

The Maple Messenger



Maple is ...growing.

Writer Lois Tverberg retells the following story about a famous first century rabbi named Rabbi Akiva: *One day as Rabbi Akiva was shepherding his flocks, he noticed a tiny stream trickling down a hillside, dripping over a ledge on its way toward the river below. Below was a massive boulder. Surprisingly, the rock bore a deep impression. The drip, drip, drip of water over the centuries had hollowed away the stone. Akiva commented, "If mere water can do this to hard rock, how much more can God's Word carve a way into my heart of flesh?" Akiva realized that if the water had flowed over the rock all at once, the rock would have been unchanged. It was the slow but steady impact of each small droplet, year after year, that completely reformed the stone.*

Lois Tverberg comments: *When I first started studying a specific area of Biblical study, I wanted one commentary that would teach me everything, one class that would explain it all. If I could learn all the "right answers" in one marathon event, all the better. I find now that God likes to reveal truth over many years, as I study alongside others. I realize now that big "splashes" aren't usually God's way of doing things. Instead, through the slow drip of study*

and prayer, day after day, year after year, he shapes us into what he wants us to be.

This is what discipleship is all about. It is a pilgrimage that lasts a lifetime that is daily shaping us more and more into the image of Jesus Christ. Will we ever reach the place where we have reached our journey? Not in this lifetime.

So continually get into God's Word. Get into a Bible study whether it be Sunday morning Bible study or Sunday night Life Connect courses that are very Biblically centered.

Here is one promise from scripture relating to this.

Matthew 7:24-25 says,

²⁴ "Therefore everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock. ²⁵ And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house; and yet it did not fall, for it had been founded on the rock.

Take advantage of the many opportunities of service, that are given in this month's newsletter, so that you can share what God has shown you and taught you through His Word.

Gary



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Sundays Mornings at 9:30 am the teenagers will enjoy juice and baked goods as a time of fellowship before Sunday School.

Now: XFuge (June 25-30)

Remember to sign up on the bulletin board; check with Bobby to see if there are still spots!

2/25: Bog Off/Bake Off

Please bring food and items in starting at 5:30 pm, judging starts at 6:00 pm. Youth need to be at the church starting at 5:00 to set up and get ready. All donations will go to our summer XFuge on Mission trip!

3/9: Winter Jam

Sign up on the youth bulletin board. Cost \$10 plus \$20 for food. We will meet at the church at 2:00 pm, which means you will need your parent's permission to leave school early. We will return between 1:00 - 2:00 am that morning.

Happy February! Of course, this month we celebrate Valentine's Day, so I just wanted to encourage you in a few things. 1) This month remember when you see advertisements for cheesy movies and high priced candy that, although at this time of year we overemphasize romance, your first love and your true love should be God. 2) Don't get caught up in what everyone seems to be telling us about how we should define happiness and success. We are told in 1 Corinthians 6:20 that "you were bought with a price". The true definition of your worth and value as a person is not about who you date, it's not about how many friends you have, it's not about your abilities or anything outside of the fact that Jesus died for you; let that define your worth and let that define your value. With those two ideas in mind that should make for a pretty great Valentine's day, because you are loved beyond measure!!!

I am excited and ready for spring, and cannot wait to see some of your amazing gifts and talents. Please be sure to let me know about anything that you are involved in so I can come out and cheer you on in; whether it's a sport, or music or something else. I would love to see it!

Bobby

Weekly Youth Schedule

Monday Nights

Upper Room
 7:00 pm
 Alternately meet @
 Spearman/Hall Homes

Wednesday Nights

Youth Dinner
 @ 6:00-6:45 pm
 Discipleship Training
 @ 6:45-8:00 pm

Sunday Nights

-Acteens/Challengers
 meet the 3rd Sunday
 @ 5:00 pm



Knees of Maple by Julia Taylor

Oh God, Our God,

We are a family in Christ here at Maple Baptist Church. I am sure the name is very familiar to You, as You are in our presence every moment that our doors are opened.

Father we give You the praise and the glory and we thank -you so much for allowing us to be a part of such a wonderful church that You have built.

Lord, You have been watching the building of the new addition in its first phase and, Lord, we pray that You can look upon this endeavor as good and pleasing in Your eyes. Lord, we pray that You give us the strength and longevity we will need as we work together in giving towards this building. God we know Your timing is beyond anything we could ever imagine. We have in place a wonderful and dedicated Trustee and Building Committee who are working hard to move things forward, to keep us informed. Lord, we pray for them as they continue their dedication for what You are doing. We pray that You will watch lovingly over them. Help us as a church to be mindful of what they are doing, that we may continue to thank them for having the courage and the endurance to take on a task that is not always easy.

Father, You are seeing the struggles and the endless fight in faith that Lee Cates is going through. We lift him up to You, asking for Your mercy and grace in his situation.

Lord, You see our church being attacked in a lot of ways and, Father, we need You to give our church grounded-strength as we pray for families. Lord, most of all, keep the church body in check, reminding us that we are not free from strife or trouble, we are not free from Satan slipping in at the slightest sign of a crack in our armor. Lord, help us to look with different eyes, com-

passion in our hearts and a willingness not to distance ourselves. Help us to step up and give our time to anyone who needs a shoulder to lean on and, Lord, may we always do this by the power of the Holy Spirit giving us all we need to accomplish all we need to do for one another. Lord, help us all to live out our spiritual life.

Lord, this is a month where we take one day out of the year to spend our money on gifts in order to show those we love just how much we really do love them. Flowers, candy, jewelry will fly off the shelves as Valentines Day approaches and the world will spend one day to show what in reality needs to be shown every minute of every day. Father, help us to remember that nothing we buy, nothing we give on this day will ever compare to the love You gave to every one of us by Your gift of love through Your son. That one day we share our love in a special way, where the color red is the color of the day, may we remember that color red should always be at the forefront of our hearts, representing the blood that was so unselfishly given at the cross.

Lord, You see our church, You watch Your people in this church, You see the new building, You look at our progress, not only as a church but

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Woman's Missionary Union News

Learning from Risk Takers

We can follow the footsteps of spiritual risk takers without skydiving or it can be as simple as trying a new method of prayer.

Focus: Ephesians 1:18

Be Bold, Take the Risk!

Upcoming WMU Events

Feb 13-19— WMU Focus Week

Feb 20— Danielle Crowe will come and share about serving as a Journeyman in Northern Africa and the Middle East.

Feb 18— Children's Ministry Day "Operation Education"

Feb 20— WMU Missions Celebration at 5:30 pm, Jamestown Baptist Church

Waccamaw WMU reaching out-helping children through "ONA-One Needs Another"

A grant from The North American Baptist Women's Union has made possible Waccamaw WMU going forth with its Day of Prayer Project "**ONA - One Needs Another.**" This after-school outreach program for 2nd through 5th graders is designed to help children learn life lessons through reading, hearing and learning from Bible stories, growing in self-esteem, and becoming part of the community. "**Heavenly Minds**" will be held on Tuesday of each week from 4:00 to 5:30 pm at Maple Baptist Church beginning March 6. Application and permission forms will be distributed throughout the community on Saturday, February 11, and should be returned to the church on or before Sunday, February 26.



"Season of Love" Dinner

The Ethel Stephens Mission Action Group is sponsoring its first "Season of Love" Dinner on Saturday, February 11, 2012, at 6:00 P. M. to benefit Maple Missions; specifically, camper scholarships for girls grades 1-6, and "Appalachian Outreach" Missions Trip July 15-20 for Youth. Reservations and checks payable to Maple Baptist, earmarked "GA/Youth Missions", will be accepted until Wednesday, February 8. Cost is \$15.00 per adult. A "Kids Only Pizza" will be available for children ages 3 to 8 (with adult supervision) at a cost of \$3.00 per child. Questions? Call Helen (488-4463) or Peggy (855-0787)

as individual Christians. May what You see, be pleasing to You, may it be acceptable to You and may we always submit ourselves to You in all the ways we should. Lord, You never promised us it would be easy, You never promised that the cross would not get heavy, but You did promise victory through faith, healing through prayer, and accomplishment through hard work with a willing heart. May what we do at Maple be because we love You first, we trust You first, we stand with You first in all things.

Thank you, Lord, for loving a church body that is not perfect, but who are willing. May what we do, always be out of love not just on Valentines Day but every moment we breath. Keep us focused, Lord, at the many tasks at hand.

Giving You the praise and the glory because

You are our God, You are our strength. In the wonderful name of Christ we pray....Amen

Then if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sins and restore their land. My eyes will be open and my ears attentive to every prayer made in this place. For I have chosen this Temple and set it apart to be holy-a place where my name will be honored forever. I will always watch over it, for it is dear to my heart. 2Chronicles 7:14-16

WMU Meeting Dates

Feb 5



Bible Study/
Fellowship Group
5:00 pm
church

Feb 1



Ethel Stephens Action
Group
7:00 pm

Feb 21



Sallie Powell Group
2:30 pm
Fellowship Hall



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"...he will show him even greater works than these, so that you will be amazed."

John 5:19-21



Current balance in the account

\$ 0

Don't Forget Your Pledges!



FEBRUARY

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 6:30 pm Supper 7:15 pm Bible Study, Children's Choir ETHEL STEPHENS	2  More winter or early spring?	3	4 Deacon's Meeting 8:30 am
5 WMU BIBLE STUDY 5:00	6	7	8 6:30 pm Supper 7:15 pm Bible Study, Children's Choir	9	10	11 Season of Love Dinner (Mission Camp LaVida) 6:00 pm 
15 Brotherhood B'fast 8:30 am Church Council Meeting 4:30 Business Meeting	13	14 Street Reach 	15 6:30 pm Supper 7:15 pm Bible Study, Children's Choir	16	17	18 Children's Ministry Day
<i>WMU Focus Week</i>						
19 WMU Focus	20 No School  Presidents Day WMU MISSIONS CELEBRATION	21 SALLIE POWELL 2:30	22 6:30 pm Supper 7:15 pm Bible Study, Children's Choir  ASH WEDNESDAY	23	24	25 Bog Off/ Bake Off 
26	27	28	29	<p style="text-align: center;">F.Y.I.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Nominating Committee for 2012-2013</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Neil Allsbrook Jonathan Stephens Rick Moran Guy Majewski Martha Ann Johnson</p>		
			An extra day in 2012... what will you do with it!?!			



Deacon Family Assignments for 2012

A - B: John Johnson, C - Di: Rick Moran

Do - Ha: Billy Stephens, He - Johnson (A-K): John Spearman,
Johnson (L-Z) - Lee: Billy Cooper, Lef - Norris (A-E): Leroy Clewis,

Norris (F-Z) - Ri: *Dominic Mason, Ro - Ta: *Jonathan Stephens,

Te - Z: *Ray Reece

Counting Committee for the Winter Quarter

Alan Jordan
David Norris

Ushers for the Winter Quarter

David Norris
Leroy Clewis
Jon Allen
Alan Jordan

Winter Quarter runs December, January, February

Deacons for the Month

02/05: Jonathan Stephens

02/19: John Johnson

02/12: Dominic Mason

02/26: Rick Moran

The Deacon's meet the first Sunday of each month at 8:30 am



01 Pam Clark
02 Sheila Cross
03 Jenny Benton
Dave Traver
05 Helen Hall
07 Phyllis Holloman
Jimmy Winburn
09 Brandy Denno
12 Mary Jane Rowell
Gay Todd
18 Joyce Moran
20 Phyllis Traver
22 Elliott Calder
27 Lee Cates
28 April Grimsley
29 Al Koepcke



03 Charles & Becky Edge
08 Steve & Diana Cooper
18 Robert & Julia Taylor
Jimmy & Jane Winburn
20 Emil & Angie Koepcke
21 Dave & Phyllis Traver
23 Brenda & John Roberts
25 Irby & Meg Walker
26 Steve & Regina Harrington

Flowers for the Sanctuary

Placed by

05: Sara Lynn

19:

12:

26:



Nursery Attendants

02/05: AM: Melissa Stephens, Taylor Stevens

PM: Helen Stevens

02/12: AM: Paula & Jon Allen, Ellis Spearman

PM: Jane Reeves

02/19: AM: Billy & Natalie Cooper, Sarah Mason

PM: Tonya Todd

02/26: AM: Kathy Majewski, Bonnie Todd, Andrea Johnson

PM: Helen Stevens

*denotes an arranged switch between nursery attendants

*Thank you to all those who volunteer in the nursery
so parents may attend the worship services.*

Questions about the schedule?

Call Melissa Boyd at 365-2517 or 421-3098

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Neva Campbell



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Verse of the Month

"When hard pressed, I cried to the LORD; he brought me into a spacious place. The LORD is with me; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?" Psalm 118:5-6 NIV

Ministry Opportunities

Sunday

Deacons Meeting - 1st Sunday 8:30 am
Acteens/Challengers/YOM
– 1st & 3rd Sundays- 5:00 pm
Girls in Action (GA's) - 7:00 pm
Royal Ambassadors (RA's) -7:00 pm
Brotherhood Breakfast - 2nd 8:30 am
Church Council Meeting - 2nd, 4:30 pm
Business Meeting - 2nd 6:00 pm
The Lord's Supper - 5th, during Morning Worship
Discipleship Courses –after 6:00 worship

Monday

Upper Room 7:00 pm

Tuesday

Street Reach Ministry - 2nd 6:00 pm
Prayer Group Meeting - 3rd 2:30 pm

Wednesday

Youth Disciple Training 6:45 pm
Children's Choir (G's K-6) 7:00 pm
Young Adult Bible Study 7:00 pm

Refocus for Lent

Give up complaining — focus on gratitude.
Give up harsh judgments —
think kind thoughts.
Give up worry — trust God to provide.
Give up discouragement — be full of hope.
Give up bitterness — turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred — return good for evil.
Give up anger — be more patient.
Give up pettiness — become mature.
Give up jealousy — pray for trust.
Give up gossiping — control your tongue.
Give up sin — turn to virtue.
Give up giving up — persevere.

—Author unknown

