

MORE BLESSED TO GIVE

We have all heard the statement made by our Lord, "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). After seeing the outpouring of love through monetary donations, necessities, time and energy in the aftermath of the worst outbreak of storms this area has endured, I can believe it. Our area, both churches and individuals were on the scene within hours delivering supplies, feeding residents and helping in whatever ways they could. Members from this congregation have been to Phil Campbell, Hackleburg, East Franklin, Athens, Hodges, Haleyville, Cullman, Hatton, Moulton and Hillsboro. There may be even more I'm not aware of. Many others have stayed at the building countless hours receiving the donations, waving down traffic, answering the phones and sorting out donations.

EVERYTHING YOU HAVE DONE HAS BEEN APPRECIATED!

I wish I could name each individual but I would miss someone. I have never been prouder of this congregation for stepping up in this time of need. Thanks for your support.

"Our people must also learn to engage in good deeds to meet pressing needs, so that they will not be unfruitful" (Titus 3:14)

Ben

If you have contacts in Tornado zones that may need supplies please give them this contact information. These calls and emails will be received at the church building but by volunteers from area churches. This is a network set up by several churches in this area and being headquartered at Highland Park. This is to help take the load off of the office staff so the regular work of the church can be continued.



MADNESS IN MAY

Madness in May is still on at Maywood Christian Camp. We will leave here next Saturday at 7:30 to leave. We should be back by 5:00 pm. Eat breakfast before you come and bring your Bible! Everything else will be provided.

MISSION TO SOUTH FLORIDA

Everything is still on for our trip to South Florida in July. We need to know absolutely if you are going to make this trip or not and so we are asking that the first \$150 be paid by next Sunday. We MUST make a rooming list to be sent to Disney World and at that point everything will be set in stone. Some have already paid in full and some on the list have yet to pay at all. To ensure your spot we need those payments by next Sunday, May 15. If you have questions about how much you have paid please email Ben at BENLHAYES@YAHOO.COM. Thank you for understanding.

If you are a Senior or parent of a Senior in high school or college please let us know about their graduating. Also, email Ben at the address above the dates upcoming that would be available for you to have the graduation banquet. Thank you.



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Prayers Were Answered

Last week we were deeply concerned when we learned of the devastating storms which hit much of Alabama and surrounding areas on Wednesday evening. It was several days before we were able to confirm whether any Highland Park members, their families or their property, were damaged or hurt. We prayed not, and it seems that our prayers were answered. We have learned since that a few of you lost members of your extended family, but so far as we know now no one who attends Highland Park was killed or badly injured. We are indeed grateful for God's mercy to you all.

Storms like these remind us of our frailty and also of God's power and might. Many question how a loving God can allow righteous people to suffer in this way. We cannot know all the answers to such questions. In the book of Job, Elihu reminds us, "Behold, God is mighty, but despises no one; He is mighty in strength of understanding." "He does not preserve the life of the wicked, but gives justice to the oppressed. He does not withdraw His eyes from the righteous, but they are on the throne with Kings, for He has seated them forever, and they are exalted" (Job 36:5-7).

Paul puts it like this: "And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose" (Romans 8:28). God is good. He does love us. He will bring blessings to us, even though we may first know sorrow and grief (Romans 5:3-5).

Faith is often difficult. We face many challenges. Yet faith rewards and blesses those who persist in it. "Therefore my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Corinthians 15:58).

M.E.B

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SERVICE SCHEDULE:

SUNDAY:

9:00am Bible Class
10:00am Worship
5:30pm Prayer Session
6:00pm Worship

WEDNESDAY:

7:00pm Bible Class

The Record You Help Make

Bible Class NC
AM Worship327
PM Worship 163
Contribution..... \$10,375
Child Care.....\$108



WHAT MAKES UP A MOTHER

Proverbs 31

HER VALUE ...Her price is far above rubies

HER TRUSTWORTHINESS...The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her

HER SUPPORTIVENESS...She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life

HER PRODUCTIVITY... She seeketh for wool and flax and worketh willingly with her hands.

HER SACRIFICE...She riseth also while it is yet night and giveth meat to her household

HER STRENGTH...She girdeth her loins with strength and strengtheneth her arms

HER COMPASSION...She stretcheth her hands to the poor and the needy

HER INDUSTRY...She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness

HER BLESSEDNESS...Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her. Favor is deceitful and beauty is vain, but the woman who feareth the Lord she shall be praised.

OUR SICK: Dorinda Roden is in ECM in 361. Albert Sharp is ECM in 570. Sonny Watkins (Jerri's Friend) will be having knee surgery this month.



Bridal Tea

For Katie Montgomery, bride elect of Kyle Oakley
 Sunday, June 5th From 1:30 - 3:00pm
 In the MPB Everyone is invited.
 Katie is registered at Target, The French Basket, and Linda's Loft. Her colors are pink & stone grey. For more info see Susan Franks & Michelle Reaves.



**HELPING HANDS
 MEET SUNDAY NIGHT,
 MAY 15th
 Immediately Following
 Worship**

Dorcas Workers

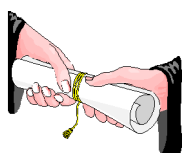
Meets 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of each month.
You do not have to sew!

MADNESS IN MAY

May 14th For ages K-6
 Those who have registered will leave the building at 6:00am and return about 6:00pm.

H.P. Vacation Bible School

June 12-15 Theme: "Camp Ima-B-Liever"



**Congratulations
 Congratulations to Adam
 McCollum upon his graduation!**

A note from the elders.....

We all enjoy talking and visiting after church, and it is good to have such great fellowship. It is a joy to have so many little ones and to see them playing and having a good time. However, the running in the church building has become dangerous.

There was an accident a couple of weeks ago on Wednesday night after church where two children collided, and one required stitches and lost a tooth. We don't want to see our children injured.

An additional concern is the possibility a child running into an elderly person who is not so stable on their feet.

We (the Elders) consider it important that we work together to stop the running before someone gets seriously hurt. We ask that there not be any running in the church building for these reasons. We ask that the parents of the younger children help to accomplish this for the safety and well being of everyone.

We do not in any way want to discourage anyone and any reasonable proposed solution to solve this problem will be considered. Your consideration of this problem and help in solving it will greatly appreciated.



Quips & Quotes

An ounce of mother is worth a pound of clergy. ~Spanish Proverb

All women become like their mothers. That is their tragedy. No man does. That's his. ~Oscar Wilde

He is a poor son whose sonship does not make him desire to serve all men's mothers. ~Harry Emerson Fosdick

She never quite leaves her children at home, even when she doesn't take them along. ~Margaret Culkin Banning

When you are a mother, you are never really alone in your thoughts. A mother always has to think twice, once for herself and once for her child.

If evolution really works, how come mothers only have two hands? ~Milton Berle

Motherhood is priced Of God, at price no man may dare To lessen or misunderstand. ~Helen Hunt Jackson

Women are aristocrats, and it is always the mother who makes us feel that we belong to the better sort. ~John Lancaster Spa

A mother is a person who seeing there are only four pieces of pie for five people, promptly announces she never did care for pie.

THOSE TO SERVE

10:00 AM WORSHIP

Read Scripture..... Blake Allen
 Opening Prayer..... Kenneth Jackson
 Closing Prayer..... Willie Agee

6:00 PM SERVICE

Read Scripture..... Mitch Morris
 Opening Prayer..... Bill Looser
 Closing Prayer..... Russell Smelser
 Greeters - Vernon & Leigh Ann Malone
 Building Lockup Mitch Morris

MAY CONTACT ELDER

Russell Smelser

**Persons In Charge of Calling
 For Food In May:
 Wayne & Faye
 Chastain**



Prayer Lists:

Mabeth Jones, Pauline Jackson, Harvey Hasha, Rayburn Moore (Melinda Logan's brother-in-law), Wylodean Dabbs, Vic & Margaret Addington, Lois Black, Opal Farris, Guy Jeffreys, Reagan McBride Austin & Betty Davenport, Jimmy & Olene Hanback, Albert Sharp



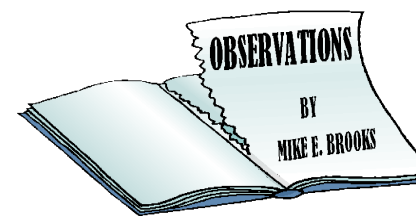
Please remember our cancer patients:

Robin McCollum, Brenda Pettus, Howard Jeffreys, Sheila Renfro Adrian West & Peggy McCollum (Robin McCollum's mother & sister-in-law), Norma Hallmark Kenneth Harrison (Dot Crowden's brother), David Blazer, Ann Hargett, Betty Barnes, Mike Farris Mozelle King (Faye Smith's friend) Spruell Fretwell (Faye Smith's cousin)



**Pantry item
 Cereal**

**Widows & Singles
 meet at Lenny's
 tonight after worship**



Observations

This week we were delighted to have two baptisms on the KBC campus. These were a young man and a young lady (not related) from Jadpur village a little west of Khulna. They were taught by Simon Malik, one of our recent graduates and newer preachers who works at Jadpur and also with the Chotopatra church in the same general area.

Our weather has been unusually pleasant for most of our trip. We have continued to have more frequent rains that we have experienced before at this time of year. Temperatures remain mild, with highs normally not much more than 90 degrees. May can have temperatures well over 100 in normal years. We are thankful for the good weather.

Brenda spent a good portion of her day today boiling eggs and making "deviled eggs" for the afternoon tea break for all the students and staff. She likes to prepare something different and special once in awhile for "tiffin" (the snack eaten with tea), and they seem to always enjoy it. Juliet Halder will also make special treats occasionally, but hers are more common Bangla foods. They are very good also.

One of our fruit trees, the "jamrul" is in full production right now. It is a small tender red bell shaped fruit with a thin edible peel and a slightly crunchy flesh - not very juicy or sweet but pleasant. The ladies picked a large bucket full this afternoon and distributed to everyone; one could hardly tell the tree had been touched. Mangoes, jackfruit and guava will soon be in season.

We have increased the amount of space in the garden and are working it more intensively. It is producing enough to be of significant benefit for our main kitchen, and also helps to provide fresh vegetables for all of our staff families. Long beans (green beans to us), okra, carrots, greens, and various squash are in season at present. Other crops are planted and will bear before long. It is enjoyable to go out and see the garden and fruit trees in good condition and producing abundantly.

We have just over 3 more weeks left on this trip. We will be arriving back in the States on Memorial Day. It will be good to be home and see everyone.

M.E.B.



A Mother's Love

A mother's love determines how We love ourselves and others.

There is no sky we'll ever see Not lit by that first love.

Stripped of love, the universe Would drive us mad with pain;

But we are born into a world that greets our cries with joy.

*How much I owe you for the kiss That told me who I was!
 The greatest gift—a love of life— Lay laughing in your eyes.*

*Because of you my world still has the soft grace of your smile;
 And every wind of fortune bears the scent of your caress.*