

## In the **KNOW**

### WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND FIRST?

- **There is a PRAYER TIME 15 minutes before the morning service in the Pastor's Study.** These prayer times help create an atmosphere of expectancy.
- **Ladies Luncheon, "The Spirit of Loveliness" May 7 @ 11:00 AM.** This annual gathering of ladies of all ages will take place in the Fellowship Hall of the church. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to invite a friend and bring a special guest to share in this Mother's Day tradition.
- **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL is coming!!** Mark your calendar for June 6-10. This year there is a new twist or two that will add to the excitement and the experience your children will encounter. More details coming very soon.
- **We will be hosting the District Conventions & Assembly again this year.** The dates are June 20-22. Help will be needed in getting the place ready for these meetings and services.
- **GET in COMMUNITY!** small group discipleship takes place on-site each Sunday at 9:45 AM. These life-sharing and learning environments are Bible based and explore topics for personal and spiritual growth each week.
- **MEN!** Do you desire a closer relationship with GOD? Most of us would. A Men's Bible Study is starting this summer and our Men's Ministry Team Leader, Chris Epperson is interested in talking to you if you would like to be part of this group.

### Generosity Gauge for April 24

Tithe Giving	\$7,648.32
Faith Promise (Missions)	1,064.00
Building Fund	120.00
Sunday School	71.50
EASTER Offering	902.66

## **PRAYER** is a priority

### OUR WORLD

Local, state, national and world leaders including the President, his advisors, and others in authority  
Those serving in the military, including chaplains  
Jay & Teanna Sunberg, LINKS missionaries serving in Bulgaria  
The Persecuted Church!  
Those affected by political unrest and natural disasters here and around the world  
David & Sylvia Potter, missionaries in Vanuatu

### OUR CHURCH

The Pastoral Staff, Leadership Team, & Sunday School Teachers  
Outreach and discipling efforts to reach the needy and develop Christlike followers  
12 new families this year  
Dr. David Graves, G.S.; Rev. Harold Berrian, D.S.; and Zone churches and pastors including Rev. Wes Shoemaker and Erlanger  
Nate Berrian, volunteer in Peru for 6 months

### OUR PEOPLE

#### Health Concerns:

Mike Gonzalez, Debbie Meadows, Denver Prater, Angie Skeens

**Shut-ins:** Corrine Bullock, Rena Davidson, Virgil & Nelle Dickison, Pauline Fannin, Verna Felty, Emma Flannery, Edith Gray, Cecil Lilly, Arnold Litteral, Mary Metz, Candice Rice, Myra Speaks, Lucille Tackett

### OUR PASTORS

**Dr. Steve Ruby—Lead Pastor**  
**Brandon Gibbs—Children & Families**  
**Andrea Covert—Worship Arts**  
**Jerrold Covert—Youth & Families**  
**Denver Prater—Visitation & Outreach**  
**Paula Sergent—Discipleship & Assimilation**  
**Curt Skeens—Teaching**

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# The Program \*

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## Vision Sunday

# 5/1/2011

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## Free Stuff

We are all about giving things away, so feel free to take a CD of a service or a Bible so you can begin to explore the story of God. The really good news is that salvation is a FREE GIFT also, and we love to help people receive the greatest gift of all (the only thing we ask is don't take the furniture).

**HILLS** we die on...We are committed to **DOING LIFE TOGETHER!** Real community is knowing and being known, loving and being loved, serving and celebrating as a family. This is how we grow with God and each other.

## We are kid and family friendly

Your kids will **LOVE** this...

**kids' first ministries** is designed for ALL kids regardless of personality, energy level or special needs. We are anxious to have your child in a place where they can meet learn about GOD, and we are sure you are as well. Our children's ministry area is safe and secure, too. We care about what you care about.

**Evening Service** @ 6 tonight will feature plenty of music and a helpful challenge for all. Join us!!

## grow up \*

**WEDNESDAY NIGHTS** are a great opportunity to develop your faith while you deepen your sense of community with others who are pursuing similar goals. Currently we are studying an ancient letter written by a guy named Paul to a church that existed in the first century called Ephesus. We think you will discover more about yourself then you might imagine. Check it out each week at 7:00pm.

# Talk Notes

*"Raising the BAR"*

Matthew 28.16-20, Acts 1 & 2

*The JESUS way*

*JESUS' mission and mandate...Matthew 28.16-20*

*JESUS' instructions and promise...Acts 1.4-8*

*JESUS' provision and the results...Acts 2*

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*The new "normal"*

*That was then and this is now!*

The Lifesaving Station

**I. The early church never lost sight of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**II. The early church never lost contact with the \_\_\_\_\_.**

**III. The early church never lost a commitment to the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Starbucks trademark...*

Every church smells like something!  
What will the aroma and fragrance be?

**It is time to embrace a \_\_\_\_\_ by becoming a \_\_\_\_\_ of people who don't \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Here is the challenge...*