



The Witness

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Conference

E W O M E N

PENSACOLA, FL
 APRIL 9 & 10

SIGN-UP IN THE ATRIUM

LAST TICKETS WILL BE ORDERED THIS WEEK!

Cost is \$75.00
 We will travel by car.
 Deadline is approaching!!

Pastor's Perspective

As you can see, the format of our newsletter is changing just as our worship format and worship guides have changed over the past few weeks. In order to be better stewards of time and resources, we will now publish *The Witness* on a monthly basis. We believe this change will help us save a significant amount of money in printing and postage costs.



Scott Ferguson
Pastor

As I write those words, I am reminded of the positive responses that many of you have offered about our recent changes. Your willingness to do things a little differently in order to better minister to our guests has been a great blessing to me and the entire church staff. Though we plan to take things very slowly, the future will bring other changes as we seek to connect Westview with our community. Thank you all for your help and your great attitudes toward reaching new people.

By now you have heard that our church family took a huge step toward the future and reaching new people with an overwhelming positive vote to approve the purchase of the house & 17 acres that lie just south of our present church campus. This land will allow us to address some very immediate and long-term needs that we would not be able to address without an enormous outlay of monies. Our immediate plans (upon

closing on the property around April 1) are to convert the house into church offices on one end and a large meeting facility on the other end. This will allow us to vacate the Cup of Hope building on Covington Avenue and expand our current Sunday School ministry with additional ground floor Sunday School rooms (in the space the church offices now occupy). We are very excited about what the future will hold!

I also want to remind you of the amazing opportunity we have coming in March. The Covington Baptist Association has set a goal of knocking on every door in the county during the month. Westview has been assigned 426 homes plus two apartment buildings. We need YOUR help to prayerwalk, prayerdrive, and invitation blitz this area. Plan now to make it a March family event. Prayerwalking/Prayerdriving begins March 7th. The Invitation Blitz will take place on March 28th.

Thank you for your participation in the new & improved Pastor's Book of the Month. Several of you have said that you were struggling with this month's book, *Why We Love the Church*. I want to encourage you to press on. This book speaks directly to how the younger generations in America (and even Opp) think about the church. While you may never be a "church leaver," there are many around us. We need to understand them and their objections to church in order to dispel their myths and reach them with the gospel. The issues that DeYoung and Kluck discuss are very real, even here in rural south Alabama. Press on! A new book will be unveiled in mid to late March.

Children



Donna Simmons
Children

Family Game Night

our children's ministry is hosting a family game night on Sunday, **March 14th** after evening worship. This is a fun time for families to come together and enjoy games, food and fellowship with other families. Parents and siblings are invited to

join the children for a fun night. No school on Monday, so make your plans to join us.

Easter Musical

our children's choir has begun practicing for our Easter Musical: *Alive! Forever*. This is a simple musical that will help you experience the sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for us. All children, K-4th grade, are invited to join us each Sunday at 5:00 pm. The musical will be presented Easter evening at 6:00 pm.

Help Needed for Easter Egg Hunt
Easter is a time to celebrate our risen savior. We

EXTENDED SESSION VOLUNTEERS

March 7	March 14	March 21	March 28
Judy & Wayne Phillips	Carrie & David Buckelew	Stacy & Shawn Short	Tracy & Lex Colquett
Rita & Mallory Langford	Beverly Coon Need Volunteer	Katelyn & Cory Ellis	Tonya & Chad Cowen
Mary Ann Spann Nicki Wood	Brittney & Courtney Whitman	Natalie & Matt Pinson	Jennifer & Chad Smith
Angie & Jamey Wismer	Jan Hart Chris McCulloch	Jan & Ronnie Jordan	Kathy Carter Glenda Donaldson

EASTER EGG HUNT & FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday, April 3 at 10:30 am

Bring your basket and enjoy the fun!

(Lunch will be provided)



Shane Newton
Students

Students

Dominican Republic Mission Trip

We need the application forms and a \$100 deposit ASAP for everyone who is interested in going. Also, I have scholarship applications from Covington Baptist Association for those who have never been on an international mission trip before.

Spring Break Mission Trip March 14th thru 18th

We are going to Jacksonville, FL to minister alongside Words to Works Ministries. Our students will be working with the homeless and doing block parties with inner city kids. Cost is \$175.00 per person. **The final balance of \$100.00 is due by March 7th.** One area of need for this trip is a truck with a 2-inch ball to carry a trailer. Also, you can donate kool-aid and snacks for our block parties in the inner city projects to reach kids with the gospel. **We will have**

a meeting Sunday, **March 7th** after evening worship for everyone planning to go to discuss details, etc.

Route56 Bowling Night, Wed. March 3rd at 6:30pm

Our 5th & 6th grade students will be going bowling in Andalusia to reward them for all students bringing their Bibles on Wednesday night. The night will include food, bowling, and a devotion. The cost is still TBA for this event.

Youth Leaders' Lunch and Meeting- Sunday, February 28th at 12:15pm

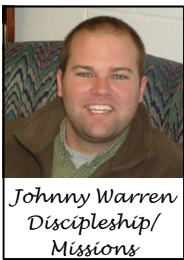
All adult youth leaders and their families are invited for lunch. Please let Shane know how many will be eating so we can have enough food.

DiscipleNow 2010 (DNow)

I am blown away by DNow. It was amazing to see God do something where only He can get the credit. God brought 16 churches together and we had over

425 students involved in DNow. Westview had 72 students involved. On Friday night, we had 6 decisions for Christ. On Saturday night, the altar was filled with students on their knees and getting rid of things in their lives that needed to be thrown away. It is amazing to see some area youth pastors put aside pride and competition, to do kingdom-focused student ministry.

I want to thank all of our adults who were small group leaders and provided host homes. I believe we have the best adult leaders in the world! You all make huge sacrifices to show the love of God to students. I say it often and it is worth repeating: "Our student ministry continues to grow not because of the youth pastor, but because of caring adult leaders." Students know they are loved in our student ministry. Youth ministry is all about giving ministry away to adult leaders because a youth pastor and his wife cannot do it by themselves. Thank you for following our vision and loving students.



Johnny Warren
Discipleship/
Missions

Discipleship/Missions

Things are beginning to get busy around here! I am excited about all the opportunities God has given us over this next month. I hope you all will join me in reaching others in the month of March.

groups and go door to door through our assigned neighborhood. We will knock on their doors and invite them to our Easter Service which will be happening on April 4. If they are members somewhere else, then we will just encourage them to be involved there! We don't want to steal sheep, but we do want to reach those who are lost! As with prayer-walking, everyone can participate. I highly encourage you to involve your whole family in this outreach event. Don't just drag them along, explain to your children the reason we are doing this. If you don't understand, then ask me!

Baseball Jamboree

Another opportunity we have to be

involved in our community is through the Baseball Jamboree on March 27. We are planning to hand out drinks to all the ball-players on that Saturday. Parents of ball players and those who are not- I really need your help! Contact me if you are interested.

Discipleship Groups

As mentioned last time, if you are leading or are involved in any off-campus discipleship groups or Operation Multiplication, let me know. I am still trying to get a handle on what all is going on out there.

Please be in prayer for Scott and I as we will be in South Africa from March 9-18. We will be training leadership there to take the gospel to their own people. What an exciting opportunity we have as a church to lead others to obey the Great Commission!

I love & appreciate you all!
-johnny

March 7

After the morning service, pick up a map of our designated areas and begin to prayer walk along the streets for a three week period. Prayer walking can be done by anyone. We will provide a guide on what to pray for. If you are breathing, you can participate in this event. Plan to involve your whole family in this opportunity. (Disclaimer: Prayer Driving is Permitted!)

March 28

On Sunday, March 28, we will meet at the church at 5:00 p.m. We will then split up into



Senior Adults

I laughed until I thought my side would split last Thursday at the Young at Heart lunch as Brother Tommy Green shared with us "in character" as Bubba at the



Tommy Green
as Bubba

Valentine lunch. I'm so glad we had him back this year. Thanks Brother Tommy! Do you notice the resemblance in his hair and Mrs. Nell Allen's? (Be sure to ask her about that.) I also need to remind everyone that there will not be a

Young at Heart lunch this month. I encourage everyone to attend the play with us in Colquitt, Georgia. You will not be disappointed! Please remember to thank the Senior Adult Task Force for all the work they do planning Senior Adult activities for us!



Larry Jackson
Senior Adults

Thank You March Senior Adult Ministry Volunteers!

Nursing Home Visitation:

Donald Wilson, Larry Anderson,
Doris Jones, Bea Morris,
Faye Jones, Pam Sumblin, Carolyn Avant

Mizell Memorial Hospital Waiting Room:

Wayne & Betty Sasser

WoodMoore Devotions:

Carolyn Avant, Lee & Barbara King

Home Visits to Ladies:

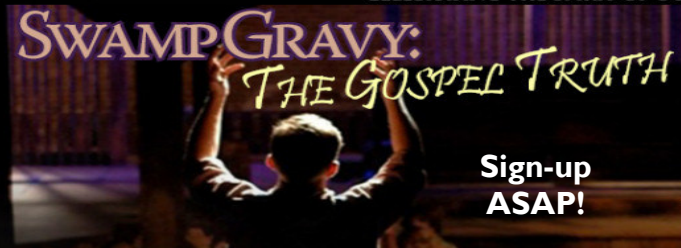
Doug & Joy Wilson

Homebound Birthdays

Elda Kelsoe (3-29-16)

Senior Adult Trip to Colquitt, GA March 20th

\$40.00 per person for ticket and meal at the Tarrer Inn. A bus will be provided by the Senior Adult Ministry. We will leave at 8:30 AM. We will shop in Dothan & eat light before traveling to Colquitt. We will eat in Colquitt at 2:30 PM and the play will begin at 4:00 PM.



March Volunteers

Deacon of the Week:

- 7th Tom Wismer
- 14th Peanut Whitten
- 21st Garth McCulloch
- 28th Bo Dillard

Tellers:

- 1st Betty Cook, June Smith, Pauline Boutwell
- 8th Willie Cook & John Blair
- 15th Doug Wilson & Joe Wilson
- 22nd Donald Wilson & Vernon McBryde
- 29th Betty Cook, June Smith, Pauline Boutwell

Friday Office:

- 5th Janie Mitchell & Barbara King
- 12th Barbara King & Mary Ann Spann
- 19th Janie Mitchell & Janice Barfoot
- 26th Betty Sasser & Patsy Anderson

Greeters:

1st Floor:

- 9:00 Sheila Hart, Jacque Pebworth
- 10:30 & 6:00 David & Carrie Buckelew

Atrium:

- 9:00 Lex, Tracy & Avery Colquett
- 10:30 & 6:00 Sam & Jan Williams

Drive-Thru:

- 9:00 Bo & Jane Dillard, Judy Atkins
- 10:30 & 6:00 Webster & Barbara Martin

Cooks:

- Judy Atkins, June Smith, Barbara King, Anna Skaggs, Jane Dillard



Jamey Wismer



Jane Hogg

Welcome



Rachel Miller

Our New Members!

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The Bulletin Board

*On the bulletin board
in the main hall
you will find
notes of thanks from...*

*The Families of
Paula McCollough
and
Patricia Mooney*



In Memory of
Paula McCollough
by John & Linda Blair

and

In Memory of
Henry Morgan,
Ben Reynolds,
& Mary Jane Zorn
by Pam Sumblin

Label

YTD Giving	
Year-To-Date Thru February 21, 2010	
Budget Needs	\$97,743.84
Budget Receipts	\$86,099.93
Vision Needs	\$11,477.52
Vision Receipts	\$12,212.63

Attendance	
Average Attendance Last Four Weeks	
Bible Study	332
Worship	385



You Are Invited To...

<p>a Wedding Shower for</p>  <p><i>Katie Weaver</i></p> <p><i>Bride-elect of Andrew Schmitt</i></p> <p><i>Sunday, March 7th</i></p> <p><i>2:00 - 3:30 pm</i></p> <p><i>WBC Fellowship Hall</i></p>	<p>a Baby Shower for</p> <p>Chris & Reva (Henley) Kernan</p> <p>Saturday, March 20th</p> <p>10:00 - 11:30 am</p> <p>WBC Fellowship Hall</p> <p>It's a Girl!</p> 	<p>a Baby Shower for</p> <p>Nate & Laura Smith</p> <p>Sunday, March 21st</p> <p>2:00 - 3:30 pm</p> <p>WBC Fellowship Hall</p> <p>It's a Boy!</p> 	<p>the Marriage of</p> <p><i>Adrienne Nicole Sanders</i> to <i>James Chandler McCulloch</i></p> <p>Saturday, March 27, 2010</p> <p>at 2:00 pm</p> <p><i>Mt. Hebron Baptist Church</i> 150 Mt. Hebron Rd.</p>	<p>a Wedding Shower for</p>  <p><i>Brittany Boyd</i></p> <p><i>Bride-elect of Tanner Jackson</i></p> <p>Sunday, March 28th</p> <p>2:00 - 3:30 pm</p> <p>WBC Fellowship Hall</p>
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