

# THE LINK

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## No Place Like Home

Recently my family gathered to celebrate my Father's 86th birthday. Several of his brothers and sisters, along with their spouses, joined us in the celebration. I love to watch them interact with each other and to listen in on their conversation. They laugh, talk about the good old days, and recall their many experiences growing up. Sounds a whole lot like my brother and sisters when we get together.

That day my brother in law, John reminded us of how fortunate we were to still have both our parents with us. His parents had

already passed and I could tell he deeply missed them. There is a sense of safety and security found in one's parents. The wisdom that we once despised, with time, is gladly embraced. Age and one's maturity produces an appreciation for the perspective of a Father and a Mother. No doubt its only after they are gone that we fully realize how much we need them. Its when you can't talk to them that you wished more than anything that you could.

The fifth command of God is the one that has to do

with honoring our Fathers and Mothers. There is also a promise attached to it for all who do. It's a long life in the land which the Lord God gives you.

Though their health has some what declined in recent days and we find them becoming more dependant, I am thankful we still have them. Mom and Dad represent home and as long as they live, home will always exist and we all know there is no place like home

Pastor Ricky

## AWANA Closing Ceremonies and Awards

Awana is completing its program for this school year and will hold its Awards and Ceremonies program on June 3rd. We welcome the parents and families of the Awana students..

The churchwide program will begin at 5:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall where Happy Hearts will host the Family Night supper.

Following supper, the guest and church family will move to the Sanctuary where the Ceremonies and Awards program will begin at 6:30 PM.

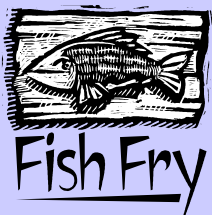
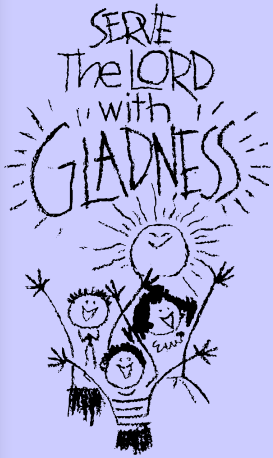
After the Awana awards and ceremonies, the group will return to the Fellowship Hall for an Ice Cream Social.

We thank all the teachers and workers for a job well done, and most impor-

tantly we thank all the students for their participation and accomplishments.

Marty Peeler  
Commander





## The Youth

Spring has sprung and summer is upon us. The birds are singing, the temperature is rising, and the teachers are singing the Hallelujah choirs as our students are about to embark on another summer of fun, sun and adventure.

Our students at River View have started their summer adventure on the right foot! We have just finish a Discipleship Now weekend with four other churches called Gathering 09. Our student theologians discovered in

one short weekend what has taken many people a lifetime to find, and that is the will of God. They have learned about God's sovereign and moral will.

If you would like to know whether you are in God's sovereign will, and how to find God's moral will for your life; just ask one of our young Bible scholars, they will be glad to share the rich wisdom that they have acquired. Be prepared to be amazed how simple this great mystery is.

We are also looking forward to X-Fuge Camp. This year it will be at Ridgecrest. Most of our students have chosen to partake in the mission part of X-Fuge instead of games and fun.

Please pray with me that they all will hear God's call to a life of missions for Him.

By His Grace,  
Danny

## Brotherhood

This month we will have our Brotherhood meeting on Friday the 12th. It will be at 7 PM in the fellowship hall. Doug Gholson will be organizing a fish fry.

Our guest speaker will be Hank Parker, Jr. Hank is hosting his dad's TV show, Hank Parker's Outdoor Magazine.

Invite your lost friends and neighbors. A signup sheet will be put out. Please sign up.

Danny Martin

## Prayer and Meditation Garden Memorials

Gifts received in May:

In Memory of Phyllis Atkins Moore by Nick and Martie Seagle

In Memory of Maude Mauney by Jewel Yarborough

In Memory of Yvonne Butler by Clayton Butler

We thank everyone for their interest in the Garden. We hope you have taken the time to visit there. A Gate has been ordered and a decision will be made soon regarding the type of fountain to be purchased.

Our desire is to be good stewards of the gifts we have received.



## Father's Day Bulletin Insert

The Youth plan to make a special insert in the Bulletin for Fathers day like the one that was made for Mothers Day.

Each entry, to honor or remember your Father or Grandfather, will be a dollar donation.

Please see any of the youth to get your special fathers' recognized.

The last day to submit a name will be June 7th, as the youth will leave for camp the following week.

The youth love you and

thank you for all your help and support so they can go to camp and enjoy many other activities.

Marsha Ross  
Danny Martin

## A New Bible Study \* Starting in June

### *"Life Principles For Worship From The Tabernacle"*

Come learn how each portion of the Tabernacle, from the outer court to the mercy seat was used to promote worship from God's people, and how these principles can show God's people how to wor-

ship today.

This is a 13 week, workbook style Bible study. It will be lead by Danny and Sherri Martin on Wednesday night.

Please signup so we will know how many workbooks to order.

Those who cannot come on Wednesday night but would like to participate, we may arrange another night for this study.

Danny & Sherri Martin

## Children's Camp "Operation: Go Fish"

South Mountain Baptist Camp is approaching quickly.

Our children will be attending camp on June 22-26th. The this summer's theme is "Operation: Go Fish."

Our Bible verse for the summer is Matt. 4:18-20. As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, He was two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen.

"Come, follow Me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." At once they left their nets and followed Him.

Please pray for all of our young children who will be going, that they will also choose to follow Jesus.

Also, pray for the counselors to provide the direction and wisdom that is needed to steer the children to walk in the right direction.

We have 11 children and 5 adults who will be attending camp this summer.

Cost for campers is \$57.50 per child. If you would be willing to sponsor a child, please see Pastor Brown or Tonya Johnson.

We appreciate our church family.

Tonya Johnson





## May Recap

Recapping the month of May will appear brief because of a short deadline. Christeen will be having surgery later this month, so we need to get the newsletter completed early. Please remember her in your prayers.

Speaking of Prayers, May has been a month of praying. In preparation for Spring Revival there were a number of home prayer meetings scheduled. Several of you hosted one and many came to pray. Also the National Day of Prayer was on May 7th. Some from River View joined me at the court square for a public prayer service. I personally had the privilege of praying for our State Leaders. Hopefully next year we will see more people involved in this public event.

On May 10th we celebrated Mothers' day. What a wonderful Lord's day and opportunity we had to honor our Mothers. Lillian Kanipe was recognized as our oldest mother and Jessica Parker as the youngest. Robin Coffey had the youngest baby with her, daughter Dessa and Tonya Johnson was honored with having the most family present. Truly it was a special day.

On May 17th we began our Spring Revival with Dr. Benny Vickrey. As I write these thoughts, we are upon our last night. God has been good and we have experienced His blessings. The music has been uplifting and the preaching tremendous. I truly hope we have all been drawn closer to our Lord.

The month of May will close out by remembering our Veterans on Memorial Day and our Lord's Death on Sunday, May 31st with communion. I thank all of you for your faithfulness and remind you that a church is only as strong as the people who make it up. Church, we need you!

Pastor Ricky

## College Scholarships

South Fork Baptist Association awards Grants for college students who are in need of financial assistance to members of our church. To receive a Grant the student must be recommended by your church body.

Let Pastor Brown or Danny Martin, Deacon

Chairman know you wish to be considered for a scholarship. Your name will be submitted to the church in the June 28th business meeting. At which time the church will vote to recommend the students for scholarships for the Fall semester. A letter of recom-

mendation will be sent to the Association Office.

Each student must fill out an application for the grant and submit it to the South Fork Association Office no later than July 1, 2009.





River View Baptist Church will be offering *DivorceCare* sessions for adults each Wednesday night beginning **June 10, 2009 from 6:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m.** in the Women II's classroom.

The *DivorceCare* experience begins each week as the group watches a video which covers topics essential to one's recovery from the devastation and hurt associated with separation and divorce. The videos feature real-life stories of people who have experienced separation and divorce and also feature interviews with leading authors, counselors, speakers and pastors with years of experience in divorce recovery.

***Note: The sessions in no way endorse divorce or encourage anyone towards a divorce but rather seek to point a person towards healing by interacting with others who have experienced, or currently are experiencing, the break-up of a marriage.***

The cost for materials is **\$15.00** and you may attend future sessions as many times as you would like at no additional cost. Childcare is available as well as scholarships. Each session is free-standing, so any sessions missed may be taken at a later date when the sessions are offered again.

It's hard to know how to help someone who is experiencing separation or divorce. If you know someone, please pass along this information.

**Below are the weekly topics and corresponding session dates:**

- Session 1 – *What's Happening to Me?*  
**June 10, 2009**
- Session 2 – *The Road to Healing/ Finding Help*  
**June 17, 2009**
- Session 3 – *Facing My Anger*  
**June 24, 2009**
- Session 4 – *Facing My Depression*  
**July 1, 2009**
- Session 5 – *Facing My Loneliness*  
**July 8, 2009**
- Session 6 – *What Does the Owner's Manual Say?*  
**July 15, 2009**
- Session 7 – *New Relationships*  
**July 22, 2009**
- Session 8 – *Financial Survival*  
**July 29, 2009**
- Session 9 – *KidCare*  
**Aug. 5, 2009**
- Session 10 – *Single Sexuality*  
**Aug. 12, 2009**
- Session 11 – *Forgiveness*  
**Aug. 19, 2009**
- Session 12 – *Reconciliation*  
**Aug. 26, 2009**
- Session 13 – *Moving On, Growing Closer to God*  
**Sept. 2, 2009**

For questions, additional information or to pre-register (over), please see **Kim Fisher** or call **(704) 740-9667**.

**"The road to healing begins with YOU!"**  
*The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.*  
**Psalm 34:18**