



**MARCH 2011**

# SNOWDOWN BAPTIST CHURCH



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## 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)

### ACTIVITIES SUSPENDED DUE TO CONSTRUCTION

Note that some regular or annual event activities may be suspended during March due to the church construction expansion.

No first Sunday Donut Breakfast or Wednesday evening suppers during the month of March.

No Brotherhood Breakfast in March.

## The Sculpture



Suffering has inspired and forged more sculptures than one can count. And not just the bronze kind that rest on pedestals in village squares.

Suffering fashions us into a "holy and blameless" image of Christ (Ephesians 1:4), much like a figure sculpted out of marble. An artist in Florence, Italy once asked the great Renaissance sculptor Michelangelo what he saw when he approached a huge block of marble. "I see a beautiful form trapped inside," he replied, "and it is simply my responsibility to take my mallet and chisel and chip away until the figure is set free."

The beautiful form, the visible expression of "Christ in you, the hope of glory" is inside Christians like a possibility, a potential. The idea is there, and God uses affliction like a hammer and chisel, chipping and cutting to reveal his image in you. God chooses as his model his Son, Jesus Christ, "For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son" (Romans 8:29).

What does the sculpture look like? "We have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us. We are hard pressed on every side, but not crushed . . . We always carry around in our body

the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be revealed in our body" (2 Corinthians 4:7, 8-10). It's an image of all-surpassing power.

God continues to chisel, chipping more away. "To keep me from becoming conceited ... there was given me a thorn in my flesh" (2 Corinthians 12:7). God works deeper, carefully fashioning every hidden crevice, even our temperament: "Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who ... made himself nothing ... He humbled himself and became obedient to death - even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:5-8)

Will this sculpture last the weathering of more storms and trials? "We rejoice in our sufferings because we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance, character; and character, hope" (Romans 5:3). It's an image of rock-solid hope.

God continues to hammer: "Before I was afflicted I went astray, but now I obey your word ... It was good for me to be afflicted so that I might learn your decrees" (Psalm 119:67, 71). ... God uses suffering to purge sin from our lives, strengthen our commitment to him, force us to depend on grace, bind us together with other believers, produce discernment, foster sensitivity, discipline our minds, spend our time wisely, stretch our hope, cause us to know Christ better, make us long for truth, lead us to repentance of sin, teach us to give thanks in times of sorrow, increase faith, and strengthen character. It is a *beautiful* image!

And it's an image like no other. When Christ is unveiled in me, it's a unique sculpture. It's what patience,



self-control, endurance, gentleness, kindness, as well as a healthy hatred of sin, looks like on "Joni". That's different than the way sensitivity and self-control look on my husband or anyone else. My particular affliction is divinely hand-tailored expressly for me. Nobody has to suffer "transversal spinal lesion at the fourth-fifth cervical" exactly as I did to be conformed to his image.

Yielding to the chisel is "learning obedience from what we suffer." Our circumstances don't change; we change. The "who" of who we are is transformed, like a form unfolding, into his likeness with ever-increasing glory. "And we, who with unveiled faces all reflect the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his likeness with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit" (2 Corinthians 3:16-18).

I cannot afford to focus on the hammer and chisel. I cannot look around me and bemoan what God is chipping away....

The hurting and hammering process won't end until we become completely holy (and there's no chance of that happening this side of eternity)....

James 1:2-4, "When all kinds of trials crowd into your lives, my brothers, don't resent them as intruders, but welcome them as friends! Realize that they come to test your faith and to produce in you the quality of endurance. But let the process go on until that endurance is fully developed" (Phillips).....

I want "to be for the praise of his glory" (Ephesians 1:12). I want to be conformed to his image. The Sculptor desires it too, for "he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Philippians 1:6).

- Excerpt from "When God Weeps" by Joni Eareckson Tada (Chapter 8)

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## A MESSAGE To our Pastor

Dear Pastor Steve:

I believe it is time for us to remind you of how much we appreciate your leadership and sacrifice on the behalf of our church family, especially during these busy days of growth and construction.

Pastor Steve, we want you to know that during these days of physical and spiritual growth of our church, the demands on your schedule and personal life have not gone unnoticed. Some of us are praying daily and earnestly for you as we realize how overwhelming this can be for a pastor.

Hopefully, most of us realize that church growth means more people which demands more personal time from a pastor. There are more home, hospital, funeral home visits, and more personal counseling requests. And unfortunately, growth and change breed various forms of church issues that demand resolution which can be extremely stressful for a pastor and his family.

In addition to the demands for sermons, Bible lessons, intercessory prayer, spiritual leadership, and issue resolution, you have inherited the primary responsibility of our church's "construction manager" for this very large church renovation project. Naturally, during a building program, it is to the pastor that daily construction questions and issues are first delivered. This can require many visits to the church site throughout the week which of course interrupts the pastor's daily business.

Forgive us for the times we may seem insensitive to your time and to burdens unknown to us that you may be carrying for members of the church family as well as personal – such as the recent hospital stay and loss of your dear mother. Oft times we forget that you are grieving although you may hide it for our benefit.

No where could we find a pastor more fitted for us than you. We are truly blessed and that we know.

Having served as a pastor's wife for 25 years, I understand the weight of responsibility borne by a pastor and his wife. And with that, I personally challenge our church family to be more prayerful for the pastor and his family, to be sensitive to their feelings and needs, be respectful of their personal time, and joyfully take on ministry responsibilities and practical jobs around the church that can be accomplished by someone other than the pastor. Christ has called us all to personal service for Him – not just the pastor. And remember to express sincere appreciation for what your pastor means to you or for what he does for you. Let him know when a sermon or Bible study especially spoke to you or blessed you. A little thank you and acknowledgment can go a long way in encouraging a pastor's heart.

Thank you, Bro. Steve, for being our pastor. You are loved, needed and very much appreciated. Don't forget to let us know how we can be of help and encouragement to you and your family. You are more than just a pastor, you are our friend.

*Submitted by Alice Ivey,  
Newsletter Editor*

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*Lori Brock,  
Ladies Ministries*

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**An Evening of Fun! On Thursday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**, at 7:00 PM, Vaughn Forest is hosting **Mandisa and comedian Anita Renfro**. If we take a group of 10, the tickets are \$17 each. It should be a great evening. Ms. Renfro is truly a funny lady, as those who saw her in Louisville can attest!

And, don't forget the **30 days to LIVE** class going on into early-March! Join in all the fun. We are exploring some interesting ideas and sharing lots of grins and giggles! Sure would love to include you as well—Sunday night at 5:30 pm. *If you stand in the hallway and listen, you can surely find us!*

**Coming Up mid March . . .  
Ladies Sunday Evening Bible  
“He Speaks to Me: Preparing  
to Hear the Voice of God”**

By Priscilla Shirer

Do you want to develop a more intimate prayer life? Even more, do you want to hear from God in practical ways? Let Priscilla Shirer prepare you by giving you a deeper understanding of the Holy Spirit. Based on the life of Samuel, who first heard God's voice while still a small boy, and packed with practical examples from Priscilla's own life. He Speaks to Me speaks directly to the need to develop a richer prayer life and deeper, more intimate relationship with God, and to learn how to comfortably share their experience of God with others. Very well timed, given the trends.

**February 5 Love Languages  
Seminar**

**God is full of surprises!**

Wow! We planned for about 20 – but 42 ladies signed up for the Five Love Languages Supper and Seminar! God is so amazing! What an evening we had with Nicole Pinkham and over 40 ladies that attended. Each of us learned what our love language is and how to more adequately love those that God has placed in our lives. It was great fun!

A special thanks to the Snowdown Volunteer Fire Department that allowed us to use their dining hall due to the construction at our church.



From Brian &  
Jennifer  
Moseley

March brings new life and new opportunities to share Christ's love. The youth will be planning and implementing a service project within the next two months, come and join us for the fun.

We are also gearing up to go to **Normal, Illinois from June 18-25th**. We will be going to help with finishing construction on College Avenue Baptist Church. Anyone from 8 to 108 is welcome to come, the cost is \$130, the deadline for sign-up is in May, ask Jennifer for any assistance, or more information. Be a part of something great for God's glory.

We are still studying **“Do Hard Things”** by Alex and Brett Harris on Sunday afternoons, we are learning that if we expect great things of ourselves, we more than often rise to meet those expectations. Expect great things from our young people -they are a talented and awesome bunch.

The youth will also be planning a trip this spring or early summer to **Desoto Cavern**. Exact dates, prices and times will be coming soon.

Come join Spencer and Ashley for study on Wednesday nights or Brian and Jennifer on Sunday mornings and afternoons we look forward to seeing you there.

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**MISSIONS  
NEWS**

From Missions Director  
Tammy Rolling

**AAEO National Goal for 2011:  
\$70 Million**



**AAEO Week of Prayer for  
North American Missions  
March 6-13**

We will be collecting for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO) through the months of March and April. 100% of the AAEO offering goes to the support of the more than 5000 missionaries and their work in the United States and Canada. Generally, a third of this number represents career missionaries, a third are short-term funded missionaries, and a third are Mission Service Corps missionaries. Start new churches.

What do these missionaries do?

- ✓ These missionaries Engage in student evangelism on college campuses
- ✓ Serve the physical and spiritual needs of people through inner-city Baptist centers
- ✓ Serve in local Baptist associations as associational missionary or other mission staff
- ✓ Provide training and ministry in apologetics (interfaith witness) evangelism
- ✓ Minister in resort settings such as campgrounds and ski areas
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**GIRLS IN ACTION  
Meet on Wednesday's at 6:30  
PM**

Pray for our Girls in Action (GA) group that meets on Wednesday night. During February, we talked about loving our neighbors. The girls had a great time making snack bags for the adults here on Wednesday night.

**ACTEENS GEAR UP FOR 2011**

Also please pray for the Acteens (teenage girls) as we begin to meet once a month to share God's word and serve Him through mission projects.

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**A Word from  
Wayne Cobb**

*Adult Discipleship  
Training Teacher*

**What is ...  
DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING?**

By definition, a disciple is a follower, one who accepts and assists in spreading the doctrines of another. A Christian disciple is a person who accepts and assists in the spreading of the good news of Jesus Christ. Christian discipleship is the process by which disciples grow in the Lord Jesus Christ and are equipped by the Holy Spirit, who resides in our hearts, to overcome the pressures and trials of this present life and become more and more Christ-like.

Thus, Discipleship Training is the process by which we use to "train disciples".

We gather at the church at 5:30 p.m. each Sunday afternoon and learn what God is teaching us through His Word. The process requires believers to respond to the Holy Spirit's prompting to examine their thoughts, words and actions and compare them with the Word of God. This requires that we be in the Word daily—studying, praying and

obeying what it teaches. I Peter 3:15 (KJV) "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that ask you a reason of the hope that is in you". We need to "always be ready" to share with someone why we are called Christians!

We started Sunday, February 20<sup>th</sup> by looking at several ways for us to be a Christian Disciple by becoming involved in personal growth using the following:

1. Putting Jesus first in all things (Mark 8: 34-38). Being set apart for Christ.
2. Following Jesus' teaching (John 8: 31-32). Be obedient to Him.
3. Fruitfulness (John 15: 5-8). Abide in Christ and He will bear fruit.
4. Love for other disciples (John 13: 34-35). Love other believers.
5. Witness (Matthew 28: 18-20). Share our faith with others.

There were two questions that were asked to the class.....

1. If today were the last day of your life, where would you spend eternity?
2. Suppose this were the last day of your life, you found yourself face to face with God and He asked, "Why should you spend eternity with me"? What would you say to Him?

If you were asked these same questions, what would your answer be?

Please come and join us for Discipleship Training on Sunday afternoon at 5:30 p. m. We will all enjoy learning how we can "Be a Disciple".

May the Lord continue to bless us as we all learn together.

Saved to serve,  
Brother Wayne



**Daylight Savings  
Time Begins  
Sunday – March 13**

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**MUSIC NOTES**

*From Worship Leader  
Kevin Brock*

The Choir is growing so fast. God is truly moving. We have out-grown the Choir loft, but not to be discouraged. The new Sanctuary will hold twice as many. I am excited that you are so interested in praising the Lord in song. God has great things in store for our future. Just a little while longer on the growing pains and then the new sanctuary shall come alive with song for our Lord and Savior.

Calling all singers! It's that time again. Time to tell the story of our Lord's glorious resurrection! This year's production is entitled "More than a Carpenter."

If you asked passersby on the street, "Who was (or is) Jesus Christ?" You would probably get as many answers as people you asked. Some might say that He was a good man, a good teacher, or prophet. Others might add that He was God's Son. Still others might dismiss the question altogether because they find it offensive or too personal. This musical, "More Than a Carpenter" (based on the book of the same name by Josh McDowell), hopefully helps the singer and the listener ask themselves a similar question: "Who was Jesus, and what does He mean to me?" So come enjoy the message, singing and fellowship as the Choir brings you another amazing Cantata!

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**VACATION BIBLE  
SCHOOL**

*June 2011  
Start praying and  
thinking about VBS.*

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### PRAY FOR MISSIONARIES & MISSIONS WE SUPPORT

Matt /Christine Hamb– NTM Papua New Guinea  
 Delora Neese – New Tribes Mission (Retired)  
 Craig/Carleen Olive – Student Ministries/Normal, I  
 Pastor Jiwan - TREC International - India  
 Russ Turner Family – Costa Rica  
 Nobby/Beverly Tajima – Japan  
 Earle/Sheri Myers – NTM - Mexico  
 Community of Hope (ministry of MBA)  
 Samaritan Inn (ministry of MBA)  
 Hayneville Road Elementary School  
 World Help Children

### WMU TEDDY BEAR MINISTRY

And other stuffed animals no more than 10" tall for Montgomery Police Department for a children affected by accidents or situations.



### CHURCH CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

We are moving right along! Our fellowship hall and classrooms are complete. We moved classes into new areas the last Sunday in February.

We plan to begin worship services in the fellowship hall tentatively Sunday March 6<sup>th</sup> as construction begins around the first part of March on our church sanctuary. Sanctuary construction could take 6 to 8 weeks.

Continue to be patient as we work through this exciting, but inconvenient period. Keep a lookout for our visitors and help them find their way around to classes and the worship services.

### OPPORTUNITIES TO WORSHIP

#### Sunday:

9:45 AM Sunday School  
 11:00 AM Morning Worship/Children's Church  
 4:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal  
 5:30 PM Discipleship Training/Bible Study  
 6:30 PM Evening Worship

#### Wednesday:

6:30 PM Bible Study  
 7:30 PM Children & Youth Classes

### First day of Spring March 20



### Welcome New Member



Mrs. Jackie  
 COOPER

### CHURCH WORK DAY Saturday, March 5<sup>th</sup>, 8:00 AM

We have scheduled a work day at the church to clean up and necessary worship furniture moved around. So get some rest and get ready to do some serious work.