

## UNTO THE LEAST OF THESE

What a blessing it is to be able to go to the jail weekly and witness for the Lord. I feel so blessed. Sometimes I feel discouraged when I look at how little I have accomplished for our Lord. Then I go to jail, and hear of all of those who are in such agony, and pain. Mostly due to the fact that they are isolated from those whom they love so dearly, and long to see. After I consider their brokenness, and pain, my few miseries pale in comparison. I come away feeling so blessed.

Last week-end one lady made a prayer request for her children, one five, one three, and one four months of age. She is in such agony. I hope and pray that she will be able to get her life together, and be able to become a Christian mother for Christ. Out of trouble, and out of jail.

I only had thirteen present last week, because there was a lock down on one pod. Part of their punishment was not to have jail services that day. How would that make us feel? What if we were punished by not having church? That would be devastating for us wouldn't it? It is just like missing our daily devotional. The whole day is all out of whack, until we have our quiet time with the Lord. The good news of the thirteen present was that all thirteen of them are saved by the blood of the Lamb.

I pray that the Lord will prepare the hearts of those who will be present in jail services next week for the message, and I pray that the ones who are lost will receive Jesus as Lord, and Savior. I also pray that I will be receptive to the direction of the Holy Spirit in preparing to teach them. ~Bro.Jim Threlkeld~

### KOINONIA ...Constant Fellowship with God and One Another...

April 9—Youth-Sponsored Coffee House, Fundraiser, 7:00-10:00 PM

April 11—Zaxby's—Youth Fundraiser, All Day. Be sure to take a Zaxby's card with you.

April 18—Youth Fundraiser - Potato Bar, 11:45 AM

Thank You & God Bless, Matt Downey a.k.a. "Papa Smurf"

### Greetings Friends,

My hope and prayer is that each of you are enjoying the spring season. Doesn't it make you feel better to get out and enjoy the sunshine and rain? It seems as if we stay in too much during the winter. We can enjoy each others company and visit friends and relatives after a long winter. It sure gives me a better feeling and a sense of humor. I love Gods weather no matter whatever it may bring. In Tennessee if you don't like it just wait 24 hours. It will change.

I would love to share some signs you may see from time to time on church signs.

We are not Dairy Queen, but we have great Sundays.

The church is a gift from God, Assembly required.

Beat the Easter rush, come to church every Sunday.

Forgive your enemies, it will mess with their mind.

Friends don't let friends die without Jesus.

Just thought you might enjoy these.

In Christian Love,

Dwight Faircloth

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### CONTINUING MINISTRIES

#### CHOIR PRACTICE

Sunday 9:00 AM & 4:30 PM

#### SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

Sunday 9:30 AM

#### G-FORCE

Sunday morning 10:30-11:30.

#### WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM

#### CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesday 6:00 PM

#### DYNAMIC PRAYER

Wednesday night 7:00 – 8:00 PM

#### YOUTH & RA'S & GA'S

Wednesday night 7:00 – 8:00 PM

#### MISSION FRIENDS:

Wednesday night 7:00 – 8:00 PM

#### WEDNESDAY DINNER:

Wednesday night 5:30-6:30 PM

### RA'S/GA'S & MISSION FRIENDS



Every Wednesday 7-8 PM

Children learn about Missions.

For Boys & Girls Grades K-6

RA Leaders:

Greg Ferran & Ken Wood

GA Leaders:

Patty Beels, Wanda Barnett &

Gloria Wood

Mission Friends: Susan Wagoner

WMU Leader: Barbara Faircloth

(Monthly-1<sup>st</sup> Wed @7pm)

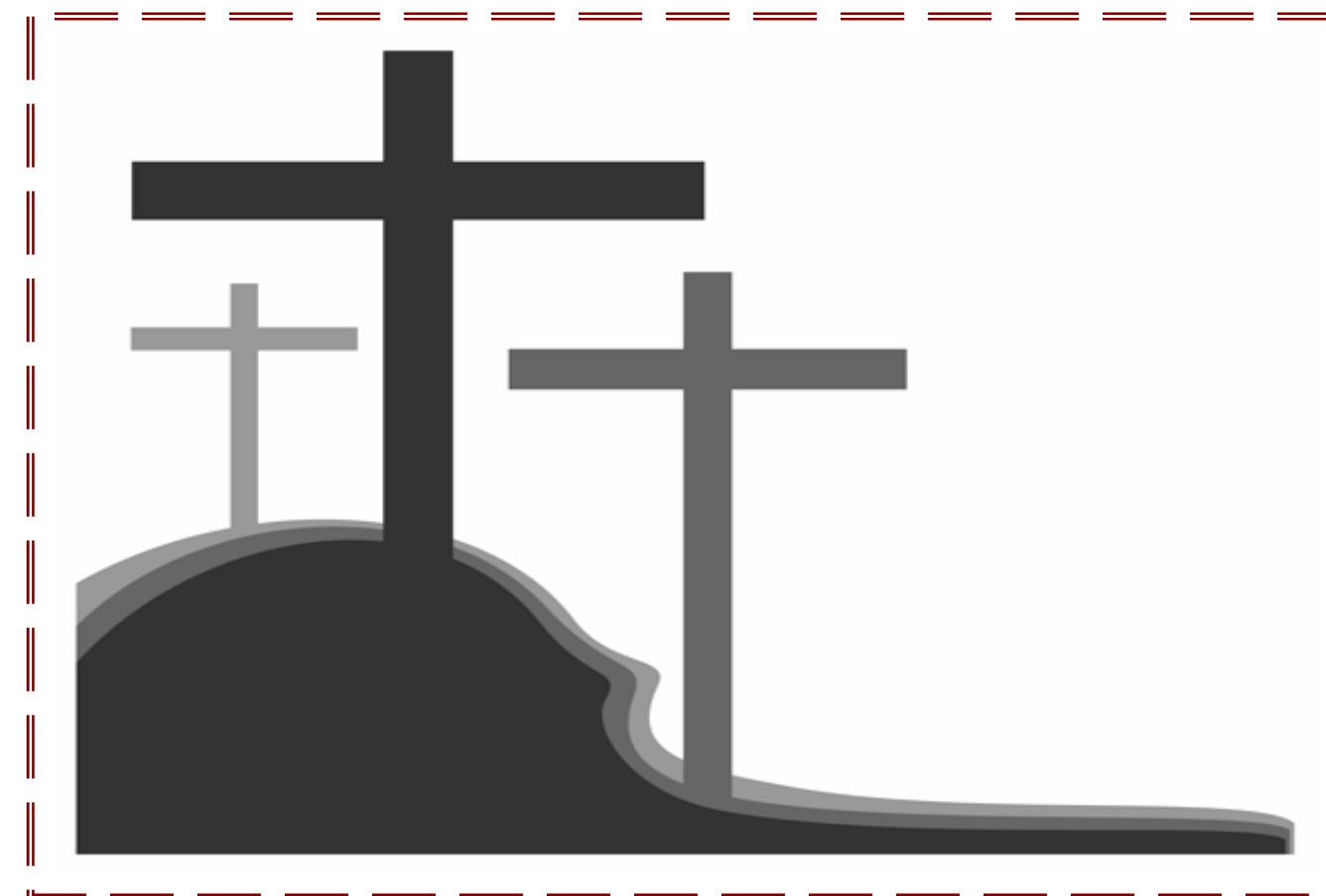
# Empowering Believers to Impact the World



Riverdale Baptist Church  
preaching .reaching .teaching

April 2010

We are called to **Preach** the word of God.  
**Reach** the world with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
**Teach** believers to be disciples of Jesus Christ.



## JAPANESE FAMILY MINISTRY

Dear Church Family,

The Japanese Ministry had 2 Bible Studies in March. We had 5 people at our Sunday Bible Study Class and 7 people at our Friday Bible Study Class. Our English and Cooking Lessons have been rescheduled for March 29th.

This month, we say goodbye to Akiko Sugiyama. Akiko was only here a short time (less than a year), but she was a faithful member of the Friday Bible Study Class and the English and Cooking Lessons. Please pray for Akiko and her family as they resettle in Japan.

Our April Sunday Bible Study Class will meet on April 11th. We'll study, "What Does The Bible Say About Husbands and Wives?". I'm not sure when the Friday class will meet, but we'll finish our lesson about Joseph when we meet again.

Thanks for making the Japanese ladies and their families feel welcome at Riverdale.

In Christ,

Ava Montgomery

1 Thessalonians 2:8

## Women's Ministry- Barbara Faircloth, Facilitator

The March meeting focused on a Mission Service Corps missionary who has a ministry making witnessing dolls. These are rag dolls with open eyes and smiling faces on one side and closed eyes and a sad mouth on the other. They represent a person before and after salvation. Each doll wears a colorful bead necklace with each bead representing an item to point someone to Jesus. The missionary we studied, and members of her church, have made over 1,000 of these dolls and have sent them to 15 states and 5 countries. As the women sew, they pray for God to use the dolls to reveal Himself.

Our group sponsored a boy through Candle Wishes for our March mission project. We were blessed to provide birthday gifts for his 8<sup>th</sup> birthday in April including clothes, toys, a bible and a bicycle and helmet. Candle Wishes, a non-profit organization headquartered in Murfreesboro, fulfills birthday wishes and provides essential needs for under-privileged children in Rutherford County.

The Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer for North American Missionaries was March 8 - March 14. The goal for this offering was \$1,000 and you gave \$995.00 during the week of prayer and the other \$5 was given on the following Wednesday evening, thereby reaching our goal in one week! HALLELUJAH! Of course, the offering will be accepted during the entire month of March and it will be exciting to see what God has led our church to give to this most important mission work here in our own United States and Canada. Thank you church for your loving and giving spirit.

We have lots of work to do and we need every woman over age 18 to join our efforts to reach our community and the world for Christ. Please join us on the first Wednesday evening of each month and connect with other women to study and do missions.

## RIVERDALE FAITH SEEKERS

Can you believe that March is almost over? Where did it go? March has been a busy month. We started out on March 5<sup>th</sup> with a covered dish luncheon at Riverdale with 19 present. Our lunch was delicious and thanks to all that cooked and brought lunch. Mrs. Suzie Espy came and did some entertaining for us. We appreciated her coming and everyone seemed to enjoy her. She told me that she had a good time.

On March 15, 2010, was our Associational Senior Meeting.

We met at Stones River Baptist Church. Riverdale had 13 present. Those present were: Polly Adams, Dwight Faircloth, Tommy and Nancy Green, Jean Jakes, Cuba Miller, Harold and Annie Jean Ray, Ruth Todd, Barbara Turner, Bro. John and Mrs. Ellen and Brenda Sledge. Mt. Hermon got the 1<sup>st</sup> place banner with 25 in attendance and Miracle with 15 in attendance. Thanks to all that came. Next month the meeting will be at Mt. Hermon and they can't win the banner so we have a chance.

On April 9, 2010, Riverdale Faith Seekers we will be going to the Chophouse to eat at 11:00 A.M. Friends, you won't have to cook this month. Please let me know if you are planning on going so I can turn in a number. I told them we would have 20 or more. We will just meet at the Chophouse. If you need a way, please let me know. We will get you there and bring you back too.

Thanks for all that you do.

Love to all,

Mrs. Brenda

## Pastor's Point



PASTOR CURT

*And the LORD shall guide thee continually, and satisfy thy soul in drought, and make fat thy bones: and thou shalt be like a watered garden, and like a spring of water, whose waters fail not.*

### Guidance Comes

The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. Isaiah 58:11 From my own experience and from what I have been able to learn from the Scripture and from others who live in a working relationship with God's voice, I am led to the following conclusion: Direction will always be made available to the mature disciple if without it serious harm would befall others involved or the cause of Christ. I believe the obedient, listening heart, mature in the things of God, will in such a case find the voice plain and the message clear, as those friends of God in the Bible did. This claim must be tested by experience, and anyone willing to meet the conditions and learn from failures as well as successes can put it to the test. In every congregation we need a group of people who, in front of everyone, are explicitly learning and teaching about life in dialog with God.

Pastor Curt



## Kevin's Notes



Dear Riverdale Church Family,

For many, Easter is the most worshipful time of the Christian year. When I think of the sacrifice that God made for me and for each of you, I am truly amazed and humbled by His actions. I so look forward to the time of worship we will be having over the next few weeks as we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord and Savior. Our choir will be performing a wonderful presentation on Easter Sunday. The message is a real blessing. I hope that you all choose to worship with us on this special day. Blessings to you all!

*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom, and as you sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. (Colossians 3:16-17)*

In Christ,

Kevin