

Empowering Believers to Impact the World

JAPANESE FAMILY MINISTRY

Dear Church Family,

The Japanese Ministry had 2 events in January. We had 10 people attend our Friday Bible Study Class and 14 people attend the English, Cooking, and Cross Stitch lesson. We had one new lady join our Bible Study Class and 2 new ladies joined the English, Cooking, and Cross Stitch lesson. Mrs. Brenda Sledge and Mrs. Ruth Todd helped with childcare this month. I appreciate their help a lot!

We will have 3 events in February. Our Sunday Bible Study Class will meet on the 7th and we will study, "Why Do Christians Believe Jesus Is Perfect?" Our Friday Bible Study Class will meet on the 19th and we'll study, "Jacob's Wives". Our English and Cooking Lesson will be on the 25th. We'll study, "Eating at a Sit Down Restaurant", "Idioms", "Lullabies", and "Tongue Twisters". After our English Lessons, we'll make sausage swirls and I'll introduce the ladies to grits.

Thanks for making the Japanese community welcome at Riverdale.

In Christ,
Ava Montgomery
1 Thessalonians 2:8



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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.

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Women's ministry-Barbara Faircloth, Facilitator

We opened the January meeting with each person sharing a blessing from her childhood, teenage years, adulthood or a current blessing. It's always a joy to hear how God has blessed someone's life!

The mission focus was about how God took a young career lady from her comfort zone and placed her in Mali, W. Africa. Little did she expect to be spending her 30th birthday in a mud hut grilling pancakes over an open fire instead of celebrating with a traditional birthday cake. She is now in seminary and praying for God's direction in her life. She knows that giving up her so-called "perfect life" was worth anything she lost.

We ended the meeting with a devotion about being joyful and laughing because it is good for the heart. Proverbs 17:22 says "A merry heart doeth good like a medicine, but a broken spirit drieth the bones". If you can laugh in spite of the circumstances that surround you, you will enrich others and enrich yourself. I genuinely believe we can laugh and be joyful Christians because of what He has done on Cavalry for us.

If you would like to fellowship with Christian ladies and learn about world missions, join us the 1st Wednesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Jail Ministry

I've often heard this, "When you get to the point that He is all you have, you'll find He is all you need." As I prayed this morning, about this article, this thought came to me. The inmates in prison really don't have anything, unless they have Jesus. (And neither do we!) That is why we have such wonderful success in ministering to them. They are eager to hear God's word. They are eager to sing God's praise. They are even eager to read a portion of God's word. They are eager to share their prayer requests with the entire group. They are eager to share the gospel message with the lost. They are even eager to go and sit on cold hard concrete floors to worship God. You see, they minister to me just as much as I minister to them. Some of us could learn a lot from them. How is your eagerness? What a blessing to be able to worship with them and be blessed by them.

I pray that God will bless them and help them to overcome evil. I pray that they will overcome Satan and all the evil he casts at them. I pray that they will overcome their strongholds. It is heart breaking to hear many of their prayer requests. Last Saturday one prayed for her Mother to have the strength to care for her sickly Father. She said, "If only I was there to help her; If only I hadn't gotten in trouble." Another one prayed that God would give her the strength and courage to endure the time she will spend there. She said it is so hard to endure this jail.

Things are looking up in the jail services. Last Saturday we had thirty-two in worship and three were moved by The Holy Spirit to claim Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Where ever you are and in what ever you are involved, Jesus is always there for you. Just call on Him. He will answer you!!!

God Bless You,
Brother Jim Threlkeld

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.

Please see Wanda Barnett for details.

WORSHIP SERVICE

Sunday 10:30 AM & 6:00 PM

CHILDREN'S CHOIR PRACTICE

Wednesday 6:00 PM

BIBLE DRILL

Wednesday night 6-7 PM Grades 7-9

Sunday night 5:00-6:00 PM Grades 4-

6

Please see Brenda Sledge for details.

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-5
RA Leaders: Greg Ferran & Ken Wood

GA Leaders: Wanda Barnett
Mission Friends: Susan Wagoner
WMU Leader: Barbara Faircloth
(1st Wednesday of every month @ 7pm)



A word from Papa...

One event down...about 47,000 to go! OK, OK, we won't be doing quite that many activities this year, but it seems like it! Nevertheless, we got our first one under our belts! The EDGE conference that we attended in January was a great time. And although the weather wasn't the greatest, it was about as good as it could have been for the mountains in January! We were treated to some amazing entertainment, powerful worship, and fantastic preaching over the three days. On a personal note, I had the privilege of counseling with a young man from North Carolina that accepted Christ as his Savior...what an awesome experience!!! We thank you all from the bottoms of our hearts for the prayers, support, and fund raising that everyone participated in that allowed us to attend this amazing event.

As February rolls in, we will kick it off with one of our highlights of the year, the annual Valentines Banquette, which will be on Saturday the 6th, @ 6:00pm. We will introduce an all new menu that I hope that everyone will enjoy as much as last year. We will also continue the tradition of fine entertainment, as well as the much loved (Not-so) Newlywed Game! If you haven't signed up yet, please do so...I promise we will treat you like the Kings and Queen that you are. Our goal is to charge \$30 (\$15/person), but provide a meal worth \$50...plus entertainment, etc. This is one of our biggest fund raisers of the year; however it is one of the few times that we get to show our love and appreciation for our Church Family, so we try to go all out for you!

If you think January and February seem like a blast, wait until you see what we have for March! We will begin it with returning to the 2010 Youth Evangelism Conference (YEC) on March 6th, followed immediately by Youth Sunday on the 7th, which if it goes as planned, will bring some very exciting surprises (can't tell, it's a secret)! We will then attend a Youth Rally on March 12th, and then close the month on Palm Sunday (March 28th) with an amazing, all youth Easter Program! More details will come in next month's newsletter, and as always, keep an eye on the bulletin for information on upcoming events.

On behalf of all of the youth and youth leaders, thank you all so much for all of your love, prayers, and support!

Matt Downey
Youth Director

PRAYER MINISTRY

I praise God that our church is a praying church. I also praise Him for the dedicated group of prayer warriors that faithfully pray for our church and its members' prayer requests. I'm so thankful that during the month of January 2010, three more people requested to be added to our prayer teams. I'm sure most of you are aware of the Prayer Ministry of our church. If you, or someone you know has a prayer need, and you feel you want to share this request with others and have them pray about it also, all you need to do is call me at 896-3029 or 584-3112 and I will contact the team leaders of the prayer chain and within a short time after you have requested prayer, there will be over 20 people from Riverdale praying about your request. Also, if you have confidential prayer needs or something that needs continuous prayer, we have a Intercessory Prayer Team for these prayers. I feel so blessed to be a part of a caring and praying church.

God's Blessings,

Barbara Turner
Prayer Coordinator

Riverdale Faith Seekers



On January 18,2010, we went to Scenic Drive for our Associational Senior Meeting. Riverdale had 10 people there and they were: Polly Adams, Terry Pearce, Mildred Ramsey, Harold and Annie Jean Ray, Ruth Todd, Barbara Turner, Bro. John and Mrs. Ellen Upchurch and Brenda Sledge. We had a good time. Stones River Baptist Church got first place and Mt. Hermon got 2nd place and so they got the banners. Bro. David Pittman was our guest speaker and he told us about our new Concord Association Office and invited us to come and see it if we hadn't. We all should be very proud of our new building. He also said that in March, there would be meetings on Sunday Afternoons to help us learn how to witness to the Muslims. We would get more information on this matter. Scenic Drive provided a good lunch for us and we all enjoyed it.

This month on February 15,2010 we will be going to Livings Springs for our meeting. If anyone needs a ride, please see me. We will work out transportation.

Also, we as Riverdale Faith Seekers, we will have a covered dish lunch on February 5,2010 at 12:00 and Riverdale Baptist Church and afterwards we will play games. I have heard from many of you that you enjoyed the day that we had and so we will have another one. Remember to bring your games and a covered dish. Look forward to seeing you. Oh by the way, if you have any idea about what we could do or want to do, please let me know. I am always open to new ideas.

Just want you to know that we appreciate our Senior Adults. May God Bless each one of you as we serve "Our Lord."

Love you,
Brenda

Dwight Faircloth, Educational Director

Hello fellow Riverdalians,
Is Riverdalians a proper word for us? I hope so. Just a few thoughts this month. I want to say a big thank you to all who volunteer to work for the Lord at Riverdale. Whether you sing in the choir, teach a class, work with the younger folks, older folks, clean the church, do repair work, play an instrument, lead the singing, preach the word, fix food or participate in any manner, you are very important. I hope I didn't leave anyone out. You are a warm giving church family and I love each of you. God really blessed Riverdale in 2009 and there is no telling what he will bless us with in 2010. As the staff works together in 2010, I would ask that you keep us in your prayers as we seek God's will for our church. If there is some work you would like to volunteer for, please let myself or a staff member know God is leading you in some kind of work for him. We will be glad to discuss this with you anytime. Also during this time of the year, germs are in the air. I would like to remind everyone of the hand cleaning dispensers throughout the church. I want everyone to stay well this winter if at all possible. Remember, if you need me please call on me. Thanks for letting me be a part of Riverdale Baptist Church with you.

Blessings,
Dwight Faircloth
Education Director

Pastor's Point



PASTOR CURT

It is hard to believe that February 2010 is already upon us. School is in it's second semester and everybody is looking to summer vacation. Summer will be here soon enough and will have enough heat to cause us to wish it was fall. It seems we are always looking for that which is on the horizon and is just out of reach for the moment. Nevertheless, we need most desperately to show the same expectation when dealing with God and His plans for our lives. When it comes to spiritual disciplines such as reading God's Word, meditating on the scriptures, purposed and planned prayer, or fellowship with other believers we seem to be complacent and unaware that there is so much more waiting for us on the horizon just within our grasps. I do not pretend to be exempt in this matter. These difficulties come to me as well. The key or cipher to this mystery or puzzle is right in front of us and readily available to any and all who will open their eyes and look up. This reminds me of a time when I lost my glasses and was frantically searching everywhere I could think of and all of sudden I looked up and they were on my head. Right in front of me and yet out of sight. Too often it is with our communication with our Lord, Savior Jesus Christ.

As God continues to bless you and our church, may you commit yourself to a closer walk with Him. He deserves to be first.

Your Servant,

Pastor Curt



Kevin's Notes



Dear Church Family,

It is an honor to be your interim Minister of Music. I thank the Lord for each of you and the role that you currently play in my life. I have prayed for a position like this for some time now, and it is perfect in God's timing! This is the most encouraging and personable church body I have ever had the privilege of working with. I look forward to worshiping with you over the next few months, and I encourage you to become involved in our music ministry. If you are feeling led to join the choir, please come check us out. We have rehearsal every Sunday evening at 5 P. M., and we will soon begin preparing for our Easter cantata. Trust me, it is never boring with that bunch of people. As for our worship services, I encourage you to feel free to praise the Lord in whatever manner you wish. Take that time every Sunday and Wednesday to build a more intimate relationship with Christ. It is so easy to get caught up in the monotony of worship, but I challenge you to look at that time with a fresh perspective. Please feel free to speak to me about subjects pertaining to this ministry, and I look forward to drawing nearer to Christ with you week in and week out.

God Bless!

Kevin