

January Happenings

Regular SUNDAY Activities

Men's Prayer Breakfast (1st Sun.)	7:30 a.m.
Prayer Warriors	9:15 a.m.
Media Library Open	9:20 a.m.
Sunday School	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Mission Friends (1st & 3rd Sun.)	11:15 a.m.
God's Little Angels (2nd & 4th Sun.)	11:15 a.m.
CHAT...Comfort Hope And Tea (3rd Sun.)	3:00 p.m.
SBBC Praise Team	4:00 p.m.
Deacon's Meeting (2nd Sun.)	5:00 p.m.
Youth Building Open (7th-12 Grades)	5:32 p.m.
B.A.S.I.C. Youth Bible Study (7th -12th Grades)	6:18 p.m.
Building & Grounds Mtg. (1st Sunday)	6:00 p.m.
Crossing Boundaries (7-12 grade band & singers)	7:30 p.m.
Clown Ministry Team	7:45 p.m.

Regular MONDAY Activities

Finance Meeting (3rd Mon.)	7:00 p.m.
Outreach Visitation	7:00 p.m.
Children's Ministry Team (3rd Mon.)	7:00 p.m.

Regular TUESDAY Activities

God's Patchworkers (3rd Tues.)	6:00 p.m.
King's Daughters (2nd & 4th Tues.)	6:15 p.m.
Hearts & Hands Puppet Ministry (1st & 3rd Tues.)	6:30 p.m.

Regular WEDNESDAY Activities

Music Library Staff	9:00 a.m.
Sanctuary Choir	6:45 p.m.
Prayer Meeting	7:00 p.m.

Regular THURSDAY Activities

Young Seniors of SBBC (3rd Thurs. Sept. through May)	10:00 a.m.
Production Team (2nd Thurs.)	7:00 p.m.

Did You Know...

It's time to start a new year. While looking for ways that people ring in the New Year, I found the following custom. It occurred to me that a lot of people would be better off doing this if they don't believe in Christ.

In the old days the New Year started with a custom called "first footing," which was suppose to bring good luck for the coming year. As soon as midnight passed and January 1 had started, people waited behind their doors for a dark haired person to arrive. The visitor carried a piece of coal, some bread, some money, and some greenery. These were all for good luck. Coal so that the house would always be warm, bread to make sure everyone in the house had enough to eat, money so that they would not be broke, and the greenery to ensure a long life. The visitor would then take a pan of dust or ashes out of the house with him, thus signifying the departure of the old year.

With Jesus in our hearts we don't depend on luck. John 15:5 tells us "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing." The word of the Lord is always worthy and is the best place to look for our future. Remember the verse we used during our building program? What a great word to stand on as we start this New Year! "For I know the plans that I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for calamity, to give you a future and a hope." Jeremiah 29:11

Answer to last month's question: To Register for the census; Luke 2: 4,5

This month's question: Who did Paul refuse to take with him on his second missionary journey?

Have a blessed New year and I pray I'll see you at church!

MJ

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It's a brand new year!

Did you hear about the man who moved into a retirement community? He quickly made a number of friends among the residents. There was one lady he was attracted to, and she was attracted to him, too. They spent a lot of time together and finally one evening he proposed to her. He got up the next morning remembering the proposal, but couldn't remember her answer. So he went to her and said, "I'm really embarrassed. I proposed to you last night but I can't remember if you said 'Yes' or 'No.'" "Oh, thank goodness!" she replied. "I remembered saying 'Yes' but I couldn't remember who asked me."

I bet we've sometimes done that with New Year's resolutions. We will tell ourselves, "This year I'm going to turn over a new leaf. I'm going to exercise regularly and lose weight. I'm going to do this and that to improve myself physically & spiritually." But how quickly we forget. Said in jest. More often than not, we don't mean it. We stumble, lose sight of what we'd like to see about ourselves. Disappointment sets in. Then we ignore it altogether.

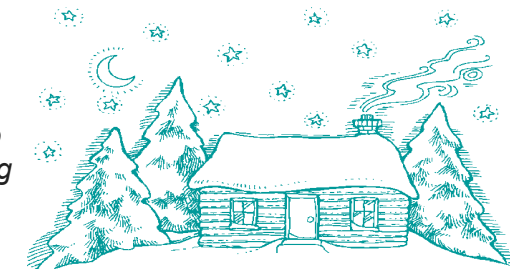
Several weeks ago I shared a message entitled "Re-Thinking Christmas." Perhaps it would help us all, our church, our community, if we re-think New Year's resolutions. So this year I have a suggestion for a New Year's resolution that we all can remember. It is broad and very general, but here it is - let's make a promise to ourselves and to God that we will make a spiritual change for the better. This year, as God's people, as His church, let's make this one simple resolution - we're going to do the things that will guide us toward spiritual growth, spiritual maturity, to make a spiritual change for the better.

Peter wrote, in his second Epistle: "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." 2 Peter 3:18 (NIV)

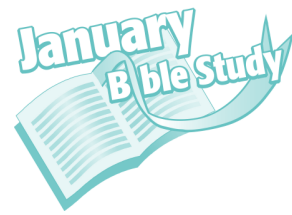
How could we forget those words? And as we carry them with us throughout the year, they will serve to guide us toward faithfulness and obedience to God in all that we do. Would you join me?

Have a great New Year!

Steve



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**Sunday, January 31 thru
Wednesday, February 3, 2010**
(will meet in the fellowship hall)
Steve Hawkins will be our facilitator for this event.

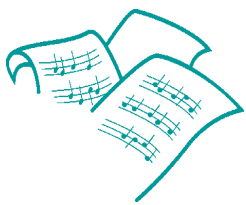
Have you ever found yourself wondering just what Jesus was teaching as he shared through parables? Simply put, Jesus taught in parables about the kingdom of God and life in that kingdom. He taught about the value of the kingdom and how it impacts the lives of its citizens (believers). He taught about who is and who is not in the kingdom of heaven, how to enter the kingdom, and how to thrive in the kingdom.

The **January Bible Study 2010** is designed to lead you to a better understanding of the kingdom as well as of the parables in the Gospel of Matthew that focus on it. This study will show you how to enter and live in the kingdom of God, as a child of God. Be sure to start reading through the Gospel of Matthew now and plan on joining us for this study!

Participant books will be available beginning the first Sunday in January at a cost of \$7.00 each. Make checks payable to *Second Branch Baptist Church*.

Schedule: Sunday — 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and
Monday through Wednesday — 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

**Stories
for Life**
Parables of the
Kingdom in Matthew



WINDLE'S NOTES

"I sing aloud to You, Lord God, my strength; I make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob. I raise a song and strike the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the lute. You have put a new song in my mouth — praise to my God; many will see it and fear, and will trust in You, Lord. Lord, You are the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow — and of You I can always sing. Help me find joy and courage as I sing of Your goodness."

Many thanks to all of you who participated in the many holiday music activities. The joy and excitement of worshipping and praising God was experienced in each service of worship. May we always be found abounding in the Praise and Worship of our great God!

Sanctuary Choir returns to rehearsal **Wednesday, January 06, 2010 at 6:30 p.m.** We will begin work on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday anthems and a musical to be presented April 18th entitled, **"God in Us."**

The King's Daughter's Ensemble will return to rehearsals on **Tuesday, January 6, 2010 at 6:15 p.m.** The SBBC Praise Team will return to their regular Sunday afternoon rehearsals on **Sunday, January 10th, 2010 at 4:00 p.m.** *Crossing Boundaries* resumes rehearsals **Sunday, January 10th, at 7:30 p.m.** Our Children's Choirs will resume rehearsals **Sunday, January 10th, at 5:00 p.m.** You will want to be there to see what fun and joy through music is planned for this coming Spring. *Belles of the Branch* will return to rehearsals **Sunday, January 10th at 6:15 p.m.** We begin preparation of music for our Handbell Festival to be held February 19th & 20th at Mt. Vernon Baptist Church.

Thank you for your continued prayerful support of our music ministries here at Second Branch as we continue to lift Him up in praise. And remember, if God has blessed you with the gift and talent of singing, you need to join us in singing His praises and glorifying Him!

K. Wayne Windle, Jr.
Director of Music Ministries

Building and Grounds

Many of you may have been wondering about some of the construction going on around the Church campus, so I thought I would share with you some of the details. First of all, we have rebuilt the retaining wall on the far end of the Church cemetery. Our thanks to the Moseley family for allowing Zach Hardy to use this as his Eagle Scout project. We removed the old wall, and in order to make the new one permanent, we dug and poured a concrete footing. The big work day was laying the block and the capstones.

The next project was one that was a lingering construction project from the Church addition leading to a water leak in Wayne Windle's office. Ultimately, the only way to permanently fix this issue was to excavate this area completely, repair the masonry, waterproof the wall, and backfill the area with clean stone and a new sidewalk. I give a huge thanks to Earle Spencer and Bobby Lythgoe for taking the lead on this project. The repair was done in text book fashion, and since then we have had our share of rain with no leaks which gave us our passing test on the basement wall.

As always we appreciate any feedback you can give us. We always have ongoing projects, and I will keep you up to date on some of the bigger ones. We have a great committee of volunteers dedicated to serving the Lord by making his house a better place to congregate.

Respectfully submitted,
Craig Hardy



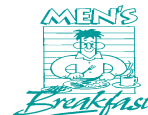
Comfort Hope And Tea

Our cancer support group for women meets the 3rd Sunday at 3:00 p.m. in the Church Parlor. Our next meeting is on Sunday January 17, 2010.



Men's Prayer Breakfast

Men, please join us as we share a delicious breakfast together. Hope to see all of you in God's House for a wonderful time of fellowship on January 3rd at 7:30 a.m. A small donation is received to cover the meal.



A Note From the Finance Committee

Your 2010 offering envelopes are here! Start out the new year by using your offering envelopes each week. All you need to do is put the amount on the outside of the envelope and place it in the collection plate. It's that easy and it will ensure your offering records are correct. If you have any questions or cannot locate a box with your name on it, contact our church financial secretary, Laura Cabbage at blccc@hotmail.com or 739-5459 or any of the members of the Finance Committee.



WMU/WOMEN ON MISSION

This past quarter we have supported the Alma Hunt Offering for State Missions; collected over 100 filled shoeboxes for Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child; collected outfits and toys/gifts for 25 needy children through the Middle District Christmas Store; and promoted the annual Lottie Moon Christmas Offering (see the January 3 bulletin for exact amount contributed toward the goal of \$2500). Special thanks to the following who "went the extra mile" this season: Evelyn Webb & the GA's, Wanda Yeatts & Janice Wilson for the Missions Committee. Yes, we are a "missions-minded Church," praise God! Our next meeting is Monday, January 11, 2010, 6:30 p.m. Join us for a light supper as we make preparations for WMU Sunday in February!

Media Library News

We would like to thank you for your patience as we expand. You will soon be able to enjoy new space, new media, new furniture, an entire new look! We are also taking inventory which is a rather tedious process. The new furniture will be arriving around the end of January and we hope to have a special open house sometime in February. **Stay tuned for the exact date.** Thanks again for your continued support of the Media Ministry at SBBC!



Hearts and Hands Puppet Ministry

We want to say **thank you** to those who help us with the various parts of our ministry. More help is still needed and if interested, here are some areas: become a puppeteer (5th grade to adult); make a puppet or donate towards; help with art work or props; sew costumes; provide a snack; give a testimony; write a script; help with performances. We would love to talk with you and answer questions. You can help this ministry grow!

We challenge you to be a part of this heart-warming and arm-raising ministry! Is this your gift and you didn't even know? If you are a bit curious or intrigued by all this, please contact us right away and see what all the excitement is about!

Our goal is to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ around our community, and maybe one day, around the world. God has great things in store for the *Hearts and Hands Puppet Ministry*. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." Phil 4:13.

We have a great time while doing God's work, but, isn't God worth it? He loves us so much. Giving praise and worship to Him is what we want to do in ALL we do. Remember our Team Verse: **"Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might..." (Ecclesiastes 9:10a)**

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TeamKID

HAPPY NEW YEAR! I pray that your holidays were truly amazing and peaceful. As you resolve to make your resolutions for the coming year, I pray that you will resolve to know what you believe and why you believe it. . .and share it with your children. Also, please join all of us at TeamKID as we pray for the Webb family as Chris Webb is headed to Iraq very soon.

TGBTG, Rain

Children's Ministry

Our next Children's Ministry meeting is on Monday, January 18th at 7:00. **Children's programming will resume as follows:**

TeamKID - Jan. 6th at 6:30
Children's Choirs - Jan. 10th at 5:00
RA/GA's - Jan. 10th at 6:00/dinner 6:30/meeting

LOOKING AHEAD

*RA/GA Pinewood Derby – Sunday, February 21st.
Children's Easter Party – Saturday, April 3rd

Children's Sermon Schedule

1st Sunday - Jennifer Znotens / Mission Friends
2nd Sunday - Hearts & Hands Puppets / God's Little Angels
3rd Sunday - The Clown Troupe / Mission Friends
4th Sunday - Children's Choirs / God's Little Angels
5th Sunday - Steve Hawkins

Hearts & Hands Puppet Schedule

Practice Jan. 5th & 19th at 6:30

TeamKID Snack Schedule

January 6 - Boso
January 13 - Mays
January 20 - Blair
January 27 - Livesay

RA/GA Dinner Schedule

January 3 No Meeting
January 10 - Koscinski/Brittain
January 17 - Stitzer/Humphrey

The parents meeting for the Pinewood Derby immediately following (place to be determined)

January 24 - Kirpatrick/Caish
January 31 - Hamilton/Escobar
The tentative date for the GA sleepover (grades K-3) is 1/15
There is no meeting on February 7 due to the Super Bowl

Bible Trivia for Parents and Kids

1. What did God command Abram to do? What did God promise Abram? Read Genesis 12:1-3
2. How many descendants did God promise Abram? Read Genesis 15:4-5
3. Read Genesis 17:1-5. What does Abraham mean? Answers to last months trivia questions:
 1. Expulsion from the Garden of Eden
 2. The Flood
 3. Confusion and separation at the Tower of Babel



Blessed are the
Quiltmakers

God's Patchworkers

This quilt-sewing group meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be January 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. We would love to have you!..