



OCTOBER 2011 New church Year Begins

Where People Grow!

STUDY

To show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needs not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (II Timothy 2:15)

GROW

In grace and the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. (II Peter 3:18)

GO

Ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost; teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you." (Matthew 28:19-20)

Oct 2 - Donut Breakfast
Oct 9 - Sunday School High Attendance Day
Oct 9 - Homecoming
Oct 9-12 - Revival
Oct 29 - Fall Festival

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THE CLOTH THAT MAKES US WARM



The only cloth that can truly make us warm is the fabric of our faithful service to God.

One evening I was walking down a dimly lit street in an Islamic country. Our Christian friends there gave me a nine-foot long thin woolen shawl. It's meant to throw around your chest and up over your shoulder. I thanked them, surprised at how much a thin piece of material could keep me warm.

A few days later I was sitting in a small country church in the woods of Oklahoma. The text that morning was from Haggai 1:6, where the Lord, through the prophet Haggai, chides his people for wearing clothes that do not make them warm. That made me think: *When we are cold we put on materials that make us warm, much like the thin cloth given to me by my friend in the Islamic country. Yet, do material things really make us truly warm?*

I have a dear friend who lives in a luxurious retirement community. He is very healthy, highly intelligent, eats correctly and probably has 20 years of life ahead of him. He lives comfortably. He was raised in an evangelistic church, but as a university student he abandoned all Christian association and now reaches out to no one. He confided the other day that his greatest wish is, "to go off by myself, alone and just die." He has discovered like King Solomon in Ecclesiastes 12, that no cloth on earth can warm his soul, but unlike Solomon,

my friend has not yet remembered his Creator.

When Solomon describes the virtuous woman in Proverbs 31, he states that "strength and honor are her clothing," and then goes on to describe her activities throughout the chapter. Some Christians criticize others who do good deeds stating, "We live by faith, not works." Perhaps this is an excuse that allows them to do nothing for the kingdom other than attending a church service.

The Apostle John writes about our clothing in heaven, "Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready. **And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.**" (Revelation 19:7-8) The Greek term for righteousness in verse 8 is *dikaiois* = righteous acts.

The only cloth that can truly make us warm is the fabric of our *faithful service to God*. It will be the fabric of our eternal garments. I don't need another shirt ... *I need to do His will*.

In the children's fairy tale "The Emperor's New Clothes," the emperor was fooled into thinking that he was parading in very beautiful clothing but was ridiculed for having nothing on. I pray that I am not deceived into believing that my possessions are substitution "cloth" for the cloth of my righteous acts. For those of us who are fooled, perhaps to God and the angels we look ridiculous, like the emperor.

Our brothers and sisters in the persecuted church are no better Christians than us because they are poor or have lost some possessions because of their witness. We all have struggles, both internal and external, the flesh, the spirit, the mind. But sometimes the fundamental courage and faith of the persecuted is a reminder to us about what is important in life. A Bangladeshi Muslim convert to

Christianity told us, "They have burned our house. They burned my wife's clothes. But they cannot burn Jesus from our hearts." What keeps this Bangladeshi family warm is what can keep us warm – the warmth of our testimony, our faith in action....

Since I was (a child), I have been privileged to observe the kind of cloth woven by the lives of the saints. No material the world may offer is as beautiful or as lasting.

- By Tom White, Director, *The Voice of the Martyrs*, May 2009

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Dear Church Family & Friends

Oh how wonderful it is to be in our new sanctuary and be finished with the building program.

Thank you all so much for your patience and your prayers during this time of growth. God has greatly blessed us with much more than we could have ever thought - but isn't that just like God? He is good all the time!

I am always thrilled to see the new visitors the Lord is sending each week. Our outreach and visitation program is showing fruit to the praise of God. We are excited about the new member we received this month and give God all the praise for what he is doing.

This month begins a new church year for us and I am excited about all of our teachers, leaders and workers. I know that this year is going to be one of spiritual as well as physical growth for our church. I want to encourage each of you to walk in the Word of our Lord daily. Listen as the Holy Spirit speaks to your heart, and as God said to Joshua, "Be strong and of good courage....I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee".

October will be a very busy month. Homecoming is on the 9th with revival beginning that evening at 6:30 and continuing through Wednesday evening. Invite someone to join us for this blessed time of renewal and commitment.

Our annual Fall Festival will be October 29th, so remember that we will need lots of help for this event. This is a great opportunity for outreach and

fellowship in the community. Be sure to invite all who attend to come and worship with us at Snowdown Baptist Church.

I love you all and I love being your pastor. You are a wonderful blessing to me and Sonja, and all of our family. May God bless each of you as you have blessed us. I look forward to seeing you in our Father's House.

In His Service,

Bro. Steve

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OUR FALL REVIVAL
October 9 - 12
6:30 PM

Our guest speaker for Homecoming services and our Revival services will be founder and director of the *The Gathering*, a local ministry which promotes reconciliation and healing between the races and denominations in the spirit of John 17:21, as well as ministering in churches equipping the saints as they receive healing, deliverance, and teaching.



Harlan Burton, a Southern Gospel Music Artist for over 45 years, says

"I do not preach. God did not give me the talent to preach. But, I truly believe that a song is

a message from God and that the song can be used to bless His children and to reach the unsaved soul."

Harlan will be bringing special music at our Sunday, **October 9th**, Homecoming worship hour, in the afternoon following Lunch, and Sunday evening at **6:30 PM for our Fall Revival service.**

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We continue to study God's word each Wednesday night, Sunday morning and Sunday nights. Come and grow and learn in Christ with us.

- from Brian & Jennifer Moseley, Youth Leaders

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Ages 4-6 - Children's church will be starting a new calendar year, we need volunteers to help with our children ages 4-6 each Sunday during church service, individuals or couples, curriculum will be given to you a week in advance, if you are interested please see Jennifer Moseley.



Ages 7-12 - Our **Light Shiners for Jesus** group are shining well! *Morgan Lanier, Bailey Lanier, Rusty Moseley, and Anna Moseley* have all learned the first 16 books of the Bible. *Way To Go!!!!* We will be adding 8 more books for the month of October, so children ages 7-12 be looking for that list in next week's children's bulletin. All of our children from ages 7-12 are invited to participate once a month in Children's Church. We will play games, do crafts and learn more about Jesus. Look for your reminder sheet in each Sunday's Children's Bulletin. Don't forget to answer the sermon questions in your Children's Bulletin each week and turn them in to Ms. Jennifer.

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MISSIONS NEWS

From Missions Director Tammy Rolling



The Girls in Action (GAs) (*Morgan, Analise, Bailey, Anna, McKala*) worked at the Forest Park Ministry Center last month. We worked with the food ministry and sorted clothes and school supplies for the clients. The summer intern, *Victoria Bye*, shared with us about the work going on at the center.

Please join the GAs in keeping Forest Park Ministry Center in your prayers.



Analise Mokler loads shelves at Forest Park Ministry Center.

Coming up ...

November 7, 2011

Baptist Women's World Day of Prayer
At McGehee Road Baptist Church
Refreshments 9:30-10:00
Meeting 10:00-11:00

December 7, 2011

MBA WMU International Missions
Emphasis Meeting
at Snowdown Baptist Church
Refreshments 9:30-10:00
Meeting 10:00-11:00

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Amazing Ladies Together

From Lori Brock, Ladies Ministry Leader

Can you believe we have started a new church year? Seems like the pages are flying off the calendar! Before you know it, the holidays will be here, bringing the normal hustle and bustle.

The ladies group certainly has had a blessed year. We have grown not only in size but also in knowledge of our Lord and in our relationships with each other. I am constantly amazed at the love that I feel from each and every one of the ladies! God has so richly blessed our church with an amazing group of godly, faithful ladies!

Our holiday schedule is always "interesting" to say the least, but we have a few things planned to help relieve some of the stress. Details concerning the next Supper and a Seminar presentation will appear soon. Considering what a chaotic time of year this can be, we are trying to keep this event from conflicting with the other activities already on the calendar. Keep an eye out for more information!

We are well into *Jonah, A Life Interrupted* by Priscilla Shirer in the

Sunday evening class. It has really been very insightful—many of us find ourselves running from God—and we never even leave home! Join us at 5:30 for a great time of fellowship and discussion as we continue wading through this instructive text.



"Women of Grace Bible Study"

9:45 AM Sunday mornings

The Women of Grace class, led by *Loretta Grant*, meets each Sunday morning from 9:45 to 10:45. *Sherryl Cobb* serves as its Outreach/Prayer Ministry Coordinator.

Discipleship-Evangelism Ministry

From Wayne Cobb, Outreach Leader

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under heaven" (Ecclesiastes. 3:1-NIV). We, as a church, are in a different "season" than we were just a few months ago. The church has been remodeled and expanded. Now we *"must be about our father's business"* (Luke 2:49b-KJV) - *reaching people.*

We had an exciting leadership luncheon and everyone is excited about the opportunities of service and serving the Lord through Snowdown Baptist Church.

We have names and addresses of folks in the community that need a visit from the church and shut-in's that need a "special touch" from the body of Christ. Cards, letters, bulletins and news events are being sent out each week. When we go to someone's home, the first thing they say is, *"we've been keeping up with what's going on at the church through the information we receive in the mail"*.

The doors are open to us in the community, We need people to go with a smile, a friendly hug and the love of Jesus in their hearts. We have an organized visitation and outreach time

each Sunday afternoon at 4:00 PM. We meet at the church for a time of prayer and instruction and go out into the community. Come and be a part of reaching our community for Christ.

MUSIC NOTES

From Kevin Brock, Music Minister



It's a brand new Church with new opportunities to serve the Lord by joining the Choir or simply by true worship and praise as a member of His Church.

We will be experimenting with some new songs and new ways of conducting the worship portion of our service in the future... so it will be exciting!

Worship is an active response to God whereby we declare His worth. *"Worship is not simply a mood; it is a response. Worship is not just a feeling; it is a declaration."* – Ronald Allen This statement resonates with Scripture and also my heart.

When we read verses that say:

"My protector is praiseworthy! The God who delivers me is exalted as king! The one true God completely vindicates me. Give thanks to the LORD with the harp! Sing to him to the accompaniment of a ten-stringed instrument! Sing to him a new song! Come! Let's bow down and worship! Let's kneel before the LORD, our creator!"

These statements made by the Psalmist point to the meaning of worship. They tell us who God is and what He has done. He calls God his Protector, therefore He "is praiseworthy," God who delivers is exalted "as King." We give thanks to Him and respond by our acts of praise *"We sing to Him a new song!"* We come, bow down, worship and kneel before him out of humble submission because He is the "LORD, our creator!"

Wednesday Night Supper

Cost \$5 per person, \$2.50 per child. Menu & signup sheet is on bulletin board. Contact Director Carolyn Olive (288-1706)

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<p style="text-align: center;">OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP</p> <p>Sunday: 9:45 AM Sunday School 11:00 AM Morning Worship/Children's Church 5:30 PM Discipleship Training/Bible Study 6:30 PM Evening Worship</p> <p>Wednesday: 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study 6:30 PM Girls in Action, RA's, Youth Classes 7:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p>FALL FESTIVAL Saturday, October 29 4:00 to 6:00 PM</p> <p>Lots of Food & Fun Guaranteed!</p> <p><i>Looking for workers to help with games and food.</i></p> <p><i>See Connie Wilson, Festival Coordinator</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><i>HOMECOMING</i> <i>October 9</i> 11:00 AM <i>With Guest Speaker</i> Rev. Carmen Falcione</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Lunch will follow Morning Service</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Special Singing Sunday afternoon & evening by Southern Gospel Music Artist</i> Harlan Burton</p>
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