

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
*denotes Anniversary MMM denotes Monday Morning Ministry C&C denotes College & Career					1	2 John Townsend Jonah Hodge Lori Moore Ladies Night Out
3 Deacon Meeting	4 *Bradley & Betty Fuller Aaliyah Alonso Aubin Terry Johnny Watson MMM Visiting	5 Billy Underwood Clothing Ministry	6 April Simon Drake Massey Business Meeting	7 Emily Kuykendall Hannah Kuykendall Kay Bennum Melvin Dawson VBS Clinic	8 *Tommy & Terri Posey	9 Linda Isbell Gym Reserved Ladies Night Out
10 John Permenter Jordan Townsend Trent Harper Assoc. Bible Drill	11 *James & Kat Watson Clothing Ministry MMM Bible Study	12 Tim Downey Senior Adult Spring Fling	13 Roger Downey C&C Meal & Bible Study	14 *Lynn & Ruby Robbins District Bible Drill	15 *Norman & Kay Elsner *Jr. & Nancy Hall *Edward & Carol Underwood Connor Casler Shey Underwood Newsletter Article Due	16 Lanny Jeffreys Larry Allen Parents Night Out
17 Rickey Posey Sander Tverberg	18 Ashley Melendez Kayla Aycock WMU	19 *Brenda Simkovich Malerie Smith Clothing Ministry Long Range Planning	20	21 *Roger & Debby Morgan	22 Steve Nix Men's Conference	23 Bobby Tolbert Kathy Hester Rebecca Holland Men's Conference
24 Mary Isbell Wayne Underwood "In Him" Concert	25 Clothing Ministry MMM Bible Study	26 Chuck Semm Kaleigh Massey Valerie Aycock	27 Teachers Meeting	28 Gayle Lowery Jimmy Tedder Church Council	29 Chuck Bryant Dot Owens	30 Alyssa Terry Gym Reserved

**NURSERY CARE**

**Sunday, April 3**  
am - Connie Posey, Carol Underwood, Logan Nix, Dana Massey, Amanda Gomez  
pm - Lura Agee, Joy South, Shelia McCrary  
**Wednesday, April 6**  
Linda Counts, Susan Young

**Sunday, April 10**  
am - Sue Jeffreys, Dorothy Cabaniss, Patricia Gomez, April Simon  
pm - Tiffany Hill, Phyllis Myhan  
**Wednesday, April 13**  
Wanda Berry, Shelia Creasy

**Sunday, April 17**  
am - Joyce Dennis, Charlotte Jeffreys, Meagan Rumble, Doug McDonald, Rhonda Keenum, Nita O'Brien  
pm - Penny Townsend, Tonya Reid  
**Wednesday, April 20**  
Mary Jane McDonald, Susan Rackley

**Sunday, April 24**  
am - Tina Tverberg, Linda Isbell, Katie Looney, Freddie & Carol Morris  
pm - Carol Kuykendall, Norma Hallmark  
**Wednesday, April 27**  
Brenda Nixon, Carol Aday

**SUNDAY MORNING PRAYER TEAM**

3 - Rhonda Keenum, Patricia Gomez  
10 - Wayne Jeffreys, Jeremy Scott  
17 - Darryl Tverberg, Larry Allen  
24 - T. C. Hallmark, Doug Myhan

**SECURITY TEAM**

3 - Barry Minor 10 - Lee Aday  
17 - Jimmy Tedder 24 - Doug McDonald

**VAN DRIVER SCHEDULE**

**Sunday, April 3**  
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Don Bradford  
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Betty Bradford  
**Wednesday, April 6**  
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Ed Kirby  
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Susan Kirby

**Sunday, April 10**  
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Lura Agee  
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Lanny Jeffreys  
**Wednesday, April 13**  
Van 1 - Reba Newell, John Permenter  
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Sharon Permenter

**Sunday, April 17**  
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Greg Newell  
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Susan Young  
**Wednesday, April 20**  
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Jim Sanders  
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Barry Minor

**Sunday, April 24**  
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Creasy  
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Justin Gasque  
**Wednesday, April 27**  
Van 1 - Reba Newell, Randy Tate  
Van 2 - Nancy Hall, Ashley Bryant

\*\*Riders for Sundays can split duties on Van 1 unless Van 2 runs. Check with drivers & riding partner on Saturday.

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**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR APRIL 2016**

**Every Week**

Sunday School.....	Sundays 9:15 am
Morning Worship.....	Sundays 10:30 am
Celebration Choir.....	Sundays 4:00 pm
Discipleship Training.....	Sundays 5:00 pm
Evening Worship.....	Sundays 6:00 pm
Grief Share.....	Mondays 6:30 pm
Boy's Basketball Ministry.....	Tuesdays 6:00 pm
Children/Youth Meal Time.....	Wednesdays 5:00 pm
Children/Youth Activities.....	Wednesdays 5:35 pm
College & Career.....	Wednesdays 6:00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer.....	Wednesdays 6:15 pm

  

2nd.....	Ladies Night Out 6:00 pm
3rd.....	Deacon Meeting 4:00 pm
4th.....	Monday Morning Ministry Visiting 10:00 am
5th.....	Clothing Ministry 8:30 am—11:30 am
6th.....	Business Meeting 6:15 pm
7th.....	VBS Clinic
9th.....	Gym Reserved
10th.....	Association Bible Drills
11th.....	Clothing Ministry 8:30 am—11:30 am
11th.....	Monday Morning Ministry Bible Study 10:00 am
12th.....	Senior Adults Spring Fling 10:00 am
13th.....	College & Career Meal & Bible Study 6:00 pm
14th.....	District Bible Drill
15th.....	Newsletter Article Due
16th.....	Parents Night Out 6:00 pm
18th.....	WMU 10:00 am
19th.....	Clothing Ministry 8:30 am—11:30 am
19th.....	Long Range Planning 6:00 pm
22-23.....	2nd Annual Men's Conference
24th.....	"In Him" in concert - 6:00 pm - here
25th.....	Clothing Ministry - 8:30 am-11:30 am
25th.....	Monday Morning Ministry Bible Study 10:00 am
27th.....	Sunday School Teachers Meeting 6:00 pm
28th.....	Church Council 6:00 pm
30th.....	Gym Reserved

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*"Without a vision,  
the people will perish."  
Proverbs 29:18*

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**Frankie Underwood, Children Couples Director**  
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## FROM YOUR PASTOR

Let me take a moment and encourage you to join us for Sunday school. If you have not been in a while I know it's hard to get started back but let me assure you that you will be welcomed with open arms. Also, let me encourage you to get involved in our Spiritual Growth University. It's never too late. If you are not sure where your classes meet then ask someone on the staff, a greeter, or usher and we will let you know where to go.

In my Sunday school class we have been studying "gods at war." It has brought out so many points that I have never thought that we can so easily put before God. I wish I could sum the whole book up for you so you could see how our eyes have been opened to the truth. As we were studying in the last few sessions we came across something that I want to share with you that Kyle Idleman brought out in his book.

### Underserved Criticism

My car ran out of gas a while back. I knew that I was running low, yet I kept on driving around, thinking the rates would drop a penny or two if I held out. Or maybe I would find that amazing service station that was stuck in a 1995 time warp in it pricing. Neither thing happened, so I disgusted myself when the care wheezed to a stop, I climbed out to start walking. I was angry. But I was angry at my car. I slammed its door to let it know how I felt. I kicked its tire to express my disappointment. How could the car do this to me? I know that's ridiculous, but we all have our irrational moments. It's irrational to expect a car to do what it was never designed to do. It's just as irrational to become upset at someone else for failing to give us happiness and satisfaction that it's not in their power to give. I can't get critical of my car for not running without gas. It wasn't made to do that.

If I am constantly critical of others for the emptiness I feel, if I am always giving the ones I love a hard time for not meeting my needs and not making me happy, it's most likely because I'm asking them to do something they weren't made to do. They can give me love and joy, but there is a deeper satisfaction and contentment that must come from God alone. Criticism often marks our families and relationships because we want someone to do for us what only God can do for us and they are always failing short.

Kyle Idleman

That deeper satisfaction and contentment can be found in the person of Jesus Christ. You may be saved and a great person but you have allowed someone or something to steal your joy away. Do not do that. Because you do exactly what Kyle says. We begin to criticize the ones we love, the ones we worship with, our family. When in all reality it's not their fault. But, if you have never trusted Christ then you need to do that right now. Allow Him to change you. Giving you that joy and contentment that you need in your life.

May God bless you and have a great week.  
Bro. Greg

## FROM YOUR YOUTH/CLOTHING MINISTRY DIRECTOR

### The Rolls Royce

The great British automaker Rolls Royce takes great pride in the reliability of their handcrafted automobiles. An obviously wealthy owner of a Rolls took it to Europe on an extended trip. While traveling in France the car had some mechanical problem. He called the Rolls Royce factory and asked that they send out a mechanic straightaway to fix the problem.

The company responded in royal fashion. They put a mechanic on a private jet with all of the necessary tools and flew him over to France to make the repairs. The owner was so wealthy that he wasn't at all concerned about the cost, and he would not spare any expense to assure that his beloved Rolls Royce was properly repaired.

However, after several months he realized he had not received a bill for the repair. He directed his secretary to contact the Rolls Royce factory to inquire about the charges. He received a prompt reply from the Rolls Royce Company. With typical British aplomb, it said simply, "We have no recollection or record of any Rolls Royce having ever had a breakdown or being in need of repair anywhere in France."

When we repent and ask God to fix things that have resulted from sin in our lives, like Rolls Royce, he fixes it and doesn't have any recollection of the problem, and he NEVER sends a bill.

"For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more." (Hebrews 8:12)

"Though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." (Isaiah 1:18)

"As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us." (Psalm 103:12)

### Semper Gumby!

**Have you experienced this forgiveness?**

**Do you show this type of forgiveness to others?**

**Thought to ponder**  
**Frankie**

## FROM YOUR CHILDREN'S DIRECTOR

- April 3 - Worship
- April 6 - Sports Night - The kids will come to church dressed in their favorite sports outfit.  
⇒Four Friends Helped
- April 7 - VBS Clinic -- Woodward Avenue Baptist Church
- April 10 - Prayer  
⇒Associational Drills
- April 13 - Skittles Night - The kids will get Skittles for bringing Bibles and answering questions.  
⇒Jesus Healed a Man's Hand
- April 17 - Bible Study
- April 20 - Pastor's Popcorn Night  
⇒The Sermon on the Mount
- April 24 - Single-Mindedness
- April 27 - Rodeo Night - The kids will play rodeo games.  
⇒Parable of the Sower

**Vacation Bible School Volunteers needed from June 13-17. Sign-up sheet is in the vestibule.**

### 10 Reasons to bring your child to Sunday School

While sleeping late is nice, have you considered the benefits of Sunday School attendance for your child. Below are 10 reasons to make it a priority.

1. **Age-Appropriate Teaching:** Sunday School provides lessons that fit the developmental needs of your child.
2. **Relationships:** Your child can build friendships with peers while learning God's Word.
3. **Great Time:** Sunday School is not an amusement park, but Sunday School teachers are determined to teach the Bible in fun and relevant ways.
4. **Spiritual Role Models:** Sunday School teachers are Christians who support your child's spiritual development and inspires faith.
5. **Biblical Foundation:** Our Sunday School curriculum is designed to help children to understand that all Scripture is God breathe.
6. **Praying Teachers:** Our teachers constantly pray for children and their faith. Teachers provide an opportunity for God to answer prayer requests.
7. **Big Reward:** If you are going to the Worship Service, then just come a little earlier. One change can result in 800 hours of extra Biblical teaching before your child is 18.
8. **Priority:** Going to Sunday School shows your child that God's Word is important.
9. **Adult Bible Study:** While children enjoy their classes, you can learn God's Word and fellowship with other adults.
10. **All Time:** Families who come to Sunday School are always on time for the Worship Service.

Mary

## FROM YOUR EDUCATION/YOUNG COUPLE DIRECTOR

As I drive into the parking lot at VGBC I realize this is a blessing in my latter days. The Bible speaks about the "latter days" being the days before Our Lord arrives to take His people home and to end all sin. Knowing the days of our life let's finish well!

In these last days there are still opportunities to proclaim Christ in our sphere of influence. Your influence is the same as mine, family, friends and strangers. We can be a great influence if we first ask for a "divine encounter" and then ask for "His Divine Presence" to make the best of those moments for Him. "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so."

### Here's some dates relating to our Sunday School.

1. We experienced a great time at **Clements Baptist on March 3<sup>rd</sup>** learning how to be better Sunday School workers. A delightful dozen teachers, including our pastor, attended and really received a lot. Pray that we can retain and use these wonderful helps.

2. **April 16<sup>th</sup>—Parents Night Out-** Anyone can bring their children, bed babies thru 6th Grade, to VGBC from **6 pm—9 pm** and let our nursery personnel keep them while you parents have a 3 hour date night. This is for us at VGBC plus anyone else. The deadline for signing up your kids is **Sunday April 10<sup>th</sup>** so we can secure the correct number of workers. Praise The Lord for some quietness for parents and an evening out, even 3 hours, amen?
3. If this newsletter arrives after **Easter** Sunday, which targeted a **goal of 250 in Sunday School** then you are probably in an after glow from our Celebration. "Oh The Love That Drew Salvation's Plan, Oh The Grace That Brought It Down To Man, Oh The Mighty Gulf That God Did Span, On Calvary----and then UP FROM THE GRAVE HE AROSE!!!! **Oh What A Savior!!**

Bro. Ted

## FROM YOUR OFFICE/EDUCATION ASSISTANT

### Refiner's Fire

"He will sit as a refiner and a purifier of silver; He will purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer it the Lord an offering in righteousness." Malachi 3:3 (NKJV)

Have you ever thought about the process of refining silver and what this verse meant about the character and nature of God? Well, I Googled it and I found a video on the refining process.

In the video, the silversmith held a piece of silver over the fire and let it heat up. He explained that in refining silver, one needed to hold the silver in the middle of the fire where the flames were hottest as to burn away all the impurities. The silversmith will have to sit at the fire and keep his eyes on the silver the entire time. If the silver was left even a moment too long in the flames, it would be destroyed. The silver is only fully refined the moment the silversmith can see his image in it.

After I watched the video, I thought about God holding us in such a hot spot. Then I thought again about the verse, that He sits as a refiner and purifier of silver. If you are feeling the heat of the fire, remember that God has His eye on you and will keep watching you until He sees His image in you.

Molly Banes

## FROM YOUR MUSIC DIRECTOR

"Now I am coming to You, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have My joy completed in them." John 17:13

An important characteristic in the life of a Christian is JOY! Jesus talked to His disciples about His joy being complete and full in them.

The world offers so much today. Some of it brings joy to our hearts and life. However, this joy is often short lived. The joy that we have knowing Jesus as our Savior is a joy that passes all understanding. In Galatians 5:22, we know that joy is one of the fruits of the spirit. Joy allows us to be joyous in every circumstance. No, it doesn't mean that because we have this joy, there will never be heartaches, grief & etc., but it does mean in these circumstances we can find joy because of our relationship with Jesus.

1 Peter 1:8 --- Believing, ye rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. I am reminded of the words of an old hymn...I have found the joy no tongue can tell; How its waves of glory roll! It is like a great o'er flowing well springing up within my soul. It is joy unspeakable and full of glory, O the half has never yet been told!

Don't be discouraged when opposition comes your way. We are called, as Paul was, to live a victorious, joyful and purposeful Christian life.

Our lives effect those we have contact with, whether we intend to or not. We are given the potential to bless all those we encounter. If you lack joy in your life, ask God to work this into your character so that you can be more like Christ.

If you have ever spent time viewing a fountain...it seems the fountain is filled with so much joy and excitement as it displays its purpose. Our lives can be this joyous because of what Christ has done for us on the cross!

I challenge you to make a part of your day with this verse in your heart...I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul. Your day will overflow with joy. It will be contagious. Others will be blessed in your presence.

If you have thought about joining the choir...we invite you to follow through. Could this be God speaking softly to your heart? It is a joy to honor and praise Him in song each week.

In His service,  
Lynn

<p><b>Parents Night Out</b> Saturday, April 16th 6:00 - 9:00 pm Childcare for Ages Nursery-6th Grade There is a sign-up sheet at the "Welcome Center". Please sign-up by Sunday, April 10th so that we can know how many children are going to be here so that we can plan accordingly. For More Info see Bro. Ted</p>	<p>CLBA Spring Fling For age 55 &amp; Up Tuesday, April 12 11:30 am—1:00 pm Earle Trent Assembly No Charge! Speaker - Dr. Tom Whatley Special Music - Carter Voss Join seniors from our churches in the Colbert-Lauderdale Bapt. Assoc. for a time of fun, relaxation, fellowship &amp; food!</p>
<p><b>NEW DISCIPLESHIP CLASS</b> "How to Share Your Faith" Starts Sunday, April 3rd Teacher - Mike O'Brien</p>	<p>Make your <b>CONTRIBUTIONS</b> online at <a href="http://www.valleygrove.com">www.valleygrove.com</a> It is located at the bottom of the "Home" page. Through the link you can make your contributions by using your Debit/Credit card or a check. For more information or help with this, contact Donna at 256.381.1662</p>
<p><b>SHOALS AREA WIDE Prayer Rally</b> Wednesday, May 4th @ 6:00 pm At Florence-Lauderdale Coliseum Our service on this Wednesday will be held at the Prayer Rally. We encourage everyone to attend. We will be taking the bus for the senior adults that would like to ride. There will be no Children's Activities on this night.</p>	<p><b>Cancelled</b> Men's Ministry Breakfast on March 26th due to Easter activities</p>
<p>The evening will feature preaching by Dr. Robert Smith and the music of the Shoals Praise and Worship Choir.</p>	<p><b>SENIOR ADULT TRIP</b> <b>THURSDAY, MARCH 31</b> <b>LEAVE @ 10:30</b> <b>DAVY CROCKETT STATE PARK</b> <b>LAWRENCEBURG, TN</b></p>
<p><b>EASTER SUNDAY ACTIVITIES</b> <b>March 27th</b> 8:00 am - Easter Drama followed by breakfast 9:15 am - Sunday School (Goal 250) 10:30 am - Worship Service (Goal 300) Adult Easter Cantata Presented by the Celebration Choir No Evening Service</p>	<p>Church Bible Drills Wed., March 30th  Association Bible Drills Sunday, April 10th @ 2:00 Lee Heights Baptist Church</p>
<p><b>MEN'S CONFERENCE</b> <b>APRIL 22-23, 2016</b> <b>Cost \$20</b> <b>MC - Jerry Edgil</b> <b>Speakers</b> - Ronnie Jones, Jackie Kay, Kevin Hamm, Jim Warren <b>Worship Leader</b> - Steven Holland <b>Special Music</b> - Dixie Echoes</p>	<p>1st Annual CLBA Turkey Rodeo April 9, 2016 Think fishing tournament...only turkey hunting! You must register online at <a href="http://www.shoalsturkeyrodeo.com">www.shoalsturkeyrodeo.com</a></p>
	<p>"In Him" In Concert Sunday, April 24 5:00 pm</p>
<p><b>Workers Need Vacation Bible School!</b> <b>June 13 - 17</b> <b>6:00-9:00 pm</b> <b>Sign-up Sheet at "Welcome Center"</b></p> <p>VBS Clinic April 7 Woodward Avenue Baptist</p> 	