

SENIOR PASTOR

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OFFICE COMPLEX

Thank you for the positive comments on the new office building. If anyone feels led to pay for the building, I will be glad to name the building after you, or a loved one. Just think here is a way for you to leave a lasting legacy!

The Building and Grounds MAT is calling for a business meeting on April 1 for the approval of the new office. Drawings are located in both auditorium foyers.

As it faces the student center, the building will sit at the back of the new parking lot (next to the trees) and down by the cemetery. For site preparation, construction, and furnishings, the building will cost about \$481,500. If all goes well, we should be in the new building before the end of the year.

DEACON SURVEY

As our Deacons worked on the Deacon Family Ministry plan, we encountered a good problem. We have more families than Deacons. If every family were immediately assigned, each Deacon would have at least 19 families, and our goal is to keep it to a 12 to 1 ratio. Anymore than that, and it cuts down on the relationship building process.

During April, we will survey the congregation to determine which families would like to be included in the plan right now, and which families would be willing to wait as the Deacons address this unique ministry opportunity. Please make it a matter of prayer.

NEW ACTIVITY CENTER CODE

Please contact the church office for the new code to the Activity Center. Parents, please remind your children not to give the code out to non-church members and that a church member should always be present any time the activity center is being used.

SENIOR ADULT PASTOR

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SIGN UP TIME!

Those planning on taking part in the two events next week (eating out trip to Longview & Waxahachie on Thursday) need to sign up now. Call me or the church office if you have not already signed up and we will add your name.

Remember cookies and more cookies are needed for the trip to Waxahachie. We plan to take them to the Children's Home. Don't leave them with certain staff members as they tend to eat things left around them. They are safe with Brenda, Miriam or myself. Please try to have them at the church by next Wednesday, March 28. Thank you!

MY THANKS

We have a strong number helping in the Prayer Room Ministry again and I do appreciate it. This is such a vital part of our program and with strong participation it is not a hardship on any one individual.

<p>DATES TO REMEMBER</p> <p>TUESDAY, MARCH 27 JOY Group "Out to Eat" fellowship for Mexican food in Longview</p> <p>THURSDAY, MARCH 29 JOY Group to Waxahachie for a visit to the Children's Home, State Missions Office and the Baptist Progress</p>
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Attendance Report

Sunday School Attendance.....	416
8:30 a.m. Early Worship	150
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship	454
Total Morning Worship.....	604

Tithes & Offerings

General Fund	\$21,542.40
Building Fund.....	300.00
Youth Fund.....	50.00
Total	\$21,892.40



Nursery Workers Sunday, March 25

**Candy Creech/Grace Tilley/
Brandie Holcomb**

MUSIC NOTES

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KING'S KIDS TO SING THIS SUNDAY

Our **King's Kids Choir** (Grades 3-6) will sing this Sunday in the 10:30 a.m. service.

HANDBELL CHOIR

The Handbell Choir will meet Sunday night at 7:00 p.m.

ADAM PAUL WILLIAMS ON TV!

If you have Direct T.V. you can tune in to Channel 378 on Friday at 7:00 p.m. on March 23 AND March 30 to see Adam Paul Williams compete in the National Talent Show *Exalting Him*.

EDUCATION NEWS

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YOU COUNT! HIGH ATTENDANCE DAY

Our next High Attendance Day is April 1. This is less than 2 weeks away. Is your Sunday School class excited? Take time to talk about it this Sunday in your classroom. If you haven't already made a list of people to invite, please do so this Sunday. We are looking forward to a great day. Remember our goal is to **"involve as many people as possible in Bible Study"**.

SPECIAL EVENT!

Brunch & Devotional with Pastor Dr. Tilley

On April 1 anyone not active in a Sunday School class is invited to meet at 9:30 a.m. with Dr. Tilley for brunch and devotional. This special event will take place in the southwest corner room of the Sanctuary.

FAMILY PICNIC AND EASTER EGG HUNT



Everyone is invited out to Bagley Park on April 1 at noon. Each family bring a picnic lunch. Each child bring a dozen candied eggs for the egg hunt. Last year we all had a wonderful time. To get to Bagley Park take Hwy 79 N. towards Shreveport and then about 4 1/2 miles out you will turn left on CR 301. Watch for PR 7011 on your right and a sign that says "Bagley Park".

CHANGE FOR CHILDREN

It's time for the annual *Change for Children* campaign. Our 5th & 6th grade girls will go around this Sunday during the Sunday School hour passing out money banks.

STUDENT MINISTRIES

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NEWS FROM MEXICO

On behalf of our missionary, Grady Johnson, I bring you greetings from Mexico. Our trip was a huge success but, as always, it is good to be back home. Our students are to be commended for their hard work and tireless efforts. Words cannot describe what we experienced on this trip. We were able to accomplish the goals we had set and are already looking forward to next year's trip. Make sure you are here this Sunday night to hear our report about the trip. I wish to express my sincere thanks to the church family and all the individuals who prayed and supported this mission trip. If you would like to go with us next year let me encourage you to start praying now and seeking God's will. I can assure you that you will receive a far greater blessing that you could ever imagine.

GRADUATION PICTURES NEEDED

We will honor all graduating seniors on Sunday, May 20. Please turn in your picture by **APRIL 15** to the church office or to me. If you are a college graduate, I need your name and the degree you received. We will have a recognition ceremony at the conclusion of the 10:30 a.m. worship service.

LAMBDA CHI GIRLS MINISTRY

*cordially invites all
7th-12th grade girls
to*

"Hippie Night"

March 26 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Activity Center

**Meal provided *Dress Hippie*

Contact Rhonda Heard or church office for more information

Mission Statement: A sisterhood of young ladies meeting to encourage & empower each other in living a life that honors God.



Nursery Help Needed

2 full time *paid* nursery workers

To apply or for more information

please call Donna Randolph

@ 903-754-3344.