



VICTORY NEWS by Victory Baptist Church
Where Everybody is Somebody and Jesus Christ is Lord of All

September 2011



Pastor's Corner

This year is the 10th anniversary of 9-11-2001 and as we take the time to remember the date 9-11 every year, I believe God wants us to remember 9-12 also and how we woke up on 9-12-2001 differently.

Some events in human history impact us so greatly that we will forever have engraved in our minds where we were when we heard about various news events. Some of us remember the day when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated, or when the Space Shuttle Challenger exploded on its ascent. Do you remember where you were on 9-11-2001? Every time we watch that footage we relive it. How many can feel it the same right now as we did that day? We said, "Never forget," and most of us never have, but it seems that America at large has forgotten.

It's no doubt many are puzzled and has questions about that horrific day 10 years ago. "Where was God on 9-11?" The same place He was when Adam rebelled in Eden... when Noah built an ark... when Abraham lapsed in faith... when Moses was in the desert... when Jonah was swallowed by a fish... when Peter and John were beaten for preaching the Gospel of Christ... when Paul was being stoned, shipwrecked and imprisoned.

The greatest insight into the heart of God is to respond in this way to the question... "Where was God on 9-11?" The same place He was when Jesus hung on the Cross – enduring the pain for the benefit of others. Oh the horror, the agony, the anguish, the pain! Where was God when His one and only Son hung dying on the cross? Didn't He know? Couldn't He have prevented it or stopped it? Didn't He care? Of course He knew! Of course He could have prevented it! Of course He could have stopped it! Of course He was aware! And, of course He cared! God could have stopped it, but He didn't. There was a greater good to be accomplished by the suffering

and death of Jesus. Through the suffering of One, many would be made whole. Through the sacrifice of One, many would have their sins forgiven. Through the death of One, many would be made alive.

On 9-12-2001 Americans received a wake up call. We stopped wasting so much money on frivolous things and began giving much more to others. But today we are spending ourselves into oblivion and wrecking our children's futures in the process. After 9-11 we attended church more regularly, including those who had not been in church in months or years. After a few weeks or months, some stopped going to church. Have we gone back to sleep? What will it take to rouse us again? We are Americans and we are free and have the right to defend our Christian beliefs. As believers we need to remember that our feeling of security goes beyond the measures of home land defense, beyond metal detectors, security checks, military power, political alliances or the strength of our economy. Our faith must rest solidly on a relationship with the one and only true and living God. Security is not the absence of trouble, but the presence of God and the confidence and courage He gives in the midst of trouble. God is not just some far off source from whom we can seek advice but tells us that he is "a very present help."

God Bless You All,
Pastor Steven D. Swords



A Note From the Associate Pastor

The youth/teens are very excited about our trip to the Xtreme Conference in Tennessee in December. We are planning several fundraisers to raise money to go on the trip. Our first fundraiser will be a Yard Sale on October 22nd here at the church. We will take your unwanted clothing, toys, books, electronics, appliances, furniture, household items, tools, etc. We will take anything you

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want to get rid of so clean your garage, shed, basement. Any items not sold at the sale will be donated to an appropriate charity.

If you have any items you wish to donate toward the yard sale, please see me or Kyle Claborn about pick up of the items or you can bring them to the church.

God Bless,
Associate Pastor Jeremy Patterson

September Events

Sept. 11th – 10th Anniversary of 9/11/01 Service
Sept. 11th – 6th Year Anniversary as Victory Baptist Mission
Sept. 25th – Singing with New Vision (see bulletin for more information)

Upcoming Events Events

Oct. 22nd – Yard Sale – Youth/Teen Fundraiser
Oct. 30th – Fall Festival
Dec. – Xtreme Conference



Sunday School and Bible Study

We would like to encourage everyone to attend and participate in Sunday school classes and Wednesday night Bible study every week. We have an excellent Children's Sunday school program. Our awesome teaching staff really cares and desires your children to grow in Christ. We also have four different adult Sunday school classes. Sunday school begins at 9:30 a.m. Victory Baptist Church provides nursery during both Sunday school and Worship service on Sunday mornings.

On Wednesday evening, beginning at 6:30 p.m., we have Bible study classes for children of all ages as well as an adult Bible study in the sanctuary.

Please take the opportunity to learn more about God's word and "fall in love" with God by attending Sunday school and Wednesday Bible study classes every week. And share God with others but inviting them to Sunday school and Wednesday night Bible study!! Everyone is welcome!!!

New Members

We would like to welcome our newest members to Victory Baptist Church:

Betty & Ricky Gilbreath
John "Bucky", Kasey and Hunter Grimes
Tony Bigbee
Jonathan Bermudex
Sara Lucia

Did You Notice...

... the white wooden church house sitting near the piano? Have you wondered why it's there? This church is Victory Baptist Church's new "money jug" to raise money throughout the year for Vacation Bible School. This money is kept separate from the kids' money jug money and is designated strictly for Vacation Bible School expenses. We encourage everyone to give as they can so that we can ensure that we have a super Vacation Bible School in 2012!!!



WMU

We still have Victory Baptist Church Cookbooks available. The cost per cookbook is \$10. See Trish or Kim to purchase your cookbook today.



The Word of God

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

~~Psalm 46:1

Tidbits

The Christian Singles Ministry for men and women meets on the 1st and 3rd Saturday nights of the month in VBC's Fellowship Hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. For information call Nellie Cornett at 256-753-6345.

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The church library is open every Sunday morning and Wednesday evening and is loaded with books and videos for enjoyment of all ages -- children through adults. If you have any questions, please see Mrs. Delilah Ryan. Happy Reading!!



Children's Money Jug

We are so proud that the kids are doing a great job putting their money into the 'big jug' every week, The monies from the 'big jug' are deposited into the children's fund and are used to support the youth ministries including their fun activities, pizza parties, concerts, youth rallies and field trips. GREAT JOB KIDS!!



September Birthdays

- 2 – Lee McCoy
- 3 – Gloria McClung
- 3 – Louise Hibbs
- 4 – Joanna Hazelrig
- 6 – Wanda Bright
- 7 – Robert Upton
- 9 – Myra Bolding
- 13 – Julie Burks
- 14 – Barbara Bruce
- 15 – Syble Forester
- 17 – Fred Kemp
- 17 – Mickey Rogers
- 18 – Emmie Patterson
- 18 – Patty Patterson
- 21 – August Hazelrig
- 22 – David Wood
- 22 – Butch Cartee
- 22 – Joh Mize
- 23 – Kathy Wood
- 24 – Donny Jones
- 25 – Kaygan Shelton
- 25 – Christi Edwards
- 25 – Pam McClendon
- 25 – Scotty Hudson
- 27 – Dovie Bolding
- 28 – D'Madre Moore
- 28 – Kelly Townsend

- 29 – Delilah Ryan
- 30 – Ciara Worsham



September Anniversaries

- 3 – Lenora & Steven Swords
- 12 – Beth & Jerry Hammond
- 13 – Cindy & Butch Cartee
- 14 – Vicki & Lew Jeter
- 17 – Lynn & Jeff Shelton

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