



REFLECTIONS

Connecting our World to Christ
Reflecting Christ to our World

Newsletter of East Newnan Baptist Church

October 2009

PASTOR'S CORNER



In Isaiah 45 we read, "I form the light and create darkness, I make peace and create calamity; I, the Lord, do all these things." Some people see life on earth as a pointless experience of randomness and chance. As believers, we can agree that God creates light and peace, but what about darkness and calamity? The Bible says the Lord does all these things.

Today, many of you are walking in a very dark and difficult time. Some of you are going through a financial trial. Others are facing an emotional trial, a family trial or a spiritual trial. I want to remind you that you don't walk alone. Isaiah 45:2 says, "I will go before you and make the crooked places straight."

At the end of verse 14 we find this phrase written: "Surely God is in you." As I think about that phrase, I wonder when people look at my life if they would say, "Surely God is in Pat." As people look at you in the midst of these trials do they see the presence of God? I cannot think of a greater statement to hear on this earth from someone than, Surely God is in you.

Is God in your life? He is if you have trusted Christ as your Savior.

Do people see Him in your life? Let us seek to reflect the Lord Jesus, especially as we walk through dark days.

Today, in the midst of your trial, trust in the Lord, and watch Him work all things out for your good and for His glory.

Be encouraged.



MUSIC NOTES

Reamon Beaty, Minister of Music



We are getting off to a good start in all our music groups this fall. It seems we are adding new members each week in our children's choirs, and we have added three more to our Adult Choir as well. For the first time since we have started our handbell choir, we have enough ringers to fill all positions, and I don't have to ring and direct at the same time! I can't wait to have them ring for you. If you read music and can commit to rehearsing every week from 4:00 – 5:30 P.M., we could use one more ringer in order to help two of our upper bell ringers from ringing three bells at once. Ringing "three in hand" is an acceptable practice in handbells, as well as "four in hand," but it would make it easier to have the twelfth ringer for this three-octave set of handbells, so that each ringer would only be responsible for two bells and their sharps or flats.

We now have a full cast of adults and youth who will provide the acting parts for our 4–6 grade choir music/drama, "The First Day of Christmas," to be presented on Sunday night, December 6, at 6:00 P.M. You will love it! This will be a lot of hard work, but it will be worth it when you see how it adds so much to our Christmas season.

May I say how much I appreciate all of you who come out each month to help in our monthly "Operation Outreach" event. After our last visitation we had twelve more in Sunday School the following Sunday and sixty-seven more in worship! We also had a couple join whom we had visited and who had been attending for a year. We were so glad to see the results of the faithful thirty-three people who came out to help serve our meal, write cards, and go out into the neighborhood to visit. It is exciting to see God at work. We visit on the third Tuesday of each month at 6:30 P.M., starting at 6:00 P.M. with a light meal. Won't you sign up to help us reach this community for Jesus? We would love to have you.

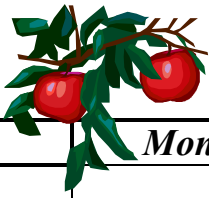


Love,
Reamon

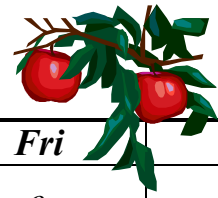


As Christmas approaches, our church's Ac-
teens, girls grades 6-12, are excitedly sponsoring **Operation Christmas Child**, a ministry of Samaritan's Purse.

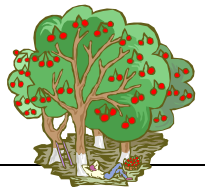
They are asking that in September everyone collect shoeboxes that can be packed with Christmas gifts for needy children around the globe. The girls plan to make a Christmas tree of shoeboxes in the foyer as these boxes are received. October into November we will be filling these shoe boxes with special items. Their goal is to fill 200 shoeboxes.



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Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Girl's Extravaganza October 2 & 3 at Norman Park Conf. Center for girls grades 1-6 (bus reserved)	3
4 12 Noon Acteens	5	6 (Fell. Hall res.)	7	8	9	10 (bus reserved)
11	12 Columbus Day	13 10:00 am WOM (Fell. Hall res.)	14	15	16 School Holiday	17 8:00-11:00 am Men's Prayer Breakfast at Orchard Hills Baptist Church
18 8:00 am Brotherhood & Women's Study (Fellow. Hall & Youth Cntr. res.) 12 Noon Acteens 7:00 pm Church Conference	19 School Holiday	20 6:30 pm Operation Outreach 6:00 pm Light Sup- per Served 6:00-8:30 pm (meal at 4:45 pm) WBA Annual Fall Mtg., SouthCrest Church	21	22	23	24 12 Noon Young at Heart Outing to Ellijay for Apples (bus reserved)
25 4:00-7:00 pm Church-wide Covered Dish Fall Picnic at ENBC (Fell. Hall res.)	26	27	28	29	30	31



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STUDENTS

Leaves begin to turn a beautiful array of colors and fall to the ground, which indicates that autumn is here—not to mention the start of deer season.

East Newnan has “BIG PLANS” for the children, youth, and adults—well, really the whole family—for the month of October. On Sunday the 25th, at the church, we will have a fall picnic, and all are invited to come join the fun. There will be a covered dish supper, praise band, devotion, and all kinds of games to enjoy that evening. The event will start at 4:00 pm and run until 7:00 pm, so come enjoy the evening and don't forget to invite somebody.

The youth's “Love Out Loud” series will be ending this month, but that is not the ending; it's just the beginning of a new era. Now it is time to act upon what we have studied. The close-out of this series will bring a beginning as we start another series. Be on the lookout for our next study.

In God's Love
by the Grace of God,
Jody
Pastor to Students

We'd like to welcome the following new members into our church family:

Barry and Heidi Gamblin

John Michael Geter
C/O Joe & Natalie Geter

Welcome!

MISSIONS on the MOVE!!!

PINNACLE PRAYER RETREAT:

Five of our women had an awesome time at the “Hearts Called to Pray” women's Retreat at Camp Pinnacle Conference and Retreat Center on September 18-19. Meeting women from all over our state, as well as enjoying inspiring music, and uplifting messages, were: Brenda Nall, Jennifer Thrower, Robi Turner, Ann Watts and Lisa Zitterich.

GIRLS EXTRAVAGANZA:

At the time of this writing, there are six girls and four adults planning to go to Girls Extravaganza, October 2-3, at Norman Park. Be in prayer for our group as we travel and as we participate in the activities offered during our time there. Our hope is that our girls will come away with hearts overflowing with their love for Jesus and be excited about sharing that love through missions. AND, a BIG “thank you” goes to those of you who helped with scholarships.

ACTEENS.... “UP AND RUNNING”:

Eight girls and three leaders attended the initial meeting of Acteens and had a great time. After lunch they learned about Acteens and made cards to be carried to retired missionary Mildred McWhorter, who is a resident at Avalon Nursing Center. When the girls were asked if Sunday at noon was a convenient time to meet, and if they preferred to meet twice each month or just once,

the answer was, “We were hoping we could meet EVERY week.” That tells you they were excited!!! They are sponsoring Operation Christmas Child ~ the filling of Samaritan Shoe Boxes ~ and have set a goal of 200 boxes to be filled by members of our church. I am sure that you will want to help them with this ministry.

BAPTIST WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:

As you know, Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer is on the first Monday of November each year. This year the date for our meeting is November 2, and it will be hosted by Macedonia Baptist Church. Please join us at 10:30 a.m. for the program and to “Pray Around Our World.” A salad luncheon will follow. Men are welcome to attend.

Ann Watts, WMU Director



Fall Picnic

- Sunday, October 25
- 4:00-7:00 pm
- Here at ENBC
- Games, Food, Band

Please bring a covered dish/dishes (enough for your family and guests) as well as a beverage. We hope you'll join us!



Young at Heart Outing

The Young at Heart will be going to Ellijay on Saturday, October 24th to get apples. We will leave the church at 12:00 noon. Please eat lunch before coming to the church. From Ellijay we will travel to Dahlonega for shopping and eating dinner at the famous Smith House Restaurant. Their menu includes fried chicken, baked ham, roast beef, fried okra, candied yams, a dozen or so different fresh, steamed vegetables, homemade yeast rolls, corn muffins, dessert and drink. The all inclusive price is \$21.90 per person. This includes the meal, drink, dessert, tax and tip. We will pay individually as we go in. If time permits we will stop by Uncle Shucks Pumpkin Patch. You can explore a corn maze, find a pumpkin, shoot the corn cannon or go on a hayride. We will be back to the church at approximately 9:00 pm. Please sign up and join the fun!

Cindy Carroll

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAYS

*Sunday School (All ages) 9:45 am
*Morning Worship 11:00 am
Children's Worship 11:00 am
(Grades 1-3)
pw 10:14 (K-5 & under) 11:00 am
*Evening Worship 6:00 pm

WEDNESDAYS

Supper Served 5:00-6:00 pm
(reservations required)
4 & 5 Year Old Choir 6:00-6:45 pm
Choirs Grades 1-6 6:00-6:50 pm
Youth Ignite 6:15-8:00 pm
(Grades 6-12)
*Prayer /Bible Study 6:30-7:20 pm
Mission Friends 6:45-7:30 pm
(ages 2-5)
Mission Clubs 7:00-8:00 pm
(Grades 1-5)
Sanctuary Choir 7:30-8:30 pm

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Why is Sunday School important? I have heard that question a few times. Often it is preceded by a statement along the lines of, "I come to the morning worship service." That is a fair question. We have a good expository preacher who goes through one book at a time just like in Sunday School, so the service is educational. But, how many times have you raised your hand in mid-sermon to ask Pastor Pat to repeat something or explain something further? When is the last time a few pews of people have circled up together in mid-sermon to discuss a point in the sermon? My guess is we will all say zero. But, that is exactly what Sunday School is for. Sunday School, or any open group no matter when they meet, is designed to learn about God's word and figure out how to apply it to our lives as a group through lecture and discussion. And, Sunday School is designed for a specific age group. Worship is designed for people ages eight to ninety-eight and for people who have been Christians for half a month and those who have been Christians for half a century.

Here are three reasons why I think Sunday School is important:

1. It is a place of sharing. Sunday School classes give a sense of belonging to each member of the class. The open format encourages small groups to bond together and form friendships by allowing members to talk and share about their needs with others in similar ages and life-stages. Whether you are a second grader, young parent, or retired senior citizen you can find a class with people going through the same ups and downs.
2. It is a place of learning. Sunday School provides a basic study of the scriptures at a level of understanding for that age group. Not only are the materials studied for the sake of head knowledge, but also practical application of that knowledge is figured out collectively. No other place and time on the church calendar accomplishes this as well.
3. It is a place of serving. Sunday School provides a gateway to service. There are many opportunities to serve in each class whether its helping teachers pass out items, taking roll, or teaching. A well run class takes many volunteers. Volunteers in classes are better equipped to volunteer for similar positions within the church as a whole. I don't think I could be a preacher if I had not spent time as a Sunday School teacher.

Don't tell Pastor Pat, Pastor Jody or Reamon, but I honestly believe the Sunday School hour to be the most important hour that any of us can spend at church. I hope you and your family will come and find a place to belong and grow at 9:45 am next Sunday.

Adam