

Salt and Light

“Stop Hunger Now” Project on March 6

As I mentioned in my sermon this past Sunday, on Saturday, March 6, hundreds of volunteers will gather at the H. Clinton Foust Collett Street Recreation Center to package approximately 300,000 meals, all of which will be shipped to Haiti to provide hunger relief.

In cooperation with an international hunger-relief organization known as Stop Hunger Now, for the past several years Burke County Rotary Clubs have sponsored this food-packaging effort for Haiti. Numerous other organizations, including churches, and many individuals have provided financial support and/or have shown up to help measure, weigh, and package a nutritious mixture of rice and vegetables.

I have sampled this “dish,” and it tastes delicious, though it is specifically designed to meet certain daily nutritional needs of hungry people.

In recent years, Stop Hunger Now has provided some 20 million meals for persons in 70 destitute countries, but a major focus for this organization has been Haiti.

I have participated in this process myself for the past two years. Last year a number of our youth worked with me during one of the two-hour shifts.

This March 6, I am looking for more volunteers from our church, as the present needs of the Haitian people, always tremendous, are almost unimaginable following the devastating earthquake in January.

First Baptist this year is sponsoring one of the many packaging tables that will line the gymnasium floor on March 6. A sign on that table will identify it as “our table,” though volunteers are free to work at any table during the three shifts.

Shifts will run from 9 until 11 a.m.; from about 11:30 until around 1:30 p.m.; and from 2 until 4 p.m. The brief time in between the shifts will allow for some clean-up and a “changing of the guard,” along with some basic instructional time. The process is incredibly simple, efficient, and productive. We just need people to help!

If you have interest in working a shift that day, you can let me or Suzette Pendleton know, and one of us can provide further information. Or you can just show up a few minutes before one of the shifts is to begin and work at one of the tables.

First Baptist folk and hundreds of others who have done this project in the past can attest that such work is incredibly fulfilling. To know that you are directly impacting the lives of the Haitian people by packaging thousands of meals for them is a tremendous feeling.

And it also gets at the heart of the Good News.

Jesus reminded Simon Peter to “Feed my sheep”—physically and spiritually!

Let’s do it for His Glory!

Love, Tom

PRESCHOOL/AFTERSCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for summer and fall 2010 opens for church members on March 1. To enroll your child or for more information, please call 433-1018, email fbcpreschool@hci.net, or visit us on the lower floor of the education building. Registration will open for families with currently enrolled children and for families on our waiting list on March 8. Registration will open for the general public on March 22. Don’t delay if you are interested in your child participating in this quality, five star, developmentally appropriate program in a distinctly Christian environment.

COMING UP!

Kid’s Creative Cooking Class

Saturday, March 20
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

This class is for children ages 8 - 13 years old.
Call Suzette Pendleton at 437-2544 ext. 18 or email her at cbsuzette@hci.net

DAY TRIP

Southern Spring Show

Thursday, March 4 - Cost is \$25
Call Bill Rotan at 437-2544 X16 to sign up.

ONE DISH MEALS/CASSEROLES FOR PURCHASE

**THIS WEEK’S DISH—HEARTY VEGGIE-CHEESE
CASSEROLE** for pick up March 3rd

2 portions -\$5.00 4 portions - \$10.00

Orders must be placed for this casserole by noon, Monday, March 3.

NEXT WEEK’S DISH - TACO CASSEROLE to be picked up on Wednesday, March 10. Order by noon, Monday, March 8.

(pick up on Wednesday from 2-5 pm OR 6-7:30 pm – no exceptions please)

Ideas for Using this Ministry:

*This is a great opportunity to help someone in your Sunday School class who has recently been in the hospital, sick, etc...

*For Parents who are simply too busy to cook after getting home late from a game, school, etc...

*Single adults who are tired of cooking for one person or eating take-out

*Senior adults wanting a delicious, nutritious dinner without having to cook themselves.

Free Delivery for First Baptist Church Shut-Ins within a 2 mile radius of city limits

Call Suzette to place your order at 437-2544 ext. 18 or email her at cbsuzette@hci.net

DEACON OF THE WEEK

Bill Lennon

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

MISSIONARY PARTNERS

Mark Hamblen – Ireland

Robert Dunlop – Ireland

Nunzio Loiudice – Italy

Annette Hall – France

Janos Katona – Romania

SERVICE MEMBERS IN ACTION

Michael Bradley Pat Morrison

Nick Long Johnny Franklin

James Gillon Erienne Davidson

Roland Berger Veronica Graham

Mark Scannell Ryan Moya

Joshua Davidson PJ Chapman

Zack Mayo Wes Shuffler

IN MEMORIAM

Nadine Duval

February 13, 2010

IN MEMORIAM

Sondra Kimberlin

February 19, 2010

CAMPBELL UNIVERSITY CHOIR

On Sunday night March 7, we will have a wonderful opportunity to host the Campbell University Choir here in our Sanctuary. The choir is on tour in the western part of our state and this opportunity became available, so we are fortunate to have them here.

The program will be varied. They will sing principally sacred a cappella (without accompaniment). Several selections have Lenten themes, while others are more celebratory. The program also contains pieces from the folk and art traditions of America. Campbell Voices, an 18 member chamber ensemble drawn from members of the University Choir, will also perform.

Phillip Morrow is Director of Choral Activities at Campbell and is the conductor of the University Choir. Dr. Morrow has been part of the music faculty for twelve years.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to hear this choir. It is a privilege that we can have such a fine choir in our church. Campbell is one of our Baptist schools of high learning in North Carolina.

The concert starts at 7:00 pm. Child care will be provided.

YOUTH MINISTRY

This Sunday, February 28

A.M.

9:45 – Youth Sunday Morning Breakfast

Youth Ministry Info, and Prayer Time

9:55 – Sunday Morning Bible Study

A New Study Series – Curious Bible Stories

This Sunday’s topic: A Talking Donkey! (Numbers 22: 21-35)

P.M.

5:45 – Snack Supper

6:05 - Youth Super Session **Proverbs**

Study Continues –

Session Three – **Friends and Neighbors**

Large Group – Led by Dr. Bland

Followed by Small Group Learning Activities

7:30 – Head for home

Coming up...

MARCH MADNESS

in Youth Wednesday PM

Discipleship

5 Fantastic nights of special programming!

March 3 – TCBY Nite in Grapple and Spectrum

March 10 – Jake’s Shake Nite in Grapple and Spectrum

March 17 – St. Patrick’s Day Recreation Nite

More to come merry mid-week madness! Attend and bring your buddies!

**BIG Youth & Parent Info Meeting
Coming up Sunday, March 7
(postponed from Feb. 28)**

– 4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall

What’s comin’ up in the months ahead, big summer plans, the shape of the new youth suite, what’s up with youth ministry teams, and lots more!

Concise, thorough information you need to know about our FBC Youth Ministry!

Parents – plan on staying for a special supper created by Chef Mould!

SENIOR SINGERS

Meet Wednesday, March 3

9:30 a.m. in the choir room

We will visit a nursing home and go out to lunch afterwards.

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME!

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Offering Received Feb. 21\$8,423

Budget Required to Date..... \$138,744

Received to Date \$119,778

TURNING DREAMS INTO DEEDS

Pledged \$807,000

Building Fund Rec to Date \$812,274

Building Fund Expenditures \$725,220

Building Fund Balance\$87,054

MEMORIALS

Memorials have been received to honor the memory of Mildred Whisnant, Faye Lineberger, Sammie Gothard, Edith S. Williams, Lise’ Black, James Lingerfelt, Ken Hamrick and Katherine England.

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT MENU

March 3, 2010

Roast Pork Loin/Shoepg Corn/Sauteed Broccoli

Dinner Roll/Beverage

Child’s Meal - CheesePizza/Fries and any other veggies /beverage

Veggie Meal - Baked Potato/Sauteed Broccoli/Corn/Rolls

Adult meal comes with soup bar

Serving Team: Linda Yoder

Soup Bar for children - \$1 extra

DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES

For Children and Youth

Coming Tuesdays, March 16 & 23 – 4:00 p.m.

In the church media-library

Leader: Rev. Fred Schuszler

We will explore the following:

- Salvation in Jesus Christ as your personal Savior,
- what the Lord’s Supper and baptism mean,
- the joy of being an active church member,
- and whatever else comes up!

Join us for these lively and fun sessions.

Call 437-2544 x 14 or email fls999@hci.net to enroll or for more information.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER



Debra Kay (Debbie) Fletcher

We welcome Debbie into our church family. She comes to us by transfer of membership from Antioch Baptist Church in Morganton and is rededicating her life to Jesus. Debbie is a member of our Young Disciples Sunday School class. She joins her daughter, Mindy, who recently joined our church. Debbie's mother, Leona Fletcher, was a long-time member of our deaf mission before moving to Eastern North Carolina. She has two sons and two of her sons have gone on to be with the Lord. She has five grandchildren. Debbie says she is so happy to become a member of this loving family and wants to grow in Jesus in all areas of her life.

Welcome, Debbie!

COMING NEXT WEEK

◆ Sunday, February 28

A.M.

9:45 - Sunday School

10:55 - Worship

P.M.

12:15 - YMC

4:00 - Devotional Knitting 208C

5:45 - Youth Snack Supper

6:05 - Youth Super Session

◆ Monday, March 1

10:00 a.m. - Women's Weekday Bible Study

◆ Tuesday, March 2

7:00 p.m. - Men's Prayer

◆ Wednesday, March 3

CHURCH FAMILY NIGHT

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - Music Makers (Grades 1-3) Room 208B

4:30 - 5:45 p.m. - Young Musicians Choir and Handbells (Grades 4-5) Room 304

5:00 - 5:30 p.m. - Preschool Choir (Ages 4-5) Room 302

5:30 p.m. - Serving Line Opens

6:05 p.m. - Blessings & Celebrations

6:15 p.m. -

• Youth Newz 306A

• Faithweaver Friends - 302

• Children's Discipleship - 304

6:25 p.m.

• Middle School Grapple - 300

• High School Spectrum - 306A

6:30 p.m. - Adult Studies

7:15 p.m. - Chancel Choir Rehearsal

◆ Thursday, March 4

8:30 a.m. - Leave for Southern Spring Show

◆ Friday, March 5

10:00 a.m. - Women's Prayer Group

TEACHER APPRECIATION SUNDAY



THANK YOU TO OUR
SUNDAY SCHOOL
TEACHERS

Don't forget to thank and honor your Sunday School teachers this Sunday, February 28! Give them a gift, take them out to eat lunch, whatever ways you can to express your gratitude for their faithful ministry among you.

THE TIME IS NIGH

**Sunday School Class DREAMS AND VISIONS
2010 Plans**

Deadline: Sunday, March 7



Second
Sunday in Lent

LENT 2010 – WEEK TWO

WORSHIP WITH US THIS WEEK

LENTEN THEME: "LOOKING FOR FAITH"

LENTEN SERMONS FROM THE GOSPEL OF

JOHN

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - 10:55 A.M.

"LOOKING FOR JESUS"

(JOHN 7: 1-13)

DR. TOM BLAND, JR. WILL BE PREACHING.