

CWBC

newsletter

COUNTRY WOODS BAPTIST CHURCH

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

SPRING IS COMING! After the cold days of winter we've had this year, I know you're looking forward to the warmer days of Spring. And there are some great opportunities coming for our church FAMILY! Check out these awesome Springtime events:

Mission Shreveport Trip – A group of our students & adults will be headed to Shreveport, LA, for mission trip during Spring Break, **March 7-11**. Pray for Gerald & this group as they serve the Lord there!

Mission Byram Kickoff – **Sat., March 22 – 10 AM till noon** – Mark Sandifer is working hard to launch this monthly ministry to those in our community who are in need of food, clothing, & other assistance. The Gospel will be shared in word & deed! Contact Mark if you want to help.



Will Graham Celebration – **March 28-30** – Mississippi College Coliseum – Pray for this evangelistic outreach event. Who do you know that you can invite to go & hear the Gospel?

"Underground Church" – **April 4 – 6:30 PM till midnight** – This annual event is designed to take us deeper in the Word & in our walk with Jesus.

Our teacher this year will be Robert Morgan, author of *The Red Sea Rules*.

Robert will also be preaching here on Sunday morning, April 6. Pray for this great event!

Underground Church

Church FAMILY Outdoor Worship Service & Picnic – **Sunday, April 27** – Life Groups will meet as normal from 9-10 AM. Then we will all meet at the Pavilion at 10:30 AM for an outdoor worship service, followed by a FAMILY picnic. Bring your lawn chairs, tents, picnic food, Frisbees, kites, & other games & plan to have a great time with your church FAMILY! It's gonna be a great day for CWBC! Pray for great weather & for a great harvest of souls as we preach the Gospel! Invite your lost family members & friends to join us!

Spring hasn't "sprung" yet, but it's coming! Hope you're going to be here with your church FAMILY as we celebrate Jesus together!

This church FAMILY rocks!!!

In His Grip,
Jon

Hats Off to the Ladies and Gentlemen who attended the **Mad Hatter meal** at CWBC in February. I think the pictures tell the tale so enjoy.



Wednesday Night Suppers are back for the month of March. The menu and signup sheets will be in your Life Group folders. Any proceeds from these meals will go to the Haiti Mission Team, please come join us in fellowship and support this team.



We will be working with **Mississippi Food Network** for supplying the needs of our food pantry, below you will find items that we will need in addition to the items we get from **MFN**. If you can help, the following are items needed, or you can make a donation by putting "Mission Byram" on your check.

**Items Needed
for the food
pantry:**

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| Spaghetti sauce | Cereal | Cookies | Pepper, black |
| Ketsup | Coffee | Grits | Dishwashing |
| Mustard | Creamer | Jelly | detergent |
| Mayo | Rice | Syrup | Small juice boxes |
| Tea | Jello | Biscuit mix | Cake mix |
| Pineapples (canned) | Crackers | Pancake mix | Baby food |
| Mandarin Oranges
(canned) | Sweet Potatoes
(canned) | Breakfast bars | Powdered milk |
| Pears (canned) | Black eye peas
(dried) | Tea bags | Toothpaste |
| Oatmeal | | Flour cornmeal | Mouthwash |
| | | Salt | |

Confused by the things that are going on in the world around us?

Have you lost hope? Discouraged? Let's take a moment and see what The Word speaks to us about these things.

First, who are we and how does God see His children?

You are loved by God the Father - *Romans 5:8*
 You were purchased at a great price - *1 Corinthians 6:20/ Revelations 5:9*
 You are justified and declared innocent - *Galatians 2:16*
 You have peace with God - *Romans 5:1*
 You are clothed with the righteousness of Jesus - *Romans 3:22*
 You are made new in Christ - Born of God! - *2 Corinthians 5:17*
 You are seated with Christ - a position of authority - *Ephesians 2:6*
 You are being transformed into the likeness of Christ - *Romans 12:1-3*

Then why does there seem to be a distance between God and me ... and I am still fighting being discouraged with no hope?

Sin has always separated us from God. But for the disciple, our un-confessed sin moves us away from our fellowship with our Heavenly Father. Sometimes Abba or Daddy hears our prayers but doesn't respond because many times He is trying to teach us Who is best to be in control.

When we don't confess our sin, we are saying "I'm in control, I'm make my own decisions. I'm an adult and I'll do what I want to when I want to - I'll call you when I need you"

HERE ARE SOME PASSAGES TO CONSIDER:

- Psalm 66:18* - Hard hearts/No Fear of God's authority and Power
- Isaiab 59:2* - Un-forgiveness/ remaining in sin
- Psalm 139:23/ James 4:3* - Wrong motives
- 1 John 5:14, 15 / John 9:31* - Not praying according to God's Will
- James 4:6* - Pride/ Arrogance

Remembering who we are in Christ and how we continue in a loving surrendered relationship with Jesus Is paramount. As we honestly desire for God to be our Life; we realize we must submit to His control - His ways. While at the same time moving away from the world's ways will transform our discouragement into His Hope.

Hope results in A disciple that trusts Abba; believes Abba; follows Abba; emulates Abba; worships Abba.

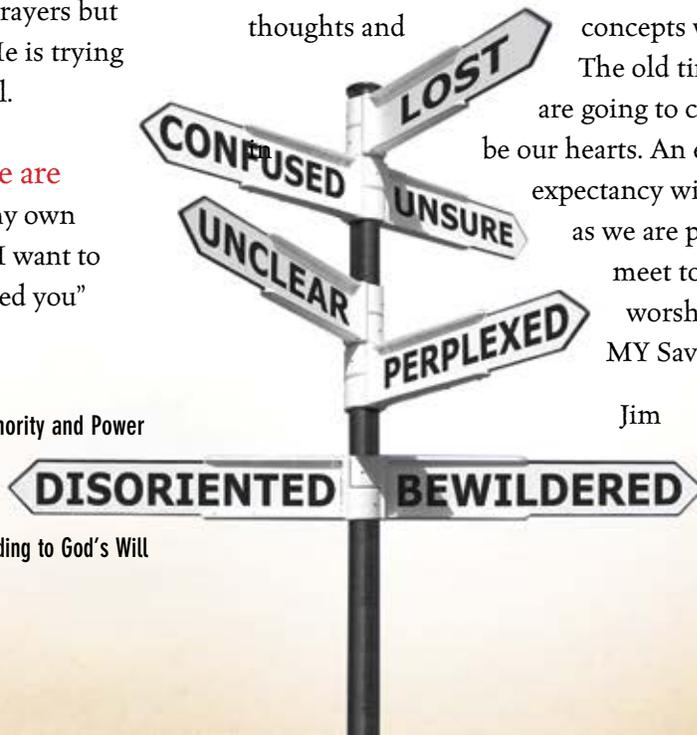
Then we will recognize the real enemy

Satan and the powers of this dark world (*Ephesians 6:12*). We will battle him on our knees and stand as advocates for one another in Unity and Love. God changes our perspectives about Life and the world sees His Love in us and is drawn to Him.

The lasting results will be that our worship times will be transformed also. Our attitude, thoughts and concepts will change.

The old tired phrase "we are going to church" will not be our hearts. An excitement and expectancy will take its place as we are privileged to meet together to worship Jesus Christ MY Savior.

Jim



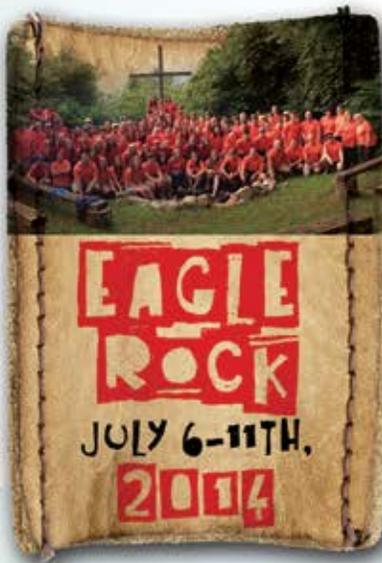
STUDENTS

Mindset Ministries



D-NOW WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! WE RAISED OVER \$2700.00 FOR THE WHITE HOUSE PROJECT! THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED MAKE THIS EVENT POSSIBLE!

Spring Break is upon us! MISSION SHREVEPORT is [March 7-11](#) and we are gearing up for an awesome trip where we will be sharing the love of Christ in Shreveport, La. We will be staying at Springs of Grace Church where our dear friend Aaron Watson is on staff. Aaron has been our worship leader at Eagle Rock the past 2 years and we look forward to him leading us at camp this year as well. God is blessing us with connections for His Glory!



EAGLE ROCK payments are coming in! Please be sure that you save the \$50.00 by joining our payment plan. I've been talking with Ben Pirtle, our camp pastor for this summer and he has been seeking God's plan for the theme for this camp. I am excited to see how God is going to use Ben this coming July at Eagle Rock. Also, I am happy to announce that we will have JARED HALL coming in for one of our late night services at camp this year! We have an ALL STAR line-up planned for our students. So.....Please be sure that your student is involved in all of the things we are doing! DON'T MISS OUT! As we go, we are following the command of Christ, *"Go out and train everyone you meet, far and near, in this way of life, marking them by baptism in the threefold name: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Then instruct them in the practice of all I have commanded you. I'll be with you as you do this, day after day after day, right up to the end of the age."* (Matthew 28:18-20 *The Message*)

I am so very thankful to serve with you here at Country Woods. May God bless our efforts as we point our young people toward King Jesus!

For His purpose,
Gerald

DISCIPLESHIP & MISSIONS

MISSION BYRAM

We are so excited about the expansion of our benevolent food and clothing ministry. There is such a need for this type of assistance in our area and when we offer food and clothing to others, we will have a great opportunity for our church to share the love of the Father with families in need.

Often people are reluctant to offer and receive assistance from others because they are fearful of what someone might think or say but the Bible is clear about what Christians are to do to meet the needs of others.

In *Matthew 25: 35* our Lord Jesus reminds us that we are to help the less fortunate, *“for I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you took me in.”* In *James 2:15* we read, *“If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, Go in peace, be warmed and filled, without giving them the needs of the body, what good is that?”* And in *Galatians 6:2* we read, *“Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”*

We are blessed with a wonderful facility filled with food and clothing. We have people interested in meeting the needs of others, and we are praying for more to get involved. We feel that now is the time and we are planning to open our ministry on

Saturday, March 22 from 10:00 a.m. until noon. We have much to do before we open to the public and we will need a host of volunteers to serve in this ministry. We will need folks to help with check-in, people to counsel and share their faith, folks in the food pantry and people to assist with clothing. In fact we have something for everyone! If you would like to be involved, please give me a call at 601-260-0435, and be assured, we have a place for you!

Please join us in praying that God will send an army of volunteers to serve through our Mission Byram Ministry. We have big plans and cannot wait to see what God is going to do through our efforts.

Many Blessings,
Mark



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW MEMBERS

MARTIN & GERRY HULL
NOAH DELAUGHTER
ANNA JOE

SYMPATHY

Family of Voncile Hickman, mother of JANA (TOMMY) SPELL

We want to thank you for the service you gave our sister. We will miss her but we know she is in heaven. Thank you from the Broomhall, Sheffield and Coleman Family.

*Love to everyone,
Carolyn Broomhall*

COUNTRY WOODS STAFF

JON DANIELS – Senior Pastor
JIM FARRISH – Music Pastor
GERALD YOUNG – Student Pastor
MARK SANDIFER – Discipleship & Missions Pastor
PAM PICKLE - Children’s Minister
TAMMIE MILLER – SR Adult Minister/Business Administrator
MELISSA DAVIS – Spiritual Development Assistant
LAURIE FARRISH – Music Assistant
RITA WADE – Administrative Assistant
RHONDA LLOYD - Preschool Ministry Assistant

CHURCH OFFICE

DEACON ON CALL CELL PHONE: 601-966-2153

FAX: 877-813-3575

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday - Thursday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR WORSHIP AND GROWTH

SUNDAYS:

9:00 a.m. "Life Groups"
9:15 a.m. The Mix – Students
10:30 a.m. Worship Gathering
5:00 p.m. Cell Groups (Students)

WEDNESDAYS:

Life Apps. 6:00-7:30 p.m.
REFRESH – Adults
Mindset Life – Students
Hands on Bible – Preschool
The U.C. – K-5 - Grade 6
Worship Ministry Team Rehearsal



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