

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR MUSIC & DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING DIRECTOR
 During the month of May we celebrate “Mother’s Day”. This month I want to share with you “A Parable for Mothers” by Temple Bailey.
 The young Mother set her foot on the path of life. “Is the way long?” she asked. Her guide replied, “Yes, and the way is hard. You will be old before you reach the end of it. But, the end will be better than the beginning.”
 The young Mother was happy, and she would not believe that anything could be better than these years. So she played with her children; gathered flowers for them along the way. She bathed with them in the clear streams; the sun shone on them and life was good, and the young Mother cried,
 “Nothing will ever be lovelier than this.”
 Then night came, and storms, and the path was dark, and the children shook with fear and cold, and the Mother drew them close and covered them with her mantle, and the children said, “Oh Mother, we are not afraid, for you are near, and no harm can come.” And the Mother said, “This is better than the brightness of day, for I have taught my children courage.”
 And the morning came and there was a hill ahead, the children climbed and grew weary, and the Mother was weary, but at all times she said to the children, “A little patience, and we are there.” So the children climbed, and when they reached the top, they said, “We could not have done it without you, Mother.” And the Mother, when she lay down that night, looked up at the stars, and said, “This is a better day than the last, for my children have learned fortitude in the face of hardness.

Yesterday I gave them courage. Today I have given them strength.
 And the next day came strange clouds which darkened the earth...clouds of war, hate and evil, and the children groped and stumbled, and the Mother said: “Look up, lift your eyes to the light” and the children looked and saw above the clouds an Everlasting Glory, and it guided them and brought them beyond the darkness. And that night the Mother said:
 “This is the best day of all, for I have shown my children God.”
 The days went on, the weeks, months and the years, and the Mother grew old and was little and bent. But her children were tall and strong, and walked with courage. And when the way was hard, they helped their Mother, and when the way was rough, they lifted her, and at last they came to a hill, and beyond the hill they could see a shining road and golden gates flung wide.
 The Mother said: “I have reached the end of my journey. And now I know that the end is better than the beginning for my children can walk along, and their children after them.” And the children said, “You will always walk with us Mother, even when you have gone through the gates.”
 They stood and watched her as she went on alone, and the gates closed after her and they said; “we cannot see her, but she is with us still.” A mother like ours is more than a memory. She is a Living Presence.
 TO THOSE OF YOU WHO STILL HAVE YOUR MOTHER WITH YOU, I pray this will encourage you to tell your Mother just how much she means to you. TO THOSE WHOSE MOTHER HAS gone through the gate to her eternal home, may this be a time to reflect on the memories.
 God bless each of our Mothers! I love ach of you and pray you will receive a very special unexpected blessing this month.
 God Bless Each of You, Lynn Robbins

BEAN DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION FOR THE BUILDING FUND
 SATURDAY, MAY 14
 Sealed Bids for the Silent Auction taken from 9:00 am - 12:00 Noon
 Bean Dinner starts at 1:00 pm

SENIOR ADULT DAY
 MAY 1, 2011 - DURING AM SERVICE
 BRO. CHARLIE JAMES, SPEAKER

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
 THURSDAY, MAY 5

AWANA AWARDS NIGHT
 Wednesday, May 25 - 7:00 pm

IT’S TWIN BOYS!!
BABY SHOWER FOR
 TRENT & KRISTY JEFFREYS
 SUNDAY, MAY 1, 2011
 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM
 Valley Grove Fellowship Hall
 Selections at Target & The Baby’s Room

Remember how that you have read a passage over and over again and then one day you read it and God shows you something that you have never noticed? It was as if a door had opened up and you were ready to walk through. Up until that moment you had experienced a certain degree of spiritual blindness; then God revealed His Word to you and you received His truth.
 That is what happened when Jesus healed the man born blind. (John 9: 1-12) Eyes that were unaccustomed to seeing the world’s environment were suddenly given sight. The people asked, “Who sinned, this man, or his parents, that he should be born blind?” Jesus offered an explanation: “It was neither that this man sinned, nor his parents, but it was in order for the works of God might be displayed in him.”
 So many times we look for the negative side of things. We must not miss the message. The important lesson here is not whether or not sin was involved, but that God opened this man’s eyes. When you walk in spiritual darkness, God wants to give you spiritual sight. He is always in the process of bringing spiritual healing and fullness into you life.
 The man born blind was destined for a miracle. From his birth, God had ordained the day of his healing. It is important to the Lord when you suddenly receive your eyesight in an area in which you were once spiritually blind.
 Let’s all pray this prayer together. “Lord, open my eyes and heal my spiritual blindness.” Now read a passage of Scripture that you may not fully understand and see what God will do.
 As always, it’s an honor to be your pastor. If you have not been attending Sunday school please make an effort this month to be faithful. Small group Bible studies are where God can open up our eyes.
 Love you,
 Bro. Greg

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR CHILDREN’S MINISTER
 Valley Grove, please pray for our Vacation Bible School and Summer Camp. With your help and support, it will be a great success.
 May 4 - Fishes of Men Night
 May 11 - Baseball Hat Night
 May 14 - RA Racers Contest 10:00-12:00
 Please bring desserts by 10:30. Donations will be taken for desserts at Bean Supper.
 May 18 -Awana Store (We need items for the Awana Store.)
 May 31 - VBS Meeting 6:00
 June 11- Car Wash 9:00-12:00 (Fundraiser for Summer Camp)
 June 20-24 - VBS - Babies-6th Grade
 June 26 - BBQ Chicken Plates (Fundraiser for Summer Camp)
 July 15,16,17 - Summer Camp - Bear Creek - Leaving at 5:00 pm -Returning 6:00 pm. (\$88 per person) Please sponsor a child!
 Love, Mary

MONDAY MORNING MINISTRY FOR MAY
 2nd- Visiting 9th - Bible Study 16th - WMU
 23rd - Bible Study 30th - Monday Morning Meal

DISASTER RELIEF TRAINING
 MAY 7, 2011
 WOODMONT BAPTIST CHURCH, EAST CAMPUS
 2001 DARBY DRIVE, FLORENCE, AL
 SCHEDULE:
 8:00-10:30 am - Involving Southern Baptist in DR & Clean-up & Recovery - Cost: \$30.00
 9:00-10:30 am - Clean-up & Recovery Refresher Course - Cost: \$15.00
 9:00-10:30 am - Feeding Unit Refresher Course - Cost: \$15.00
 8:00 am-3:30 pm - ISBDR & Feeding Unit Training - Cost \$30.00
 12:00 pm - Lunch - Cost: \$5.00
You must register on-line: www.sbdr.org or call CLBA 256-383-7021

Vision Team Meeting Tuesday, May 3 6:30 pm - In New Conference Room	Business Meeting Wednesday, May 4 6:15 pm	OUTREACH MONDAY, May 2 6:30 PM
ATTENTION! PLEASE SIGN-UP		
If you would like to become a GUIDE for a child or a mentor for a new Christian then sign up in the Vestibule.		

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Tina Tverberg Senior Adult Day Jeffrey's Baby Shower Deacon Meeting	2 Dot McGee Kyle Myhan Outreach Men's Softball	3 Leon Borden Maxine Shel-hamer Long Range Team Meeting	4 Dwight Isbell	5 Sander & Cheryl Tverberg Nat'l Day of Prayer Men's Softball	6 Youth Lock-In	7 Cheryl Tverberg ETA Workday
8 Roger & Debby Downey Donald & Teresa Andrews Olie Onstott Brandon Sharp	9 Marsha Sharp Faye Wyatt Men's Softball	10 James Alexander Sammy Dennis Exec. Committee Meeting	11 Alicia McDonald Logan Tverberg	12 Ron & Maxine Shelhamer Mersadie Hairrell Men's Softball	13	14 RA Races Bean Dinner/ Silent Auction
MOTHER'S DAY						
15 Brodie McDonald Baby Dedication	16	17 JJ & Donnie Byrd Lura Agee Billy Nelson	18 Charlotte Borden Candice Brewer	19 Men's Softball	20 Billy Joe & Wanda Berry	21 Wanda Downey Lynn Robbins Soul Stock-youth
22 Harold Aycock Barbara Pace Deacon	23 Raymond & Fredal Gist Scott & Kathy Hester	24	25 Sommer Jones AWANA Awards Night	26 Ben Jeffreys Hillard Jeffreys Men's Softball	27	28 Ricky Aycock Andrew Craft Richie Dewberry Jason Lansdell
29 Lord's Supper Observance 5th Sunday Singing	30 Myra Sharp MMM Meal	31	MAY 2011			

ETA WORKDAY SATURDAY, MAY 7 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM Lunch provided by the Association	BABY DEDICATION SUNDAY, MAY 15 IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE THAT WOULD LIKE TO DEDICATE THEIR BABY PLEASE CONTACT THE OFFICE AT 381-1662 BY MAY 1	
DEACON MEETING SUNDAY, MAY 1 & MAY 29 4:00 PM		
NEWSLETTER ARTICLE DUE THURSDAY, MAY 23		
Executive Committee Meeting Tuesday, May 10 - 6:00 pm At Central Heights Baptist		
<u>Contact Information</u> PHONE .. 256.381.1662 FAX256.381.1299	<u>WEB SITE</u> www.valleygrove.com	<u>E-Mail Addresses</u> Secretary@valleygrove.com Pastorgregb@netspeednow.com Children@valleygrove.com Music@valleygrove.com Youth@valleygrove.com



NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS

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Matt. 9:36-38

NATIONAL GOAL: \$70 MILLION
WWW.ANNIEARMSTRONG.COM

OUR GOAL - \$2,750
RECEIVED - \$1,826

MEN'S SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Monday, May 2 - 7:00 pm - vs. South Highland
Thursday, May 5 - 8:00 pm - vs. FUMC Tuscumbia
Monday, May 9 - 8:00 pm - vs. FUMC Sheffield
Thursday, May 12 - 8:00 pm - vs. New Bethel
Thursday, May 19 - 7:00 pm - vs. 1st Pres. Tuscumbia
Monday, May 23 - 8:00 pm - vs. Highland Park
Thursday, May 26 - 7:00 pm - vs. South Highland

YOUTH NEWS

LOCK-IN (In the Gym)

Friday, May 6 - 10:00 pm - Saturday, May 7 - 7:00 am

SOUL STOCK AT DECATUR POINT MALLARD

Saturday, May 21

Meet and leave the church at 2:30 pm

Cost: FREE

For more information on these activities contact Shane

THANK YOU!!!!

Dear Church Family,

You are the best! Thank you so much for all the things that you have done for Jack and I during our hospital stay and surgery. You have seen that our needs have been met by bringing us food, your visits but most of all the prayers that you have lifted up on our behalf. Our God has been so good to us. He has supplied us with the best Church family in the world. We love you and thank you again for all that you have done.

Jack and Brenda Isbell

*The time you've given,
The hearts you've touched,
The lives you've blessed—
These are the true gifts from God.
Thank you for sharing
His love.*

Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for all your thoughts and prayers, and for all the visits, cards, and phone calls during the past few days. We would also like to thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement and for the wonderful meal you provided us after Ruby's home going service. You will never know how much we appreciate all you have done for us. Please continue to lift us up in your prayers as we face the difficult days ahead.

Love in Christ,

Jimmy Sanderson
And the entire Sanderson and Allen Families

Worship Care

Sunday - May 1

am - Tina Tverberg, Tim & Cheryl McGee,
Angie Dewberry, Barbara Pace
pm - Tiffany Borden, Jamie Wells, Courtney
Kennedy

Wednesday - May 4

Linda Counts, Brenda Isbell

Sunday - May 8

am - Connie Posey, Carol Underwood, Betty
Aycock, Sandra McBride,
pm - Nancy Counts, Jenny Newell, Rita
Underwood

Wednesday - May 11

Wanda Berry, Johnny Nixon

Sunday - May 15

am - Jeff & Mia Craft, Roger & Christine
Richey, Rendy Harper
pm - Norma Hallmark, Carol Kuykendall

Wednesday - May 18

Phyllis Myhan, Ruby Robbins

Sunday - May 22

am - Joyce Dennis, Lura Agee, Charlotte
Jeffreys, Meagan Tverberg
pm - T. C. Hallmark, Marty Nichols, Penny
Townsend

Wednesday - May 25

Brenda Nixon, Faye Hester

Sunday - May 29

am - Tina Tverberg, Tim & Cheryl McGee,
Angie Dewberry, Barbara Pace
pm - Tiffany Borden, Jamie Wells, Courtney
Kennedy

Sunday Services

9:15 am - Sunday School
10:30 am - Morning Worship
5:00 pm - Discipleship Training
6:00 pm - Evening Worship

Wednesday Services

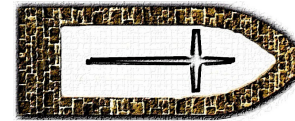
5:00 pm - Awana's
6:30 pm - Youth
6:15-7:00 pm - Prayer Meeting
7:00 pm - Celebration Choir

Financial Update

YTD Budget \$ 109,981.48
YTD Budget Giving \$ 112,754.23
MTD Budget Needs \$ 27,495.37
MTD Offering \$ 28,551.05

Deacon Ministry for May

24-5/1 Roger Richey (383-0200)
1-8 Larry Allen (383-4994)
8-15 Marvin Lowery (446-9225)
15-22 Lanny Jeffreys (381-5366)
22-29 Johnny Nixon (383-1252)
29-6/5 T. C. Hallmark (381-2634)



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Lynn Robbins, Minister of Music - Shane Jeffreys, Minister of Youth
Mary Underwood, Minister of Children - Donna Terry, Secretary

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Committed to One Another in Christ...
Committed to the World Christ Died For...*

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