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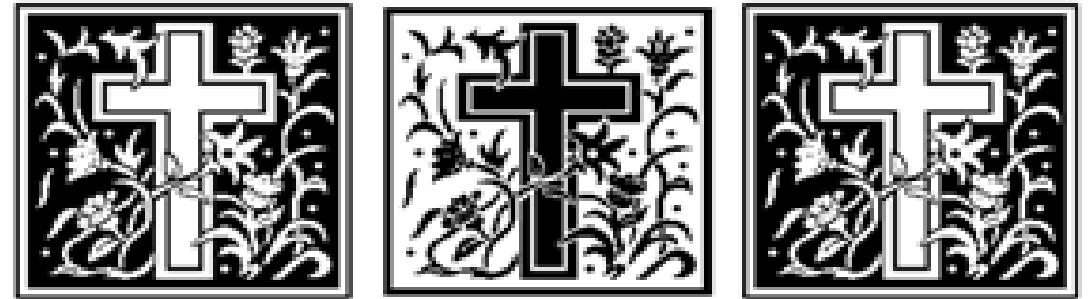
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Lent begins

Wednesday, February 25th

Please plan to come and be a part of our

Ash Wednesday service

6:00 p.m.

Ministry Assignments

February 1

Deacon: Bruce Myers
 Reader: Kathy Sharritt
 Prayer: John Bohlayer
 Greeters: Bill and Helen Gorman,
 John Bohlayer

Extended
 Session: Jan Jordan, Susan Myers
 Counters: Barbara Monteith,
 Helen Derickson,
 Shirley McCoy
 Lock-up: Aubrey Mills

February 8

Deacon: Anne O'Neal
 Reader: Thomas Tyner
 Prayer: Kay Black
 Greeters: Aubrey Mills, Sharon Bower

Extended
 Session: Lavonne Davis, Brittany or
 Danielle Davis
 Counters: Wyolene Richardson,
 Lynn Wilmoth
 Lock-up: George Routon

February 15

Deacon: Sylvia Lewis
 Reader: Paula Adams
 Prayer: Gene Davis
 Greeters: Fay Floyd, Bruce Myers,
 Iola Daniel

Extended
 Session: Sandi Myers, Cindy DeTallo
 Counters: Iola Daniel, Dapheny Gravely,
 Joyce Minor
 Lock-up: Joe Barker

February 22

Deacon: Martha Turner
 Reader: Karen Abbott
 Prayer: Chuck Abbott
 Greeters: Charles and Betty Phillips,
 Michele McCarthy

Extended
 Session: Elizabeth Lee, Shirley McCoy
 Counters: Opal Beavers, Shirley McCoy
 Lock-up: Johnny Gay

February's Birthday Happy Birthday to...

Dianne Key	2
Elizabeth Lee	2
Laleah Henderson	2
Sandi Myers	3
Mark Sharp	5
Mary Westbrook	11
Janice Scarborough	14
Jack Harper	15
Doug Cates	17
Wyolene Richardson	22
Charlotte Routon	22
Will Burnett	23
Wanda Moore	24
Shirley McCoy	25
Brian Wright	25
Mildred Anepohl	28



Meetings

Mission's Meeting: Monday, February 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Deacon's Meeting: Sunday, February 22nd at 4:00 p.m.



We will have our
 Communion Service
 next Sunday,
 February 1st during the
 morning Worship Service. Please plan
 to come and be a part of this wonderful
 time with us.



**Sunday School
 Fellowship Breakfast
 Northlake Hickory
 House
 February 28th.
 8:00 a.m.**

Join us as we worship at
Briarwood Nursing Home
 on Monday, January 2nd and 16th
 11:00 a.m.



Please remember to bring your
 change and place it in the buckets
 for Habitat for Humanity on the
 first Sunday of each month.
 Buckets will be at the alter during
 the offering.



February XYZ
 We will have our
 Valentine Banquet
 Thursday, February 12th
 11:30 a.m. in the fellowship hall.
 More information to follow.

A Special Thank You



My many thanks to you, my church family for your prayers, cards and support given me during my difficult times of unemployment. God has answered prayers with a care giving job that I am so happy for and treasure my time with His loved one.

*Many Thanks again
Edward Lynn*

Just a short note to say thanks to each of you for being such and important part of Jo Ann's life. She was very proud of her church and her family there.

Thank you for being there for me, too, during my visits, and especially during Jo Ann's passing.

A very special "Thank You" to your "Kitchen Crew" for the wonderful meal you provided, to Bill Myers for the music, and to Brian and Amy for handling Jo Ann's Service.

May God Bless you all is my prayer. Hope to be able to visit soon.

*Always ,
Robert Byrd.*

A Moment for Mission and Ministry

Making Missions Meaningful in February

- 1- Send a Valentine to a shut-in or a soldier.
- 2- Bring a box of Valentines for the children served by Moncrief Christian Ministries. Please bring them to the church by Sunday, Feb.8.
- 3- Care for yourself. Get screened for high blood pressure Sunday, Feb.15 in the Bides' Room. We will screen from 9:15 until 9:45, between Sunday School and worship, and for a few minutes following worship.

Young Adults at College:

Now that the holidays are over, these students need cards and care packages. Pick up some magazines , gun, candy or make some cookies and ship it all off to;

Adam Russell (nephew to Michele McCarthy)
C/O UNC Charlotte
C.F. Lynch Hall-Rm 242
9201 University City Blvd.
Charlotte, NC 28223-0001

Serena Wormald (daughter to Jane Rosenfeld)
Address at Georgia Southern University
Kappa Kappa Gamma Sorority
100 Olympic Boulevard
Statesboro, GA 30458



W.M.U Meeting

The W.M.U meeting for this month will be
Tuesday, February 3rd
at 10:00 am.

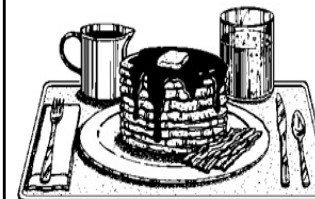
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**7:30PM on FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 13, 2009**

**LOVE SONGS
CABARET**

**CONTACT BILL MYERS
IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PERFORM!**



Shrove Tuesday
Tuesday, February 25th
6:00 p.m.
Come and have pancakes made
by the church staff.
Donations accepted for the poor.



We will have our Ash Wednesday Service
Wednesday, February 25th at 6:00 pm.
Please plan to come and be a part of this
service as we prepare ourselves for the
beginning of the season of Lent.



**Children's
Ministry
Workshop**

**Rotation Training
Sunday, February 22
6:00 p.m.
Dinner will be provided**

Miss a Sunday?
**You can listen to sermons
online through our new
website. You can also see our
Fellowship meal menu and
make or cancel reservations**



The Mission's Team is sponsoring a blood pressure
screening on Sunday February 15th, before Sunday
School and after church. Please invite your friends!



On Wednesday, January 21st, the church voted to
hire Jessica Lambert as our new Minister to Children
and their Families. She can be reached at
Jessica@northeastbaptist.net

Notes from Paul

I want to thank you for your warmth and hospitality towards me and my family. You have made us feel so welcome and we feel truly blessed to be a part of the family at Northeast Baptist Church. It is an honor to serve with people who have such a passion for the people of this community and I am thankful, not only for what God has blessed us with, but for what He has in store. Together, we can make a difference for Christ in our community and around the world!

This an exciting time to be a part of what God is doing at Northeast! We are currently preparing for our annual Easter Egg Hunt as well as for Vacation Bible School. These are both great opportunities to impact and educate our community with the love of Christ. Please be in prayer now for these events and any way that God might lead you to serve. Also, please be in prayer for our church that God would continue to bless us, equip us, and use us to share His message of love with the world around us!

Different To Make A Difference,
Paul

The Joy class will be collecting warm clothing, coats and blankets for homeless people until to February 14th.

In addition, you may wish to purchase socks, knit caps, scarves, gloves and new undergarments at area dollar stores for small amounts of money and time. Please ask your family and friends to help us in this important mission. Donations can be dropped off in the Joy classroom or in the back of the sanctuary.


Thank you for caring and sharing with desperately needy people. Many people are losing their jobs and your help is needed now more than ever.

For more information you can contact Lynn Wilmoth or Bert Lovell.

Wednesday Night Suppers


February 4th	February 11th	February 18	February 25
Soups	Meat Loaf	Chicken and Dressing	Beef Casserole
	Mashed Potatoes	Green Beans	Yams
	Collards	Mac and Cheese	Cabbage
	Tossed Salad	Apple Salad	Tossed Salad
	Cobbler	Yellow Cake	Banana Pudding
	Rolls	Corn Bread	Rolls

Cost is \$6.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children. Please make or cancel reservations by Monday at 12:00.



We are putting together a new Church cook book and need your help. We need you to turn in your favorite recipes to your Sunday School classes or the church office. Please put you name on each recipe and summit only one recipe per sheet of paper. Our goal is to have 500 recipes. Please help us to make this cookbook a success.

All recipes are due by March 29th.



The church Council has approved the purchase and installation of new playground equipment. This equipment will be dedicated memory of Jo Ann Byrd.

If you would like to donate money to the Jo Ann Byrd Playground Fund you can do so by indicating on your offering envelope or check .

To the Ladies

The Henderson Estates Garden club meets in the fellowship hall here at NEBC on the 1st Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

We enjoy excellent programs, Garden Tours, and good fellowship.

There are 7 NEBC members who are also Garden Club members so you will feel right at home.

Our February program will be about Drought Tolerant Plants. Please join us.

Reaching Young Adults

Dan Garland

Director of Pastoral Ministries and Church Consulting

LifeWay Christian Resources

To gain insight into ways to reach and keep young adults, LifeWay Research undertook a study of young adults. They used polling and one-on-one surveys to talk to over 500 (churched and unchurched combined, from interviews and polling data) young adults across the country in order to better understand their mindsets and value systems.

The research discovered this about reaching young adults:

- Almost ninety percent of the unchurched 20 to 29 year olds said they would be **willing to listen** if someone wanted to tell them about Christianity.
- Three of 5 younger unchurched respondents agreed they would be **willing to study the Bible** if a friend **asked** them to do so.
- Over 60 percent said they would **attend a church** if it presented **truth** in an **understandable** and **relevant** way.

The **Bad News**: The younger unchurched believe the church is too critical about lifestyle issues, full of hypocrites, and not necessary for spiritual development.

The **Good News**: The younger unchurched clearly indicate they are willing to dialogue about Christianity and Jesus. (from Lost and Found)

These findings reinforce the truth that effective evangelism is done through building relationships.

Reach Young Adults by Getting Relational

What can your church do to help heighten the need for building intentional relationships with the unchurched and the dechurched?

- Preach/teach on the power of relationships and invitations. Nine out of ten of unchurched or dechurched young adults who come to church and get connected to Christ do so because a friend, co-worker, relative, neighbor invited them.
- Teach and model developing relationships with the dechurched and the unchurched. Use the testimonies of those who came to Christ as a result of someone developing a relationship with them. Powerful testimonies energize and encourage others to get involved in building authentic relationships with those who need Christ and His church.
- Find new ways, creative ways to connect believers with the dechurched and the unchurched. This will not happen by doing the same thing the same way.

- Getting outside the walls of the church buildings and engaging people with the gospel is absolutely essential to reaching the unchurched and the dechurched. A novel approach is to get to know some people who are unchurched and ask them what it would take for them to come to church. This is always insightful. You might then actually begin to do some of the things the unchurched suggest.

If the unchurched come because of relationships, they stay because of new relationships. The questions the unchurched are asking is:

- Can I fit in here?
- Can I make friends?
- Will I be accepted?

Those in the church must be taught to build relationships with those who are new to the church. To get a feel for this, send some of your church leaders out to visit other churches in the area and report how they were greeted. Or, ask for the honest feedback of those who visit your church. Learn from the responses and use these as teaching tools for your congregation.

Believers must be taught to develop relationships in their everyday paths of life and in their areas of passion and interests. The unchurched and dechurched are all around us and often invisible to us. Teach your people to open their eyes and begin to look for opportunities to talk about your church and what you are doing to make a difference in the community.

One key strategy of reaching young adults is the effort on reclaiming those who have dropped out of church – the dechurched.

The Key to reclaiming dechurched young adults: Friends and Family

"We interviewed 394 re-churched young adults to find out why they returned to church. One myth that could be easily dismissed is that they were too angry at the church to return. To the contrary, the re-churched told us in overwhelming numbers that anger at the church was not a factor in their departures. Apathy tended to always be the trump card over anger."

"So the dechurched often just needed a gentle nod to become the re-churched. And that gentle nod came most often from friends and family. Nearly four out ten (39%) re-churched told us that parents or other family members were instrumental in their return to church. Another two out of ten (21%) said that they returned church after friends or acquaintances encouraged them to attend." (Pg 224, Essential Church? Reclaiming a Generation of Dropouts by Thom Rainer and Sam Rainer)

The bottom line is that family and friends must be encouraged to continue to invite, pray for and lift up the dechurched young adults because there is power in the invitation.