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## You Better BELIZE It Because It Was UnBELIZEable!!!!



March  
2009

I am sure you will tire of hearing from the members of the first international mission trip to Belize before we even get started telling you all about it. It was the most wonderful experience I have ever been a part of.

As the men of the team worked building a bathroom at the home of a lady who worked in the camp at the Baptist Training Center where we stayed, the women of the team visited a children's home, a preschool, 4 classes at a local school and presented the morning assembly at another nearby school. We all spent time building relationships, helping people and just spending time with children, letting them know that God cares and we care.

We thought we would go there and take the people of Belize a little God but let me tell you—the people of Belize have more God than the people of the United States ever thought about having! They blessed me in so many more ways than I could ever tell you about. The children knew as many Praise and Worship songs as we did and songs we knew since childhood, they knew more verses than we did!

So you ask, "Why do we need to go there?" Selfishly the main reason I want to go back is because they blessed me so much, taught me so much about being thankful and appreciative to the God who gives us everything. But the people there who we have built lasting friendships with need our help. They need help and resources to create healthy living conditions for themselves. The children just love you taking time to come and spend time with them. I have never been hugged and kissed more than my week in Belize.

I am sure I can speak for my other Belize team members in that we are all putting some dollars away for a rainy day in Belize next year. I cannot wait to go back and hopefully we can get everyone at New Sterling caught up in our excitement! Thank you for your help in sending us there and your prayers while we were there.

Get ready because we cannot stop talking about it!

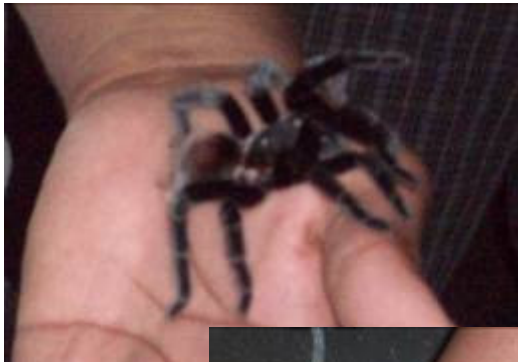
Delinda Mauney,  
Belize Mission Team Member

# Belize Mission Team

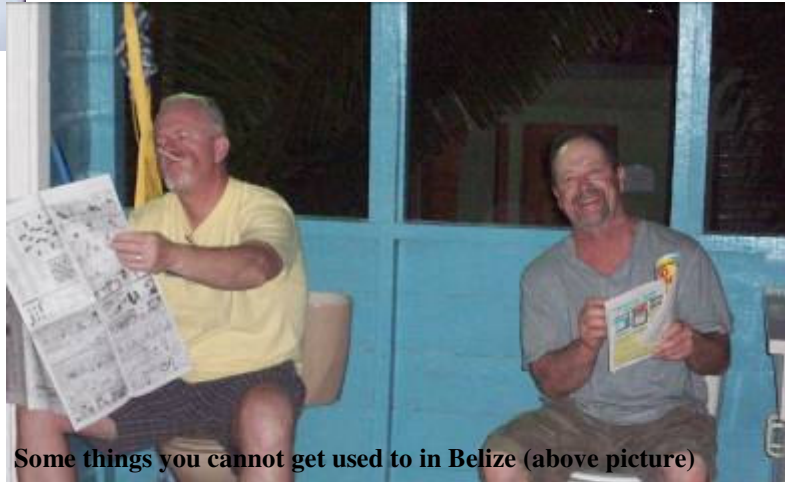


Left to right: Tommy Morton, Jeremy Brady, Tina Bull, Taryn Setzer, Juan David, Kim Brady, Susan Pugh

2nd row: David Brady, Delinda Mauney, Tim Watson, Judy Watson



Tarantula Hunting



Some things you cannot get used to in Belize (above picture)

Scorpion Stings



The ladies of our mission team ventured out to the children's homes or orphanages (above picture), schools (right picture), and daycares (above right) to spend time with the children



More pictures to come!!!!

# FACES OF BELIZE



# News From New Sterling Women's Ministry

The women's council met in January to prepare for the upcoming events in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of 2009. The Women's Council has moved all the tablecloths back to the Kitchen Storage room. We ask if you borrow the tablecloths for your personal use, you sign them out so that we can keep accurate information on their location. The council has also put a sign out form in the kitchen for anyone who will graciously provide cleaning of the tablecloths. We hope you have notice the new decorations provided by Women's Ministry. We are so grateful to have such pretty things to decorate our church with. If any of you would like use the decorations for your personal use, the council asks that you notify the chairmen of the decorating committee and sign these items out also for accurate information on their location. The co-chairmen of the Decorating Committee are Emily Nash and Aarene Reese, they will be happy to help you.

In March we have two events taking place. On Monday March 9, 2009 at 11:00 A.M. Women's Ministries will be hosting the Sterling Silver Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall. We would like to invite all of the Sterling Silver's members and any Silver who is not a member to join us as we try to show each one of you how very much we appreciate you. On Friday March 20, 28 New Sterling women will leave to attend the New Sterling Beach Retreat. At this retreat we will study the book *Self Talk/Soul Talk* by Jennifer Rothchild. Pray for each lady to receive God's word and to form lasting Christian relationships.

The Mother and Others Banquet has been scheduled for May 9 at 7:00 P.M. We will have a treat for each lady who attends. This year Renee Swope from Proverbs 31 Ministries will be our speaker. If you aren't familiar with our speaker or Proverbs 31 Ministries ask someone who attended the First Presbyterial Fall Retreat. Renee was the keynote speaker. All of the ladies who attended came home with praising reviews.

If you happen to note some excitement going on in the Parlor, don't be surprised to see a little redecorating going on. Women's Ministries and The Properties and Maintenance Committee are working together to make some changes so that more people can be seated in the room. The Women's Council voted to partner with the Properties and maintenance Committee to make some additions so that our Circles, Knit Wits and any other meeting will be able to meet and have an area for refreshments in the same room.

...the fruit of the spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22

God bless you and bring you peace,

**The Women's Council**





# Proverbs 31 Ministries

Renee Swope is a wife, a mom and a friend. She's also a national speaker, author and co-host of Proverbs 31 Ministries international radio show. With warmth, transparency and contagious passion Renee speaks from a heart that has been transformed by the power of God's love! She knows the challenges women face, the heartaches and joys we share. Sprinkled with humor and saturated with Truth - Renee's message will bring you insights that are powerful and applications that are practical.

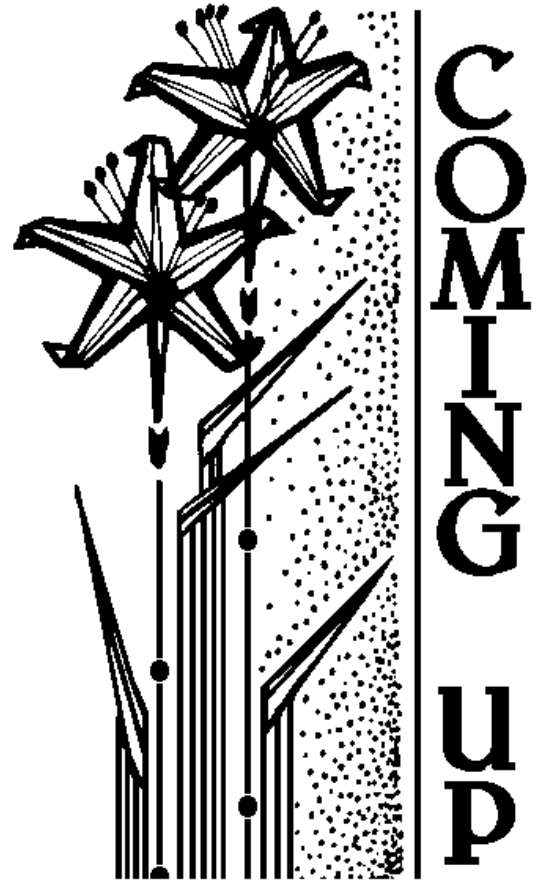
Be sure to join us for an evening with Renee - you'll leave challenged as a woman and encouraged as a child of God!

To find out more about Renee, visit [www.ReneeSwope.com](http://www.ReneeSwope.com) or [www.Proverbs31.org](http://www.Proverbs31.org)

Come and hear Renee speak  
At our  
Mothers and Others Banquet  
"A Celebration of Women"  
on  
May 7th at 7:00 pm



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| March 1     |          | First Sunday of Lent<br>Celebration of the Lord's Supper               |
|             | 5:00 pm  | CE Committee Meets   |
|             | 5:00 pm  | C3 Practice  |
|             | 6:00 pm  | Sunday Family Night Begins   |
| March 2     | 9:30 am  | Golden Christian Circle  |
|             | 7:00 pm  | Experiencing God   |
| March 3     | 7:00 pm  | Men's Bible Study  |
| Mach 6-8    |          | Senior High Retreat  |
| March 7     | 9:00 am  | Knit Wits in the church Parlor   |
| March 8     |          | DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS   |
|             | 5:00     | C3 Practice  |
|             | 6:00     | Sunday Family Night—Belize Mission Team Report                         |
| March 9     | 10:30 am | Sterling Silvers   |
|             | 7:00 pm  | Evangelism Committee Meets   |
| March 10    |          | First Presbytery Meeting at Coddle Creek                               |
|             | 7:00 pm  | Treasure Keepers—Cindy McNeely, hostess<br>Jeanette Hauck, facilitator |
| March 15    | 5:00 pm  | C3 Practice  |
|             | 6:00 pm  | Sunday Family Night  |
| March 16    | 7:00 pm  | Knit Wits in the Parlor  |
| March 17    |          | St. Patrick's Day  |
|             | 7:00 pm  | Mary/Martha Sunset—Kitzi Emery, Hostess Linda Harper, facilitator      |
| March 18    | 9:30 am  | Mary/Martha Sunrise—Peggy Gray, Hostess Cora Poovey, facilitator       |
|             |          | Youth Council Meets  |
| March 19    | 7:00 pm  | Life Issues Bible Study  |
| March 20-21 |          | Junior High Retreat  |
| March 20-21 |          | Women's Beach Retreat  |
| March 22    | 5:00 pm  | C3 Practice  |
|             | 6:00 pm  | Sunday Family Night  |
| March 23    | 7:00 pm  | Experiencing God   |
| March 24    |          | Elders Associate Meeting   |
| March 26    |          | Adult Spring Fling   |
| March 27    | 7:30 pm  | Seekers Bible Study  |
| March 28    |          | BBQ and Auction  |
| March 29    | 7:00 pm  | 5th Sunday Night Sing  |
| March 30    | 6:30 pm  | Concealed Weapons Class in the Fellowship Hall                         |



# Sterling Silvers News

Composing this notice for Sterling Silvers is a very difficult task. This group of New Sterling Church has multiple facets of energy, talent and a devotion to each other's welfare and well being. In the past few months, we have experienced great losses of those who have had a great influence on the success of the Sterling Silvers programs. It has been my privilege to be director for the past sever years. I inherited this position from a couple who notably directed its course for many years. Jim and Swanee Snyder were a vivacious duo who contributed so much to the success of this organization. They tutored me and became my mentors in the policies and principals of this organization. Swanee and Jim could be counted on to do any task and certainly kept me afloat many times while directing the Sterling Silvers. I shall miss Swanee fervently in the administration of our group. I look forward to Jim continuing his talents and helping me.

Sterling Silvers will meet on March 9 at 10:30 in the fellowship hall. The agenda will be discussed for May and June. The April meeting as noted in the last newsletter will be the annual feast that the Women's Ministries provides us.

While in Texas I had successful eye surgery that restored my sight to 20/30 for which I am most grateful.

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Baptism of James Calvin Donnally. Tim, Melissa, Lorin, Samuel and Karen watch. Tony Harper assists.

Here and There at  
New  
Sterling

**Charles and Brian Pope** were recognized as “Farmers of the Year” for Iredell County by the Statesville Chamber of Commerce.....**Kitzi Emery** recently had thyroid surgery.....**Jeff and Cindy McNeely** skirted off to Las Vegas for a vacation.....**Sarge “Pop-Pop” Emery** had cataract surgery while in Texas.....**Todd Goodman** recently had surgery.....**Harold Sherrill** had cataract surgery.....**Karen Goodman** broke her hip.....The first international mission trip to Belize team included—**Pastor Tim and Judy Watson, Kim and David Brady, Jeremy Brady, Taryn Setzer, Susan Pugh, Delinda Mauney, Tommy Morton, Tina Bull, Ken and Marilyn Sides**.....**Brent Mauney** is now in Air Force boot camp in San Antonio, Texas.....**Taryn Setzer** was stung by a scorpion while in Belize.....**Mara Hairyes’** cheer group with Tilley’s Too won first place in a recent competition in Greensboro.....

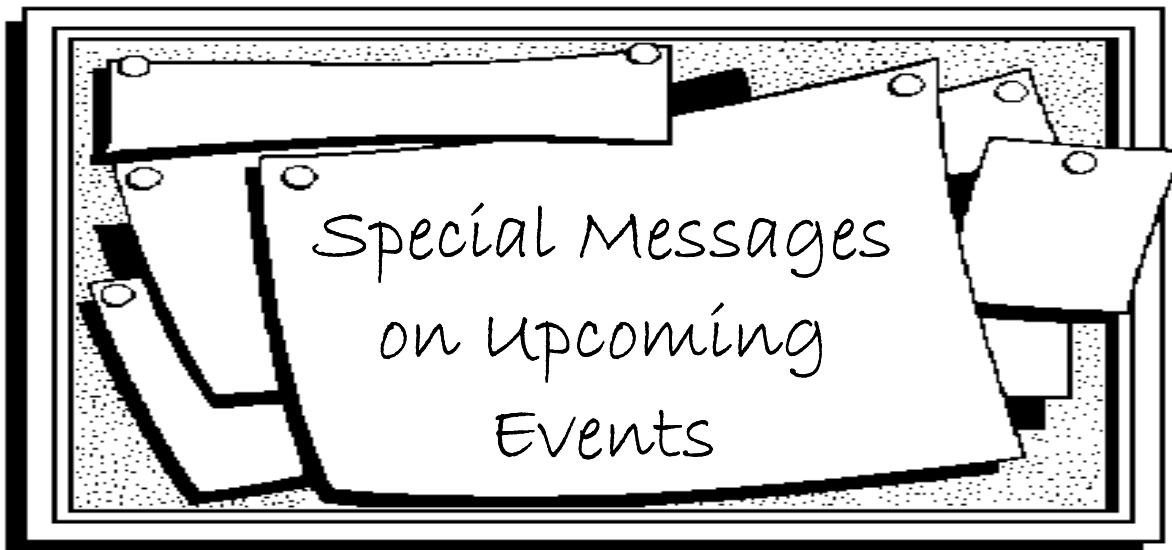


### Vacation Bible School Directors Needed

The Christian Education Committee needs the 2009 VBS directors in place as soon as possible. It is time to begin choosing material and making plans for a fun summer event. The experience will be very rewarding for anyone who loves to work with excited kids and a very willing group of teachers and volunteers.

Please begin to pray about what your role should be on the VBS team. If you feel lead to be a director, please let us help you get started. If you have a friend who would make a great director or co-director, please encourage them to step into the role. Director or co-director, whichever fits you, please use this opportunity to enhance friendships and be a positive witness for many kids in our church and community.

If you are interested or have questions, please contact Doug Gryder or anyone on the CE Committee.

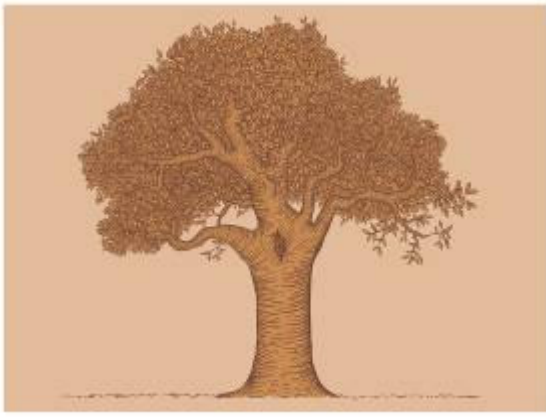


**March 30 at 6:30 there will be a class on Concealed Weapons to be held in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Steve Stewart at 704-872-1580.**

## **NEEDED**

**Church members with a love for youth to work with youth on Sunday nights and special activities throughout the year. Particular help is needed in 3rd through 5th grade. Please contact Ken Hauck or Cindy McNeely if you are interested.**

**The Missions and Youth Council** committees are once again asking for your help with desserts for our BBQ/Auction which will be held on March 28. These are separate from auction items and need to be at the church early that afternoon. These will be served with the meal. Please sign below if you are willing to donate a dessert item please contact a member of the Youth Council.



## PECANS IN THE CEMETERY

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts.

'One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me,' said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence.

Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, 'One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me.'

He just knew what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along..

'Come here quick,' said the boy, 'you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls.'

The man said, 'Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk.' When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery..

Standing by the fence they heard, 'One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me.'

The old man whispered, 'Boy, you've been tellin' me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord.'

Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord.

At last they heard, 'One for you, one for me. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done.'



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# Comedy Corner



A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside: The Pastor said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Pastor."

Pastor questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back, "I'm I the secret service."

*What happens if you get scared half to death twice?*



*Be nice to your kids. They'll choose your nursing home.*

**During a visit to the mental asylum, a visitor asked the Director what the criterion was which defined whether or not a patient should be institutionalized.**

**"Well," said the Director, "we fill up a bathtub, then we offer a teaspoon, a teacup and a bucket to the patient and ask him or her to empty the bathtub."**

**"Oh I understand," said the visitor. "A normal person would use the bucket because it's bigger than the spoon or the teacup."**

**"No," said the Director. "A normal person would pull the plug. Do you want a bed near the window?"**

# COMING SOON!!!!

The Missions Committee and Youth Counsel



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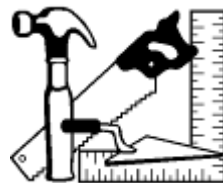
### Mark your calendar!!!



Stir up the  
gift of God  
which is in  
thee.

-2 Timothy 1:6

Now accepting new or  
newly used items,  
hand made crafts,  
home baked items, etc.



Please place donated items for the auction on the  
stage in the fellowship hall

## March Trivia

- March 1 First US census is authorized, 1790
- March 2 *Time* Magazine debuts, 1923
- March 3 Inventor Alexander Graham Bell born 1847
- March 4 First meeting of Congress, 1789
- March 5 Boston Massacre, 1770
- March 6 Oreo cookies are introduced, 1912
- March 7 *Glamour* magazine is introduced, 1939
- March 8 Daylight Savings time begins
- March 9 Barbie debuts, 1959
- March 10 First paper money is issued, 1862
- March 11 NFL adopts the instant replay rule, 1986
- March 12 Anne Frank dies, 1945
- March 13 US adopts standard time, 1884
- March 14 Albert Einstein is born 1879
- March 15 T.G.I. Friday's restaurant is introduced, 1965
- March 16 Federal Trade Commission is organized, 1915
- March 17 St Patrick's Day
- March 18 Soviet cosmonaut Aleksei Leonov first performs the first walk in space, 1965
- March 19 Michael Jordan rejoins Bulls after 17 months retirement
- March 20 First day of Spring
- March 21 Johann Sebastian Bach born 1685
- March 22 Niagara Falls runs out of water due to a drought, 1903
- March 23 First telephone installed in White House 1929
- March 24 Kennedy half-dollar is issued, 1964
- March 25 RCA manufactures first color TV set, 1954
- March 26 *The Young and the Restless* premieres, 1973
- March 27 The shoelace is invented, 1790
- March 28 New York state abolishes slavery, 1799
- March 29 Jack Benny debuts on radio, 1932
- March 30 President Reagan is shot and wounded by John W. Hinckley III, 1981



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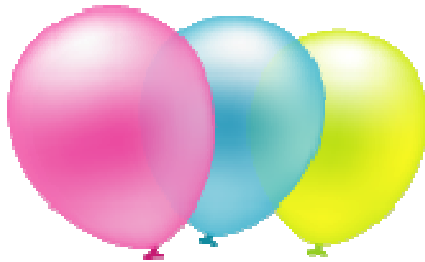
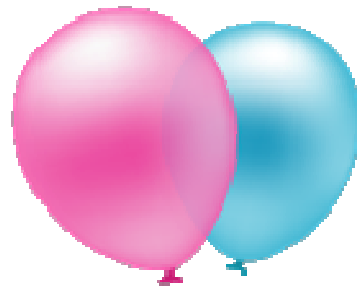
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- 2 Rachel Gray
- 4 Laura Lail
- 4 Jim Hartness
- 4 Pat Sherrill
- 5 Jessica Burruel
- 5 Tim Watson
- 5 Clay Price
- 6 Darrell Elliott
- 6 Erin Waugh
- 9 Leah Gryder
- 11 Floyd Levan
- 11 Taryn Setzer



- 14 Todd Winters
- 15 Gary Goodman
- 15 Matthew Moose
- 16 Tim Hager
- 16 Dylan Hartness
- 16 Charles Pope
- 17 Benjamin Watson
- 20 Nolan Winters
- 22 Wendy Pope
- 23 Gary Reavis
- 25 Betty Levan
- 25 Wayne Waugh
- 26 Ruth Foy
- 31 Cindy McNeely

BIRTHDAYS

### THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

I planned a modern home, but a Korean citizen whispered, "I have no home at all."

I dreamed of a country place for the pleasure of my children, but an exiled lad kept saying, "I have no country."

I picked out a new china cabinet, but a child in China cried out, "I have no cup."

I started to buy a new washing machine, but a Polish woman said, "I have nothing to wash."

I wanted a large freezer, but across the water came the cry, "I have no food."

I ordered a new car for the pleasure of my family, but a war orphan cried, "I have no family."

I planned a stained glass window for my church, but a mission pastor murmured, "My church has no walls."