

THE MESSENGER

Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church

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October 30

6:00-8:00 p.m.

at FLC

Needed:

Bags of Candy

Tub located in hall!!

More Volunteers!

See Curtis

or Nancy Sudduth



Let the elders who rule well be considered **WORTHY OF DOUBLE HONOR**, *especially* those who work hard at preaching and teaching....” I TIMOTHY 5:17.

40 DAYS OF PRAYER

Will you join us and commit to pray daily for our church—for 40 days until November 9, 2011?

“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.” Jeremiah 29:11

FROM OUR PASTOR

In my devotion this morning I was reading about a time when a group of very smart people showed great realism based on obvious facts—and the results were disastrous. Moses had led the Hebrew people out of Egypt in response to God’s promise that He would give them a wonderful land. After receiving the Ten Commandments and other instructions from God, Moses sent twelve spies to check out the real estate of Canaan. God had already said He would give it to the Hebrews; in fact, He had begun making that promise several hundred years before, to Abraham.

Moses sent the twelve spies to gather information, not to form opinions. All he assigned them to do was to “see what the land is like and whether the people who live there are strong or weak, few or many.”

Nobody asked the spies to draw conclusions. Nobody asked them to gauge the prospects for military success. God had already guaranteed that.

When the field trip ended, ten of the spies went far beyond their assignment. They reported the data accurately—but quickly added “They are stronger than we are, they are bigger than we are, and we look like grasshoppers.” This report went against all God had promised, and thus their common sense realism affected the destiny of a whole generation of Israelites. The people began to panic and murmur against God.

Who could have predicted that these men would cause a historic turning point? Who could have known that their report and the discouragement it triggered would provoke God to the point of saying, “That’s it! You will not enter the Promised Land.”

The Israelites chose to believe a human report rather than God’s promise. The King James Version calls it an “evil report.” Why was it called evil? Because it spawned unbelief and discouragement among God’s people.

Thousands of years later, little has changed for God’s people: Do we believe what our feelings and circumstances tell us or do we believe what God has promised to do?

MEMORIAL

In memory of **Bill Herman** by Betty Herman

LOVE AND SYMPATHY

The church extends love and sympathy to the family of Dewey Haw-

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

St Francis—Vernon Cantrell

At Home: Mike Hall, Blake Pittman, Harry Mason, Shirley West, Betty Herman, Lucille Campbell, Ruth Stokes, Barbara Corley, Carroll Pittman, Adam Morris, Donna Lemmons, Lanny Kemp, Susie Horton, Anlee Pittman, Tim Wilson, Ron Stokes, Vivian Burrell, Oran Howard, Patricia Lee, Mary Warlick, Betty Hand, Stanley Bayne

SHUT-IN MEMBERS OF THE WEEK (Send a Card)

Marcell Sloan



November 2—4:00-9:00 p.m. at FLC. This is the annual Clemson-South Carolina Fan competition! Sign up on the bulletin board!!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

This Christmas you can share the love and hope of Jesus Christ with needy children, ages 2-14, in a country like India or Africa by using a simple shoe box.

Operation Christmas Child is an easy mission project that every member and family can participate in. For most of the children, this is the only Christmas gift they will receive. Our goal this year is to have 100 shoe boxes by Sunday, November 13.

You can help by filling a shoe box with gifts or by bringing individual items and placing them in the boxes in the hall near the preschool area. A list of needed items is available .

LADIES MINISTRY NEWS

NGU Women’s Auxiliary Board Luncheon—Friday, October 28—11:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Sign up by October 19 at Ladies’ Ministry table. Cost: \$10.00 (payable at the door).

AWANA NEWS

The pastor spoke Sunday morning on Galatians 6:7 ***“for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he reap.”***

Awana is all about sowing the word of God into the hearts of children. However, as we sow God’s Word we reap the blessing of a richer and fuller understanding of Jesus Christ.

We count it a joy to share God’s Word throughout this community. I believe this is the heartbeat of God for the church families of Mt. Lebanon Baptist Church.

People have approached me from all directions wanting to help support Awana. God is speaking to the hearts of His children. I watch to see what He will do with and through Awana. Please don’t miss your blessing.

Awana Commander , Sharon Sudduth

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

For urgent prayer concerns, please contact the church office, 895-2334 or Sharon Turner, 895-3168.

BASKETBALL SIGN-UPS

Forms are available and teams are being formed for the 2011-2012 season. Player fee is \$40 and if you need a reversible jersey those are available for \$25. Deadline to sign up is October 30. Practice begins November 1 at the FLC. If you are interested in coaching, please contact Cacie Davenport at 404-0515.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

We are in the process of preparing the information that will be printed in the new church directory and need your help. If your telephone number has changed recently, please contact the church office as soon as possible. We want the new directory to be as accurate as possible.

Also, if you have a picture of a college student or shut-in, please bring it to the church office so the picture can be included on the Not Available page.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE WEEK

Thursday	6:30 p.m.	CARE Group 3 at MC
Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Sunday School Worship hour
	5:00 p.m.	Awana
	6:00 p.m.	Evening service
Wednesday	7:00 p.m.	Prayer Meeting, Music! Missions! & Munches! Preschool—Youth at FLC
	7:45 p.m.	Adult Choir rehearsal
Thursday	6:30 p.m.	CARE Group 4 at MC

Greeters

Dick & Anne Hembree, River Hawkins, Frances Henson , Sunday School
Becky Flynn, Melinda Fowler, Luanne Green, Worship
Carroll Henson, Mark Leonard, Chuck Harvey, Curtis Poole, Coleman Flynn, Outside Greeters

STAFF ON CALL— Ted Conwell, 895-9710
DEACON ON CALL—Marshall Allen, 895-2792

LAST WEEK’S RECORD

October 16, 2011

Sunday School 175

Morning Worship 228

Our church is supported entirely by tithes and offerings and it is the privilege of all members to give regularly as God has prospered them.

JANIE CHAPMAN OFFERING FOR STATE MISSIONS

Mt. Lebanon’s goal is \$1,800.00. \$1,804.00 has been given to date.

A TRIBUTE TO BEATRICE SLOAN

In the corner of our classroom she sat in her chair, enjoying the fellowship and God’s Word to share. She was a very attractive lady with a beautiful grin, and she really enjoyed talking to all her friends. One day her husband, Ray had a very serious stroke, and “Bea, Bea, Bea” was all he ever spoke. She stayed close beside him and seemed to be content, and for several years that’s how her days were spent. After Ray passed away, for years she lived alone, but when she became unable, she had to go to a nursing home. So now she’s with Jesus, but we will never forget that chair in the corner, where Beatrice sat.

Written by Floy Sloan (8-24-2011)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!!

October 23—29

- 23 - Debra Wilson, Heather Belue**
- 24 - Stokes Cooke, Debbie Conwell, Mark Krause**
- 25 - Campbell Davenport**
- 27 - Bill Fowler, Faye Fowler, Mark Smith**
- 28 - Benny Upton**
- 29 - Jesse Leonard**

AN INVITATION

Come and celebrate a new journey for Deborah Trammell in the adoption of Jordyn Gosnell. A drop-in “Adoption Shower” will be on Sunday, October 23 at the Ministry Center from 2:00-3:00 p.m. Deborah is registered at Wal-Mart, Target, and Babies R Us.

BIG THURSDAY...Greer Community Ministries Annual fundraiser held in November is just around the corner. Go to the website to see their wish list for the auction event. Get some good barbecue at the event as well. For delivery/take out/curbside pickup go to their web site for order form and details. www.greercommunityministries.org.