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South Shore Baptist Church

Ponderings

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Here we are at the start of another Spring Season, crocuses and daffodils are already emerging from the softened earth ready to burst forth in beautiful colors. We have just had a month long emphasis on Stewardship and many have expressed excitement over these messages and have been convicted by the Holy Spirit to commit to Biblically tithe to God through the church. I am very humbled that Gods Spirit has used me to put forth this challenge so that Blessings may abound in each life. As I ponder the essence of this Biblical Principle and what it has meant in my life, there are a few scripture passages that I would like to share for those considering engaging in this practice.

First of all, we must always remember that our life, our very existence, is God's gift to us. What we do with this precious gift is our gift back to God. Following the example of the Macedonians in 2 Corinthians 8:5b "they gave themselves first to the Lord", we must recognize where we stand individually with God. Let's all stop wherever we are right now and Pray, slow down, be quiet and listen until we hear God's invitation to join Him in Kingdom Work. Tell Him we want to Tithe but need His help, this is a big step for the human mind to comprehend, but once the Believer humbly returns to God what is His to begin with, Blessings will abound. Malachi 3:10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Just giving some of our hard earned money does not make sense to our earthly nature, but once we experience Jesus Christ and our Spiritual Life is awakened we realize that Jesus' words in Matthew 19:26 are true, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." God wants to Bless us, and give us life abundant right here and right now. Since Julie and I committed to Biblically tithing God has met every need we have experienced, sometimes before we knew we had the need.

It was difficult to start because I needed to realize that I had to put the needs of others before my wants in life. God leads, we follow, and what a Blessing we receive. This cannot be done merely on human strength, but only with divine intervention. "I can do everything through him who gives me strength." Philippians 4:13.

Please remember that tithing is a response to God's Grace in our lives. It is part of our Worship and a way to Promote to others what Jesus Christ has done for us. Let's make sure that God has His rightful place in our lives first, then follow His lead and everything will fall into place. If we can ¹⁶ "Be joyful always; ¹⁷ pray continually; ¹⁸ give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus, " 1Thessalonians 5:16-18, then others will see our Faith and come to experience the Love of God Through Jesus Christ. After all, that is what life is all about.

Have a JOY filled spring and PLANT THOSE SEEDS.

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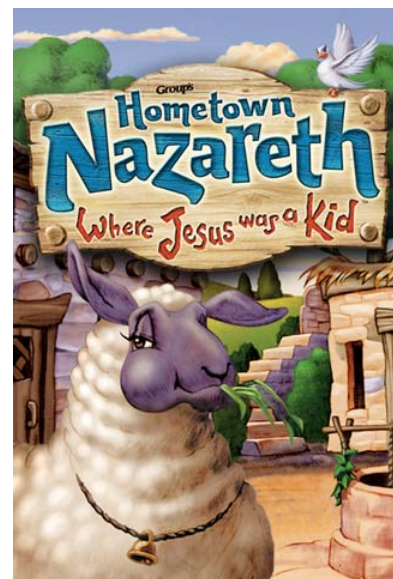
Pastor Russ

Hometown Nazareth

Vacation Bible School: "Hometown Nazareth" –

We have received the initial Starter Pack, spent a Saturday going through it and are getting very excited about this Years' VBS. The Theme is wonderful and the focus is to have the children identify with Jesus as a child. Jesus had a name – we have a name, Jesus went to church – we go to church, Jesus had a family – we have a family.....

Calling all who have volunteered and anyone who is interested in helping out with this year's VBS to attend a very important meeting on Saturday, March 19 at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We must finalize all items to order and fill the openings where Teachers and helpers are needed. We are still in need of Classroom, Music and Theater Teachers and Helpers. This is a once a year opportunity to reach young hearts with the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the Love of God. Please pray and follow God's Lead. God needs you and so do we!



Mission Moments: We are getting very close to our First Family **SMART** (Summer Mission And Recreation Trip) experience. We will have a meeting on Wednesday Night March 9 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for all those interested in participating. Please try to attend and bring everyone who may be interested in going on this trip. The cost will be \$50.00 per person to cover lodging and we need to figure out cost for food. This fee needs to be paid to Dave Allen by May 1, and the rest will be raised through 2 benefit concerts (A special Singspiration on Sunday evening March 27 at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary and on Saturday May 14 a special benefit dinner and concert presented by Daryl Duff).

At this meeting we will discuss the logistics and travel itinerary as well as lodging options and a time to answer any questions. The meeting will only last ½ hour, so please make every effort to be here. This is going to be an exciting time for South Shore to go out into the Mission Field as a Team making an impact for God.



Special Party: On Sunday, March 20 following the 11:00 service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a “PotLuck” Celebration Birthday Party for Bill Cummings. No gifts are needed, let’s just get together and show Bill how much we appreciate him. We are trying to surprise Bill if we can. Please see Ronnie Gray and the Fellowship Committee for what is needed.

New Bible Study: On Wednesday Night, March 23 we will begin a new Bible Study co-taught by Ed Bangs and Pastor Russ. We will be studying Christ in the Old Testament. It will be a 16 week class and will take us through summer. Come join us at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for this exiting time of going deeper into God’s Word.



MARCH BIRTHDAYS!

Mary Schottroff March 2
Stella Phelps March 3
Matthew Lehtma March 4
Mathis Owens March 4
Vernon Schottroff March 5
Lin Proutt March 6
Donna Meade March 7
Stasia Wing March 7
Geane Simpson March 8
Michele Embleton March 10
Gordon Schmier March 11
Desiree Africa March 13
Donald Proutt March 14
James Freeman March 15
Dick Meade March 15
Russ Rathier March 16

Debbie Green March 17
Jill Bruno March 18
Pat Eller March 18
Laura Lefavor March 19
Megan McKnew March 19
Ashley Arnold March 20
Bill Cummings March 20
Cooper Hightower March 20
Joan Gillin March 22
Donna Mills March 25
Lucy Krone March 27
Ruth Fletcher March 28
Gabe Hightower March 30
Stacie Lamb March 30
Susan Worthington March 31



What we offer every week

Sunday

- **8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.**
Praise Service
- **9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.**
Sunday School-all ages
- **11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.**
Worship Service

Wednesday

- **6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.** Dinner
\$5.00 for adults
\$3.00 ages 12 to 17
\$2.00 ages 6 to 11
Free under the age of 6
- **6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
Kids of Christ-ages 3 to 5th grade

- **6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.**
College and Career Bible Study
- **7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.**
Youth Group-Grades 6-12
- **7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.**
Adult Bible Study
- **8:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.**
Adult Choir Practice

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

- **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**
Food Pantry and Thrift shop

Saturday

- **9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** Thrift Shop

YOUTH NEWS

March is the beginning of spring. It's not cold enough to snow anymore, nor is it too warm for long pants anymore. It also marks the beginning of the time of year in which our youth ministry really springs into action. Starting in March, our youth group hope to bloom through their very own mission emphasis.

During our last Youth Sunday, YOUR youth brought up their idea for a ministry called SOSA. Standing for "Serve One, Serve All", it is an idea that found its roots in last year's mission trip to Philadelphia. While on the trip, as the youth ventured out in to Philly to serve in a variety of capacities, we discovered that there wasn't anything that was being done there that we couldn't do here in Crownsville. Our goal with this project is to start mission projects that happen quarterly that could consist of feeding the homeless to physical labor to collecting things for donating to local charities and many, many more ideas. But there is one problem.

Our youth group are all teenagers, limited in transportation, funding, and numbers. We believe in the scripture that says "For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them." (Matthew 18:20). We also believe that the only way for our group to truly reach the community is with the assistance of other members of our church community. Please pray over your involvement in this ministry. The more adult help we can facilitate, the more projects we can finish and even attempt. As our youth raise money for this year's mission trip, we still wish to focus on serving our local community.

Join us this year. Help us reach the community in ways that we have never even attempted before.

NEW ALARM SYSTEM

"Recently we have upgraded the Church's fire alarm and installed a security system to safeguard against the threats of fire, burglary and vandalism. We choose a local company, Alarm Services of Maryland of Ellicott City for this job. Due to the commitment to the community of South Shore Baptist Church and Alarm Services discounts were provided saving us over 50% from their nearest competitor which will allow us to put more money to good work elsewhere. We were very pleased and would recommend Alarm Services of MD. and Andrew David to all considering the need for security. If you mention your affiliation with the church they are offering your first 3 months monitoring at no charge."

WMU

The week of March 6-13, 2011 has been set aside as the Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Mathew 9:36-38 says "When He saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless; like a sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest fields.

In North America it is estimated that 258 million people do not have a relationship with Jesus Christ. In MD/DE we live in one of the most lost regions of our nation. Many decisions are made by people who do not know our Lord in government.

There are many around us who need compassion, the kind lived out by Baltimore's own Annie Armstrong centuries ago. Miss Annie was never appointed a missionary but her compassion was supporting those who were called. She set the standard for sacrificial giving so that those without Christ could come to know Him personally.

In Hebrews 12 Paul tells us to run the race with perservance, fixing our eyes on Jesus, who endured the cross for us. There are over 5,000 missionaries who are running the race in North America. We can work alongside of them by giving to the offering. The national goal is \$70 million and South Shore's Goal is \$3,000.00. Please pray and follow the leading of our Lord.

There will be a meeting at the church on March 7th. at 7:0'clock. Come and hear more about Miss Annie and please pray for our missionaries and give so that others made come to know our Lord and Saviour.

Blessings to all.

Mary

Volunteers for the Month of March

March 6:

Tellers: Edie Russell / Ewa McCullough
Nursery: Julie Rathier
Greeter: Paula Northrup
Wednesday Night Clean up
Joddi Akers, Tish Robinson,
Ewa McCullough, Ginny Schmeir.
Intercessory Prayer: Dennis Garris
Deacon of the Week: David Allen
Scripture Reading: Tammy Hiett

March 13:

Tellers: Joddi Akers / Laurie Allen
Nursery: Laura Donaldson
Greeter: Gina Kopack
Wednesday Night Clean up:
Julie Rathier, Paula Akers,
Marge Brewsaugh, Christal Allen
Intercessory Prayer: Carol Scott
Deacon of the Week: Dennis Garris
Scripture Reading: Bob Simpson

March 20:

Tellers: Christal Allen / Rebecca Riggelman
Nursery: Edie Russell
Greeter: Bonnie Starner
Wednesday Night Clean up:
Denise Zois, Dina Johnson,
Vickie McKnew, Ann Cummings
Intercessory Prayer: Joanne Shacochis
Deacon of the Week: Dick Meade
Scripture Reading: Mary Meade

March 27:

Tellers: Jerry Hiett / Dee Francis
Nursery: Shelby Gray
Greeter: Lenny Callis
Wednesday Night Clean up:
Jo Ann Dooley, Vernon & Mary Schottroff.
Intercessory Prayer: Donna Simpson
Deacon of the Week: Rob Robinson
Scripture Reading: Tish Robinson

Annie Armstrong Offering

Each year, we honor the life and work of Annie Walker Armstrong (1850-1938) when we give to the annual offering for North American missions named after her. As a tireless servant of God and a contagious advocate and supporter of mission efforts throughout the world, Annie Armstrong led women to unite in mission endeavors that ultimately led to the formation of Woman's Missionary Union, for which she served as the first corresponding secretary.

Annie believed in Christ with all her heart, but it was her hands that expressed that belief in tangible ways. She spent a great amount of time typing and handwriting letters in support of missions. Many of these letters were quite lengthy and all were filled with conviction that more could and should be done in our mission efforts. In 1893 alone, she wrote almost 18,000 letters! Annie also never hesitated to use her hands to reach out to hug a child or distribute food and clothing and the Word of God to those in need. Her hands held her own Bible as she studied to know how best to share God's love with others. And, most important, Annie was a woman of prayer, folding her hands in prayer to intercede for the missionaries and for those they were helping discover Christ.

Annie rallied churches to give more, pray more, and do more for reaching people for Christ. As we continue to unite to make her vision a reality in North America today, we can be confident that her legacy will also be ours.

Week of Prayer Missionaries Say Thanks

Southern Baptists continually pray for, participate in, and give generously to North American mission efforts. Read what some of the Week of Prayer missionaries have to say about the blessings that came from those gifts:

I was thinking about the freedom I have to meet with unchurched people at Starbucks, celebrate birthdays with apartment managers, and coach guys who are passionate about fulfilling their ministry purpose by leading a church. Then I realized very little of that would happen without you and your church giving through the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. Your gifts afford me the living and thus the time to invest in these people's lives. You are helping me give back and develop the next generation of leaders. I want to take this time to personally thank each of you who has missions so deeply embedded in your soul that you give your dollars to support a work you may never see. People are being changed for eternity, hope for the hopeless, peace for the restless, and Jesus is being lifted up because you are cooperating together with us in the field. Thank You!!!

*Louis Spears
Church Planting
Valley Rim Baptist Association*

We deeply express our gratitude to North American Mission Board for featuring us and our ministry in the missionary week of prayer, 2009. We are thankful to NAMB for their prayer and financial support. We know all of our Southern Baptist churches in North America will be praying for us and NAMB is acting as a channel of blessing for us.

*We praise God for NAMB and all of its staffs for their great encouragements.
We hope NAMB will continue their support to us for our frontiers missions work in New England.*

*Paul and Elizabeth Biswas
Church planting missionary in New England*

Someone has written these beautiful words. One must read and try to understand the deep meanings in them. They are like the Ten Commandments to follow in life all the time.

1] Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble; it is a "steering wheel" that directs us in the right path throughout life.

2] Do you know why a car's WINDSHIELD is so large & the rear view mirror is so small? Because our PAST is not as important as our FUTURE. So, look ahead and move on.

3] Friendship is like a BOOK. It takes few seconds to burn, but it takes years to write.

4] All things in life are temporary. If going well enjoy it, they will not last forever. If going wrong don't worry, they can't last long either.

5] Old friends are like Gold! New friends are Diamonds! If you get a Diamond, don't forget the Gold! Because to hold a Diamond, you always need a base of Gold!

6] Often when we lose hope and think this is the end, GOD smiles from above and says, "Relax, sweetheart, it's just a bend, not the end!"

7] When GOD solves your problems, you have faith in HIS abilities; when GOD doesn't solve your problems HE has faith in your abilities.

8] A blind person once asked God "Can there be anything worse than losing eye sight?" He replied: "Yes, losing your vision."

9] When you pray for others, God listens to you and blesses them; and sometimes, when you are safe and happy, remember that someone has prayed for you.

10] WORRYING does not take away tomorrow's TROUBLES; it takes away today's PEACE.

Hello Friends!

By now you should have received your annual financial statement. If you should have any questions regarding your statement, or if you did not receive your statement, please do not hesitate to contact me. If you did not receive tithing envelopes, please let me know and I will get them to you ASAP. Also, please destroy any old envelopes you may have.

To help keep your statements accurate, please remember, if you're using the pew envelopes, include your first AND last name, and also your address. I do not see the checks, so the envelopes are the only way I have of knowing who the person is. There are several families at South Shore that have the same last name, which can make it difficult to determine who you are.

The recent sermon topics have been on stewardship. Stewardship can mean several different things.

- A person who manages another's property (God's)
- A person (each of us) who has charge of the household of another (Gods')

If you are a member of South Shore, you have a responsibility to help support the church. The church is like a business, as it has many expenses. It's your church . . . it's up to you how much you give monetarily and of yourself.

I would also like to encourage everyone to attend our business meetings. The business meeting is normally held on the third Wednesday of every month. Just be sure to check your bulletin for the coming weeks schedule for date and time. At the business meeting, you will learn about the church business, including the annual budget and how your money is used to support the church. This is also a great opportunity to have any of your questions answered, and/or to have input into the many decisions that need to be made.

If I can answer any questions, or help you in any way, please feel free to contact me.

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March 2011

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

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6	7 WMU Meeting 7pm	8	9	10	11	12 Men's Ministry 8am
13	14	15	16 Business Meeting 7pm	17	18 Deacons Meeting 8pm	19 VBS Meeting 11am
20 Birthday Party Bill Cummings after Church	21	22	23	24	25	26
27 Singspiration 6pm	28	29	30	31		

April 2011

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3	4 WMU Meeting 7pm	5	6	7	8	9 Family Clean Up Day 8am
10	11	12	13	14	15 Deacons Meeting 8 pm	16 Bull Roast Silent Auction
17 Easter Cantata 11am	18	19	20 Business Meeting 7pm	21	22 Good Friday Services 6pm and 8pm	23 Easter Egg Hunt 12pm
24 EASTER	25	26	27	28	29	30



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SOUTH SHORE BAPTIST CHURCH—March 2011

What Must I Do To Be Saved?

"BELIEVE in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household"

Acts 16:30-31

CONFESS to God that I am a sinner. *"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God."* Romans 3:23

REPENT of my sins. *"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out."* Acts 3:19

BELIEVE that Jesus Christ died for my sins on the cross, and that God raised Him from the dead. *"If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."* Romans 10:9

RECEIVE Him as my personal Savior by asking Him to come into my heart. *"Yet to all who received Him, to those who believe in His name, He gave the right to become children of God."* John 1:12