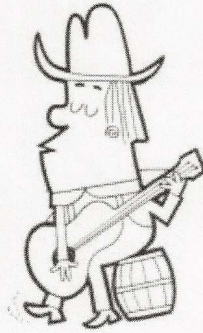


obedience

**HEART 2 HEART
HOEDOWN DINNER THEATER**

**COME DRESSED IN
YOUR FINE FARM ATTIRE**

AWARDS FOR BEST DRESSED AND NOT SO BEST WILL BE GIVEN



**YOUTH CHOIR SONPOWER
FUND RAISER**

FAMILY STYLE DINNER
CHICKEN, TATERS, CORN ON THE COB, OKRA
& THROWN ROLLS

FEBRUARY 11 - 6:30 PM MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM

TOE TAPPIN' - KNEE SLAPPIN' - COMEDY & MUSIC

You just might see a lot of shady characters like the classic ones from the TV show "Hee Haw" such as Minnie Pearl, and Junior, Archie the Barber. Funny jokes from the corn field and lounging' on the front porch. And maybe songs like "Where o where, are you tonight?"

**\$10 TICKETS
PLUS AUCTION FOR
THE BEST DESSERT**
SO BRING LOTS OF EXTRA MONEY!

*Therefore, as we
have
opportunity, let
us do good to all
people,
especially to
those who
belong to the
family of
believers.*

Galatians 6:10

February 2011



The Power of Prayer

Luke 18:1-2a "Now He [Jesus] was telling them a parable to show that *at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart, saying, . . .*"

Last Sunday, after I finished baptizing and found myself standing at the back of a sanctuary isle waiting for the choir to finish before I took my seat, from that vantage point I surveyed the expansiveness of the gathered crowd. As I observed the unfolding scene before me I was taken back by the power of the choir's singing, the skill of the musician's playing, and the intensity of the congregation's worship. I looked at all the families represented in God's house and I absorbed the scope and sum of all I was experiencing. In that moment I was besieged and humbled by the realization that I am part of such a wonderful church; a church that is being greatly blessed by God; a church where Jesus is truly walking in our midst! It was, in a very real sense, an epiphany moment for me.

As I give thanks for the privilege of ministry at Bel-Aire Baptist, I have never been more energized about what God is doing here, and, I believe, preparing to do. Already in the month of January, we have baptized 8 souls— with others waiting to be baptized. This past Sunday night, a man came forward and gave his heart and life to the Lordship of Jesus. Now, I ask you, "Can it get any better than this?"

I think the real answer is both "no" and "yes." "No" in that there is no greater joy or thrill than seeing people coming to salvation in Jesus. "Yes" in that we have yet scratched the surface on what God is willing to do at Bel-Aire if we will humble ourselves and cry out to him in prayer, because we are motivated by hunger for nothing less than His glory in our midst; knowing that where God displays His glory – sinners *WILL* be saved and saints *WILL* be sanctified.

That is why we **MUST** pray! We must pray with gravity like we have never prayed with before! We have dedicated this year to "Covering Mississippi in Prayer." We will be doing several different prayer activities throughout the year – as we emphasize the power of prayer in our congregation. We are already seeing the results in our Sunday services as many men and women are coming between 8:15 – 8:40 and praying in the back rooms for the ensuing service. I implore you – be part of what God is doing in that ministry; our lost family, friends, and guests are counting on you. They are counting on you to intercede for them because they do not know God and can not intercede for themselves.

Additionally, we will be contacting ministry leaders and compiling specific ministry prayer requests. We will then publish a monthly prayer calendar beginning in the March edition of our newsletter. You will then be equipped on how to pray daily in a very specific and surgical way for our ministries. Please prepare and covet now to make this a daily priority in your quiet time – pray for kingdom business and the saving of souls!

If we will take Luke 18:1-2a seriously and pray at all times and not lose heart – well, let me put it this way – "fasten your spiritual seatbelts" – 2011 is going to be a glorious ride; not for our glory, but for the glory of our soon coming KING!

Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor,



February 11 Heart to Heart Banquet

Please be aware, this banquet is a fund raiser for the 13 youth plus adults, that are planning to go to SonPower. This one week trip cost usually around \$600 per person. This week includes Bible Studies, worship services and rehearsals that end on Friday with a recording session for a CD for Lifeway. Over 1000 students participate in this incredible week.

Desserts to be auctioned will help raise additional funds, so please plan to help. We need for some great cooks to help us with the desserts. If you can provide one please contact the music office.

Feb 19 7pm Worship Team Choir & Orchestra will provide 20 minutes of music for the Associational Evangelism Conference that will be here.

March 3rd Associational Choir Festival

This event will take place here at Bel-Aire with 12 choirs performing.

April 17 Triumphant Sunday (Palm Sunday)

Musical presentation, "How Great is Our God" during the Morning worship

Wanted: Singers and musicians!

May 3rd Sr. Adult Choir Festival in Jackson

May 8 The Hoppers in Concert

A family Southern gospel group from North Carolina. Visit www.thehoppers.com for music and information.

June 12 MS Baptist State Your Choir and Orchestra will perform in the am service. The 100 students will also provide the mission event of a block party here that evening. I need help with a committee, if you are willing to help let me know!

Alan



News You Can Use

Any able body in good health is encouraged to park away from the church entrances to allow for those who are unable to walk long distances.

From Dionne's Desk

God is certainly blessing Bel-Air Baptist Church. Our Bible Study attendance continues to increase by good numbers. We are averaging close to thirty more per Sunday than a year ago. We have seen at least one Sunday where the Bible Study attendance was over 300! How long before we see 350 and 400 in Bible Study? Keep up the good work of inviting friends, neighbors and anyone God puts in your path to our church and Bible Study and we will see those numbers quicker than you think!. If you do, we will see people continue to be saved and disciples made week after week.

New discipleship classes will begin February 16. For the ladies, Kerri Helsel will be teaching **Lord, Teach Me to Pray** by Kay Arthur. Brian Cameron will lead the men in a study of **Becoming the Man I Want to Be** by Neal Jeffries. The books for these courses are \$10 each. If you already know how to pray or you are already the man you want to be, join me in a study of **Holy Gatherings** by Drs. Argile Smith and Michael Sharp. This study will be about improving our personal worship experience. There is no book so this class is FREE!

Susie and I enjoy being a part of this fine church. The church is blessed with a great pastor and worship leader, tremendous musicians, godly leaders and a friendly congregation. Pray that God will continue to bless the church and protect the staff and church leadership.

To God Be the Glory!

The Wayne Jackson Family would like to express their appreciation for all the love, support, phone calls and many donations that you have shown throughout the sickness and passing of their loved one. May God continue to bless you and your families!

Thank You



Visit our Library In *The Silent Order*, Melanie Dobson combines the lives and activities of the Amish of Sugarcreek, Ohio, with the Mafia of Cleveland. Talk about strange associations! In their defense, the Amish do not know much, if anything, about the Italian Mafia from Cleveland before the Mafia invade their normally peaceful world. The Mafia, however, are unscrupulously working to control the corn sugar market in order to control the production of illegal alcohol during the days of Prohibition in America. Dobson presents many elements in this plot. She has warring Mafia families, broken Amish families looking for home again, the plain and good Amish farmer in love with the runaway girl, who is torn between her two worlds. Then there is the man of the world, the detective, who is trying to bring down the Mafia criminals and get them behind bars. There are good cops and bad cops--who will ultimately win the crime war and who will win the battle for the love of the girl? I found this book especially interesting because I traveled through "Little Italy" in Cleveland almost every day I was up there and because Sugarcreek and the surrounding "Amish Country" are some of my favorite places to visit. I believe you will like *The Silent Order* too.

Thanks to our donors, we have many new books and DVDs just waiting for you to enjoy. Come on by your library Marilyn



Happy Valentine's Day!

What a great month to show someone how much you love and care for them! Preschool is moving right along. We have a busy month ahead with Valentine's Day parties, Dental Health month, and preregistration beginning, of course, on Valentine's Day! Church members and in-house students will be able to begin registration for next school year on February 14. Get your spot quickly. Children must be 2,3,or 4 by September of this year. Have a great February!

Lots of Love,
Ms. Vicki

Feb. 6th Jersey Night/AWANA times are 4pm-6pm
Feb. 13th Chocolate Night (Dress up like your favorite chocolate treat)

Feb. 20th Normal AWANA

Feb. 27th Normal AWANA and Store!

In Christ,
T.J. Helsel



Women of Bel-Aire

MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm

Upcoming Women Ministry Events:

- Feb 5** Ladies Chocolate Day: Bible Study & Fun!!
- Mar 11** Mud Shack Pottery
- Mar 26** Shut In visits
- Apr. 8-9** E Women Conference
- Apr 15** Parents Night Out
- Apr 16** WRC Walk in the Park
- May 14** Mother/Daughter Tea
- July 16** Birthday Bash



Mark Your Calendars

- Feb 6 Super Bowl Fellowship
- Feb 11 Heart to Heart Hoedown Banquet
- Feb 19 Men's Breakfast
- Feb 19 Youth Choir Working OG Parade
- Feb 19 Associational Evangelism Conference
- Feb 25 Game Night @ The Lee's
- Mar 3 Associational Adult Choir Festival
- Mar 6 African Children's Choir Performance
- Mar 25 Sr. Adult Trip to Festival of Flowers



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- ♦ **Photo Galleries** (Seniors, Trips, AWANA, Concerts, etc.)
- ♦ **Sunday Sermons and Wednesday Night Bible Studies** (Listen or Download MP3 versions of your favorite sermon)
- ♦ **Around Bel-Aire in 80 Seconds** (View the past episodes)

Sunday Services

Morning Worship	9:00 am
Sunday School	10:30 am
Beginners Orchestra	3:00 pm
Youth Drama	3:30 pm
Youth Xtreme Choir	4:10 pm
AWANA	5:00 pm
Evening Worship	6:00 pm

Monday

JOY Choir	1:00 pm
Praise/Band Rehearsal	7:00pm

Wednesday

Early Morning Prayer	5:30 am
Evening Meals	5:00 pm
Children's Choir / PreSchool Choir	6:00 pm
Youth Service / Activities	6:00 pm
Worship / Prayer Service	6:00 pm
Ladies Bible Study	6:00 pm
Worship Choir & Band Rehearsal	7:00 pm

Holidays may affect the Weekly Schedule

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