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Celebration Choir

Several people have noticed talented voices in our congregation that would make excellent additions to our adult choir. We invite all interested members to join us on Sundays from 4:45 to 5:45 to rehearse special music for our morning services. Sopranos and altos are especially welcome. Please see Becky Harris if you have any questions.

Pray for Our Van Ministry

God has blessed us to the point of overflow in our children's ministries. As many of these children's parents lack transportation or are unchurched, they depend on our van ministry to attend. Please pray that God will provide more drivers for our weekly activities, and consider how you can support this ministry.

Coming Up!

Easter is on April 12 this year. This is a great opportunity to introduce friends to our church.

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Upward Soccer Begins!



Upward Soccer

Each spring, between 80 and 100 children in our community participate, and the program is staffed by volunteers from our own church. To

help pay for uniforms, trophies, and equipment, there is a low registration cost. Children do not need prior experience in soccer and are simply evaluated in order to ensure a balance of teams.

Upward is an excellent opportunity for our church to connect with the surrounding community and reach out to families with the gospel. The program includes weekly devotions and keeps the focus on character rather than competition. If you would like to help out, please contact Steve Embry.

Practice will begin March 16, and the games will be on Saturdays from March 28 to May 16, followed by an award ceremony May 19.

G.R.O.W.

Our visitation schedule is now set, with each team meeting once a month. Meeting times are the first Monday and third Tuesday at 7 PM, and the second and fourth Tuesdays at 10 AM.

Thanks to all who have signed up, and there is still plenty of room for more. If you have someone you'd like us to contact, just let the church office know.

Upcoming Events and Meetings

Mar. 1—Youth/Children's Council
 Meeting at 4:00 PM.

Mar. 3—WMU Meeting
 10:00 AM in the fellowship hall.

Mar. 8—Sunday School Teachers
 Meeting at 9:00 AM in the sanctuary.

Mar. 8—Odd-Month Fellowship
 After the evening service.

Mar. 15—Finance Meeting
 After the evening service.

Mar. 16—Deacons Meeting
 6:30 PM.

Mar. 18—Business Meeting
 6:30 PM, before prayer meeting.

Mar. 21—Youth Pancake Breakfast
 9:00-11:00 AM.

Mar. 21—Hillsdale 101
 New Members class, noon to 2:00

Mar. 22—Building & Grounds Meeting
 After the evening service.

Mar. 26—Joyful Seniors
 Entertainment followed by lunch.

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On the web at <http://www.hillsdalebc.org>



March 1-7 is the week of prayer for Annie Armstrong. Since 1895, the Woman's Missionary Union has devoted the Easter season to raising money for missions in North America. This offering, named for WMU co-founder Annie Armstrong in 1969, is one of only two special offerings collected for the work of the Southern Baptist Convention outside the Cooperative Program. Our missions work in North America receives 44% of its funding from Annie Armstrong.

The Annie Armstrong Easter Offering is one of the most efficient forms of giving, in that 100% of the offering goes to missionary salaries and ministry supplies. Specifically, 75% goes to salaries, health benefits, orientation, and training for over 5,000 personnel. Another 15% of the money helps Southern Baptists start 1,700 churches a year by covering rental, material, and promotion costs for new congregations. The remaining 10% goes to specific evangelism projects ranging from literacy missions to resort ministries to sports and Internet evangelism.

Our Annie Armstrong goal this year is \$1,900.

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Please remember to set your clocks forward an hour before going to bed on March 7.

Odd-Month Fellowship

Our next fellowship is scheduled for March 8 after the evening service. Details will be announced Sunday, March 1.

Joyful Seniors Lunch

The Joyful Seniors will meet in the fellowship hall on March 26 for food, fun, and fellowship. There will be entertainment from Mold Me Ministry followed by a covered dish lunch.



Pancakes for M-Fuge

To help pay for summer mission project, our youth are providing the church with a pancake breakfast the third Saturday of each month, from 9:00 to 11:00.

Members and guests are welcome, and the cost is only \$5 per person or \$20 per family.

This year's mission trip will be the week of June 29. The youth will be attending M-Fuge at the University of Mobile in Alabama. The cost is \$299; the church will pay \$114, leaving a balance of \$185 per child.



Hillsdale 101

For new members or anyone else who is interested, we will be offering our church orientation class from noon to 2 PM

on March 21. The class will include a spiritual gifts inventory. This seminar is also ideal for long-time members who would like to plug in to our various ministries.



Lord's Supper

We will observe the ordinance of the Lord's Supper during the morning service on March 29.

Our observance of the Lord's Supper should be as a gathered congregation of properly baptized believers who have a common understanding of the nature and purpose of the meal. (This includes qualified members of other churches.) In preparation for the Lord's supper, we reflect on the holiness of Christ's sacrifice and repent of any sin, since it would be a serious matter to partake of the supper unworthily. The bread and the fruit of the vine are metaphors for the body and blood of Christ, and their consumption is a solemn act of worship and a picture of the gospel. By this simple act of communion with Jesus, each of us is saying, "Christ died in my place, and therefore I have fellowship with Him and with all others for whom He died."



Three Crosses:
Death In Sin—
March 29, 2009

Death To Sin—
April 5, 2009

Death For Sin—
April 12, 2009

Pastor Tim's Easter Sermon Series



Operation Christmas Child

As our year-round collection continues, this month we are receiving girls' items such as dolls, make up, stuffed animals, and stickers. Bible storybooks and solar calculators

are also welcome. Items can be dropped off in Linda's old classroom by the south entrance. See Andrea Downing for more details.

Christmas Card Report

Thanks to all who donated Christmas cards to be recycled for the St. Jude Ranch for Children. We mailed 29 pounds of cards this year. You can read more about the program at www.stjudesranch.org.

Welcome Our Newest Members

This February, Euthelda Stevens joined our church by letter from Rutledge Road Baptist Church, and Autumn Flener was baptized into our fellowship.

Greeters for March

- March 1—Team B
- March 8—Team C
- March 15—Team D
- March 22—Team E
- March 29—Team A

Sunday Morning Nursery for March

- March 1—Amy Colson, Kelsi Embry
- March 8—Margie Flener, Sarah Taylor
- March 15—Linda Nimmo
- March 22—Andrea Downing
- March 29—Jean Shelton

If you are unable to work your scheduled week please contact Ruby Widmer.

AWANA and ABC Wednesdays

Our AWANA program meets Sunday evenings from 6:15 to 7:45. We're always looking for new workers, so please see Becky Harris if you'd like to help out.

ABC Wednesdays is our own way of ministering to the children of our community on Wednesday evenings.

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