

JAIL MINISTRY

As I prepared to write this entry, I prayed for guidance. My thoughts turned to prison life and how it would be. I think that the Sunday school lesson for February 14 has much to say to those in prison as it does for us all. We are to be alert and ready for the coming of the Lord at any time. How does one prepare for the coming of the Lord? I like to call it "walking the walk," and not just "talking the talk." No matter where you are, you are being a witness. A good witness, or a bad witness. Philippians 2:15, "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." (KJV)

Once as I attended a BellSouth training class in Dublin, Ohio, I was busy telling the good news about Jesus at every opportunity. There was one man in particular who was busy telling of all of his sinful exploits. (Bragging about how much he could drink, and how many girls he could seduce.) After about three days, before the class, he told the teacher to tell me to stop preaching to him about Jesus. My response was automatic and direct. Please tell him to stop preaching to us about Satan. The teacher said that I sure had a point. There was nothing more said. I know that I was guided by The Holy Spirit, and it sure made me feel great. God is so good.

I see it every Saturday. There are those who are putting up a front, and those who are truly there to worship our Lord. Regardless of where we are, or what we are doing, if we are Christian, people are watching us to see if our walk matches our talk. (Our witness.)

Last Saturday there was one lady, who said that she wanted to apologize to the others for the way she talks. (Profanity) She said that she knows better, and she tries, but she just can't seem to stop it. I told her that it might not be easy, but that she could do it. I reminded her of Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ, which strengthened me."

YOUTH MUSIC MINISTRY

This is a congratulatory announcement going out to Halle Grogan, Alexis Meyer (Eric's daughter), Makena Nail, and Bekkah Riley. These Riverdale young ladies auditioned and won spots in the Tennessee Treble Honor Choir. This choir is made up of the very best fifth and sixth singers in the state. They will be performing in April at the Nashville Convention Center for a music teachers conference. This will be a two day event and an introduction to a formal concert setting for our Riverdale girls. Let's pray for the best experience for our girls as they represent Christiana Middle



YOUTH – A Word from Papa...

Well, another February, and another Valentine's Banquet down. From all of the comments & feedback I've gotten, I think it's safe to say that it was a success! We really appreciate all of the support that we get from you as a church body, and are so proud to be able to give back. This again, was a HUGE fundraiser for us, bringing in enough money to send about 3 youth to camp...all in one event! Thank you! We are ready to start off the month of March.

Just wait until you see what we have for March! We will begin it with returning to the 2010 Youth Evangelism Conference (YEC) on March 6th, followed immediately by Youth Sunday on the 7th. This year's Youth Sunday will rock your socks off! This year, we will include a very exciting surprise (can't tell, it's a secret)! We will then attend a local youth rally on March 12th, called Youth United. We then will close the month on Palm Sunday (March 28th) with an amazing, all youth Easter Program! This will be unlike anything that you have seen from our youth group, and we pray that it will deeply move & impact you.

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CONTINUING MINISTRIES

CHOIR PRACTICE

Sunday 9:00 AM & 4:30 PM

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 9:30 AM

G-FORCE

Sunday morning 10:30-11:30.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesday 6:00 PM

DYNAMIC PRAYER

Wednesday night 7:00 – 8:00 PM

YOUTH & RA'S & GA'S

Wednesday night 7:00 – 8:00 PM

MISSION FRIENDS:

Wednesday night 7:00 – 8:00 PM

WEDNESDAY DINNER:

Wednesday night 5:30-6:30 PM

RA'S/GA'S & MISSION FRIENDS



Every Wednesday 7-8 PM
Children learn about Missions.
For Boys & Girls Grades K-6

RA Leaders:
Greg Ferran & Ken Wood
GA Leaders:
Patty Beels, Wanda Barnett &
Gloria Wood

Mission Friends: Susan Wagoner
Women's Ministry Leader:
Barbara Faircloth
(Monthly-1st Wed @7pm)

Empowering Believers to Impact the World



Riverdale Baptist Church
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March 2010

We are called to **Preach** the word of God.
Reach the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Teach believers to be disciples of Jesus Christ.

Welcome Newest Members

Cody Davis

Casey, Kimberly, Serena, Amberlyn Cagle



EDUCATION DIRECTOR, Dwight Faircloth

Let me take this time and effort to say something on my mind about a blessing folks at Riverdale may be missing out on.

As I have mentioned in my Sunday School class, Wednesday night may be one of the best kept secrets ever. We start at 5:30PM with a great time of fellowship and evening meal. Getting to know each other better during this time is fun. There is no other way to put it. Then we go into prayer meeting time where we share our prayer requests with each other, give praise reports, and have a wonderful time of bible study. The pastor explains the scripture so even I can understand it. The spirit is great and moving during this time. When it is over, we can truly say it was good to have been in the house of the Lord. Wednesday night is what I call a night for refueling our soul and letting the cares of the world go by. Please join us on Wednesday evenings for what is one of the best kept secrets in Murfreesboro. It is free and refreshing. I hope to see you next Wednesday evening.



WOMAN'S MINISTRIES

February is thought of as the "love month" and that's what I felt in the room when the Women's Ministry met. But I ALWAYS sense love when I am around this group! Our devotional was from 1 Corinthians 13:4-8 and described the fourteen ingredients of agape love and how we can apply this love to our lives. We all know the love of Christ in the lives of believers is what sets them apart from the world.

Our mission project this month was to bring linens to restock our kitchen. We collected 25 drying towels, 13 wash cloths, 2 potholders and 2 scouring pads. Our linens get quite a workout in the church kitchen and we are so glad we could replace some well-worn items. Oh by the way, the Women's Ministry would like to thank Patty Beels for the wonderful way she takes care of our kitchen and cheerfully keeps everything in order for each function that takes place there.

We studied about missionaries who are part of the Oral Peoples Strategy Team who translate and teach using pictures and stories. This is an effective method of sharing the gospel with oral cultures. About 70% of the world's population communicates by stories, proverbs, drama, poetry, and chants in face-to-face situations.

JAPANESE FAMILY MINISTRY

Dear Church Family,

The Japanese Ministry had 2 events so far in February. We had 10 people attend our Sunday Bible Study Class and 8 people attend our Friday Bible Study Class. We'll have our English and Cooking Lessons on 2/25. Mrs. Brenda Sledge and Tim and Paul Montgomery helped with childcare this month. I appreciate their help a lot!

We will have 3 events in March. Our Sunday Bible Study Class will meet on the 7th and we will study, "What do Mormons Believe?". Our Friday Bible Study Class will meet on the 12th and we'll study, "Joseph". Our English and Cooking Lesson will be on the 11th. We'll have several English lessons, but I'm not sure of the topics, yet. After our English Lessons, we'll make macaroni and cheese.

Thanks for making the Japanese community welcome at Riverdale.

RIVERDALE FAITH SEEKERS



On February 5, 2010, we met at Riverdale Baptist Church for our get together. We had a covered dish lunch and we played games. We had 19 present.

The food was delicious and we had such a good variety of food. Seniors, if you missed it this month, try to come next month. We had a good time together. I learned to play a new game. Thanks for coming and participating.

On February 15, we were supposed to have gone to Living Springs. The meeting was cancelled due to the weather.

On March 15th, we will be going to Stones River Baptist Church. The meeting starts at 11:00. If you need a ride, please let me know and we can work it out. We want everyone to have transportation that wants to go. Hope to see you there.

I am working on a program for March 5th, at 11:00 at the church. We will have another cover dish luncheon and have a guest speaker. Watch your bulletin. Hope everyone can make it. Hopefully all of the snow will be gone.

Pastor's Point



PASTOR CURT

Pastor Curt

Kevin's Corner



Dear Riverdale Church Family,

The spring is quickly approaching, and I must say I am rather excited! Don't get me wrong, I love the snow, but the freshness of spring is a blessing each year. Easter is just around the corner, and the church choir is working diligently at preparing our musical for this wonderful time. If you would like to join us for this performance, please join us in choir on Sundays at 4:30. We will begin each rehearsal with our Easter music. What better way to worship and celebrate the sacrificial gift of Jesus Christ and His resurrection than being a part of our Easter performance.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:16-17)

In Christ,

Kevin