

February 22, 2015

WORSHIP WITH A FRIENDLY CHURCH

Sunday: Wednesday:
9 am Worship 7 pm Bible Class
10:15 Bible Class and Devotional
5 pm Evening Worship

Van transportation available.
Sermons available on CD .mp3

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The Beauty of Nature

Have you ever been flying and while way up in the sky you look down in awe at the beautiful site of the earth? So often when I have flown I am in awe of God's creation both in the sky and on the ground.

Have you ever seen one of those photos of nature that were just breath taking? Remember looking at that picture and thinking to yourself how amazing God is to give us such wonderful views to enjoy?

Early last week, when we had the icy conditions, I stood at the back of our building and saw all the trees out back covered in ice. It was beautiful! However, what added to it was when the sun was shining down on those same trees. I was blown away at the beauty of God's creation. I wish you could have seen it! It was as if I were looking at a world famous photo!

As I gazed at the beauty of that sight I thought of several passages of scripture: First, I thought about the creation account in *Genesis 1*. What an awesome sight that must have been? We get to enjoy that creation every day.

Second, I thought about Acts 14:15, “. . . *Men, why are you doing these things? We also are men with the same nature as you, and preach to you that you should turn from these useless things to the living God, who made the heaven, the earth, the sea, and all things that are in them,*”

Third, I thought about what Paul said to the people of Athens in Acts 17:24-25, ²⁴ “*God, who made the world and everything in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands.*” ²⁵ *Nor is He worshiped with men's hands, as though He needed anything, since He gives to all life, breath, and all things.*”

Finally, I thought of Psalm 19:1, “*The heavens declare the glory of God; And the firmament shows His handiwork.*”

God has given us an amazing world! May we all see the handy work God's creation everyday!

Barry Binion

Spotlight Members: Arvy and Debbie Dupuy

By: Caleb and Alexa Leser

This week, we interviewed Arvy and Debbie Dupuy. They have been married for 23 years and have two children, Jenna and Anna Catherine. Arvy was raised in Florence; Debbie is from Haleyville. Arvy serves on the mission committee, teaches Bible classes, and is a wonderful pulpit-minister. They are both involved with Room In The Inn as they feel it fulfills what the Lord preaches in Matthew 25:43–45.

1. Countries visited for mission work: Samoa, Fiji, New Zealand, and we took our children with us. Arvy directs the Haiti School of Biblical Studies, traveling to Haiti 3 times a year. He has also worked in Barbados, Albania, and this summer they will both go to the Philippines.
2. Advice for new parents: Love your kids unconditionally, always point them to Christ and teach them that He is the One that transforms lives. Spend as much time with them as possible—talk to them, listen to them. It's not about how many activities you do, but about the actual time you spend with them. Focus your energy on them while they are with you—and always, always teach them that God loves them even more than you do! Enjoy the little things, time will fly by and you will miss those days.
3. Advice for younger Christians: Make time every day to study (not just read) your Bible. It's life's instruction manual and it contains the answers to all of life's hard questions. Studying scripture is the most powerful thing you can do in your life.
4. Favorite snack: CHOCOLATE!
5. Cats or dogs? Cats—one 16-year-old cat named Miss Phenia.

Arvy and Debbie Dupuy are great Christian examples and serve the Lord in many different ways. We are blessed to know them!

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

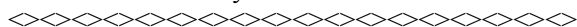
TODAY - AM - Don Williams
PM - Don Williams

March 1st AM - Ed Gallagher
PM - Ed Gallagher

March 8th AM - Steve Shelton
PM - Barry Binion

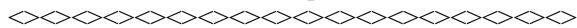
March 15th AM - Don Williams
PM - Don Williams

March 22nd AM - Kyle Butt
PM - Kyle Butt



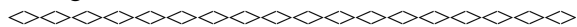
UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 22nd. We will be having a church wide fellowship meal and an early afternoon service and dismiss for the day. Schedule for that day: Worship at 9:00am; Bible Class at 10:15 am; Lunch at 11:00 am; Afternoon service at 12:30pm.



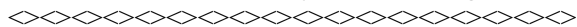
PHILIPPINE ORPHANAGE NEEDS

We have enough toothpaste. Thanks to everyone who have brought it. We are still in need of bar soap, girl underwear, boy underwear (we have none of this), and money for table/chairs. If you have any questions, please see Ed or Jodi Gallagher.



CONGRATULATIONS

Bruce & Mary Sue Simpson are proud great-grandparents of a little girl. Lola Zoe was born on February 12th. She weighed 8 lbs. 4 oz. Parents are John & Claire Cheek. They live in Chicago.



We are having a U.F.O (un finished object) get together on Saturday, February 28th from 10 am-2 pm in the Fellowship Hall. **This is for every lady at Florence Blvd.** Everyone is asked to bring soups, sandwiches, desserts, and drinks.

We will also have a class that day, for anyone interested in learning how to crochet or knit. Please sign the sheet, on the table, in the foyer, if you would like to learn this craft, so we will know how much supplies will be needed.

Mission Report

FEBRUARY MISSIONARY OF THE MONTH

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6th Annual Coats' Farm Benefit Trail Ride & Auction, will be Saturday, March 7th. All proceeds go to North Alabama Christian Children's Home. Also, there will be a yard sale on Friday, March 6th and Saturday, March 7th. If you have items that you would like to donate, please bring them and place them in the old office. If you have items that need to be picked up, please see Don Williams, Harold Buchanan, or Buddy Smith. More information can be found on the flyers, located on the tables, in the foyer.

On Wednesday, March 4th, we will have several men, waiting under the awning, at the Fellowship Hall, to help unload your car, for items for the benefit (bake sale items, items you have signed up to bring, etc.). All you have to do is drive up and the men will take care of it.



My thanks for the many cards, phone calls, and your encouraging words, on the loss of my brother, Gordon Greenup. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this congregation.

Carol Boren



Area Bible Bowl: The last Bible Bowl of the season will be Sunday, March 8th here at Florence Blvd. ***We will need a few parents to stay and help on that day.***

3-6 Grade Devo: The next Devo will be on Sunday night, March 8th after evening services.

7-12 Grade Devo: The next Devo will be Sunday night March 29th.

SAYS: The next Shoals Area Youth Series will be Sunday, March 15th at Highland Park. We will meet at the building at 4:15pm and then leave for Highland Park, their services begin at 5pm.

Challenge Youth Conference: will be February 27-March 1, 2015. The remaining ***\$50 will be due by Wednesday night February 25th.*** Please turn into to Barry.

Maywood Christian Camp Registration for camp is now open! Our week is June 28-July 3 with Tony Birmingham directing. Register online at www.maywoodchristiancamp.com.

Coming Events: CYC – Feb. 27th-Mar. 1st 2015, Final Bible Bowl at Florence Blvd. – March 8th, SAYS at Highland Park – March 15th.

Scripture of the week – “³⁵‘Surely not one of these men of this evil generation shall see that good land of which I swore to give to your fathers, ³⁶except Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it, and to him and his children I am giving the land on which he walked, because he wholly followed the LORD.” – *Deuteronomy 1:35-36*

