

News In The Thicket

A Letter From the Pastor

*- Mickey Adams,
Pastor*

It has been quite a remarkable year. Our church has experienced shutdowns and sadly, sickness and death. Returning, our current challenge is to staff ministries that have been dormant. Teachers, leaders and workers are needed at every level. VBS is coming in June. It will require a lot to do this. We need teachers and workers.

I am very appreciative of our audio/visual team who, even shorthanded, have done an amazing job learning new technology to provide services

online. I am grateful for our choir returning to provide wonderful music for worship. I am thankful for every prayer. I am especially touched by the giving during this time. It has been amazing to watch the debt go down. In a short time, we will be debt free. We plan to burn the note homecoming in October.

It has been a wonderful privilege to serve as your pastor these 27 years. There is much to do. This newsletter is one part of a fresh commitment to provide information to you. Pray for one another. We still have many facing physical challenges. Our numbers are growing. God is faithful.

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Sunday School: 9:45 AM

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Evening Service: TBA

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Deacon's Corner

- Mike Hudson,

Deacon Chairman

We are updating the Church's By-Laws and soon will have the first draft for the pastor's review.

Changes in the world have led most churches to add new language to the by-laws in order to strengthen our biblical beliefs. As many of you know there are those in the world that would like to see harm come to Jesus's church.

These changes will aid us in the future. We also have reassigned some of our families to different

Outreach - Marilyn Buice

Our Outreach Ministry is designed to reach out to our community in creative ways to spread the gospel and get the attention of those searching for a church home. If you know of someone that you would like for us to reach out to in

deacons and you should receive notification soon. If you do not know your deacon, please reach out to us so we can help.

It is good to see our members return to church. We will continue to add more so we can get back to the full services.

Proverbs 3:5-6; 5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart And do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He will make your paths straight.

Our heavenly Father is always trustworthy, continue to worship Him.

some way, please let us know. Also, if you have ideas to share and/or if you would like to be a part of our Outreach Ministry, please text or call me at 706-888-1817.

Healing and Restoring Hearts

- Charlotte Bush,

Coordinator of the Healing and Restoring Hearts Ministry

"The Healing and Restoring Hearts Ministry" is up and running once again. We had our kick-off meeting on May 8th with a total of 14 in attendance. We had the opportunity to gather, have fellowship and schedule the events for the year.

Our next event, Game Day / Craft Day, will be held at Lain Stowe's She Shack beginning at 10 am on June 17th. We will have a time of fun and fellowship playing games, doing crafts and having lunch together. We look forward to seeing you then!

If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me at any time at 678-227-1389.

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Hospitality

- Marilyn Buice

(706) 888-1817

Our Hospitality Ministry organizes and sponsors events for our church family and offers a warm invitation to visitors and prospective visitors

in our community. We provide Easter Sunrise Breakfast and Home-coming dinners, and we have also had gospel sings, shared home-made ice cream, and hosted many other fun events throughout the years. These events offer a time for members to fellowship and get to know one another and to welcome

new members and visitors. We would love to have your ideas regarding events and your help in planning, decorating, cooking, advertising the events, etc. There are many ways to participate in this Ministry and if you are interested in being a part of this Ministry, please text or call me at 706-888-1817.

Sunday School

- Bruce Moore

(706) 341-7575

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Sunday School is a church program designed to REACH and TEACH and it is committed to expanding the Fellowship and Developing Christian disciples.

As we begin to rebuild our Sunday School Program, I invite all to attend and participate in what our Sunday School offers. As we move into the warm summer months, we have exciting things happening in Sunday School. We now have 4 Adult classes to choose from, looking forward to starting a few more. We also have a children class with plenty of room for more kids and a Youth class that teaches 7th to 12th grade.

We are looking at developing a young Adult class (or

two) that will be for the 20 to 35 year old age group. As we build these classes, we will expand classes for Pre K through 6th Grade. We have Teachers that are ready to start sharing Gods Love with the Kids.

If you have any questions or want to get involved in our Sunday School Program, please contact me and I will get you in a class that you will enjoy.

Sunday School starts at 9:45 AM, I am looking forward to seeing you Sunday Morning.

Children's Ministries

- Cheri Corser



Vacation Bible School- Destination Dig

June 21-25 from 6:00-8:30 pm

The theme this year is very timely and promises to be lots of FUN! We need lots of adult and teen workers. Please sign up in the lobby at church. This ministry is so important for our children and community.

Please contact Emilie Cummings to volunteer!

(706) 888-6860

Terrific Tuesdays

There will be some field trips with Mrs. Joy and some playdates with Ms. Cheri. These will be announced as they are planned.

Camp Hosana

Registration for Camp Hosana is open until May 30th. For grades 3-6. Sign up sheet is in the church lobby. See Emilie Cummings if you have questions.

Fruitylicious!

Wednesday nights we will shift to Fruitylicious for the summer. Prayer Meeting is from 6:30-7:30 and children will meet in the children's building during this time to learn about the fruit of the spirit as we play and fellowship together. This activity is for ages 4- 6th grade.

Thank you to all of the parents and children that have enjoyed Children's Choir this year. It was a challenging year but such a blessing for all involved. Piney Grove is very blessed to have Mrs. Joy and Mrs. Karie. These talented ladies love music, children, and most of all Jesus. Please check the Piney Grove FaceBook page (Piney Grove Baptist Church Hwy 315) to see a slideshow of pictures from children's choir this year.

ANNIE ARMSTRONG (1850-1938)



Annie Armstrong was born in Baltimore at a time when women were not expected to lead. She served, challenged churches to action and rallied support for missionaries. Ultimately, Annie was recognized as a national Southern Baptist trailblazer renowned for visionary missions leadership.

Contributions

- Started Bay View Mission for Baltimore's poor and addicted
- Served as the first executive of Woman's Missionary Union
- Raised support for missionaries to Italian and Jewish immigrants
- Initiated fund-raising "brick cards" to build churches in Cuba
- Gained support for the first black, female missionaries
- Secured funds to relieve China missionary, Lottie Moon, who had served for 11 years without a furlough
- Advocated for Native Americans and impoverished mountain people
- Traveled across America in the late 1800s encouraging missionaries and inspiring churches to pray, give and act
- Honored in 1934 when The Home Missions Offering was re-named for her to encourage more to follow her sacrificial example

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