

# *The Mintz Herald*



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## *Baptist Women's Day*

*All Services Lead by the Women!*

*February 18*

*Sunday School - 9:15 a.m.*

*Worship - 10:30 a.m.*

*Testimonies, Special Music,*

*All Women's Choir,*

*A Historical Look Back*



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**W**e talk a lot about Satan's role in the world and how he seeks to destroy our lives and soul. He is busy in many ways but I think he has a subtle plan to harm us spiritually. He can't take away our freedom of choice and keep us from going to church, or reading our Bible or even serving through the church. His plan is to keep us from forming an intimate relationship with our Savior.

**How is he going to do this?** It is quite simple; he plans to steal our time by keeping us busy with the non-essentials of life. He will invent innumerable schemes to occupy our minds. He will tempt us to spend, spend and borrow, borrow so that both parents will have to work 10 hours a day, at several jobs, 6-7 days a week and thus not have time for family or God. He will entice us to occupy our minds by playing the radio, cassette player, TV, VCR, DVD, Ipod and our PC's every spare minute thus robbing precious time from our spouses and children, not to mention God!

**Satan's motto is** "keep them busy, busy, busy, and when we meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that we leave with troubled consciences."

Satan wants to crowd our lives with so many good causes that we have no time to seek power from Jesus. Satan sees ahead and understands that soon we will be working in our own strength, sacrificing our health and family for the "good of the cause." I think he has a good plan and it is working.

The end result is we have little time for God, our families, and sadly no time to tell others about the "good news," the power of Jesus to change lives.

Does 'BUSY' mean: B-eing U-under S-atan's Y-oke? A question to ponder is: How busy are you?

Pastor McBride

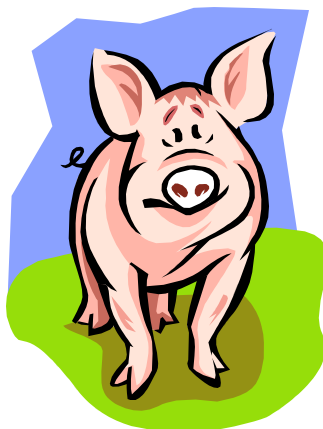
## **AUCTION AND FUNDRAISER**

Our annual auction and fundraiser is Saturday, March 3, only three weeks away! A Bar-B-Q/Chicken lunch and dinner, drink and desert included, will be available for the community, with the auction ending the day.

The committees will be meeting to lay the plans and to enlist all the workers needed to serve on various committees. Hopefully you have put some thought into what you will be donating for the auction.

This is a big day in our church and one that in the past has demonstrated a cooperative spirit by the entire membership.

The tickets for the lunch and supper are available now. Please pick up some tickets now and call on your friends and neighbors to join us for that fabulous Mintz plate for a price of only \$6.



Remember, the proceeds from this fundraiser go to provide support for our missionary Ben, finish needed work for the stage, and put money aside for future capital improvement.



If you have been in worship since the beginning of 2007, you are aware that we must soon be looking at some type of expansion for our sanctuary. It is time for the Vision Committee to meet and look at options.

It is also time, if you have not already started, to pray for God's leadership concerning future development. This will be an expensive and serious undertaking, and one we must seek God's leadership for.

## **REMEMBER THE AUCTION!!!**

It is time to start shopping for those items that produce a lot of interest and competition from the gallery. Some popular items in the past have been yard tools, power tools, musical instruments, quilts, toys and audio equipment, just to mention a few.

We would like to see the items begin coming in by Wednesday night February 28<sup>th</sup>.



## **NEW DRAMA HAS BEEN CHOSEN**

Well, the country cousins got the city fever last year when they visited their "up-town" cousins. They have decided to move to the big city – to either build or purchase a home. That's right! They want to move to the city. They felt with the predictions concerning the number of hurricanes by the weather fore-

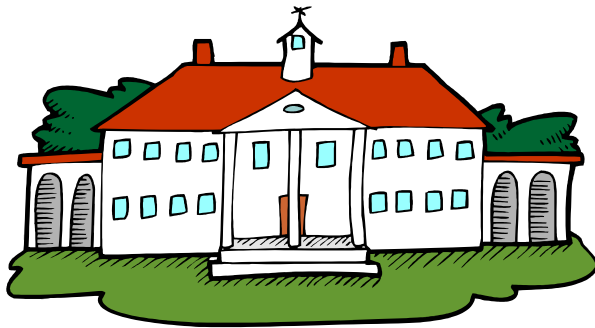


casters they should delay their previously planned ocean cruise. Now this big move is causing

some friction among the country cousins. They are not all in agreement with this move. Of course the city cousins are in shock at the prospect of this upcoming move.

The comedy and suspense of "Christmas Leaves Cricket County" will be in keeping with past performances.

Tickets will go on sale in May. Performances will be July 27 & 28, August 3 & 4, and August 17 & 18. Get the word out to all your friends.



### **CASTING FOR "CHRISTMAS LEAVES CRICKET COUNTY"**

It you have an interest in the new dinner theater drama you need to let Robin Brown know now! Within a couple of weeks the cast will have their first reading of the drama.

To be in this drama requires dedication and sacrifice of time.

There is a lot of work involved, but also a lot of fun. All practices are important and demand your presence.

### **ADULT EASTER CANTATA**

The adult choir has begun serious work on a new Easter musical entitled "He's Alive." This is not just a proclamation that was true that first Easter, but is still true today. Jesus is "Alive" in 2007 twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week and three hundred sixty-five days each year. We serve an awesome risen Savior.

The season of Easter brings Palm Sunday, Good Friday, and Easter Morning, the three days that mark the cornerstones of our faith. They frame the last week of Jesus' earthly life and usher in His promise of eternal life for each of us.

When we come to hear this musical it provides an extraordinary opportunity to rejoice, to reflect, and to worship our risen Savior! This musical will be a little different from any cantata the choir has done in the past.



### **CHILDREN'S PACTICE HAS BEGUN**

The children's Easter musical/drama is now underway. Parents, please make that special effort to have your child at every practice, which is the first two Sunday nights



of each month until Easter. Don't cause your child to be disappointed because

they are not a part of this event.

Remember Christmas? The stage was filled with children and comments are still made about their performance and how proud they made us. The same thing should happen for Easter. Don't let your children, church, and especially God down.

### **FUTURE FOOD PANTRY**

The ladies of our fellowship are taking the initiative to establish a food pantry to meet emergency food needs in our community.

Shelves will be built in one end of the closet located off the senior youth class to house the food.

C h u r c h members will be asked to help stock this pantry with non-perishable items. A date will be set in the near fu-



ture to begin this endeavor.

This certainly can become a vital ministry outreach of our church.

### **LAY-LED REVIVAL**

May 4-6 has been set and confirmed by the State Convention for our Lay-Led Revival. Our coordinator, Ron Jordan, will be with us in the morning worship service on April 1 and in the near future we will know how many will be on the Lay Witness Team that will lead us in our weekend emphasis. Begin praying now for this revival.

### **HELP NEEDED AT RIEGELWOOD**

Anyone interested in helping build three houses in the Riegelwood Tornado rebuild project should read this article carefully. The NC Baptist Men will build from foundation three homes.

Starting February 19<sup>th</sup> there will be a need for qualified carpenters to "frame" the houses. If you are not a carpenter, but want to help, then you are needed also.

The week of February 26 will be for heating/cooling, electrical and plumbing. Qualified workers will be needed.

Starting on March 5<sup>th</sup> roofing and sheetrock will begin.

The Wrightsville Beach Baptist Church has committed to do the roofs on all three homes so only the sheetrock will need to be done.

Check-in will be at 1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Riegelwood who will host the feeding and shower units. Please call Bobby Joiner (910-612-2095) and let him know what days you will be



available to help. For planning purpose they need to know this ASAP.



### **RELAY FOR LIFE**

It's that time of year again, time for our Relay for Life team to get ready and involved for that big weekend in June.

Relay for life means so much to so many people in our church family. People we all know, love, and respect have fought this dreadful disease. Take time to remember those who have fought and won, are currently fighting and also those who fought to the end. We are doing this for them, for they truly deserve it. We hope you will help us work to find a cure.

There are a few changes that are going to be made this year. One of the biggest changes is the way our team will be run. This year we will take members who are interested and form committees to help with the responsibilities of running the team. Anyone who is interested, we are having our first meeting on Feb-

ruary 25<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m., here at Mintz.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Relay Team  
(Jessica Sessoms)

### **YOUTH CAMP IN JUNE**

A commitment has been made for our youth to attend a Group Work Camp in Beaufort, S.C. They have decided to give of themselves to help others rather than attend a camp just to meet their needs.

Our youth are to be commended for this unselfish decision and they will reap great spiritual benefits because of this commitment.

They will be roughing it, sleeping on cots/air mattress, there may be no AC, and the shower facilities are rustic. Their day will begin at 6:30 AM and end at 11 PM. They will be at their worksites from 9 AM to 3:30 PM each day. After dinner and clean up they will enjoy evening programs that focus on spiritual growth and development. They will have Tuesday afternoon off to tour the area.



## *Youth News*

While traveling recently, I was noticing the sun as it was coming through the clouds on an overcast day. This made me think of that first Easter. It was a dark day for all who had witnessed the cross. Thank God that day turned into a glorious sunrise with Jesus rising from the grave.

It takes an experience such as this to sometimes cause us to see things in a different perspective. I felt like God was telling me to expose his SON to the community. This thought motivated me to plan an activity for our youth to witness by sharing God's plan of salvation outside the walls of our church. I plan to involve the youth in a live, drive-through Easter enactment. I brought my idea to the Pastor, who supports this endeavor and will be writing the enactment. We both are excited about this outdoor first-time endeavor.

Our plans basically consist of the following: Traffic will flow from Hwy. 411 to the vacant property behind the church, where various scenes of Easter will be portrayed. As people drive by these stations (about seven) they will experience the actual critical moments of Christ's last days. They will see and hear first-hand what took place in order for all mankind to be saved.

I am excited about what God is going to do through this enactment. This will be a chance for the Mintz youth to participate in another outreach opportunity in our community. It will take a strong determination and hard work by all youth to make this a success. I have seen this type of commitment from them in times past and I expect no less from them this time. We need to really be on our knees and pray for God's guidance and that He will send the lost to witness this enactment so they can know of His power and love for a lost world.

God Bless,  
Brian, Youth Pastor



# Birthdays and Anniversaries

## March

### Birthdays

Amanda Edwards	3	Jerry Matthews	4
Margaret Holder	6	Alex Matthews	7
Hollie Edwards	8	Savannah Fann	10
Todd Wheeler	10	Chris Johnson	11
Sidney Knowles	11	Chris Kook	11
Joshua Davis	12	Janet Barber	14
Leroy House	15	Michael Edwards	17
Johnny Matthews	17	Larry Tanner	22
Kim Heath	23	Brianna Wheeler	27
Annie Matthews	29	Rodney Brown	31

### Anniversaries

No March Anniversaries

*For additions, changes, or corrections, contact Sarah McBride*

