Available)
10:30am	Children's Church
10:30am	Children's Church for 2 - 4 years old thru 4th grade
4:00pm - 6:30pm	Youth Meeting

Monday:

7:00pm - 8:00pm	Beth Moore Bible Study
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TUESDAY:

6:00pm - 7:00pm	Alcoholic Anonymous Meeting
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WEDNESDAY:

6:00pm:	Wednesday Night Dinner
7:00pm	Adult Bible Study
7:00pm	Youth Meeting
7:00pm - 8:00pm	Team Kid Meeting

THURSDAY:

10:00am	Bible Study
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FRIDAY:

6:00pm - 7:00pm	Alcoholic Anonymous Meeting
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NURSERY SCHEDULE

- Nov. 07:** Lisa Gregg
Chela Craig
- Nov. 14:** Natasha Johnson
Mary Ellen Smith
- Nov. 21:** Barbara Todd
Jessica Patton
- Nov. 28:** Sue Sigmon
Helen McClain



CHILDREN'S CHURCH SCHEDULE

- Nov. 07:** Ruby Williams & Chela Craig
- Nov. 14:** Chris Craig & Elizabeth Williams
- Nov. 21:** Natasha Johnson & Melynda Powers
- Nov. 28:** Michelle Johnson & Carol Kennedy



AFTER SCHOOL/SUMMER

PROGRAM NEEDS ASSESSMENT

We are considering starting an After School/Summer Program here at SLBC beginning next June. It would be helpful if all parent's would complete the "Needs Assessment" form and return it to Gayle Tipper at your earliest convenience. If you need a form, they are located on the table in the vestibule.



- Nov. 07:** James & Jessie Britt

- Nov. 02:** Gloria Robbins
Myrtle Williamson
- Nov. 11:** David Pardue
- Nov. 13:** Alexandria Williams
- Nov. 16:** Royce Ivey
- Nov. 20:** Natasha Johnson
- Nov. 21:** Karen Roseman
- Nov. 24:** Kathy Oxyer
- Nov. 30:** Jacob Jackson



If you would like to help in the Children's Department at Silver Lake Baptist Church, or if you would like more information about any of the Children's programs, please contact our Children's Director at 508-9504 or send an email to kidstyle@silverlakebaptist.com



Children's Church for 2 and 3 year olds is now offered during the morning worship service. For more Information or to volunteer, contact Mary Ellen Smith at 620-5029 or smith.maryellen@gmail.com





Upcoming Events

- Nov. 01: BAPTIST WOMEN WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
- Nov. 05: **11am - 6pm** - Church Fundraiser
- Nov. 07: **DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS**
7:00am - Brotherhood Breakfast
7:00pm - Council Meeting
- Nov. 14: **10:30am Homecoming (No Sunday School)** and Dedication Of Shoeboxes
- Nov. 14 - 21: Week of Prayer for the Annual Offering for the Baptist Children's Of NC.
- Nov. 18: **12:00pm** - WMU Meeting
- Nov. 20: **1:00pm** - Kayla Powers' Baby Shower at the church
- Nov. 21: **6:00pm** - Business Meeting
- Dec. 03: **6:00pm** - Lottie Moon Auction (Please bring new items to be auctioned)
- Dec. 07: **7:00pm** - Council Meeting
- Dec. 12: **12:00pm** - Children's Christmas Party with Adults immediately following the morning worship service and Youth Caroling.
- Dec. 19: **6:00pm** - Business Meeting
7:00pm - The True Story Of Christmas Play performed by the Children Of Silver Lake.



Upcoming Holidays

- Nov. 11: **Veteran's Day**
- Nov. 25: **Thanksgiving Day**

WITHOUT God our week would be:

**Sinday, Mournday, Tearsday,
Wasteday, Thirstday, Fightday,
and Shatterday...**

**Remember - Seven days without
God makes one Weak.**

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DEACON'S CORNER

Darrin Powers



[At the end of this month we will once again celebrate Thanksgiving. For some this is a day filled with turkey and stuffing followed by football. For some this is the day to plan the best way to attack the stores for all of the 'Day After' sales. For some it is the start of the Christmas Season and all of the stresses that go along with it.](#)

Only a few people really take the time on this day to reflect on what they have to be thankful for. O sure, we all say a prayer before we start our Thanksgiving meal, but do we really take the time to thank God for what He has done for us?

The original Thanksgiving was held on December 13, 1621 when Governor William Bradford set this day aside to be a day of feasting and prayer to show the gratitude of the colonists to God that they were still alive. From that time forward, Thanksgiving has been celebrated as a day to give thanks to God for His gracious and sufficient provision. President Abraham Lincoln officially set aside the last Thursday of November, in 1863, "as a day of thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father." In 1941, Congress ruled that after 1941, the fourth Thursday of November be observed as Thanksgiving Day and be a legal holiday.

The Bible is literally filled from cover to cover with scripture relating to thanksgiving. [Psalms 100:4](#) tells us to "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name." [Philippians 4:6](#) says "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God." [1 Thessalonians 5:16-18](#) tells us "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." [1 Timothy 2:1](#) tell us "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men".

Please remember to earnestly thank God for all he has done for you not just on this day, but every day. God bless you.



Thanksgiving- Just in November?

Every step of Jesus' life had led to a hill outside of Jerusalem where he was to die. He knew the prophecies and he knew that he, the Messiah, had to die for the sins for the world. He had told his disciples over and over again that he was going to be killed. BUT now the time had come and his death wasn't just theory anymore, it was reality. Over the past four years of Jesus earthly ministry, I can only imagine all the pleasant times he had w. his followers. They had talked w/ him about the Father, they had laughed, told stories, seen Jesus heal the sick and raise the dead.

I can't help but wonder as the cross drew closer, the good times quickly evaporated and it became a very serious, deathly time for our Lord. The night before he was to die, He asked his best friends to pray for him, but instead, they slept. In a few hours he was going to take on his shoulders, all the ugliness and pain, hatred, selfishness, murder, rape, envy, back stabbing, lies, cheating, stealing, and every other sin of this entire world. As he drug his own cross thru the dusty roads, people taunted him and spit in his face that just compounded his pain. The whip, nails, the thorns that literally tore his flesh as drops of blood rain down his face from his scalp, and the awful thirst made his tongue swell. He was all alone at this moment. In his flesh, Jesus wanted out... But because of his love, he stayed in .

You may be saying Pastor, is this not a passage we look at during Easter? Well, yes but as I look back over my life ***the #1 thing I am most THANKFUL for- Is that my Lord and Savior would go through all that I have just mentioned, and so much more-- for me!*** He did it for you and oh how we all should be so thankful that he did not quit or give up when it got tough. So many of us get going, quit, make up an excuse on why we just have to stop, or just run from the situation if it does not seem easy for us. **THANK YOU JESUS FOR TAKING THE HARDER RIGHT THEN THE EASIER WRONG!**

We have all heard the saying that I am thankful for :

- The taxes I have to pay because it means I have a job
- The clothes that fit a little snug because it means I have had plenty to eat
- A lawn that needs mowing, windows that need cleaning, and gutters that need to be fixed as it means I have a house to live in
- The spot I find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means I am capable of walking
- My huge heating bill because it means I am able to stay warm
- All the complaining I hear about the Gov't because it means we all have freedom of speech
- The alarm clock that goes off in the early morning hours because it means I am alive

Aching muscles at the end of the day because it means I have been productive

WE have so much to be Thankful for this 2010 Calendar year, I pray that we will all stop and realize just how much we really do 'have'.



Pastor Chris
Associate Pastor



Remember, to Say Thanks

**"Now, don't forget," my mother urged.
"Remember to say thanks."
She taught me those four magic words
when I was prone to pranks.**

**I've thought about my mom's advice
quite often since I've grown.
Her simple words were quite profound.
Their truth is clearly shown.**

**When I recall what soldiers did
to keep our nation free
my sense of gratitude's renewed
for those who fought for me.**

**When I reflect on those in town
who wear a uniform,
my mind replays the risks they take
to keep me safe and warm.**

**When we remember, heroes live.
When we forget, they die.
Remembering births gratitude
(although it makes us cry).**

**So let's remember to give thanks.
You won't if you forget.**



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

I. EMPTY SHOEBOX

Use an empty shoe box (standard size, please) or a small plastic container. You can wrap the box (lid separately), but wrapping is not required. Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift.

2. BOY OR GIRL?

Determine whether your gift will be for a boy or a girl, and the child's age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Print out the appropriate boy/girl label by downloading the artwork to the right. Mark the correct age category on the label, and tape the label to the top of your box.

3. FILL WITH GIFTS

Fill the box with a variety of gifts that will bring delight to a child. Use the gift ideas provided on the bottom of this page.

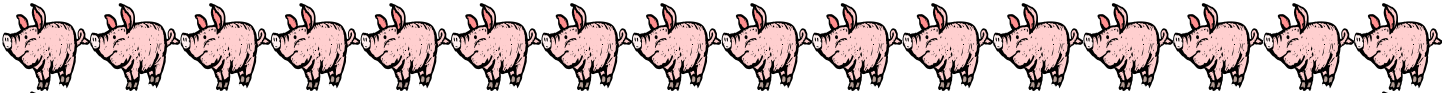
4. INCLUDE YOUR DONATION

Please donate \$7 or more for each shoe box you prepare to help cover shipping

5. DROP OFF

Place a rubber band around each closed shoe box and drop off at Silver Lake Baptist Church during now until November 14th.

For more information contact Eloise Roseman 791-1770.



SILVER LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH

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CHURCH FUNDRAISER

NOVEMBER 5TH

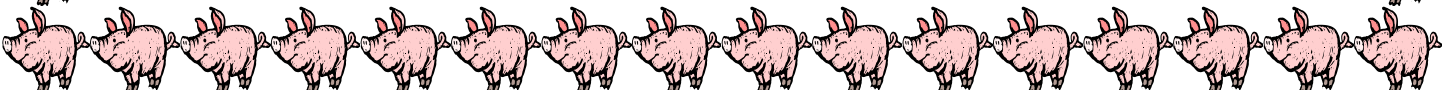
11am - 6pm

BBQ Plates

\$7 per plate

Each Plate will contain BBQ, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, Hushpuppies and dessert

All proceeds will go toward the Church Building Fund.



WMU NEWS

The evening of Oct. 11 was the kick-off for a brand new evening MISSION GROUP. What a joy it was to see 14 ladies and little Noah and the Ladies from the Day Group and the total was 20. The day Mission Group decorated and hosted the evening. We all enjoyed getting to know a little about each other. I know we will be hearing good things about this Mission Group as they follow the leading of the Holy Spirit.

A special Thank you to Melynda Powers for heading up the Shoe Box Ministry which was our October's mission. You can still bring Shoe-Boxes until the 14th of November. Thank you to all who contributed and are still bringing the boxes. Can you hear the laughter and feel the joy of children as they open up their boxes? God bless you for sharing.

NOVEMBER MISSION is the Annual Offering for the BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME OF NORTH CAROLINA. Every child is precious. See how your support makes a difference...watch this year's inspirational video at www.bchfamily.org offering. The WEEK OF PRAYER for this offering is November 14-21. BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOME OF NORTH CAROLINA celebrates its 125th Anniversary November 11 at Mills Home Baptist Church in Thomasville.

BAPTIST WOMEN WORLD DAY OF PRAYER is always the first Monday of November, and this year the date is November 1. Our church Ladies will meet with the other Baptist women in our association at First Baptist Church Activity Center, 1939 Independence Blvd. in Wilmington. The time is 11:00am - 1:00pm. Please bring a \$5 donation to cover the cost of food. The focus this year is In Step with the Spirit. All ladies are encouraged to come and pray.

Just a reminder...The Lottie Moon Auction is December 3rd. I know you are working on your special crafts to donate on this special FUN night. Mark your calendar!

Blessings to each of you,

Eloise Roseman

WMU Director



IN LOVING MEMORY OF
William Robert "Billy Bob" Garrett
January 5, 1945 - September 28, 2010



When I must leave you for a little while,
Please do not grieve and shed wild tears
And hug your sorrow to you through the years,
But start out bravely with a gallant smile;
And for my sake and in my name
Live on and do all the things the same,
Feed not your loneliness on empty days,
But fill each waking hour in useful ways,
Reach out your hand in comfort and in cheer
And I in turn will comfort you and hold you near;
And never, never, be afraid to die, For I am
For you in the sky!

October 02, 2010

Pizza with the Pastor! Congratulations to Leyton Dewyea, Nola Miller, Caitlyn Biggs, and Kaci Powers who earned Pizza with Pastor Chris. (Jackson Watkins also earned Pizza with Pastor, but she was unable to attend and Pastor Chris will reschedule with her)



CONGRATULATIONS TO STEPHANIE AND ADAM SWAIN



Mason Alexander Swain

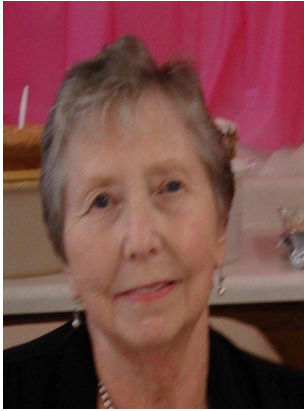
Born on October 16, 2010

7lbs. 11oz and 18.5 inches long



Zachary Simms

September 19, 2010



In Loving Memory

Of

Peggy Brady Kilpatrick

April 13, 1936 - October 20, 2010



Don't grieve for me, for now I'm free
I'm following the path God laid for me.

I took His hand when I heard him call;

I turned my back and left it all.

I could not stay another day,

To laugh, to love, to work or play.

Tasks left undone must stay that way;

I found that place at the close of day.

If my parting has left a void,

Then fill it with remembered joy.

A friendship shared a laugh, a kiss;

Ah yes, these things, I too will miss.

Be not burdened with times of sorrow

I wish you the sunshine of tomorrow.

My life's been full, I savored much;

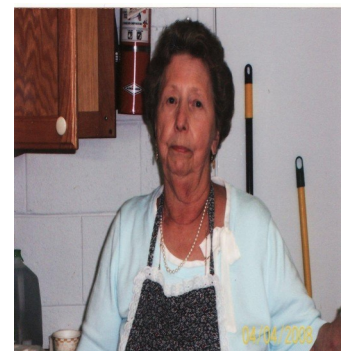
Good friends, good times, a loved ones touch.

Perhaps my time seems all to brief;

Don't lengthen it now with undue grief.

Lift up your heart and share with me,

God wanted me now, He set me free.



WELCOME TO SILVER LAKE BAPTIST CHURCH



Vicky Williams

August 22, 2010



Allie Williams

October 03, 2010

FLASH FROM THE PAST

In 1987, the Red Tide tragedy occurred. Silver Lake Baptist Church was the central location point for distributions. We held a lasagna dinner to help raise money for this cause. Different groups and Churches donated a lot of time, money and goods to these needy people. Ten-thousand pounds of food was donated by Harris Teeter Food Store. A continuous food bank collected food until the Red Tide ended.

All clammers met at Silver Lake Baptist Church to apply for help. Food even came from out-of-town Churches and the Wilmington Baptist Association provided food and help in Christian love.

Other counties also became involved in prayers and loving donations. Laurie Chappell was in charge of the over all operation. Evangelist Frank Palermo was in charge of the fund raising lasagna dinner that was held on Saturday, February 13, 1988 and the plates were \$3.00 each.

On April 03, 1988, Paula Holland was welcomed as our new choir director.

In the spring of 1988, the congregation voted to sell Reverend Tester the parsonage on Cornus Drive. In September of that year, it was voted to change the name from Silver Lake Baptist Church to Abundant Life Baptist Church. The format was changed on Sunday mornings; Church service started at 10:15am, with the children leaving at a certain time to go to Sunday School. The WMU, Brotherhood, Acteens and the GA's were dropped.

On October 17, 1988, our telephone ministry began. As of Thursday, October 25, 1988 we had been able to speak with 542 people. Out of those we received 77 interested in our church.

In November of 1988, the committee on child care met to discuss the total scope of the After School Child Care Program. Due to the low enrollment and other contributing factors, their decision along with the pastor, was to discontinue the service. However, Mrs. Mirna Tester and Sharon Spivey had each begun providing the same quality services in their homes.

Abundant Life Baptist Church not only continued to win the lost at home, but throughout the world as well. With a spirit of worship and a message of God's love, we were truly growing in the Lord as we awaited His return.

In May of 1989, Reverend Tester and his family volunteered for a two week Mission trip aboard the Anastasis.

Reverend Ray Tester resigned on October 01, 1989 at the evening service and took the Abundant Life name with him. The congregation voted to change the name back to Silver Lake Baptist Church on October 11, 1989. Sunday School was started again with five classes. The WMU and Brotherhood started having meetings again. At this time Silver Lake Baptist Church became incorporated.

On July 01, 1989, as voted on by the Body of the Church, Don Thomas began as our Youth Minister for grades 7th & up and Minister of Outreach.

In October of 1989, Robert and Lisa Smith (maiden name Anderson), became our new Youth Directors. Their first meeting with the youth were Wednesday night on October 11th.

Also in October of 1989, Silver Lake Baptist Church was the host for the "Day of World Prayer".

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SCRIPTURE OF THE MONTH

1 Cor. 14:33 - *For God is not the author of confusion but of peace as in all churches of the saints.*

May God Bless Everyone!

And God Bless America!

Sue Riggs

Newsletter Editor

Thanksgiving Day Blessings

- T - Is for the Tons of Blessings that I receive each day.
 H - Stands for these Hands that fold, when I begin to pray.
 A - Means all the Awesome powers our Lord has from above.
 N - Stands for His Never ending patience and His Love.
 K - Is for the Kindness and forgiveness He has shown.
 S - Stands for the Sweetest gift of love we've ever known.
 G - Means the Amazing Grace that God bestowed on me.
 I - Says I can't imagine, without His love, just where I'd be.
 V - Is for "Victory in Jesus", just like that song of old.
 I - Means I'll do my best, to lead lost sheep into His fold.
 N - Is for the nails driven through our Savior's hands.
 G - Stands for God's Greatest Gift, His Son's life for mortal man.

We thank you, Lord, for all you give;
 The food we eat, the lives we live;
 And to our loved ones far away,
 Please send your blessings, Lord, we pray.
 And help us all to live our days
 With thankful hearts and loving ways.
 Amen.