

Hightower Baptist Church

Newsletter

Prayer Requests

- ◇ The family of Chris Chandler
- ◇ Valerie Cheshire
(Peggy Wheeler's daughter)
- ◇ The family of Elbert and Izelle Cochran
- ◇ Carter Collett
- ◇ Walt Gilleland
- ◇ The family of Patricia Jarard
(friend of Wanda Harber)
- ◇ Alan Jenks (diagnosed with leukemia)
- ◇ Ruthie Jones
(friend of the Martin's)
- ◇ Jack Kelley
- ◇ Gwenda Owens
(Lisa Bobo's mother)
- ◇ Kathleen Monroe
- ◇ The family of Marion Phillips
- ◇ The family of Ruth Ann Pinyan
- ◇ Janeene Porcel
- ◇ Mrs. Price (Ronnie's mom)
- ◇ Bill Pruitt
- ◇ Kathy Strickland
(undergoing chemotherapy)
- ◇ Alan and Mary Thomas
- ◇ Robert Tidwell
- ◇ Ed and Sheila Towers
- ◇ Mary Watkins
(Marla Cochran's mom)
- ◇ Mary Watkins
(Atholine Wilkie's sister)
- ◇ Elizabeth Westbrook
(Jamie Wilkie's aunt)
- ◇ Coriene Wilkie
- ◇ Margie Wilkie
- ◇ Stanley Solesbee (Whitney Wilkie's uncle suffering heart issues)

Pastor's Note

“Pray”

March is here, and it is time for our annual Spring Revival. I hope all of you are looking forward to revival here at Hightower Baptist Church. My prayer is that this would be a time of renewal and commitment to our Lord Jesus Christ.— that all of us would find the strength we need to face the challenges of life that we all have and that unsaved people would come to the saving knowledge of Christ.

May we all be reminded of what the Lord said about prayer?

In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus makes the following statement.

Matthew 7:7-8

Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

Did you notice? No qualifications, no limiting conditions; just an open invitation to ask, seek and knock?

This is for all of us, so please join me in prayer as we pray for our upcoming Revival.

Brother Gary English will be with us during our time of Revival. Be praying that the Lord will bless him as he ministers the Gospel to all of us.

In Christ,



HIGHTOWER BAPTIST CHURCH

Ronnie McCormick, Pastor

March 2017

Adult Choir News

It's great to be back in the "choir loft" after winter break and I'm looking forward to learning our new songs. If you've not been to practice this year, it's time to make your way back and join us!

Listening CD's are available to help familiarize you with the new selections and enjoy while you're driving. Please see me if you do not have one. I want to express my appreciation and gratitude to each of you for taking time out of your busy schedule to attend choir practice on Wednesday nights. I know you all have many things that pull and tug for your attention and it's an honor that you've chosen choir. I enjoy our time singing and the fellowship we share with one another. I look forward to seeing you soon! May the Lord bless and keep you, and give you peace, Amen.

Keep on Singing!

**Conference Dates 2017*

March 26th*note change

April 16th

May 21st

June 18th

July 16th

August 20th

September 17th

October 15th

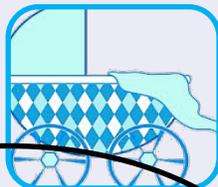
November 19th

December 17th



To remove or add prayer requests from the monthly list or include anything in the newsletter for next month, please email information to whitneynewsleter@gmail.com by **Wednesday, March 29th.**

Due to Family Day on **Sunday, March 19th**, Conference has been rescheduled for **Sunday, March 26th.**



You're invited to a Baby Shower honoring Kortnee (Heard) & Ethan Souther—**Sunday March 5th** between 2-4 in the fellowship hall. They are registered at Target. It's a Boy!

WMU News

Sunday, March 5th is the **LAST DAY** to buy tickets for the **March 12th** Spring Ahead Supper to raise money to send children to Church Camp. Tickets are \$7. Please see a WMU lady at church to buy a ticket. Everyone is asked to bring a dish and a dessert as well. WMU is providing chicken tenders, rolls, and drinks.

Next WMU Meeting is **Tuesday, March 27th.**

Hasty Backpack Program

We are still collecting cereal and individual meals for the Hasty Backpack Program through the month of April. If all of us contribute, we can stock the pantry to get meals for students through May. Thank you so much for your help.

Seven Bridges

We are making lunches for The Seven Bridges on **Saturday, March 18 at 9:30** in the Fellowship Hall.

Easter Egg Hunt

Hightower's Annual Easter Egg Hunt will take place after church **Sunday, April 9th.** Families are invited to bring their own picnic with the egg hunt beginning at 1:00 p.m. Each child needs to bring a dozen filled eggs.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Weekly Activities

Sundays

- ◇ Sunday School is held each Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m.
- ◇ Church service follows at 11 a.m.
- ◇ Children's Church in Fellowship Hall during service
- ◇ Nursery offered during service

Wednesdays

Dinner at 5:30 p.m.

Youth Choir 6:30 p.m.

Life, Life Jr., Men's Bible Study, Women's Bible Study, Adult Choir

7:00 p.m.

Sunday, March 5th—Baby Shower for Kortnee and Ethan Souther

Sunday, March 5th—Last day to buy tickets for Spring Ahead Supper

Sunday, March 12th—WMU hosted luncheon after church—please bring a covered dish and a dessert. Tickets are \$7 for adults and children 5 and up. WMU is providing chicken and rolls. All proceeds go to benefit Church Camp.

Saturday, March 18th—Making lunches for Seven Bridges

Sunday March 19th—Conference after church

Sunday March 19th—Family Day

Sunday March 19th—Spring Revival begins 7:00 p.m.—lasts through **Tuesday, March 21st**

Tuesday, March 27th—WMU meets

Wednesday, March 28th—information due to Whitney for newsletter

Wednesday, April 5th—all youth and children activities cancelled (Cherokee County Spring Break)

Sunday, April 9th—Easter Egg Hunt after church

From the Newsletter

As the first crocus erupts triumphant from the ground, blue amid the gray, it seems that the earth rejoices together—flora, fauna, and human. This season, it is not hard to imagine God laying his green cloak over the valleys and mountains—stopping to paint color and texture in His infinitely measured and perfect way. As nature sheds the skin of death and the haunting notes of winter, it springs to life: delicate speckled blue eggs, vibrant pink trees, and lemon yellow flowers coexist in the same palette of Spring. God reminds us He is the Creator—every symmetrical flower at a time.



This season always reminds me that like the earth, I am also spared from death. When I eventually shed this life, I cannot even imagine the color and joy of my new one in Heaven with Christ Jesus. I think it will be much like the flowers coming out of the earth—triumphant, new, and beautiful there. Spring reminds me that not winter, not death, nor Satan can ever begin to stop the work of God. From the first moment of tapping Adam's finger and breathing into him life to the final moment of our Messiah's sacrifice on the cross, He has never stopped giving His children who believe in Him life. I hope your Spring is blessed and joyous as we celebrate this season of newness together at Hightower.

Psalm 116: 8

For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.