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MAY IS DESIGNATED AS THE MONTH FOR MOTHERS



We will celebrate our mothers, young and older, on Sunday, May 13th. We hope that you will invite your mother to join in our worship service at 11:00 AM and we hope that you will make plans yourself to honor her in some special way on her day.

MOTHER’S DAY ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

Saturday, May 12
10:00 AM-12 Noon
Crafts, games, snacks
Children will be making something for their moms
Ages 2-5th grade
Sponsored and led by Samaria Youth



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL NEEDS

Needs List:
Denim, flannel, tapestry fabric, and pinking shears

During Samaria 2012 VBS, children, youth and adults will be involved in making “Projects with a Purpose.”

Children and Youth, along with their parents, will participate in a ‘cutting party.’ We will cut fabric from patterns provided by “Sole Hope.” Sole Hope is a non-profit agency based in Asheville, NC. We will cut out shoe uppers that will be taken to Africa, to be sewn by Sole Hope shoemakers. These shoes protect the children’s feet from disease and injury for those children living in poverty.

Please save your old jeans by cutting away the pockets, zippers, and waist band. Bring clean fabric and place it in baskets provided in the Connector. Thank you.

Rocky Point Lighthouse

Where Kids Shine God’s Light!

PASTOR'S CORNER

From Me To You...

.....the other day I received ,in the mail, a letter from the Honda corporation advising me that it was time to update my Honda Navigation system. It went on to remind me that my navigational system is "designed to show you the optimal route to your destination," and that my old navigation map DVD is outdated. What a world we live in today! Just a few evenings ago I went to "Google Earth" and traveled down to Key West Florida. I zoomed down to the east side of Key West to a place called "Stock Island." In the early days of Key West this location was used to keep livestock, hence the name "Stock Island." It was where Lynn and I lived from January 1968 to May of 1969. Google Earth allow me to zoom down right to street level, I traveled down the very roads that I drove 45 years ago and found the exact lot that our first home (a new 12'x40' trailer) was located. The trailer is no longer there, and the lot is not as well kept as it was when we occupied the same spot but it brought back wonderful memories. We have the capability of seeing things almost anywhere in the world now through technology. We have systems that promise us that they will "show you the optimal route to your destination." However, we have another source that will reveal to us the optimal route to our destination. It's called "The Bible." Last night I shared with our members at our weekly Wednesday night Bible Study that when you begin your day reading from God's word it will make your life more successful. It will not keep you from the ups and downs of life, however, it will provide you with an unending source of strength, comfort and directions. We have the ability now to zoom down from space, via satellite technology, and see where we were or where we would like to go. One day we might have that same capability from a Heavenly perspective. The one thing that is sure is that if we live by God's Word we will never have to "purchase any kind of navigational system" that would reveal our optimal route to the hereafter. We will know with certainty that we have a Heavenly home, made for us not with human hands. If you

do not read your Bible on a daily basis I would challenge you to begin tomorrow morning or evening and see how it can change your day. It's the greatest navigational tool I know and it's free! See you in Bible Study and Church this Sunday, and Wednesday evening Bible Study during the coming week. God Bless Charles

LEAD TEAM NOMINATIONS

Since the first Sunday in April, we have had nomination sheets available for you to nominate for our Lead Team for the coming year. At the time of this publication, we have received a very limited number of returned sheets. **This is an important part of your church membership—both the responsibility of nominating and/or agreeing to serve if you are asked.** The team leaders, along with their committees, represent various groups in our church who recommend programs to be carried out during the church year. Please pray that when you nominate that you are following God's direction. Also remember that prior to putting your nomination on paper, you should ask the nominee if he/she would be willing to serve in that particular job. **Even those members listed below who are currently serving should be asked whether they would serve before they are nominated.** Just because they currently serve, does not mean that they will be able to do so in the coming year. Nomination is for each Lead Team area is required before they can be brought before the church for a vote.

Here is a current listing of our Lead Team:

Administrative Ministry: Sally Perdue
Worship Ministry: Theresa Pulley
Missions Ministry: Joyce Wilson
Evangelism Ministry: Laura Pendergraft
Teaching Ministry: Eddie Pollard
Fellowship Ministry: Brantley Peoples
Youth Ministry: Shannon Johnson
Children's Ministry: Lynn Johnson
Moderator: Jim Burchette
Vice Moderator: Sally Perdue
Church Clerk: Winnie Peoples

Our last Sunday for entering nominees will be this Sunday, April 29th. Please make this a prayerful priority in your church life.



The Handyman Ministry Samaria Baptist Church

The Baptist Men of our church have started a "Handyman Ministry" to assist the members of our congregation that are either unable, or unprepared to tend to minor repairs and/or work projects around their home. If you have a need contact the church office. A member of our Handyman Ministry team will contact you to determine if the project is something that our group can do. If we can take care of the need, we will schedule a date and time. Some of the projects we can assist with are: Minor electrical, plumbing, painting, yard work, cleaning/moving, handicap ramps. Men! Watch of details of our next "Handyman Project!"

Call the church office if you have a need.

\$\$\$ Non-Sufficient Funds \$\$\$

During the past year, there have been several occurrences where church member's personal checks for tithes and offerings have been returned for non-sufficient funds (NSF) While this is embarrassing to the check writer, it also results in an overdraft fee for the member *and* the church, and Samaria is unable to use the intended gift unless it is made good at a later date. Checkbook and bank errors have happened to most of us at one time or another, but we trust that you will want to be faithful stewards of the resources God has entrusted to you and promptly correct any NSF issues with the church as soon as you are made aware of them You might consider adding a note such as "NSF Make-Up" to your subsequent check or envelope to assure proper accounting, or you can handle it through the church office. Also, please be reminded that cash offerings are credited on your annual statement from the church as long as they are made in an offering envelope with your name or pre-assigned number on it. That statement is a valid receipt for tax purposes. Thank you for you attention to this important matter.

Finance Committee



ONLINE PRAYER MINISTRY

Our pastor has started an Online Prayer Ministry "OPM" for members that have access to a computer and would like to be a part of this online prayer team. This will be for request either emailed to the pastor or passed to him by conversation or telephone. The only requirements are that each OPM member pray for the request forwarded to them and that all prayer requests be kept confidential. The pastor will not be sending out a "prayer list" only special prayer needs that you can add to any prayer list you maintain at your home. This OPM does not replace our Wednesday or Sunday prayer list. Just let the pastor know that you would like to be included in this new prayer ministry.

COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The Church Office request that you notify us of upcoming Committee meeting as soon as a date and time are established. We would like to have plenty of time for publishing your meeting to help secure the best attendance possible. For the bulletin, we need the information no later than 12:30 PM on Wednesday, and for the upcoming calendar and the newsletter, we need the information no later than the 15th of the previous month. Thank you for your assistance.



YARD SALE ITEMS NEEDED FOR MAY 19TH

Our annual Church Yard Sale is scheduled for Saturday, May, 19th. Begin to look for items that you can donate to our yard sale. Items can be taken to Sally Perdue's for storage. Contact Sally to let her know you are going to drop items off. Proceeds will go to our Baptist Men's Handyman budget.

YOUTH CAR WASH/BAKE SALE



SATURDAY, MAY 19TH

Drop by the church on the same Saturday as our Yard Sale and help the youth with their Car Wash/Bake sale to help off-set the expense of their mission trip later this year to Shelby NC. If you can provide cakes, cookies etc. for the bake sale, contact Shannon Johnson.



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Please do not forget that there are "hard" copies of this newsletter in the Foyer and in the Connector for those of you who do not use email.



Triple S Meets

Roy Roper will be with us for Triple S on Wednesday, May 2nd. Everyone needs to bring the flower pot or planter they would like to fill. Also, we will be enjoying a pizza lunch at the cost of \$3.00 per person. This has become a tradition that is always enjoyed. We encourage you to invite your friends to be a part of this activity and prepare to watch your planters grow with beautiful color as we go into Spring and Summer.

Memorial Day Observance Sunday, May 27, 2012

On Sunday morning, May 27th, during our morning worship service we will be recognizing those that served our country, past and present. If you would like to bring pictures and memorabilia pertaining to your soldier from your family, then bring them to the sanctuary prior to our service. This is always a special day in the life of our country and our church family.



RECOGNITION OF OUR SENIOR ADULTS MAY 6, 2012



We are very blessed at Samaria to have the opportunity to interact with both the young and our older senior adults. For us our Seniors represent our strength and our heritage, and the many wonderful opportunities that have become a part of Samaria. They have given and shared of their time and talents to reach into our community and around the world for Christ, thus, setting a wonderful example for all. On Sunday, May 6th, we have set aside time for them to be recognized in our morning worship. We hope that all of our Senior Adults will be present, and we encourage everyone to invite your family and friends to come to help us honor them. Thank you, Senior Adults, for all that you do!!!!

UP COMING EVENTS

- ** May 2** 10:00 am Triple S Meets
12:30 pm Bulletin Info Due
5:45 pm Fellowship Meal and
other services as per
usual schedule
- **May 6** Regular Schedule for
Sunday Morning Worship
4:00 pm Deacons Meet
- **May 9**
10:00 am Triple S Meets
12:30 pm Bulletin Info Due
5:45 pm Fellowship Meal and
other services as per
usual schedule
- **May 13 Mother's Day**
Regular Schedule for
Sunday Morning Worship 12:15 pm Serve at The Helen
Wright Center and Youth Meet
- **May 15 Deadline for Information for the June Calendar/
Newsletter**
- **May 16** 9:00 am Triple S to Gate
way for Breakfast
12:30 pm Bulletin Info Due
5:45 pm Fellowship/Meal and other
services as per usual schedule
- ** May 19 Yard Sale at Sally
Perdue's
And Youth Carwash/Bake Sale at
the Church**
- **May 20** Regular Schedule for
Sunday Morning Worship
4:00 pm Lead Team Meets
- ** May 23** 12:30 pm Bulletin Info
Due
5:45 pm Fellowship Meal and other
services as per usual schedule
- ** May 27** Regular Schedule for
Sunday Morning Worship
12:15 pm Youth Meet-Bring Lunch
Money
- **May 30** 12:30 pm Bulletin Info
Due
5:45 pm Fellowship Meal and other
services as per usual schedule