



February
2010

No Excuse Sunday



To make it possible for everyone to attend church next Sunday, we are going to have a special "No Excuse Sunday".

Cots will be placed in the foyer for those who say, "Sunday is my only day to sleep in."

There will be a special section with lounge chairs for those who feel that our pews are too hard.

Eye drops will be available for those with tired eyes from watching T.V. late Saturday night.

We will have steel helmets for those who say "The roof would cave in if I ever came to church."

Blankets will be furnished for those who think the church is too cold and fans for those who say it is too hot.

Score cards will be available for those who wish to list the hypocrites present.

Relatives and friends will be in attendance for those who can't go to church and cook dinner, too.

We will distribute "Stamp Out Stewardship" buttons for those who feel that church is always asking for money.

One section will be devoted to trees and grass for those who like to seek God in nature.

Doctors and nurses will be in attendance for those who plan to be sick on Sunday.

The sanctuary will be decorated with both Christmas poinsettias and Easter lilies for those who never have seen the church without them.

We will provide hearing aids for those who can't hear the preacher and cotton for those who say he is too loud.

by Unknown Author

EVERYONE SIGN UP AND CHECK IT OUT!!!!

Our trip to Belize is quickly approaching. We want to keep everyone here as informed of things going on as quickly as we can.

Doug Gryder and Sherry Clark have set up a Blog on the New Sterling website. You will need to go on the website—www.newsterlingarp.org and register. To the right of the site you will click on Belize Mission Team blog and just follow the instructions to register.

The Belize team plans to “blog” every day and fill you in on what we are doing, the projects we are involved in and what was accomplished that day. We also will try to post pictures for you to see each day.

We want to keep you as informed and involved as we can. Register soon so you will be ready. We will need your prayers daily. What a great way for you to see what and who you are praying for!



The Women’s Ministry has completed a notebook for the 2009 history. It is titled “New Sterling ARP Church Events and Pictures 2009” “Bringing the church to the people”.

Please stop by the vestibule and review the events and happenings at New Sterling last year.

Sympathy is extended to Tammy Sharpe in the recent loss of her father.



We also express sympathy to the family and friends of Sue Pritchard Walker.

BAPTISM



Baptism of Jacob
Matthew Lackey



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS



New Members Ø Kevin, Tammy,
Connor and Carson Brown 1/10/2010

BAPTISM



Baptism of
Carson Brown

Baptism of
Connor
Brown



News From the Women's Ministries

As I prepared for my first Women's Council meeting as co-chair, I felt a little anxiety in getting everything done like setting the agenda, trying to find a "theme" for the women in 2010, working to find the perfect cover for the handbook and conditioning myself to make sure I did "not forget anything. Judy was a tremendous help but the butterflies were still there. But God tells us to **"not be anxious about anything but in everything by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God."** My anxiety began to subside.

Fifteen of us sat around the table that morning to meet and make decisions for the Women of New Sterling for 2010. After prayer by Judy, Pastor Tim brought our morning devotional. It was based on 1 John 4:12 – **"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete."** The want to grow spiritually through Bible studies, mentoring and fellowship is to grow in the knowledge of God's will. As he reveals his will to us and we show our love to others, we learn to be a disciple.

Sunday morning during my quiet time, I was reading a devotion from *"365 Daily Devotions from the Psalms for Women"*. The scripture verse was taken from 1 John 4:19: **"We love him, because he first loved us."** The text went on to speak about how God made us in His own image and gave us salvation through His Son Jesus Christ. And now because we are a wondrous creation treasured by God, a question presents itself: What will we do in response to the Creator's love? Will we ignore it or embraced it? Will we return it or neglect it? That decision is ours alone.

When we embrace God's love, our life's purpose is forever changed. We feel differently about ourselves, our neighbors, our family and our world. More importantly, we share God's message – and His love – with others.

After being led here for the 2nd time in 2 days, I think we have found our "theme" for 2010.

We then had a wonderful council meeting. We formed committees, talked about upcoming events, studies for our circles and had great fellowship. As we concluded our meeting our prayer was that we have a sense of purpose for this ministry and understand with clarity what that purpose is. We ask that God gives us a strong sense of direction and purpose that transcends all fear, hesitation, laziness, defeat and failure and enable us to understand what is most important so we can make decisions and choices easily and assuredly that it is God's will.

It is a great group, a wonderful ministry and if God is moving you to join the Women's Ministry, think about joining a circle, signing up for a committee or an event or come to the next Council meeting on April 17 at 9:00. It is never too late.

Love in Christ,

Delinda Mauney



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

I have been so happy and grateful to see the wonderful response by each and everyone of you ladies who have signed up to serve in the Women's Ministry. You have volunteered to serve by being officers, circle chairmen, facilitating Bible Studies each month, providing a hostess homes, providing meals, providing snacks, and to be members of each circle.

You also have volunteered to be on the different committees within the ministry and the way you volunteered to be on the new events committees, shows your excitement and willingness to fellowship and serve with each other at the same time.

I can't wait to see how this year unfolds. We will "come and taste and see that the LORD is good."

Our beach retreat theme verse this year is: "There is.....A time to dance..." Ecclesiastes 3:1,4

Ladies, I think you are already dancing.

Judy Watson

Okay Jr. and Sr. Highs. Needing your attention here!!!!!!



Sr. High Spring Retreat at where else.....BONCLARKEN!!!

March 5-7 2010

Are you interested??? Let Scott, Jessica or Taryn know ASAP!!!!!!

Jr. Highs that goes for you too.....

Jr. High Spring retreat at BONCLARKEN.....

March 19-21, 2010

Mark your calendar pronto!!!!!! Let Scott, Jessica or Taryn know in you want to attend.....



A Charlie Brown Christmas



The Peanuts Gang



Charlie Brown

Snowball Fight



Snoopy



Lucy



Dancing to Schroder's piano classic



Charlie Brown's tree and Charlie Brown's tree after lots of love.



Women's Salad Supper



Co-Chair Judy Watson welcomes everyone



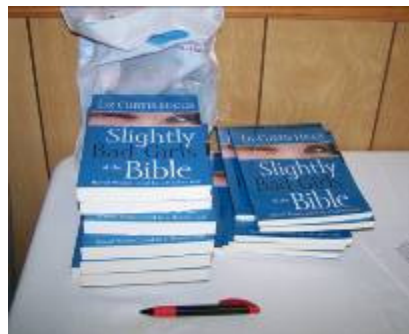
Pat Price delivers the devotion



Cindy McNeely sings "Are You My Son or My Savior"

Melissa and Lorin Donnelly sing "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

Cindy Bowman and Erica Harper sing "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas"



Signing up for Circles



Secret Sisters Revealed



Here and There at New Sterling!!!!!!!



Jennifer Buchanan was injured recently in an automobile accident and spent several days in the hospital.....**Adam Donohoe** traveled with a mission group to Nicaragua for 10 days.....New members joined New Sterling on 1/10/2010—**Kevin, Tammy, Carson and Connor Brown**. **Carson and Connor** were baptized also.....**Peggy Gray** had back surgery.....**Jacob Matthew Lackey** was baptized on December 13, 2009.....**Clay and Pat Price's** dog had to have emergency surgery recently.....**Leann Hartness** is the new Nursery coordinator.....**Mara Hairyes** was the spelling bee champ for her 3rd grade class.....**Taryn and Brian Setzer** announce, "It's A Boy!....."**Christina Henderson** was "Celebrating Good Times" while recently performing the halftime show with Kool and the Gang at the Orange Bowl. She also got to meet several well know choreographers.....**Todd McCullouch** had an automobile accident, travelling down a 15 foot embankment, totaling his car..... **Kurtis Hauck** also had an auto accident totaling his car.....**Clay Price** is now teaching the Men's Bible Sunday School Class.....**New Sterling** congregation gives a special thanks to the **Cemetery Committee** for the newly graveled road around the cemetery.....Nancy Pope had surgery.....There were 32 youth at the recent lock-in in the church fellowship hall. 22 of those youth were visitors. **Taryn and Brian Setzer, Jessica and Scott Graham, Erin Waugh, Ed and Anna Donohoe** were the group chaperones.....

Teachers and Nursery Volunteers— The CE Committee would like to invite you to a Teacher's Brunch, Saturday, February 13 @ 9:00 am. We want to say thank you, share some news, get some feedback and share some time together. Please make every effort to join us.



"You are not alone. You have me." - God



PLEASE HELP. WE NEED YOU!

Bailey Hartness and Becca Dillard are sponsoring a project to help out the Dove House!



The Dove house is a children's advocacy center that helps child victims of abuse, and their non offending family members. They work with DSS, the DA and the police to help these abused children. The Dove House is a non profit charitable organization that runs mainly on donations. You can help Bailey, Becca and the Dove House by donating some of he following.....

PAPER PRODUCTS

Paper towels, toilet tissue, Kleenex, printer paper

ALSO

New or gently used stuffed animals (each child that comes in gets to choose an keep a stuffed animal

New or gently used clothing—12 months to adult sizes

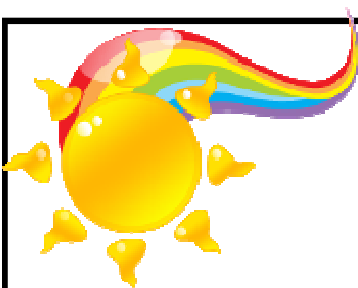
Monetary donations

If you have questions, please call **Bailey Hartness** @ (704) 761-4201 or **Becca Dillard** @ (704) 883-8501



COMING EVENTS

February 1	9:30 am	Golden Christian Circle	
	7:00 pm	Knit Wits with Delinda Mauney	
February 7	7:00 pm	Deacon Meeting	
February 8	10:30 am	Sterling Silvers	
	7:00 pm	Evangelism/Membership Committee	
February 9	7:00 pm	Treasure Keepers—Jeanette Hauck, hostess; Jeanette Hauck, facilitator	
		Meal—Lori Compton and Hannah Moore	
February 13	9:00 am	Teacher's Brunch	
February 14		VALENTINE'S DAY	
February 15	7:00 pm	Men's Discipleship	
February 15—February 28		BELIZE MISSION TRIP	
February 16	7:00 pm	Mary/Martha Sunset—Kitzi Emery, hostess; Julie Winters, facilitator	
February 17	9:30 am	Mary/Martha Sunrise—Anna Donohoe, hostess; Virginia Brady, facilitator	
	7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Service	
February 21	11:00 am	The Lord's Supper Celebrated	
		Session Study Group	
		Newsletter Items Due	
February 22	7:00 pm	Men's Bible Study	
	7:00 pm	Property & Maintenance Committee	
February 28		Rada Knife Order Due	
March 12-14		Women's Beach Retreat	



"If you miss the dawn I made for your today, it does not matter. I will make you another one tomorrow."

God



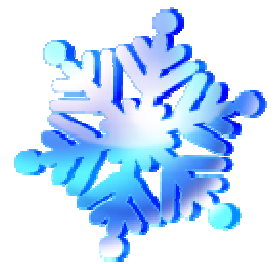
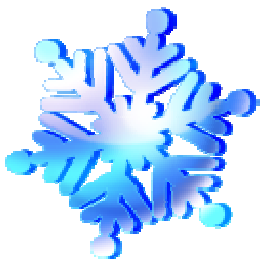
Merry Christmas
From Joseph, Julie and Josiah



The Belize Mission Team is asking for items to take to use for Bible School there. Popsicle sticks, large straws, wax paper, food coloring, colored tissue paper, any kind of stickers—Biblical preferred, scotch tape, small paint brushes, and macaroni. If you would like to donate any of these items, you may place them in the vestibule in the box marked BELIZE BIBLE SCHOOL.

Also we are going to be working with the school close to the camp. They are in need of any supplies but especially learning tools. They are very interested in Scrabble games, flash cards, any kind of number or counting games. If you have any items they could use, you can also place it in the Belize Bible School box.





SNOW TUBING TRIP AT JONAS RIDGE

February 20, 2010

Time.....tubing from 2-4pm

Will leave the church at 11:30am

Eat before you come.....please bring
your own snacks..... Food will not be
provided



Ages Jr. and Sr. High.....


Younger ages are welcome

BUT if they are younger than
Jr. high a parent must be pre-
sent

COST: \$20 per person



Let's Keep in Touch!!



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February Birthdays



- 1 Jimmy Winters
- 5 David Brady
- 8 Daniel Pugh
- 9 Susan Pugh
- 14 Wayne Jenkins
- 15 Kenneth Hauck
- 15 Harrison Jenkins
- 16 Dylan Deal
- 16 Felecia Woodall
- 17 BJ Brewer
- 18 Pauline Charles
- 18 Carolyn Elliott
- 19 Devan Winters
- 20 Jesse Keller
- 21 Sheila Jenkins
- 23 Lauren Gryder
- 27 Christopher Jenkins
- 27 Michelle Hairyes

Your newsletter editor had a slight brain freeze last month. The birthdays listed were January and these are "really" February.

Sorry for the confusion.

"OK, I am biased."

God

**"If you think Rembrandt is amazing,
you should see my masterpiece.....in the mirror"**

God