

Sandy Plains Baptist Church

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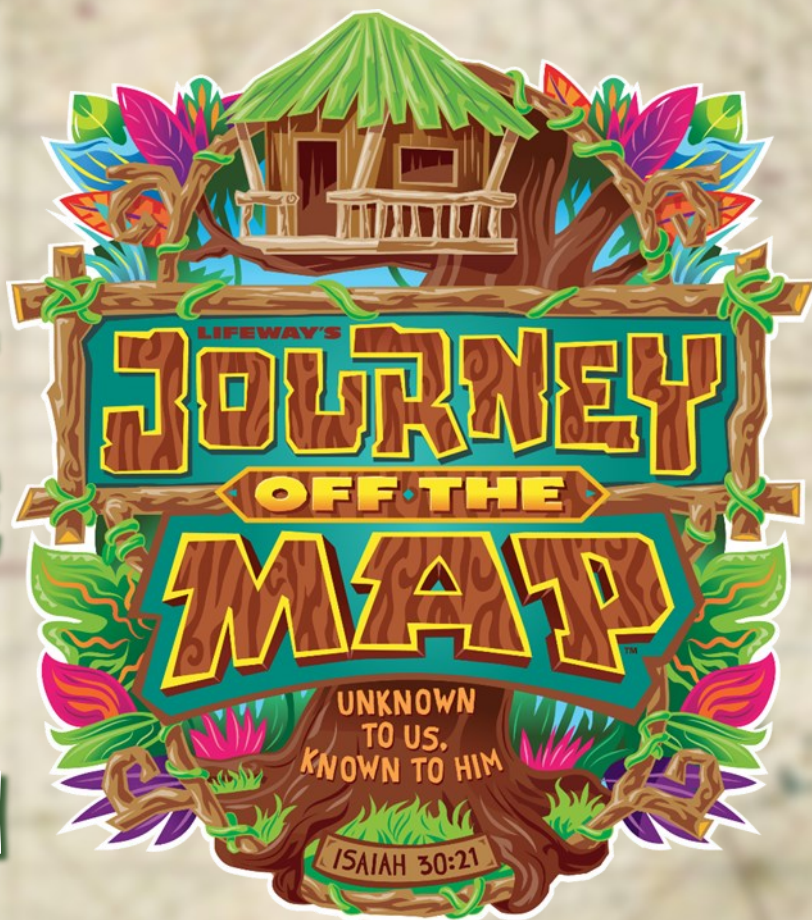
APRIL 2015

LIVE · LOVE · SERVE

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL / MUSIC CAMP

THE GREAT
ADVENTURE
B E G I N S
JUNE 8TH



Register at www.sandyplains.org

MISSIONARIES

- Timer and Mary Ann Hartley, Northern Africa and the Middle East
- Younis Farhat, Pastor, Asian-Indian Mission
- Jim and Viola Palmer, United States
- Hannah Redd, United States
- Samantha Mullaney, Red Sea region in the Middle East
- Josh and Rebekah Holt and baby Jan, England
- Jan and Ed Kotynski, Wycliffe translators

HOMEBOUND

- Sandra Abney
- Bill Barksdale
- Sarah Bell
- Hazel Burns
- Roscoe Carden
- Marilyn Carlile
- Thelma Louise Chase
- Jewel Coker
- Frances Cornett
- Eleanor Culberson
- Jane Drake
- Walker & Nita Elster
- David & Betty Hilburn
- Louise Hunter
- Sue Moyer
- Lorene Quinette
- Estelle Race
- Horace Richardson
- Emmalene Rogers

IN·SP·IRATION

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NEWS FROM THE PASTOR

Ministering in East Cobb is exciting because it yields opportunities for handing down our faith to future generations. This cannot be achieved, however, until we accept our divine responsibilities. The church cannot remain the same forever because it is an organic organism rather than a sterile organization. Robert Quinn's book *Deep Change* defines an organic organization as one that experiences growth by maintaining a responsive posture and a readiness to act quickly—coordinating what it learns with its willingness to adjust. Quinn then states, "Only organic individuals can create an organic organization."

The church is alive, empowered by the Spirit of God. Dillard Wilbanks retired from a long and successful ministry to move home to Georgia. He believes that "the church only exists for the people who are not yet part of it" (Matt 28:19-20). He went on to say that we as Christians must commit ourselves to "organism growth," not "organizational maintenance." The gospels reveal the difference between the two. The religious leaders committed themselves to maintaining an organization (the temple and the law) while Jesus established an organism for growth (the church).

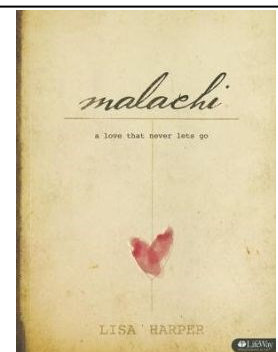
SPBC is on the verge of great things. Changes in our presentation to the community highlight our attractiveness, such as our two distinctly different worship services and our servant ministry projects presently being tested. Our focus is to reach the unchurched and the unredeemed of this generation, as Jesus commanded. Our purpose is to hand down our living faith in making disciples for Christ. Our desire is see SPBC grow strong in spirit and in numbers as it successfully meets the future. Changes are good when brought about by the hand of God, for the purpose of God and in the timing of God. Jesus said, "*Upon this Rock I will build my church.*" That is an ongoing process until He comes.

Pastor Al

LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Malachi: A Love That Never Lets Go by Lisa Harper ... Experience an in-depth look at the last prophet to speak to God's people until John. Explore teachings on marriage, offerings, leadership, and

living in the light of the coming Day of the Lord. We meet each Tuesday beginning at 9:30am in C-18. Contact Caroline Singletary for more information.



UP AND COMING

The **WMU Council Meeting** will be on Wednesday, April 1st at 6pm in C-6.

Women On Mission: Mission Seekers will meet on Thursday, April 2nd at 10:30m in C-18.

Caring and Sharing will meet on Thursday, April 9th at the home of Darlene LaHue beginning at 7pm.

The **Leadership Meeting** is on Sunday, April 12th at 4pm in C-18.

Young In Heart will meet Thursday, April 16th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall.

The **Quarterly Church Conference** will take place on Sunday, April 19th at 5pm in the Worship Center. *Time may change.*

We will go to **Heritage** on Sunday, April 26th at 4pm.

The Senior Men's Meeting will be Tuesday, April 28th in the Fellowship Hall at 10am.

YOUNG IN HEART

On March 19th, Young In Heart had 39 members and 2 guests for a covered dish luncheon.

Our next meeting will be on April 16th and the program will be a

representative from hospice as the speaker. This will be a catered luncheon. Please join us at 11:00 and we will eat at 11:30. If there are any questions, call Mary LaRue.



VBS AND MUSIC CAMP

Vacation Bible School and Music Camp are set for June 8th-12th. We will take your kids to uncharted territory where they will begin to understand that obedience to God can lead them beyond the expected. So, toss the map, stick close to your guide, and prepare

to listen for God's direction in this journey that is unknown to us, but known by Him.

VBS Motto: This is the way. Walk in it.

VBS Scripture: Isaiah 30:21; And whenever you turn to the right or to the left, your

ears will hear this command behind you: "This is the way. Walk in it." (HCSB)

Online registration is now available on our website.

Please contact Janet Porter for more information on VBS and Bryan Paine for more information on Music Camp.

OUR CORE VALUES

Our power source is prayer

Our church is to be Christ-like

Our sacred activity is worship

Our mission is to reach people for Christ

Our responsibility is to disciple believers

Our message must remain unchanged while our methodologies change

Our calling is to be involved in a servant ministry

Our resolve is to do ministry through a "kingdom vision"

Our quest is to do ministry with excellence

Our desire is to be faithful stewards



NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP PASTOR

Giving My Best

"I will not...offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing."

What a joy it is to sing for Jesus! There is nothing that I would rather do than to worship my Lord. He is so good to us. His love for us is everlasting and His desire is that we know Him in the victory of His resurrection. He wants us to live in that same victory as we live and walk and breathe in this life. He has given us His word so that we can know Him and follow His lead. He

has sent us His Spirit so that we can have the power to do all that He asks of us. Because of these things and so much more, I want my life to be a living testimony of the great God, the One true God whom I serve. The song that He has placed in my heart is a song of love and gratitude. It is a song of worship and praise. It is a song that He has given to me that I want to offer right back to Him as an offering, a sacrifice of praise. Let us not, however, bring to God an offering that costs us nothing. He gave His very life

on a cruel cross so that we can know and love and worship Him. My offering **MUST** cost me something. It costs my pride. When I realize that, without Jesus I am spiritually bankrupt and that without Him I am nothing, it makes me want to serve Him all the more and to do so with excellence. Let's offer to God our **VERY BEST** in Worship!

1 Chronicles 21:24b

Bryan Paine

***"Love God Completely,
Love People Deeply"***

SHARE THE CARE

The goal of the Share The Care program is to provide support and relief to family caregivers who are caring for a loved one diagnosed with Alzheimer's or related Dementia or Chronic

Diseases which severely impair their quality of life, such as: Failure to Thrive, Stroke, Multiple Sclerosis, COPD, End Stage Renal Disease and Cancer that require assistance with at

least 2 activities of daily living and requires caregiver. Please contact Kathy Latham at the Senior Service Department at 770-528-5393 or Mary LaRue for more information.

WIDOW / WIDOWERS LUNCHEON

If you are a Sandy Plains widow or widower, mark your calendar for the

deacons' annual widow/widower luncheon on May 17th. A special lunch will be provided for you in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 service. Sign-up

sheets will be made available at the Welcome desk and in the church office. For more information, contact Roland Smith.



PRAYER

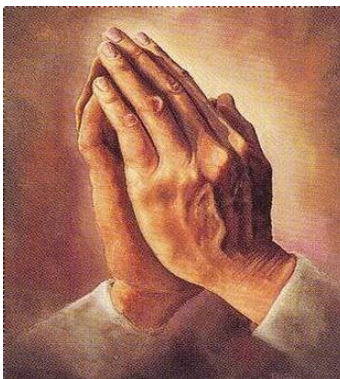
"LORD HEAR OUR CRY"

National Day of Prayer is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2015. There will be a prayer service that evening at SPBC for our church family and community. It is tentatively scheduled for 7:00 PM to accommodate those who are working. Details of the service and promotional videos are being prepared.

"If My people who are called by My name humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will here from heaven, will forgive their sin and will heal their land" 2 Chronicles 7:14. It is a time of prayer and repentance for our nation and ourselves. Plans include a prayer guide and church wide participation.

"Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence this day" 1 Kings 8:28

Prayer Team



THANK YOU!

Dear Sandy Plains Baptist Church:

Words cannot express the thanks Sandy Plains deserves in the expressions of love and concern in ministering to my family in the passing of Charles.

We want to thank each one for all the kind words given to us. They expressed to us how they felt about Charles, his kindness, his loving attitude, always with a smile. You expressed how he showed his Christian walk with the Lord. This meant so much to our family. Thanks for the telephone calls, offering to help us, thanks for the food, flowers, Bibles to Gideon's, in his honor. We thank the church for the peace lily sent in his memory. Also, all the heartfelt cards. We will never forget the outpouring of love expressed in those cards.

We want to thank the ladies and men for preparing and serving the food for our family that was served after the funeral.

We were blessed with the attendance at Charles' service. He loved people and God. We send our thanks to you.

Charles loved this church and you remembered him in a special way. We will never forget your kindness.

It is a blessing to be a member of Sandy Plains, where people are loved.

God Bless each and every one of you.

The Family of Charles Poteat

**Year-To-Date
Budget:
\$169,000**

**Year-To-Date
Offerings:
\$163,793**

CHURCH STAFF

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Angie Spiva
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Dr. Don Mason
Pastor to Senior Adults

*We are the Student
Ministry of Sandy Plains
Baptist Church.*

*We are about joining our
minds with the mind of
God.*

*We are about denying our-
selves and lifting up Christ.*

*We are about submitting
our will to the will of God.*

*We are about merging
heart, soul, strength and
mind into one dedicated
purpose: to love God and
to love others.*

*We are about becoming
one in Spirit with other
Christ followers.*

*We are about becoming
one with the One.*

*We are about:
the FUSION*

STUDENT MINISTRIES

STARTING OVER

Ever since school has started back in the fall, we have seen student attendance drop down to a concerning level. There are several reasons for this, some of which are:

- The hyper-busyness of our students
- Lack of other family activities going on at the same time
- An inability on our part to compete at a high entertainment level
- Not enough youth stuff going on / too much youth stuff going on

This isn't just a problem in our church. After repeated conversations with other local student ministers, I can affirm that it's happening in youth programs everywhere – some churches are just big enough to absorb the hit and keep going.

So we are in the process of blowing it all up and starting it over from scratch.

We are going to design a student ministry from the ground up. We're going to ask why we do anything and everything we do and no topic is off the table.

We have created a Vision Team made up of students and parents who are committed to building a ministry that has as its priorities the following focuses:

- Student and Family Discipleship
- Serving / Ministry
- Team Building
- Meaningful activities

We invite all of our members and supporters to help us out by praying for our program. There will also be opportunities for you to help serve in certain areas. I will write more about this next month. Please pray about how you can help.

UPCOMING STUDENT EVENTS

Selfless Sunday - March 1st and March 29th

Parent's Night Out – Saturday April 25th, Saturday May 16th

Vacation Bible School / Music Camp – June 8th-12th

Summer Camp – June 17th-21st

SPBC Volunteer Schedule April 2015

April 5th	April 12th	April 19th	April 26th
Deacon of the Week	Deacon of the Week	Deacon of the Week	Deacon of the Week
Ed England	Tom Freeman	Chad Conrey	Joe Ballew
Extended Session Coordinator	Extended Session Coordinator	Extended Session Coordinator	Extended Session Coordinator
Jen Conant	Lacey Sivley	Bernie Caulk	Christine Peterson
Babies & Twos – 1st Service	Babies & Twos – 1st Service	Babies & Twos – 1st Service	Babies & Twos – 1st Service
Janice Ashley	Lacey Sivley	Jenni Logan	Janet Earnest
Melita Conrey	DeAnn McEntire	Janet Porter	Karen Jackson
Babies & Twos- — 2nd Service	Babies & Twos- — 2nd Service	Babies & Twos- — 2nd Service	Babies & Twos- — 2nd Service
Terri Butler	Staci Mackey	Liz Saunders	Angie Spiva
Threes, Fours & Fives	Threes, Fours & Fives	Threes, Fours & Fives	Threes, Fours & Fives
Robert Moody	Robert Moody	Robert Moody	Robert Moody
Betsy Moody	Betsy Moody	Betsy Moody	Betsy Moody
Backup Workers	Backup Workers	Backup Workers	Backup Workers
Brett & Janie Norman	Leigh Ann Anderson	Jenni Logan	Angie Spiva
Caitlyn Jackson	Lauryn Rudin	Josh Warren	Nathan Porter
Children's Church	Children's Church	Children's Church	Children's Church
Angie Spiva	Mark Saunders	Angie Spiva	Angie Spiva
Counting Team	Counting Team	Counting Team	Counting Team
Terri Butler	Melissa Lacy	Ed England	Bonnie Martin
Nan Maddox	Linda Hodges	Janice Ashley	Melita Conrey
Cindy Moore	David Braswell	Sandy Rudin	
Greeter Team	Greeter Team	Greeter Team	Greeter Team
Andy Mattick's Team		Laura Reavis' Team	Lewis Casey's Team
TRADITIONAL SERVICE			
Ushers: Team 3	Ushers: Team 1	Ushers: Team 2	Ushers: Team 3
Don Singletary	David Braswell	Chad Conrey	Don Singletary
Dixie Beggs	Wayne Bartlett	Danny Ashley	Dixie Beggs
Garvin Bell	Bob Hayes	Joe Ballew	Garvin Bell
Lewis Casey, Wayne Cole	Frank Hartley	Robert Moody	Lewis Casey, Wayne Cole
John Downer, Fran Florian	Jim Kennedy	Ron Stone	John Downer, Fran Florian
Wally Harris,	John LaRue	Don Walker	Wally Harris, Sam Hill
Alex Taylor, Greg Taylor	Steve Stephens		Alex Taylor, Greg Taylor
Soundboard	Soundboard	Soundboard	Soundboard
Danny Wood	Danny Wood	Danny Wood	Danny Wood
Projection	Projection	Projection	Projection
David Peterson	David Peterson	David Peterson	David Peterson
Lock-Up	Lock-Up	Lock-Up	Lock-Up
Jim Caulk	Jim Caulk	David Braswell	David Braswell
Roland Smith	Roland Smith	Tom Freeman	Tom Freeman
Security at 9:30	Security at 9:30	Security at 9:30	Security at 9:30
Team 4	Team 1	Team 2	Team 3
Danny Ashley	Dixie Beggs	Wally Harris	Lewis Casey
Robert Moody	Wayne Cole		Sam Hill
Security at 11:00	Security at 11:00	Security at 11:00	Security at 11:00
Team 8	Team 5	Team 6	Team 7
Larry Logan	Jim Conant	Roy Earnest	Jim Caulk
Chase Conrey	Daniel Reavis	Roland Smith	Andy Mattick



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Return Service Requested

CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

4/1 WMU Council Meeting, 6pm (C-6)
 4/2 Women On Mission, 10:30am (C-18)
 4/3 Good Friday—OFFICE CLOSED
 4/4 Easter Egg Hunt, 1pm (Gym and Grounds)
 4/5 EASTER
 4/9 Caring and Sharing, 7pm (Darlene LaHue's home)
 4/12 Leadership Meeting, 4pm (C-18)
 4/16 Young In Heart, 11am (FH)
 4/19 Church Conference, 5pm (WC)
 4/25 Parents Night Out, 6:00pm-9:30pm
 4/26 Heritage, 4pm
 4/28 Senior Men's Meeting, 10am (FH)
 4/29 AARP Defensive Driving Presentation for
 Young In Heart 8:30-3:30 (FH)

REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

Sunday

9:30 AM Classic Worship
 9:30 AM Bible Study
 11:00 AM The Awakening Worship
 11:00 AM Bible study
 3:30 PM ASL (C-14)
 5:00 PM Evening Activities
 5:30 PM One Step Further (W.C.)
 6:45 PM Band Rehearsal

Tuesday

9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study (C-18)
 12:00 PM Prayer Group (C13)

Wednesday

6:30 PM Student Sign Language /
 Activities
 6:30 PM Adult Bible Study
 6:30 PM Choir Rehearsal

Friday

10:00 AM Joyful Noise