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SOUP-er Bowl Sunday **& Service Auction**

Feb. 5 is our annual SOUP-er Bowl Luncheon and Service Auction! Men will be serving an assortment of soups, and Bible Study classes will provide sandwiches and desserts to make for a hearty lunch for the entire church family. There is no charge for the lunch, however donations of cans of soup, as well as monetary contributions for the Franklin County Food Pantry will be accepted.

Our annual Service Auction follows the luncheon and is always an enjoyable event where bids are taken for a wide variety of services offered by our members. Bidding is as spirited as it is entertaining, and all proceeds will help support the kingdom work of Fran & Lonnie Turner in Zambia.

Let Lisa know what gift, talent, or service you'd like to contribute to the auction and she'll make a tag featuring your offering for the bulletin board in the entryway.

Naomi's Notes

Columnist Stephen Phifer (*Creator Magazine*) says, “We worship from our spirits as we are led by the Holy Spirit, and we worship in total sincerity as we are informed and shaped by the truth of the Word of God—worship in spirit and in truth. These are the two necessary lenses through which we must view our personal and corporate worship. ... True worship is based on who God is, not who we are. ‘God is spirit, and [God’s] worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth’ (John 4:24).”

As Lisa was wrapping up her announcements before the prelude a couple of Sundays ago, I was struck by the way she phrased her transition into worship: “Now let us allow the Holy Spirit to be our worship leader.” For all the times I’ve spoken and written about God’s Spirit prompting and helping us worship, I guess it never occurred to me to use the term “worship leader” in reference to the Spirit.

“Worship leader” means different things to different people—it is not strictly defined. My concept is different than that of my niece who sings with one of the worship teams at 12 Stone Church, a multi-campus congregation in ATL, known for its alternative music and worship practices.

For 21 years now, it has been my privilege to be worship leader and planner (with assistance from pastoral staff) for our congregation. I don't always succeed, but it is always my intention to "create space where God might act" through careful worship planning.

Careful planning and worship leading, however, do not guarantee that individuals in a congregation will actually worship. I am reminded of the late Dr. Hugh McElrath, one of my former church music professors, who (referring to the Old Testament story of Elijah) used to say, "As worship planners we may build the altar, but it is God's Spirit that brings the fire."

Two things are necessary for worship to happen: 1. God's Spirit must "show up" for each individual, prompting our desire to worship, and leading us through the process. 2. As Lisa said, we must allow the Spirit to lead us wherever it desires. God does not force Godself upon us. We must enter the worship experience with an open mind and a receptive heart, inviting the Spirit to work in our lives.

"Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me;

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me."

See you in worship this Sunday – *Naomi*

WEDNESDAY EVENING FELLOWSHIP SUPPER

6:00 p.m.

Adults: \$4.00 Children: \$3.00

Maximum per family \$10.00

Jan. 25: Pizza, fixings and dessert

Feb. 1: Chicken, fixings and dessert

Feb. 8: Lasagna, fixings and dessert

Memo to Parents:

Parents, please turn in your child's signed permission form to Lisa ASAP. These forms travel with the children each time we take a trip in the church bus or van. We hope we will never need to use them, but in the case of an emergency, we will have a signed consent form that allows us to get medical treatment for your child. Additional forms are available in the church office.

Mark Your Calendars!

March 5 – Kids' Cafe

April 3 – Kids' Day Out

June 26 – 30 – M.A.D. Camp

Deacon of the Week Schedule:

January 22 Gabrielle Gayheart 502-330-7014

January 29 Tom Hewlett 859-613-2754

February 5 Mac Stivers 502-382-7767

Many, many thanks...

To Jane Brake for the donation for the installation of a handicapped access ramp for the church.
Administrative Team



Who: Lydia Greer Baptist
Mission Women

What: Making fleece blankets for IRC (Bring
1.5 yards of fleece material and a pair

of scissors)
Where: Fellowship Hall
When: 6:30 pm (bring your own dinner)
7:00 pm (work on blankets)



XYZ Potluck Lunch

Rhonda Abbot Blevins will be our guest speaker at the monthly XYZ Potluck Lunch at **noon** on Tuesday, Feb. 7. Everyone 55 years of age and older is invited to bring a salad, vegetable, or dessert and enjoy a hearty meal and great table fellowship.

Sympathy is extended to the families of: David Scottow who died Christmas Eve and **Carol Hurn** whose grandmother died recently.

The “Container” Challenge

The top priority for the Turner’s **Partners in Development** is the purchase of a 40 foot seaworthy shipping container; packing it full with educational materials, sports equipment, and basic living necessities; and, shipping it from the U.S. to the Munyanya village in Zambia. The contents of the container would then be distributed to Munyanya and surrounding villages and the container re-used as a library/classroom for the kids. The budget for this undertaking is \$25,000. While not a small undertaking, it is an achievable goal as we have shown in the past.

Raising funds for this project will be a 2017 mission’s focus. If you feel so led in your giving above and beyond your regular church pledge, please join us in meeting this challenge and helping to meet the needs of our African brethren in Zambia. You can make your check out to IBC with the designation “Project Samuel-The Container Challenge”.

This year’s Soup-er Bowl Service Auction proceeds will go to this effort. We hope you will join us in “cramming” the container.

We realize that not everyone will want to give to this particular project. There are multiple giving opportunities through IBC missions including local Frankfort efforts, state projects, CBF & KBF mission efforts, and other ongoing projects through Fran & Lonnie’s Partners in Development. We encourage you to give and participate in those IBC mission activities where you feel led.

Bus Ministry

January 22 JT O’Connell
502-545-3016

January 29 Rob Laurenson
502-226-0973

February 5 Greg Lawson
502-487-1091

Opportunities at IBC

Sunday, January 22

9:15 am Bible Study
10:30 am Worship

Monday, January 23

5:30 pm Cub Scouts

7:00 pm BMW at church

Wednesday, January 25

11:00 am *It's Your Story, Too* (Dr. Bailey's class)

5:15 pm Mission Committee Meeting

5:30 pm Rainbow Ringers

6:00 pm Fellowship Meal

6:30 pm Prayer meeting & Children's Choir

6:40 pm *It's Your Story, Too* (Dr. Bailey's class)

7:00 pm Children's Formation

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir

Sunday, January 29

9:15 am Bible Study

10:30 am Worship

Monday, January 30

5:30 pm Cub Scouts

Wednesday February 1

11:00 am *It's Your Story, Too* (Dr. Bailey's class)

5:30 pm Rainbow Ringers

6:00 pm Fellowship Meal

6:30 pm Children's Choir

6:40 pm *It's Your Story, Too* (Dr. Bailey's class)

7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir