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BROADCASTER

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Sunday

Sunday School.....9:15 a.m.
Worship Service.....10:30 a.m.
Weekly Radio Broadcast (106.3 WBTV).....12:00 p.m.
AWANA Clubs (Welcome Center).....5:30 p.m.
Youth Community Group (Underground).....5:30 p.m.
Adult Bible Study (Worship Center).....6:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Adult Bible Study (Worship Center).....6:00 p.m.
Children's Activities (KidZone).....6:00 p.m.
Choir Practice (Choir Room).....6:00 p.m.
Student Bible Study (Underground).....6:00 p.m.
Praise Team Practice (Worship Center).....7:00 p.m.
College Community Group (West Educ Bldg) ..7:00 p.m.



THE BROADCASTER
March 2016

FROM YOUR PASTOR:

*"Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." And...they left everything and followed him."
Luke 5:10-11 ESV*

During our Sunday sermons this year, we have begun to discover what it means to be "Anchored in Love." Our focus has primarily been on understanding what being anchored to the love of Christ means for our relationship with our savior. Throughout March, we will continue to broaden this understanding by completing our journey through The Roman Road and by beginning a series of messages entitled, "Costly Discipleship." While Romans teaches us about the salvation available to all who believe, Jesus' own words in Luke's gospel explains the cost of following Christ. It is my prayer that our Lord would use these messages to challenge us to "leave everything and follow him."

To prepare ourselves for the Lenten season, we will partake of the Lord's Supper on Sunday, March 13th, during the morning worship service. Each time we gather around the Lord's table, it always proves to be a special time of worship and contemplation, so I hope you make plans to be in attendance. As our focus on Lent continues, I would like to invite you to join us for our annual Tenebrae Service on Wednesday, March 23rd. Since beginning this service just two years ago, it has become one of my favorite times of worship and reflection as this focuses on the sacrifice Christ made on our behalf. Let me encourage you to not only assure your attendance, but use this service as a time to invite others to worship with you! The Sunday following our Tenebrae Service, will be Easter Sunday, which also provides a great opportunity to invite your Friends, Relatives, Associates, and Neighbors. Many families are more open to attending an Easter Sunday service when they would any other time of the year.

I am so thankful we serve a risen Lord and look forward to worshipping him alongside our church family this month!

Expecting Great Things,
Will

Lord's Supper Observed
Sunday Morning
March 13th

Tenebrae Service
Wednesday, March 23rd
6:00 p.m.
(Activities Building)

Easter Sunday
Regular Morning Schedule

KidZone Easter Activities

Easter Egg Painting
March 9th, 7:00-8:00 p.m.

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Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt
March 19th, 10:00 a.m.-Noon

Annie Armstrong Offering Goal:
\$5,000.00

SERMONS

March 6, 2016
The Roman Road: The Message of Salvation
(Romans 1:1-17)
Costly Discipleship (Luke 5:1-11, 27-28)

March 13, 2016
The Roman Road: The Work of Sanctification
(Romans 12:1-2)
Student Ministry D-Now Report
March 20, 2016
Costly Discipleship (Luke 9:23-27)
Costly Discipleship (Luke 14:25-35)

March 27, 2016
Costly Discipleship (Luke 18:18-30)
No Evening Service

WORSHIP MINISTRY

As you look over our March newsletter and take note of everything going on in the month at Woodward Avenue Baptist, you will notice the most important annual date on the church calendar: Easter Sunday.

Theologian N.T. Wright says, "Take Christmas away, and in biblical terms you lose two chapters at the front of Matthew and Luke, nothing else. Take Easter away, and you don't have a New Testament; you don't have Christianity; as Paul says, you are still in your sins. We shouldn't allow the secular world, with its schedules and habits and parareligious events, its cute Easter bunnies, to blow us off course. This is our greatest day. We should put the flags out."

How can we prepare ourselves for such an important occasion?

Preparing for Easter is more than buying a new outfit, making sure you have enough Easter grass, and buying all the Reese's eggs you can find. Celebrating the resurrection deserves some advanced planning, some intentional preparation, some forethought and meditation.

Our musical ensembles have been preparing for Easter for weeks, and we have been praying at each rehearsal that as we prepare these songs, God would prepare our hearts. So what are some tangible ways we can open ourselves to the Spirit preparing our hearts for Resurrection Sunday?

I think one of the most appropriate times to read through the Gospels are the days leading up to Easter. I'm not sure what your current Bible reading plan is (though I certainly hope you have one of some shape!), but taking a stroll through the accounts of Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John as we approach March 27th is a great reminder of the greatest story ever told, and I find that each successive reading leads me to appreciate something more deeply, or notice something I've never before considered.

Student Ministry Moment:

Wow, February sure did fly by! Which means warmer weather and the time change is close at hand. March has several events in it for our students to attend. Our Disciple Now weekend is the first weekend and on the third weekend we're headed to Winter Jam in Birmingham. Please continue to pray for our students and student ministry as we lift up the name above all names, Jesus.

In His Love,
Brian



Another thing I love to do to prepare myself for Easter each year is to make a playlist of songs centered on the cross or the resurrection (or both). I find listening to it leading up to Easter enriches Easter Sunday for me by reminding me of what Christ has done for me and the incredible reward I share with him, but I also find myself coming back to those Easter playlists throughout the year for a quick Easter refresh in any season. After all, the resurrection didn't just change one Sunday, but every day that has dawned ever since.

Whatever you do, do something! We do not want to come to Easter Sunday flat-footed, but rather, get a running start to what God will do in our midst as we celebrate our risen Savior.

He is risen! Our celebration can not, it must not, be confined to one Sunday each year. It is time for us as a Church (notice the big C, this means not just our congregation, but all outposts of Christ on Earth) to define Easter not by pastels and tulips and bunny rabbits and baby chicks but in a Savior who has inaugurated the Kingdom of God by walking out of a tomb and promising that we will one day do the same.

Soli Deo Gloria,
Timmy

Music Ministry Announcements

March 23rd: - Choir Practice, 7:00 p.m.
April 16th: - Choir will be singing at UNA's Baseball Game, 12:30 p.m.

D-Now Weekend

March 4th - March 6th

Students to Winter Jam in Birmingham

March 19th

Spring Break Week of Awesomeness

March 28th - April 1st

NEWS FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TEAM

Van & Bus Drivers Needed

Do you have a good driving record? Are you interested in helping with transportation needs? Interest meeting March 13 @5:00 p.m. in the Adult Education Building (See Phil Richardson or Jack Pennington for details)



Daylight Savings Time Begins
Sunday, March 13th!
Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour Saturday night!

Thank You Notes Received:

Thank you for the beautiful flowers. It was good to see WABC members & Dad's Sunday School Class at his funeral. (Family of Lincoln Blankenship)

Thank you for your thoughtfulness in sending the beautiful flower arrangement. In a day filled with sorrow and a deep sense of loss, a gift of God's handiwork somehow sends a message of His abiding love and a hope for the future. (Family of Nadine Malone)

Thank you for all the prayers and concerns throughout Ryan's surgery. We feel so blessed to be a part of this church family. Thank you again for your love and support (Ryan & Lucy Swindle)

DEACON OF THE WEEK

March 6th: Johnny Morrow
March 13th: John Conn
March 20th: Dennis Whitehead
March 27th: Farrel Cochran

SECURITY TEAM SCHEDULE

March 6th Justin Boozer Ryan Cowley Johnny Crittenden	March 13th David Mayo Irl Parks Phil Richardson
March 20th Jason Bonner Tim Forrester Jimmy Jumper	March 27th Bob Freeman Doug Hunter, Jr. John Webb

2015 Lottie Moon Offering Update

Goal: \$13,500.00
Given: \$13,578.06



Debt Balance
\$525,713.22

JANUARY GIVING REPORT
General Fund Offering: \$49,202.15
Debt Reduction: \$1,550.00

MARCH Calendar Events

Don't Forget to Vote, March 1st

Ladies Bible Study

March 1st, 10:30 a.m. (Adult Education Building)

W.O.W. Simulcast Planning Meeting

March 2nd, 5:00 p.m. (Joymakers' Classroom)

D-Now Weekend

March 4th-March 6th (See Brian for more details)

Ladies Bible Study

March 8th, 10:30 a.m. (Adult Education Building)

Kid's Painting Easter Eggs

March 9th, 7:00 - 8:00 p.m.. (KidZone)

W.M.U. Meeting

March 10th, 10:00 a.m. (Adult Education Building)

Daylight Savings Time Begins

March 13th

Lord's Supper Observed & Children's Choir Singing

March 13th during Morning Worship

Deacons' Meeting

March 13th, 7:00 p.m. (Adult Education Building)

Transportation Team Meeting

March 13th, 5:00 p.m. (Adult Education Building)

Ladies Bible Study

March 15th, 10:30 a.m. (Adult Education Building)

Monthly Business Meeting

March 16th, 6:40 p.m. (Worship Center)

Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt

March 19th, 10:00 a.m.-Noon. (Activities Building)

Students to Winter Jam in Birmingham

March 29th (See Brian for more details)

Ladies Bible Study

March 22nd, 10:30 a.m. (Adult Education Building)

Tenebrae Service

6:00 p.m. (Activities Building)

XYZ Fellowship & Covered Dish Luncheon

March 24th, 10:30 a.m. (Adult Education Building)

Church Office Closed

March 25th (Good Friday)

Easter Sunday

Regular Morning Schedule, No Evening Service

Students Spring Break Week of Awesomeness

March 28th - April 1st (See Brian for more details)

Ladies Bible Study

March 22nd, 10:30 a.m. (Adult Education Building)