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## NORTHEAST BAPTIST CHURCH

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# WITNESS

of  
Northeast Baptist Church  
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**Saturday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>  
8:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

**Reserve a table to sell your treasures!**

**\$20 per table**

**Call the Northeast Baptist Church office  
at 770-938-8333 or  
e-mail at [office@northeastbaptist.net](mailto:office@northeastbaptist.net)  
to reserve your table.**

**Invite your friends to shop or sell . Come and have  
a great time.**

## Ministry Assignments

### May 3rd

Deacon: Bruce Myers  
 Reader: Cindy DeTallo  
 Prayer: Bruce Myers  
 Greeters: Bill and Helen Gorman,  
 John Bohlayer

Extended Session: Lavonne Davis  
 Brittany or Danielle Davis

Counters: Helen Derickson,  
 Shirley McCoy

Lock-up: Bob Braswell

### May 10th

Deacon: Anne O'Neal  
 Reader: Wendy DiPino  
 Prayer: Lois Asbell  
 Greeters: Aubrey Mills, Sharon Bower

Extended Session: Sandi Myers, Cindy DeTallo  
 Counters: Wyolene Richardson,  
 Lynn Wilmoth

Lock-up: Aubrey Mills

### May 17th

Deacon: Sylvia Lewis  
 Reader: Karen Abbott  
 Prayer: Chuck Abbott  
 Greeters: Fay Floyd, Bruce Myers,  
 Iola Daniel

Extended Session: Elizabeth Lee, Shirley McCoy  
 Counters: Iola Daniel, Daphny Gravely,  
 Joyce Minor

Lock-up: George Routon

### May 24th

Deacon: Martha Turner  
 Reader: Anne O'Neal  
 Prayer: Bob Braswell  
 Greeters: Charles and Betty Phillips,  
 Michele McCarthy

Extended Session: Bruce Myers, Joyce Minor  
 Counters: Opal Beavers, Shirley McCoy  
 Lock-up: Johnny Gay

### May 31st

Deacon: Lynn Wilmoth  
 Reader:  
 Prayer:  
 Greeters: Bill and Helen Gorman,  
 John Bohlayer

Extended Session: Paula Adams, Tommye Morris  
 Counters: Barbara Montieth,  
 Helen Derickson, Shirley McCoy

Lock-up: Edgar Ellis

### May Birthdays Happy Birthday to...

Barron Daniel	4
Mike Monteith	6
Ethel Gramlich	9
Jack Berrong	9
Brittany Davis	12
Clarence Huff	17
Hannah Gorby	17
Bob Gregory	21
Neal Storey	22
Edward Lynn	24
Lorraine Garman	28
Sylvia Lewis	29



## Notes from Jessica

### NORTHEAST BAPTIST CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

For the month of May our children will be learning about "Sharing & Kindness" through the scripture found in Acts 2:42-47. They will learn how intricately connected is our love for God and our love for others. As Christians, we respond to God's love by caring for others, sharing with others and treating one another with kindness!

Please see the following schedule of activities for this month:

#### **Schedule:**

#### **Sunday:**

May 3<sup>rd</sup>: Games  
 May 10<sup>th</sup>: Cooking  
 May 17<sup>th</sup>: Science  
 May 24<sup>th</sup>: Cooking

#### **Wednesday:**

May 6<sup>th</sup>: Science / Music  
 May 13<sup>th</sup>: Art / Music  
 May 20<sup>th</sup>: Games / Music  
 May 27<sup>th</sup>: Children & Youth  
 Sunday Preparation / Music

May 31<sup>st</sup>: Children & Youth Sunday Preparation

#### **Upcoming Events For Summer 2009:**

May 30<sup>th</sup> (Saturday): "End of School" Party  
 May 31<sup>st</sup> (Sunday): "Children & Youth Sunday"  
 July 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> (Monday-Friday): "Vacation Bible School 2009"  
 August 29<sup>th</sup> (Saturday): "Back To School" Party  
 August 30<sup>th</sup> (Sunday): "Children & Youth Sunday"



Our May XYZ trip will be "Springtime by the Sea"

We will be going to St. Simons Island.

Dates: May 18th-20th.

Cost: \$300/adult (double occupancy)

\$350/adult (single occupancy)

The cost includes lodging, meals, and all activities.

All monies must be paid at time of signing up.

Deadline is May 6th. Please see Paul or Brian for more information.

## Notes from Paul

What an exciting time of year! Spring is a time for growth and rejuvenation. We are able to see God's work all around us as His creation buds and blooms with new life! At Northeast, we are seeing God at work in the life of our church.

We are so thankful to everyone who helped make the Easter Egg Hunt a success! Your generosity with your resources and your time was a blessing to our community. It was truly a team effort and it was wonderful to see neighbors from our community come together for such a fun event!

God says, "My word will not return to me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and will achieve the purpose for which I sent it. You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands." – Isaiah 55:11-12. Please be in prayer for our church as we gear up for the summer. It is going to be an exciting time as we seek to let God's love reverberate from our hearts to the world around us!

I Thank God For Each Of You,  
Paul



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## A Moment for Mission and Ministry

### ***Making Missions Meaningful in May***

#### ***Touching Taliaferro with Love***

We have the opportunity to have a part in *Touching Taliaferro with Love*, June 7-12. There will be many ways to share Christ's love in this poorest county in Georgia. For elementary-age children there will be *VBS, recreational activities, and story time*. For middle and high school students you may help in any of 5 areas: *Christian Education, Life Skills Education, Skills for fun and Money, Initiative Games and Team Building, or Missions Activities*.

If spending a week in Crawfordville, GA working with these children or youth sounds like your "cup of tea," please talk to Tommye or Paul no later than May 1. For more information you may go to [www.cbfga.org](http://www.cbfga.org) and click *missions*, then *opportunities*.

#### **Story Time for Soldiers' Kids**

A chaplain who is about to deploy with soldiers going to Operation Enduring Freedom wants to provide a way for these soldiers to stay connected to their families while they are away. He plans to record the soldiers reading one of their child's favorite books to them. In order to do this he needs some equipment and supplies. You can help with this ministry by bringing DVDs or mini DVDs, DVD or Mini DVD mailers, or children's books for various ages. These need to be brought to the church no later than May 10.

#### **Soles 4 Souls**

We will be collecting new and "gently used" shoes for the Soles 4 Souls Project. This organization collects and ships shoes to national and international areas where people are without shoes. Shoes of all sizes are needed, both children's and adult's. When I heard the story of 2 brothers who took turns going to school because they had only one pair of shoes between them, I knew you would want to be a part of this effort. There are collection points in our area so we will not have to provide shipping. We will be collecting shoes through August in a box in the foyer.

A Special  
**THANK YOU**

Thank you for your support through this difficult time. There was a good reason for mom and pop to love Northeast Baptist so much. Our family really appreciates all of you.

Thanks again, Tom Harper  
(son of Jack and Maye Harper)

The Joy Class, along with NEBC Mission Team, would like to thank each of you for participating in the recent warm clothing missions.

The number of coats, sweaters, sleeping bags, bags for carrying their possessions, shoes, boots, etc was absolutely astounding.

The number of homeless Veterans is estimated to be 275,000. The number of homeless is much more. Many people were warmer during our bitterly cold winter thanks to your generosity. Thanks for all your caring about all of them.

God Bless

Dear Northeast Family,

Jim joins me in thanking you for your many good wishes, phone calls of encouragement, cards, delicious food, beautiful flowers and most of all for your prayers on our behalf. It is a very personal comfort to have so many friends interested in our well being. I am doing very well and improving with each day. Thank you so very much

Martha Turner

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**NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

**58<sup>TH</sup> Annual Observance**

**Thursday, May 7, 2009**

We will be praying for our nation on this day. We have many opportunities in our church and community to join others who also believe in the power of prayer. This year Rehobeth Baptist Church will be hosting a prayer service and lunch that the community is invited to. Watch our Bulletin for further details.

Please pick up a copy of our May Prayer Calendar which gives us the opportunity to pray together each day as well as to pray for each other on our birthdays. We meet together every Tuesday night at 7:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Bob Braswell keeps us informed of prayer needs through the internet and Helen Davis calls the Intercessory Prayer List.

2008 Prayer for our Nation

By Beth Moore, Honorary Chairman

Father in Heaven,

We lift our eyes toward Your Throne, where You reign in righteousness. Your Word assures us that when Your people cry out in sincerity and humility, You will never turn a deaf ear to us.

We call upon you now, seeking Your forgiveness and favor.

Look over this fevered landscape and heal us, Lord.

Drop knees to the floor and raise eyes to the sky, for we know where our help comes from.

Unite these States again in devotion to You, and blur every dividing line.

Do not give us over to our sins. Give us, instead, over to passionate prayer that moves Your heart.

"May Your Unfailing love rest upon us, O Lord, even as we put our hope in You."

In the Name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Amen

The Northeast Music Ministry presents  
...an evening of karaoke!



That's right...on May 9th  
7 p.m. until 9 p.m.

Everyone will get the opportunity to be  
the star they always knew they were!

Come join

K.J. Mike "Superman" McKinney  
as we sing into the night

Don't want to sing? Come and make a request.

If one of our "professional singers"  
knows the song, they'll sing it just for you...

For a small donation, of course!

Snacks and beverages will be available  
Donations made will help offset the cost  
of the evening

### Meetings

**Mission Meeting:** Monday, May 18th at 6:00 p.m.

**Deacons Meeting:** Sunday, May 17th, at 4:00 p.m.



**Children's  
Ministry  
Workshop  
Rotation Training  
Sunday, May 24th  
6:00 p.m.**



WMU Meeting

The WMU meeting for this month will be

May 8th

They will be going to the Baptist Children's Home. If there are any  
questions please contact Shirley Riggs.

Join us as we worship at  
**Briarwood Nursing Home**  
on Monday, May 4th and 18th  
11:00 a.m.



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

## Notes from Brian

Fear can be a powerful motivator. It can make people spend thousands of dollars in equipment to keep them safe in locks and security systems. We will go through inconvenience and pain to avoid what we are scared of. Some fear is justified. You should not walk alone in a bad neighborhood after dark. Some fear is phobia or irrational, and while it is valid in a small amount, it can become overblown and control our lives. In our Christian lives, we are called to live without controlling fear. We live in the real world and have to be cautious, but must not let fear be the dominant driver of our actions and decisions. Faith in God should be the foundation of our lives. When we live in fear, we miss the abundance that God offers. Can you imagine how much faith it took for the first disciples to leave their nets and follow Jesus? Can you imagine what Joshua thought when God told him to march around the walls of Jericho? How much faith did it take to lead troops into battle outnumbered with only the promise that God would go with them?

***Some people fear change*** – we all crave stability and predictability. We know how things are and we like them and when God calls us to change to make things better, we get nervous. All innovation is at one time new. Change for the sake of change does not make us better, but change in obedience to God's command to make disciples will.

***Some people fear conflict*** – I knew some people that were convinced that someone would get mad if they changed anything that they never changed anything. The fear of someone getting mad paralyzed them and prevented them from ever attempting anything great. Do you know what happened? Absolutely nothing...that is what happens when fear dominates our lives. We can help people not be afraid and know that people will not die if they get mad. When you do what God wants you to do, others will not like it in the beginning, but that does not mean that you should not do it.

***Some people fear uncertainty*** – I have an uncle that is scared to fly. He refuses to get on a plane because he has never done it before. It occurred to me a few years ago that he will never see many of the wonderful places in the world because he is not willing to trust enough to fly to Europe or the Caribbean. We only see through a glass darkly now. We are called as Christians to walk by faith and not by sight. We can be reasonable and responsible and still live life in faith and with courage.

***Some people fear hard work*** – I honestly believe that the reason most people do not follow where God wants them to go and do the things God wants them to do is not because they lack faith but because that they lack the energy. Recreating and reviving something is hard work. Doing new things require extra energy and exertion. God forgive us if we

## Notes from Brian continued.....

have been disobedient for laziness.

If you keep doing the things you've always done, you will keep getting what you have always gotten. If you are not happy with something, try something new. Don't be afraid, if you don't like it, you can always go back to what you had before. Fear can keep us from moving and cause us to miss the abundance that God has for his children.

Be not afraid...

Brian

At our April Church Conference, the church voted to employ the services of a consultant to work with our congregation over the next 4 months to help us focus our efforts on becoming a church for the next generation. We voted to hire Rick Bennett, Director of Congregational Formation for the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Over the next 4 months, Rick will be working directly with the church council on Strategic Planning. The process will look something like this:

- **Appointment of a Task Force**
- **Assess the Existing Ministry of the Church**
- **Reflection on the Congregation's History**
- **Identification of the Congregation's Norms**
- **Interview Key Leaders in the Community**
- **(Optional) Survey the Congregation to Verify the Data Gathered**
- **Prioritize Goals**
- **Sharing of Prioritized Goals and Congregational Commitment**
- **(Optional) Create Vision and Mission Statements**