

GOD'S HAPPENINGS

Sangaree Christian Fellowship

April 2011

Second Quarter

A WORD FROM YOUR PASTOR

Greetings church! I'm so thankful for what our Lord is doing in our church. We're in the introductory stages of our "Outside These Walls" campaign, learning to ask God to show us where He's at work in our lives, and learning how to join God in His great commission call to us. God is already at work, and I'm so thankful for that.

Suppose I were to ask you if you were satisfied with your walk with God. What would your answer be? Suppose I were to ask you if you would be interested in participating in a study that would change your life forever? What would your answer be? Suppose I were to say to you that God is about to do something in our midst that will change the course of your life and our church forever. Do I have your attention? Hope so!! I have something I want you to begin to pray about...

On the 30th of March, Sangaree Christian Fellowship is going to commence a study that will shake us to our core. That's my prayer anyway. You see, for so long I've

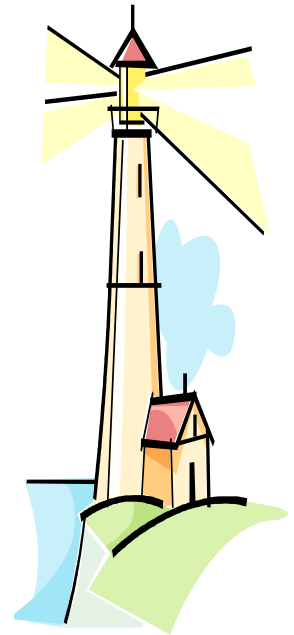
felt that our church knows God but has forgotten what it's like to "Experience God." We've forgotten that God desires an "intimate" relationship with us and an "active" role in our lives. Therefore, we're going to begin the study, "Experiencing God, Knowing and Doing the Will of God" at the end of this month. I personally invite you and I beg of you, join us! Join us in this 12 week study and watch God change your life forever.

This will not just be a study for the adults. While the adults are studying the adult version, Sarah will have those in her student ministry studying the youth edition. Please don't let childcare hinder you from participating - we'll arrange for childcare as well. I don't want anything to get in your way.

Folks don't miss this opportunity. Come and continue to be a part of what God is doing in our church and thank you! Thank you for your excitement and all you do. God bless you all!

Love you all so much!

Pastor Jim



**YOUR WORD IS LAMP
TO MY FEET AND A
LIGHT FOR MY PATH.
PSALMS 119:105**

WEEKLY OPPORTUNITIES

Sundays:

9:30 am - Sunday

School

10:30 am - Morning

Worship

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm -

Experiencing God

Awana

He who doesn't love doesn't know God, for God is love.

1 John 4:8

Mark Your Calendar

April

Join us Easter Sunday the 24th at 8:00 AM for breakfast to be prepared by the men.



WOMEN OF FAITH

Friday - 8th - 6:30 PM * Dinner at McAlister's

Thursday - 20th - 6:30 PM

May

WOMEN OF FAITH

Saturday - 7th - 9:00 AM * Breakfast IHOP



June

Sunday - 5th - 5:30 PM

Daycare Graduation and End of the Year Ceremony!

WOMEN OF FAITH

Thursday - June 15th - 6:30 PM



July

God and Country Celebration!



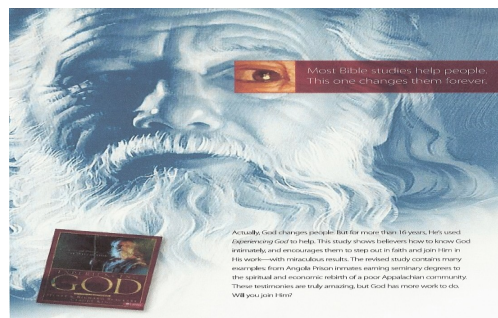
Sunday - 3rd - 5:00 PM

Experiencing God

Bible Study

Starts March 30th

Most Bible Studies help people. This one changes them forever.



Sunday School/Discipleship Training

I read an interesting statement the other day as I googled articles about the role of Sunday School in church evangelism. It said if we look around our adult Sunday School classrooms and see only saved people, we can assume our evangelism efforts have leveled off. This statement seems to underscore the "Outside the Walls" emphasis of our church this year.

Getting together with other Christians and talking about the things of God is one of the best times of the week. I love it. However, it brings to mind that our job is to introduce people to the Lord. Many years ago, the "Roman Road" method of witnessing was taught to church members. It is a list of verses in the book of Romans that systematically leads through the plan of salvation. You guessed it...I googled it and came up with these verses. Romans has many verses which could be used, but these are a good start. Consider marking your "witnessing" Bible to help you move through them when an opportunity arises.

Who needs salvation? Romans 1:16

Why do we need it? Romans 3:23

How does God provide it? Romans 6:23

How do we receive salvation? Romans 5:8

What are the results of salvation? Romans 10:9-10, 13



Now for the big question! Have you recently asked someone to come to Sunday School? Research shows that the best way to grow a Sunday School is by simply inviting people. Will they all come? No. But if one comes, that's a blessing.

I hope you are excited about the "Experiencing God" study, scheduled to begin March 30. This is a terrific study and you will enjoy and learn from it. Make plans to be a part of it!

See you at Sunday School next Sunday!

Suzette

Sangaree Christian School and Daycare

Established in 1984, it is our heart's desire to provide a loving Christian atmosphere for children of parents who must work. Our school/daycare is a ministry that serves children from 2 years old to 11 years old. For more information call our office at 871-6270.

Meet Our Staff

Jim Moore - Pastor

Barry Wenrich - Worship Leader

Sarah Olson - Director of Student Ministries

Looking for a great Bible Study aid?

Try www.biblegateway.com

Visit our website :

www.sangareecf.org for more links .



Finally, summer is on its way! There are a lot of fun things to look forward to!

In April, we are having another Rent-a-Youth on the 16th! If you would like to rent one of our youth that day (or another day), contact me ASAP! The money raised from this event will go toward the students' camp balance. Rent-a-Youth will be that Saturday from 10AM-3PM. Let this be your chance to send our youth to camp AND be a mentor to them!! We will also be starting "Experiencing God: Youth Edition" on March 30 through May, on Wednesday nights. With this study, students will learn to hear when God is speaking, to find out how God is speaking, to find out where God is working and join Him, and to experience God doing what only He can do. Don't miss out!!

In May, we are having a car wash on Saturday, the 21st at the church building. Bring your cars to be washed, tell your friends, and help the youth out! The car wash will be from 10AM-2PM. If you would like to volunteer to help, please let me know! They would LOVE your help!

In June, CAMP BALANCES are due on the 12th! Watch the calendar, for events happening this month!

If you're interested in volunteering to work with our youth, please let me know! There are so many ways that you can be a part of the Student Ministries – don't wait, make the impact NOW!

Please pray for our students throughout the rest of the school year, that they will show Christ-like love to everyone around them. Pray that they will be a witness to their peers. Don't forget to encourage them when you see them!

Sarah Olson
Director of Student Ministries
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Annie Walker Armstrong

A passionate advocate for missionaries and their work, Annie Armstrong is one of Southern Baptists' heroes. She championed missions involvement, and she gave personally and sacrificially of her time and talents to see the gospel go forward throughout the world. As founder of Woman's Missionary Union, Annie knew that to "Start Here" meant unhindered commitment, and her legacy is easily recognized in modern-day mission champions who pray fervently, give generously, and go continuously to share the good news of Jesus Christ with everyone, everywhere.

Annie Armstrong Offering
Sunday, April 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th.

AWANA

Awana helps churches and parents work together to develop spiritually strong children and youth who faithfully follow Jesus Christ. Our programs offer a proven approach for evangelizing and discipling kids in the church and community.

I received a letter from Mike and Kay Hawkins that I found to be very encouraging and I wanted to share some of it with you. Mike was visiting a long time friend which they were all in the same youth group etc. *In the process of their conversation, he was told an amazing story about their daughter-in-law.* Nicole grew up in a Buddhist family from Winnetka, IL. One day when she was 11 years old, she was invited to an Awana club by a friend. Not understanding what the club really was, her Buddhist parents gave permission for her to attend. Nicole went with her friend. For the first time in her life, she heard about Jesus Christ. She learned that He was the way to heaven and she wanted to go there. Nicole went home and told her parents what she learned and they forbade her to ever go back. She never did. Only once did she ever attend an Awana club... but that was enough to plant the seed of the Gospel. Years passed. Nicole went on to high school and college and during her college year, she met some girls who talked about Jesus Christ. She listened to them and never forgot the night when she was 11 and heard about Jesus in that Awana club. During her summer break when she was still in college, her heart was searching. She wanted to know more about Jesus Christ and how He was the way to heaven. She remembered the church where she had attended that one and only Awana club meeting, and went there to make an appointment with the pastor. It was there, after many questions that Nicole put her faith and trust for salvation in Jesus Christ. She grew in her faith and went to work for Inner City Impact, a Christian ministry which has Awana clubs as part of their inner city program.

How many times do we as Awana workers have a visitor who comes for only one time to club? We may never see them again... but the seed of the Gospel has been planted. Take heart... your labor is not in vain when God is in it.

Love in Christ, Commander Shirley - 2 Timothy 2:15



K.I.D.S.

Kids In Dynamic Service!

DEVOTIONAL

Isaiah 43:1-5



But now, this is what the Lord says— he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze. For I am the Lord, you God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior; I give Egypt for your ransom, Cush and Seba in your stead. Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life. Do not be afraid, for I am with you; I will bring your children from the east and gather you from the west.

The Lord God, the creator of the universe, tells us to 'Fear Not', and that we are so very precious to Him. He has created us, and has saved us. He knows us and calls us by name. We are His very own children. (V1) Whatever we go through, we can be sure that God is always with us. He walks with us every day. Just remember next time you feel afraid, that God is standing right by your side, and that He will walk with you. Keep on calling out to Jesus and He will be there. He loves you and you are so very precious to Him. You needn't be afraid when you know Jesus is by your side. Greater is He that is in you, than he that is in the world.

Is there something you feel afraid of? Tell Jesus now how you feel and ask Him to help you not feel afraid anymore.

By M.S. Lowndes

Sangaree Christian Fellowship

"A PLACE FOR ALL THE FAMILY"



OUR FOCUS IN 2011

"Outside These Walls"

OUR COMMITMENT DURING THIS CAMPAIGN IS TO REACH "OUR COMMUNITY" WITH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST.

WOMEN OF FAITH



Hello Ladies,

We just finished an awesome Beth Moore Study in February. Our study was "Why Godly People do Ungodly things", this study opened my eyes to the powers of Satan and how heists and waits for opportunities to attack us. If we are not prepared, this can be devastating to us, and everyone around us. This reinforces the importance of staying in the word by getting involved with Bible Studies as well as Sunday School. We would like to begin another study this fall.

We are going to start a once a month Woman of Faith get together the 3rd Thursday of the month at 6:30 P.M. Our first meeting will be March 17th. We are not exactly sure where we are going with this, but I wanted us to get together to find out what our Ladies want and what we can possibly do as a group to Glorify God and enjoy some fellowship with each other.

Please try to attend our meetings and give us your feedback. There are some ideas of having devotionals, game night, prayer night, visiting Nursing Homes and whatever we can come up with.

I hope to see y'all there!

Your friend in Christ
Deb



LADIES CLASS NEWS!

I am so encouraged by the Ladies! We recently completed a session of POWER-FILLED & LOVE-FILLED studies on the prodigal son. What a story! I hope everyone enjoyed it as much as I did!

What's next? Are you ready for an in-depth look at "10 lies about God (and the truths that shatter deception)"? This surely is a topic that is "in your face" every day through people and various media forms. This may really "stretch" us!!! Be sure to do your warm-ups (think exercise) of prayer & Bible reading. Then, let's gather our tools, dig deep, and discover the treasure in God's word!!! Ok, I can hear your thoughts. Yes, lots of activity going on in our lives right now. We can pace our lessons as needed.

Resurrection Sunday is April 24th. Amazing Grace! How do you sing the song? Remember our grace and truth lesson? Are you a wretch in need of a Savior? I hope and pray you share the joy everywhere! Praise JESUS!!!!!!

*Let me close with a few thoughts: invite _____, encourage _____, invite _____, encourage _____, invite _____, encourage _____
I'll let you fill in the blanks.*

*What a privilege to call you friends!!
See you Sunday at 9:30 am!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!
Martha*