



You are cordially invited
to the

Golden Wedding
Anniversary Celebration

for
Wade & Frances Hampton

Saturday, March 25
1:00 p.m. ~ EBC FLC

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Hey Kids!!

Come join us on Saturday,
April 1 at 10:00 a.m. for
our first ever **Easter Egg
Scavenger Hunt!!** Invite
all your friends and let's
make this the **BEST**
egg hunt ever!!



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Dinner and a Movie



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Sunday, April 9

pastor's *pen*

“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.” (Ps. 133:1-KJV) These words of King David describe the joy of genuine fellowship of God’s people. On Sunday evening, April 2, at 6:00 p.m. we will have the privilege of joining many of our fellow Christians in a joint worship service. Life Church (formerly South Parkway) will host the meeting and Dr. Reggie Bridges, Pastor of Temple Baptist Church, will be delivering the message. I hope you will make plans to attend this wonderful evening of worship with like minded believers!

Sickness and weather has really hit us hard over the past few weeks. If you have been absent we want you to know we miss you! As we move forward into spring time, I pray we will also see a move forward in attendance. One way to achieve this goal is to be intentional in inviting others to come to EBC. At a conference this week a pastor from the Baton Rouge area said they encouraged everyone at their church to be a “bringer”! When’s the last time you brought someone with you to EBC? Let’s all seek to be “bringers”!



ministry *spotlight*

Dear Emmanuel Family,

As part of our Easter Celebration, we will be showing the movie, “**Risen**” on Sunday night, April 9 at 5:45 p.m. in the Worship Center. “**Risen**” stars Joseph Fiennes as Clavius, a powerful Roman military tribune who is tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus in the weeks following the crucifixion in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem. This is a very powerful and epic Biblical story of the Resurrection you will not want to miss. We will have a snack supper prior to the movie at 4:45 p.m. in the FLC. You will need to make reservations for the Snack Supper beginning on Sunday, March 26. The deadline to sign up for the meal is Wednesday, April 5. You do not need to make reservations for the movie. I hope you will make plans to attend and invite your friends to see “**Risen**” as you watch the non-believing Clavius begin his search for answers.

For those **JOY** members who are going to Branson in late April, the balance of your trip cost is due by the end of March. In addition to the conference cost, you will also need to pay for our trip to Dogwood Canyon in the amount of \$50 each. This covers the buffet lunch and tour of the Canyon.

Finally, our **JOY Potluck Luncheon** set for April 20 will feature Dr. Richard Hood, a Chet Atkins style guitarist. Make plans to attend.

Bro. Sam



Hello from **CRASH** student ministries!

I believe as you are reading this month’s newsletter, I am in Branson with 17 students on our first long distance retreat Disciple Now weekend. I have named this retreat “**The Great Escape**” because we see many times in the Bible where Jesus would “escape” to the wilderness, mountains, lakes, gardens, etc. just to get away for prayer to the Father or to have little “retreats” with the disciples. I believe it is good to be like Jesus and to escape the craziness of the world around us. We will be hiking with the students into some mountain areas and even an old abandoned town. As we hike these trails, I plan to stop and use these moments to teach the students about Jesus, the Hebrew children, and even about sinners like ourselves in the Bible. Please be in prayer for us as we travel and study.

I would like to thank each and every one of you that have been donating to our youth through our “**Show the Youth Some Love**” envelope campaign. We are still short of our goal but I believe that God will provide for these students. Our goal this year is to take at least 30 students to summer camp and to see their lives changed for the Kingdom of Heaven.

We have a couple of events planned for April already. **APRIL 1ST** we are going to Monroe to the “**Escape Room**” and to eat out somewhere over there. This is a way to celebrate our own Brad Kimbell turning into the old man of 40!! and to have fellowship with our students. More details to come.

On **APRIL 28-29** we will be doing a “**30 HOUR FAMINE**” weekend. Our students will be participating in a juice fast for 30 hours. They are only allowed to drink one glass of juice each hour for all 30 hours plus as much water as they like. We will allow them to chew bubble gum as this is a very serious time of fasting and prayer. Most students can barely fast between breakfast and lunch (myself included!). I’ve done several of these over the years to raise awareness and donations for world wide hunger. We ask that you prayerfully consider donating to the hungry around the world. 100% of all money collected goes straight to the starving world wide. Our students will be given donation info packets the first Sunday in April. We ask that you would consider donating \$30 or more because most people around the world survive on \$30 per month. That is less than a dollar a day. I truly believe in this cause. I will also need chaperones for this event (at least 4), plus help cooking a very nice meal for the night of the 29th as we break our fast.

Adron