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What's Next?

Thank you for your very affirming feedback on the series of worship services we just completed, **Making 2010 a Truly New Year**. As I prepared and shared these messages, I realized that the real issue we were exploring is how faith in Christ sets you free to live a new kind of life. If you missed one of these services and want to hear what you missed, the messages and outlines are on the "Messages" page of our web site, www.bereafbc.org. Recordings of these services are available in the church office.

Several of you have asked "what's next?" I'm amazed at how my preaching plans grow and change, but let me share some of the message series I want to share with you this year.

Many people, even many Christians, find Bible reading and study difficult and confusing. **Getting the Bible Off of Your Shelf and Into Your Life** will offer you some tools you can use to study and understand the scriptures and apply God's Word to your daily life.

We miss so many opportunities to share our faith with others because we aren't prepared. **Prepare to Share** is a series of messages that will offer you guidance in preparing your heart and your mind to talk to others about your faith in Christ and offering them the opportunity to receive Christ.

Dr. Wayne Oates, a great Southern Baptist teacher and counselor, described the Christian life as a "struggle to be free." Jesus taught us that we find freedom by knowing His truth. I want to share some liberating truths that I have learned and seen at work in the lives of others through a series of messages entitled **Truths That Set You Free**.

Thank you for your prayers for my preaching ministry and your attentive hearts. May God speak to all of us as we worship and may we be doers of His Word.

Ronald D. Vaughan

You're Invited To Be in the Presence of the King of Kings This Sunday

10:30 a.m.

An Example To Follow

1 Peter 2:21

How can I know and do God's will for my life? That question can feel so overwhelming, but God has given us a way to find and live out an answer. In Jesus, God has given us an example to follow in doing His will. Sunday morning we look at the power of Christ's example and how far we can go in knowing and doing God's will by answering Jesus' invitation, "Follow Me."

6:00 p.m.

When God's People Pray

Session 4—The Word of God and Prayer

We're discovering the amazing power of prayer. Sunday night, Pastor Jim Cymbala of the Brooklyn Tabernacle Church, will lead us in seeing the connection between the message of scripture and our ministry of prayer. Join us as we learn and as we pray.

GRADES 1-5 CHOIR PRESENTS

Cakes & Crescendos

A Variety Show

Saturday, January 30, 5:30 p.m., In the Crosswalk

Cost: \$3 (payable at the door)

RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Contribution Statements for 2009 were mailed out this week. Please take a moment to review your statement and call Margaret Mathis in the church office if you notice any errors or omissions. Also, please call Margaret if you failed to receive your statement. If you see a problem on your statement, please let us know before January 31 so that we can correct it. Thanks for your help.

English as a Second Language Class Begins This Monday

Our ESL ministry registered seven new students this past Monday who will join our 17 returning students in learning English from a team of trained church volunteers. Students may still join our classes by coming to the Education Building on Monday night at 7:00 p.m. Call Sylvia Haley (850-0582) for more information.

Haiti Disaster Relief Fund Received: \$4,811

You can still help the people of Haiti through our Southern Baptist Missionaries and Disaster Relief Teams by giving to our church. Designate your gift to "Haiti."

A Called Church Conference will be held on Sunday, February 7, at the beginning of the evening worship service to elect church leaders and committees.

Our GED Ministry is Growing!

We have enrolled six new students in our GED class this month. Our class is growing, but we still have room for more students. If you know someone who has not earned a high school diploma, and would like to prepare to take the GED exam, please have them call the church office (246-1921) and leave a message for Linda Vaughan. Our class needs a large dry erase board, several more text books, and scholarship money to help students unable to pay full tuition.

Book Club

Wednesday, February 3, 6:00 p.m.
In the Church Library
Book to be Discussed: *Tending Roses*
by Lisa Wingate

Grades 1-5 Kids Day Out



Monday, February 15
9:00 am—2:30 pm
Cost: \$10
Bowling * Lunch
Games * Bible Study
**Call the church office
to sign up!**

The Very Newest

Congratulations to Robbie and Camille Merck on the birth of a daughter, Hailey Cecile, born January 21. Hailey is the granddaughter of Wallace and Sharon Merck.

Wedding Bells

Congratulations to Brian Jewell and Laurie Brickner who were married January 16 at the Ryan Nicholas Inn.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Jewell Murrell
January 23, 1929—January 26, 2010

LAST WEEK AT A GLANCE January 24, 2010

Weekly Required Budget Giving... \$29,038.33
Budget Gifts Received.....\$22,251.33
Budget Shortage.....\$6,787.00

Pass It On Giving.....\$2,240.50
Designated Receipts\$5,745.25
TOTAL DEPOSIT.....\$30,237.08

Memorial Gifts

Given in memory of:

Thelma Hudson by:
Mr. and Mrs. Mike Garren
Jim Burdine by:
Grace Burdine
Lillian Spencer by:
Tim Spencer
Thomas Ferguson, Judy Wilson,
Mr. and Mrs. S.T. McCrary,
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferguson, and
Tom McCrary by:
Doris Blakeney

A gift has been given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Granger by the Fidelis Sunday School Class.

Sympathy

Sympathy is extended to:

The family of Jewell Murrell.
Ashley Blackstone and Justin McCall in the death of their father, Don McCall.

Crosswalk Student Ministries

To Save A Life

On Sunday, January 31, our D-Groups will go to Cherrydale Cinema to see the movie, "To Save A Life." It's the story of a church youth group that must make the decisions to follow the crowd or follow Christ.

Updated Addresses Needed for All College Students

Send addresses to temory@bereafbc.org or call the church office at 246-1921.

Opportunities

SUNDAYS

9:15 am Sunday School
10:30 am Morning Worship
6:00 pm Evening Worship
TeamKid
Adult Discipleship Groups

WEDNESDAYS

10:30 am Senior Adult Choir
5:15—6:30 pm Supper (*by reservation only*)
6:00—6:45 pm Preschool Choir
1st-5th Grade Choir
6:00—7:30 pm Discipleship Classes
6:45—7:30 pm 3-5 Year Mission Friends
1st—5th Grade G.A.'s
1st—5th Grade R.A.'s
Rejoice Rehearsal
Prayer Ministry & Bible Study
Adult Choir

Schedule for Grades 6-12

SUNDAYS

6:00 pm D-Groups

WEDNESDAYS

5:15 pm The *Crosswalk* Café opens for supper
5:30 pm Ignite Student Choir
6:45 pm *Crosswalk* Worship begins in the auditorium
8:00 pm The *Crosswalk* will

WMU Group Meeting

Morris/Parris Group
Monday, February 1, 10:00 a.m.
In the Prayer Room

Wednesday Supper Menu

Adults: Fried Chicken, Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans, Slaw, Roll
Kids: Chicken Strips, Macaroni and Cheese, Fruit, Roll

Remember to cancel or add reservations by noon, Tuesday.

College Student Care Packages

Show your love to our college students by making a financial contribution to help purchase "goodies" and school supplies to prepare nearly 100 care packages. **Donations accepted until February 7.**

MARK YOUR CALENDAR! 2010 Summer Events

Vacation Bible School
June 14-18

Youth Choir/Mission Tour
June 12-19

Kentucky Mission Trip, July 17-24



Grades 2-6 Camp
June 27-July 1

Grades 7-12 Camp
July 4-9