

# The Chimes



*"Strength from the past...  
Boldness for the future"*

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## *This Week's Calendar*

### **Sunday, May 4, 2008**

- 8:45am Prayer Time in the Sanctuary
- \*9:00 Sunday School
- \*10:15 Morning Worship Service  
Children's Church (age 4 - gr. 2)
- 4:00pm Youth Praise Band Rehearsal
- 5:00 Children's Choir; Youth Alive
- 5:30 Men's Choir Rehearsal
- \*6:00 Evening Worship and  
Children's Musical
- 7:15 Nominating Committee Meeting

### **Tuesday, May 6**

- 8:30am Senior Adults to Breakfast

### **Wednesday, May 7**

- \*6:15pm Adult Prayer Time/Bible Study
- \*7:00 Adult Choir Rehearsal

### **Thursday, May 8**

- TBA Senior Adult Luncheon in F.H.
- 7:00pm Men for Christ & Ladies Supper  
(Martha Haynes Class will have  
their meeting with the Men)

### **Friday, May 9**

- 7:00am Youth - Am.Hero/Prayer at Pole
- \*nursery provided for ages 4 & under ((except for  
Sunday morning worship - ages 3 & under)

### **Nursery Volunteers - Sunday A.M.**

Amy & Gary Strickland

## **Records and Finances**

### **Sunday, April 27, 2008**

|                                    |              |
|------------------------------------|--------------|
| Sunday School Attendance           |              |
| Loris First Baptist Church.....    | 227          |
| Loris Extended Care Center. ....   | 35           |
| Sunday Morning Worship Attendance. | 335          |
| Tithes & Offerings                 |              |
| Budget Required Weekly. .          | \$10,267.71  |
| Budget Receipts This Week. .       | 9,684.75     |
| Weekly Reimbursements.....         | 59.10        |
| Weekly Designations.....           | 26.00        |
| BUDGET REQUIREMENTS YTD.           | \$174,551.07 |
| BUDGET RECEIPTS YTD. ....          | 160,360.05   |
| AMOUNT UNDER BUDGET. ....          | 14,191.02    |
| % BUDGET FUNDED YTD. ....          | 92%          |



### **Senior Adult Sunday - May 4**

10:15am Worship Service

*Senior Adult Choir singing!*

All senior adults are welcome to join us. We will meet in the choir room at 9:45AM to prepare a couple of songs for the service.

### **Sunday Evening Service @ 6:00pm**

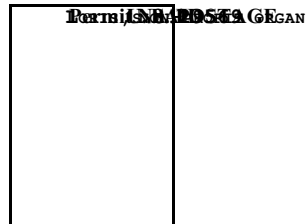
*"We Can Praise" - A Musical*

Presented by our Older Children's Choirs  
*Young Musicians and Music Makers*

### **MEN FOR CHRIST MONTHLY SUPPER**

ON THURSDAY, MAY 8, AT 7PM

*All Ladies of the Church are Invited!*



### **Parent/Child Dedication on Mother's Day**

*May 11 in our 10:15am Service*

Call the church office if you want to participate. Any digital photos of your child to be shown on our sanctuary screen need to be given to Edger by this Sunday, May 4.

## From Our Pastor

This Sunday is senior adult Sunday. It is celebrated throughout our convention and it is a time to recognize and honor our seniors. God's promise to us is that He will see us through all of our years.

### **Isaiah 46:4 (NKJV)**

"Even to *your* old age, I am He, And *even* to gray hairs I will carry *you!* I have made, and I will bear; Even I will carry, and will deliver *you.*"

That is a promise all of us need to listen to. Our ministry to senior adults is very important and growing in importance every year. Why is that?

The fastest growing segment of society is senior adults. Life expectancy in the U.S. continues to rise. Between 1960 and 2000 life expectancy for men increased 7 years and for women 6 years. The 2003 Census showed that the 85 and older age group expanded more than three times as fast as the rest of the population. Then there is this statistic. Many of us who are "Baby Boomers" will be turning 65 in 2011 and by the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century baby boomers will be the largest elderly generation in history.

So what are we to think of this growing population of senior adults? Senior adults have a vast wealth of knowledge and experience that must be passed down to the next generations. Our world needs our older people to be a great witness for Christ. It should always be upon our lips to proclaim how faithful God is. We should not live in the fear of the times but should strongly encourage those who come behind us that

God is who He says He is and will do what He says He will do. Seniors, rise up and give our world a new breath of life as you continue to show how great God is. — *Bro. Larry*

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## **AWANA Wrap-Up**

Another year of AWANA has come to an end. The children have worked hard and played hard this year. Our leaders, helpers, and listeners have been awesome, and our children have benefitted from your commitment.

This year our children were treated to dinner prepared by our Sunday School classes each Wednesday night. A special thanks to the classes that participated in this mission.

We had 93 children registered in AWANA and a regular attendance of 65. Wow! That's a lot of kids! We appreciated their commitment and excitement each Wednesday night. If you were able to see the children as they received their awards on Wednesday night, you surely have a renewed hope for the future of our church and our community. The seeds have been planted; it is up to all of us to guard and nurture their growth.

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## **Youth Game Time Volunteers**

May 4 Abby & Joe Cox

May 11 Linda Pate

**We extend Christian Sympathy** to Paige Graham, upon the death of her grandmother, Wilma Poston.

*Dear Church Family,*

*I want to thank each of you for the visits, cards, letters, phone calls, flowers and most of all the wonderful prayers for me during my surgery and recuperation. I am at home now but still have a good ways to go before I can be back. So continue your prayers.*

*Yours in Christ,  
Janette L. Hughes*

## **FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR**

Our older children's choirs, Young Musicians and Music Makers, will present the musical "We Can Praise" this Sunday evening during the evening worship service. They have been practicing and preparing for weeks now and are ready to sing. I hope you will come and support them as they share what they have learned. As usual, our Men's Choir will also rehearse at 5:30 PM to sing for this service as well as for Mother's Day on May 11.

Last Sunday afternoon our Preschool Children's Choir did an outstanding job on their music program. Our leaders and workers of this choir as well as the children are to be commended for their great work. I appreciate them and thank them for all they have done in their choir this year.

Senior Adult Day is this Sunday and we have prepared a special day for them. I hope you know by now that our senior adults are forming a senior adult choir for this day to sing during the service. All senior adults are welcome to come. We will meet in the choir room at 9:45AM to prepare a couple of songs for the service. If you have any questions about singing in this choir, please let me know. Hope to see you in church. — *Edgar*

**Dear Church Family,**

*It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as your Interim Director of Children. The support and encouragement shown to me by my church family has been incredible. Each note and kind word passed my way was God-sent at the most needed time. I was overwhelmed by your outpouring of love during Wednesday night's AWANA Celebration. Loris First Baptist will always hold a special place in my heart.*

*--Lee Cain*

## **Sunday Morning Sermon**

"Discovering the Fountain of Youth"  
Psalm 92:12-15; Psalm 103:1-5