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Faithfulness is Rewarded!

May is filled with events showcasing faithfulness. From the faithfulness of the early church, to the faithfulness of the family, the faithfulness of our children and the faithfulness of our church as we work and minister together. Be a part of each.

- **May 3rd:** The choir leads worship with *A.D.—A Musical for Easter and Beyond*.

- **May 10th:** We will celebrate the family with a Parent/Child Dedication service, as well as honoring mothers.
- **May 17th:** Awana Recognition Sunday. Come and witness the achievements of our kids. We will recognize their hard work with a lunch following service. At 5:00 that afternoon,

The Children's Day Out Program will hold its Annual Commencement Exercises.

- **May 30th:** We will have a *Churchwide Workday*. It's time for spring cleaning...We are asking everyone to come help "clean house".

We hope to see you here for these events!

Awana Adult Challenge

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

May 3rd—Ephesians 5:2
May 10th—Mark 12:30

These will be the last verses until after the summer break, so let's show the kids the we are up to the challenge!

Let the bank do the work...

To schedule automatic tithe payments from your bank, give them the following info:

- Your name (to be used as an identifiable "account number")
- Payable to: Mulberry Baptist Church
- Intended recipient: Charlene Patrick
- Mailing Address:
 Mulberry Baptist Church
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Your Opinion Counts

Go to www.mulberrychurch.org and let us know what you are thinking in our opinion poll.

April Statistics

Budget Receipts

Attendance

Date	Amount	Sunday School	AM Worship
04-05-09:	\$5,472.75	88	184
04-12-09:	\$4,544.10	61	213
04-19-09:	\$7,846.25	43	97
04-26-09:	\$4,812.00	62	105

Budget Goal YTD: \$122,021.58
Budget Receipts YTD: \$94,311.00



Vacation Bible School

June 15th—June 19th

Register your child today!

Stop by the church office to pick up registration forms or register your child on-line at www.mulberrychurch.org (on the Children's Ministry page) Tell a neighbor. Tell a friend. Children must be enrolled in Kindergarten for the fall (2009-2010 school year) through the 6th grade.

A Note from Steve...


This Sunday morning the choir and drama team will lead and challenge us with "A.D. – A Musical for Easter and Beyond." I am confident it will be a powerful experience. Be here and bring someone with you who needs to encounter God in a real, fresh way.

I began a series from the life of Solomon last week focusing on different aspects of faithfulness. After the musical this Sunday, we'll continue in the series from 1 Kings. With an emphasis on unconditional love and faithfulness, we'll celebrate the family in our church family on May 10 with a Parent-Child Dedication in addition to honoring mothers. The following week we consider the importance of generational faithfulness in our church family as we celebrate the impact of the Awana ministry in the life of our church and as we are led in musical worship by handbells. I hope you'll be "faithful" in your attendance this month, and throughout the summer months.

Don't fall into the summertime trap of sleeping in on Sundays; as Hebrews 10:25 tells us, "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another."

By the way, the new directories are here, and they look great. Great job, Jason Harper, on the design! And a big "thank you" to all who worked on the logistics for the pictures and directory information! If you haven't already picked up your copy, you can do so at church on Sundays or in the office during the week.

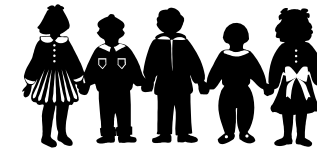
Finally, consider the encouragement from Psalm 34:8 - "Taste and see that the Lord is good." Don't settle for hearing about God. Don't simply remember what God was like. Don't only think about God. Experience God. Taste. See. Know. Live. God is faithful. God is real. God is true. God is alive. Taste and see for yourself.


In Christ, 

Children's Ministry

Wow! The school year is drawing to a close, and it seems to fly by faster every year. It has been an awesome first year at Awana, and our kids have had a blast! When I asked the kids what they like best about Awana, they all had something different to say. Some like memorizing scripture best, some like game time best, some like large group, and many kids said, "Everything!" It has been amazing to see these children (some as young as two) memorizing scripture and understanding the gospel. I've seen kids who don't attend church come to Awana and love it. My own son, who eats, breathes, and sleeps soccer, passed on a Wednesday night game because, he told me (and apparently his friends, too), "God is bigger than soccer." And guess what. A few weeks later, his friend called to see if we were picking him up for Awana. Cameron asked him, "Don't you have a baseball game?" His response? "God is bigger than baseball." Wow! That is awesome. Last Wednesday, I heard Kara Danos give a quick, simple, but extraordinary lesson on the meaning of the word "attentive." The kids got it, and we had a great large group session. Every week I bear witness to something wonderful. I want each of our Awana leaders to know how much I appreciate them. You are all doing a great job! If you are curious to know more about the Awana program or how to become a leader, drop in on us this month and check it out! But Hurry! Our last meeting of the year is on May 13. If you missed out on Awana this year, don't worry. September will be here before you know it. You can register for fall online at the Mulberry website.

Even though we are gearing down on a few things, we still have lots of summer action planned in Children's Ministry. Vacation Bible School for children age five through 6th grade is June 15 -19 and Children's Music Camp for Grades 1-6 (going into 1st – already finished with 6th) is July 20 -24. You can register online for these programs, or drop by the office for a registration form.



In Christ, 

Worship and Media

Wow...summer is almost here again! VBS, Choir Camp, vacations, and other summer events will soon be here. It will be an exciting and fun time for all of us. The title for Children's Choir Camp this year will be "Splash Kingdom: Come Meet the Lifesaver!". This water park-themed camp will be held during the week of July 20th-24th. The kids will perform their musical on Sunday, July 26th. We are still in need of volunteers, so please contact me if you are interested in helping.

For all of you that participated in A.D. and the reality TV series, thank you! You did a great job. You helped create excitement in our services and illustrate God's realities through humor and dramatic presentation.

We have unveiled a new website design. At the website you can listen to last week's sermon, view video files, check out upcoming events on the event calendar, view pictures of our church activities, and much more. Check it out at www.mulberrychurch.org.

Summer gets very busy for all of us. Don't let summer be an untended vacation from Christian service and fellowship with the Body of Christ. Make it your personal challenge to be here every Sunday this summer.

Praying God's presence on your lives,





Keenager's Korner

God's Little Instruction Book is an inspirational collection of quotes and Scripture that helps me look at myself. It is motivational to me as I try to lead a meaningful, productive, and happy life. I'd like to share some of the writings with you this month:

Quote: "A person's true character is revealed by what he does when no one is watching."

Scripture: "Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart."—Ephesians 6:6


Quote: "Sometimes we are so busy assessing our troubles that we forget to count our blessings."

Scripture: "I will remember the deeds of the Lord; yes, I will remember your miracles of long ago. I will meditate on all your works and consider all your mighty deeds."—Psalms 77:11-12

Quote: "God plus one is always a majority!"

Scripture: "If God is for us, who can be against us?"—Romans 8:31 *Amen!*

Happy Mother's Day to all our mothers from the Keenagers and The Kitchen Krewe!

A Servant,
 Evelyn Head and The Keenagers

Deacons to Serve for May

Justin Dowden and Bill Boyd

**Next Deacon's Meeting, Sunday,
May 3rd at 7:15PM

CDO News

You Are Invited
to our annual
Mulberry Baptist Church
CDO Commencement
Service
May 17, 2009
5:00PM

Reception Immediately
Following in the
Fellowship Hall

 Charlene Patrick, CDO Director