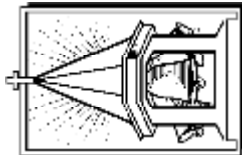


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First Baptist Church of Chickasaw
"The Chimes"
92 Fifth Street
Chickasaw, AL 36611

Return Service Requested



Hours of Worship & Activities

Sunday
9:30 AM Sunday School
10:45 AM Morning Worship
4:45 PM Choir Practice
5:00 PM (6th - 12th Grade) Drama Team
6:00 PM Evening Worship

Tuesday
9:30 AM Nursing Home Visitation
12:00 PM Fun & Fellowship/Gym

Wednesday
6:00 PM Prayer Meeting
6:00 PM Team Kids

Thursday
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.

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

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The Chimes

May 2011



April 10, 2011

To My Dear Church Family:

At age sixteen I stepped in front of my first choir at Hilltop Baptist Church, Cincinnati. My life-long call to music had begun, and for over half a century I would serve as a part-time minister of music in churches in Ohio, Kentucky, Missouri, Mississippi, and Alabama. Rich relationships were formed with each church, although my full-time positions were with college music departments in Missouri and Alabama.

Then came Chickasaw. I told her I could only stay until Labor Day to help launch the reconstituted ship of faith in Chickasaw. And Chora Godwin seemed to be OK with what I told her, because she knew I would be overwhelmed when school started.

By then the transformation began. The powerful sermons I heard, the faithfulness of the choir, the enthusiastic response to the church trips, and the spirit of unity and volunteerism that characterized the church, made me feel that my resignation submitted in the mid 1990s had been providentially neglected. Dr. Ted Mashburn caught the very nature of our church in his moving Twentieth Anniversary Sermon, when he observed "...the real question to ask each Sunday is not—How many were here?—but are we becoming more Christ-like? Are we growing spiritually?"

With its emphasis on the spiritual, it is no wonder that we treasured our affiliation with the First Baptist Church of Chickasaw. What began as another short-term interim would develop into our cherished and longest music ministry.

With the strong ties binding us to our dear church family, it will be readily understood why I announce my retirement with deep regret as of March 17, 2011.

For His sheltering presence and guidance as we worshipped and served together for twenty years, we say "Thanks be to God."

Dr. B

Does God Live a Sheltered Life?

People are here by the billions. Can you see them scattered in hundreds of groups across that huge plain? It is the end of time/space history. Highly elevated so all can see is the throne of God. Listen to what the people are saying.

“How can God judge us? How can He know about suffering?” snapped an angry brunette. She jerked back her sleeve to reveal a tattooed number of a Nazi concentration camp. “We endured terror, beatings, torture and death!”

In another group, a black man lowered his collar, “What about this?” He showed an ugly rope burn. “Lynched for no crime but being black.”

For out across the plain stood millions of others. Each had a complaint against God for the evil and suffering He permitted in His world. How lucky God was to live in heaven where all was sweetness and light, where there was no weeping, no fear, no hunger, and no hatred. Indeed, what did God know about what man had been forced to endure in this world? “After all, God leads a pretty sheltered life,” they said.

So each group sent out a leader, chosen because he had suffered much — a Jew, a black, an untouchable from India, an illegitimate, a citizen of Hiroshima, a Kurd from Iraq. They consulted with each other. Before God would be qualified to be their judge, they decided, He must endure what they had endured. They decided that God “should be sentenced to live on earth — as a man!”

“Let Him be born a Jew. Let the legitimacy of His birth be doubted, so that no one will know who is really His father. Let Him be betrayed by His dearest friends. Let Him be indicted on false charges, tried before a prejudiced jury, convicted by a cowardly judge. Let Him see what it is to be terribly alone, abandoned by every living thing, Let Him be tortured, and let Him die; let Him die the most humiliating death.”

As each leader announced his portion of the sentence, cries of approval went up from the throng. But then there was a deafening, long silence. No one uttered another word; no one move. Suddenly all knew — God had already served His sentence.

Adapted

National Day of Prayer Breakfast

Thursday , May 5, 2011

7:00 a.m.

Chickasaw United Methodist Church

A Hero's Hero

**So Many Soldiers
Living On the Street
Their Spirits Broken,
With Defeat.**

**What Must They Think
When They Look Around
Eyes Passing By,
Staring At The Ground?**

**Does Anger Fill Them
When We Turn Away,
From The Debts We Owe
That Should Be Repaid?**

**What If At That Moment,
Just Once, Instead
We Saluted In Honor,
Right Hand To Head?**

**To Let Them Know
They Are Not Ghosts,
Thanking Them For Being
Braver Than Most.**

**If Everyone Would
Show Them Grace
We Just Might Find
Their Pain Erased.**

**For All The Heroes
Still Fighting To Live
And For Heroes Like You
Who Continue To Give.**

**If You See Someone
Who Is Really Lost
Please Stop And Remember
What Our Freedom Cost.**

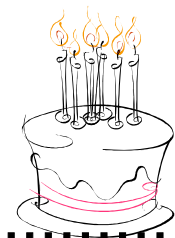
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MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30, 2011

MAY BIRTHDAY'S HAVE A HAPPY DAY!

Day

2	Rosalee Howard
4	Anita Kidd
5	Dennis Ham
7	Beverly Lee
7	Brandon Biggs
8	Mickey Day
9	Arthur Green
14	Sue Kinard
14	Willie Grace Stewart
17	Margie Kimbrell
23	Jerry Wayne Phillips
25	Robert Clark
25	Mary Blanche Robinson
26	Mazie Moorer
26	Carly Fulmer
28	Dana Stone Litton
29	Dennis Melton



***Happy Mother's Day!
Sunday, May 8, 2011***

