



**LAURENS BAPTIST
ASSOCIATION
FOOD BANK**

The LBA Food Bank is low and in need of the following items: peanut butter, jelly, rice, canned food, and clothes. Please bring a food item each time you come to church. We will be taking all donations to the food bank each week.

WOM Meeting

Monday, January 16, 7:00 pm
at the home of Linda Evans

VISIBLE RESULTS

**Bible Study
Average Attendance
For December 2011**

Preschool	37
Children	56
Students	43
Adults	<u>181</u>
TOTAL	317

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**South Campus Worship Schedule
For The month of January 2012:**

Sunday, January 8th
If your last name begins with A-G,
Please attend worship in the South Campus.

Sunday, January 15th
Last Names H-M

Sunday, January 22nd
Last Names N-Z

Sunday, January 29th
Last Names A-G

Family Night Supper

Each Wednesday evening, 5:30-6:30.
We hope you will make plans to join us for a delicious meal and great fellowship.
Please remember to make your reservations by noon on Tuesday.
Cost: \$4.75 per adult and \$2.75 per child
Due to our cost going up, we have increased the cost of a meal by 25 cent.

The Dudley Messenger

January 2012

21 Days of Prayer and Fasting

The fast will begin on Saturday night January 7th at 6pm and will conclude on January 28th at 6pm.



"Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."

Joel 2:12



Sunday, January 8

6:00 pm

Self-Control

Choosing to do what you should do, not what you want to do.

Don't miss this episode as Cammie and Gordo learn the importance of self-control and what God's Word has to say about it.

Doors will open at 5:30. Come early and bring a friend!



Imagine Greater...Believe Greater...Serve Greater...Give Greater!

Pastor's Pen

Dear Church Family,

It is a new year...2012! And if the Mayan calendar is correct, the world will end on December 21st, 2012. It is hilarious how different people and groups know specific details about the end of the world but even the Lord Himself did not know when He was on earth. I am not worried about December 21st. But...let's live every day this year as if it is our last! Ecclesiastes 9:10, 'Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might...grab it and do it!'

I am asking that you join me in 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting. The fast will begin on Saturday night January 7th at 6pm and will conclude on January 28th at 6pm.

The key verse for the fast will be Joel 2:12, "Even now," declares the Lord, "return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning."

The recommended reading is 'Awakening' by Stovall Weems.

Each person will determine their level of involvement. Talk to your doctor about what you can do. Some will do a liquid only fast for 21 days. Some will do a Daniel fast. Some will fast one meal a day. Some will do one day a week or three days only. Some will fast from tv or facebook or music or sugar or coffee. Whatever God leads you to fast, the key is that we leave something so that we can turn to God more.

We invite you to establish goals in 5 areas:

For the United States...it is an election year...our country needs to return to the Lord!

For the Church...ask God to give you the souls of people...be specific! Ask a big God for a large number of salvations!

For our mission work. Ask God to make your church more mission minded than it has ever been!

For our county...many are in need...many are out of work...only 20% are in church.

For personal revival...ask God to change you...we are body, soul, and spirit...ask God to touch all three areas!

Let's pray together as we begin a new year.

It is going to be an awesome year for Dudley Baptist Church. Join me this Sunday as I cast the vision for our future!

Pastor Billy

A SPECIAL TREAT FOR LADIES

Cadwell Baptist Church is presenting a Ladies' Retreat featuring Dove Award Artist Babbie Mason on Saturday, Jan. 14, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Tickets are \$20.00 and lunch is included. Rena Bowden will be teaching one of the segments. Tickets are available at the Olive Branch, or from Rena (272-8850), or by calling 689-4322.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY FOR THE NEW YEAR

Ladies, one of our New Year's Resolutions should always be to study God's Word and get to know Him more deeply. January 2012 will bring a great opportunity to do just that. Beginning Tuesday, January 17 at 7 PM, and Thursday, January 19 at 9 AM (you choose the class more convenient for you), we will be delving deeply into the book of James. This is Beth Moore's just-released 9-week study called "Mercy Triumphs". James forces us to face the implications of faith. Be inspired to put your faith into action in practical ways as you get to know both the man and the Book of James. Join us as we explore such concepts as joy, hardship, faith, wisdom, single-mindedness, the tongue, humility, prayer, and more. No book of the Bible is more bottom-line, practical, and in-your-face. Resolve now to be in Bible Study this year!

DBC STUDENT MINISTRY

We've all used words while being a little uncertain of the actual meaning. But when it comes to words like "belief," "righteousness" and "salvation," our understanding makes a huge difference in how we live our Christian faith and how we view God. So, we're going to take a look at these commonly used words and figure out not only what they mean today but what they meant to the writers of the Bible thousands of years ago. And, in doing so, our aim is to let these new definitions teach us more about all God has for us and wants for us. Over the next few weeks we are going to take what may have been lost in translation and recapture and rethink it in a way that could transform us in ways we never imagined.

By January 25th a camp deposit of \$75 is due. Camp is June 18-22. We will be going to Centrifuge summer camp in Panama City.

Church Planting News

This month we will have the opportunity to share with our church family about The Church at the Park. You will hear all about our game plan to reach people for Christ in Laurens County. We feel that God has given us a unique vision that only He will be able to fulfill. Hopefully these times of sharing will answer many of your questions about the new church start. Thank you for your continued prayer support.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR BROTHER OF MINE

For more info on how you can help with our Brother of Mine Ministry, please see Lisa Giddens. Thank you!

CHILDREN'S CORNER

GAME ON

Have you ever been so angry that you just wanted to scream until your lungs fell out? Or maybe someone said the meanest thing possible and you wanted to get even. We all feel angry sometimes. But can you imagine a world where everyone acted on their anger? Or said what they thought right away? What if the adults and kids all threw a tantrum each and every time they got upset? The world would be a pretty scary place to live.

That's probably one reason the Bible advises us to have self-control. But self-control means a whole lot more than not acting out or cutting up. Self-control means choosing to do what you should do—and not what you want to do. And that's hard for all of us.

The good news is that God doesn't ask us to do anything on our own. God promises to help us. In fact, 2 Peter 1:3 says God's given us everything we need to lead a godly life. And self-control is even the last fruit mentioned in the list found in Galatians 5:22-23. The fruit of the Spirit is just a fancy way of saying that having self-control is a way to display that we have God in our life. And when we have God in our lives, He's present every hour of every day, ready to help us take control of our thoughts, words, and actions.

So, the next time you need a little self-control to help you hold your temper, to choose your words carefully, or to eat only one of your favorite treats, pause to pray and ask God for wisdom and help. Then you can make a wiser choice, instead of reacting in the moment. And remember: everyone benefits when we show a little **self-control - choosing to do what you should do, not what you want to do.**

This month, let's think about how:

- (1) *We can display self-control as a response to God.*
- (2) *God empowers us with self-control to respond wisely.*
- (3) *God uses self-control in us to influence our families, friends, and neighbors.*

Remember: A virtue is something God does in us to change the world around us.

5th Sunday For Heaven's Sake Family Service

Is your child asking questions about God, Jesus, and salvation? Do they want to know more about baptism? Are they ready to take the next step? We have a service planned just for you!! On January 29 we will have a special Family Service during the 11:00 Worship Hour titled "For Heaven's Sake" We will walk through the salvation story and have an opportunity for discussion. We'll even send you home with some "homework" to take it all a little deeper. See Luci West (478-697-4186) for more information and/or to reserve your spot in this service.

TAKE DOWN BEGINS!

We need your help to take down the lights at the church! We can use your help any day of the week and especially on Saturday's! Meet with us each Saturday until this is completed.

MOPS MEETING

(Moms of Preschoolers)

Tuesday, January 10, 10:00 am

DBC Fellowship Hall

For more info on MOPS, please see Leigh Logue.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Monday, January 16, 7:00 pm

First Baptist Family Life Center, Dublin

The Road to Recovery!

Celebrate Recovery is a Christ-centered fellowship that offers HOPE and Spiritual healing based on 8 principles from the Beatitudes. All are welcome! For info call 609-1122.

RAISING KIDS WITH A FAITH THAT LASTS

Join us on Wednesday evenings starting January 18th from 6:45 to 8:00 pm. This is a six-week DVD Bible study led by Michael and Candi Pharis. You'll see how everyday conversations, family fun, and purposeful projects build spiritual foundations your son or daughter can rely on for a lifetime - and beyond.

Hello All,

I hope everyone's holidays were wonderful and you are starting the New Year ready be used by God in extraordinary ways. I know that 2012 is going to be an amazing year and God is going to do unbelievable things thru those who are willing to take a step of faith, pursue in obedience and get out of their comfort zone. We are starting 2012 with 6 different soup kitchens at 5 different locations and are currently working on the schedules for all of these. But this is going to require a lot of help and a lot of workers so I pray that God moves you to get involved and then share with others what He is doing.

Over the past year through our soup kitchen ministries we have built numerous relationships, fed the stomachs of many, and seen several come to Christ. This year we are going deeper. We want to see God do amazing things in the souls of the communities we are serving. Although the plan has never changed (reach the lost for Christ) we are now going to be bolder for the sake of the gospel. So we need bold men and women of God. We need those who are ready and willing to be on the front lines for the gospel. We need a team of prayer warriors lifting up each ministry, we need those willing to serve, we need people who are willing to talk and pray with lost and hurting souls and we need followers of Christ to come and share His love with those who don't know it. Jesus said that "the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." I pray that you will join us as we pray for God to reveal His glory here in the harvest fields of Dublin.

If you have any questions about the soup kitchens or need directions please feel free to give me a call at 478-484-7432. I hope you have a blessed day.

For His Glory,

Wade Kendrick