

THE MONTGOMERY BAPTIST



Serving Christ Through Montgomery Area Churches

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A Personal Word



Lisa Rose

Mother Theresa is quoted as saying, "We obtain happiness not because we do great things but because we do small things with great love." I like that quote because it reminds us that the way we serve doesn't have to be grand or dazzling but filled with great love. I see that happen all the time in our churches. Doing something that seems simple can have a great impact. Here are some examples I have seen recently in our association.

- I visited with Highland Gardens Baptist Church recently and was pleasantly surprised to hear that for years they have been doing this small thing with great love! They take these beautifully baked Valentine cookies to the teachers and lunchroom staff at Highland Gardens Elementary to remind them that they are prayed for and remembered. Teachers need that affirmation that Highland Gardens gives with great love—God's love to be exact. The school faculty will remember what they did and most importantly, why they did it.
- A teacher in the Conversational English School invited a Muslim family to the Living Christmas Tree in December. It had a great impact on the way the family understood who Christ is.
- A volunteer at one of the ministry centers heard that a family needed some extra money to visit a family member in crisis and gave of her own money. This volunteer doesn't make a lot of money!
- Hope Community Church volunteers offer to transport people to and from church in their own vehicles when needed so that the families will be able to come to worship.
- Several churches in our association offer their vans for free to Hope Community Church and our Conversational English classes for transportation with no strings attached.
- Several churches bought clothes for children who were burned out of their home, no questions asked.

These are just a few examples of individuals and churches who know what it means to do the simple things to share great love...the great love of Jesus Christ. Let's all take to heart the quote from Mother Theresa and challenge ourselves not to wait for the "grand opportunities" but to serve in the small things.

"Whatever you have done to the least of these, you have done it unto me."
(Matthew 25:40)

Along the Journey,

Lisa

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MBA News:

River Bend Baptist Church celebrated their 20th anniversary on Sunday, January 13th. Approximately 60 people attended the celebration event (worship service, lunch and special music by The Southern Gentlemen.) River Bend's first pastor, Rev. Tom Horne and his wife Mildred, attended the service. The church began meeting at an arbor in a member's backyard. Later, services were held in a trailer but in the 1990 flood the trailer was destroyed. The church is now located on Henderson Road in Lowndesboro with Rev. Billy Davis serving as pastor.



Robert Bates Memorial

Pinewood Derby

Sunday, February 24

Eastern Hills Baptist Church

Christian Life Center

3604 Pleasant Ridge Road

LADS:

1:00 - 1:30 pm Registration

1:30 pm Races begin

CRUSADERS:

1:30 - 2:00 pm Registration

2:15 pm Races begin

(or after Lad races)

Ministers Conference

March 3, at First Baptist

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

Leader: **Jay Wolf**; Lead in
Intercessory Prayer for Our City

R.S.V.P. to 834-6310

by Friday, February 29.

Samaritan Inn

Volunteer Luncheon

March 4, 2008, 12:00 noon

McGehee Road Baptist Church

RSVP by February 26th

271-6794

WMU Hosts Luncheon for Pastors' Wives

The MBA WMU Leadership Team hosted its third Annual Luncheon for MBA Pastors' Wives on February 2nd at the Association Office. The team and our guests enjoyed a delicious lunch and a time of fellowship and inspiring words from Betty Baggott (Eastern Hills).



Left to right: Barbara Bradley - Chisholm, Belinda Hepburn - Taylor Road, Patty Galloway - Hope Community, Karen Dilbeck - Pike Road, Mary Ruth Wolf - First Baptist

Not pictured: Linda Austin-Lapine, Helen May - DOM's wife.

Week of Prayer for North American Missions Program



March 5, 2008

Southlawn Baptist Church

5340 Mobile Hwy.

Refreshments 9:30-10:00 a.m.

Program 10:00 a.m.

VBS Early Bird Clinic for Pastors, Children's Ministers and/or

Church VBS Directors

February 21st, 6:30 p.m.

Taylor Road Baptist

1685 Taylor Road

Call Steve Brown at

271-3363 to register.

This conference is not for all VBS teachers and workers; there will be a clinic in May for the general VBS training.



Front row (l to r): Anna Murks - McGehee Road, Fran Wilson - Valley Park, Debbie Perry - Letohatchee/Steep Creek, Tracie Lansford - Eastdale. Back row (l to r): Martha Boyd - Friendship Missionary, Sonja Campbell - Snowdown, Janet Finley - Southlawn, Judy Marshall - Eastern Hills, Mary Dillon - Faith and Grace, Amy Cassity - Ridgecrest.