

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thur., April 2: Ruth Kersey circle will meet at Noon in the Pine Room. Bring a sandwich.

Mon., April 6: Valirie Payne circle will meet at 11 AM in the Pine Room. Bring a sandwich and don't forget your Easter candy for the foster children's baskets.

Noon—Kay Culpeper circle will meet at Madeline Reeves' home.

Tues., April 7: Finance Committee meeting at 6:45 PM. Church Council meeting at 7:30 PM.

Wed., April 8: Business Meeting at 7:30 PM.

Thur., April 9: Maundy Thursday Service, 7 PM.

Fri., April 10: Deadline for Angel Food orders.

Sun., April 12: Sunrise Service at 7 AM on Rt. 15 Property.

Sat., April 18: Angel Food distribution at 10 AM-Noon at Orange Assembly of God. Volunteers are always needed and greatly appreciated.

Tues., April 21: Happy Agers will travel to Graves Mountain Lodge for lunch (potluck and fun). Meet at the parking lot across from Hardees at 11:30 AM.

Sun., April 26: WMU "Make and Bake" following morning worship and a light luncheon.

Tues., April 28: Deacons –Birthday card addressing, 7:15 PM. Deacons Meeting, 7:30 PM.

THANK YOU

I would like to thank everyone for your thoughts and prayers during my recent surgery. Also, I would like to thank Pastor Clore and Mark Herndon for their visits during my stay in the hospital.

Xan Spotswood

PRAYER CONCERNS

Herbert Matthews; Johnny & Jeanie Altman; Ida Belle Wiegel; John Farrar; Hidmore & Margaret Walton; Hunter Weaver; Kent Daniel; Rick Wheeler; Robert & Alice Morris; Helen Hutcherson; Carolyn Rogers; Lucy Napier; George Shifflett; G. I. Johnson; Missy Moubray; Kathryn Higginbotham; Patricia Wagner; Josephine Shuler; Justin Garrett-in Iraq (Frances Settles' grandson); Andrea Shell (Ray Ezell's mother); Elaine May; Barbara Boyd; Mary Carothers (Ted & Genie Carother's daughter-in-law); Gary Kopjanski; baby Ethan (friend of John Pritchett); Michelle Throckmorton; Bill Short (Judean Hines' uncle); Judy Ipock; Lloyd Heimerling; Xan Spotswood; Sonny Green; Beth Taylor Robles; Amber Burke (sister of Dakota Grannis); Barbara J. Gilmore (Pam Lawson's aunt); Harry Hopkins; C. J. Sutphin (grandson of James & Erlene Arthur); Molly Keeney; Bill Proctor; Catherine Proctor; Louis Chisholm (Brenda Morris' father); and Carrie Clawson.

STEWARDSHIP - February

Receipts

Unified Budget \$ 18,878.70

Capital Improvements 488.10

Total \$ 19,366.80

Disbursements \$ 22,914.11

Every strand of biblical faith shows God to be deeply engaged in and passionately concerned for economic issues. It does seem that the God of the Bible—contrary to much popular religion—cares a great deal about debts, mortgages, wages, and interest, and is preoccupied with the well-being of the poor.

Walter Brueggemann in *The Witness*, May 2002

THANK YOU

Thank you so much for all your prayers, cards, email, food and concern. Debbie and I appreciate everything you have done.

Ida Belle Wiegel

To our Church Family

Thank you so much for the wonderful expressions of sympathy during this very tough time. Your prayers, love and support were very evident. We love you all! Missy, Jeff and Sarah Moubray

From the family of Melvin Green:

We would like to thank all who provided food, cards, hugs and prayers while we were grieving for our husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather.

Jolene Green, Teresa Hall, Heather Johnson, Chris Johnson and Maia Crum

I would like to thank you for all that was done for me and William Browning's Family. During our loss was greatly appreciated.

Marjorie Colvin Reed

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A glorious heritage, a glorious future

CELEBRATING CONSECRATION SUNDAY FINAL RESULTS

The Stewardship Team (William Chewning, Bill Hager and Patricia Salyers) wish to express our appreciation to the congregation for the spiritual decisions represented in the following report.

- A total of 69 giving units (husbands and wives or single persons) completed *Estimate of Giving Cards* this year.
- A total of 52 of these giving units increased their financial commitment above their last year's amount.
- A total of 69 giving units present to fill our *Estimate of Giving Cards* committed a total of \$191,696.
- Based on last year's giving records, we can expect to receive \$90,888 during the coming year from people who have consistent giving patterns during the past twelve months.
- Based on the average total of loose offerings during the past three years, we can expect to receive \$5,000 during the coming year from that source.
- Church income from non-donor sources such as interest, rentals, and fees \$6,111.
- This gives us a grand total of \$293,695 anticipated income for the next twelve months.
- The total income for our general operating budget during the last twelve months was \$254,727.
- Next year, we can expect our operating budget income to increase by \$38,968.
- This is a 15 percent increase in total giving above last year.

UPCOMING EASTER CHILDREN EVENTS

Sunday, April 5—following morning worship a bag lunch (consisting of hot dog, potato chips, a cookie and drink will be provided. We will eat at the Rt. 15 property and then proceed with an **Easter egg hunt**. Bring a blanket to sit on.

If you plan to attend please contact the church office so that enough bag lunches can be provided.



Candy is being collected for the eggs. If you would like to contribute some please bring to church office before April 1.



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Houston, Texas

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Nursery Helpers for April

April 5 Carolyn & Mark Herndon
April 12 Sharon & William Chewning
April 19 Marsha & Barry Jacobs
April 26 Karen Gent & Missy Moubray

From WMU

Orange Baptist, you are making a difference in the lives of the world's most neglected people through your contributions to the Global Missions Offering. Many of the people groups would not otherwise hear the Gospel. The total offering as of (date) was (amount). Thank you to everyone who contributed!



April 26 is the date! The WMU sponsored "Make and Bake" auction will immediately follow the worship service and light luncheon in the Pine Room. Everyone is invited to contribute homemade craft items, baked goods etc. A silent auction will be featured along with the usual verbal auction. Join the fun and help support camperships for OBC children.

The Seed Project for Harlan County, KY has been quite successful. Several hundred packets of seeds have been contributed as of March 20. Seeds can be received until April 5. You can feel good that poverty-stricken families may have more food on their tables because you contributed seeds for their gardens (no tomato, pepper or cabbage). Many thanks to all who have contributed.

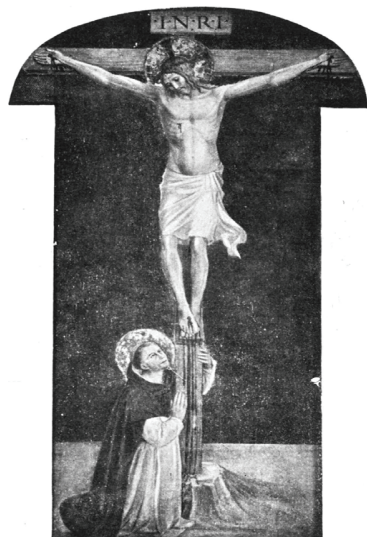


HAPPY AGERS, HAPPY AGERS

It is a good thing to chatter, Happy Agers doing what!!! Great!!! 27 members and guests went to the dinner theater March 22.

Tuesday, April 21st we are going to Graves Mountain Lodge for pot luck and fun. Be at the parking lot across from Har-dees at 11:30 AM. The lunch is \$13.50 including tax and tip. You may pay Doris the 21st or before then. Pay by check or cash in the exact amount please. Call Cornelia 672-4705; or Doris 672-4139. Come join us, it is great!

LENT & EASTER OPPORTUNITIES



Maundy Thursday Service, April 9, 7:00 PM—A tenebrae service including communion.

Easter Sunrise Service, April 12, 7:00 AM—On Hwy. 15 North church property.

Easter Lilies—If you would like to place a lily in the church on Easter Sunday in honor or memory of a loved one please contact Brenda Morris 672-5705 or the church office 672-2996 before Monday, April 6. The cost is \$12.



MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP



Attention all graduates! A scholarship is available through OBC for a one time award of \$500. The requirements are as follows:

- Be a member of Orange Baptist Church;
- Further education including music at an accredited college;
- Submit a written request to the Music Council of why you should be considered to receive the scholarship;
- Deadline for requests is Wed., April 15, 2009 to the church office.

If a member does not request said funds then the Minister of Worship & Music will contact OCHS Band Director and Choral Director to determine if another high school student might be eligible for scholarship.

"Can Do" Mentoring Ministry



It is time to give this ministry a higher profile, and to recruit mentors. The "Can Do" Mentoring Ministry originated from a desire to offer more than "band-aid" approaches to the problems of persistent poverty and patterns of financial mismanagement. In the worst economic times I have ever experienced, the number of individuals and families needing assistance is growing exponentially. I believe it is time for OBC and other churches, the people of God, to offer transformative help to those in need.

"Can Do" Mentoring Ministry is designed for members of OBC and the larger community to receive coaching on developing realistic family budgets, careful tracking of expenditures, the appropriate use of windfalls, and maintaining a positive relationship with creditors. It is a compassionate ministry that deals frankly with the mistakes many are making in managing their finances. It is also a ministry that transforms the mentor. Often, there are wrong assumptions those of us who "have it together" make about those who are struggling.

Have you been wondering how you and our congregation can make a difference in the lives of others who are struggling to make it in this difficult economy? Are you a compassionate person who understands budgeting and tracking of expenses? Are you comfortable with developing trusting, long-term relationships? Are you capable of practicing confidentiality? If so, please check with me. Below you will see the Vision and Values of this ministry.

Rick Clore

CAN DO VISION AND VALUES

Our Vision: A community where all members strive for the well-being of each other, and are accountable to each other.

Our Values:

- All persons are created in God's image and are to be treated with dignity and respect.
- Fair wages for honest work—A family should be able to afford a living based on one income. Physically and mentally capable household members are expected to provide income to the family.
- Listening to each other's stories—do not prejudice.
- Wise use of God's resources—management of finances through realistic budgeting and accurate tracking of expenses. Windfalls are to be used to achieve financial goals or to pay off debts.
- Creditors are to be treated with dignity and respect.—Contact is to be maintained with creditors. They are not to be ignored. Maintaining a good relationship with creditors is important.
- All persons need an advocate—someone with clout who will speak in our behalf.
- All persons need a financial safety net—someone who will help out when unexpected major expenses occur.
- All persons need a healthy network—people who will tell us what we need to hear, not want we want to hear.
- Education and training are a lifetime commitment.

An attitude of "can do" is to be adopted. No one can remain a victim. Solutions are sought, problems are challenges to overcome.