

**A Warm Welcome Awaits You  
At These Assemblies**

Sunday Bible Study	9:00AM
Sunday Morning Assembly	10:00 AM
Sunday Evening Small Groups	6:00 PM
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 PM

**Bible Classes for All Ages  
Attended Nursery**

**Opportunities to Serve: March 20, 2011**

<b>Worship Leader</b>	Rick Castleman
<b>Lord's Supper:</b>	Mark Cox
<b>Servers:</b> Cameron Kerby	Walt Hurley
Wayne Burress	Danny Heidel
Ryan Shedd	Matthew Bridges
<b>Elder Blessing:</b>	Steve Izard
<b>Sound:</b>	Chester Warren
<b>Greeters For March:</b>	Fran O'Dell & Phyllis Bruff
<b>Nursery (Infants- 2yrs):</b> Cindy Cox	Laura Cox
<b>Nursery(2-4 yrs):</b> Mandy Akers	Lucy Ortiz

<b>Shepherds</b>	
Jack Close	462-4618
Phil Harrison	356-0084
Steve Izard	356-5751
Allan Whitacre	356-1026

<b>Ministry Leaders</b>		
Rob Brannan	Men's Ministry	622-1372
Mike & Kris Bridges	Hispanic Outreach	657-7467
Wayne Burress	Guest Relations	520-4937
Dennis Carter	Missions	957-4625
Sharon Carter	Fellowship	957-4625
Lance Daniel	Family Care	996-4777
Sarah Fabry	AV Technologies	546-3652
Karyn Giles	Ladies Ministry	520-4581
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<b>Weekly Statistics for March 13, 2011</b>	
AM Bible Class	113
AM Bible Class Avg.	113
AM Assembly	253
AM Assembly Avg.	217
Contribution	<b>\$12,440.95</b>
YTD Average Weekly Contribution	\$9,029.64
<b>Weekly Budget</b>	<b>\$9,815.38</b>



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**Sermons**

It never ceases to amaze me what can go on in a sermon. You've heard me say how many times I am told about something someone heard in a sermon that was just what they needed and I know I didn't say it. Because the word of God is living and active we sometimes hear things from God directly through his word.

This last Sunday I noticed something different. I used an illustration about how God pours himself and his love into us like pouring water into a cup. We all know the feeling we have when we are overflowing. The illustration went on to show that there are things in life that cause leaks in us so that the fullness of God runs out. I illustrated this by poking holes in the cup with a toothpick. I think this is the part that resonated with a lot of people because we all know it is true. We have all experienced things that leave us feeling bitter, hateful, or far away from God. These things drain us and if we don't allow God to keep filling us up we will eventually be empty. We all know what that means. The problem is that when we are having problems we often don't feel like coming to God and allowing him to fill us. When we most need God to fill us because of hurts in our life we actually have a tendency to pull away from him.

The thing I noticed was how many people were making applications on their own. I had one person mention how at the end I put the cup in the bowl and from that position the holes didn't matter. What happens is as you are in with your brothers and sisters the fullness of God from them stops the leaks in you because you are immersed with them. I wish I had thought of that sooner when I was talking about unity and how we need each other. Other people told me ways that it spoke to them that went beyond what I was saying. I love it. I think this is the way sermons are supposed to be. There is no way that I can ever capture the entire message in one sermon. There is so many different

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ways God's word can apply to our life so what I hope is that I give you a sermon on Sunday morning and God uses that to work on you all week and you allow him to do that. That is where powerful preaching comes from and the glory goes where it should - God. The best and most meaningful parts of the sermon don't have anything to do with me. Praise God.

By the way—I am planning to go to Tanzania the beginning of May. I have a couple of things I want to do with the entire team to help them. Rom and Keke dealt with some things and now I will go to deal with some different things.

Have a great week!

Allen L. Close

### Missions

The missions ministry is planning fund raisers to raise money for the people who would like to travel to Guyana this year. On Sunday March 27th they are planning a spaghetti lunch ( baked spaghetti, salad, bread and tea). Donations will be accepted. Also if you would be willing to bring a dessert that would be much appreciated. The next fundraiser will be a church yard sale on April 16th. Begin collecting items you would like to donate. A classroom will be available for items to be stored closer to the time of the yard sale. If you have questions talk to Dennis Carter.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are in the process of updating the church directory. Please check your information on the proof copy and make changes or additions or put and X if your information is correct.

## Lexington Coming Events

**March 27** Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser  
**April 16** Church Yard Sale  
**May 1** Collection for Makonde Missions

Welcome Our Newest Member  
**Andrew Ward** Placed Membership on Sunday

### Mexican Buffet

On Wednesday March 23 we will have a Mexican buffet. You are welcome to come not just to eat but also to learn how to prepare Mexican dishes.

I have a menu list with ingredients needed.

Cooking will begin at 11:00 am at the church building and will continue all day. Helpers will also be needed to set up tables and chairs. Serving will begin at 6:00 pm and donations to help pay for the food will be welcomed. See or call me for more information.

Thank You Very Much, Lucy Ortiz

### WEDDING CELEBRATION

Rick & Sandi Chamberlain would like to announce the upcoming wedding of their son, Joseph Chamberlain to Kara Robinson. They are having a destination wedding in St. Lucia on April 2, 2011. A reception is planned for June 3, 2011 and everyone is invited to come celebrate. More details about the reception will be sent later. Save that date!

### Wednesday Night Schedule

March 23 Mexican Buffet 6 pm  
 March 30 Discussion 7pm

## Youth News

For the last week or two I have studied, discussed, and wrestled with my thoughts of heaven and hell. I just finished reading a book called "Dinner With the Skeptics" by Jeff Vines, whom I was introduced to at Winterfest. In his book, he tackles many of the common questions people have concerning faith, suffering, heaven and hell. I've also heard a lot of chatter on tv and facebook this week about Rob Bell's new book "Love Wins," which apparently gives a very controversial view of these same topics. Then tonight, as I prepared to lead girls group, I opened the book we've been studying from, called "Pure," and to my surprise, the topic of discussion was on heaven and hell!

The bible is full of passages that attempt to describe heaven and hell in human terms. Tonight at girls group we focused mostly on heaven. Together we read from Revelation 21-22, along with several other verses, to try to get a good picture in our minds of what heaven will be like. Believing that heaven is an amazing place that is filled with the goodness of God, and knowing that God desires for us to be with him, so much so that he came here himself to give us a taste of his goodness through Christ Jesus, should we not live today to show the people around us little glimpses of heaven here on earth? Should we not desire to share this wonderful inheritance with everyone? Colossians 3:4 (NLT) says "when Christ, who is your life, is revealed to the whole world, you will share in his glory." This is something to think about!

### Upcoming Events:

3/21 Guys Group 5pm  
 3/22 HS Girls Group 7:30pm  
 3/23 Mexican Buffet 6pm  
 3/24 Teen Breakfast 7:15-8am

<b>BIRTHDAYS:</b>	March 20 Jean Cottrell	March 21 Allen Close	March 22 Walt Hurley
	March 24 Joie Guill	March 24 Jonnie Guill	March 25 Trish Kerby
	March 25 Marilyn Gilroy	March 25 Sandi Chamberlain	



### Prayer Requests

**Norm & Lynn Gaines Julia Furr Andrew Brown Glenna Hart Makonde Team**

**Caroline Boyle**, Matt Joy's sister, her cancer has come back and has spread.  
**Chris Shedd** Pray for God's will to be done.  
**Sara Hanle**, Pray that she and the baby will stay healthy.  
**Laird Robinson**, friend of Laura Daulton, his cancer has come back for the 3rd time.  
 Dawsey Porter asked for prayers for his nephew who has health issues.  
**Faye Jex** for strength, her medication doesn't seem to be working, and for Travis to know how to help his mom.  
**Mitchell**, Jake Wisniewski's friend as he recovers from surgery on his nose.  
**Tom Dominick** as he recovers after surgery. He is in the hospital in Augusta.  
**Tim Peterson**, Alma Ulmers nephew is being deployed. Pray for his safety and his mother, Sue while he is away.  
**Mike & Katheline Gant** asked for prayers.  
**Beverly Brown** is having problems with her MS, she is unable to get out of bed.  
**John Wukits**, Jake's 5th grade teacher at PHE has liver cancer, and will be going to Duke hospital for treatment.