

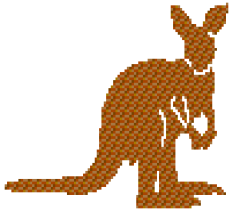


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THE BOOMERANG EXPRESS

VBS! All aboard!! We are making preparations for our trip to Australia June 15-19. We are looking for several types of contributions that will make this trip super exciting.

If you would like to contribute to our prize/treasure chest throughout the year, that would be wonderful. We are in need of prizes for boys and girls ages 4-12. For information on what type prizes you can contact Mary Wales in the office at 944-5520.

We are also looking for train sets to set up all over the building, especially to be the center attraction on the platform in the fellowship hall. If you have a train set you would be willing to set up for us, please let me know as soon as possible.

If you shop at the Apple Market on Scenic Highway, could you please save the brown paper bags with the handles.

We could not have such successful VBS events without the help of our church family.

Mary Wales, Children's Ministry Director



LADIES' RETREAT

We hope you will join us for our Ladies' retreat. This year's Retreat will be at Camp Baldwin in the Piney Woods Lodge.

There is room for everyone and a huge room in which to have our meetings. The total cost for Friday night, Saturday and Sunday mornings and all meals is \$75.00. The deadline to pay the \$75.00 is March 29th.

We are delighted that Barbara Stephens (Mama Hug) will be our speaker for Saturday and she will be leading us in a "Day Apart" with Jesus. This is going to be a life changing for all of us.

Join us on April 3 - April 5. It is possible to come only for the Saturday session but you need to contact me or the church if you will be doing this.

Carole Cox, Ladies Ministry Director

QUILTS FOR WIDOWS IN NEED IN EGYPT



At a recent Harvester Meeting Fred Brummet shared about the Widows in Need in Egypt, a ministry of Living Water International. When the Ladies Let's Gather Group met on Tuesday following the Harvester Meeting, the ladies began

exploring the idea of making quilts for these widows. The ladies felt God's leading to reach out to these women in a tangible way to convey that they are of value; they do have worth, and they have sisters in Christ across the ocean who care for them and are praying for them.

Since then the Ladies Let's Gather Group has been working together to make lap size quilts for these widows. Each time someone goes to Egypt they will tuck a quilt or two in their suitcase. There are over 100 widows that LWI is seeking to reach.

We consulted with Fred and with Ron & Pat Kelly (directors of LWI) who were very enthusiastic. Fred said, "The widows would treasure a quilt made especially for them more than you could imagine." Pat said, "If the ladies make the quilts, we WILL find a way to get them to the widows." So-o, there is much work to be done!

This is a BIG undertaking, and we would like to enlist the help of others with this project. We plan to set up an occasional workday in the coming months, on a Saturday when women who work but would like to participate can do so. If you can sew at all, **WE NEED YOU!** If you would like to donate toward the purchase of materials for the project, that would also be appreciated. Write "Widows in Need" on the giving envelope when enclosing your contribution.

We plan to invite ladies from other congregations who are supportive of Living Water International to join us in making quilts to bless the Widows in Need, which will help us provide the quilts more quickly. For additional information, contact Linda Kimble, 455-7128 and watch bulletin for future details.

"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." James 1:27

DO YOU KNOW THIS PERSON?



Our person of the month was born in Pensacola. His parents were divorced when he was 2 years old and he and his younger brother were raised by his paternal grandfather.

He attended Brownsville Elementary School, Brownsville Middle School and Pensacola High. While in high school he played baseball and was a member of "Voices", (an elite choir of Pensacola High). After high school, he attended PJC and UWF and graduated with a Bachelor of Music degree. From there he went to West Florida Baptist Institute and received a Bachelor of English Bible. While attending college, he worked for Pizza Hut.

He first met his wife-to-be at college where they were both attending a Baptist Campus Ministry group. At the time nothing came of it. As he matured, he found himself searching for a better relationship with the Lord. Just prior to coming to Charity Chapel, he was attending Abundant Life Church and as he searched and prayed he came to believe in the Holy Spirit and believed and received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

He was involved with a Christian rock band and they began searching for a home church that would cover them as they ministered to various venues with their music. One of the members of the group attended Charity Chapel and suggested they meet with Brother Mike. The moment our person of the month met Pastor Mike, he knew he wanted to belong to Charity. His description of Brother Mike was that he "oozed the love of God"

One Sunday at Charity he ran into the girl he had met in college and they decided to become reacquainted. They went out to lunch that day and began a relationship. They meet in January '92. By May '92 they were engaged and were married at Charity in November of 1992. They now have an 8 year old son and a 14 year old daughter.

Over the years he had some interest in martial arts. While taking his daughter to the Milestone Aquatic Center for swimming classes, he discovered there was a martial arts group meeting in another part of the Center. He became involved and has been participating in martial arts for the last 8 years.

For the past fifteen years he has been employed as the Mail Center coordinator for Baptist Health Care.

One of his favorite Bible verses is Mt. 25:23 "Well done good and faithful servant".

Happy Anniversary

LADIES LET'S GATHER
CELEBRATES 11TH ANNIVERSARY

The Ladies Let's Gather Group celebrated its 11th anniversary February 24th. What began with a few ladies meeting together to sew and pray together has grown into a much larger group that has touched the lives of many women over its eleven years of existence. Young and not so young women enjoy meeting each week to work on their own projects while enjoying fellowship with other ladies. We also have projects we work on through the year as a group such as baby items for Safe Harbor, and most recently, quilts for the Widows in Need ministry of Living Water International.

Ladies, we invite you to join us each Tuesday morning from 9:00 am until noon in the room adjacent to the kitchen in the Gold Building (Room 2). Bring the project of your choice along with the needed supplies. If you would like to come and observe, you are welcome to do that. Also, if you have a desire to learn how to sew, crochet, knit, quilt etc. there are women in our group who would consider it a privilege to help you get started. We have a couple of sewing machines for class use along with some basic supplies until you can purchase your own. We also have a time of Bible Study and prayer, and we have seen many answers to prayer as week by week we lift up needs to the Lord. A nursery is provided on the first Tuesday of each month. For additional information contact Linda Kimble, 455-7128.

A common mistake that people make when trying to design something completely foolproof was to underestimate the ingenuity of complete fools.

-- Douglas Adams (Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy)

It's better to be thought of as a fool and to surprise people once in a while than to be thought of as a brain and to let people down when they need you the most.

-- Julie Melanson

The problem with your leisure time is keeping others from using it.

A good leader inspires confidence in himself ... a great leader inspires followers' confidence in themselves.

The Lord has not left us defenseless against our formidable foe. He has given us weapons with which to fight: "For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Messiah, and being ready to punish all disobedience when your obedience is fulfilled" (2 Corinthians 10:4-6). This verse seems to indicate that the major battle for the believer is in the mind. Your mind. Our mind. The battle begins with the individual believer. Cindy Jacobs, a leader in strategic spiritual warfare over nations, makes a very interesting point in her book, *Possessing the Gates of the Enemy*. She notes that a stronghold is a mindset impregnated with hopelessness that causes the believer to accept as unchangeable something that he knows is contrary to the will of God. Strongholds in our lives make us susceptible to the enemy. Chapter 6 in the book of Ephesians deals with relationships before dealing with spiritual warfare. If the enemy has a foothold in our RELATIONSHIPS, he can render us ineffective in wrestling against principalities. Another stronghold is SELF. Cindy lists the following rights we have to give up in order to tear down strongholds: the right to be offended, the right to our time, the right to do what we want with our possessions, the right to self-pity, the right to self-justification, the right to be understood, and the right to criticize. The author likens this to boot camp in God's prayer army.

Humility, and dying to self, are weapons of warfare. So is FAITH. It is our shield (Ephesians 6:16). TRUTH is another weapon, the first part of our armor mentioned in Ephesians 6:14. The devil is a liar. We defeat his lies through Yeshua, Who is the Truth. Derek Prince astutely explains in his wonderful little book *Spiritual Warfare* that "Satan deliberately and systematically brings strongholds in people's minds. Those strongholds and fortresses resent the truth of the gospel and the Word of God and prevent people from being able to receive the message of the gospel." Two of these are prejudices and preconceptions. Another is unbelief. PRAYER is an effective weapon in bringing down these strongholds. The BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS is our weapon against accusation, condemnation, and guilt since God made a way for us to live free from guilt through faith in Yeshua. "For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, that we might become the righteousness of God in Him." (2 Corinthians 5:21) The HELMET OF SALVATION protects our mind. Derek Prince makes an interesting case for HOPE being the protection for the mind, and a powerful weapon. Hope is based on a solid foundation of faith. It expects good from a Good God. It is effective in putting depression, doubt, and self-pity to flight.

"BUILDING TEAMS" WORKSHOP

The next meeting of the "Friends of Liberty Fellowship" in the Pensacola/Mobile Area will be on Friday night, April 17 and Saturday morning, April 18th. This will be a special time of teaching on "Building Teams". Brad Thurston will be leading us in the workshop on Friday evening and Saturday morning.

WE WELCOME FRIENDS AND GUESTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SKILL BUILDING WEEKEND.

The event will include the meal on Friday night and a light Breakfast on Saturday.

The Schedule will be` ` Friday, April 17 6:00 PM Meal and Fellowship at Charity Chapel
7:00 - 8:30 PM Brad Thurston teaching on Teams
Sat April 18 8:30- 9 AM Coffee and Fellowship
9 AM- noon Brad Thurston teaching on Teams

Please pre-register and pay the fee of \$15 per person by Monday, April 13th so that we can plan appropriately for meals and materials.

Actual call center conversation!

Customer: 'I've been calling 700-1000 for two days and can't get through can you help?'
Operator: 'Where did you get that number, sir?'
Customer: 'It's on the door of your business.'
Operator: 'Sir, those are the hours that we are open.'



Rules are for the obedience of fools and the guidance of wise men. -- Douglas Bader



Allen Taylor

**"40 Days" - February 22 - April 3
PRAY FOR PENSACOLA! It's not too late**

What does it take to bring *change* into a city or a region? Is positive *change* even possible? If so, how can I be part of that change?

In January of 2008, 600 believers from 85 different congregations in and around the Pensacola area, left aside their differences and made Pray for Pensacola's "40 Days" event a success. A new level of unity was birthed among churches and many other *changes* happened within our city.

On February 22, 2009, Pensacola, Tallahassee, Florida and Mobile, Alabama united for the first time to pray and fast together to bring positive *change* to the Gulf Coast. We believe prayer brings real *change* and YOU are designed to be an ambassador of *Change!*

Be part of the *Change* by registering today at: www.PrayforPensacola.com.

EAST WING PROGRESS

Thank you so much for your partnership in this project with your finances and your energy. In the last four weeks we have made substantial progress, giving us the confidence to schedule a tentative finish date of APRIL 1, 2009. In the past month we have seen:

- Custom designed stage built
- HVAC finalized
- Suspended ceiling installed
- Ceramic tile laid in entryway
- Carpet installed in Main Room

This room is really starting to take shape, and our congregation is very excited about it. Would you continue to partner with us in prayer for this project because we know this next month will be a challenge.

We are encouraged as we have seen things really move forward. Again, let me say to you, thank you for every sacrifice that you have made to see this project go forward. With God's help, a little more than a month we will have an open house to show you a completed east wing. In the meantime, check out our progress. Thank you for your partnership.

Pastor Brandon, Sirius Student Ministries

FIRST WEDNESDAY MEAL AND PROGRAM



On March 4 we will have our first Wednesday night family dinner. Dinner begins at 6 pm. At 7 pm there will be meetings for men, women, youth and Bible Express.

It is important that you sign up on the Connection Card on Sunday or notify the office if you plan on attending the supper.

There will be a nursery available for the meetings but you need to indicate the number of children (infant through 3) that will attend as well as how many children will be attending Bible Express. The cost of the meal will be \$2.50 each.

JOYFUL THINGS

At times I'm so discouraged with problems of the day
I fail to see the joyful things that are along the way

Reflecting on God's many gifts it makes me so aware
Of all the joy in little things around me everywhere!

When troubles overwhelm me it's then my nerves may fray
that's when I need to take the time to simply sit and pray

I must try to remember though problems come my way
not to miss the joyful things and the beauty of the day.

MISSIONARIES OF THE MONTH: Paul & Teresa KOEHLER - India: (Paul has been in missions since 1970. In 1994, the Koehlers were called to India and they have served there ever since.) from Teresa: Lately I've been drawing more story sketches (on a chalkboard), while I'm painting Bible stories on the minds and hearts of 100 children at a nearby school. All these students are in the 6th, 7th and 8th grades, and they come from every religious background. I've been invited to keep on telling the stories and teaching them songs twice a week whenever possible. Thanks so much for praying for us and our adult storytellers. We've just finished another excellent training event with the second group of adult storytellers who learned more new stories this month. We do appreciate your prayers, for we believe it is prayer that makes it possible for us to have successful training events. In the next 2 weeks we're scheduled to train two more groups before returning home. (We're scheduled to conduct four weeks of training during this month of February; and we're very thankful for the opportunity to do this).

Ryan & Chris HANEY - Scotland: The Ladies Valentine Outreach last weekend was superb! We served a 5 course meal to 75 ladies. We had a lovely night as we ministered through our growing friendships. Kinrick Kids had another 4 new kids last week. Our visa renewal is fast approaching and we need to raise another \$2000. Please pray for provision and if the Lord leads, please designate a gift to our Globe account. Ryan is meeting with a group of skaters to find out what they want out of Deeper. He is getting to know them outside of the skate park. He has also been helping out at the skate park as needed.

Jim BRITNELL - Reconciled Ministries: 2009 started off with a roar. I ministered fourteen times in two weeks. I started a leadership class at the Liberty Bible College in Fountain Correctional Facility. Fountain is a high security prison with a "Faith Dorm" that allows an inmate leadership structure to be in charge. Please keep me in prayer as I try to help these men become strong Christian leaders who use Jesus as their model for modern day leadership. Please pray for me that I would become a better listener. Please pray for Reconciled Ministries finances and know that I am praying for yours as well.

Jim & Mary MATHER - Friends of Internationals: We had a welcome banquet in our home. We expected around 100 to attend but were surprised with a record attendance of over 200 in our home. Normally, we try to have really big events like that on campus but we were blessed with enough food and "barely" enough space to hold the crowd in our home. Every inch was filled to capacity for sure but we all had a wonderful time. Last night God moved in a wonderful way as we began an expositional study in the gospel of Mark. The house was packed out for the Bible study. We sense that God is doing something really special this year. We really need your prayers for ongoing wisdom and support.

Roger & Linda WEST - Mexico: We continue our radio broadcasts on 8 strategic stations scattered over the central part of Mexico. We had 183 people pray for salvation here in the Angulo Center last year - plus others through the radio and the daughter congregations (our missions-become-churches). Please pray with us for a much more abundantly fruitful year during 2009.

Randall & Luda FORD - New York: Thank you for praying for a breakthrough for our congregation in Queens. Group meetings started on Saturday mornings in January. Friday nights will now be primarily to share the gospel with friends over Shabbat meals. We waited and prayed several years for these breakthroughs. Please pray for our neighbors who are studying the Bible with us, yet challenge us with difficult questions about creation, science, and Quantum Mechanics. We are on a personal "crash course" to increase our knowledge of the sciences, so we can discuss them intelligently with our smart friends. Please pray for Luda. We were certain her job was changing, but her hospital began a hiring freeze, which stopped her transfer. Right now she is working full-time at nights. We believe God wants her in a less stressful part-time day position. The job market makes this very difficult to find, but "with God all things are possible."

McLean & Colleen HAWTHORNE - South Asia: Please pray with us for the 10 million Chinese in Malaysia and for the 1.5 billion Chinese worldwide. Pray for their salvation. And pray for those who believe to commit themselves to serving the Lord and being His witness in their spheres of influence - in the Body of Christ and in the social and business world. We ask for prayer for our Asian "family" the Body of Christ here, to be God's witnesses in the midst of peoples who don't know Him. Please pray for our immediate family. Sarah and Chris are relocating to the DC area, both to do a graduate degree. James is in Pensacola for a time, and is really looking for a job. Joseph is 13 years old, and is growing to be a fine young man. We pray for you that

you would have a prosperous year - may you prosper in body, soul, and spirit, in every good way.

Ron & Pat KELLY - Living Water International: Almost two years of challenges and frustration came to a victorious end in December of 2008 when we dedicated the fourth Albanian program in the village of Kotodesh. We were pleasantly surprised when 18 local dignitaries said they would accept our invitation to attend the dedication. Don't forget these are all Muslims. The kitchen staff that cooks for all the programs prepared a very special dinner for all the guests. The evangelism coordinator prepared a slide show of activities participated in by children in the other 3 programs and some of these children were there to sing and serve. Having the leaders of the community there at the dedication was a wonderful start to the new program. We are earnestly trying to improve our communications with those of you who are so faithful to support us personally. Since we receive no salary from LWI and personally pay all of our expenses, including travel, we depend on you hearing the Lord and obeying Him in your giving to support us.

Sandy CARTER - Nicaragua: We had several mission teams visit the orphanages and work on projects. Our team has grown. We are beginning our 12th year this month - stepping out in faith to care for more and more physically and spiritually needy children. You are the army that stands beside us. Together we continue to witness the ongoing miracle God is beautifully unfolding in the lives of these children. Thank you for another year standing with me as we empower the next generation of Nicaraguans to change their world. It is my heart's desire to be able to expand the feeding program of the ministry even more this year. There are so many children that need the physical feeding programs, but they also need a spiritual feeding program. I hope you will continue to support this portion of the ministry as my vision grows for the future.

Ben & Irene VEAZEY - Living Water International: Well, 2009 has already been a really different year for most of us. But guess what, God's still in control and He promises to take care of His people. Thanks to a local church, a great group of men went to Chixocol, Guatemala to start the new classroom building. They did a great job placing 6600 square feet of concrete with two one bag mixers and finished a couple of days earlier than expected and were able to help with other projects. The church also supported the project with the funds to buy the materials to do the concrete slab. Thanks to all of you for your love and support for the children. In February and March, we will be working with two different groups from Vermont. Both groups will be working on the Chixocol classroom building. We're so blessed to be doing what the Lord has given us to do. We firmly believe this is what the Lord has trained us for our whole lives. We couldn't do it without your support and prayers.

Judy Ubico-HERNANDEZ - Guatemala: We have many new students in our kindergarten and first grade classes and the usual group who were here with us last year in the upper grades. I thank the Lord for the good group of students He sent us this year as many private schools have fewer students. The government has opened up a public school system with no fee. The financial crunch is starting to be felt here as in the rest of the world. We need to pray for wisdom in the use of our funds. We have limited the amount of students in each class to 25. We want to continue to provide the same quality of education we have given our students over the 27 years we have had our doors open. We want to provide a good foundation of Christian principles for both students and teachers, as well as a loving attitude when it comes to our relationships with the children and parents. Please continue to pray so that we can continue to give our very best to the children that God has trusted into our hands.

Danny & Judy ARMSTRONG - Southeast Asia: We are planning two trips this year to SE Asia. These will have medical clinics, children's outreach and other elements. We plan to continue to develop the water project and other means to reach an Unreached People Group in SE Asia in partnership with others.