

CEDAR GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH

NEWSLETTER — APRIL 2016



PASTOR'S CORNER

Rom 15:13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

The winter season is almost gone and summer is coming on quickly. We will have lots of opportunities to be outside, planting gardens and mowing yards, playing with kids and in general just enjoying the weather. I would encourage each of us to continue to look for ways to witness to our neighbors and friends, sowing in hope and believing God can, and will, touch those around us.

Some might say what is the use? I have tried to be a good witness and nobody ever comes. There just doesn't seem to be anything happening. Let's examine that thought and see if we are thinking soberly about the situation.

As I look at God's good hand upon our church, I am amazed at several things. To began with, where He has brought us from. When I first came to Cedar Grove there were a handful of discouraged people who had been without a pastor for a very long time. The building itself was very dated, and in general, the people were very tired and basically just holding on.

Today, we have a lot of people who are tired and maybe even discouraged because they are looking at what they wish would happen instead of being encouraged by what has happened, and really looking at what God is doing now. God has reconditioned our building and while there are things that need to be done, like the bathrooms and play area, He has transformed our building into an inviting place.

Our younger members are busy revamping our website and while there are no visible changes yet, they are busy redoing the entire webpage. Some of you may not know this but several of the people who have visited our church in the past found us by this website, so this is an important part of our ministry. I would encourage you to continue to stay in contact with this page.

<http://www.cedargrovebaptistchurch.net>

We have also had several people try to get something started for our children. This too is a very important part of ministry. For those of you who have a burden for this and have earnestly tried to start something, I would encourage you to get involved with Laramie and help him, remembering how discouraging it is alone. It is about benefitting our children, encouraging one another, and bringing glory to our God. These children are the future of the Church, as well as America.

God has continued to bless our church with mission opportunities; Kentucky in 2008 and again this year, St Vincent in 2010 and 2014, Jamaica 2012 and New York 2014. Not to mention the Christmas boxes, prison packets, supply barrels, CUOC, Baptist Children's home, as well as numerous other opportunities.

We have many upcoming opportunities happening; we will host the Pastor's Prayer Breakfast on April 26, we need volunteers to help. Cedar Grove will host the Randolph Quarterly Meetings in August, we need volunteers. Randolph Association will have a Tent Revival in August, volunteers are needed. So there are lots of opportunities to get involved.

The future, as God's people we should be looking at what God is accomplishing. Seeking from Him a vision for what He has in store for the future, and looking past the mundane and discouragement, rejoicing in the fact that God has seen fit to place each one of us in His service to impact the world around us, and serve Him in this church. What an awesome responsibility and great privilege!

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HOPE BOXES



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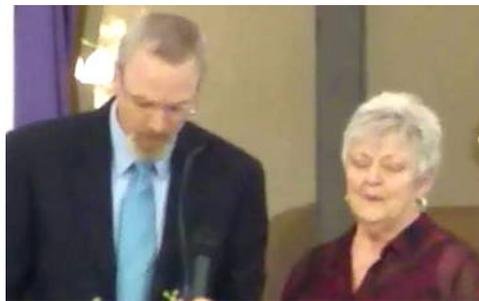
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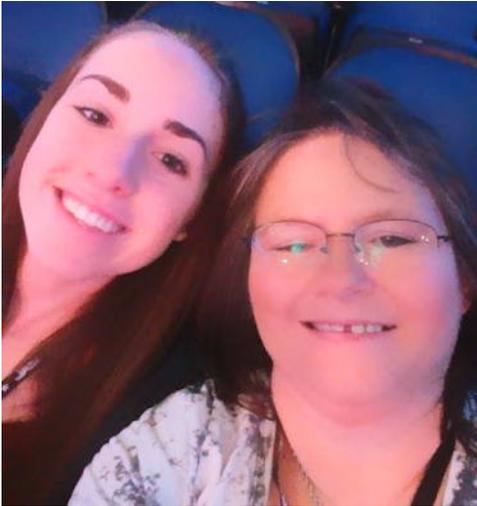
BIRTHDAYS

Ryan Camp	10 April
T J Owens	09 April
Evelynne Azurdia	11 April
Buddy Grainger	22 April
Trish Carter	27 April
Jack Caviness	01 May

SONG SERVICE 02-29-2016



WINTER JAM



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