



Sandy Level Welcomes You to **NEWS ON THE LEVEL**

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 **Youth March 5th**
Fellowship Hall



March 28th
Everyone over 55 Invited bring a dish for Fellowship following the 11:00 a.m. meeting.

 **Child Protection Policy**
Training March 5th



March 17th
Linda McGuffin



Church Bible Drill
March 27th



March 3rd
10:00 a.m.

2011 Week of Prayer for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering®

Start Here

Sandy Level Goal ~ \$4,000

Dates: March 6-13, 2011
National Goal: \$70 million

"When He saw the crowds, He felt compassion for them, because they were weary and worn out, like sheep without a shepherd. Then He said to His disciples, 'The harvest is abundant, but the workers are few. Therefore, pray to the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into His harvest'" (Matthew 9:36-38, HCSB).



Women on Mission meet the first Thursday of each month. This month, March 3rd the emphasis is on our North American Missionaries.

How about you? Are you on the path to mission involvement? Have you answered His call to witness, pray, give and go? You can **START HERE**. You can begin by praying for our missionaries and their specific needs. You can give generously and sacrificially to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. You can go as a volunteer missionary. You can witness to your neighbor, a family member, a business associate or the clerk in the store. You can **START HERE** and you can start now!

Join the Women on Mission March 3rd at 10:00 a.m. in Blackmon Hall and **START HERE!**

June Blume ~ ~ 754-2488

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You Can Do It!

What word do the following verses have in common? Eph 4:23 (NKJV) "Be renewed in the spirit of your mind." Isa 26:3 (KJV) "Thou wilt keep *him* in perfect peace, *whose* mind *is* stayed on *thee*: because he trusteth in thee." Phil

2:5 (NKJV) "Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." Col 3:2 (NKJV) "Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth." Rom 8:5-6 (NKJV) "For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those *who live* according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. 6 For to be carnally minded *is* death, but to be spiritually minded *is* life and peace." 2 Tim 1:7 (NKJV) "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind." 1 Pe 1:13 (NKJV) "Therefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and rest *your* hope fully upon the grace that is to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." Rom 12:2 (NKJV) "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God." Did you find the word?

The answer—*mind*. The mind is a terrible thing to waste, especially for a Christian.

The simplest way to implement these precepts is by printing them on the billboards of our minds. Listen to this translation of Deut 6:4-7 (CEV): "Listen, Israel! The Lord our God is the only true God! 5 So love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul, and strength. 6 Memorize his laws 7 and tell them to your children over and over again...." Notice the admonition of verse 6: "Memorize his laws." Deut 11:18 (CEV) advises, "Memorize these laws and think about them...." Psa 119:11 says (NKJV) "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You!"

Scripture memory is a powerful weapon in our spiritual arsenal for changing our habits of thought. Since our thoughts shape our lives, it's critically important as Christians that we have God's thoughts lodged firmly in our minds. Pastor Robert Morgan writes, "The power of Scripture is unlike anything else on earth. It's a force to be reckoned with, containing intrinsic power, high enough to give us insight, deep enough to give us peace, wide enough to mold our personalities, and strong enough to bear us through horrendous days."

You can't put anything more powerful into your mind than God's Word! By memorizing and meditating on God's Word, you are mainstreaming God's thoughts into your conscious and subconscious mind which is absolutely essential for the transformation of your life into the likeness of Christ.

"But I can't memorize anything, much less Bible verses." Sure you can! Why not start with the goal of memorizing one verse a week word perfect from a translation you prefer. Psa 119:11 would be a good place to begin. First, read it through slowly ten times just before going to bed. Then the next day, break the verse down into phrases. Start with "Your Word." Work on that for a day. Meditate on those two words. Think about the power and preciousness of God's Word. Then the next day add "I have hidden." Think through the day what it means to have the word "hidden" inside you. Ask yourself, "What do I need to do to make "hiding" God's word inside me a habit of life?" Then the next day add "in my heart." Meditate on that phrase. Ask yourself, "What's the difference between having the Word in my head versus my heart?" Add a new phrase each day, and by the end of the week you will not only have memorized Psa 119:11 but also chewed on it sufficiently to begin the process of moving it from head to heart. Do this for a year, one verse a week, and at the close of the year you'll have over 50 verses under you spiritual belt. Continue doing it for five years, and you'll have over 250 verses committed to memory and continually working to shape you mind into the mind of Christ.

So don't let the devil convince you that you can't memorize God's Word. You can do it. I know you can. And I know this too—it will change your thinking processes and therefore your life!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob".

Build a Bridge – Ten \$1 Bills

In 1989 when I was 20 years old, during the week of Thanksgiving, my mother was quickly losing her battle with cancer. One late afternoon I was sitting in the hospital waiting room, when one of my aunts gave me a card; in it was ten \$1 bills. Confused, I looked up and asked "What's this for?" Her reply was simple, "You're going to be here all week, and sometimes you can't find change for the drink or cracker machine at night." The memory of those ten \$1 bills remained with me for over 20 years, because I guess it was what I needed at that one moment in my life, when someone reached out to me at one of the lowest points in my young adult life. Ten \$1 bills... such a simple gift of "Hey, I care". And strangely, even though it meant so much to me at the time, I had never felt the need to ever share that blessing with anyone else, and I really never knew why, until now.

Fast forward 20 years, to April 2010. A friend was in a motorcycle accident and fractured his neck. Our sons have played baseball together for over 6 years and we had become friends at the ballpark. I requested prayer for him, and made plans to visit him. It was a Wednesday night, and as I prepared to leave, I told Cynthia what was laid on my heart, what I felt led to share...she smiled. A card with ten \$1 bills...simply to say "Hey, I care", but more than that, to finally pass the blessing I had received so many years ago on to someone else. At the hospital, I had a nice visit with him and his family and as I left, I handed his wife the card. I told her it wasn't much but felt led to do something and she never had to thank me for it.

It was now Saturday, September 18, the scheduled date for the "Bridge of Hope" car wash fundraiser. The day of the car wash coincided with a baseball tournament being held in Blythewood, and also a Women's Ministry event. To me, this meant more people in town and more cars to wash. My personal goal was to raise \$1000. At the car wash after Jessica and I had set up all the buckets full of soap and stretched out the water hoses, no one else had shown up to help. It was 8:30. Then I suddenly found myself saying a short, simple prayer, "Lord, we have provided the buckets of soap, now I pray for you to provide the hands and the cars." (and He did!)

Meanwhile, at the Blythewood baseball field, a friend asked Cynthia where I was, and she told her "at the Nicaraguan Bridge car wash fundraiser". "Really, well I need to go and get my truck washed...I owe him" was her reply. At the time anyone else overhearing the conversation might not have fully understood the meaning in her response. But shortly after the baseball game, my friend and her husband did bring their truck to be washed, and also her son, my son Jordan, and another teammate. (If you've watched the 'B2P and Bridge of Hope' rap video on YouTube, they are the boys pictured holding the fundraising sign.) As she paid Jessica, she was offered a bridge flier, which told more about the need for the bridge and also included pictures. Her first response was "No, I don't need that". But then as she turned to walk away (I am convinced at this very moment God touched her heart) she suddenly turned back around and stated "Yes, give me one of those, I have someone I want to share it with".



Building Begins

She shared the bridge flier with her Pastor the next day. Her church met for the very last time that Sunday after the car wash and then met one final time that following Wednesday night to divide up their building fund to support missionaries and other charitable organizations. And we all know they voted to support the 'Bridge of Hope', all based on one bridge flier and my friend's heart that was so moved by the need, so moved by grown adults, not children, washing cars on a Saturday morning, and that I was involved in the project...it touched her at how much this mission project meant to us. Yes, a small congregation church, crossing denominational boundaries seeing this as God's project and not man's, giving up their dream of one day building a permanent meeting place all so the Gavalan and Patastule communities in Nicaragua could realize their dream of a bridge. They voted to give \$6000 to the "Bridge of Hope", which meant the fundraising goal would be met in only five months! Wow, the small church congregation who sacrificially giving the most.

ONE car wash fundraiser, **ONE** second in time, **ONE** bridge flier, **ONE** Saturday, **ONE** prayer for another church to become involved in the bridge fundraising, **ONE** prayer that morning for God to bless a simple car wash fundraiser, and **ONE** friend coming to the car wash because of ten \$1 bills given to her and her husband in a hospital room in April, only because someone had done the same for me over 20 years ago. God showed himself, not secretly, but for everyone to see, and now for everyone to read about. All the "why did this happen" in life are not always known at the time...some answers and blessings may take months for one to realize, some years, and yes, for me - 20 years. Everything in life has a reason and a purpose, absolutely everything. God has a purpose for each of our lives...someone to witness to, someone to reach out and help, someone to be a friend to...all we need to do is slow down enough and be still, and listen for His voice to simply tell us "who".

Ten \$1 bills, seemingly insignificant to me 20 years ago planted a seed in my heart that would continue to grow God telling me when to share and who to share with. Ten \$1 bills not only changing my life but also the lives of two communities in Nicaragua. You will never convince me that in life "things just happen" because I have seen God move in people's lives and in their hearts. God still moves mountains!



Sandy Level Youth in the Community

Spring Sports

Baseball

Hunter Wooten will be playing for the Blythewood High School Bengals JV Team this year. Thomas Castles will be playing for the PAC Panthers, which is a home school team that competes against public and private schools through out the state.



Lacrosse

Marie Plante is beginning her Senior season on the BHS Varsity Girls Lacrosse team. Marie has been a wonderful representation of Christ while on the team, we congratulate her on her Senior season! Brent Dees will be playing on the JV Boys Lacrosse Team.



Softball

Katie and Ansley Gilstrap will both be representing Christ at BHS by playing softball this spring. Katie will be playing on the JV team, and Ansley will be playing on the varsity team.



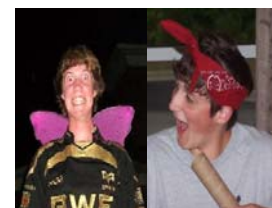
Competitive Cheerleading

Teal Britt, Brooke Davis, and Shelley Black will all be doing competitive cheerleading this spring. They are all members of the Carolina Crossfire Cheer Team. Carolina Lechner will be helping to coach a Special Needs Cheerleading team with SC Cheer.



Rugby

This spring a new (at least to us) sport has invaded the Blythewood area, and the Sandy Level Youth Group. Spring Valley High School is now fielding a rugby team. The team has players from Spring Valley, Ridgeview, Richland North-east, and Blythewood HS. Austin Wooten, and Ben Hochhalter are representing Christ in a great way on this team!



Soccer

Last but not least, Andrew Hochhalter will be playing on the BHS Varsity Soccer team this spring. Andrew has two great passions, Soccer, and Jesus Christ. He represents both in a great way!



Be in prayer for all of our youth as they represent Christ this spring!

Nicaragua Missions

Jake Hughes will be going with the Nicaragua Missions team to aide in the bridge project. He will be the only youth going on the trip. The Lord will use Jake, and the entire team in a mighty way while in Nicaragua. The trip is scheduled for March 19-27.



Youth Events



Mississippi Mission Trip
Yard Sale
Fellowship Hall
March 5th

Donations accepted Feb 27- March 2
(Gently used and clean please)

Spring Flower Sale
All Money Raised goes to Canada Missions Trip

10" Pots (Geraniums, New Guinea Impatiens, Combo Pot) ~ Minimum Donation of \$15.00

10" Baskets (Geraniums, New Guinea Impatiens, Petunias, Verbena, Yubi Portulaca, Combo Basket)
 Minimum Donation of \$16.00

12" Combo Baskets
 Minimum Donation of \$20.00

ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED BY MARCH 27



CAMP!!!!

SummerSalt

June 13-17

\$110

\$50 Deposit Due April 1

Children's Ministry Schedule - March

March 6th **Nursery:** Paula Thayer & Toni Tennyson
 Toddlers: Gertrude Whitlock & Lea Oakes
 Children's Church: Susan Combs & Jessica Barfield

March 13th **Nursery:** Danielle Kahle & Cyndy McCormick
 Toddlers: Donna Baughman & Kim Kacsur
 Children's Church: Lauri Dees & Alice Wofford

March 20th **Nursery:** Jane Plante & John Combs
 Toddlers: Jason Powell & Stan McGuffin
 Children's Church: Michelle Creel & Tara Horton

March 27th **Nursery:** Billie & Herb Wofford
 Toddlers: Robin Blume & Shirley Newman
 Children's Church: Jerry & Cara Kaiser



Kids For Christ
March 6th
 Ken & Karen Hewlett

Happy Birthday!!

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| 2 Lillie Brown | 14 Michael Broach |
| 5 Dianne Monaghan | 15 Donna Spearman |
| 6 Heather Meetze | 16 Peggy Clegg |
| 7 Evelyn Wright | 19 Nedra M. Schomp |
| 8 Kinsler Hagood | 20 Frances Blizzard |
| 8 Larry Thompson | 21 Abby Castles |
| 8 Jason Powell | 22 Preston Horton |
| 9 Jan Robertson | 22 Janice Phillips |
| 10 Seth Hughes | 23 Brittany Jenson |
| 11 Jean Williams | 24 Gladys Wofford |
| 12 Melissa Hagood | 27 Rick Ellis |
| 13 Brooke Davis | 31 Margaret Swygert |



USHERS March

03/06/11	Jim Goodwin	Jason Powell
03/13/11	Alex Oakes	Alan Branham
03/20/11	Derrick Horton	Greg Dees
03/27/11	Jerry Whitlock	Jim Zimmerman

Happy Anniversary!

Steve & Tina Hendrix	2
Davis & Mary Pat Wright	6
Frank & Earline Boney	15
Homer & Gladys Wofford	16
Gene & Mary Lee	23

Senior Saints -- Remember those who cannot come as they once did.....

Earline Boney ~ 1025 Old Birch Drive	Betty Humphries ~ 1213 Grover Wilson Rd	Gabie Entzminger ~ 1519 Loner Road
Dorothy Geddings ~ 133 Tam O'shanter	Louise McCormick ~ 112 Cooper Road	Dan Stevens ~ 1155 Russ Brown Rd
Gladys Wofford ~ 2248 Muller Road	Henry Mixon ~ 11112 Wilson Blvd	all of Blythewood, SC 29016

- Dot Blume ~9120 Willow Ridge Road - Apt 225 - Charlotte, NC 28210
 Louise Cooper ~NHC Parklane -7601 Parklane Road; Columbia, SC 29223
 Polly Raines ~NHC Parkland - 7601 Parklane Road; Columbia, SC 29223
 Carrie Toplock ~ Life Care - 2514 Faraway Drive; Columbia, SC 29223
 Ruby Boney ~ Alterra Sterling- 251 Springtree Drive; Columbia, SC 29223
 Willa Jean & Claude Williams ~ NHC Parklane - 7601 Parklane Rd; Columbia, SC 29223





Welcome to our Church the Donkel Family
 Raimey, Joyce Katie and Hailey
 100 Rockerfella Lane
 Columbia, SC 29223



March 2011



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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Youth Leadership Team 7:00	2 Fellowship Meal	3 WOMEN ON MISSION	4 World Day of Prayer	5 CPP - 9:00a.m. Youth Yard Sale
<p>Start Here Start Here</p> <p><i>WEEK of PRAYER for North American Missions and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering</i></p>						
6 Daylight Savings begins	7	8	9 Fellowship Meal	10 Women's Ministry 6:30 p.m. Linda McGuffin	11	12
13	14	15	16 Fellowship Meal	17	18	19
20 Spring	21	22	23 Fellowship Meal	24	25	26
27 Church Bible Drill 6:30 p.m.	28 PRIME TIME 11:00 a.m.	29 Gleaners Class Meeting F Hall 7:30	30	31		

Wednesday Night Schedule

- 5:30 Fellowship Meal
- 6:00 Music Makers, Youth Bible Drill
- 6:30 Prayer Meeting, RA/GA
- 6:45 Mission Friends
- 7:00 The Station
- 7:45 Adult Choir



Sunday Morning/Evening Schedule

- 9:15 Sunday School
- 10:30 Morning Worship
- 5:00 Bible Drill 4-6th grade
- Acteens/Iron Men
- Bible Buddies (Gr 1-3)
- Adult Small Groups (Childcare - Infants and Pre-School)
- 6:30 Children's Choir (2nd thru 6th grade)
- Youth Choir
- Men's Small Group
- 6:45 Adult Bible Drill I
- 7:30 Adult Bible Drill II



