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A Personal Word



Lisa Rose

Every year at this time I get all refreshed and revived and look back at what I did the last year and ponder how to do things more effectively, not only in my personal life but in my job as well. As I ponder reaching out and ministering to those who are hurting, I think about a verse that a coworker shared recently. Proverbs 21:26b says "... *but an upright man gives without sparing.*" The first part of that verse and the one before talk about how "sluggards' cravings" will be the death of them because their hands don't work. I would like to focus on the latter... "give without sparing." That is exactly what Jesus talks about when he tells us to love others. Don't hold back! Give without sparing...that includes everything...your time, your possessions, your money, your care for others. Don't hold back!

My pastor preached about Mary and Martha during the holidays and as he talked, I thought about something. We need Mary's passion to "be" and Martha's gumption to "do." One can't go without the other! We have to be willing to sit at Jesus' feet and learn and yet we have to have the desire to serve. Jesus didn't reprimand Martha in a bad way...serving is good. But He wanted her to see that there is more than just serving. The desire to serve has to come from deep within...from a love which is only found from being with Jesus. And when we serve, do it without holding back!

As we embark on this new year as a body of Christ, my hope is that the Montgomery Baptist Association will "give without sparing" as we work together to share Christ with this city that Jesus loves dearly! Don't hold back!

Take note of the Understanding Poverty Seminar information on this page. It is a great way to understand where people are coming from in poverty. It will also help you and your church be better stewards of how you minister to people who are in need.

Happy New Year!

Lisa Rose

Ministers Conference

Jan. 14

11:30 am

Chisholm Baptist Church
2938 Lower Wetumpka Rd.

Speaker: Bob Bradley

Music: Frank Bailey

Please call the church office
at 262-6437 by January 11,
for lunch reservations.

MBA News:

Eastmont-Congratulations to **Arnold Fuller**, minister of music, upon his 30th anniversary.

Cloverdale-**Rev. Carl Newman** is the new Minister of Music and Education. He began Wednesday, Jan. 2.

First - **Glen Leathers** assumed his duties as the new children's minister on Jan. 2.

Cloverdale is accepting resumes for a part-time Minister to Students. Interested ministers can send their resume to:

Cloverdale Baptist Church
Attn: Rev. Danny Crosby
608 E. Fairview Ave.
Montgomery, AL 36106.



Keys to Understanding Poverty Seminar

Sponsored by STEP Foundation and
First Baptist Church Community Ministries

January 31, 2008

8:30am-3:00pm

First Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
305 S. Perry Street, Montgomery, AL

\$15 registration fee which includes a box lunch

Register by calling Susan Byers at 334-262-3141
www.stepmontgomery.org

Who should attend?

Anyone interested in improving the community and helping break the barriers of poverty and learning how to help people for the long term.

Keynote Speaker: Louise Kneese

Louise is a retired coach, special ed teacher and educational diagnostician. She has done extensive volunteer work in organizations designed to help individuals in need.

Victory Baptist Church Starts Tutoring in the Neighborhood

Wednesday nights are exciting around Victory Baptist Church. A tutoring program has begun with some of the children who come to Sunday School. The hope of the church is to reach out to a new subdivision across the street and provide ministry to the children in that neighborhood. The tutors are educators and other professionals who believe education is an essential element for success as the children grow older. The tutoring sessions held on Wednesdays will focus on reading and math, two very important skills necessary to succeed in school. The church will be working in conjunction with local schools in the future to target students who need extra help. The children will also be introduced to the Lord through other activities. The pastor, Rev. Lue Rue Kemp, hopes this will be an inroad to reach out to parents and other family members as well. This is a very exciting way to involve church members in a practical effort to show God's love. Thank you, Victory Baptist, for going "into the neighborhood" and sharing Christ with children and their families. Pray for this church as they seek more volunteers and support for this program.



For information on how you can start a tutoring program in your church, contact Lisa Rose, Church and Community Ministries Director at 334-271-6794 or email lrose@mgbaptist.org.