



# From the Pastor's Desk

## He's My Only Son

The day is over, you are driving home. You tune in your radio and you hear a little blurb about a little village in India where some villagers have died suddenly, strangely, of a flu that has never been seen before. It's not influenza, but three of four people are dead, and it's kind of interesting, and they are sending some doctors over there to investigate it.

You don't think much about it, but on Sunday, coming home from church, you hear another radio spot. Only they say it's not three villagers, its 30,000 villagers in the back hills of this particular area of India, and it's on TV that night. CNN runs a little blurb. People are heading there from the disease center in Atlanta because this disease strain has never been seen before.

By Monday morning when you get up, it's the lead story. For it's not just India. It's Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iran and before you know it, you're hearing this story everywhere and they have coined it now as "the mystery flu." The President has made some comment that he and everyone are praying and hoping that all will go well over there. But everyone is wondering, "How are we going to contain it?" That's when the President of France makes an announcement that shocks Europe. He is closing their borders. No flights from India, Pakistan, or any of the countries where this thing has been seen.

And that's why that night you are watching a little bit of CNN before going to bed. Your jaw hits your chest when a weeping woman is translated from a French news program into English. There's a man lying in a hospital in Paris dying of the mystery flu. It has come to Europe. Panic strikes. As best they can tell, once you get it you have it for a week before you know it. Then you have four days of unbelievable symptoms. And then you die.

Britain closes its borders, but it's too late. South Hampton, Liverpool, North Hampton and it's Tuesday morning when the President of the United States makes the following announcement. "Due to a national security risk, all flights to and from Europe and Asia have been canceled.

If your loved ones are overseas, I'm sorry. They cannot come back until we find a cure for this thing." Within four days our nation has been plunged into an unbelievable fear. People are talking about "What if it comes to this country"? And

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## Memory Verse



*"For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved."*

*Romans 10:13 (KJV)*

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preachers on Tuesday are saying "It's the scourge of God."

It's Wednesday night and you are at a church prayer meeting when somebody runs in from the parking lot and yells, "Turn on a radio, turn on a radio!" And while the church listens to a little transistor radio with a microphone stuck up to it, the announcement is made. Two women are lying in a Long Island hospital dying from the mystery flu. Within hours it seems, this thing just sweeps across the country.

People are working around the clock trying to find an antidote. Nothing is working. California, Oregon, Arizona, Florida, Massachusetts. It's as though it's just sweeping in from the borders. And then all of a sudden the news comes out. The code has been broken. A cure can be found. A vaccine can be made. It's going to take the blood of somebody who hasn't been infected and so, sure enough, all through the Midwest, through all those channels of emergency broadcasting, everyone is asked to do one simple thing. Go to your downtown hospital and have your blood type taken. That's all we ask of you. When you hear the sirens go off in your neighborhood, please make your way quickly, quietly and safely, to the hospitals.

Sure enough, when you and your family get down there late on that Friday night, there is a long line and they've got nurses and doctors coming out and pricking fingers and taking blood and putting labels on it. Your spouse and your kids are out there, and they take your blood type and they say, "wait here in the parking lot and if we call your name you can be dismissed and go home." You stand around, scared, with your neighbors, wondering what in the world is going on and if this is the end of the World. Suddenly a young man comes running out of the hospital screaming. He's yelling a name and waving a clipboard. What? He yells it again! And your son tugs on your jacket and says, "Daddy, that's me." Before you know it, they have grabbed your boy. "Wait a minute. Hold on!" And they say, It's okay, his blood is clean. His blood is pure. We want to make sure he doesn't have the disease. We think he has got the right type. Five tense minutes later, out comes the doctors and nurses crying and hugging one another-some are even laughing.

It's the first time you have seen anybody laugh in a week, and an old doctor walks up to you and says, "Thank you sir. Your son's blood type is perfect. It's clean, it is pure, and we can make the vaccine."

As the word begins to spread all across that parking lot full of folks, people are screaming and praying and laughing and crying. But then the gray-haired doctor pulls you and your wife aside and says, "May we see you for a moment? We didn't realize that the donor would be a minor and we need.....we need you to sign a consent form."

You begin to sign and then you see that the number of pints of blood to be taken is empty. "H-h-h-ow many pints?" And that is when the old doctor's smile fades and he says, "We had no idea it would be a little child. We weren't prepared. We need it all!"

"But-but. . . I don't understand. He's my only son!"

"We are talking about the world here. Please sign. We-We need it all!"

"But can't you give him a transfusion?" "If we had clean blood we would. Please, will you please sign?" In numb silence you do. Then they say, "would you like to have a moment with him before we begin?" Could you walk back? Could you walk back to that room where he sits on a table saying, "Daddy? Mommy? What's going on?" Could you take his hands and say, "Son, your mommy and I love you and we would never ever let anything happen to you that didn't just have to be. Do you understand that?"

And when that old doctor comes back in and says, "I'm sorry, we've got to get started. People all over the world are dying." Could you leave? Could you walk out while he is saying, "Dad? Mom? Dad? Why. . . why have you forsaken me?"

And then next week, when they have the ceremony to honor your son, and some folks sleep through it, and some folks don't even bother to come because they have better things to do, and some folks come with just a pretentious smile and just pretend to care. Would you want to jump up and say, "EXCUSE ME! MY SON DIED FOR YOU! MY ONLY SON! DON'T YOU EVEN CARE? DOES IT MEAN NOTHING TO YOU?" I wonder, is that what God wants to say? (Author Unknown)

## From the Administrative Team

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Most of you know by now that Lenore Strickland, our former Church Secretary resigned her position in December. The Administrative Team would like to express our thanks to Lenore for the wonderful job she did while she was our Church Secretary. We never had to worry about any of her duties as she was always on top of everything going on and was very helpful working with us and the Property Management Team on the maintenance and inspections of the Church buildings. However, with her resignation, the Administrative Team took on another of their many responsibilities by revising the Church Secretary Job Description, which was originally written in 1998 and presenting the revised job description to the Church for approval. This was completed and passed by the Church at the January regular Church Conference. With that completed, the Administrative Team, along with the Pastor, now embarks on the next activity of looking for a replacement. The Administrative Team is beginning to advertise for candidates for the position. Once the applications are submitted, the Administrative Team and the Pastor will interview the candidates and recommend a candidate to the Church in accordance with the Constitution & By Laws. According to Article III, Section 3, Paragraph C,

“The church secretary shall be recommended of the church by the Administrative Ministry Team and Pastor, as a special called Church Conference for that purpose of which at least

one week’s notice has been given to the membership.

The vote for the church secretary shall be by secret ballot, with a majority vote of these members voting necessary for the extension of an offer to hire the secretary.”

Please be in prayer for us and the Pastor as we prepare for and conduct these interviews, as well as the hiring of a new Church Secretary.

Also, if anyone is interested in the Church Secretary position or knows anyone that may be interested, please contact one of the members of the Administrative Team or Pastor Glen. We will follow-up with any recommendations.

Thanks,  
Administrative Team

Leaders: Ricky Watson and Paul Brown

Members: Allette Hale, Kelly Currie, David Hughes, Billie Faye Wilson, Joyce Creech (ex-officio)

## Sense of Humor-Clergy and the Barber

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A Rabbi went to the barber shop. After his hair cut, he got ready to pay the barber and the barber said, "No Rabbi, I don't charge the clergy for haircuts."

So the next morning the barber found a loaf of Jewish rye bread outside of his door step.

A couple of days past and a Catholic priest came in to get his hair cut. He got ready to pay and the barber said, "No Father, I don't charge the clergy for haircuts." So the next morning he found a bottle of wine outside his front door step.

A couple of days later the Baptist preacher came in

to get his hair cut and when he got ready to pay the barber said, "No Reverend, I don't charge the clergy for their haircuts." So the next morning, the barber found 15 Baptist preachers on his doorstep, ready to get their hair cut!



## Inspirational People-Dr. David Jeremiah

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Dr. David Jeremiah, founder of Turning Point Radio and Television Ministries and senior pastor of Shadow Mountain Community Church, felt God's calling on his life at a very early age. Born February 13, 1941 in Toledo, Ohio, Dr. Jeremiah was raised in a family deeply committed to ministry. At the age of eleven, Dr. Jeremiah and his family moved to Dayton, Ohio where his father, Dr. James T. Jeremiah, was the Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, and in 1953 became the President of Cedarville College in Cedarville, Ohio.

As Dr. Jeremiah was sensitive to God's leading in his life, he followed in his father's footsteps. In 1963, Dr. Jeremiah received a Bachelor of Arts from Cedarville College. In that same year, Dr. Jeremiah married his college sweetheart, Donna Thompson who also was attending Cedarville College as a business major. He went on to earn a Master's degree in Theology from Dallas Theological Seminary in 1967. He completed additional graduate work at Grace Seminary and was granted the Doctor of Divinity degree from Cedarville College in 1981. In 1969, Dr. Jeremiah began Blackhawk Baptist Church in Fort Wayne, Indiana, and developed a Christian school grades K through 12. In the 12 years he served as pastor, Blackhawk Baptist Church grew from 7 families to 1300 members.

Dr. Jeremiah heeded God's call, and in 1981 he and his family moved to California where he became the senior pastor of Scott Memorial Baptist Church, now Shadow Mountain Community Church. Shadow Mountain Community Church is one of the largest churches in San Diego County. It is also the home of Southern California Seminary and Christian Unified Schools. As Dr. Jeremiah began his ministry at Shadow Mountain, he felt God's calling to continue the broadcast ministry he started in Fort Wayne. In 1982, *Turning Point Ministries* became a reality. Today, Turning Point's 30-minute radio program is heard on more than 2,200 stations worldwide.

In recognition of Dr. Jeremiah's commitment to teaching the Word of God, he received the Broadcaster of the Year Award in 1999 from the National Religious Broadcasters (NRB), in August 2002, received the Award of Merit from the Western Chapter of National Religious Broadcasters for Excellence in Broadcasting and Faithfulness in Service, and in 2006 Turning Point received the Best Radio Teaching Program Award.

Turning Point launched a television program in 1982 in San Diego and went nationwide in 2000. Now seen around the world through cable and satellite technology, as well as on terrestrial stations all across the United States, conservative estimates suggest that close to 200 million homes around the world have access to Dr. Jeremiah's Bible teaching each week. *Turning Point* Television offers a half-hour Bible study message and a full hour worship service with the same great preaching. The program airs on national networks including TBN, ION, Daystar, INSP, USA, Lifetime, UPtv and ABC Family.

# BBQ



## Friday, April 8

### 11am-7pm

### \$8 plate includes

1/2 chicken, potatoes, slaw,  
bread & dessert. Eat in or take  
out.

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**Any monies or unsold tickets need  
to be turned in by Sunday, April 3rd  
to Luna Parrish or Marie Shuman.**

## Bible Reading Schedule

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Day 1	Luke 22-24	Day 16	John 7-9
Day 2	Numbers 1-3	Day 17	John 10-12
Day 3	Numbers 4-6	Day 18	John 13-15
Day 4	Numbers 7-9	Day 19	John 16-18
Day 5	Numbers 10-12	Day 20	John 19-21
Day 6	Numbers 13-15	Day 21	Deuteronomy 1-3
Day 7	Numbers 16-18	Day 22	Deuteronomy 4-6
Day 8	Numbers 19-21	Day 23	Deuteronomy 7-9
Day 9	Numbers 22-24	Day 24	Deuteronomy 10-12
Day 10	Numbers 25-27	Day 25	Deuteronomy 13-15
Day 11	Numbers 28-30	Day 26	Deuteronomy 16-18
Day 12	Numbers 31-33	Day 27	Deuteronomy 19-21
Day 13	Numbers 34-36	Day 28	Deuteronomy 22-24
Day 14	John 1-3	Day 29	Deuteronomy 25-27
Day 15	John 4-6	Day 30	Deuteronomy 28-30
		Day 31	Deuteronomy 31-34



Youth visited Robinwood to deliver Valentine goodies!



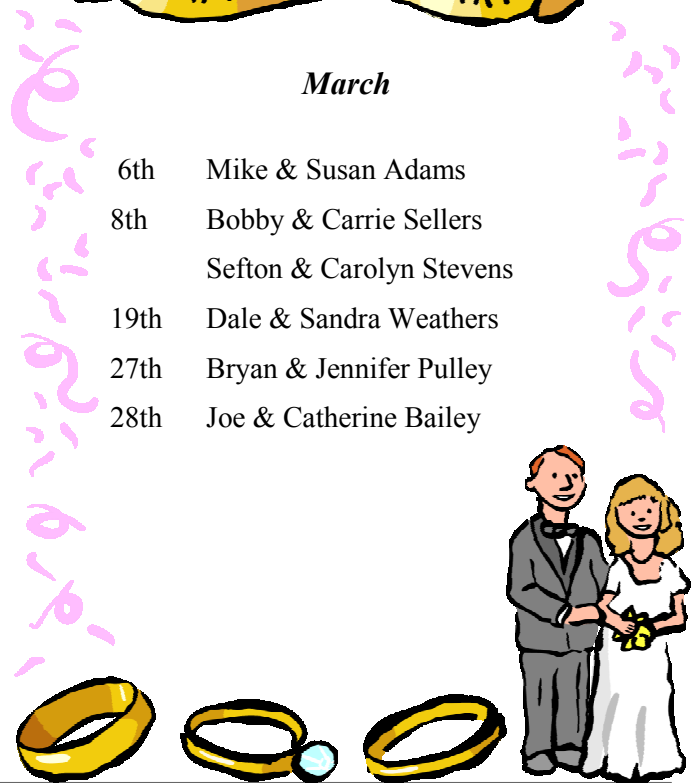
# Interesting Bible Facts

Today, the meaning of the word "believe" has been weakened. In the eyes of most, it has become a mere acknowledgment of a certain fact. To many, it has nothing to do with obedience. But in 1 Peter 2:7, the words "believe" and "disobedient" are represented as opposites. In other words, to believe is to be obedient, while unbelief is synonymous with disobedience. The Scriptures exhort "that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life" (John 3:16). As a result of the way we view the word "believe", many think that all they are required to do is believe that Jesus existed and died at Calvary, and they are in good standing with God. If this were the only requirement, the demons would be in good standing with Him (James 2:19). But there is no salvation for them! "Faith" is Greek word, pistis. This word comes directly from a primary verb peitho, so is itself ACTIVE. "Believe" is the same, as it comes directly from pistis. Faith and belief is some action based on God's word of promise.



## March

1st	Brittney Erwin	20th	Asher Hayden
3rd	Paula Bunn	21st	Blaize Batten
	Jammie Creech		Thomas Brock
	Ray Gardner		Sharon Creech
6th	Renee' Driver		Denny Ide, Jr.
7th	Chasity Bunn	22nd	Carl Creech
	Kevin Creech	23rd	Nicholas White
	Michael O'Neal		Edna Whitley
9th	Bill Driver	25th	Rebecca Batten
	Othell Price		Paul Brown
10th	Austin Horne		Angela Gilmore
12th	Gayle Alford	26th	Freddie Batten
13th	Cecilia Gardner	27th	Colton Narron
	Jordan Liggins		Trudy Paul
14th	Danielle Morris	28th	Catherine Bailey
15th	Susie Hinnant		Christin Brown
16th	Grant Johnson		Ethan Walters
17th	Johnny Scott	30th	Doug Creech, Jr.
19th	Harold Andrews		Kenneth Nowell
	Allette Hale	31st	Tony Bailey
	Josh Wheeler		



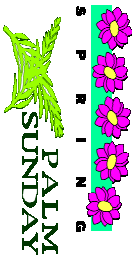



Regular Schedule of Ministry Opportunities:

<b>Sunday</b>	10:00am 11:00am	Sunday School Regular Worship
<b>Wednesday</b>	6:30-7:15pm 6:30-7:15pm 6:30-7:15pm 7:15pm	Youth Meet RA's, GA's & Mission Friends Adult Bible Study Adult Choir Practice

# BAPTIST TABERNACLE CHURCH

# March 2016

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 10am Triple L-prepare meal	2 Regular Schedule	3	4	5
6 Regular Schedule	7 6:30pm Baptist Men 7pm Kay Nowell Baptist Women	8 10am Judy Strickland Prayer Group	9 Regular Schedule	10	11	12 10-4 FMC RSVD-Vickie Hocutt	
13  7pm Pastor Glen at Robinwood	14 7pm Leadership Team Meeting	15 FMC RSVD-Voting 10am Triple L-games/lunch 7pm Levada Driver BW at Billie Fay Wilson's	16 Regular Schedule	17 	18	19	
20 Regular Schedule 	21 1pm Vera Hocutt Circle 7pm Administrative Team Meeting	22 10am Judy Strickland Prayer Group	23 Regular Schedule	24	25 <i>Good Friday</i>	26	
27  7am Sunrise Svc	28 7pm Deacons Meeting	29 10am Judy Strickland Prayer Group	30 Regular Schedule	31			

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## Youth Happenings

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The youth and I would first of all like to thank our church family and friends for the huge outpouring of support already this year!! As most of you know we have plans to take our youth to Camp Caswell June 20-25. Each year we ask that our youth pay 1/2 of the cost and we try to raise the rest through fundraising. We have held 2 fundraisers for Camp Caswell so far this year and both have been wonderful. Together we have raised a total of \$1266 to help with the cost of sending our youth to camp. The total cost of Camp Caswell is \$4272 which comes out to \$267/person. This year that cost does not include our food because we were assigned a cottage. So we will also be purchasing food for all of our meals this year! As previously mentioned our next fundraiser is coming up on Saturday, April 16th. We will be having a yard sale, bake sale, and hot dog lunch. We are taking donations for yard sale and bake sale items. Please see Carrie Sellers if you have any questions!

### **Wednesday nights & Outreach missions**

We have just recently wrapped up our "Soul Surfer" study where we examined how to "catch God's wave for our life" and fully trust in Him as He leads our

lives. We examined how what we plan for our lives is not always the path that God has in store and how we handle these situations as we put our complete faith and trust in our Savior!

Last month we had the opportunity to reach out to the residents at Robinwood. We spent time in the weeks prior making handmade Valentines with verses and chocolate candies attached to them. We had a wonderful time going door to door delivering these and seeing the joy it brought to so many through this simple gift was such a blessing! I'm so proud of our youth for being willing to participate and reach out to those around us who are in need or may just need a visit from someone! Thank you youth and leaders for the way you bless others and for the way you have truly blessed my life as your leader!

Church family and friends I ask that you continue to lift our young people up in your prayers and thank you all for blessing our lives. Whether it be through your prayers and/or donations we are truly thankful for you all!!

God Bless,  
Carrie Sellers