



**We teach  
the Bible**

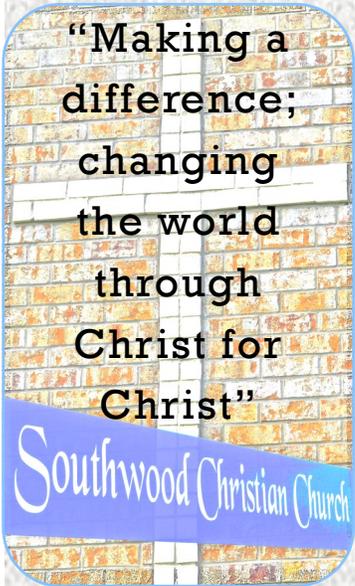
# the Southwood Messenger

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## Mark: My Words



Brothers and sisters,

I would like to encourage you guys with what our precious God has been impressing in my mind and heart over the past week. Whether we know it or not, this is a VERY exciting time in the life of our little congregation. God has been working behind the scenes in some powerful and wonderful ways!

While some things are of a sensitive enough nature that I am not able to refer to them in a public announcement, let us suffice it to say that GOOD THINGS are happening. Our great God is doing a work of repentance in the hearts of some, while opening the eyes of faith in others. He is moving us in a direction of strong discipleship, while slowly bringing us new believers AND long-time believers who are being positioned in a window of His opportunity! He is preparing the heart of at least one of our congregation for the preaching ministry...He is putting His hand on marriages...He is helping people to drop old habits that were harmful and take on new habits that are life-giving! He is quietly drawing in those who have been waiting in the wings for His timing.

Historically, Spring (in every church I have ever worked in) has been among the worst times for church attendance, and this appears to be cyclical and universal...so don't let it distract you from what God is doing. He is doing a work of grace in and among us! Please be in prayer for more families to come join in our mission, but more specifically, for more lives to be transformed through the saving power of Christ! WE ARE on a Mission from God to shine like stars...and it starts with you and me! I love you all in Christ, -m

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# May Schedule

May 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 6:30 ONO dinner	9	10	11	12
13 Mother's Day	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

## Special Events

**May 8** Ladies ONO Dinner at Big Baby's BBQ Restaurant in Greenville  
6:30 pm

**May 13** Mother's Day

## Regularly Scheduled Events

### Sundays

9:00 am Worship Team Run-thru  
9:30 am Bible Study classes (all ages)  
10:45 am Destination Worship & Children's Worship (pre-K to 5th grade)

### Wednesdays

5:15 pm Worship Team Rehearsal  
7:00 pm Bible study (adult, middle school, and High school ages)

## May Birthdays

14 Brittini Morgan Oakley  
21 Matt Smith  
26 Brandy Santana  
30 Brett Upshaw

## Anniversaries

25 Adam & Amanda Williams  
28 Jeff & De'Ana Gore

Teachers and nursery workers are needed.  
Please see Yvette or Jaynie if you are willing to volunteer for one of these positions.  
Volunteers are on a rotating basis.

A kids sermon/worship time is available for all K-5th graders during the adult sermon time.



**Sunday**  
**Young Adult**  
**Sunday School**  
 9:30 am in the Office

**Wednesday Night**  
**Bible Study**  
 Adults and Youth  
 7:00 pm

## Kid's Korner



### Kids Bible Wordsearch

**ANIMALS IN THE BIBLE?**

Fit the words in the list into the diagram below reading forward, backward, up, down, diagonally, always in a straight line.



- ANTELOPE
- APE
- BADGER
- CALF
- CHAMELEON
- CROCODILE
- DEER
- FOX
- FROG



Puzzle # 2

J	M	W	P	Z	L	O	C	I	P	W	N	F
Z	Y	F	O	A	K	O	Y	L	K	S	O	Q
P	Y	U	R	K	X	K	I	Z	S	T	E	U
E	D	Q	C	E	W	L	A	E	C	A	L	F
C	Y	T	U	X	F	O	N	D	O	G	E	X
J	G	U	P	Y	P	I	T	Z	R	A	M	Z
R	U	I	I	C	X	M	E	N	P	W	A	Q
G	I	R	N	I	E	X	L	H	I	F	H	D
H	G	F	E	L	I	D	O	C	O	R	C	A
A	W	P	U	G	B	D	P	X	N	O	Q	D
T	A	M	H	E	D	G	E	H	O	G	V	I
D	V	T	M	W	H	A	L	E	M	X	L	W
E	H	C	R	M	O	Y	B	G	R	T	Y	O



- HEDGEHOG
- HEIFER
- MULE
- PORCUPINE
- RAM
- SCORPION
- STAG
- WHALE





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# Announcements



**Praise  
God**

April 8

Andrea Hornsby was baptized .

April 22

Dan brewer stepped forward to affirm his Christian walk and to place his membership with South wood Christian Church.

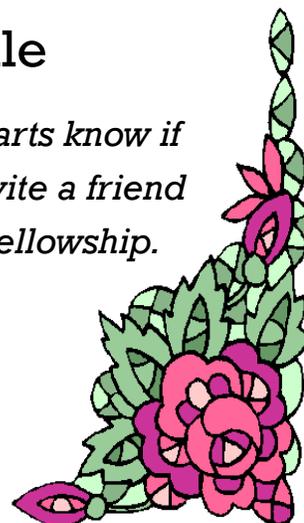


**Ladies  
ONO  
Dinner  
May 8  
6:30 pm**

**Big Baby's**

**BBQ Restaurant in  
Greenville**

*Please let Shirley Rubarts know if you plan to attend. Invite a friend to join in the fun and fellowship.*



# Just a note

A few years ago a group of salesmen went to a regional sales convention in Chicago. They had assured their wives that they would be home in plenty of time for Friday night's dinner. In their rush, with tickets and briefcases, one of these salesmen inadvertently kicked over a table which held a display of apples. Apples flew everywhere. Without stopping or looking back, they all managed to reach the plane in time for their nearly missed boarding ... ALL BUT ONE!!! He paused, took a deep breath, and experienced a twinge of compassion for the girl whose apple stand had been overturned. He told his buddies to go on without him, waved good-bye, told one of them to call his wife when they arrived at their home destination and explain his taking a later flight. Then he returned to the terminal where the apples were all over the terminal floor.

He was glad he did.

The 16 year old girl was totally blind! She was softly crying, tears running down her cheeks in frustration, and at the same time helplessly groping for her spilled produce as the crowd swirled about her, no one stopping and no one to care for her plight.

The salesman knelt on the floor with her, gathered up the apples, put them back on the table and helped organize her display. As he did this, he noticed that many of them had become battered and bruised; these he set aside in another basket.

When he had finished, he pulled out his wallet and said to the girl, 'Here, please take this \$40 for the damage we did. Are you okay?' She nodded through her tears. He continued on with, 'I hope we didn't spoil your day too badly.'

As the salesman started to walk away, the bewildered blind girl called out to him, 'Mister ...' He paused and turned to look back into those blind eyes. She continued, 'Are you Jesus?' He stopped in mid-stride, and he wondered. Then slowly he made his way to catch the later flight with that question burning and bouncing about in his soul: 'Are you Jesus?'

Do people mistake you for Jesus? That's our Destiny, is it not? To be so much like Jesus that people cannot tell the difference as we live and interact with a world that is blind to His love, life and grace. If we claim to know Him, we should live, walk and act as He would. Knowing Him is more than simply quoting Scripture and going to church. It's actually living the Word as life unfolds day to day.

You are the apple of His eye even though we, too, have been bruised by a fall. He stopped what He was doing and picked you and me up on a hill called Calvary and paid in full for our damaged fruit.

(Unknown author)

Submitted by Shirley Rubarts

