

The Prime Timers Are:

- P**----- People living a rewarding and happy life in their prime.
- R**----- Ready and willing to serve when needed.
- I**----- Inviting Christ into our life.
- M**----- Ministering to people in need.
- E**----- Enjoying fellowship with each other.
- T**----- Totally committed to serving Christ.
- I**----- Interested in travel and dining out.
- M**----- Mindful of our friends and neighbors.
- E**----- Earnest in our endeavor to serve.
- R**----- Refreshing ourselves as we go through the journey of life.
- S**----- Seniors in service daily.



-- by Inez Wood

From the Editors

Another new year, 2010 and another new decade have arrived. What's in the future for each of us individually, as a church, and as a nation? Only God knows because He is in control! What a comfort and a reassuring promise!!

Obviously this new year and decade will hold many challenges and opportunities. Sometimes we get so overwhelmed with all of the negative situations in our lives and in our country that we forget about all the positive things that can and will happen. Many of these positives can only be brought about by each of us - in our lives and in the lives of those around us.

Perhaps the most obvious and important, positive thing we as Christians must do is to ask for God's leadership and help. When we are alert to His guidance and direction, He always seems to show us something good around us. It might be something as simple as the sunshine after days of rain and clouds, OR a friendly smile and greeting from a friend or even better a stranger. Many times the simple, everyday pleasures can put a smile on our faces and in our hearts.

There are many opportunities in each of our lives and days when we can make a difference in another's life. All of us know someone who could use a note of encouragement, a phone call or better yet, a visit, just to let them know we care. Most of the time we get as much of a blessing as the person to whom we minister or perhaps a greater blessing. After all, Jesus said that the smallest, insignificant act done in His name never goes unnoticed by Him. What a wonderful promise!

The old hymn HAVE FAITH IN GOD is a timely reminder for us today. There are many things we need to daily pray for: our spiritual needs, our church and staff, our Forever Faithful campaign, and of course, our country and all of our leaders. This is a tremendous challenge; however:

Have faith in God, He's on His throne;
 Have faith in God, He watches o'er His own;
 He cannot fail, He must prevail;
 Have faith in God, have faith in God.
 (words by B.B. McKinney, 1934)

To God be the Glory, Great Things He Will Do!!!

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The Pastor's Message

Dear Primetimers,

Thank you for all that you have done and are doing to build the body of Christ at Southside Baptist Church. You have laid a legacy and a foundation that we continue to build on today. Yet, you are still building upon it as well.

There is no such thing as a retirement from the King's work. Moses started when he was 80. Caleb was 85 when he made this request:

"As you see, the LORD has kept me alive *these* 45 years as He promised, since the LORD spoke this word to Moses while Israel was journeying in the wilderness. Here I am today, 85 years old.

I am still as strong today as I was the day Moses sent me out. My strength for battle and for daily tasks is now as it was then.

Now give me this hill country the LORD promised *me* on that day, because you heard then that the Anakim are there, as well as large fortified cities. Perhaps the LORD will be with me and I will drive them out as the LORD promised."

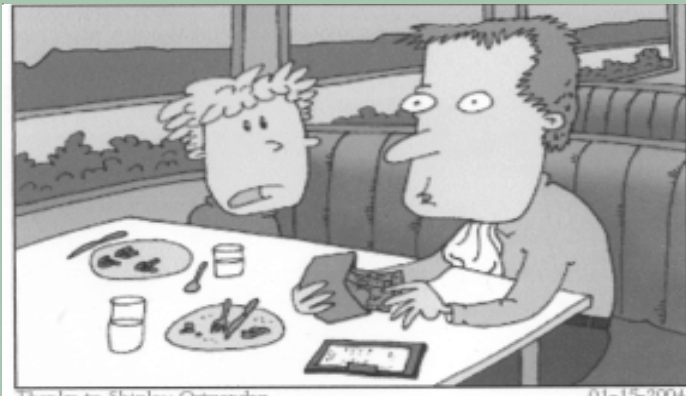
Then Joshua blessed Caleb son of Jephunneh and gave him Hebron as an inheritance. Joshua 14:10-13

So, let me encourage you to keep seeking the Lord with all of your heart and serve Him with all the strength and life that you have. May your prayer be, "God glorify your name in me until you take me home, and may my later days be of greater use to you than all my previous." I believe that like Moses and Caleb, God would honor a heart and a prayer like that.

May God richly bless you as you continue to serve Him. Thank you for the privilege of being your pastor. I love you dearly.

In His Service,

Bro. Sudd



How come the waitress gets 15% and God only gets 10%?

Johnny's mother looked out the window and noticed him "playing church" with their cat. He had the cat sitting quietly and he was preaching to it. She smiled and went about her work. A while later she heard loud meowing and hissing and ran back to the open window to see Johnny baptizing the cat in a tub of water. She called out, Johnny, stop that! The cat is afraid of water!" Johnny looked up at her and said, "He should have thought about that before he joined my church."



Smile, it gives your face something to do!



Who's Missing? Whose Mission?

That was the theme for Lottie Moon Missions Offering 2009. Without each one of us striving to accomplish God's mission, the puzzle remains unfinished. We don't have to travel far away to find the lost. We are sitting right in the middle of the mission field right here at home.

While the missing puzzle piece represents those who are literally lost from salvation, it may also represent each of us when we are missing from each other and from God's calling on us to do his will in our daily activities.

At new years time I kept thinking what catchy phrases would go with "2010" and it finally dawned on me (literally)

- it is 2010 - find out

where do you fit in? --- Laura Brown

Hospital Care Baskets . . .



Care Baskets are carried each week to both of the area hospitals, Riverview (2nd floor ICU and 3rd floor CCU) and Gadsden Regional (2nd floor, Surgical Waiting Room), as a Sr. Adult Ministry. These baskets are placed in the waiting rooms to help bring cheer and encouragement. We invite you to join this ministry by donating money for the items we carry. Our hope is to show Christ's love through this project to those who may never see it in any other way. Items we take are: potato chips, chewing gum, tissue, candy bars, mints, etc. We want to thank Jean Watson for being our supply coordinator - she does a wonderful job!



The Sheep of His Pasture

My mind and my strength often fail me,
 Woolly-headed, I bleat my concern.
 Though I gambol for joy, I still wonder,
 At this age, what my value might be.

The Good Shepherd, He gives reassurance;
 His staff guides me along fruitful paths.
 Put this senior sheep out to pasture?
 No, my service to Christ never ends.

--- Emma Peterson

Green Pastures???

Psalm 23:2 HCSB "He lets me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside quiet waters."

The senior adults at SBC are the people who actually care about what's best for you and the church. Many times our senior adults are the ones God brings alongside you to help you make smart choices. They are your "green pastures", your "quiet waters". They are God's provision for you. They will encourage you to slow down when you take in too much. They will challenge you to get busy when you're too idle. They care about you enough to warn you when you're heading into danger.

God knows exactly what you need when you need it. That's why He has placed people (like our Senior Adults) around you who can guide you along the best path. So if you're finding that your Christian life is wearing you out & leaving you distressed, look to see if you've wandered away from the "green pastures" & "quiet waters" your Shepherd has provided for you.

Our Senior Adults have a wealth of wisdom and understanding. THANK YOU FOR YOUR FAITHFULNESS!

I love you --- *Bill*

A Needed Prayer

So far today Lord, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, I haven't lost my temper, I haven't been greedy, grumpy, nasty, selfish or overindulging. I'm very thankful for that. But in a few moments, Lord, I'm going to get out of bed and from then on I'm going to need a lot of help.



3 sisters, ages 92, 94 & 96, live in a house together. One night the 96-year-old draws a bath. She puts her foot in and pauses. She yells to the other sisters,

"Was I getting in or out of the bath? The 94-year-old yells back, 'I don't know. I'll come up and see.' She starts up the stairs and pauses 'Was I going up the stairs or down? The 92-year-old is sitting at the kitchen table listening to her sisters. She shakes her head and says, 'I sure hope I never get that forgetful, knock on wood...' She then yells, 'I'll come up and help both of you as soon as I see who's at the door.'

**I pause in deep contemplation
 To thank the Lord for His vast creation.
 I thank Him for Jesus who died for me,
 That through faith in Him, I'm completely free!**

---Bill Boulton, Huntsville, AL



Different drug problem.....

The other day, someone at a store in our town read that a Methamphetamine lab had been found in an old farmhouse in the adjoining county and he asked me a rhetorical question, "Why didn't we have a drug problem when you and I were growing up?"

I replied, I had a drug problem when I was young: I was drug to church on Sunday morning. I was drug to church for weddings and funerals. I was drug to family reunions and community socials no matter the weather.

I was drug by my ears when I was disrespectful to adults. I was also drug to the woodshed when I disobeyed my parents, told a lie, brought home a bad report card, did not speak with respect, spoke ill of the teacher or the preacher, or if I didn't put forth my best effort in everything that was asked of me.

I was drug to the kitchen sink to have my mouth washed out with soap if I uttered a profanity. I was drug out to pull weeds in mom's garden and flower beds and cockleburs out of dad's fields. I was drug to the homes of family, friends and neighbors to help out some poor soul who had no one to mow the yard, repair the clothesline, or chop some firewood, and, if my mother had ever known that I took a single dime as a tip for this kindness, she would have drug me back to the woodshed.

Those drugs are still in my veins and they affect my behavior in everything I do, say, or think. They are stronger than cocaine, crack, or heroin; and, if today's children had this kind of drug problem, America would be a better place.

God bless the parents who drugged us.

-----Submitted by concerned citizen



Senior Driving

As a senior citizen was driving down the freeway, his car phone rang. Answering, he heard his wife's voice urgently warning him, 'Herman, I just heard on the news that there's a car going the wrong way on Interstate 77. Please be careful!' 'Heck,' said Herman, 'It's not just one car. It's hundreds of them!'

GLOW (God's Love on Women) is an organization for women of all ages -- a time of fun and fellowship as we meet to pray for each other, for others, and to seek God's leadership in our lives as we strive to serve. Our projects have been collecting hygiene products for New Life, providing Christmas presents for a family in need, visiting residents in Assisted Living at Regency Pointe, and collecting food items to be shipped to Honduras for our mission team. We meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. Come and share our fellowship.

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Great Truths About Life That Adults Have Learned:

- Wrinkles don't hurt.
- Families are like fudge... mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- Laughing is good exercise. It's like jogging on the inside.

Great Truths About Growing Old:

- Forget the health food. I need all the preservatives I can get.
- When you fall down, you wonder what else you can do while you're down there.
- Time may be a great healer, but it's a lousy beautician.

You Know You're a Redneck When...

- Your property has been mistaken for a recycling center.
- You offer to give someone the shirt off your back and they don't want it.
- You know how many bales of hay your car will hold.
- You use a rag for a gas cap.
- You consider your license plate personalized because your father made it.
- Your working TV sits on top of your non-working TV.
- You've used a toilet brush as a back scratcher.

The Quiet Place



There is a place I love to go,
A quiet place where I can know
The awe and wonder of
Almighty God.

In this place, He meets with me;
And in this place, He lets me see
The glory and the beauty of His love.

I love this place,
This quiet place;
It's where I want to be.

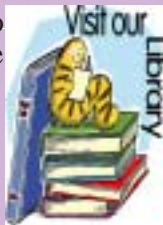
There is a place I love to go,
A quiet place where I can know
All His mercy, all His love.

"In Your behalf my heart says, 'Seek My face.'
Lord, I will seek Your face" (Ps. 27:8, HCSB).

___ Kathy Cheek

Note from the Librarian

I want to thank everyone who donated books to our church libraries during 2009. Your books have been loved and enjoyed. If you would like tax credit for these donations, I have typed a simple donation receipt you can fill out. They are located on top of the copier on the desk in the main library near the choir room. Drop by and pick one up.



I would also like everyone to look through their books at home to see if there may be a church library book in your stacks by mistake. There are several church library books that have been out for a long time. Please bring them back home. Thank you for using our beautiful church libraries. If you have never been in either library, come by and browse.

Library Hours: Sunday Morning 10-10:30 a.m.



SBC Brotherhood Programs

The Brotherhood meets every 3rd Sunday, of each month. Our meeting starts with breakfast a 7:30 am (biscuits, gravy, bacon, hash browns, eggs). While the men eat, the director will speak on upcoming activities, and then it is turned over to our special speaker. The program ends about 8:30 am.

Brotherhood also oversees the R.A. programs of our Church. R.A.'s consist of boys from K - 5th grade. We meet every Wednesday night at 6:00 pm for 1 hour. Our focus is to teach about missions, how to have Christ in our lives and how others around the world can hear about Jesus. The boys earn points for coming each week, having their vest on (church provides), having their Bible, and knowing their Bible verse. Once a year, we celebrate Royal Ambassador's Sunday. At this time the boys will be awarded their badges, pins, and bars they have earned during the year. Activities include camping trips, and building birdhouses, line planes, and derby cars.

If you need any information, see Jackie Jones or Chris Sullivan.

Communing with God

I took my daughter's baby into my arms and laughed as he challenged me with a look that seemed to say, "Watch out! Be careful with me!"

A baby is a selfish, insecure little creature. He has come into a strange world completely dependent on someone else to provide food, warmth, and loving care. He cries and screams to make his needs known, and he grabs on to a finger for dear life. He is quite unaware of anyone else's needs - for sleep in particular.

When I first came to Christ, I cried out and held on to God because of my own need. Thinking back, I was completely selfish. This was no problem with God though, because He loves baby Christians.

But as a child grows and is weaned, he becomes less demanding. He still depends on parents, but now he is confident and assured of their love and protection. The relationship has deepened. He can forget himself and think about other members of the family, reaching out to care for them. I am confident now in my Heavenly Father's love for me. I have His ear, and I can trust Him for everything.

"I have calmed and quieted myself like a little weaned child with its mother. (Ps 131:2 HCSB)

**That money speaks, I won't deny.
I heard it once; It said "Good-bye!"
---Tom Kovach, Nevis, Minn**

MANNA Volunteers

Route #20 - Southside Regulars

James & Becky Oglesby Mondays
 Beverly Morrison Tuesdays
 Larry Watson Wednesdays
 Rick & Deborah Lankford Thursdays
 Ann Smith/Nell Young/Sondra Drummons/Emily McKee/
 Randy Berry Fridays

Route #18 - (Rainbow City) Regulars

Lamar & Glenda Pruitt Wednesdays

Route #17 - (Southside-Whorton's Bend) Regulars

Royce Chambers Mondays
 Cecil Lankford Tuesdays
 Toni McCord Wednesdays
 Donna Patterson/Melynda Hendon Thursdays
 Lee & Margaret Daniel Fridays

Route #5 (East Gadsden) Regulars

Bobbie & Royce Smith Wednesdays

Substitutes

Harold Abernathy, Randy Berry, Jill Barrett, Ferrell & Nina Brown, Karen Bush, Bobby & Jettie Campbell, Marilyn Carter, Bonnie Childs, Peggy Coker, Nancy Croley, Ray & Hazel Dixon, Jeanette Dobbins, Timi Dooley, Susan Firestone, Wes Ingram, Joseph Kennedy, Kelley Motes, Michelle Myrick, Jane Rich, Larue Salster, Billy Samples, Denny & Ginger Sanders, Angela & William Sloan, Lauil Thompson, Tammy Thornton, and Sandra Young

Senior Adult Leadership 2009-10

Co-Presidents: Royce Chambers - Marie Bain
 Vice President: Jo Ann Vincent
 Treasurer/Secretary: Shirley Stephens

Planning Committee:

Ken Cornelius 3 Years
 Virginia Ingram 3 Years
 Nancy Lovvorn 2 Years
 Max Watson 2 Years
 Myrtle Wolfe 1 Year
 Ann Browning 1 Year

Church Sign Coordinator:

Max Watson

Memory Garden Coordinator:

Dan & Bonnie Childs

Care Basket Ministry:

Jean Watson

Nominating Committee:

Gail Cornelius
 Nita Myrick
 Ann Slate



The more you give,
 The more you receive.
 The more you lie,
 The more you deceive.
 The more you pray,
 The more you believe.



--Todd A. Allen, Baraboo, Wis.

Special Projects

- ◆ Care Baskets - Provided to area hospital waiting rooms
- ◆ Operation Christmas Shoe Box - providing plastic boxes & lids for Samaritan Purse Project
- ◆ Providing goodies for DiscipleNow, Friday, Apr. 9
- ◆ Providing a meal for Baptist Campus Ministries Bible study on Mar. 2 & Apr. 20
- ◆ Volunteering to deliver Manna meals
- ◆ Providing toys at Christmas for Southside Community children - Distributed by Southside Fire Department
- ◆ Planting flowers on church grounds when needed (fountain/sign areas)
- ◆ Church Sign messages changed weekly

Staff Directory

Scott Harris Pastor
 Bob Thornton Pastor Emeritus
 Bill Drummons Education/Sr. Adult Minister
 Darren Hood Minister of Music / Worship
 Alan Broome Min. of Evang/Outreach, College/Singles
 Chris Sullivan Preschool/Children Minister
 Brian/Gina Harbison Student Ministers
 Lauil Thompson Homebound
 Sally Robertson Administrator/Pastor & Financial Secretary
 Vickie Garmon Education/Sr. Adults Sec.
 Teresa Bain Music/Children Sec./Recept.
 Linda Swanson Evangelism/College&Singles Sec./Recept.
 Brandon Cornutt Orchestra Leader
 Gloria Johnson Organist
 Terry Conn Pianist

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