

Announcements:

SCRIPTURE READING FOR NEXT WEEK: Isaiah 52-54; Proverbs 6; Matthew 1-3

WMU Program & Lunch: Monday, March 2 the WMU will host Lane Moore as their program speaker. Lane is currently the Director of Missions for the North West Louisiana Baptist Association and serves on the North American Mission Board for the Southern Baptist Convention. He will be speaking about the Week of Prayer for North American Missions (March 1-8) and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. All are welcome.
The cost for lunch is \$7.00. The program will begin at 10:30 am in the Parlor.

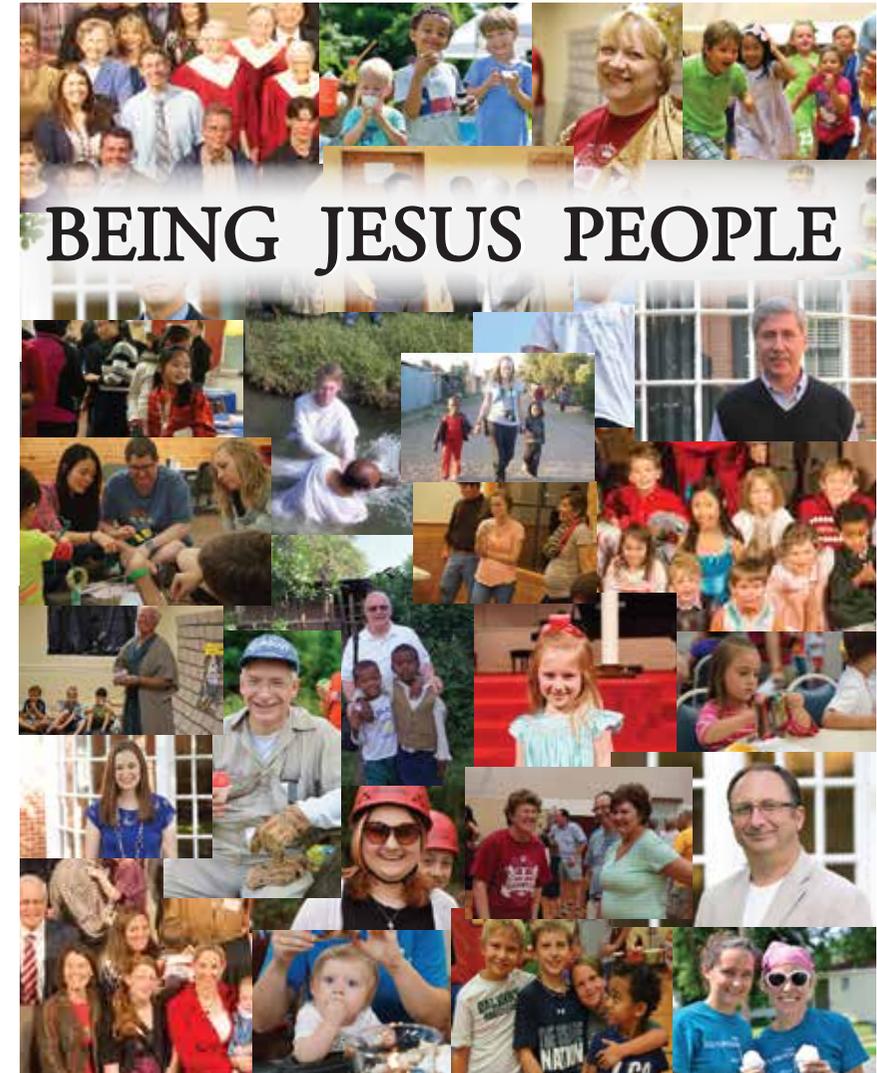
Mississippi College Singers: The Mississippi College Singers is a mixed-voice, auditioned ensemble that is the premier choral group of the department of music. Presenting a diverse repertoire of accompanied and unaccompanied literature, this choir has performed throughout the United States and abroad, with recent concert engagements in England, Italy, and Slovenia.
Join us in the Sanctuary Saturday, March 7 at 7:00 pm for what promises to be a grand performance.

War on Homelessness: Purim is a festive Jewish holiday recounting the deliverance of the Jewish people from an extermination plot by Haman the Agagite. Esther 9:22 says, "He told them to celebrate these days with feasting and gladness and by giving gifts of food to each other and **presents to the poor**. This would commemorate a time when the Jews gained relief from their enemies, when their sorrow was turned into gladness and their mourning into joy."
The Shreveport Bossier Rescue Mission is asking area churches to celebrate the day of Purim with donations of **toiletry items** for the area homeless. We will have barrels in the Sanctuary **Sunday, March 22**, and during the service you will be asked to make your Purim gift to the poor.
Let's support the Rescue Mission and help those in need in our community.

Staff

Dr. Jeff Raines, Pastor
Dr. Glen Adkins, Minister of Music
Rev. Compi Chao, Chinese Mission Pastor
Dr. James Gillespie, FBC School, Head
Meredith Hanna, Minister to Children
Rev. Katie Mussat, Minister to Students
Tara Partington, Music Associate - Organist
Eric Vandiver, Music Associate - Pianist
Rev. Ronney Joe Webb, Minister of Family Life and Missions

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March 1, 2015

Morning Worship

Blessed are the gentle, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Matthew 5:5-8

Prelude
Tara Partington, organ *Praeludium*
arr. J. Fischer

Choral Introit
Sanctuary Choir *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship*
Brian Doerksen

*Hymn of Praise 7 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee*

Children's Choir Anthem
Heather Vandiver, directing *Glory, Glory*
arr. Keith Christopher

Welcome to Worshipers Jeff Raines

*Doxology
Children may come to the front during the Doxology for the Children's Sermon
Children's Sermon Meredith Hanna

*Hymn *The Power of the Cross*

Oh to see the dawn, of the darkest day, Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then, nailed to a cross of wood

CHORUS:

This the pow'r of the cross, Christ became sin for us
Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see the pain, written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed, crowning Your bloodstained brow (*Chorus*)

Now the daylight flees, now the ground beneath
quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life, "Finished!" the vict'ry cry. (*Chorus*)

Oh, to see my name, written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love

FINAL CHORUS:

This the pow'r of the cross, Son of God - slain for us
What a love, What a cost, we stand forgiven at the cross

Scripture Reading
Matthew 5:5-8

Katie Mussat

Solo
Gale Odom, soloist

A Hungry Man
Marjorie Jones

*A hungry man is at my door. What shall I do?
My fire is warm, my loaf is sweet, And I have Thee, sufficient for my needs.
But oh, the wind is cold.*

*A hungry man is at my door, And he is old and he is weary, waiting to be fed.
I cannot dine until I break in three this loaf I thought was mine.
I cannot rest beside my fire unless I share its warmth with him
And find a cloak that he can wear.*

*This done, and he upon his way along the street,
I find a warmer fire, my loaf grown doubly sweet.*

*Not what we give, but what we share, For the gift without the giver is bare.
Who gives himself with his alms feeds three
His hungering neighbor, himself, and Thee.*

*Hymn 60 *Be Thou My Vision*

*Prayer of Thanksgiving Anna Griffin

Offertory Anthem *Eatnenmen Vuelie (Fairest Lord Jesus)*
Adult Ensemble and Children's Choir *arr. Frode Fjellheim*

Sermon: A People of Purpose Jeff Raines
Acts 1:8

*Hymn of Commitment 277 *Take My Life and Let It Be*

Opportunities for Service and Fellowship Ronney Joe Webb

Sharing of Decisions for Christ

*Benediction

*Congregational Response *The Bond of Love*

We are one in the bond of love, we are one in the bond of love,
We have joined our spirit with the Spirit of God,
We are one in the bond of love.

Postlude *The Power of the Cross*

*Please stand