

From Your Pastor's Heart

As a staff, we have been talking lately about the difference between being man-centered and being Christ-centered. As a result of this discussion, we are reading a book by Kent Carlson and Mike Lueken about what it means for the chief aim of the church to be to create Christ followers.

The key is learning from Jesus how to live in the kingdom of God, and trust Him with everything, not just our sin problem. This involves learning to turn away from sin and seek to bring our kingdom into God's kingdom.

Let me share this excerpt from the book:

"This renewed understanding of the gospel brings a new view of what it means to be a Christian. A Christian is learning to trust Jesus in everything. By grace, Christians follow His example and teaching. They apply themselves to the various practices, experiences and relationships that help them learn how to do what Jesus said. By God's grace they gradually become the kind of people who naturally and easily obey Him. They constantly revise their life to carry through on their decision to follow Jesus. It is an all-encompassing way of living where daily events, circumstances, character challenges and relationships are brought under the gracious and good reign of Jesus Christ."

That is the Gospel! That is the Christian life! It's not just about getting saved and going to heaven. That's amazing and it's the start of the journey — but it's not all there is to our relationship with Christ. It's also about living daily in the presence of God and under the power of God. It's Christ being in us. Paul wrote, "My little children, for whom I labor in birth again until Christ is formed in you." (Galatians 4:19) The apostle agonized until Christ should be born into those people, until they should express His character and goodness in their whole being.

Paul talked about this process in a similar way in Romans 8:29 when he wrote, "For whom He foreknew, He also predestined us to be conformed to the image of His Son." That means that spiritual growth is a molding process — us "being shaped" to look more and more like Christ. The apostle Paul made still another reference to this in Romans 12:2, when he wrote, "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind..." The English word "transformed" comes from the Greek word, "metamorphoo." This is also the origin of the English word "metamorphosis." That's what happens when a creeping caterpillar is transformed into a soaring butterfly. And when this happens to us, spiritually, we don't just do the things Jesus would have done; we find ourselves wanting to do them. They make sense. We don't just go around trying to do right things — through the transforming power of Christ, we begin to become the right sort of person.

This is our challenge and our hope. Let us lock arms and hearts with Christ on this incredible journey.

Together On the Journey,
Bro. Gary

Youth Ministry

Disciple Now Weekend

Disciple Now Weekend is February 17-19. See Bro. Chad's article for more information about what this weekend is all about. If you would like to be a host home please let Chad know!

First Priority Praise

We will host First Priority Praise on Sunday, February 26 at 8:00 P.M. in the Sanctuary

What's Happening in the Month of February

Preschool & Children's Ministry

There will be a Preschool Valentine's Party on February 12 at 4:30 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

Church Wide

Men's Basketball

We will play on Thursday nights beginning February 16 and end on March 22. Each team may have 8 names on the roster. Rosters must be turned in to Chad, Rich Ryals, or Jason Denham by Feb. 9. Each team from Santuck must have at least 5 SBC members to be considered a SBC team. For those who want to play but do not have a team there are sign up sheets in the Fellowship Hall and on the bulletin board in front of the youth assembly room in the north wing. You must be in the 7th grade or older to play.

Marriage Conference

Saturday, February 4, in the Fellowship Hall. 8:30 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.

Senior Adult Ministry

The Belles & Beaus Luncheon will be on Tuesday, February 21 at 12:00 P.M. The program is Music in Song with Karen Carter. Please bring a dish and a friend.

Deacon Ministry

Widow's Appreciation Banquet

The Santuck Baptist Church Deacon Ministry will host the First Annual Santuck Baptist Church Widows Appreciation Banquet on February 25 at 5:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall. Dinner and entertainment will be provided. The guest speaker will be Bro. Andrew Smith. If you are a widow and a member of Santuck and you would like to attend, please contact the church office by February 15. Transportation will be provided for those who request it.

Men's Ministry

Wild Game Supper

Tuesday, March 6, 6:30 P.M. Tickets are \$2 per person. The speaker is Scott Vernon, professional 3 D Archery Champion in AL, MS and the Southeast. He will demonstrate skills with the bow. Give away prizes will be an over/under 12 gauge shotgun and a free turkey hunt with scout, just to mention a few. Church men are commissioned to bring an unsaved or unchurched friend to this event. Tickets will go on sell Sunday, February 5. For more information contact Tommy Puckett,

334-224-2082 or email at tpuckett@elmore.rr.com

A Note from Randy

We have two musicals this spring. First, our Voices of Celebration & Instruments of Praise will present the Easter musical "Redemption" on Sunday, April 1 at 6:00 P.M. This musical is similar to what we did for Christmas, in that there are several songs for congregational participation. This will be a service to worship what our Savior did on Calvary!! Our W.H.A.M. (Grades 1-6) Kids Choir will present the musical "Lifesong" on Sunday, April 29 at 6:00 P.M. Parents, we will be getting you more info about dress rehearsal and bonus rehearsal dates once they have been scheduled. I will have some promotional material out in a few weeks for you to give to your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers. You did a great job getting the word out for our Christmas musicals. Thank you for being the best promotion for these two musicals. I deeply appreciate your support and presence! See you Sunday! I love ya!!

FROM STAFF &

A Note From Ben

God has been rewriting the importance of Sunday School on my heart and I wanted to take this opportunity to invite you to join the journey. The journey consists of you and me making a commitment to God and to each other to be a part of the ministry of Sunday School. Along this journey, we will, as a family, function as a small church inside the large church. This small group experience leads people into fulfilling the purposes of the church (Evangelism, Discipleship, Fellowship, Missions/Ministry, and Worship) better known as "Glorify, Grow, and Go."

God has corrected my vision in past months around these purposes and the fact that a mobilized Sunday School class can carry them out more effectively than a mobilized large group of people in a worship service. Now with that said, I hope you see the importance of each Sunday School class, teacher, leader, and pupil. Join me in this journey by being actively involved in Sunday School. No matter what role you play, all of us together need to be on the playing field.

I also want to invite you to dream with your class about what it would look like glorifying, growing, and going outside the four walls of Santuck. Dream big because we serve a "Big, Big God!"

Dream On,
Ben

From Your Youth Minister

February 17- 19 will be Disciple Now weekend throughout the county. Disciple Now or D-Now is a time when teenagers intensely study the Word of God with peers in a different setting other than the church building, most often in someone's home. They are led by a small group leader who is usually someone they do not know. There are 4-8 youth in a group made up of the same gender and close to the same age. The youth will study and sleep at the home of a person who wants to see Christ work in the lives of teenagers, and encourage and be encouraged by our young people. The teens usually sleep on the floor and the host home provides snacks and breakfast for the youth who are staying there. Host homes are not expected to lead the study but they can participate if they feel led. There is a time of corporate worship where we will come together with other churches to praise GOD and listen to HIS word. Hosts are expected to provide transportation to and from Santuck for large group sessions on Friday night and Saturday night, and transport to and from church on Saturday for a service project. Hosts will deliver youth to Santuck on Sunday morning, which will end their responsibility.

If you would like to open your heart and home for our youth this weekend, please call Chad Middlebrooks. Please be in prayer for all involved this weekend, as it will impact lives dramatically and draw people closer to our LORD and SAVIOR.

In HIS Love,
Chad

A Note from Amy

Many of us who failed to have time in our lives for consistent daily prayer, find ourselves driven to our knees before God for His wisdom, strength and grace to get us through the parenting years. Even then our prayers are most often on behalf of our children—for their safety, health, actions, and decisions. We need to pray for those things, but we also need to be praying for the Holy Spirit to open our eyes to ways of praying for our own needs and weaknesses. It will make me a better parent if I pray that God will help me to remember daily, my own need to be taught by His Word and filled with His Spirit so that I reflect the joy of the Lord before my children (Psalm 16:11).

Praying for us all.

Much Love,
Amy

GREETERS FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY

<u>Sunday, February 5</u> 9:00 A.M. Robert Donaldson, Jim Whatley Karen Whatley, Wayne Lee 10:30 A.M. Sandra Sorrell	<u>Sunday, February 12</u> 9:00 A.M. Dennis Hill, Jack Price, Mary Price, Wayne Lee 10:30 A.M. Steve Blackmon
<u>Sunday, February 19</u> 9:00 A.M. Terri Foley, Pam Lee, Elsie Bass, Wayne Lee 10:30 A.M. Bobby Bohannon	<u>Sunday, February 26</u> 9:00 A.M. Bobby Weeks, Ann Weeks, Wayne Lee, 10:30 A.M. Virginia Olson

GOLF CART/SHUTTLE MINISTRY

February 5 - Charles Green, Wesley Langley, Charles Bryson
 February 12 - Jim Whatley, Will Graham, Ron Jenkie
 February 19- Terry Wagner, Scott Brooks, Randy Gardner
 February 26 - Marvin Killingsworth, Bobby Bohannon, Jeff Yourman

DEACON/YOKEFELLOW HOSPITAL VISITATION

Feb. 3 - Rich Ryals	Feb. 4 - Jeff Miller	Feb. 5 - Tim Thompson
Feb. 10 - Joe McDowell	Feb. 11 - Danny Shaw	Feb. 12 - Tommy Puckett
Feb. 17 - Jim Whatley	Feb. 18 - Jeff Lanier	Feb. 19 - Phillip Taunton
Feb. 24 - Steve Mitchell	Feb. 25 - Keith Dykes	Feb. 26 - Owen Smith

DEACON/YOKEFELLOW NURSING HOME/SHUT-IN VISITATION

	<u>Nursing Home</u>	<u>Shut-In</u>
Jan. 29 - Feb. 4	Jonathan Stuart	Tim Thomas
February 5 - 11	Joel Barnes	Shane Beasley
February 12 - 18	Phillip Taunton	John Fiorini
February 19 - 25	Danny Shaw	Tim Thomas
February 26 - March 3	Jonathan Stuart	Shane Beasley

DEACON FIRST TOUCH SCHEDULE FOR FEBRUARY

1st Service — Dan Morrison
 2nd Service — Rodney Pugh

DEACON BUILDING SECURITY FOR FEBRUARY

Jason Lett

**Finance Summary Report
December 2011**

General, Designated, Building Accounts

Beginning Bank Balance	\$ 332,754.93
Ending Bank Balance	\$ 355,934.31
Total Budget Contributions	\$ 72,790.22
Average Weekly Contribution	\$ 18,197.56
Total Budget Income YTD	\$ 962,968.98
Total Budget Expenses YTD	\$ 962,562.02
Building Fund Balance	\$ 58,631.64

January (as of 1/22)

Average Sunday School Attendance
474

Average Worship Attendance
604

New Members
7

OPPORTUNITIES FOR FEBRUARY

<u>Sunday</u>		<u>Wednesday Night</u>	
Morning Worship	9:00 & 10:30 A.M.	Wednesday Night Supper	5:15 P.M.
Sunday School	9:00 & 10:30 A.M.	Open Bible Study	6:15 P.M.
Evening Activities	6:00 P.M.	Adult Growth Groups	6:15 P.M.
		Preschool Care (Birth-2 Years)	6:15 P.M.
		Mission Friends (3-5 Years)	6:15 P.M.
<u>Monday</u>		Children's Bible Drill (1-6 grade)	6:15 P.M.
Outreach Visitation	6:00 P.M.	Youth Power Hour	6:15 P.M.
		SS Focus Groups	6:15 P.M.
		Voices of Celebration Rehearsal	6:15 P.M.
		Instruments of Praise Rehearsal	7:00 P.M.
		Worship Team Rehearsal	7:30 P.M.

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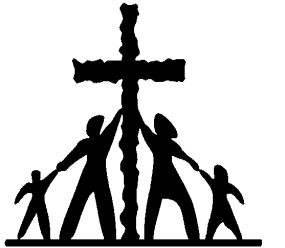
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*Every Member in Ministry Sunday
is February 26*

Please begin praying that God will lead you to a place of service here at Santuck Baptist Church. On this Sunday we will emphasize the opportunities of service here at our church and challenge everyone to find a place to serve. Keep your eyes, ears, and hearts open as February 26 approaches. "Every Member in Ministry" brochures will be available on February 19.

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers, Every Member
 Gary Miller, Senior Pastor
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