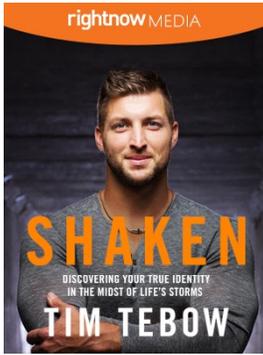




STUDENT MINISTRY

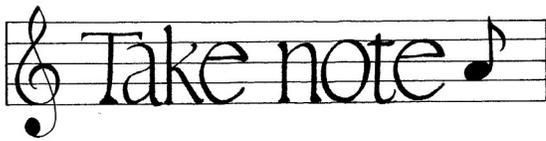
Bro. Aaron Sibley



This month we are continuing our bible study by J.D. Greear called Reckless Abandon. Greear is teaching us what it looks like to live a life that chooses to follow Christ regardless of the cost and to be sure that every decision we make is glorifying to Him. That bible study meets at **5pm on Sunday's** and lasts until 7pm. We have some awesome parent volunteers that cook great meals for our students, so it is something you don't want to miss!! There is still time to join in on the bible study which has just a few more weeks left. After we have finished Reckless Abandon, we will start a new study called **Shaken**, by Tim Tebow, that will last through the end of the semester. Tebow will be teaching us what it looks like to have a strong relationship with God when life is steady AND when life is a storm. Tebow will share how he has grown to find his identity in Christ and not in the world while offering scriptural wisdom that is practical for students' lives.

Other news that is important is **Summer Camp!!** We are returning to Marshall, TX July 1-5 for Generate Camp. The cost for camp is \$275 per student. You can start making payments now if you like. Those payments can be made in the church office or in the youth area during normal

youth meeting times. If you are an adult who is interested in serving our student ministry, this is a great week to come chaperone a trip. Our students are tons of fun and you will get to grow alongside them in your faith! I hope you will consider going. If you are interested, contact Aaron.



I want to thank all of our musicians for their service during our Revival. I appreciate the sacrifices

each of you made to be here and the spirit you displayed during that week. As always, we are blessed by the contributions to worship our choir and instrumentalists make every week. As always, the invitation is always open for anyone to join us. You don't have to be able to read music (at least half of our choir doesn't read music) or be a soloist. All you need is a willing heart with a desire to serve.

I hope you have been encouraged through our study and emphasis on worship the past several weeks. Hopefully it has expanded your understanding on what worship is and what it is not. I pray that our times of gathering for corporate worship will always focus on Jesus. As we sing together, we sing words that either give testimony to who God is and what He has done, or we sing words that are directed exclusively to Him expressing our love and adoration. Sometimes when we sing a hymn or worship song we may encounter a word or phrase we've heard before, but aren't quite sure what it means. Here are a few common ones with the simplest of explanations that may be helpful:

"Here I raise my Ebenezer..." (Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing): From 1 Samuel 7:12, the Ebenezer is a stone placed to mark a significant event of God's help and provision in battle. An "Ebenezer moment" usually refers to a significant event in life where we can clearly see God's hand. It is a spiritual marker in life.

"We're marching to Zion..." (We're Marching to Zion): Zion literally refers to the hill of Jerusalem where the City of David was built. It has also become synonymous with the land of Israel. In the New Testament it refers to the heavenly city or the kingdom of heaven.

"Though Satan should buffet, tho' trials may come..." (It is Well With My Soul): The second verse of this song is not referring to an all-you-can eat buffet, but this buffet" (pronounced "BUF-fet") means to strike a heavy blow, such as with a hand or a fist. The writer wants us to understand that no matter whatever blows Satan throws against us, Christ is all we need to overcome.

May our hearts come prepared to encounter Jesus each week through our praise and the proclamation of His Word.

—Ken Hall



ANNIE ARMSTRONG EASTER OFFERING

With over 273 million people in North America who do not know Jesus, the need is great, and the mission is far from finished. The North American Mission Board helps churches reach the lost in the US, Canada, and the US territories of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, and American Samoa. That is 363 million people, 350 languages, and more than 14 religions. Let us give sacrificially to partner together in reaching this mission field.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR NORTH AMERICAN MISSIONS: March 3-10

Family Ministry Library NEW BOOKS COMING SOON!
 Located in the foyer of the Education Building
 Grab a book, Read it, Return it or pass it along!
 All books are focused on the family.

Gifts were received for the following designated funds:

- To GraceWater in Memory of Lois Ward
- To Revival in Memory of Julu Russell & Richard Hatchett
- To Revival in Memory of Jim & Joy Yates
- To Capital Campaign Projects in Memory of Lois Ward
- To Capital Campaign Projects in Memory of W.C. Fields
- To Capital Campaign Projects in Memory of Gladys Kilpatrick McLendon

February Attendance & Offering

February 3	February 10	February 17	February 24
Sunday School 256	Sunday School 191	Sunday School 255	Sunday School 230
Worship Service 215	Worship Service 221	Worship Service 262	Worship Service 290
Budget Offering \$14,019	Budget Offering \$11,098	Budget Offering \$11,361	Budget Offering \$9,434

*\$16,514.73 required weekly to meet budget.

Thanks for your recent support of the ministry of Gideons International during the recent Rally Day. A total of \$1053.00 was given by our church. Please remember this ministry during times of loss and celebration. Cards are available in the display rack in the foyer of the Education Building and the foyer of the sanctuary.



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I cannot wait to see what God does in our church over the next few weeks! I am always prayerful following revival services that we truly have revival. That will be determined in the weeks to come. We are entering our "Challenge to Grow" capital campaign following a great celebration of the 175-year legacy of our church.

I find it hard to believe that it was five years ago this month that I became your pastor. My first official Sunday was an exciting time, and I preached on what would be the driving force of my ministry as your pastor: making disciples as found in the Great Commission. But before I preached that Sunday, we entered into a covenant. The church was distributed a covenant that was adopted between the church and its pastor in 2001, and everyone in attendance read out loud the church's commitment. This covenant was supposed to be printed in the newsletter each March on the anniversary of my calling as your pastor, but I never saw a reason for that and apparently no one else knew this stipulation.

Fast forward five years, and I think it is important we recommit to our covenant. Many in our church were not part of our church five years ago, and the church is at a completely different place spiritually than it was then.

As your pastor, I commit to:

- Pray for you.
- Lead the church to fulfill its mission.
- Demonstrate competency in ministry through a wide range of functions, including: well-prepared, Bible-based sermons and teaching so as to as nearly as possible meet the spiritual needs of the people and equip them for service in the ministry of the church; regular outreach/evangelistic/nurturing visitation with members and prospects; sound administrative and creative ministry leadership; consistent stewardship of time, gifts, talents, and personal finances setting an example in personal biblical stewardship; being morally, ethically, and scripturally accountable; evidencing servanthood rather than rulership; and showing the love of Jesus.
- Exemplify good work ethic and set the proper example for other staff members.
- Exercise leadership in worship services and all church ministries in cooperation with the church staff, deacons' council, and other church leaders.
- Participate in Deacons' Council meetings and provide them with regular reports and support their decisions, with leading them to truly become servants.
- Support: Southern Baptist doctrines as found in the Scriptures, the Cooperative Program, seasonal special offerings, and denominational gatherings.
- Be a visible concerned citizen in the community, exercising godly influence and leadership and also cooperate with compatible inter-denominational endeavors in the area.
- Accept the church as imperfect people who must be loved and

scripturally forgiven.

- Make every effort humanly possible to be the pastor of all of the people of the church.
- Be accountable to the church and open to godly counsel.

As the church, your part of the covenant relationship is to:

- Pray for me and my family.
- Trust me as a God-called person of integrity and moral ethics dedicated to the work of ministry.
- Guarantee me the freedom of the pulpit so that I can preach as the Holy Spirit leads me.
- Love, support, and encourage me as the under-shepherd as we exercise our spiritual gift(s) in God-assigned ministry to and through the body of Christ by giving our resources, time, and service.
- Work together in making church decisions.
- Evidence concern and care for my welfare and that of my family, including financial support, time for my family, and personal spiritual growth.
- Give me the privilege of participating in the calling of new staff members.
- Support me as leader of the staff and employees while working within established church policies.
- Follow my leadership in worship services and all church ministries in cooperation with the church staff, deacons' council, and other church leaders.
- Give me authority to schedule pulpit guests and leaders for special services. Further, I am given the opportunity to express my approval or disapproval of use of the church by other groups or individuals.
- Discuss and counsel with me should conflicts of consequence arise.
- Accept me and my family as imperfect people who must be loved and scripturally forgiven.
- Work alongside me in visitation and other outreach/evangelistic/nurturing efforts with members and prospects, not expecting that I bear sole responsibility for visiting every sick person, shut-in, or prospect.

We both are given a tall order by the church, and some of what is in the covenant needs updating, but I want you to know that I am committed to continue to fulfill my end of the covenant. I look forward to what God does as we serve Him together in this church.

In Him,
Bro. Clint

Since my youth, God, you have taught me, and to this day I declare your marvelous deeds. Even when I am old and gray, do not forsake me, my God, till I declare your power to the next generation, your mighty acts to all who are to come.

Psalm 71:17-18



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

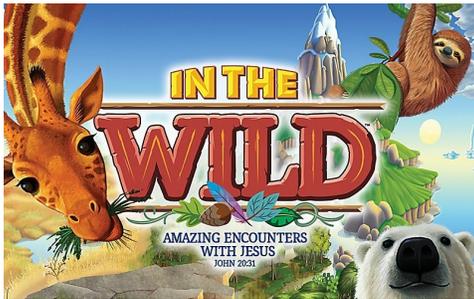
Bro. John Yates

Proverbs 22:6; "Train up a child in the way they should go and when they are old they will not depart from it."



AWANA is in full swing and will meet EVERY Sunday this month. And with that in mind, once again I find myself pleading for help. We need listeners. In an ideal setting there is a listener for every child. We haven't had that blessing but we have had a listener for every two children. That has fallen off and several of our listeners have as many as three children. We could use you. If you have listened in the past, please pray about coming back. If you have thought about it but have not followed through, it is not a difficult task and I assure you, the blessing that will come your way will far outweigh any inconvenience. Sundays at 5 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

Beginning March 20, Kit Windswept is at it again! This time, Kit and new sidekick Angus Fetchenpepper are searching for the lost treasure of the pirate Blue Boots. Your kids will join their search and discover how to apply the real treasure, the Bible, to their life along the way.



Ok, folks, you might as well post the guard, the lookout, the spy... whatever it takes because it's that time once again. Yes, VBS recruitment is here and I will be actively searching for workers...in other words, you. Please consider helping this year. If you were unavailable last year but would love to help, please see me, call or text, whatever is easiest for you. This year our date is June 3-7.

Like last year, we have a night of training to help us all be more effective. I do not expect you to receive your teaching materials then "just do the best you can". Specialists from all over the state of MS will be coming in to walk you through your curriculum and give you that extra boost of confidence. Our training night will be Tuesday, April 30 and will include supper for your convenience. That night you will receive your materials and T-shirt which you will love! Hey, we already live in the 'Zoo, so plan on joining the Safari! VBS In the Wild, 2019.

BIBLE Women's STUDY

DISCERNING THE Voice of God BY PRISCILLA SHIRER

Wednesday March 6 5:45 pm

MOVIE NIGHT *You are invited!*

WHAT: Sunday Night Movie Night
WHO: For the Adults!
WHERE: 2nd Floor of the Office Building
WHEN: Each Sunday in March at 5 PM

WEDNESDAY Night MEALS

March 6th
 Red Beans & Rice with Sausage, Salad, Mexican Cornbread Muffins, Strawberry Shortcake

March 13th
 SPRING BREAK
 NO SERVICES

March 20th
 Pulled Pork Sandwiches, Coleslaw, Cowboy Beans, Chocolate Chip Cookies

March 27th
 Mahogany Chicken, Vegetable Fried Rice, Sweet Potato Casserole, Salad, Rolls, Pound Cake with Peach Sauce

5:30 p.m. \$5 per person
Make your reservation!

Challenge to Grow Prayer Visitation: March 4-23

Deacon teams will first contact and then visit their families for a time of prayer and reflections, and to prepare our hearts for ministry and stewardship. Where there are scheduling conflicts, steps will be taken to see that an effort is made to visit every member. The sole purpose of this visit is to pray.

Other Key "Challenge to Grow" Dates:
 April 14- Challenge to Grow Banquet
 April 28- Victory Sunday

CHALLENGE to GROW



