



The Beacon

Newsletter of Southport Baptist Church

January

“Brunswick County For Christ”

2012

Greeting SBC Friends and Family,

In this issue of The Beacon Newsletter you will be reading the forth testimony in a series of five that was given by an anonymous person in our church. If you would like to know whose testimony this is and hear the conclusion please attend our ‘Celebration of Life Sunday’ service this Sunday morning, January 15th at 8:30am in the Christian Ministry Center and/or 11:00am in the Sanctuary.

The Congregation Connection Card has a ‘Question of the Week’ each week that we would really like for you to answer for us. The answers are used to help us get to know the needs and desires within our church. Sometimes the responses are actually questions that can be answered in the Beacon Newsletter. One such question was asked on December 11th. The question was “What question would you like to ask about our church?”. The responding question/answer was “Why can’t we have one service blended with contemporary and standard music and worship?”. The answer is quite complex and requires more than a paragraph to answer, therefore Pastor Jason will be answering this question in the next issue of the Beacon Newsletter where he will have more room to answer. I’m sure it will be very interesting and well worth the wait.

The Southport Baptist Church Staff

Part IV: Living with the Unspeakable Sin

The year was 1984 and the Democratic Convention was underway. Pro Choice or Pro Life was the issue of the day and my phone rang before breakfast. It was no later than 7:30, the kids hadn’t even gotten on the school bus yet and a bible study friend was calling to invite me to join her and some others in a silent anti-abortion march downtown that morning. “I’ll call you back,” I quickly told her, “after I get the kids on the bus.” And then I hit my knees! “Oh God what should I do?”

“Cast all your burdens upon the Lord because he cares for you.” I Peter 5:7

So I went; and I marched; and I never told my friend my story, the story I always held inside; and God worked a miracle in me that day. It was as if the last page of the book of guilt I had kept open for so long was shut. I took a stand against abortion. I took a public stand. God didn’t ask me to decide what I would do if faced with that same dilemma again...like I kept beating myself up with. What would I do today? What would I do again? He didn’t ask me to tell anyone that I didn’t want to tell. He didn’t ask me to go work with women trying to make the decision for themselves today and strive to dissuade them from their decision to abort.

There are those of you who have been touched one way or another by abortion. And the hurt you feel if you’re a woman is a pain others can’t really understand. They try, but they’ve never walked in your shoes.

God didn’t ask me to tell my story before now. But it’s been thirty-eight years of healing and now he has called me to speak out. I feel the responsibility to share my story in the hopes that it may help someone else heal...help someone else know God’s forgiving peace. My story is one of restoration. Join me in worship January 15th as I share how this restoration continues to live through me each and every day.



Thank you for a wonderful financial year at Southport Baptist Church. We saw a cash flow challenge during the late Summer and Fall, which necessitated prior approvals for larger purchases, but the year ended well. The General Fund received a total of \$492,886.94 towards our projected \$500,000 budget. 2011 actual spending of \$493,992.54 slightly exceeded the receipts of \$492,886.94.

While SBC gave 10 % (\$49,288.70) towards missions through the budget to the Baptist State Convention of NC; Brunswick Baptist Association; Local Missions and Human Need & Food Pantry overseen by the Southport Oak Island InterChurch Fellowship, an additional \$34,411.01 was given to missions, including Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, NC State Missions, Operation Christmas Child, and Mission Trips - A total of \$83,699.71 to missions in 2011.

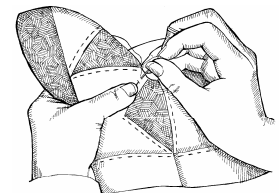
\$44,526.68 was paid toward the CMC loan principal in 2011 taking the balance from \$364,944.63 to \$320,417.95. Please remember Building Fund for memorials/honorariums and extra giving over your tithes. If every resident member of SBC gave \$500 this year over and above their normal giving to the budget, this debt would be eliminated in 2012.

2012 offers SBC a tremendous opportunity in reaching Brunswick County for Christ. The 2012 Budget of \$536,200 reflects an increase of \$38,553 in the areas of missions and ministry. Thank you for being a part of Southport Baptist Church. I challenge you to make 2012 the best year ever.

Report prepared by Financial Secretary

Quilting will begin again starting Thursday, January 12 from 9am-12 in the CMC.

Anyone 12 years old and up is welcome to join us. No previous sewing experience is required. Contact Fauna Schaub for details at 253-2367 or email at fschaub@atmc.net



QUILTING GROUP



Are you looking for a Sunday School class? Are you ready to live out Gods Word daily? If so, Chuck and Cindy Silvey have the class for you! "Gold Miner's Connection" begins at 9:45am in the CMC. This will be a time of "mining for gold" in God's Word. Please come join them and learn together how to minister to bring "Brunswick County to Christ".

Thank you to The Bellamy Group who has given a Glider & Ottoman to the nursery. This is in preparation for the onset of new babies being born within our congregation. As the Bible says in 1 John 3-1: *How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called the children of God!*



2011 Contribution Statements are available for pick-up in the Office workroom. Please pick up on Sunday or any time you are in Southport. The church office is open Monday through Friday from 8 am until 3 pm.

2012 offering envelopes have been distributed. If you did not receive your envelopes or would like to receive a pack, please email finance@southportbaptist.org or call 457-6816.

Winter Discipleship Classes

All classes are Wednesday at 6:15pm in the CMC

Unveiling Mary Magdalene: Discover the Gospel truth about the most myth understood woman of the New Testament. Was Mary Magdalene a prostitute? An adulteress? The wife of Jesus? An ancient goddess? Liz Curtis Higgs, best selling author of *Bad Girls of the Bible*, and *Really Bad Girls of the Bible* combines heartfelt contemporary fiction with Biblical research to bring to life the real Mary Magdalene of the Bible. Facilitators- Allison Brendle and Vicky Click

Twelve Timeless Voices: Hosea to Malachi. Let's study the minor prophets, what they saw, what they said, how they felt, and most importantly how they were transformed in a way that has relevance for us. Pointing the way to Jesus, these men and their timeless messages continue to impact us today. Study workbook optional. Facilitator- Linda Hilaman

Core. This class will be exploring the heart and history of Christianity beliefs. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall in the CMC. The book, "Core Convictions," will cost \$5. Facilitator – Pastor Jason

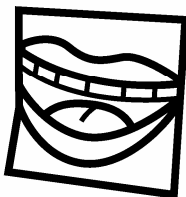
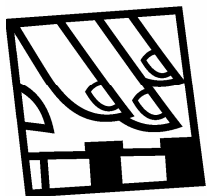
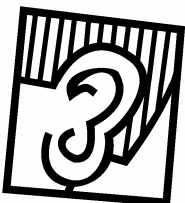
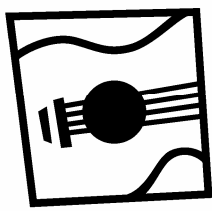
The men's class will continue with Men's Fraternity/Winning at Home and Work. These classes will continue through February 2012. The men will then start a four week class of the same format focused on understanding our spouse. Facilitator – Michael Cunningham at 6:15pm in room 202 of the CMC.

MUSIC

To sing in the Choir, you do not have to be a soloist.

You do not have to read music.

We do need your help.



There are drama needs. We need people to help with acting, costumes, props, and lighting. This is another way you can be a part of the program. See John Bible or see Phyllis Zyrkle for more information about how you can be involved.

I would also like to mention that the choir sings early in the 11:00 service so that all of the 8:30 worshippers who would like to join us may do so. There is a time where everyone stands and shakes hands and greets; at that time the choir exits the choir loft to either go home or sit in the congregation.

MINISTRY

KIDS PRAISE MOVEMENT is alive and well. We are having an exciting time in that room. This year we are looking forward to branching out even more to include drama, new instruments, and some other surprises. Parents, please

get your child's short orders in to John or Sandy ASAP! I would like for the kids to sing in the services around the beginning of November.

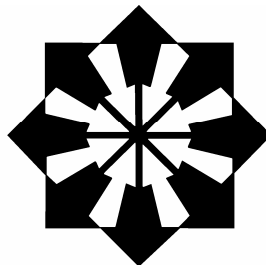
AUDIO/VIDEO/LIGHTING needs: We need some volunteers for the 8:30 service to help run the technology. If you are creative, technically inclined, or have a functional index finger, then we have a spot for you. Training is available. See John Bible or Jerry Dykus if you can help.

ARTISTS/PAINTERS: if you enjoy painting and would like to use that gift to share with others, we have some upcoming opportunities for that new ministry as well. See John Bible or Francesca Clemons for details.

SIGNING and INTERPRETERS: if you know sign language and are interested in using that skill to help the church reach Brunswick county for Christ, then we have some opportunities for you as well. See John Bible or Jamye Tate for more details.



Due to the cost and time involved with mailing your Beacon Newsletter through the U.S. Postal Service we would like to ask you to sign up to receive your copy of the Beacon Newsletter by email. You will also receive our Weekly Update about what's going on within our church and community. Please call 457-6816, email secretary@souportbaptist.org or let us know by filling out the Congregation Connection Card in Sundays Bulletin.



**IN REACH
OUTREACH**

Our church has been participating in the Interchurch Fellowship Sunday morning worship services at Doshier and Ocean Trail for many years. We have always been willing and enthusiastic about our service to our neighbors at Doshier and Ocean Trail.

We will be doing the morning worship Services at Doshier and Ocean Trail Sundays in February. It would be wonderful if eight different Sunday School classes signed up, thus allowing more of our congregation to participate in this mission outreach effort.

To sign up see your Sunday School Teacher who should have a sign up sheet. Choices will be considered in the order in which they are received.

Our church will be hosting the Interchurch Fellowship Meeting on February 21. Lunch begins at 12:30pm and the meeting starts at 1:00pm and is usually over around 2:00pm. If you would like to know more about the programs and outreach ministries that are sponsored by the fellowship come and join us. Our Hospitality and Decorating Committees will be decorating and serving lunch.

SBC will be hosting the Interchurch Fellowship Ash Wednesday Service and lunch on February 22 beginning at 12:00pm. Once again our Hospitality and Decorating Committees will be decorating and serving lunch.



Singing in the Sun Festival at Myrtle Beach, Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30 P.M. Guest speaker: Dr. David Jeremiah, Christian Groups, Hoppers, Gold City, Jeff & Sheri Easter and Harvesters Tickets are \$25.50 payable in advance to Joan Morrison. Please call 454-4462 for more information. We will be taking the church bus. The deadline to order tickets is February 15th.

Many believers mistakenly believe that attending morning service in a large group with a sermon and music is all they need?

We will never be able to hire enough professional pastors to meet all the individual needs in our church family?

The book of Acts is very clear about how God intends for His people to grow and have their needs met in the church?

Make 2012 the year to learn how to apply your Bible studies to your daily life through discussion and sharing.

Make 2012 the year to join a small group for the Christian fellowship and support you need during trying times.

Make 2012 the year to join a Sunday School class.

CHURCH CALENDAR: January 11 – February 7, 2012

Wednesday, January 11

4:15 PM Senior Adult Meeting in CMC Conference Room
5:15 PM Fellowship Supper
6:00 PM Prayer Service
6:00 PM Middle School Youth
6:15 PM Kid's Praise Movement
6:15 PM Preschool Choir
6:15 PM Discipleship Classes
6:45-7:30 PM GA's, RA's, & Mission Friends
7:30 PM High School Youth
7:30 PM Easter Cantata and Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 12

9:00 AM-12:00 PM SBC Quilters in CMC Conference Room
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30 PM Missions Meeting

Saturday, January 14

9:00 AM-1:00 PM CEL 2 in CMC Conference Room
2:00 PM-4:00 PM Praise Team Practice in CMC
4:00 PM Praise Team Auditions in CMC

Sunday, January 15

CELEBRATION OF LIFE SUNDAY

8:30 AM Encounter Service – CMC
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Celebration Service– Sanctuary
2:00 PM-5:00 PM Baby Shower Sara Fennel in CMC
6:00 PM Youth 180
6:30 PM Church Conference

Monday, January 16

6:30 PM BYW Meeting

Tuesday, January 17

8:30- 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Prayer in the Chapel
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
9:30-11:00 AM Community Bible Study in CMC
6:30 PM Youth Council Meeting

Wednesday, January 18

5:15 PM Fellowship Supper to Benefit Missions in Guatemala
6:00 PM Prayer Service
6:00 PM Middle School Youth
6:15 PM Kid's Praise Movement
6:15 PM Preschool Choir
6:15 PM Discipleship Classes
6:45-7:30 PM GA's, RA's, & Mission Friends
7:30 PM High School Youth
7:30 PM Easter Cantata and Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 19

9:00 AM-12:00 PM SBC Quilters in CMC Conference Room
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry

Saturday, January 21

9:30 AM-11:30 AM Praise Team Practice

Sunday, January 22

8:30 AM Encounter Service – CMC
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Celebration Service– Sanctuary
4:00 PM Youth Group-Parent and Volunteer Training in CMC
6:00 PM Youth 180
6:30 PM Evening Service

Monday, January 23

10:00 AM-1:00 PM Church Plant Meeting in CMC

Tuesday, January 24

8:30- 9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Prayer – Chapel
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
9:30-11:00 AM Community Bible Study in CMC
6:30 PM Children's Workers Meeting in Educational Building

Wednesday, January 25

5:15 PM Fellowship Supper
6:00 PM Prayer Service
6:00 PM Middle School Youth
6:15 PM Kid's Praise Movement
6:15 PM Preschool Choir
6:15 PM Discipleship Classes
6:45-7:30 PM GA's, RA's, & Mission Friends
7:30 PM High School Youth
7:30 PM Easter Cantata and Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, January 26

9:00 AM-12:00 PM SBC Quilters in CMC Conference Room
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl Ministry
6:30 PM Weekday Preschool Meeting

Saturday, January 28

9:30 AM-11:30 AM Praise Team Practice

Sunday, January 29

PRAYER SHAWL SUNDAY

8:30 AM Encounter Service – CMC
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Celebration Service– Sanctuary
5:00 PM Prayer Ministry Meeting in Conference in CMC Room
6:00 PM Youth 180
6:30 PM Evening Service

Tuesday, January 31

8:30 AM-9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Prayer – Chapel
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
9:30 AM-11:00 AM Community Bible Study in CMC
10:30 AM-1:00 PM Men's Power Lunch-ISI's Glenn Wagner to Speak
6:30 PM Long Range Planning Meeting in CMC Conference Room

Wednesday, February 1

5:15 PM Fellowship Supper
6:00 PM Prayer Service
6:00 PM Middle School Youth
6:15 PM Kid's Praise Movement
6:15 PM Preschool Choir
6:15 PM Discipleship Classes
6:45-7:30 PM GA's, RA's, & Mission Friends
7:30 PM High School Youth
7:30 PM Easter Cantata and Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, February 2

9:00 AM-12:00 PM SBC Quilters in CMC Conference Room
1:00 PM Prayer Shawl

Saturday, February 4

9:00 AM-1:00 PM Church Building and Grounds Work Day

Sunday, February 5

8:30 AM Encounter Service – CMC
9:30 AM Ocean Trails Morning Service
10:00 AM Doshier Hospital Morning Service
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM Celebration Service– Sanctuary
6:00 PM Youth 180
6:30 PM Evening Service

Monday, February 6

5:00 PM Personnel Meeting in CMC Room 114
7:00 PM Bellamy Meeting in CMC

Tuesday February 7

8:30 AM-9:30 AM Tuesday Morning Prayer – Chapel
9:30 AM Staff Meeting
9:30 AM-11:00 AM Community Bible Study in CMC
1:00 PM Hewett Group
6:30 PM Deacons Meeting in CMC Conference Room

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PROVERBS 27:17

As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens
the countenance of his friend.

Southport Baptist Church

Welcomes you to a

Men's Power Lunch

with

Glenn Wagner

of

Iron Sharpens Iron

Tuesday, January 31

10:30am-1:00pm

