



# *Mission Center Lights*

Happy New Year!!

It is hard to believe that the second month of 2005 is almost over. It seems like just yesterday we were celebrating the birth of our Savior and Lord. Soon we will be preparing for the Easter season and all the joys and sorrows that brings.

I'm sure that all of you watched the news stories of the terrible losses from the tsunami that hit in the Asian region. My heart and prayers go out to all the families who have lost loved ones, their homes and their very livelihood because of this terrible event. It truly shows how fragile life is and how we need to trust in the Lord to guard and protect us.

As you will see in this newsletter, I am experimenting with some new layout and design ideas. I am trying to find the best way to make the newsletter exciting and something you really want to read.

You will also notice the number of congregations that I received news from. Some of the articles and news are from the tried and true who submit each time. Some are from some new ones. I tried to email a number of people and got the emails bounced back to me. I don't know if this was because the email addresses were outdated, or if it was because they were bulk emails. I will keep trying the email route as well as sending notices by snail mail.

I plan to publish the newsletter once a quarter. Information from congregations will be due to me April 15<sup>th</sup>, July 15<sup>th</sup>, and October 15<sup>th</sup>. This will allow me to aim for getting the newsletter in the mail by May 1<sup>st</sup>, August 1<sup>st</sup> and November 1<sup>st</sup>. You can send it to me by snail mail (2948 Willow Lane Dr., Montgomery, AL 36109) or email (lkhweb1@yahoo.com). If you have forms you would like included, please email them to me as an attachment (preferably in Word or a RTF file).

At the end of the newsletter is the Mission Center calendar so far for the year. New events will be added as they become available – remember that most events are subject to change. I have also included registration forms for Summer Camps, Reunion and the Temple School course being held in March.



## **From the Editor**

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Women's Retreat  
January 7 – 9, 2005  
Uniquely You

Due to the devastation of Hurricane Ivan in September, the November 2004 retreat was rescheduled to January 2005. This change did cause some difficulty for some of our faithful women to be able to attend the retreat. However, those who did come were a blessing and received a blessing. The theme of "Uniquely You" was chosen in response to the scripture found in I Corinthians 12:4-7. (Read it) Apostle Linda Booth was the guest ministry for the weekend. She shared with the ladies in many ways. The power of the Holy Spirit was very much a presence among the group. The *Uniquely Hat Parade* was a lot of fun. The *Silent Auction* brought some additional funds to the campground as well as other donations. The ladies were really blessed by the sacrificial service of several men from the Alabama – Northwest Florida and Gulf Mission Centers. It was great not to wash those dishes! The meals were delicious also. A date for the next retreat was set. It will be November 11 – 13, 2005. Cerona Gazzier of the Gulf Mission Center will be the chairperson for the retreat. Make plans to attend now – Mark that calendar!

As the chairperson for the past several retreats, I would like to humbly express appreciation to everyone who has used their giftedness and uniqueness to make the retreats a special time for the ladies. Each year seemed to be more spirit-filled as we came together for the purpose of receiving from God. No words could really say what my heart feels. May God continue to bless and direct your paths as a disciple for Jesus Christ in the Community of Christ.

In Christ's Love,  
Jackie Crutchfield



Dear Friends,

It's hard to believe that another year has come and gone! First, I want to look back into 2004 and let you know how our Young Adult activities went. In October a Young Adult Gathering was held at the home of Steve Shaw in Holt, FL. We had 19 in attendance. We had an opportunity to get to know each other, talk about future Young Adult activities and of course we got to eat! In November at the Mission Center Conference held at the Dixonville congregation we had another opportunity to get together and "brainstorm" regarding the young adults in the mission center. I even got to meet several young adults that I hadn't met before! Holly Ellis was the winner of the free dinner. For the closing worship with Apostle Linda Booth, the young adults were in charge. I really appreciate those who were willing to participate and share in the service. Thank you again to Heather Donofrio, Alan Odom and Sherry Odom for your help! In December we had a Young Adult Christmas Gathering. We had about 23 in attendance for the evening. Robin Crutchfield gave a devotion that encouraged us to focus on the true meaning of Christmas. Thanks again Robin. We of course had fun playing the "Silly Santa" game and yes we ate! Another big thank you goes to Steve Shaw for opening his home to us again.

Looking to 2005 I just wanted to let you know about some of the activities that are being planned. Some of you may have already heard about the Good \$ense Budget Ministry Course. This is a course that teaches individuals to integrate biblical principles into his or her life – financially and spiritually. I have asked Craig Lenfestey if he would present this course to the young adults within the mission center. I think this course will be a great benefit to everyone that attends! We are looking for possible dates and will let you know as soon it is finalized. Also, there is a tentative date of May 14<sup>th</sup> for

a Young Adult Deep Sea Fishing Trip. We are hoping to catch enough fish to donate for a fish fry that will be held at reunion in June. There will be limited space for the trip so if you are really interested contact me as soon as possible. More information will be forthcoming. Another exciting event that is planned is a Young Adult Retreat at BSCG on August 12-14. We will be going in with the Gulf Mission Center. If you are interested in helping to plan the retreat or if you have any suggestions please contact me as well.

I am still trying to "shake the bushes" looking for our young adults that are within the mission center. If you haven't filled out a Young Adult Survey and returned it to me I encourage you to do so. These surveys have been very helpful to me, especially by providing your addresses and information about what your needs are individually and congregation wide. I am trying to get a young adult contact person from each congregation. If you don't have one or would like to be the contact person for your congregation please contact me. As always I hope that you will remember that I am available to help your congregation have a strong young adult ministry. The young adults have so much to offer and I want to take hold of every opportunity that is before us to share Jesus Christ! I look forward to sharing with you in 2005.

God Bless,  
Reba Martin



### *Bay Minette, FL Congregation*

Greetings to each of you from all the members of the Bay Minette Congregation! We hope that everyone is experiencing the love, peace, and joy that our Savior

Jesus Christ came to make possible. Also, please join us in prayers of thanksgiving for the life of Jesus and for the lives of all those who have lived and died to secure freedom for America and for the World.

On November 10<sup>th</sup>, the home of Nate and Sarah Butler was the scene of a bridal shower for Jennifer Stacey and Josh Heathcock. The couple was married on November 12<sup>th</sup> and makes their home in Loxley, Alabama.

On November 14<sup>th</sup>, the congregation celebrated Thanksgiving with an interesting service, which included thought, prayers, and testimonies of a number of people. There was a very delicious traditional feast following the service.

November 28<sup>th</sup> was an exciting service in our congregation as we participated in the hanging of the greens. Breakfast got things off to a good start, followed with a meaningful service, which explained the traditional décor- ations we used.

During October and November we enjoyed visiting ministry from Vi Buntz, Carl Hope, and Trish Hope.

On October 31<sup>st</sup>, the Bay Minette Congregation held the annual business meeting with the election of officers for 2005. Elder Ray A. Eubanks was elected to serve as pastor of our congregation in the coming year.

On December 11<sup>th</sup>, Amy Bryars and Charles Flowers graduated from the University of South Alabama. We are very proud of these two happy young people!

We would like to wish a Happy New Year to our fellow Christians!

Faye K. Warren,  
Reporting



### *Crestview, FL Congregation*

Greetings once again from your friends at the Crestview Branch! It's been a busy few months since our last newsletter. We continue to secure new souls for the kingdom, as we had no fewer than six baptisms since the last news- letter. That brings the total for 2004 to a whopping ELEVEN! Yaaaay God!

The hurricanes managed to delay, but not completely cancel our outside activities this season. In September,

we enjoyed a peanut boil and ice cream social at the home of Sarah and Randy Gilbert. October saw a gathering of young adults at Steve Shaw's home. In November, we had our annual fall festival. Despite the lateness of the season, we still had most of our usual activities: a hayride, cake-walk, campfire, and the highlight of the festival, the annual Kool-Aid contest. For those of you unfamiliar with the contest, it's worth mentioning that the entries are judged on three criteria: taste, drinkability, and presentation. The latter criterion brings an unmatched level of wacky fun to the table, with entries like the questionable "Diaper Delight," served from the backside of a diaper-wearing "My Little Buddy" doll strapped to a miniature commode. The drink was yellow, with genuine tootsie rolls floating in it. Needless to say, the judges had a tough time picking a favorite, but ultimately the evening was won by Justin Shaw, with his "Jungle Juice" followed in a virtual photo-finish by "Dr. Werner's Cherry-Lemon Hemoglobin" served directly from the veins of Wendy Werner.

Our branch's Youth Department was as busy as everyone else the past few months. Solid Rock continued to meet the third Saturday of each month at 5:33 p.m. The group built an amazing float to enter into the Crestview Christmas parade. Although it didn't win any awards, it won the hearts and minds of many of the parade attendees, depicting Santa, kneeling before the Christ child in the manger, while also belting out rock music. Ten of our youth also spent a weekend in Montgomery for the youth retreat, and eight of them went to the annual New Year's Eve retreat at Bluff Springs. It's also worth mentioning that of our branch's eleven baptisms in 2004, fully nine of them were youth.

We prepared to celebrate Jesus' birthday this year with an absolute flurry of activities. Our Christmas preparations began as early as October; as we ramped up to once again participate in "Operation Christmas Child" sponsored by Samaritan's Purse outreach. Thanks to the generosity of our members, we put together 47 shoeboxes full of gifts to be sent to less fortunate kids around the globe. Nearly 30 of our branch members spent weeks preparing a Christmas play, entitled "The Fumbly-Bumbly Angels." This production was one of the most involved presentations we've done to date, as we transformed the front of our

sanctuary into Heaven, the streets of Bethlehem, and the nativity stable, all at the same time. Following the play, Santa himself paid us a visit, bringing gifts for all our good little girls and boys as we enjoyed refreshments and fellowship. As Christmas drew near, approximately 25 people braved the cold to spread some Christmas cheer by going caroling. Special thanks to Sam and Mary Anderson, who hosted the carolers at their home afterwards, and provided snacks and hospitality. We capped off our season of celebration by taking the branch on a walk down "The Road to Bethlehem" with a special candlelight service on Christmas Eve. The service featured a multimedia presentation of the Christmas story, presented by Jeff and Wendy Werner, and Carl Hope.

Despite all the activities in the branch, many of our members kept busy with activities outside of church as well. Jake and Della Goodson were in the Stagecrafters production of "Smoke on the Mountain", a show that brought home the good news of Jesus being the hope of the world. The play ran at the Fort Walton Beach Civic Center to many good reviews, with Jake playing "Dennis" and Della playing "Aunt Bertie Mae." Ruth and John Davis celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary with a renewal of vows service and reception on November 6<sup>th</sup>. Doctor Trish Hope was voted Elementary Teacher of the Year for the 2004 – 2005 school year at Baker School.

That's the news here at Crestview Branch! We currently have some eleven members of our congregation participating in the Pulpit Exchange Program. So, watch for one of us, coming soon to a branch near you! Until then, we remain faithfully yours in Christ!

Reporting for Crestview Congregation,  
Jeff and Wendy Werner

### ***Dixonville, AL Congregation***

We regret to report the death of one of our long time members, John Calvin Travis. John died December 23<sup>d</sup>, at the Santa Rosa Medical Center after having surgery for a broken hip and broken wrist. His beloved wife Mae preceded him in death by only five months.

John and his wife served faithfully in the Dixonville congregation for many years. John faithfully held the congregation together several years when there were only five or six members attending. John held on to the vision of reaching out to share the love of Jesus Christ with those in his family as well as to the people in the Dixonville community.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 28<sup>th</sup> with Elders Wayne Morris and Edward Ward officiating.



### ***Evergreen, AL Congregation***

Greetings to all from Evergreen.

It's been a busy four months in Evergreen. All things considered, we all survived Ivan with minimal damage and inconvenience.

On September 25<sup>th</sup>, Rogene Booker and Melissa Jones were united in marriage at the church in a small, private ceremony. Melissa is a delightful addition to our congregation and we wish them all the happiness.

In October, we participated in a Praise Festival in downtown Evergreen. This was postponed from September due to the storm. Twelve members of our congregation were on hand as we served grilled hamburgers, hot dogs, sodas and cookies, all free of charge. Needless to say, we were the most popular people there. It was a great experience as we supported the Unity in Christ Outreach church, sponsors of the event.

Several members of our congregation attended the series in McKenzie with Jimmy Munson. He is an incredible speaker and the ministry he and his group provide in downtown Chattanooga is truly a blessing. If you aren't a "Crumb Donor", you need to be – check out their website.

November 6<sup>th</sup> was our International Dinner. We had foods and decorations from Mexico, Italy, and Africa. Several visitors joined us for this fun-filled evening as we tried to introduce others and ourselves to different

foods and the culture of other countries. Some of the food was very interesting and all had a good time. Pictures from the Praise Festival and International dinner have been sent to the Herald.

The end of November saw us starting to get ready for the Christmas Journey. On the 27<sup>th</sup>, we had a workday to clean up the church and start putting up the scenes. People were in and out for the next 3 weeks working on various things. Thanks to the folks from McKenzie who came down and helped. Our Christmas Journey was held on December 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup>. On Friday night, we had a number of people from the community who came and participated along with others from our North Cluster Group. With our church being located on one of the busiest intersections in Evergreen, we had many people driving by and a good many who stopped and walked through the three scenes. We had a lot of positive feedback from people in the community.

We ended the year with a Celebration Supper on December 29<sup>th</sup>. We looked back on the year and remembered birthdays, anniversaries, weddings, baby blessings, community events, special services, special friends and praised God for His many blessings. We are looking forward to 2005 as God brings forth marvelous works and wonders for His people.

Diane Sosebee, Reporting



### ***Fort Walton Beach, FL Congregation***

The Fort Walton Congregation began welcoming "Snow Birds" the first Sunday in January. We enjoy their winter visits and each of us benefits from the ministry they bring. We look forward to their company for the next few months.

This past year we began having Fun Friday Activities once a month. This past year we have made ornaments, stuffed shoe boxes with gifts for needy families, learned how to paint with water colors, gone to cooking school and even taken a couple of motorcycle rides. We are looking forward to lots of new activities for 2005.

We began 2005 with a birthday celebration. One of our groups loves to cook, so for her birthday, we gave

her copies of our favorite recipes to add to her collection. We hope to individualize each ones' birthday and make it special because we know each one is special.

May God bless us all as we work to serve others in His name.

Happy New Year!  
Roger & Kay O'Neal



### ***Huxford, AL Congregation***

Hope this finds everyone with a little normalcy. We ate Huxford had a lot of damage from Hurricane Ivan. We weathered the storm with the grace of God. He held us up through the rough wind and water. His promise is wonderful. He will never leave or forsake us. Call on His name.

Thanksgiving is the greatest time to thank Him. We all have things in our lives to be thankful for. Now more than ever. People all over have come together in friendship and love for their fellow man to help people in need. This storm has made a difference in a lot of lives. May God bless you as you still recover from it.

Our homecoming was great. We had great singing, preaching and food. Alisha shared her talents with beautiful music on flute. Brenda Lenfestey sang a beautiful song. Lots of comments were given to her. Some were made days later. The Lord has blessed her with a beautiful voice. Craig did a wonderful job with his message. We truly were blessed on this day.

Pauline took a river boat cruise September 11-14. She and her daughter Kathy had a wonderful time. She also spent time with her grandson.

Carolyn and Dick attended our Mission Center conference. Wish more could have attended.

Our Brandon is a great swimmer. He finished 8<sup>th</sup> in the breaststroke at the District 1A swim competition in Tallahassee, FL. Way to go Brandon!

Football is over. Dehryl and Aaron can rest a little now.

Jeannie has taken a job as school nurse at Bratt Elementary. She takes care of the tummy aches, headaches, bumps and bruises. Don't know of anyone I would rather have than her to take care of my children. Keep her in your prayers. Alisha interviewed for Youth Leadership Atmore. She was accepted. This group of students is from area schools and helps with community projects and learns the history of their town.

Beth and Jeannie at Beth's house entertained our youth with an Iron Bowl party. They had good and fun. You either liked the outcome of the game or you didn't. It was your choice.

Until next time, may God hold you in the palm of His hand.

Love in Christ,  
Mary Lambert



### ***Lone Star, AL Congregation***

Greetings from Lone Star!

We have been very busy these past few months, with Thanksgiving, Christmas, and the New Year starting. We have had many wonderful speakers over the past few months. Starting in October, we had Craig Lenfestey and for our Homecoming on October 31, we had Donald Merle Brown speak. He did a great job. It is so good to have one of our own come back to speak at Homecoming. In November we only had one guest speaker and it was Dick Dour. He did such a wonderful job. In December, we had Fred Salter, Larry Shaw, and Jerry Parker. In January, we had Jim Marcombe. We just loved having all these wonderful speakers over the last few months. They are invited back anytime.

On October 17<sup>th</sup> our children were over the service for Children's Sabbath. It was a wonderful program and

the kids were great. Lone Star Congregation hosted their 3<sup>rd</sup> Community Christmas Dinner on Thursday, December 16<sup>th</sup>. Seventy-five people enjoyed a delicious Christmas dinner. Everyone enjoyed singing and a visit from Santa Claus. Everyone had a great time. On Wednesday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>, a Christmas Candle Light Service was held. Tracy Chandler was in charge of the service. It was a very enjoyable and spiritual service. After the service, refreshments were served and Santa Claus paid us a visit and brought all the kids a present.

In November we had our business meeting to elect Branch Officers for 2005. They are as follows: Pastor, Mildred Brown; Christian Ed., Jodi Dees; Auditor, Kathy McPherson; Secretary, Tracy Chandler; Youth Leaders, Pam & Mike Powell; Music Director, Belinda Robinson; Publicity Agent, Jodi Dees; Building & Finance, Joe Francis Brown (1 year), Mary Charles Brown (2 years), and Larry Booker (3 years); Cemetery & Grounds, Bobby L. Robinson (1 year), Glenn Brown (2 years), and Julius Booker (3 years); Building Caretaker, Fran McGraw; Historian, Tracy Chandler; Book Steward, Kathy McPherson; and Congregation Financial Officer, Tracy Chandler.

In December at Monroe Academy's 2004 Fall Sports Banquet, Justin Chandler was awarded the Most Improved Player Award. Jessica McPherson started her first year of college and made the Dean's List. Tyler McPherson is playing basketball on the B team at Excel School. Jessica McPherson, Tyler McPherson and Emily Bryant went to the work retreat over New Year's weekend at Bluff Springs Campground. Ali Dees is a Brownie Girl Scout and she sold nuts this fall. She was the top seller of her troop. She will be selling Girl Scout cookies starting January 14<sup>th</sup>. Ali's troop went to see the Nutcracker during the Christmas holidays and they went to the Snow Park in Mobile on January 15<sup>th</sup>. You can see our kids are still going strong in all kinds of different things. They are a wonderful bunch and are well loved by their families and their congregation. We are proud of them all.

Well, until next time, be safe and happy.

With Love from Lone Star,  
Jodi Dees, Reporting



### ***Milton, FL Congregation***

The repairs on the Milton Community of Christ after Hurricane Ivan are nearly complete.

In a baptism and confirmation service on January 2<sup>nd</sup>, we welcomed Willodene Shell into the Milton Congregation. What a wonderful way to begin the New Year.

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, the children enjoyed a pancake breakfast and recreation before Sunday school.

The Women's Retreat was held the weekend of January 7 – 9. We were blessed with Apostle Linda Booth's ministry and fellowship of the ladies of the Alabama – Northwest Florida and Gulf Mission Centers. Five women from Milton attended the weekend.

Three men from the Milton Congregation assisted in the kitchen for Women's Retreat. They enjoyed their time of fellowship and ministry as much as the women did.

Wanda Marcombe, Reporting



### ***Montgomery, AL Congregation***

Montgomery has had a busy time over the past couple of months. We are excited about some of the events that have been happening, and will be happening, in our congregation.

In December we held our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Holiday Bazaar and Café. We had a wide selection of craft items for sale. We also had a wonderful selection of food items for sale, including our Famous Fair Chili, Mildred's Blue Ribbon Fried Pies, Sherry's World Class Cinnamon Rolls, Ramona's Award Winning Chicken Salad Croissants, and a mouth-watering selection of deserts made by Mildred Spearman, Thera McLain, Cathleen Houk and Lisa Houk. We enjoyed a day of fun and fellowship, shared with some old friends who showed up, and raised money to help our church. We look forward to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual

bazaar sometime in November or December. Come and join us!

The youth stay as active as usual. In December, the whole Houk family went to the Sr. High work retreat over New Year's weekend at Bluff Springs. Kim Vermilyer headed up to snowy, cold Indiana for a cousin's wedding (done by her father on New Year's Eve), and Matt Adams marched in the New Year's Day parade in downtown Montgomery (he even made the front page of the local section of the newspaper).

In January, Montgomery hosted the Venture Forth for Christ Ministries group and kicked off our Solid Rock Café. There were 10 youth from Crestview and our local youth (plus some friends) who attended the weekend. The youth spent part of the day cleaning and transplanting trees in our prayer garden. They did a great job and accomplished in 1 1/2 hours what the Men's Group talked about for 1-1/2 years! That night we had our first Solid Rock Café. Our theme was "I Was Going to Waste, But the Lord Recycled Me." We shared how the Lord is always there for us, even when we have made bad decisions or turned from Him. Every one in attendance received a magnet with our theme logo and we shared small cards with the congregation in the service the next morning. The youth stayed in the homes of the congregation that evening and shared with their host families. On Sunday the youth provided the worship service. They did a wonderful job of sharing songs and testimonies. There wasn't a dry eye in the house. We have plenty of the cards with our theme left over, so if you would like one, contact Lisa Houk.



In February we had our second Solid Rock Café. It was a smaller group but we still had a lot of fun. Our theme was "Give Your Heart to Jesus." We look forward to many more Solid Rock Cafes and hope that you will come and share with us. Our next one will be held on March 5<sup>th</sup> and our theme will be "For You." We are

looking at combining our Solid Rock Café with a Hunger Challenge for the 2005 International Youth Fast. Come and join us. More details to come.

On a sadder note, our hearts and prayers are with the Goss Family as they grieve for the loss of their daughter Michelle. Michelle and a friend were killed in a car accident in January. Michelle was a senior in high school and very well loved by all. We ask the Lord to send his comforting angels to the family in their time of need.

Also, keep Rhonda Overton and her mother, Betty Parker in your prayers. Betty has been told she only has a few months left and hospice has been called in. Rhonda has been helping to care for her mother over the past year or so. Betty had gone through cancer treatments in Texas and has been staying with Rhonda since December. If you would like to drop them a card or call, they would love to hear from you.

Rhonda Overton & Betty Parker  
3191 Edgewood Rd.  
Millbrook, AL 36054  
(334) 285-4414

We have been pleased to see our sister Nettie Wade back in church and sharing in our fellowship and ministry. Nettie has had a number of health issues but has gotten well enough to come out and share with us. She is now living in an assisted living facility in Prattville. She shared with us that she is serving in her office of Teacher more now than every before. God bless you Nettie!

We have enjoyed our share of wonderful guest speakers over the past couple of months and look forward to those who are scheduled to come and share with us this year. If you are ever in the Montgomery area, please stop in and visit with us. We have Wednesday night supper and fellowship every week at 6 p.m. We would love to see each and every one of you and catch up with what is happening in your lives and congregations.

God Bless,  
Lisa Houk, reporting



### Website Update

I have made some recent updates to the web page (staff, etc.) The biggest change we have is that Kelly Blake is going to take over this portion of the publicity for me. Due to time constraints on me, I haven't been able to devote the time needed to keep this current and

up-to-date. Kelly has graciously agreed to do this for me. If you have anything you would like on the web page, please contact Kelly at:

Kelly Blake  
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Youngstown, FL 32466  
(850) 722-6435  
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Thanks Kelly for your help!!



Attached at the back of this newsletter are the registration forms for Azalea Reunion, Alabama – Northwest Florida Mission Center Reunion, and Summer Youth Camps. If you are reading this online, you may also download from the Camps/Reunions page. All summer camp registrations are mailed to: Gulf Mission Center, 672-A Azalea Rd, Mobile, AL 36609.



### Temple School Update

The Cluster format adopted by the Mission Center is very helpful when it comes to scheduling Temple School class work. This year's goal is to provide at least one class per quarter in the Mission Center, each one sponsored by a different Cluster. We are currently trying to create a bank of potential teachers for these studies. If you are qualified and willing to teach one or more classes, please contact to Vi Buntz (2028 Pollard Rd., Honoraville, AL 36042-5309) and let her know what you can teach and what you prefer to teach.

Our first offering is to be taught by Brenda Lenfestey the first Saturday of March 2005, from 9:30 – 4:30. The McKenzie, Alabama congregation in the North Cluster, will host it. It is a Direct Study called Congregations and Communities Together. Yes, it is the same class Brenda taught at Reunion 2004. It has been highly recommended and does cost \$10 if you want to have temple School credit. A Resource book is suggested for each congregation as well. The participants representing their home congregation will use that \$25 book. It is suggested the congregation purchase one Resource book for its participants and then keep it available for congregational use in their Church library. If you think you will be interested in attending, please contact Vi Buntz. Participants may attend at no cost if they are not interested in Temple School credit, but we would still like to know if you plan to attend so adequate food can be prepared (lunch).

To facilitate Temple School studies, each Cluster has a Temple School Representative designated that you may contact for information or help regarding these classes. A Temple School Catalog of available classes and Guide for hosting their study have been ordered for each Representative designee. The cluster reps are as follows:

North Cluster, Merle Wright  
5728 Carriage Hills Dr.  
Montgomery, AL 36116  
(334) 272-5328

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P.O. Box 433  
Century, FL 32535  
(850) 256-3515

Central Cluster, Holly Ellis  
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Cantonment, FL 32533  
(850) 937-4687

East Cluster, Steve Shaw & Faye Shaw  
7751 Koinonia Place  
Holt, FL 32564  
(850) 623-2548(F) 623-8117(S)

# Make a SPRING TREE

Celebrate the season by creating a one of a kind spring tree.

**What you need:**

- \* Container (such as an empty coffee can)
- \* Construction paper or wallpaper scraps
- \* Glue
- \* Small fallen tree branch
- \* Sand
- \* Easter grass
- \* Poster board
- \* Scissors
- \* Marker
- \* Hole punch
- \* Ribbon



**How to make it:**

1. Use the container as a base. Decorate it by gluing construction paper or wallpaper scraps to it.
2. Place the fallen tree branch in the container and pour sand around it.
3. Place Easter grass on top of the sand.
4. Cut out of the poster board shapes that remind you of spring (eggs, rabbits, birds, butterflies, flowers, etc.). Use the marker to add details.
5. Punch a hole in each shape. Use ribbon to tie the shapes to the branches.



**Just for KIDS**

**God's Plan**

Jesus was resurrected from the dead. He appeared to his disciples, and he told them about the plan of God.

On the blanks in the first section, write the words that fit the definitions. Transfer those letters to the numbered lines in the second section. Read the Scripture verse. Unscramble the circled letters to finish the sentence at the bottom of the page.

1. Water that falls from the sky 1 2 3 4
2. Birds lay them in nests 5 6 7 8
3. A newly hatched hen 9 10 11 12 13
4. Bloom in the spring 14 15 16 17 18 19 20
5. A caterpillar transformed 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29
6. Dirt mixed with water 30 31 32

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19 5 23 31 26 4 11 4 6  
24 16 30 29 **F** 2 23 10 18 26  
2 4 32 29 16 22 1 **F** 2 24 10 25 19,  
23 16 30 29 **G** 16 32 2 4 32  
29 16 31 1 **G** 16 32 .’” (taken from John 20:17, NIV)

**Jesus has \_\_\_\_\_ !**

Jesus has risen!  
 “Jesus said, ‘I am returning to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’”  
 Answer: rain, eggs, chick, flowers, butterfly, mud



**February**

26 Mission Ctr. Conference  
Milton High School Milton, FL

**March**

5 Temple School  
McKenzie, AL 9:30 – 4:30

5 Solid Rock Café  
Montgomery, AL Time TBA

10 – 13 Endowment Initiative  
Evergreen, AL 6:30 p.m.

12 – 13 Venture Forth for Christ Dixonville, AL

13 – 18 Azalea Reunion  
Bluff Springs Campground Registration attached

19 Solid Rock Café  
Crestview, FL 5:33 – 9:03

26 Solid Rock Café  
Pensacola, FL Time TBA

**April**

2 Community Training Session  
Brewton, AL 1:00 – 4:00

2 Solid Rock Café  
Montgomery, AL 6:00 – 9:00

8 – 10 Spring Retreat

Bluff Springs Campground POC: Melissa Cooper

9 CFO & Pastors Meeting Brewton, AL  
9:00 – 4:30

16 Solid Rock Café  
Crestview, FL 5:33 – 9:03

23 – 24 Grace Fest  
Pensacola, FL POC: Josh Goff

23 – 24 Advisory Council Meeting TBA

**May**

7 Solid Rock Café  
Montgomery, AL 6:00 – 9:00

14 – 15 Venture Forth for Christ Bay Minette, AL

21 Solid Rock Café  
Crestview, FL 5:33 – 9:03

28 Solid Rock Café  
Pensacola, FL Time TBA

**June**

2 – 5 World Conference  
Independence, MO

8 – 12 Camp ISO  
Bluff Springs Campground

12 – 18 Jr. High Camp  
Bluff Springs Campground POC: Dan Mahoney

20 – 25 AL-NW FL MC Reunion  
Bluff Springs Campground POC: Alan Odom

26 – July 2 Sr. High Camp  
Bluff Springs Campground POC: Steven Smith

**July**

3 – 9 Jr. Camp  
Bluff Springs Campground POC: Liz Crabtree

3 – 9 Wilderness Camp  
Bluff Springs Campground POC: David Byrd

9 – 13 Gulf MC Reunion Bluff Springs  
Campground

13 – 17 Camp SKAMP Bluff Springs  
Campground

20 – 22 Int'l Youth Forum  
Independence, MO POC: Steven Smith

23 – 30 Spectacular  
Graceland College POC: Steven Smith

**August**

6 Solid Rock Café  
Montgomery, AL 6:00 – 9:00

20 Solid Rock Café  
Crestview, FL 5:33 – 9:03

27 Solid Rock Café  
Pensacola, FL Time TBA

**September**

10 Advisory Council Meeting TBA

17 Solid Rock Café  
Crestview, FL 5:33 – 9:03

24 Solid Rock Café  
Pensacola, FL Time TBA

**October**

1 Solid Rock Café

Montgomery, AL 6:00 – 9:00

8 Mission Center Conference  
TBA

15 Solid Rock Café  
Crestview, FL 5:33 – 9:03

22 Solid Rock Café  
Pensacola, FL Time TBA

**November**

5 Solid Rock Café  
Montgomery, AL 6:00 – 9:00

19 Solid Rock Café  
Crestview, FL 5:33 – 9:03

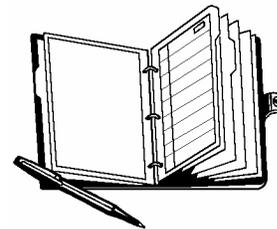
26 Solid Rock Café  
Pensacola, FL Time TBA

**December**

3 Solid Rock Café  
Montgomery, AL 6:00 – 9:00

17 Solid Rock Café  
Crestview, FL 5:33 – 9:03

24 Solid Rock Café  
Pensacola, FL Time TBA



Azalea Festival Reunion  
March 13-18, 2005  
Bluff Springs Campground McDavid, Florida

Guest Minister: Evangelist Gilbert Remington  
Director: Don Coleman 850-626-6886 d&tcoleman@erec.net  
Registrar: Lina Wolfe 850-983-2125 linaclary@bellsouth.net

Registration is on Sunday afternoon, March 13, starting at 3:00 p.m. Checkout will be on Friday afternoon, March 18, at 1:00 p.m. Adults of any age are invited. No children's program will be provided. An offering for Outreach International will be taken.

The fee of \$140.00 covers meals (15), lodging, insurance, and miscellaneous expenses.

Facilities include a 60-bed dormitory (12 rooms), (heated/AC), 10 two-family cabins (heated/AC), holding up to 5 people on each side, and RV/motor home sites with facilities. Bring your own pillow and bedding for single size bunks, and other personal items.

Detach registration form below and mail with a deposit of \$ 25.00 (refundable) to  
Lina Wolfe 5984 Happy Hollow Drive Milton, FL 32570

You may also register by e-mail to "linaclary@bellsouth.net". No deposit necessary.

REGISTRATION FORM  
AZALEA FESTIVAL REUNION  
March 13-18, 2005

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Priesthood Office(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Lodging Preference (mark choice with an X)

Dormitory \_\_\_\_\_

Cabin \_\_\_\_\_

RV site \_\_\_\_\_

Diet Restrictions \_\_\_\_\_



THE THREE R'S: REPENT, RESTORE, REVEAL

SPRING RETREAT  
APRIL 8 – 10, 2005  
Bluff Springs Campground

Come to a blended retreat – weaving contemporary and traditional worshippers together in common love for Christ and each other!

**GUEST MINISTERS**  
**ELDER OTIS HARDY**  
**SEVENTY GEORGE BLAIS**

Cost: \$40.00 per person  
\*This retreat is for adults and youth (9<sup>th</sup> grade and older)

Registration begins on Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 5 p.m.  
Camp ends at noon on Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

For more information, contact Melissa Cooper at (850) 473 – 3992 or [melgcoo@earthlink.net](mailto:melgcoo@earthlink.net)

\*This retreat is sponsored by CCM (Contemporary Christian Ministries), a Specialized Missionary Ministry of Community of Christ.

Please complete and mail to: Arlin Epperson, 905 Eastland Circle, Columbia, MO 65201, before **March 31, 2005 (Deadline to Register)**. **Complete one form for each family:**

**NAME(S):** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY, ST ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**HOME PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-MAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**SPECIAL NEEDS:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**ROOMMATE PREFERENCE:** \_\_\_\_\_