



THE EVANGEL

The E-Newsletter of Seminary Baptist Church

A Shepherd's Heart:

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they went to the tomb, taking the spices they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, 3 but when they went in they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel. 5 And as they were frightened and bowed their faces to the ground, the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, 7 that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." 8 And they remembered his words, 9 and returning from the tomb they told all these things to the eleven and to all the rest. 10 Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna and Mary, the mother of James, and the other women with them who told these things to the apostles, 11 but these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. 12 But Peter rose and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; and he went home marveling at what had happened.~ Luke 24:44-53 (ESV)



The Empty Tomb:

Can you imagine having been with the women who arose on the first day of the week to go to the place where they had seen the body of their beloved Jesus placed by Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus. As they arrived with the spices for the completion of the burial ritual, they were amazed to find that the stone had been rolled away from the tomb and they found no body. They were struggling to figure out what might have happened. At this moment there were two angels who appeared to them and they asked them an interesting question, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" I am certain that even this question caused them much confusion. However, the next statement certainly brought great joy to these faithful followers of Jesus. "He is not here, but He has risen. Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." This statement most definitely jogged their memories into action, and they ran to tell the Disciples what they had seen and heard. They went to Bear Witness of the resurrected Christ.

Now mind you, these men would have difficulty believing the testimony of the women, but Peter and John could not contain themselves. They took off running to the tomb to see for themselves. Guess what they found? They found the stone rolled away and the tomb empty except for the grave clothes that were used to wrap the body of Jesus for his burial. When they "Saw What He Saw," an empty tomb and the shroud of grave clothes, he went back marveling at what he had witnessed.

Melanie and I had the opportunity to walk into the Garden Tomb in Israel. I cannot explain adequately how being there made the truth of this Resurrection Day ring afresh and anew. Today, just like on the "Third Day," the tomb is empty and His body isn't there! Hallelujah, What a Savior!

As we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord this year, may I remind you that the Messiah, Jesus Christ, the Lamb who willingly gave His life on the hill called the Skull, is the resurrected Savior. He is Risen Indeed! How do we know? First, scripture declares it is true. Secondly, because the Holy Spirit bears witness in and through us that it is true. Lastly, because Jesus said that He would Rise on the third day!

EXPLORATION EASTER: I want to say a word of thanks to Erin for planning the Exploration Easter Family Event for Palm Sunday evening. It has been exciting to see her enthusiasm grow as she ministers to our Children and their families. Her discovery of the new Lifeway Hyfi Curriculum has been a blessing to our children, but more importantly to their families as well. Thanks to each of you who volunteer to serve alongside Erin in our Ministry to Preschoolers and Children at SBC.

Resurrection Celebration: We will celebrate the resurrection of our Lord this year on Sunday, March 31st. I want to remind you that we will have our regular morning schedule for Easter Sunday. (S. S. @ 9:15 am - Worship @ 10:30 am.) No Evening Activities.

Music Search Committee: We now have a Music Search Committee in place and they will begin their work the first week in April. Those whom you elected to serve in our Called Business Session on March 24th are: **Audrey Griffon, Jimmy Gooch, Donna Lowe, James McPhail, Jerri Rogers, Tony Welborn, Donna Wilcosky, and Christopher Wren.** Please pray for this team of individuals as they seek God's leadership in the search for someone to lead our Music and Worship Ministry.

Baked Goods and Casserole Auction for Camps: I know that you will see the graphic concerning this event which is scheduled for Sunday, April 7, 2024 @ 5:00 pm. I do want to encourage our entire church family to come and support this event. However, I also want to speak to the parents of the children and youth who have students registered for camps. This event is to help defray the costs for each camper, so please make sure that you participate by bringing items for the auction and be present to assist with the evening.

Seeking HIM First,
Bro. Tim
Mt. 6:33

Weekly Activities

Sundays:

- Sunday School @ 9:15 am
(Bible Study for All Ages)
- Morning Worship @ 10:30 am
- Bible Drill @ 4:00 pm
- DiscipleLIFE @ 5:00 pm
(Discipleship for All Ages)
- W.R.A.P. @ 6:00 pm
(Worship, Reflection & Prayer)

Tuesdays:

- Women's Bible Study @ 9:30 am

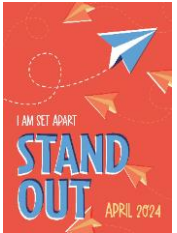
Wednesdays:

- Senior Adult High Noon @ noon
- Fellowship Meal @ 5:30 pm
- SBC Kids Missions @ 6:15 pm
- Student Bible Study @ 6:15 pm
- Prayer & Praise @ 6:15 pm
- Worship Choir @ 7:15 pm

BELIZE MISSION TRIP 2024: We are planning to return to Belize with *Growing Beyond Ministries* in July. The date range is July 7-14, 2024. If you are interested in being a part of the team, please let me or Mrs. Mel know. Approximate cost of trip will be \$2,000.



ERIN BREWER
Children's Ministry



April Hyfi Sunday Update

It is unbelievable that we are already in the month of May! We are moving into new Biblical truths for Sundays. Preschoolers will learn "NIGHT AND DAY - GOD HELPS ME OBEY" and 1st - 6th graders will learn "STAND OUT - I AM SET APART". Our preschool theme verse is "Blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it." Luke 11:28b. SBCKids theme verse this month is "For you are a holy people belonging to the Lord your God." Deuteronomy 7:6a. Preschoolers will spend time studying the truths that God helps me know what is right, helps me be brave, helps me follow His plan, and helps me listen. SBCKids will study God's truths that they can stand apart, stand strong, stand patiently, and stand up. Come join us as we study God's truth.

Sunday Mornings at 9:15 & Evenings at 5

Vacation Bible School ~ June 17th - 21st ~ Volunteers Needed!



Sign Up in Foyer!

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, So that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:2

VBS TRAINING MEETINGS:

- Overview Meeting for ALL volunteers • Sun., 4/14 @ 4:15 pm
- Preschool Bible Study Leaders • Wed., 4/17 @ 6:15 pm
- Children Bible Study Leaders • Wed., 4/24 @ 6:15 pm
- How to Lead a Child to Christ • Wed., 5/1 @ 6:15 pm



VBS Pre-Registration Kickoff Event

May 5, 2024 @ 5:00 pm

Come join us for a night of fun to preview Breaker Rock Beach, pre-register your Coastal Kids, and pick up VBS t-shirt orders.

CentriKid camp 2024 sign up is open NOW!

We will be attending camp **June 24th - 28th** at Timber Creek Camp in Pulaski, MS.

Children completing 2nd - 6th grades may attend camp.

WE STILL HAVE SPOTS OPEN! DEPOSITS ARE DUE NOW!!!



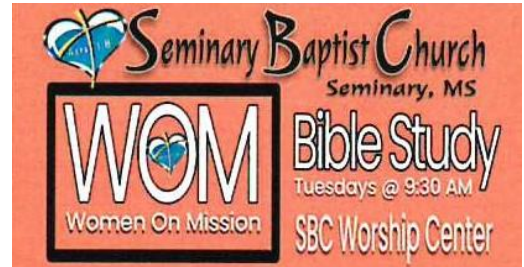
There will be a drop box in the foyer for Diapers and Wipes for Noah and Clancy Sanford's baby girl April 14th-21st.



BILL BUSTIN
Student Pastor

Cake/Casserole Auction - April 7 @ 5:00 pm
If you are going to camp, please bring baked goods or casseroles to the auction by 4:45!

Join us @ 5:00 pm every Sunday evening for a special small group time for students!



Baked Goods and Casseroles Auction
Sunday, April 7th at 5:00 pm

CentriKid and Centrifuge Camps Fundraiser

Bring your prized baked goods and casseroles to the East Room by 4:45 to check in for the auction. All campers must bring items for the auction.



Church-Wide Fish Fry sponsored by SBC Brotherhood will be Sunday, April 14 @ 5:00 pm in the East Room



An Acts 1:8 Mission Ministry of Seminary Baptist Church

HOH Distribution Sat., April 20 @ 7 am
Volunteers Needed!
Let Cole Rogers or Clark Graves know if you can help with picking food up and/or unloading food.
Much thanks to all who selflessly give of their time to this ministry.

Sunday April 21 2024 @ 6:00 pm



SBC

Quarterly Business Meeting

Please make plans to be present as we make decisions together as Seminary Baptist Church.



Brandon & Chanté Shedd Wes & Erin Brewer
 Wilson & Emma Lott Jimmy & Lauren Gooch
 Jay & Jennifer Fairchild Conner & Bailee Drennan



Kathryn Bullock	Amelia Fairchild
Kenny Misenhimer	Raiden Gooch
Julie Welborn	Donna Wilcosky
Bryson Ward	Nicholas Welborn
CeCe Brewer	Mack Ellis
Hayes Harvey	Anna Cathryn Sanford
Audrey Hawkins	Brantley McKenzie
Ethan McNair	Cole Rogers
Vivian Speed	April Ellis
Colton Williamson	Brayshon Owens
Aleesha Brown	Kayli Matherne
	Amanda Matherne

If your name isn't printed during your anniversary/birthday month, we need your information. Please call the office and let us know.

Current Events

April 2024

- 3 12:00 pm - Senior Adult High Noon
 5:30 pm - Fellowship Meal
 6:15 pm - Preschool/Children Activities
 6:15 pm - Student Bible Study
 6:15 pm - Adult Prayer & Praise
 7:15 pm - Worship Choir Rehearsal

- 7 9:15 am - Sunday School
 10:30 am - Morning Worship
 3:00 pm - Wedding Shower for
 Myra Lott and Collin Payne
 4:00 pm - Deacon's Meeting
 4:00 pm - Children & Youth Bible Drill
 5:00 pm - Baked Goods/Casserole
 Auction for Summer Camps

- 9 9:30 am - Women on Mission
- 10 Regular Wednesday Schedule
- 14 Regular Sunday Schedule
 4:15 pm - VBS Overview for ALL
 Volunteers
 5:00 pm - Church Wide Fish Fry
- 16 9:30 am - Women on Mission
- 17 Regular Wednesday Schedule
- 20 7:00 am - House of Hope distribution
- 21 Regular Sunday Schedule
 6:00 pm - Quarterly Business Meeting
- 23 9:30 am - Women on Mission
- 24 Regular Wednesday Schedule
 6:15 pm - VBS Children's Bible Study
 leader meeting
- 28 Regular Sunday Schedule
- 30 9:30 am - Women on Mission

God's Provision

	December	January	February
Undesignated	56,123.00	38,664	48,254.50
Designated/Other	2,653.00	1,809.21	14,041.41
Building Fund	24,060.84	2,706.00	2,878.20
Total Revenue	82,836.84	43,179.21	66,137.07
Total Expense	53,399.09	46,969.35	72,051.44
Loan Balance	744,898.78	738,184.55	731,587.16



SBCK 2024-25 Registration is now open for SBC Church Members. You can pick up a registration form in the foyer or outside of the SBCK Office.

SBCK DIRECTOR SEARCH: We continue to seek a Director for the SBCK. If you know anyone that may be interested in applying, please inform them that the SBCK Board has an application packet available for the position of SBCK Director. These packets are available through the SBCK Office or the Church Office.

