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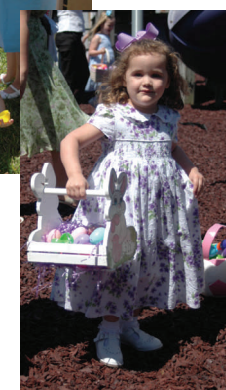
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Join us for an Easter celebration!

On Sunday, April 5th, immediately following the worship service, there will be a Churchwide lunch with hamburgers, hot dogs, and all the fixings. Everyone is welcome to attend. At 12:30PM that day, there will be an Easter egg hunt for all children ages toddler through the sixth grade.

While the younger children are hunting for eggs, the older kids (3rd grade and up) will participate in a scavenger-hunt-type event.

We hope you and your family will be here. It will be a wonderful opportunity to celebrate Easter with your church family. Oh, and don't forget you Easter basket!



VBS is
 June 15th - 19th

Volunteers are needed!	There are a number of ways that you can help. Just ask us how**
VBS Staff Meeting	Sunday, April 19th at 6:00PM At the church
VBS Clinic	Monday, April 23rd—Grand Caillou Baptist Church 6:30-9:00PM

**Contact the church office, or speak with Mary Dowden or Amy Lewis for more details.

March Statistics

Date	Budget Receipts		Attendance	
	Amount		Sunday School	AM Worship
03-01-09	\$10,672.00		65	141
03-08-09	\$6,682.30		80	130
03-15-09	\$7,616.00		56	140
03-22-09	\$6,202.00		71	129
03-29-09	\$1,702.50		78	150
Budget Goal YTD: \$93,310.62				
Budget Receipts YTD: \$71,635.90				

Congratulations

to Dolly Carrier and Leigh Carrier and Family on the birth of their son and grandson



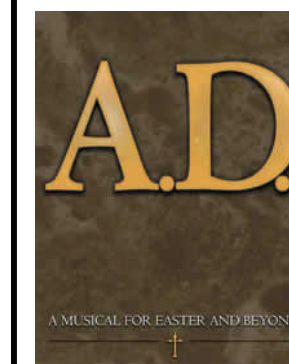
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Awana Adult Challenge

Hope you're practicing your verses!
 Here's the upcoming schedule:

- April 5th—John 11:25**
- April 12th—Matthew 28:6**
- April 19th—Acts 16:31**
- April 26th—Romans 6:23**

Let's show the kids the we are up to the challenge.



Sanctuary Choir to Lead with New Musical

Join us as we take a musical walk through the Book of Acts, and discover the impact of the resurrection of Christ on the church.

Sunday, May 3rd

A Note from Steve...

We wrap up the Reality TV series this Sunday with *The Amazing Race*. I have really enjoyed these weeks of taking the theme from a show and translating it into the life we have in Christ. It has been fun to have so many people participate in various ways throughout the series. I hope that every time you see a Reality show on TV, you will think about some of the applications we've made together.

At the beginning of Lent, I encouraged all of us to consider a fast this year. When we fast from something, every time we desire to have it yet willingly choose to give it up, we are affirming our commitment to Christ and growing our hunger for Christ. I am confident that if we practice this spiritual discipline as a church family, it will have a significant impact in our own lives and in our community. I hope that as a church we can create more avenues to pursue Christ together in this way.

I look forward to celebrating the Easter holiday together. Easter is more than a "once-a-year-thing." The truth is that we celebrate Easter all year long – with every prayer we utter, with every way we serve, with every breath we take, with all that we do. As we face the death of friends and loved ones, we celebrate the eternal life that is available and promised because of Christ's death on the cross. In difficult circumstances, we remember the hope that comes only because of Christ's suffering and triumph. Through loving our neighbor and our enemy, we display the unconditional love and forgiveness of Christ on the cross. In joyful times, we bask in God's never-ending blessing. With our entire lives, we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus from the dead and the resulting new life for all who believe. With these truths in mind, let me wish you a "Happy Easter!"

In Christ,



Parent and Child Dedication-Sunday, May 10, 2009--Call the church office for details.

Music

Easter is here once again! Bunnies, eggs, family. It's a celebration of the return of spring (though spring never really leaves us in South Louisiana), but, first and foremost, the season reminds us of Christ...His life, becoming one of us, knowing our trials, our pain, our joy. It's about His death—taking punishment for our sin on a cruel cross with pain and anguish. It's also about His resurrection—conquering our sin, our death, and hell itself. Take time amongst the bunnies and eggs to remember Christ with your family. Spend some time alone with Christ reflecting on His sacrifice for you.

On May 3rd, Mulberry will present a musical walk through the Book of Acts as an extension of the Easter season. We will need choir members, actors to present short monologues, costumers, and stage crew to be a part of the tremendous event. It will be an encouragement to live for Christ today, Easter, and beyond.

For each of you that took part (willingly and unwillingly) in the Reality TV Series, thank you so much for your help, understanding, and good natured forgiveness. You made each of the services special.

Follow Christ, show His love...even when it doesn't make sense.

With Christ's Love,

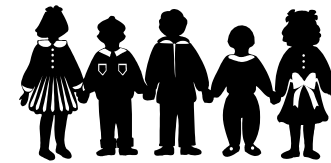


Children's Ministry

G'day, mates! VBS is right around the corner. We have made a few changes to the program that I want to share with you. We have changed our age range a little bit. From now on, we will begin with kids who will be entering into Kindergarten in the fall, that is, they are **five** years old. We have typically started with four year olds in the past, but this small change will enable us to make better use of the facility and create a quality VBS experience for children and leaders.

Because of this change, we are able to create a **Preschool Rotation program** similar to the rotation we currently have for Grades 1-6. I'm very excited about this new development in Preschool VBS! We will now have Bible Story teachers, Crafts leaders, Game leaders, and Missions leaders in the preschool department. *Each leader will only be responsible for one small part of the VBS day!* This will make things a lot easier for leaders, and we will be able to split our Pre-K and Kindergarten classes in half, so that each group is smaller, and we will have a better opportunity to really get to know these kids and create a calmer learning environment as well.

Of course, *we will need lots of volunteers to make this new program a success.* If you want to **volunteer for VBS**, please contact Amy Lewis or me very soon. We want to put our staff together before the **Association VBS Training Session on April 27 at Grand Caillou Baptist Church.** If you have already volunteered for VBS and would like to have your leader materials, please stop by my office.



In Christ,



Keenager's Korner

"He is risen!"

As I think and reflect upon the cross on which our Savior died and the terrible beatings He endured, I remember my trip to Israel. The most awe-inspiring experience I had was walking the path in Jerusalem where

Jesus carried His cross and our sins on His shoulders. The Via Delarosa, marked by the way of the cross, leads up to Golgotha, where Jesus died for you and for me. He was buried in the garden tomb hewn out of the side of a rocky hill with a round, flat stone covering the opening of the tomb. I stood in awe in the tomb knowing that my Savior was once there and that He rose a victor from that dark tomb to reign forever. The power of the cross is life changing; no matter who you are, God's awesome power can set you free...our sins, forgiven!

In Matthew 28:19, Jesus asks His followers to spread the word God gave His son. What are we doing with the amazing message of God's love? The commission to go and make disciples is meant to be an integral part of every believer's life. Share your belief in Jesus at your workplace, with friends, and in your home. Let's celebrate Easter everyday.

A Servant,

Evelyn Head and The Keenagers

Deacons to Serve for April

Bud Barnes and Sharon Bergeron

**Next Deacon's Meeting, Sunday, April 5th at 7:15PM

CDO News

Well April is certainly a busy month for us! We will be celebrating Easter with the children the week of April 7th.

There will be egg hunts, lots of chocolate, and a great celebration in remembrance of God's greatest gift to us—His Son!

In our last few weeks of school (can't believe summer is almost here already!), we will be spending precious moments with the children having picnics, bike day, water day, sidewalk painting, and a number of other outdoor activities. Our commencement ceremony will be held on Sunday, May 17th. As things are winding down, the teachers and I ask for your prayers that we have a safe, happy, and inspiring end to the 2008-2009 year.

Charlene Patrick, CDO Director