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The 34th African Children's Choir. Photo by Craig Peters. Printed in Canada.

Back Row (left to right): Annet Namayanja, Gideon Muwanguzi, Henry Watuwa, Evanson Mumba, Gloria Nankabirwa, Jennifer Wanjiru, John Samuel Ewotu
Middle Row (left to right): Rebecca Atuhairwe, Mary Eliud, Jane Wambui, Bernard Warui, Kennedy Mwangi, Kato Samuel Mugerwa, Fridah Nakabiri, Suzan Nantaba, Gladwel Njoki
Front Row (left to right): Primo Simon Lowazo, Brian Wandajja, Nancy Wambui, Racheal Kitiibwa, Lynne Shukoki, Collins Lemayian, Stella Nalukwago



MARCH 2011



A CALL TO BE AN ELIJAH

James 5:16-18 *“The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much. Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the earth for three years and six months. Then he prayed again, and the sky poured rain and the earth produced its fruit.”*

I am asking you to believe the unbelievable. I am asking you, today, to believe that you can do deeds as mighty as those done by Elijah. That’s right – as mighty as Elijah – the greatest Old Testament Prophet! Of course, it is all through the power of God; James also tells us that it is all through the power of prayer. That is how we can see God do the unbelievable in our midst. I am calling Bel-Aire Baptist Church to become a church that prays for God to do “God-sized” things among us.

Many of you have committed to the “Covering Mississippi in Prayer” initiative. Some of you are now coming before the Sunday A.M. service and praying (I pray many more of you will start coming). As a result, we are already seeing God beginning to work in wondrous ways.

Now I ask you to dream big with me for a few moments – because God has already shown us what He will do if we will pray. Imagine being part of a church where you would not dare miss a service because there just may be 8 or 10 people to get saved. Imagine a church where the Holy Spirit is so strong that sometimes all we can do is cry for the joy of God’s presence. Imagine a church where lives are changed every time we meet, marriages are strengthened, families made whole, strongholds broken down, and – most of all – God’s glory is on manifested display. This isn’t a fairy tale – this is GOD’S DESIRE FOR BEL-AIRE BAPTIST. Plain and simple, this would be church the way God desires it to be.

It can happen – but only if we get serious about praying. That is why, beginning in this month’s newsletter, you will be receiving a monthly church prayer calendar. You will notice that everyday has a specific ministry for you to pray for. Additionally, in the church foyer, on the 1st Sunday of every month, you will find an updated “Ministry Prayer Guide” that will provide detailed, specific prayer requests for each of these ministries. This will guide you on how to pray strategically, and specifically, according to the monthly prayer calendar you receive in your newsletter.

Imagine 300 – 400 Bel-Aire folks crying out everyday to God, asking Him to glorify His name through our ministries here. Imagine church services and kingdom victories such as I have already described. God is faithful – will we be? Will you pray daily for Jesus’ kingdom here at Bel-Aire?

Luke 18:1 *“Then Jesus told his disciples a parable to show them that they should always pray and not give up.”*



A Note from the Minister of Music

Mar 3rd Associational Choir Festival

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

Mar 6th African Children’s Choir

We are still needing to house several of the children and their chaperones. If you are willing to open your home, please see Rhonda

Apr 17 Triumphant Sunday
(Palm Sunday)

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

Wanted: Singers and musicians!

Mar 25 Senior Adults Trip to Festival of Flowers
\$15 per person (includes ticket and ride)

May 8 CALLING ALL JOY CHOIR MEMBERS

We will be singing a special for Mother’s Day

Worship Leadership Team

The leadership team is being reorganized and expanded. If you have a talent or are interested in computer set-up, networking, graphic design, power point, camera works, webmaster, sound, lights, music, singing, drama, etc, we are looking for help. Check out the music bulletin board for the new outline and brochures or see me.

Alan



March 11-12 Disciple-Now

Will be held at FBC Biloxi. The Emphasis will be on Prayer. The Cost is \$35 which will include t-shirt, lunch on Saturday, and Other costs related to the Conference.

March 25 Youth For Christ Hockey Night

We will go out to eat before the game. After the game, there will be a devotion, concert, and inflatable games for everyone To enjoy. The cost is \$15, which includes the game and activities to follow. Bring extra money to eat before the game.

There is also a new believer’s class being offered for those youth who have recently accepted Christ. They will meet in the Library on Sunday Nights at 5pm.

Many more exciting things to come for the Youth, so stay tuned!

Mike and Aimee Griffith

From Dionne's Desk.....

Go right now to your calendar and draw a big red circle around Sunday, April 10. This will be High Attendance Day in Sunday School. This will be a little different from what we have done in the past. "How so?" you may ask. Well, here's how.

Three different goals:

350 – Victory Goal

375 – Glory Goal

400 – Hallelujah Goal

Three different outcomes:

For 350 in SS, Bro. Randy will shave his head like mine!

For 375 in SS, Bro Mike Bowin will shave his moustache that he has had for 30 plus years.

For 400 in SS, I will get a can of spray hair and put my hair back on!

If we hit 400, I think Bro. Randy and Bro. Mike should live up to the challenge also!

Here is the caveat. To do this so that it benefits our church and the kingdom of Christ, we CANNOT invite people who regularly attend other churches, grandma and other relatives, etc. Our invitees need to be folks who need to meet with Jesus, who needs their lives transformed. If we do that, then when we hit 400, it will truly be "Hallelujah!"

See you on April 10!

Mar. .6th Normal AWANA followed by African Children's Choir

Mar. 13th Ice Cream Night

Mar. 20th Normal AWANA

Mar. 27th (Military) Lord's Army Night



In Christ,
T.J. Helsel



While offering good books remains the main focus of your church library committee, we are taking a new step forward in our role as a media center. With, we believe, God's calling to do so, we are joining the Wednesday evening Bible Study hour using videos to instruct and edify our members in three main areas of study. We have just begun a study in *Patriotism* called "The American Heritage Series," taught by David Barton of Wallbuilders. We had a great group last Wed. and we have room for you if you are still looking for a class. We plan to offer a class in *Creationism* in the fall. Several years ago we did a Creation study focusing on the Six Days of Creation and fossil evidence left by the Great Flood, a very interesting lecture series. This next study will have the theme, "The Wonders of God's Creation." If you take it, you will be amazed by wonders and astounded by facts. Then early next year, we plan to offer a class in *Evangelism*. This will be crowning touch building on what we have already learned in the first two series. Bro. Randy and Dionne are guiding us as we continue to plan these studies, and we thank them for their help.



Can You Believe It! March Already!

How time does fly when we are having so much fun! March 1st we open registration up to the community so if you haven't signed your child up yet, hurry, hurry! March holds many fun things for out preschoolers. First, and foremost, A few days off will be good for all of us, so no school on the 7th or 8th We will wear green on the 17th for St. Patrick's Day. Our annual St. Jude's Trike-a Thon is on the 18th beginning at 9am. Spring And Graduation pictures will begin on the 22nd and 23rd. We wish each of you a great March!

In God's Love
Ms. Vicki

2011 Men's Retreat

April 15-17 @ The Pearl River Baptist Association

\$40 per person

(includes room, food, and resources for the weekend)

"The Measure of a Man" based on the book

by Gene Getz

See Bob Jackson to sign up

Women of Bel-Aire

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

Upcoming Women Ministry Events:

- Mar 11** Mud Shack Pottery \$3 for a spot plus \$ for pottery
Sign up Sheet on back bulletin board
- Mar 15** 6:30pm E Women Conference Meeting
- Mar 26** Shut In visits at 10am
Meet at the church and divide into groups.
Please join us as we minister to others.



Mark Your Calendars

- Mar 3 Associational Adult Choir Festival
- Mar 4 Movie Night "Like Dandelion Dust"
- Mar 6 African Children's Choir Performance
- Mar 11-12 D-Now
- Mar 13 Kick off for "Meet the Pator"
- Mar 19 Men's Breakfast
- Mar 25 Sr. Adult Trip to Festival of Flowers
- Mar 25 Game Night @ The Lee's



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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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