



Senior Adults
Young at Heart
Tuesday
April 20th
10 am, Lower Auditorium
skit by Frances Williams
and go to *Catfish Cabin*
for Lunch
Join Us!



Beginning Sunday, April 11th . . .
Ladies Bible Study
4:30 PM in the Sanctuary

April 11th . . .
Video Speaker:
Angela Thomas

April 18th . . .
Speaker: Mary Ellis

April 25th . . .
Speaker: Bayleigh Phillips

(May's speakers to be announced)

WOMEN'S MISSION PROJECT for APRIL
International Student Ministries

20 Welcome bags:
Gallon zip lock bags,
Toilet articles, Gum,
Pencils, Hard Candy.

See Betty Beckler,
Melba Buttram, or
Jane Stewart for
more information.

The Witness

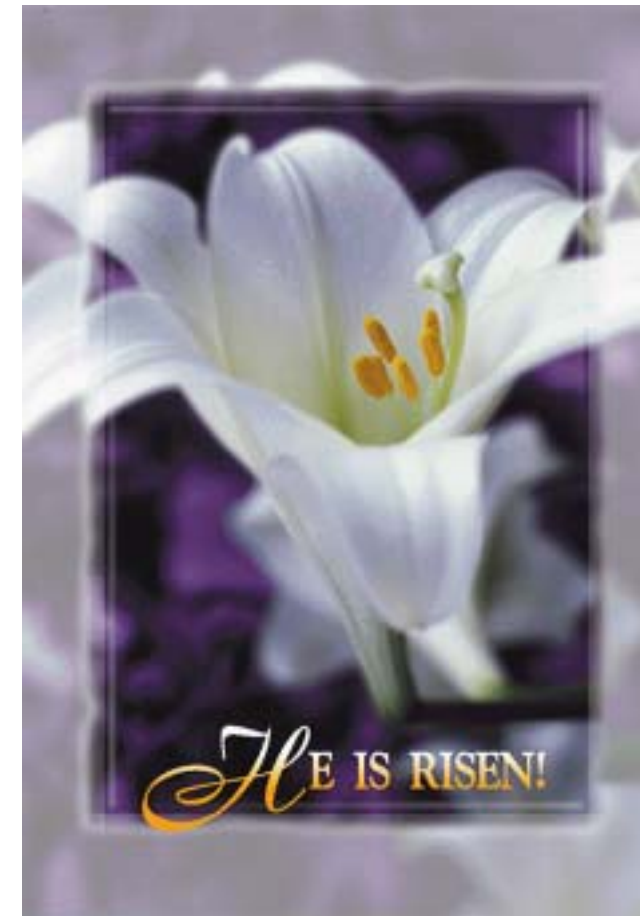
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COME and CELEBRATE Resurrection Sunday April 11th 11 AM

(DEADLINE for presenting information for May WITNESS is Monday, April 26th)

Men's Prayer Breakfast
April 11th

Sunday, April 11th, 8 am
in Fellowship Hall

Speaker: Dr. Alan Cosby
New Superintendent of
Etowah County Schools

All Men Are Invited to Attend



Continuing the Tradition



Capital Funds Giving

Commitments to Date:

\$ 962,760.00

SONSHINE SINGERS

Tuesday, April 6th, 10:00 AM
Meeting at Gadsden HealthCare,
Davis Drive, South Gadsden

CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

Sundays at 5:00 PM
for all children ages 3 - grade 6
April 11th - May 23rd



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April REMINDERS

EASTER SUNDAY, April 4th -
Resurrection Celebration 11 AM
INGATHERING DAY for Annie Armstrong Offering

SONSHINE SINGERS (Senior Adults) Tuesday, April 6th,
10:00 AM, Gadsden HealthCare, South Gadsden

Sunday, April 11th - MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST
8:00 AM, Fellowship Hall, Speaker:

Sunday, April 18th - DR. CAROL SPEARS, 11:00 AM Speaker

Young @ Heart Tuesday, April 20th, 10 am, Lower Auditorium
& Lunch at Catfish Cabin in Albertville

Finance Committee Meeting Wednesday, April 14th
7:00 PM, Conference Room

Deacons Monthly Meeting, Sunday, April 18th, 4:00 pm

Kindergarten End of Year Program, Thursday, April 29th
6:30 PM, in Sanctuary



Mission . . .

Connect to God

- ..to Others
- ..to Ministry
- ..to the Lost

Our Challenge: Every member involved in ministry

Why Give to Annie Armstrong?
Because three out of four people in North America are lost. One hundred percent of dollars given to the AAEO go to support over 5,000 missionaries and their ministries in the United States and Canada.

North American Missions and Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Ingathering Day April 4th Goal \$ 9,000.00



What's so important about Easter? 2,000 years ago, in the Middle East, an event occurred that permanently changed the world. What's so important about Easter? It's important because it proved that Jesus was who He claimed to be. He was God in the flesh, and He came to earth to save us.

Jesus claimed to be the Savior of the world. In John 12:47b, Jesus says, "I did not come to judge the world, but to save the world." He allowed Himself to be put on trial so that there would be no doubt about who He was. After the trial, **He died on the cross with the sin of the world placed upon Him.** When he died, they buried Him, but three days later **He arose, Hallelujah!** You who are reading this newsletter know the story. But it's important to remember that Easter is not some memorial to a nice, good religious teacher who lived 2,000 years ago. **It's a celebration of the fact that He is alive today.** You and I are living proof of the fact that Jesus is alive! Easter is the good news about God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

What does this mean to us today? In one sense, Jesus is still on trial. He's on trial in the heart and mind of every person who has not yet acknowledged Him as their Lord and Savior. What are you going to do about it? Who are you going to invite to come to church with you this Easter? There are people all around us who need Jesus. **Will you invite someone to come with you?**

Bro. Craig

Alleluia!
HE IS ALIVE!

**North American
Missions and
Annie Armstrong
Easter Offering
Ingathering Day
April 4th
Goal \$ 9,000.00**



**MINISTER
OF MUSIC**

- Ronnie



The Lord is really blessing the Chancel Choir here at 12th Street! We are continuing to have new choir members join us, and it is great to have an almost full choir loft on Sunday mornings. But occasionally when I have spoken to others about joining us, someone will say "You don't need me", or "you don't have room for me up there." But guess what...**our current choir loft was built originally to hold 75 singers!** We currently have it set up for 46, but we can move the rail forward and seat up to 75. So we have plenty of room for the Lord to grow our choir in anticipation of our move to the larger building.

Another thing I occasionally hear is "You already have a lot of men - you don't need me." It is one of the strong points of our choir that we have as many men as women singing every Sunday.... sometimes more! I do not know of another minister of music that has that blessing. And that is something we want to keep going. It is exciting to hear 4-part singing, equally balanced with men and women. So we want to keep that good balance as we grow.

Speaking of growing, this year **the Chancel Choir will be presenting the patriotic musical "Homeland" here at our church, as a part of our July 4th celebration.** It is an exciting musical, with a dynamic DVD presentation. Right now would be a great time for anyone considering joining us to begin. We have just barely begun working on this musical, and anyone who joins us in the next 2-3 weeks will have plenty of time to learn this musical with us. **So come Wednesday night at 6pm to the choir suite, get your practice CD and book, and begin learning this musical along with us!**

Our Senior Adult Council Young@Heart Officers elected for 2010: President: Winston Williams; Vice President: Bud Stewart; Secretary/Treasurer: Marie Haygood. **Join us for fun and fellowship this month!**

Our Young @ Heart Meeting will be **Tuesday, April 20th, 10 AM** in Lower Auditorium, beginning with a skit by Frances Williams and then going to lunch @ Catfish Cabin in Albertville.

Our **Senior Adult Luncheon** will be Sunday, May 2nd, SENIOR ADULT DAY. Reservations needed for lunch!
Alan and Cheryl Mooror will present our program. Meal catered by Tony's. Make your reservations!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL will be **June 14-18, 9 am-12 noon**, for children ages 4 thru grade 5. **Workers are needed** for: Nursery (for workers' children, 3 & under); 4/5 year olds class; Grades 1 - 2 Department; Grades 3 - 5 Department; Crafts and Missions helpers. **Etowah Baptist's VBS Clinic is April 22nd, 6 pm** at College Heights Baptist Church in Glencoe.

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On Sunday mornings we have been studying about the purpose and reliability of God's Word- The Bible. We know that we can trust it to be not only a unique book, but more importantly The Book of Truth, The Book of Life, and the Book for Life. We have challenged our students to spend time each day reading and studying God's Word. Experience for yourself how God can speak to you through His Word! **Next Sunday will begin a new four week study series on temptation called "The Devil Made Me Do It".**

On Wednesday nights, I have been teaching on the theology of the cross. It has been so exciting to dig into Scripture with you as we examine together the significance of the cross. It was more than just a great event. We can see how God's plan for redemption began to unfold in the Old Testament to the actual event in the New Testament. **Exciting stuff! You don't want to miss Sunday School or Wednesday Night Full Access! Great things are happening!**

-Information about exciting Spring and Summer activities coming very soon!

-Please be in prayer for the second annual Night of Champions May 18th. I'll need your help!

Zac



THE REAL MEANING OF THE CROSS

"At the cross we understand what God means when He talks of loving us, begin to take it in that there is nothing that He will not do, no sacrifice He will not make, no suffering that He will shirk, if only He can help us. 'He loved me,' said Paul, standing upon Calvary and gazing in a stunned way at the cross, 'I who was a persecutor, and a blasphemer, and injurious, and yet He loved me and He gave himself for me.' And with that [Paul's] heart broke, and the old life was gone." - Scottish preacher Arthur John Gossip, in a 1926 sermon.



I can hear it on the wind and feel it in the air, Christians don't you worry, But all sinners should beware.

The time is almost here, It can happen any day, I know the Lord is coming, to take His children away.

In the twinkling of an eye the trumpets are gonna sound, the Heavens will open up and our Lord will come down. He's coming back home to get you and me, We're going up to Heaven all the wonders to see.

The graves will open up and the dead in Christ will rise, They'll be shouting and singing as we journey to the sky. There's Mom and Dad and Granny along with all the rest, Hallelujah what a reunion, it will be the very best.

As I journey upward to a meeting in the air, I look down below me and see sinners everywhere.

Christians are leaving for a meeting in the sky, Sinners it's too late to worry and no use to cry.

I see the pearly gates and they're swinging open wide, my Savior is standing there beckoning me inside.

As I walk through the gates there's a feeling of Heaven's Jubilee, God's presence is everywhere and wonders to see.

Glory, Glory, Glory to His Name, Glory Hallelujah I'll never be the same. I'll walk the streets of gold and sail the crystal sea, Because my Blessed Savior took all my sins from me.

From the pen of Bro. Wallace



**LIVING WITH CONFIDENCE
IN A CHAOTIC WORLD**

by Dr. David Jeremiah

Study Begins Sunday, April 11th

4:30 PM in Cobb Chapel/Parlor



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:



**AND THE LORD ADDED TO
THEIR NUMBER . . .**
Acts 2:47

BY LETTER:

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