

Sandy Plains Baptist Church

# IN·SP·IRATION

JULY 2013

Leading ordinary people to extraordinary life in Christ

2 CORINTHIANS 8:7



*Happy, Happy, Happy*  
July Home Groups



## 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

- Bill Barksdale
- Frances Cornett
- Eleanor Culbertson
- Nell Holcombe
- Ed Hunter
- Louise Hunter
- Dru Jordan
- Christine Kemp
- Thelma Laird
- Edith Overacre
- Horace Richardson
- Emmalene Rogers
- Ann Wyatt
- Dora Segars

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## IN·TRO·SPECTIVE

### FROM THE PASTOR

Our freedom is the single most important thing that we enjoy as Americans. The greatest threat to that freedom does not come from without, but from within. As our government stretches its power beyond the boundaries of the Constitution, every freedom that we enjoy is at risk.

President Woodrow Wilson said, "The history of liberty is the history of limitations of governmental power, not the increase of it. When we resist, therefore, the concentration of power, we are resisting the powers of death, because concentration of power is what always precedes the destruction of human liberties."

Once the Constitution is compromised, the people of this country become pawns for the subjective values, desires and opinions of secular political

leaders. Secularism is the belief that morality is based solely in regard to the temporal well-being of mankind to the exclusion of any belief in God. In other words, man is his own god.

The philosophy removes the need for a moral absolute, which is the Bible—making everything relative. Our Founding Fathers wrote in the Declaration of Independence: "We hold these truths to be self-evident that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights; that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

This has served as the Christian base throughout the history of this great country. Furthermore, God-given rights are no products of the state. Government cannot legitimately take away what God gives. The role of

the state is to protect these God-given rights. The Declaration of Independence also proclaims that when a government systematically attacks or attempts to destroy these rights, "it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it."

Pray for our country this Independence Day that God will reassert Himself as the Creator and Protector of this nation—the one born by His grace. Meditate on these verses while you pray: "The Lord nullifies the counsel of nations; He frustrates the plans of the peoples. The counsel of the Lord stands forever, the plans of His heart from generation to generation. Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance" (Psalm 3:10-12).

Blessings,  
**Pastor Al**

## IN·DISPENSABLE

### SENIOR ADULTS

*Young In Heart* will meet on Thursday, July 18th at 11am. Cindy Reinebold, better known as "Miss Rain-

bow" will be bringing our patriotic program. Lunch is \$6 and everyone is invited. If you are not a member of

Young In Heart, please call the church office by July 15th to make your reservation.

## IN·VALUABLE

### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NEWS

#### VBS / MUSIC CAMP

What a great time we had during our "Colossal Coaster World" week. We had a total enrollment of 233 (50 workers and 183 children) for the week. The children brought 80 items of food for Storehouse Ministries and gave

\$1075.33 to World Hunger. We learned about facing fear while trusting God (2 Timothy 1:7). We also had 78 children stay for Music Camp at the end of the VBS day. Friday ended our week with a fantastic Musical presented by those that attended

Music Camp. As always, VBS/Music Camp was a success because of all of the volunteers that worked so hard. I want to thank each person who has a part in making it such a great week.

**Angie Spiva**

## IN·DEPTH

### FROM THE LEADERSHIP TEAM

In order to specifically state SPBCs position on marriage, the Leadership Team recommends the following addition to our Core Beliefs. This addition will be voted on at Business Meeting in August.

**About Marriage:** We believe that the word "Marriage" means only a legal union between one man and one woman as

husband and wife, and the word "Spouse" refers only to a person of the opposite sex who is a husband or a wife. Gen. 2:18-25; Lev. 18:22; 20:13; Prov. 18:22; Matt. 19:4-6; Rom. 1:26-27; I Cor. 6:9-11; 7:1-40; Eph. 5:21-33; I Tim. 1:8-11

Please pray for our country, our state, and our county. With the recent

decision announced by the Supreme Court, it is only too evident our country is continuing to head down a path that leads us, as a nation, further from God's presence. We need to prayerfully remember every day to seek God's guidance on how we, as citizens, can bring about the changes needed to bring this country back into His presence.

## IN·SERVICE

### SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

**The Senior Men's Meeting** will meet on Tuesday, July 30th at 10am in the Fellowship Hall.

#### Assistance for Seniors

The Senior Men's Ministry provides assistance for

seniors in need. This program assists those in need of simple repairs, etc. Call Joe Ballew or the church office with your requests

**The Seekers: Women On Missions** will meet on

Thursday, July 11th in room C-18 at 10am.

**Caring and Sharing** will meet Thursday, July 11th at 7pm. They will meet at the home of Jeanette Garner.

## CHURCH STAFF

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Pastor to Senior Adults

## 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*

## IN•TUNE

## NEWS FROM THE WORSHIP PASTOR

During the month of June, SPBC has been involved in several ministry opportunities and activities. Here are a few of them that come to mind: Under Gary McEntire, the youth ministry took its largest group to date, of teenagers and adults, to Youth Camp at Orange Beach, Al. The Men's Ministry team and the Deacons honored the widows and widowers with a banquet where Joel Spiess and Don Mason entertained. Under Angie Spiva, the church held its annual Vacation Bible School and Music Camp with about 200 children participating and by the end of the week every child had heard the gos-

pel. Then the month concluded with a worship service that honored God and country, followed by a church wide picnic that was full of laughter, smiles and excellent food.

As I look back at all of the things the church has actively been doing, it makes me proud to be a member of Sandy Plains Baptist Church and proud of everyone that participated in some or all of these opportunities. I want to truly say, "Thank You" to all who have given of themselves selflessly in order to see the Church of God grow. You all have blessed my heart.

As you will notice, during the month of July, the Adult

Worship Choir will not be rehearsing, nor will they be in the choir loft on Sunday mornings. They will be taking a short break to enjoy worship without having to lead out front and to get rejuvenated for the new choir season. We will begin rehearsing again on August 14th.

"Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God." Hebrews 12:2

**Bryan Paine**

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

*If you are interested in helping with our audio and visual ministry or would like to get involved with producing and editing the weekly video announcements "On The Quarter," please see Bryan Paine. Help is much appreciated.*

## IN•SIDE

## THE INSIDE SCOOP

**STOREHOUSE NEEDS**

Storehouse Ministry is in critical need of flour, sugar, corn and boxed potatoes. Please consider adding these items to your grocery list and dropping the items in the bin just inside the Fellowship Hall.

**ASL CLASSES**

American Sign Language classes will be offered each Wednesday in July in Room C-4 from 6:30—7:45 pm. These classes are one week sessions, so you can attend as many or as few classes that you would like to.

**HAPPY, HAPPY, HAPPY**

July Home Groups will begin on Sunday, July 7th. We will be going through and discussing the book, Happy, Happy, Happy by Phil Robertson from the hit show *Duck Dynasty*.



## IN·NOVATIVE

## STUDENT MINISTRY NEWS



## SUMMER CAMP



What an amazing week we had at summer camp! The students were awesome and I couldn't have asked for a better group of leaders. Thank you to all who helped make this trip such a

wonderful event. Our students came away from the experience knowing that even though they are stuck living between conflicting kingdoms, they have a purpose and that is to bring

God's Kingdom to a world that knows it has a problem but doesn't know what that problem is. Many seeds of discipleship and evangelism were planted in the hearts of our students this week.

UPCOMING EVENTS**WEDNESDAYS****FUSION Study**

*Firsthand Study and Graphic Novel Filming 6:00pm*

**SUNDAYS****Home Groups Dinner**

*Duck Commander Study*  
5:00 pm. Location changes each week.

**July 4th**

Picnic and Fireworks. Meet at church at 5:30

**July 11th**

Thursday Throwdown – Six Flags

**July 18th**

Ministry Thursday - Ministry Project.



## IN•PRAYER

FROM THE PRAYER MINISTRY TEAM

## Daily Prayer Suggestions:

- Father in heaven, I am grateful for the gift of another day. Where You lead today, may I gladly follow.
- Holy God, You are Ruler, Lord, Redeemer and Judge. I offer all my praise and devotion to You.
- I trust in You, my God. Show me the right path; point out the road for me to follow.
- Merciful Lord, Your Word provides illumination for my life, to guide and convict. I want to walk worthy of You.
- Thank You, Lord, that you see me, hear me, know me and still love and accept me. I'm very grateful.
- Holy God, Your presence is constant, Your grace is limitless, Your love is unending. May my life honor You today.
- Lord, I praise You for Your mighty acts, Your faithful Word, and Your ageless wisdom. Prepare me to listen to You.
- Father, may Your Word penetrate my heart, enliven my mind, infuse my spirit, and encourage my walk with You.
- Great and Holy God, You are my refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. I bless Your Name.
- Father, You are worthy of praise. Your generosity is lavish, Your love unconditional, and Your joy overflowing. I worship You.
- Just and Merciful Father, help me lean my life in the direction of Your will. Grant me guidance, strength and peace.

Reid Coons

Prayer Ministry Team

*The Christian life is not a constant high. I have my moments of deep discouragement. I have to go to God in prayer with tears in my eyes, and say, 'O God, forgive me,' or 'Help me.'*

Billy Graham

## IN•GRATITUDE

OUR THANKS

We wanted to say thank you for all of the support through cards, emails, and calls that we received

after the recent passing of Rick's father. It is in times like these that we know who truly loves us.

Thank you!

**Deidra and Rick Amon**

## IN•VESTMENT

OUR FINANCES

**Year to Date Giving**  
**\$346,676.13**

**Year to Date Budget**  
**\$351,000.00**

Please remember all the

blessings God has graced you with during the summer months. The expenses of God's church don't get a summer vacation, His church will still be here,

the lights will still be on, the air conditioning will still be running, Sunday School will still be happening. Please remember the church during vacation.

## IN·THE·KNOW

## VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

## SPBC Volunteer Schedule July 2013

July 7	July 14	July 21	July 28
Deacon of the Week Ed England	Deacon of the Week Jim Caulk	Deacon of the Week Jim Conant	Deacon of the Week Dixie Beggs
Extended Session Coordinator Jen Conant	Extended Session Coordinator Bernadette Caulk	Extended Session Coordinator Lacey Sivley	Extended Session Coordinator Heather Spencer
Babies/Toddlers Evelyn England Denise Whitfield	Babies/Toddlers Staci Mackay Melita Conrey	Babies/Toddlers Danny Ashley Janice Ashley	Babies/Toddlers Janet Earnest Teresa Mullaney
Twos Leigh Ann Anderson Chase Conrey	Twos Jen Conant Sydney Conant	Twos Christine Peterson Emilee Singletary	Twos Robert Moody Betsy Moody
Threes Jennifer Braswell Shannon Peterson	Threes Andy Mattick Cora Conant	Threes Chad Conrey Kayla Conrey	Threes Holly Mackie Joshua Warren
Fours & Fives Angie Spiva Morgan Walz	Fours & Fives Bob Ashley Rebekah Ashley	Fours & Fives Jackie Smith Linda Tharpa	Fours & Fives Laura Reavis Lauryn Rudin
Children's Church Bernadette Caulk	Children's Church Mark Saunders	Children's Church Lofton Spencer	Children's Church Warren Wolfe
Counting Team Linda Miller Judi Murphine Paul Smith	Counting Team Cindy Moore Elaina Cole	Counting Team Linda Hodges Melissa Lacy David Braswell	Counting Team Janice Ashley Ed England Sandy Rudin
Greeter Team Andy Mattick's Team	Greeter Team Lofton Spencer's Team	Greeter Team Warren Wolfe's Team	Greeter Team Lewis Casey's Team
Ushers: Team 2 Chad Conrey Danny Ashley Joe Ballew Charles Martin Andy Mattick Lofton Spencer Don Walker Ron Stone	Ushers: Team 3 Don Singletary Dixie Beggs Garvin Bell Joe Mullaney Greg Taylor John Downer Roy Earnest Mickey Scandlyn Sam Hill Todd Bradford	Ushers: Team 4 David Peterson Eddie Adkisson Lewis Casey Jim Caulk Guy Miller Fran Florian Kenneth Nwaubi	Ushers: Team 1 David Braswell Wayne Bartlett Bob Hayes Frank Hartley Willie Terrell Steve Stephens John LaRue Jim Kennedy
Soundboard Todd Bradford	Soundboard Jeff Inskeep	Soundboard Todd Bradford	Soundboard Jeff Inskeep
Projection David Peterson	Projection David Peterson	Projection David Peterson	Projection David Peterson





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**Return Service Requested**

## CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

7/3	No evening activities
7/4	Independence Day—OFFICE CLOSED
7/7	Leadership Meeting Home Groups— <u>Happy, Happy, Happy</u>
7/10	Amazing Race
7/11	Caring and Sharing
7/14	Home Groups— <u>Happy, Happy, Happy</u>
7/17	Mission Fair
7/18	Young In Heart
7/21	Home Groups— <u>Happy, Happy, Happy</u>
7/24	Wipe Out/Obstacle Course
7/28	Heritage, 4pm Home Groups— <u>Happy, Happy, Happy</u>
7/30	Senior Men's Meeting
7/31	Water, Water Everywhere

## REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sunday

9:15 AM	Media Center open
9:30 AM	Bible study for all ages
10:50 AM	Morning Worship
5:30 PM	Evening Activities

### Tuesday

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

### Wednesday

6:15 PM	Media Center open
6:00 PM	Student Worship
6:30 PM	Adult Bible Study
6:30 PM	Wonderful Wednesdays
6:45 PM	Choir rehearsal
7:45 PM	Praise Band