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Join us for Worship Each Sunday

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

9:30 Kids Under Construction

10:30 a.m. Fellowship

11:00 a.m. Uplifting Traditional Service




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God answers prayer. For a lot of Christians, that is a “duh” statement, but it still needs to be said because of the wonder of it. That God should stoop to listen and respond to lowly creatures as we is beyond comprehension. We do not deserve it. We cannot earn it. His ear is attuned to us only because he loves us so passionately. He made that clear on the cross, but the daily answers to all kinds of prayers are reminders of the love that surpasses all understanding.

Prayers are breathed silently, cried, shouted, or whispered. Prayers are sometimes spontaneous or recited by rote. We can pray alone or with others. Prayers can be one word or many. They are simple and they are eloquent. They are desperate at times. But any prayer is meaningless if it is not answered. To say prayer doesn't matter is to say God is indifferent to his children. Nothing could be further from the truth. The God of wonders, the Creator of all things seen and unseen, deigns to listen with the love of a father and respond.

We don't always believe, though. No one wants to admit it, but it's true. It may be that we expect immediate answers, and indeed some answers come in a moment. But we may have to wait a lifetime for some answers—the prayer for wayward children or an unbelieving spouse. Sometimes the answer is simply “No,” but God always answers and we would do well to humbly worship him for his condescension to meet us in the place of prayer.

Jesus took a whip and drove out those who had turned the temple into a marketplace. His anger would be unnerving to us were it not for his explanation: the temple was to be a house of prayer. He knew the need for prayer and anything that detracted from that called for righteous anger. Jesus lived a life of prayer and he prayed in every place and in every way possible to bring about God's will for him and his ministry. He also prayed for the people surrounding him and even for those who were yet to be born and believe. He prayed, and that alone should be our example.

I will say it again: God answers prayer. We should be encouraged and take heart in that knowledge. Prayer matters and we should pray any chance we get. The truth of answered prayer gives courage to pray and it gives humility to ask for prayer. My prayer for those who read this is that they will pray with true hope that God will answer in his time and in his way and that the desire to pray will grow with each prayer uttered.

There is only one response to God and his will for us and that is to pray, pray, and pray.

Our Mission is:
To proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in word and in deed
To love God
To love one another
To make disciples of all people.

We Remember

Margaret Larson passed away January 17 at age 98 and private family services were held. Margaret and her husband Walter joined the South Church in 1954, transferring from Van Brunt Presbyterian. Walter passed away in 1990. Each Sunday Margaret, always looking lovely in her bright clothes, could be found in her pew on the north side of the church. She fully participated in the life of the church and was a wonderful friend to everyone. She was a member of the Keystone Class and Presbyterian Women as well as the very important Stained Glass Window Committee. Margaret and Walter loved to travel and were avid fishermen. Margaret was also an accomplished bridge player. She is survived by her sister Dorothy Carter in Pennsylvania.



Presbyterian Women

Presbyterian Women resumes their 2009 meetings and Bible study at noon on Tuesday, March 24 in the Parlor. Bring a sack lunch; dessert will be provided. Our new study is entitled JUBILEE! LUKE'S GOSPEL FOR THE POOR, and we'll cover the Introduction and Lesson One "Jesus Announces Jubilee (Luke 4:16-30). PW Council will meet Tues., March 10 at 10:00. PW meets for study and fellowship normally on the 4th Tuesday of March, April, May, June and Sept., Oct., Nov., Dec. We invite all South-Broadland women to join us.

SBPC is Debt Free!!!!

On January 21st, 2009 we paid off our loan from the Capital Drive. As you remember, we spent around \$300,000 to install the elevator, repair and resurface the parking lot and install a family bathroom. Our Capital Drive asked each of you to commit to a three year financial contribution to pay for these needed improvements. The collection period ended in December of 2008. We came up about \$30,000 short of what was pledged. The Finance team and Session decided to use the Heritage Fund to help pay off the loan. We saved around \$11,000 in interest by paying the loan off almost one year early. Since we were about 10% short of our goal, I am asking anyone who is able or interested to make an additional contribution to help restore the funds used to get us out of debt. I want to thank the many members of this congregation who worked on this very large accomplishment.

Doug Baker
Finance Team

		<u>GENERAL FUND</u>		
		<u>MONTH</u>		<u>YEAR TO DATE</u>
	Date		Date	
BALANCE	12/31/2008	\$9,000.00	12/31/2008	\$1,423.00
Receipts		\$27,202.49		\$343,207.17
Subtotal		\$36,202.49		\$344,630.17
Expense		\$16,968.66		\$325,396.34
BALANCE	1/31/2009	\$19,233.83	1/31/2009	\$19,233.83



March

2009

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1 3:45 Confirmation Class	2 5:30 pm Kids Club 6:00 pm Young Life 7:00 pm Praise Team	3	4 6:45 Tipton CG 5:30 pm Intercessory Prayer Group 7:00 pm Chancel Choir Practice	5	6 8:00 am Adventures in Learning	7 9:00 am Building & Grounds 10:00 Wedding
8 3:45 Confirmation Class 5:00 Middle School Youth Group	9 5:30 pm Kids Club 6:00 pm Young Life 7:00 pm Praise Team	10 South Press Deadline 10:00 PW Council	11 6:45 am Tipton CG 2:30 RS Board 5:30 pm Finance 5:30 Intercessory Prayer Group 7:00pm Choir	12 12:00 pm Keenagers 6:30 pm Worship Team 6:30 pm New Life Team	13 8:00 am Adventures in Learning 10:00 R/S Program	14
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29 3:45 Confirmation Class 5:00 Middle School Youth Group	30 5:30 pm Kids Club 6:00 pm Young Life 7:00 pm Praise Team	31 12:00 R/S and Christian Early Childhood Association	9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service 10:15 a.m. Christian Fellowship Hour 11:00 a.m. Traditional Service 5:00 pm Middle School Youth Communion is the first Sunday of each month			



March Birthdays

- 1 Catherine McGurk
- 4 Grant Baker
- 5 Gary Shemwell
- 7 Ann Jackson
- 7 Skyelar Anderson
- 9 Dorothy Townsend
- 13 Cozette Hatten
- 17 Patric Jackson
- 18 Dixie Miller
- 22 Harold Moore
- 25 Cynthia Blackwell
- 26 Meredith Hartley
- 26 Harlene Scofield
- 27 Bette Blocher
- 27 Domnick Braswell
- 27 Troy Dewberry
- 27 Chandler Robinson

March Anniversaries

- 11 Joe & Judy McGuire
- 24 Michael & Kathy Johnson
- 24 James & Allene Mullins

Welcome Our New Members

My name is **Katie Harris**. I am a 22 year old full time student at JCCC. I am attending JCCC to finish as a Physical Therapy Assistant with plans to finish another 3 years of schooling for my Masters. I am full time single mom to my 1 1/2 year old named Gage. My hometown is Waldo, MO, though I currently live in Overland Park, KS.

In my free time I love to take Gage to the park, visit the library and thrift stores, read and play with our 2 cats and one dog. Gage is my favorite shopping companion! I am very family orientated they are my rock.

Truthfully, Pastor Lyn kept me going to South-Broadland. She always remembered my name and Gage's. When she came to my home I felt as if I was entertaining an old friend. I love South-Broadland. I love our choir. I love our communion. I want to raise Gage in this beautiful and loving environment. South-Broadland has made me the first in my house already to go to church in the morning!

Lizzie Brown is certainly no stranger to us, having served for 7 years as our beloved nursery attendant. She has helped raise our children, and many often come back to the nursery to "visit" Lizzie. She was born in Farnham, England, and her "mum" still lives there. Brothers are in Paris and Edinburg. Lizzie came to the US as an "au pair" (a French term meaning "on even terms"), who lives with and is considered a member of the family. These young women normally take care of the children and help with household chores while learning the language and customs. She lived with a New Jersey family before coming to the Braggs in Kansas City. Lizzie, who was born on the 4th of July, became a US citizen on Sept. 11, 2002, the first "swearing in" after 9/11/2001. The KC Star reported that about 50 people from 23 countries took the oath of citizenship. She works at Dit'MCo, an electronics assembly firm which, among other government work, has made parts for the Presidential helicopter and Air Force 1. Her family at home is her dog Cocoa and cats Phoenix and Sable. She likes to go to movies and get together with friends.

Military Ministry

South-Broadland has three young men serving in the United States Armed Forces – T.J. Buckner, Austin Mann and Matthew Howard. It's important that they know their church family thinks of them, prays for them, and appreciates them. Let's communicate that to them on a regular basis through notes, cards and care packages. The first mailing will go out the first week in March. Please write a note or card to each of them. There will be upcoming announcements about care package items if you'd like to donate to that. Or if you want to donate money for something to be purchased for a care package or to help with postage, please do so. Contact Bettina Jamerson for further information, 816-333-1302.

Rainbow School Update

By Becky Hirtzel

Thanks again, to everyone who supported our annual Silent Auction in February. We are especially appreciative to Darron Story for his great job as our emcee for the night. A good portion of this year's proceeds will be used to do an "extreme makeover" on the Rainbow School library.

Please remember to bring your paper and catalogs to the green and yellow recycling bins in the parking lot. We receive cash each month, depending on the weight of the paper. Every little bit helps!

Rainbow School is participating again this year in the "Go For the Green" food drive with Harvesters and the KC St. Patrick's Day Parade Committee. The Harvesters food barrel will be picked up from Rainbow School on March 24. Please donate non-perishable foods.

Summer enrollment is underway! Rainbow School has two summer programs:

- Part Time Care for Infants, Toddlers, and Preschoolers –**
Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays 9:30 AM – 2:15 PM
June 8 – July 31
- Full Time Care for Kindergarten through Fourth Graders –**
Monday through Friday, 7:30 AM – 6:00 PM
June 1 – August 18

If you are interested in enrolling in either of these summer programs, please contact the Rainbow School office at 816-523-4336. Openings are limited; call today!

Watch for more information regarding Rainbow School/South-Broadland night at the Royals! Last year we had 225 people out to the stadium for a fun night at the stadium. We plan to do this again in June. Watch for the date and ticket price information in your Sunday bulletins and South-Press.



The Labels for Education

Put your Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm and more UPC codes and lids in the red container for Rainbow School. Call Susan at 913-663-1709 if you have questions. More than 50 products are included. A list is in the container with all the products that are part of the Labels for Education program.

We Remember

Jane Waxman passed away January 18 at age 83, and services were held at South-Broadland. A member since 1975, Jane transferred from Paseo Presbyterian. She was a customer at Bob Corbett's bank in Waldo, and he suggested she receive a welcoming visit. Both Jane and her husband David, who passed away in 2007, were physicians. Jane received her M.D. in pediatrics from the University of Michigan and was the first woman president of the Kansas City Pediatric Society. She was also an accomplished sportswoman. She was a strong supporter of the church and held in high regard by her friends here. Jane is survived by her six children and numerous grandchildren.



Family Matters

By Troy Dewberry, Director Family Ministries

WyldLife is starting up!!!

It is that time of year again to start thinking about summer camp at Timberwolfe Lake for Middle School aged kids (6th grade – 8th grades). This camp is a wonderful experience for both kids and leaders. We will be having several events leading up to camp to give the kids a chance to get to know each other and their leaders. In March, we will be heading to Weston for a night of Snow Tubing. In May, there will be an All City Wyldlife event at a park in Platte City. In early summer, we will be heading to Topeka to visit a race track and a race car driver that strongly supports YoungLife. Middle School kids are strongly encouraged to invite their friends/classmates to any event. If you have any questions, please contact Cathy Johnson (cjohnson@kc.younglife.org) or Troy Dewberry (family@south-broadland.org) for information and any restriction.

VBS will be here before you know it.

Vacation Bible school is just around the corner. Once again, we will be partnering with Ward Parkway to hold this event. This year, our church will be the host site. Meetings will be starting March 22nd and if you are interested in volunteering to make sure VBS is a huge success for the kids and the neighborhood, please contact Kim or Troy Dewberry. VBS will be June 22nd thru the 26th this year.

20th Anniversary of T-Ball at SBPC

This year will be the 20th year for our Christian based, non-competitive, family oriented T-ball league at SBPC. We are looking at having a big "Opening Day" in late May in honor of the anniversary. We will have a special guest, food and fun. There will also be a car wash held by the High School and Middle School youth to help raise money for their camps this summer. Games will be held twice a week this year to get 8 games in before the full KC summer hits. We will be giving a discount to teams that sign up at one time. For more details or to help support this incredible outreach, please contact Troy Dewberry at South-Broadland Presbyterian Church

Change Makes Sense

Does that pocket change pile up on the dresser or weigh down your purse? Change Makes Sense was introduced by Jack and Dixie Miller over five years ago as part of a visioning process. They suggested that if at the end of every day we all put our loose change in a bowl or a jar or a piggy bank, it could add up to a tidy sum for the church. So we did, and quarterly at combined services the collection jar was rolled down the aisle.

The monies have gone into the Student Educational Fund, a loan fund for our college-bound students. We have four students who have applied and received monies toward their schooling. But now the balance is low and it's time to start collecting again. So save up those pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters and bring them to the next combined service on Palm Sunday, April 5. Let's build up the Student Educational Fund again for our great group of middle and high schoolers as they head toward college.

Kenny's Corner - Youth updates

By Kenny Buckner - Youth Outreach

To this point in the year, a lot has gone on for some of our youth. Most of them have been working within the Servant Discipleship Program. This program is designed to teach our youth the value of serving others. After the completion of this program, the youth are eligible to spend part of their summer on work crew for several YoungLife Camps where they will be serving many kids each week while there. Here are a few brief updates on some of our youth:

Jasmine is in the middle of district basketball games and is also preparing to graduate in May from Center High School. She has completed the Servant Discipleship program and plans to do work crew this summer.

Hakeem is also preparing to graduate from Center High School in May. He completed the Servant Discipleship program and plans to do work crew this summer. His family is doing much better since the fire in their apartment. The majority of their furniture was ok and there are only a few things that will need to be replaced.

Keilan is doing well in school and he has been participating in the Servant Discipleship program. He will not be able to help out with work crew this summer, but he is keeping a steady job to keep him busy.

Bria has been showing up for YoungLife each week and already has a plan for when she graduates in May of 2010. She plans to attend Howard University and major in broadcast journalism.

Ronald is in the middle of Track season and is preparing to graduate in May from Center High School. He has been attending church on a regular basis and attending YoungLife each week.

All of the youth plan to attend camp this summer in Minnesota. They have also been doing a great job of reading their assigned chapters of Romans outside of church as part of their Covenant group.

Thank you for all your support for the youth and me.

W.O.W, what a great event on 02/22/09 - Chili/Soup dinner.

Dear SBPC Brothers and Sisters,

I just want to share with you a little bit of a phone call I received yesterday from Glenda Nelson at the Plaza apartments. She told me she was happy to see a church really demonstrating the love of our Christ. She said we were very polite, courteous, generous and genuine with these people who "may not have been born on the rung of the ladder they are on now, but are grateful to God they have a rung at all". Glenda told me her dad had been a minister and she had been in a music ministry position for 40 years and she is delighted to see Christians walking their faith which isn't always the case.

I want to personally thank all of you for your donation of time, energy, talent, drink and food. I love sharing God's love with each of you, you are all such an inspiration to me.

God's blessings on all of you, Lynne