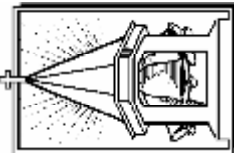


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Hours of Worship & Activities

Sunday	
9:30 AM	Sunday School
10:45 AM	Morning Worship
4:45 PM	Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM	Evening Worship
Tuesday	
12:00 PM	Fun & Fellowship/Gym
Wednesday	
6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM	Team Kids
Thursday	
9:30 AM	Nursing Home Visitation
12:00 PM	Fun & Fellowship/Gym

Other Opportunities for Service

Brotherhood - Meets at 7 a.m. the 4th Sunday of each month in the Fellowship Hall.

Lamplighters - Meets the 4th Wednesday of each month in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m.

WMU - Meets the 1st Wednesday of each month at 10:00 a.m. the Fellowship Hall. Lunch immediately following the meeting.

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The Chimes

March, 2010

Well, we welcome you, Mr. March! We have had all of the winter freezing that we want for now. The rare snowflakes were beautiful, but then that is why we live here in the South—snowflakes are rare! So we welcome you Mr. March, for you bring Spring to us. We see the swelling of the Japanese Magnolia buds. We see the Daffodils poking their blossom shoots through the cold soil. We know the Red Bud trees will soon put on a show for us. And we are beginning to see the Robins in their yellow-circled eyes and red-breasted tuxedos foraging across our lawns. Spring is in the air!

We have many good things to talk about in this March issue of The Chimes. First, we CELEBRATE a very successful Women's Weekend Away. A total of forty-five ladies attended the February 5-6 seminar held at the Hilton Garden Inn in Daphne. Mrs. Diana Byrd, noted spiritual motivational speaker, and member of FBC Wilmer, led the Beth Moore Bible study. Our very own Mrs. Mary Couey led the ladies in worship music. The ladies returned refreshed, renewed, and already planning next year's Women's Weekend Away.

Second, Dr. Ted Mashburn will be our guest speaker on Wednesday evening, March 10. Dr. Mashburn will bring us a report, and lead us in a CELEBRATION of the positive results of the various scholarships placed at the University of Mobile by FBC Chickasaw. He will bring us first-hand accounts of how the Godwin Faculty Development Fund, established by the late Dr. Cora Godwin, has aided many of the University of Mobile faculty. He will share how he himself, using monies from that fund, was able to serve as the Faculty Guide for the Holocaust Museum study tour in our nation's capital. Please invite all your friends and neighbors to attend this most important celebration event.

Third, we will have a low-key observance of our Church's 19th anniversary March 21. But we will this year, be in the process of planning a big-time CELEBRATION of our Church's 20th anniversary for March 2011! Come, plan with us!

Fourth, we have a very special program planned for our Palm Sunday worship, March 28. Dr. B has made arrangements with Dr. Roger Breland, Executive Director and Dean of the Center for Performing Arts at the University of Mobile, for the ensembles Voices of Mobile and So Fre from the Center for Performing Arts to present a concert during our Sunday morning worship hour. This will be especially gratifying to those of you who recall that Dr. Breland grew up in FBC Chickasaw. We encourage all of you to be present for this special service. We will have a covered dish meal following the service, where you can visit with Dr. Breland and the visiting students.

Fifth, after much appropriate discussion, our church has agreed to lease our Christian Life Center to the CenterPointe Assembly of God congregation (formerly the First Assembly of God Chickasaw) for a period of one year. CenterPointe needs a facility in which to meet until their new building is completed. We were not using our CLC, so we feel that this is a win-win situation for both congregations. FBC will realize some modest income, and CenterPointe will have a great place to worship. The lease is being prepared as I write, and CenterPointe is planning to hold their first worship service in our CLC on April 4, Easter Sunday.

Sixth, we will join with the other Churches in Chickasaw to observe Holy Week services. A morning breakfast meeting will be held at the United Methodist Church at 7:00 AM, Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday of Holy Week. Our Church will host the noon luncheon service on those same days. We will join the UMC for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services.

And last, but not least, we have a marvelous day trip planned for April 29. Our church leadership has secured tickets for the annual presentation of To Kill A Mockingbird, which is held in the old courthouse of Monroe County in Monroeville. This was no small task, as these tickets usually sell out in the first 24 hours of availability. We will depart the church in the early afternoon in our leased motor coach and travel to Monroeville where we will eat dinner prior to attending the performance. You will be talking about this trip for months to come!

As you can see, there is much happening in our Church. We invite you to come and join with us in celebration of what God is doing in us, with us, and through us.

Dr. Creel

THANK YOU

Gratefully acknowledging and thanking you for your kind expression of sympathy. The family of Mrs. Norma Miller expresses our deep gratitude to the church for their support at our hour of need.

Dr. Creel thank you for your help with the service. She would have been pleased.

Also, thank you for the beautiful floral spray. It touched us deeply. May you all have a blessed year.

Rose and Jay Miller

MEMORIALS

Gifts in memory of Mrs. Norma Miller were given to the Homebound Ministry by:

*Jay and Rose Miller
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MARTIN LUTHER ON MUSIC

Dr. B: I am awed to interview a former Augustinian monk and professor of theology whose ninety-five theses, posted on the bulletin board of Wittenberg's Castle Church, unintentionally sparked the Protestant Reformation. I also know you love music, have a fine tenor voice, and play the flute and lute.

MARTIN LUTHER: Next to theology, there is no art that is the equal of music, for she alone, after theology, can quiet and cheer the soul of man.

DR. B: And wasn't it your intention to restore congregational singing to the people in their own language?

MARTIN LUTHER: I wish we had as many songs as possible in the vernacular which people could sing. I should like to see all the arts, and especially music, used in the service of Him who gave and created them.

DR. B: Besides their own language, I know you approved the use of Latin for those congregations who understood it. What's your opinion about instrumental music? Should we use instruments in the church?

MARTIN LUTHER: Whenever it is helpful, I would have all the bells peal, all the organs thunder, and everything sound that could sound.

DR. B: What an endorsement for instrumental music! But what about the young? What benefit might they receive from music?

MARTIN LUTHER: I wish that the young might have something to rid them of their love ditties, and might, instead of these, learn wholesome things. The world is so lax and so forgetful in training and teaching its neglected young people, that one might well encourage their use of music in His service.

DR. B: A final comment, I notice that you have used old and new hymns in your hymnals. I take that to mean that we should not ask "What's new?", but rather "What's good?". Thank you for this instructive interview, and we extend an invitation to you to attend our Easter Cantata, *Lamb of God*, which contains old and new music that was clearly included on the basis of "What's good?"

Sunday School Attendance

1/31/10 - 02/21/10

	Average	
	Enr.	Att.
Sunday School	184	71

Daylight Savings Time begins March 14. Remember to set your clocks forward Saturday night!

