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Shoulder To Shoulder



A story is told of a man from Boston who in the early days was riding next to the driver of a western stagecoach. Being very adept at the use of the whip, the driver began to demonstrate his ability. Pointing to a twig lying in the road, he said, "see that twig? Watch it!" He cracked the whip and broke the twig in two.

A butterfly flew ahead of the coach. "See that butterfly? Now watch!" the whip cracked and the butterfly became nothing more than powder and paste on the end of the whip. After a moment he said, "See that hornet on

the harness? Watch it!" He snapped the whip and the hornet was no more. Quite impressed, the passenger rode on in silent wonder.

Shortly the passenger said to the driver, "see that gray thing hanging from yonder tree? I'll warrant you can't hit that!" The driver took a careful look and said, "I certainly could but I won't. Don't you know that's a hornet's nest?" "But," protested the passenger, "you had no trouble with the other hornet." "I know," returned the driver. "I can handle an individual, but those boys are organized."

Satan is a powerful en-

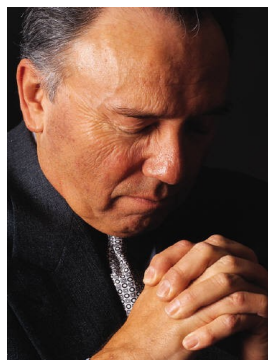
emy. An enemy whose aim is to discourage and to defeat. We must never engage him in warfare alone or unprotected.

The body of Christ united together in the power of the Holy Spirit is more than he wants to handle. So as we find ourselves living in these difficult days, may we recognize our need for each other. It's time for God's people to return to God's house and stop going it alone. We are "together," the Bible says, in Christ more than conquerors, and that is powerful.

Pastor Ricky



Sunday Evening Prayer



Scripture admonishes us to be people of prayer. The greatest work we can do is pray.

Beginning on Sunday March 1st at 5:30 p.m. we will be starting prayer rooms for men and women.

I want to invite you to come and join us every Sunday evening at 5:30 p.m. as we seek God to powerfully move in our midst.

Real Evangelism

The “Bailey Smith’s Real Evangelism” conference will be held March 11-13 at First Baptist Indian Trail. Anyone interested in attending should let Pastor Ricky know as

soon as possible.

Speakers include: Junior Hill, Bob Pitman, Johnny Hunt, and Ergun Caner, among others.

Music will include Mike Speck Trio, Greater Vi-

sion, the Greens and the Triumphant Quartet.

These events are always a blessing and I’m sure all who attend will be encouraged.

Friend Day

Friend Day is a special Sunday when we all invite a friend to church. Hopefully you have been asking the Lord to reveal to you someone which you can influence this year.

On Sunday April 5th you will have the opportunity



to invite this person to church. We are planning an exciting day to help

you accomplish this task.

Throughout the month of March we will be giving out instructions leading up to Friend Day. Just imagine what this day will be like if everyone brings a friend on Friend Day!

Disaster Relief Training and Certification

If helping other people is in your heart, then this opportunity is for you.

The NC Mission Board will give disaster relief training in Caldwell County on Friday and Saturday May 29th and 30th. This will be certification training.

Some areas of interest are food service, laundry, evangelism, mud removal and recovery.

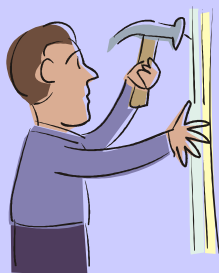
There is a \$35.00 fee which covers the materials and a

3 year membership.

The fee also covers the May 29th overnight stay, sleeping camping style in a church facility including all meals.

Please pray about where and how God may want to use you.

If you are interested, please sign up. Matt Farmer and Danny Martin are available if you desire more information.





What Are The Youth Doing?

These past couple of months the youth have had many opportunities to fellowship, have fun and worship together.

Winter extreme is the yearly conference that the youth attend in Gatlinburg right after Christmas.

There were high energy, exciting bands and extremely powerful speakers. The concerts were exhilarating and lead us into worship (Even though Marsha claims she can't understand a word they say.) We had many people go

on this trip and as a whole we grew closer as a family and individually. We grew closer to God. In fact, we had three get saved: Alan, Cole and Kendall; and we also had several announce their calling to ministry of some sort. God was certainly at work during our weekend together in the mountains and is still at work in our midst back at home!

We also had a fabulous time at Winter Jam with all of the concerts and the speaker.

The youth group was definitely blessed by our experiences at these events, and we would like to thank the church family for supporting us. Thank you for attending our dinners after church, getting your car washed, praying for us, and everything else. You are a big reason that we get to go on these trips and grow closer to God and each other.

Amanda Carpenter

Brotherhood Cook'n?

If eating together as a church builds relationships within the church, then our brotherhood men have exceeded in this area. Over the past few months the brotherhood has cooked breakfast for our church family twice and next week we will be hosting the family night supper. Doug Gholson and Doug Jr. have done a great job in organizing these meals. If you have missed these, you have missed a chance to be encouraged and learn what God is doing in the world around us.

Last month we had Dewey and Kathy Akin to share with us about the mission work in Vermont. It was exciting to hear what God is doing there. By the time the Akins were done, I believe everyone at the breakfast was ready to go to Vermont and be a servant of Jesus! The Akin's were a blessing.

I am also excited to see some of our men eager to serve. Over the next few months we are planning some events that will prepare us to serve others and our God.

Matt Farmer is organizing a group to go to the men's conference in March, at Hickory Grove Baptist Church in Charlotte. Matt is also recruiting volunteers (men and women) who will be trained by the North Carolina Baptist Men to do disaster relief. If you are looking to serve with us please see Matt or myself.

Remember Brotherhood breakfast at 7:45 AM this Sunday, March 1st.

By His Grace,

Danny



Missionaries,
Dewey &
Kathie Aikens
shared about
their work in
Vermont.



“The Power Of One”
NC Baptist Mission
Conference
March 20-21, 2009

February Recap

February seems like a blur. I can't believe I'm sitting here reflecting upon this month. It had a great start. Our Baptist men served breakfast on the very first Sunday and Home Missionaries, Dewey and Kathie Aikens shared with us their work in Vermont. It was so encouraging to hear how God has used them and is blessing their work. (We hope that maybe in the future we can take a group from our church and go up there and help them!)

Then in the worship service that morning our Baptist Men took charge of the service. They led us in a time of reflection on and how God has used them. They encouraged us to be more involved in missions. It was a very spiritual and moving service.

February is the “love” month. And to not be out done, our church had some fun opportunities to celebrate Valentines day. Our happy Hearts had a wonderful covered dish meal, a cake walk, and the crowning of the king and queen. Congratulations to King Rimmer Baird and Queen Mardecia Reid. They were both great sports. We also had a church wide Valentine's Banquet. We are appreciative to Robin Coffey for putting together a wonderful evening. The food was delicious, the entertainment hilarious, and Doug and Ann Gholson's testimony was encouraging. I never thought David Coffey could be so “romantical.” To all who were unable to attend, you should have heard him sing to Robin.

We are also in the process of putting together a new pictorial directory of our church family. By the time you receive this newsletter pictures should have been taken. I hope you participated. A church directory is a great tool for learning one another.

I trust February has been a good month for you. If not please know that we are here for you. You can help us do a better job if you will keep us informed. Please know River View prays for you when you are in need. Also if its been sometime since you've worshiped with us, let me encourage you to come home. We need you and I believe you need us.

Pastor Ricky

Great Opportunity for the Men of RVBC

The NC Baptist Mission Conference will be presenting “The Power of One.” This conference will take place at Hickory Grove Baptist church in Charlotte on March 20th and 21st.

Speakers will include Franklin Graham, Dennis Swanberg, Cheryl Allen, And Terry Rae. If you are interested in going, sign up by February 28th A \$24.00 fee includes all the

materials and meals. The fee is due on February 28th. If you have any questions or would like more information, you may contact Matt Farmer or Danny Martin.