

The Hope of the Faithful

Psalm 16:1-11

- ¹ Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.
- ² O my soul, thou hast said unto the LORD, Thou art my Lord: my goodness extendeth not to thee;
- ³ But to the saints that are in the earth, and to the excellent, in whom is all my delight.
- ⁴ Their sorrows shall be multiplied that hasten after another god: their drink offerings of blood will I not offer, nor take up their names into my lips.
- ⁵ The LORD is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup: thou maintainest my lot.
- ⁶ The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.
- ⁷ I will bless the LORD, who hath given me counsel: my reins also instruct me in the night seasons.
- ⁸ I have set the LORD always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.
- ⁹ Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope.
- ¹⁰ For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption.
- ¹¹ Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fullness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Uncertainty abounds in our generation. The challenges we face politically, financially, morally, militarily, and spiritually seem at times to be insurmountable.

We need the kind of wisdom David modeled in Psalm 16 daily. He cried out to God in prayer, pleading with the Lord to protect him, believing He would. This is why he declared, "In You I put my trust" (v. 1).

The Lord was David's refuge. It was not the people he led, the places he lived, or the pleasures he enjoyed that comforted his heart when he faced uncertainty in his life. He proclaimed clearly and boldly that only in the Lord did he place his complete trust and hope.

The story of God's activity in his life is what created and affirmed his complete trust in God. He testified in this psalm that only God is good. He had been faithful to bless him and walk beside him continually, even through the threat of death. With confidence, David knew God would show him where to go in the future and would never leave his side.

Whatever uncertainty or fear you face today, it is God alone who can see you through it. Call upon Him! Review your life and see the work of the divine Artist, God Himself, who has been working in your life masterfully. Whatever your future holds for you, know God will show you where to go and will empower you to go there when you are refreshed in His presence daily.

PATHWAYS CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

On February 5 we will have a video game themed night. We will be spread out around the church a little more than we have been, so supervision will be structured differently. We will need a few more volunteers. Here are the people currently signed up for this kidz nite.

Volunteer1, Charlene and Ryan Gray, Jordan Apperson, Kyle Farris, Sabrina Farris, Caleb Kennedy, Joseph Pack, Sherry Brillhart and Bonnie Gromovsky (Chef, extraordinaire)

In addition, I need some gaming systems and games for several stations. If you are willing to bring a game console and a game/games, please let me know by completing the form I will send. (Thanks to you all for your willingness to complete my endless google forms. It has made organization possible. THANK YOU!!!!!!)

Missions fund raiser night will be February 6 at 6:30,- a dessert auction. I strongly encourage you to not only attend, but **bake a dessert** with your family to enter into the auction. I really believe that a strong understanding of the importance of missions from an early age is so important! This is a great opportunity to instill this in our kids! This is to raise funds for our 4 men traveling to the Ivory Coast on March 17.

The kids will be producing a video to be shown at the fundraiser as well. :)

Upcoming Kidz Nites and Volunteers yes.... we still need more. Parents, if you did not sign up for your two kidz nites, there is still time. Email or message me and I will make sure your name is added!

March 4 - Beach Party (Sabrina Farris, Heather Smith, Kristin Bissoon, Jenn Thomas)
April 1 - Super Hero Party/Talent Show (Neal and Sallie Tidman, Jenn Thomas)
May 6 - Messy Games and OMC (Olivia Perry, Brandon Apperson, Haley Kennedy, Sherry Brillhart)

Centrikid Sign up will be on the bulletin board this week. Camp is for Students who have completed 3rd - 6th grades. The family cost will be \$125.00-due by June 15. Installments of \$25.00 per month will cover it!! We have 18 slots but can try to add more. Please sign up as soon as possible. Securing slots is easier the earlier we know.

Thanks, again, for your support of this ministry.





In our last meeting we talked about the five areas of influence in our country that we should remember to pray about: our government, education/educators, churches/church leaders, military/military leaders, and families. Let's add to that our missionaries near and far. Jesus' model prayer is found in our Bible in Matthew 6: 9-15 (the Lord's Prayer).

February brings another busy month as our group has volunteered at least 10 cakes/desserts for the auction on Saturday, February 6 at 6:30 pm. Along with our prayers, we hope that our participation will help make this event a success. Come, bring your friends, and be a part of this mission!

February 7-14 we will emphasize WMU (Women's Missionary Union) and talk about what our mission group does. Our tasks are varied and affect those around us, in our community, our nation, and the nations of the world. Ladies who are free on the second Tuesday of each month, come bring a bag lunch and join us at 12 noon.

To the children and youth of our church, as well as their dedicated leaders, we give you special prayers and thanks, as WMU will set aside a special emphasis for you on February 13th. This day will be noted as Children's Ministry Day.

We are looking ahead to March 6-13 when we will emphasize North American Missions with the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This offering honors Annie Armstrong, a missionary who worked diligently to raise money for missionaries at home and abroad.

Let us continue to pray daily for our missionaries. We especially want to remember the four young men from our church – Brad Thomas, Ashley Gray, Roger Kennedy, and Shawn Divelbliss, who stepped out on faith to commit to a mission trip in March. We will support them with our prayers and with whatever means we are able. If we look in our Bible to Isaiah 6:18, the Lord says "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" We look forward to hearing from their journey when they return.



Looking forward to The Birthday Dinner Potluck [February 17 at 6:30](#).

Signing up now for Table Hosts. Hosts decorate their table and provide a dessert. Everyone else brings a potluck dish. Please come join us for fellowship.



Men on Mission

Eight men from our community will be traveling to the Ivory Coast (Africa) on March 17th-26th on a mission trip. Four men From BGBC will be joining four men from Salem Baptist to erect four chapels for new church starts.

In Psalms 133 the scriptures are clear that as we agree in unity that God is working among us He will be faithful in pouring out His endowment to accomplish His will.

Please join in this exciting time by:

Praying for the people in the Ivory Coast. Pray that the Spirit of God will impact them in an eternal way.

Praying for the eight team members and their families as they prepare for this mission.

Praying for the church as we seek God's will in this mission.

Praying for the two benefit events that are being organized to raise the funds needed for the mission.

For information on supporting the fundraisers please contact:

McWayne Williams at 804-994-3751 or macwilliams1@verizon.net

Or **Carolyn Lane 804-399-3223** or cblane70@msn.com



DESSERT AUCTION
To Benefit the Mission Trip to Ivory Coast

Including a brief children's program prior to Auction

6:30 PM Saturday, February 6

Bowling Green Baptist Church Family Ministry Center

Auctioneer Dennis Whittaker

You are invited to experience the excitement taking place at Bowling Green Baptist Church! Four of their men, Shawn Divelbliss, Ashley Gray, Roger Kennedy and Brad Thomas are joining a construction team from Salem Baptist Church to go on a mission trip to the Ivory Coast to erect buildings for new church starts.

Please pray for these men as they prepare for this trip. Their plane tickets have been purchased and they are now busy getting the necessary shots and passport.

Join them on February 6th at 6:30 for the first of two fund raising events-a dessert auction at Bowling Baptist Church to help offset the expenses of the trip.

Please plan to come and bring friends, family and co-workers to join in on an evening of fun, fellowship and missions as we show our support of their positive response to God's call in this mission.

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Music Notes

December Reflections and January Imaginings

January has been a time of **reflection** regarding what the Traditional Music Service has accomplished and **vision** concerning what we want to accomplish in 2016.

I would like to report on what we accomplished in the last six weeks since I wrote about our plans for the Advent Season. I was extremely pleased by the participation in each of our programs

Our Adult Choir and two Children's Choirs prepared music for the "Hanging of the Greens" service on Nov. 27 which was the first Sunday in Advent. We had narrations by the Choir Members explaining Christian Christmas customs and the colors of Christmas. There were approximately forty participants as well as the people involved in actually hanging the greens and decorating our Christmas Tree.

We also had a special Advent Candle Lighting Service for each Sunday in Advent centered around a Christmas theme through Christmas Eve. The Deacon of the Week was the Narrator of their particular Sunday in Advent and the choir prepared an anthem to coordinate with the theme of the week. The themes for each week were Hope, Peace, Joy, Love and on Christmas Eve, the theme was Light.

Next, came our Christmas production on Dec. 20. The Adult Choir, Children's Choirs, Bell Choir, Narrations and Actors including approximately fifty-three participants presented this program. There were three mothers helping with the Children's Choirs, a costume designer, Paige Carter directing the Bell Choir and with some borrowed sound equipment from Bill French and some microphones from the Contemporary Service, this program was a great success.

Lastly, the Christmas Eve service was presented by six volunteer Deacons who read scriptures telling the Christmas story. We had congregational Carols, a lovely solo by Daniele Cushing, a duet by Ryan and Charlene Gray, the Children's Choir and Josh Cushing who did an outstanding job of candle lighting of the Nativity and

church lighting. This program ended with the Deacons lighting the candles of the congregation while singing Silent Night. There were approximately twenty participants. Doug Farris helped us beam the words to the Carols on the wall so we could have darkness where needed during the program.

I cannot say enough nice things about the cooperation that I had from everyone. To me, it was a huge statement about commitment, a caring spirit and who we are as a church family.

I could not have trained the Children's Choirs without the help of the Mothers, Kristen Bissoon, Heather Smith and Naeda Gustard. There would have been no designer costumes without my special helper. There would have been no Bell Choir without Paige Carter. Lastly, there would have been a different sounding choir without our wonderful and devoted pianist, Bettie French.

We offer two services each Sunday but we are one church body. We have unlimited opportunities to do great things by working together and never has this been more real to me than what we have been able to accomplish together in the last five or six weeks.

I will resume choir rehearsal with the Good News and Starlight Choirs the first week in February. We practice on Sunday mornings at 9:00 and 9:30 am respectively. We will be working on music for our Easter production. The Adult Choir will also begin work on our Easter production in February.

One last thing, we have added a new choir member, had two former members return and have the possibility of two new ones coming on board. That will make fifteen and also we have been given a donation which allowed me to buy new stoles giving us a fresh new look. Great things are happening around BGBC and we hope if you can carry a tune and enjoy making a joyful noise unto the Lord, you will join us. Give me a call.

Looking forward to a great 2016,

Sandra Stevens, Music Director



February 2016

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 6:30 Refit, Family Ministry Ctr	2 Groundhog Day 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 7:00 Preschool Board of Directors, Philathea Rm	3 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Rm 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	4	5 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 6:00 Kids Night, Family Ministry Ctr	6 6:30 Dessert Auction for Ivory Coast mission trip, Family Ministry Ctr
7 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship	8 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 6:30 Refit, Family Ministry Ctr	9 12:00 Dollie Farmer WMU, Philathea Rm 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 6:30 Care & Visitation, Philathea Rm	10 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 4:30-Closing—Spirit Night at Pino's Pizza to benefit Preschool 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	11 6:30 BG Meadows HOA, Family Ministry Center	12 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	13
Focus on WMU (Feb. 8-14)						
14 Valentine's Day 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 6:00 2 nd Sunday Bible Study, home of Ryan/Charlene Gray	15 President's Day 6:30 Refit, Family Ministry Center	16 10:00 Christian Book Club, Philathea Rm 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement 7:00 Building & Grounds, Philathea Rm	17 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Church Birthday Dinner, Fam Min Ctr 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	18 7:00 Deacon's meeting, Philathea Rm	19 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	20 Newsletter Deadline Fund raising dinner for Ivory Coast, Family Ministry Center
Focus on WMU						
21 9:00 Contemporary Worship 10:00 Sunday School/ Bible Study 11:00 Traditional Worship 2:00 WMU Hermon Assn Ex Board meet, Philathea Room	22 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 6:30 Refit, Family Ministry Ctr	23 11:00 Library Committee, Library 6:00 County Relay for Life Committee, Family Min Center 6:00 Young Lives meet in basement	24 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool 11:00 Area Ministers meet, Philathea Room 6:30 Adult Choir Rehearsal 7:00 Praise Band Rehearsal	25	26 9:00-12:00 Beginnings Preschool	27
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February Birthdays

- 2 Linda Fisher
- 3 J.R. Emrick
- 3 Chris Fagan
- 4 Channing Gustard
- 5 Cierra Divilbliss
- 5 Emerson Mallory
- 6 Ryan Flora
- 6 Debra Wright
- 7 Virginia Flagg
- 7 McWayne Williams
- 9 Betty W. Williams
- 11 Sallie Tidman
- 15 Emily Krause
- 16 Richard Gustard
- 17 Lee Dunnington
- 17 Eva Hite
- 18 Gregory Mack
- 18 Cynthia Ponton
- 19 Mary Bowie
- 19 Ashlee Ewing
- 19 Megan McDearmon
- 20 Noah Tidman
- 21 Landon Motley
- 24 Harley Wright
- 25 Reuben Brooks
- 25 Dale Jackowski
- 27 Meredith Pack
- 27 Michaela Stroud
- 28 Mallory Burrell
- 28 Jacob Sadler



February Reminders

Deacon of the Week:

Feb 7 – Priscilla Shuler

Feb 14 – Richard Covington

Feb 21 – Joseph Stepp

Feb 28 – Bob Rice

Counters: – Carolyn Lane & John Markham

Building Security: – Deacon of the week

Flowers:

Feb 7 – WMU Focus (Feb. 8–14)

Feb 14 – Beverly & Glenn McDearmon

Feb 21 – Karla Covington, Stephanie Sadler,
and Courtney Taylor

Feb 28 – Jean Satterwhite

Nursery Workers: *

Feb 7 – Carolyn Lane & Jeanne Jordan

Feb 14 – Heather Smith & Jenn Thomas

Feb 21 – Cathy Gray & Kailey Gray

Feb 28 – Karen Covington & Sheridan Farmer

* Both individuals are responsible for the 9:00 service;
the underlined individual is also responsible for the 11:00
service.