

Belt Aire *MAY 2011*
Exalt Equip Evangelize

May 1st 6pm Praise Team Concert with Preschool
Choir Preshow

May 8th 9am JOY Choir Concert

May 8th 6PM
The Hoppers



May 29th 6pm
Children's Choir Concert





“If the Tomb Be Not Empty”

For if the dead are not raised, not even Christ has been raised; and if Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins. Then those also who have fallen asleep in Christ have perished. If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. 1 Cor 15:16-19

Easter changes EVERYTHING! The Apostle Paul, under the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, certainly agreed with that understanding. In fact, Christianity rises or falls based upon one single question: “Was Jesus’ tomb really empty on that first Easter morning?” Did he really and truly die and in three days come back to life? True, orthodox, biblically inspired Christianity answers the question unequivocally, “YES the tomb was empty and YES He rose from the dead!” End of discussion.

The world will quickly say things about Jesus such as, “he was a really good teacher,” “he was a good moral man,” or “he taught us what love was.” The world does not want to discuss, with sincerity, whether that tomb was empty. That is because, it has rightly been stated, that there is enough historical evidence for the empty tomb that if presented to an unbiased jury in a court of law, they would decide in favor of the empty tomb.

Jesus Christ either rose from the dead or He is not a good moral man – but a liar. He is not a good teacher – but a deceiver. You cannot have it both ways.

You see if the tomb IS empty it changes everyday of our life – not just Easter. If Jesus rose from the dead then He really is Lord, Prophet, Priest, and King. It means that salvation is true, heaven and hell is real, judgment is certain, and His soon Second Coming is eminent. Do you really believe that the tomb was empty - really? How would the people who observe your daily life answer that question as it concerns you? If Jesus’ tomb is still occupied – then stay home from church and go play golf or shop. If it is occupied we are all wasting our time. But if Jesus’ tomb is empty – then it changes everything and it ought to change everything about us – our lives, our priorities, and our treasures. You can’t have it both ways.

NOTES FROM ALAN

Special Music Events for May

May 1st - 6PM Preschool Choir Mini Concert & Praise Singers “The Power of Christ”

May 8th - 9AM, Joy Choir Concert for Mother’s Day

May 8th - 6PM The Hoppers

Doors will open at 5 Bel-Aire members will be able to reserve a seat (which will be held until 5:30) after the morning worship.

May 22nd - 6PM 5th Sunday Sing!

(and it’s really not the 5th Sunday)

May 29th - 6PM Children’s Choir “King of the Jungle”

BEL-AIRE SENIORS

Senior Adult Choir Festival in Madison MS - We will leave at 6AM. Will be singing at the morning session. We will then stop for lunch at Mama Hamil’s Buffet in Madison.

National WWII Museum in New Orleans, Thursday, June 16th. See Itinerary on bulletin board for details and cost.

The National Quartet Convention in Louisville, Ky. is September 12-17 and we have posted a sign up sheet to see if there is interest for us to pursue an official trip? This is a exploratory list to see if there is an interest!

YOUTH CHOIR

New music is here for Sonpower trip. Even if you are not going, be here and sing with us!

NEW WEBSITE ALMOST HERE!

View entire Worship Services online at www.vimeo.com. Search for Bel-Aire Baptist and find videos to watch and do

The Mississippi Baptist State Youth Choir and Orchestra will be performing here in the morning worship service on June 12. The 120 youth will sing a 30 minute concert for us. They will return here that afternoon to help us put on a community wide block party between 5pm -7pm. This party is being paid for by them as a mission project. We will need to provide the set up, registering guest, cook and distribute food and drinks and clean up. Sign up with Brian Cameron.



All ladies are invited to a
Women’s Breakfast

Hosted by our Pastors’ Wives:
Brenda Hommel, Dee Stevens, and Susie Williams

Please join our Sisters in Christ
as we fellowship with food and fun.

Saturday, June 4, 2011
at 9:00 am in the Fellowship Hall

Please RSVP at the church office
by Thursday, June 2.

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From Dionne's Desk.....

Although we will not see the shiny pate on Bro. Randy, we did succeed in having 299 in Sunday School on High Attendance Day. You are to be commended on your efforts. There was Standing Room Only in a couple of the classes. What does all this tell us ?

First, we learned people will come if we ask. Did you know that over 50% of people would attend if only asked? Almost 70% view an invitation to church in a favorable light. Why should we NOT invite when people are so receptive.

Second, we learned that at 300 in Sunday School all of our classes are maxed out. My opinion is that in the current configuration of our classes we will never have more than 315-325 in attendance in Sunday School. What are our options then? Should we build new education space? Great idea but with the note on the new sanctuary, how would we afford it? Another option is that we convert the old sanctuary into classrooms. Another good idea but with some problems, namely it cost money. Less money than a new building but still a significant amount. We would need to use soundproof moveable partitions so we can keep the functionality of the old sanctuary for dinner theaters, small weddings, big dinners-on-the-ground. The third option is costs almost nothing.

The third option (and I believe the best option) is to begin NOW planning for two Sunday Schools. By adjusting our times, we can sandwich the worship service with two Sunday Schools. Here are the advantages. Number one, we DOUBLE our educational space without spending a dime. Number two, we only add one hour to the heating and cooling of the buildings rather than heating and cooling another entire building if we build. Number three, contrary to what most think, we will only need about a third more teachers and workers, not double the present number. I will explain this in subsequent articles, but trust me, it is true.

Think on this. Pray over this. If we are to be the church I believe God wants us to be, something is going to have to be done with our present Sunday School organization and configuration. If you have questions, feel free to quiz me.



May 15th Parent Meeting after
Sunday School in Maranatha
room for youth going to
Student Life Camp

May 29th Student Life balances due

See Mike or Aimee Griffith for more details

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE SENIORS

Make sure to turn in your name and the name of the High School in which you will be graduating from.

Deadline is May 13th.

Information can be submitted to the Church office



The exclusion of church from state. An economic meltdown. Laws that circumvent justice and morality. The systematic secularization of media, education, workplace, and popular culture. Experience trumping reason. History revised to serve special interests. The erosion and breakdown of the family. Does this sound familiar? Many of us would say that this is a picture of America today. Well, in *When a Nation Forgets*

God, Erwin Lutzer tells us that this is also what happened in Germany not so very long ago and allowed for its takeover by a very evil man, Hitler, and a very evil system, Nazism. Are you prepared to stand as a light for Jesus in our darkening society? In this very short nonfiction book, Lutzer gives us seven lessons we must learn from Nazi Germany. I encourage you to read it.

Marilyn



Another school year has come and gone!

Thank You so much for the prayers you have lifted up for us this school year! We will have our 2 & 3 year old certificate presentation on May 12 at 10:30am and Graduation for our 4 year olds at 6:30pm. Please continue to keep the preschool in your prayers as we continue to register children for the next school year. We wish each of you a Blessed summer!

In Christ's love,
Ms. Vicki

Women of Bel-Aire

MEETINGS: 1st Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm

Upcoming Women Ministry Events:

May 14 2pm Mother/Daughter Tea Time

June 19 10am Homebound Visits

July 16 Ladies Birthday Bash

See Lynne Nix for further details

We would like to extend our thanks for all the cards, calls, food, visits and other acts of kindness given to Jim during his journey home to be with our Lord.

The Nicholson Family, Annie, Mary Ann and Charlotte



May 1 Normal AWANA and Store

May 8 No AWANA

May 15 Year End Awards & Party

In Christ,

T.J. Helse

Angola Returning Hearts Celebration is May 13th and 14th. See me, John Stockmeyer or Anita Sanzin for more info.



Mark Your Calendars

- May 1 Praise Team Concert with Preschool Choir Preshow
- May 3 Sr. Adult Choir Festival
- May 8 JOY Choir Concert
- May 8 The Hoppers in Concert
- May 13/14 AWANA Returning Hearts @ Angola
- May 14 Collide Youth
- May 22 5th Sunday Sing
- May 23 Sr. Adult Luncheon
- May 24 SS Training @ Big Ridge (Associational)
- May 29 Church Fellowship Luncheon
- May 29 Children's Choir presents "King of the Jungle"



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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	6:30pm

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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