

The Bellville Proclaimer

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LOOKING FORWARD

Richard Kirkland

Jn the past couple of weeks, I have had the opportunity to meet with elders from four different congregations to visit with them and their members about partnering with us in the work of training preachers and evangelists in the Biblical Institute of Central America. The results of the meetings have been generally good with the expected responses of "We would like to help. Our contributions have suffered this year. We will do what can." And they have--some by adding us to the number of outreaches they already support and some by increasing their giving. I have been greatly blessed by the response. But not all of the news has been good. Some congregations, even large ones, who have been, in the past, significant contributors have had to cut their giving significantly. We are sorry that this has been the case, but we understand. And we are working hard to replace those lost revenues. We are confident that God will continue to bless us and we will be able to continue at current levels of operation even during these difficult financial times.

We are entering into the major holiday season of the year and this means we have many programs, events and appointments that affect us as a congregation. Some of you have been so kind in planning congregational meetings and events in your homes. Some have worked hard throughout the year to assure the success of events held at our building. Some have worked regularly and diligently to keep the building and lawn looking good inside and out. And others have taken care of the responsibilities of financial records, bulletins, order of services, and other necessary and important duties. And we are so grateful to those of you who teach the Bible Classes from week to week. All of you have done these things so well. Thank you very, very much. Keep up the good work!

I will be involved in campaign in Buford, GA on November 29-December 4 with Eddie Cloer and a group of co-workers from Harding University. Then in January I will be in Central America for two weeks getting the school year started for our three schools – Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. We have about 30 students in each of the schools. This will be a huge task. After this my schedule will be pretty much clear for the first half of 2012.

We have so much to be thankful for as we look at the leadership of our congregation. For a small congregation, we are blessed to have three men serving as our elders who each love the Lord, the church, our souls and our community. We are also blessed with deacons who follow our eldership willingly and serve with dedication. We cannot help but to be optimistic about the future. With God's blessings, 2011 will end with this congregation poised to "impact our community" in 2012!

PRAYER CONCERNS

Our nation; Our outreach programs; BICA; Our country's armed forces including Matt Laas, Jon Beach, Travis Little, David Wolfskill, Matt Sweeney and Jeremy Wilson; RAIN; Wesley Drones; Hugh Anderson; Anna Mae Hartsell; Bill Pereyra; Jolie Fricks; Paula Griffith; Charlie Middlebrook; Rex Kennedy; Vicki Marshal, friend of the Bluemels; Caleb Crowe; Mark Birdwell; Wayman Bradley; Wayne & June Campbell, Kevin's parents; Patricia Hill, Elouise Harris' cousin; Brian Smith of Hempstead, heart problems; Madison Hyde; WBS students; Don & Melba Bentley, Judy Williams' parents; Maxine Roche, Carolyn Pereyra's aunt; Irene Bluemel, Joe's & Phyllis's sister-in-law.

ABOUT US...

★ The Ladies' Bible Class begins a new topic of study this week—*Light Has Come Into the World*. The first lesson is entitled *Decision Time*.

★ David Johnson will be speaking this morning in the absence of Richard. Tonight Kirk Eason with the South African Bible School will talk with us about his work.

★ We rejoice at the baptism of Joyce Gould this past Monday! Her address is 1415 Bell Oaks Drive and her phone # is 865.5381. Welcome to the family, Joyce!

★ Recent visitors: Travis Little and Terry Kinder, both of Dickinson, guests of Judy Williams.

★ Don't forget our Christmas party this Friday night @ 6:00 PM. Bring a wrapped gift valued at no more than \$5.00 to be exchanged.

SPECIAL DAYS

- 🎁 December 5th Buddy & Carolyn Brockett
- 🎁 December 10th Madyson Haney
- 🎁 December 11th Olga Pereyra

THOSE TO SERVE TODAY

A.M. Service

- Greeters—Bobby & Beverly Husky
- Announcements—Don Wilkes
- Song leader—Hugh Tubbs
- Scripture Reading & First prayer—Kevin Campbell
- Communion—Pat Callahan, Buddy Brockett, Bobby Husky
- Closing Prayer—Dan Laas
- Anchor Man in Back—Brett Laughter
- Attendance records—John Harris
- Nursing Home Songs**—Hugh Tubbs

P.M. Service

- Song Leader—Buddy Brockett
- First Prayer—David Johnson
- Communion—Dan Laas
- Closing Prayer—Kevin Campbell

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- December 9th Christmas Party 6:00 PM Fellowship Hall
- December 15th 10:00 AM Brunch/Ladies' Class @ Betty Wilkes' house
- December 31st Devo/Fun Mensch Home Snacks @ 4 PM Meal @ 6 PM

While seeking happiness for others, we consistently find it for self.

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Class _____	9:00 A.M.
Worship _____	10:00 A.M.
Evening Services _____	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday Evening _____	7:00 P.M.
Thursday: Ladies' Bible Class _____	10:00 A.M.
Devotional at Briarwood Manor _____	1 st Sunday
Devotional at Colonial Belle _____	3 rd Sunday
Fellowship Meal _____	2nd Sunday of each month
Sandwich Supper _____	Last Sunday evening of each month

LOVE IN ACTION LAST WEEK

Bible Class _____	27
Worship _____	36
Sunday Evening Worship _____	22
Contribution _____	\$1812
(Weekly Budget Requirement _____ \$1804)	
Wednesday Evening _____	28
Ladies' Class _____	No Class

The Back Pew - Jeff Larson



ONE NATION .. WITHOUT GOD? Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, whose people He has chosen for his own. **Ps 33:12**

