

# SOUTHSIDE BAPTIST CHURCH

Pointing People To Jesus



## Southside Baptist Church

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March, 2009

*Dr. R. Scott Harris,  
Pastor*

*We invite you to join  
us as we point  
people to Jesus!*



**April 3, 4, & 5, 2009**



Help needed now for set construction. Specific prayer needs are mentioned in Bro. Darren's article. Tickets will be available soon, please invite your friends and family.

North American Missions Emphasis

*"Live with Urgency:*

*Sowing Together"*

Week of Prayer - March 1-8



**Annie Armstrong  
Easter Offering  
Goal: \$10,000**

Ladies' Tea



**Coming in May**

**May 2, 2009**

**Ladies Tea**

**Be in prayer about hosting a table  
and call Gloria Johnson (442-5520)  
to reserve your table**

## Education / Senior Adult Ministry

### Sunday School

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! February was a busy month with a lot of opportunities. We asked you to pray and God has truly blessed.

It all began with Baptist Men's Day followed by a wonderful evening at the Deacons Widow Banquet, then Upwards Awards Night, Couples Retreat, D'Now, Men's Conference plus the "Love Dare Challenge" in Sunday School. All I can say is "just keep up the praying," in anticipation of what God will do next. Continue to pray! Please pray for: The Battle, Easter Sunday, Ladies Tea, Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Honduras Mission Trip, Construction Team, Youth Mission Trip and the Romania Mission Trip.

Bro. Coy and I are very proud of our SS average in Feb of 673. We came very close to reaching our goal of 700. You are to be commended! Thank you. Please keep inviting folks so that we can continue to grow in numbers of people involved in Bible study.

Sunday, March 8, Sunday School Spring Training Event, following the AM worship service. Lunch will be served for leadership and family. After lunch, family members not involved in Sunday School may leave. The training is for all teachers, associate teachers and class leaders. The training will be finished by 2:30 pm. Sign up by Sunday, March 1. Reaching, teaching and ministering is what it's all about.

### Sr. Adults

The annual "Prime Time" Newsletter is included with this month's newsletter. We have a wonderful group of Sr. Adults at SBC. We invite all 55+ folks to join us! Our next event is March 16. The details for the trip are: Blue Willow Inn, Social Circle, Georgia, Cost \$45, includes Blue Willow's Southern Feast Lunch (inclusive) Admission of Creation & Natural History Museum & Motor coach Bus, plus visit the Blue Willow Village. Please pay by March 10.

Thank you Sr. Adults! You are the greatest, most loving, wonderful group to be with at SBC.

*Bill*

## Outreach/Singles Ministry

What an incredible last few weeks of ministry, discipleship, and evangelism we have witnessed and "witnessed" here at Southside. 10 salvations during our Upward Awards night program, a wonderful marriage conference in Gatlinburg with lives changed for God's glory, numerous D'Now salvations and rededications as well as an incredible men's conference and messages from Dr. Bobby Welch.

Aren't we blessed to be able to see God move and be a part of His work. FAITH continues to see a harvest of souls and families joining our church through our intentional outreach through contacts/prospects/Sunday School.

We are now focused on our outreach during our Easter Celebration and the joy of our Lord's Resurrection. Won't you join us in praying, inviting others, serving Him during these exciting Harvest Days!!

You will notice in the Adult Sunday School classes our Romania missions contributions boxes along with a list of our missionaries. Please be praying for us as we raise the money to go and give as the Lord leads you.

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### March

### Wednesday Night Meals

- March 4 - Beef Stew, Slaw, Corn Muffins, Cheesecake
- March 11 - Lasagna, Salad, Breadsticks, Dessert
- March 18 - College & Career Fund Raiser Meal for Romania Mission Trip
- March 25 - BBQ Chicken, Hashbrown Casserole, Corn on the Cob, Dessert

## Music Ministry

Dear Southside,

Well, it is incredible to think of all we have already seen God do this year! We Thank God for the decisions which have already been made for His Glory! As I write to you we are preparing for another great opportunity for us to come together for fellowship, to grow together in unity, and to reach our community as we (as a church) prepare for - The Battle! Set construction has begun - the trailer is being unloaded - the set is being prepared - people are getting decorations in order - we are praying to see many saved again this year - etc... Yes! I am glad you asked! You may help by praying, helping to construct the set, volunteering to man the nursery as we present The Battle - bringing food for our cast/choir orchestra/ etc... There is enough to be accomplished that we can all take part in this ministry. If you are interested in helping - please give me or Linda McLendon a call.

Again I encourage you to pray now for *The Battle*. We are off to a great start there is a great sense of participation/anticipation as to what God will do. We pray for God to anoint this presentation of His story and once again draw a multitude of people unto Himself to accept the greatest gift ever given - Salvation. Pray for those learning the music. Pray for those who will be in the war room praying as the ministry is being presented. Pray for the health and safety of each one involved. Most of all pray claiming the power of God over Satan. I encourage you at this point not only to pray but pick up a packet of tickets and invite your lost and unchurched neighbors and friends. Please place these tickets in the hands of those who are around you that you know need the Savior. I am sure we could pack the Sanctuary out 3 - 4 nights but I remind you that is not our purpose. Our purpose ...*Go therefore and make disciples...* Mt. 28:19 So, *Stand up*

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## Music Ministry

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and be the *Salt and Light* God has saved us and called us to be. May we live up to the task He has called us to and will empower us to carry out!

Thank you Children's choir for an awesome job Sunday morning! It is a privilege to have a children's ministry! Thank you parents for your support of this ministry as we seek to train those young hearts to be worshippers and leaders. Thanks to all of our children's choirs workers. You are doing a great job!

In His Service,



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## Sympathy

Sympathy is expressed to the following and their families in the loss of their loved ones: Donna Morgan in the loss of her husband, Bill Morgan; Harry Parker in the loss of his brother, Larry Parker, Gwynne Coker in the loss of her son, Joe Coker; Roger Tudor in the loss of his mother, Audrey Tudor; Timi Dooley and Anna Marie Colegrove in the loss of their grandfather, Ray Estes; Chris Sullivan in the loss of his grandmother, Dean Sullivan and Alston Lewis in the loss of his mother, Nannette Lewis.

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## Congratulations

Congratulations to Dustin and Katie Davenport on the birth of a daughter, Mary Kathryn. Proud grandparents are Jimmy & Emilie McKee; to David and Amanda Vincent on the recent birth of a son. Proud grandmother is Jo Ann Vincent; and to Brian and Holly Perry on the birth of a son, Greyson Andrew on February 20. Proud grandparents are Tim and Pam Weeks.

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## Thank You Card

Thank you cards were received and placed on the bulletin board from Ronald Sewell, Vicky Milhoff, Nita, Melanie & Michael Myrick, Frank & Carol Amos and Andrea Dutton.



February was, perhaps, the busiest month yet, at SBC. But what a wonderful kind of busy.

Our Average attendance for the month of February:  
Sunday School  
Student Department  
113 (includes DN weekend)  
Focus Point Bible Study - 66  
Student FAITH - 44

Each year, we wonder if it will be the last year for D'Now. And each year, God blesses beyond belief. There are WAY too many people to thank in this small article. But, God knows each and every one of you and the sacrifices you made for the students of this area. He can bless you far beyond a thank you in a newsletter and we pray He will.

Thank you also, SBC family, for your prayers and support of Brian's Licensing Service. This is such a special time for our family and we are so grateful to be able to share it with our family at SBC.

During March and April, things will be a "little" bit calmer in the Student Ministry as our entire church family unites to present "The Battle". Please be in prayer for this exciting ministry and the lives that will be touched during the Easter season.

Mission Trip 2009 preparations are under way. Our destination has not been determined, but stay tuned. We'll let you know as soon as God lets us know.



## Girls Road Trip!

March 13-14

to attend **Complete** for girls grades 6-12 at Eastern Hills Baptist Church, Montgomery, AL. Cost: \$70 (\$35 conference fee, \$35 hotel). See Laura Brown and go to [www.alawoman.com](http://www.alawoman.com) for more details for both of these State WMU events.



## Upward Basketball Report

This year's Upward Basketball League was truly a blessing to be a part of. To top things off, we had at least ten children indicate that they either prayed to receive Christ or wanted to know more information on how they can become a Christian during our Awards Night Program. Thank you coaches, referees, concession and clean-up volunteers, parents and especially church family for your role in making this the best Upward season yet. Most importantly, may the Lord receive all the honor and glory for allowing us to be a tool for leading children to Christ.

## Good News Bible Club

Our Bible Club at Southside Elementary is moving right along! Seems like before we know it, another school season will have come and gone. We have a young group of students. They are asking a lot of questions about becoming a Christian. Please keep these students, parents, school faculty and Bible Club volunteers in your prayers as we teach them about Jesus!

We are also in need of some "youngish" volunteers. It is only a commitment of an hour and a half each week. But, the rewards for each child and yourself are eternal. Come join us!

## Easter "Egg"stravaganza

Come join us on Saturday, April 11, from 12 noon to 2 pm for our annual Easter Egg Hunt! This year, we hope to have a bigger and better Easter Egg Hunt for not only our kids, but for the public as well. Therefore, we hope to have some inflatable events, possible dunking booth, (depending on the weather,) free hot dog lunch and most importantly, the Easter Egg Hunt. If you would like to contribute plastic Easter Eggs and small individually wrapped candy, please see Bro. Chris. Sunday School classes, look for ways that you and your class can volunteer to help out with this big event, (info and sign-up sheets will be placed in SS baskets. There will not be a Mountain Climb!!!)

## February Receipts

Regular Offering (Avg. 23,321.49)	93,285.93
BTTF Offering (Avg. 6,018.46)	24,073.84
BTTF Memorials	525.00
Music Memorials	260.00
Weddings	425.00
Couples Retreat	610.00
Discipleship Training Books	205.00
Wed. Meals	1,848.50
Kitchen Fund	25.00
Deacon Banquet	887.50
Upward	225.00
Upward Concessions	928.00
EBA Food Bank	5.00
Honduras Mission Trip	500.00
DiscipleNow	6,313.00
EBA Breakfast	45.00
Youth Winter Retreat	540.00
Preschool Memorials	35.00
Weekday Preschool Reimbursement	300.00
Choir Chairs	100.00
Men's Conference	6,112.00
Vending-Gym	89.00
Handbells	100.00
Community Benevolence	100.00
Children's Ministry	25.00
Youth Winter Jam Concert	40.00
Homebound	50.00
Total Tithes and Offerings	\$137,652.77

**SBC Mission Statement:** Southside Baptist Church exists ...to love God and others; to "make disciples" through birthing new sons and daughters into His kingdom, then maturing them through His Word; and to rear godly children through strong, established families.

## New Members

### By Baptism:

Hunter Cleveland  
Hannah Couch  
Stacy Farley  
Kylee Johnson  
Jamie Moman  
Kelly Motes

Alexis Rennhack  
Brooke Routon  
Aaron Varnon  
Danielle Varnon  
Jonathan Vo

### By Letter:

Jay Bowman  
Jennifer Bowman  
Linda Cleveland  
Steven Dodd

### In Sunday School:

Jason, Melynda, Marissa, Hailey and Kallie Hendon



## February Attendance

February 1  
Sunday School - 639  
Worship - 639  
February 8  
Sunday School - 565  
Worship - 556  
February 15  
Sunday School - 836  
Worship - 836  
February 22  
Sunday School - 652  
Worship - 718

## Memorials

Gifts have been given to the Bridge to the Future Fund in memory of N. B. "Free" Myrick by Price and Kathryn Patterson, David and Kay Bachus, Dale and Mary Beth Boger, Claude and Marianne Chamblee, Ronald and Lisa Sewell, a friend, Donald and Carolyn Harris and the PrimeTimers; and to the Music Department by Tim and Pam Weeks and Deanie Myrick. Also, to the BTTF Fund in memory of Clyde Brown by a friend and Roger and Jeanie Russell; and in memory of Robert Gaines from Rena Henderson. Gifts were also given to the Music Department in honor of Jeff Nix and Bill Lee from the choir, and to the Children's Ministry in memory of Bill Morgan by Pam Dawson.

**Librarian**

**Sunday Morning  
10-10:30**

**Southside Baptist Church**

*"Every Member is a Minister"*

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