

March 2010 Edition

Dear Church Family:

Well it has been a long and cold winter so far but God is faithful and we have been able to maintain a somewhat regular schedule of services and activities. Thank you for your faithfulness! It is encouraging.

With the long winter in mind, I have been thinking a lot about perseverance. Scripturally, perseverance refers to the fact that God keeps everyone He saves and we will persevere to the end by His grace and for His glory.

I looked up the definition for perseverance in the dictionary and this is what I found: **Perseverance-** *steady persistence in a course of action in spite of difficulties, obstacles or discouragement.* We can make good practical application to this. What does perseverance require biblically?

Perseverance requires commitment. Commitment is not a very popular concept these days. Many are not committed in their relationship with God, their service in the church, their family, and so forth. One cannot persevere however without commitment. How committed are you?

Perseverance requires hard work. This is not a very popular concept either. The Bible makes reference to the work of the ministry. Ministry is work. Nothing in this world that is worthwhile happens without work. Thankfully we do not work for our salvation, because we would never measure up, but after we are saved our lives are devoted to good works to glorify our Father in Heaven.

Perseverance requires patience. I have often heard people say that we should not pray for patience. It doesn't really matter if you pray for it or not, God will teach you the lesson. When we persevere we often have to wait for the answer to prayers, wait for the moving of the Holy Spirit, and wait for the spiritual fruit to mature.

Perseverance requires endurance. At first glance, these seem to be one in the same but I think they are complementary to one another. Perseverance refers to the length of time, endurance refers to the character quality that enables us to finish the race. It takes grit and personal resolve and a steady faith to endure difficulties, obstacles, and discouragement.

Hebrews 12:1-2 Therefore since we also have such a large cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us lay aside every weight and the sin that so easily ensnares us, and run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that lay before Him endured a cross and despised the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of God's throne.

I love you and Jesus loves you.

Because of Him,

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Children's Ministry



Ministry Schedule

Sunday Mornings

9:00am and 10:30am Bible Fellowship

Sunday Evenings

5:30pm AWANA (2 Years-6th Grade)

6:00pm Bible Buds (Infants-1 Year)

Wednesday Evenings

6:30pm Mission Friends (Infants thru Pre-K) and Children in Action (K-5)

Sprouts Ministry - Missions

During the month of March, Children in Action will learn about evangelism and church planting among Native Americans in Kansas. Their fitness concept is "worship God" and the scripture verse will be "Worship the Lord with gladness. Come to him with songs of joy" (Psalm 100:2 NIV).

Mission Friends have been earning money to buy 22 baby chicks for a family in a country in need. They have already earned enough money for their first 22 chicks and are over half way to buying their second 22 chicks. Parents have asked Mission Friends to continue with this mission project so the children will be earning money for baby rabbits. The animals are purchased and distributed by Samaritan's Purse.

Children's Choir

Children's Choir meets every Sunday at 4:30 pm in the adult choir room. We are working on two songs to sing for Easter. We are focusing on the sacrifice Jesus made for us and praising His name because He is risen! We are also learning the theme song for this year's Vacation Bible School, "Saddle Ridge Ranch". So dust off your cowboy boots and put on your bandanas because we're "rounding up questions and driving home answers." Hope to see you as we praise the Lord together!!

2010 VBS



The dates for this year's VBS are July 26-30. Please note this change in your calendar. Also, on Sunday, July 25th, we will have a VBS community kickoff on the CLBC hill in the evening. This will be a huge outreach opportunity as there will be games, food, and witnessing opportunities as we register children from the community for VBS. The theme for this year's VBS is "Saddle Ridge Ranch".

If you are interested in serving this very important ministry, please contact Crystal Reynolds at billycrystal@suddenlink.net or 304-776-3579.



AWANA is Sunday evenings 5:30 to 7:00 pm during the School Year.

Puggles - age 2 (by Sept. 1) / Cubbies - age 3 thru Pre-K /

Sparks - K thru 2nd grade / T&T - 3rd grade to 6th grade

March 2010 - Commander / Parent Connection

Dear Parent,

During the month of March we focus on "He Is Risen" night as we approach our Easter celebration. The all familiar passage comes from Mark 16:1-6 where Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bring sweet spices to anoint the body of Jesus after His crucifixion. Luke records that they could not find the body of the Lord Jesus after entering into the sepulchre where He was buried (Luke 24:3). One of the two men in shining garments who stood by them said, "**Why seek ye the living among the dead? He is not here, but is risen**" (Luke 24:5-6). It is exciting to know that this same Jesus who rose from the grave around 2000 years ago is the same Jesus who lives today and tells us to come to Him and believe on His name (Acts 2:21; 16:31).

Our goal in Awana is to help boys and girls to come to know this same Jesus who was crucified and who God raised from the dead and who is still alive (Acts 4:10-12). We sincerely want to help boys and girls to know, love, and serve God.

Upcoming Events:

March 7 - Crazy Hat & Socks Night

Kids, be sure to dress up with the craziest hat and the craziest pair of socks -- anything crazy. If you need help, get mom and dad to help. Be sure to bring a friend and have them wear a crazy hat and socks too.

Saturday, March 13 - Awana Games / Sparks-a-Rama

Kids, don't forget our AWANA games and Sparks-A-Rama. AWANA games will be held at Hurricane High School and Sparks-a-Rama will be held at Cross Lanes Christian School as follows:

T&T Awana Games will begin at 9:30am.

Sparks-A-Rama will begin at 7:00pm

March 21 - Drive-In Movie Night

Kids, be ready to say your Bible verses and then we'll be on to the movies. We'll have fun watching a movie.

March 31 - He Is Risen Night

Since Easter is on April 4, "He Is Risen" night will be held on Wednesday, March 31. Kids, be sure to bring a friend as we learn some things about Jesus' resurrection from the dead and the impact the resurrection has upon us.

EVENTS

Please make note of all upcoming events and make sure your student is signed-up to participate.

Across West Virginia

**3 People
6 Weeks
1 Time a Day**

Cross Lanes Baptist Church



KEEP UP WITH THE STUDENT MINISTRY @ www.clbcstudents.com

Upcoming Events

2009 - 2010

Martinsburg Mission

March 21 - 24

Jamaica Mission

April 5 - 12

Casting Crowns

April 16
Cost: \$25

Lake Trip

June (TBA)

Moldova Mission

June 18 - 26

Martinsburg Mission

July 1 - 5

GO TELL CAMP

July 12-16
Cost: \$185

Details on all events can be found at www.clbcstudents.com

Student Website

Please use the website in order to help Brandon with promotion and registration for events. Typically all details are on the website. If you can't find something send him an email and that information will be added to the website. This is a great tool in order to gather information and to pass along information to others.

Martinsburg Mission Trip

We need commitments for the Martinsburg Mission trip that will happen during Kanawha County's Spring Break. Please sign up in the Main Student Room or email brandon@crosslanesbaptist.org for details.

SHOE BOXES - Operation Christmas Child

The students have challenged each adult to fill one shoebox a month starting this month through next November. The cost to mail the box is \$7, and this check can be made to the church and placed in the box. The boxes should be placed outside the Student Room on the 1st floor of the FLC. For more information go to the student website.

Student Worship Schedule

Sunday Mornings

Bible Fellowship Schedule

9:00a.m to 10:10a.m
and
10:30a.m to 11:40a.m

Sunday Evenings

6pm to 7pm

Bring your friends and come and worship with us.

Wednesday Evenings

6:30 to 7:30pm

Come and join in on our praise music and our Bible Studies!

If you have any questions about the Student Ministry at Cross Lanes Baptist Church please email Brandon@Crosslanesbaptist.org or visit www.clbcstudents.com

If you cannot access the internet, or have more questions please call:

Office: 304-776-3154 Home: 304-760-1001

Men's Ministry

Our next breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 20, from 8:00 - 9:00 am in the FLC gym. We are going to plan a work party for Building and Grounds maintenance at the church. Plan to attend both if you can. We have a good time at the breakfast and at the work parties. The prayer breakfasts will be every third Saturday through April.

In May we have a couple of events that hopefully will have a big turnout. On Saturday, May 8, we will be having a golf outing. Details are still being worked out on the location, but mark it on your calendars.

Also in May is the Men's Retreat, Thursday evening, May 13, through Saturday morning. We will drive up in the afternoon on Thursday. It will be held at a retreat location called Faith Mountain (<http://mountainsoffaith.org/>) in Rosedale, WV. It is a beautiful setting on 235 wooded acres in the Central Lakes Region of WV. There is a sign-up list on the Men's Ministry board in the FLC or you can send an email to Todd Morgan at toadmorgan@suddenlink.net. The deadline for sign-up is March 20. We should have room for 20-25 men. Please pray about joining our group for a great weekend of fellowship.

We continue to look for requests for house projects from people in need. Continue to be on the lookout for these opportunities where we can reach out to people in need. Use the email above to send any information that you might have.

Women's Ministry

After planning many activities for our February fellowship we were disappointed to have to cancel it, but the weather was just too unpredictable. We hope to get right back in stride as we "Spring Into Action" during the months of March, April and May.

But coming first is our first annual Girls Game Night!! The event will be held on Friday, February 26th from 7 to 11 p.m. in the Family Life Center. All ladies of the church are invited to attend and bring a friend. No need to sign up ahead of time or anything like that. Just put on your comfy clothes and bring a favorite snack and your favorite games - the fun will be limited only by the number of participants and the variety of games provided. "Spoons" and "Catch Phrase" are sure to be favorites but we are "game" for anything. Soft drinks and coffee will be provided by the Women's Ministry.

At our March fellowship the Women's Ministry will be doing our part to help with the enormous outreach of the community event at CLBC known as the "Easter Eggstravaganza." We will be helping ladies from the Children's Ministry stuff bags with candy so that they can be easily handed out during the event. There are many families without a church home who

visit our church during this event. We are happy to help prepare for the opportunity to reach these families for Christ by supplying some time and effort. All of the supplies will be provided we just need your help during the fellowship.

The deadline to join us for our trip to Women of Faith has come and gone. Thank you to those who expressed an interest and got your ticket payments turned in. We are expecting to have a wonderful time at the conference, as well as a fun ride together to and from. We can't wait for the end of April to get here! During our April fellowship we will be doing our outreach project (postponed from February) to encourage college students with a little touch from home. If you have a college student who might not be on the roll of the college and career class who you would like to have included please put their name and address on the list on the Women's Ministry bulletin board.

We will be having a Spring picnic in May - more details will follow as the date draws near. Hope to see you on Tuesday, March 9th at 7:00 p.m. in the FLC for our March fellowship!

Upcoming Events

March

Tuesday, March 9
7:00 pm - FLC

Every Sunday Morning

9:00am Wisdom
Women's Bible Fellowship
Class/Room LL-103

10:30am-Lydia Women's
Bible Fellowship Class/
Room ML-201

9:00 am WOW Class
(Senior Ladies)
Room ML-200

CLBC Missions ...Down the Street and Around the World

Paul tells of his missionary journey to Macedonia in II Corinthians 2:13-17. He declares that we, believers, are a fragrance to God, to other believers and to the lost.

- To God we are a fragrance of the saving and sanctifying work of Christ.
- To believers we are the assurance of victory and purpose in this short life on earth.
- We are a fragrance of death to the unsaved, who by contrast are in darkness, lostness, and separated from the life we have in Christ.

How aromatic is your daily living? Are you by conduct and clear testimony in your daily living sending for an appealing aroma of Christ?

This we do as we PRAY, GO, and GIVE to reach this community and the world with the gospel of Christ's salvation.

Mission Opportunities

March 21-24
Martinsburg,
WV

April 5-12
Jamaica

GO! Outreach Ministry
Every Monday
at 6:30 pm

Senior Adult Ministry

Young at Heart

The weather has caused some cancellations with our group. Hopefully, spring will arrive soon and we won't have to think about sliding across the church parking lot on ice.

On March 20, we will be traveling to the Creation Museum. This trip is for adults only and is open to anyone in the church who would like to go - until the bus is full. This should be a very interesting trip. Cost for this trip is \$33.00 per person. Registration and payment are due by March 14. Please make your checks payable to Bea Copen and give them directly to her. There will be no refunds. Please do not put your check in the church offering plate.

On April 24, we will be traveling to Wytheville, VA, to a dinner theater to see "The Sound of Music". Cost of this trip will be \$40.00 per person with registration and payment due by April 11. This will be an adult only trip with no refunds. Please make checks payable to Bea Copen and give them directly to her. The bus will leave the church parking lot at 9:00 am. More information and details on this trip will be given at a later date. Watch your Newsletters and Sunday bulletins.

Our spring and summer will be active and lots of fun.

Please continue to remember our shut-ins in your prayers and do all you can to pay them a visit or send them a card to let them know you are thinking about them. Don't miss out on this blessing.

"Be still, and know that I am God." Psalm 46:10

If you have any questions, please call Gretchen Simpson (304-727-8014),
Nancy Young (304-776-1796) or Bea Copen (304-776-2334)

Announcements

- **Community Food Pantry** - The food pantry items for March are: Peanut Butter, Pork 'n Beans, Dry Pinto Beans (1 lb. bag), Fruit in Can. Please continue to support the food pantry during this economically difficult time. Collection tubs for your items are available in the FLC.
- **Paid Childcare Opportunity** - We are always accepting applications for adults and youth (ages 14 and older) who are members of CLBC, to schedule for various meetings and events that utilize paid childcare workers. Please contact Margie McCale at 304-776-7750 or mrm49@suddenlink.net.
- **Bridal Shower for Courtney Thomas (daughter of Janie)** - will be held on Saturday, March 13, at 11:00 am in the FLC. Courtney is registered at Kohls, Target, and Elder Beerman.



January and February have been days marked with transitions, challenges, joy and advance. Over the past few weeks the church has transitioned locations, meeting times, and methods. From the close of 2009 to the opening of 2010 the Church at Martinsburg has made many changes. With change comes challenge. It is clear that the volunteers and participants of this movement have risen to the challenge and are thriving.

It has been a joy to see so many volunteer hours, strength, and resources to partner in the movement of God we are seeing in Martinsburg. Weekly meeting in a theater provides opportunity for growth and development both personally for the individual and corporately for the church.

One of the greatest joys of planting is seeing so many utilize gifts and talents in order to accomplish the goal. At the Church at Martinsburg we believe that every person has a part to play and every gift needs to be utilized to its full-potential. We are seeing this take place weekly and we continue to invite new guests into the journey.

In April the church will organize and execute its largest event to date. It will be centered on Easter and has the potential to have a major community impact. Please start praying now for the church, for mission partners, and for those that will participate.

Thank you for your partnership, generosity, and support. We are all grateful for the continued investment you are making in C@M monthly. Thank you for your faithful giving, love and support. Your partnership is incredible! May we continue to strive together to engage and complete the mission of *proclaiming the Gospel and reaching those far from God.*

Please pray for the team at the C@M in the following areas:

- Pray for the families of the church.
- Pray for the leaders of the church.
- Pray for vision, direction, and favor as we plan our Easter Outreach Events.
- Pray for our summer interns who are preparing to work with the C@M during May through August.
- Pray that we would continue to find favor with our neighbors and those we connect with daily.
- Pray for community groups that are currently underway.
- Pray for the upcoming preaching series, *Mission*, starting in March. This series will focus on our core purpose and direction.
- Pray for continued favor with our community, facility management team, and our neighbors.
- Pray for continued connection of members, attendees, and newcomers to *The Church at Martinsburg.*

Jacob Atchley

Pastor John's Corner

One of the most fruitful ministry events of the year is the annual Easter Eggstravaganza. Hundreds of children and their families attend this outreach ministry event each year from our community. God uses this time as an opportunity to meet our neighbors, minister to families and share the Gospel with many who are in desperate need of the Savior and the hope only He can provide.

This ministry event requires a lot of planning and servant minded individuals. There are opportunities to teach, help with registration, prepare and serve food, security, outreach, advertising, set-up and clean-up...you name it-you can be used in this ministry effort. I am

asking you to pray about how God will use you in this ministry opportunity as well as follow-up with families after the event. Contact Krista Barnette at 304-395-4362 or Mindy Ilar at 304-722-4527 as God leads you to serve.

Whatever it takes,
Pastor John



Bible Fellowship

Where there is no vision, the people will perish...Proverbs 29:18

Within the Bible Fellowship structure of Know, Grow and Go is a simple 6-step strategy to catch the vision Jesus has for His church for reaching the lost and un-churched, teaching His children the Word of God and ministering to the needs of one another.

Conviction + Clarity + Consistency = Certainty = Commitment = Challenge

Conviction
Clarity
Consistency
Certainty
Commitment
Challenge

develops our
develops our
develops our
provides
provides
provides

Passion
Proclamation
Persistence
Profession
Production
Permeation

Catch

His

Vision

We all have but 3 things to contribute to the BF function and all are provided by God.

Time

Energy

Finances

All of these resources are in limited supply but yet with gladness we are to pour them into His 3 mandated tasks for the Bible Fellowship ministry and leave none unfulfilled.

Reach

Teach

Minister

"...For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more. Luke 12:48

David Collet
Adult Bible Fellowship Director

Robert's Musical Notes

The choir and music ministry at CLBC have had a great start to this New Year. God truly blesses our practice time each Wednesday evening as we prepare to worship Him. We have had several new choir members join in the past week and we are still praying for more! If you feel that God wants you to be a part of the worship ministry here at CLBC, please contact me at the church or just show up for choir practice. Choir practice begins at 7:30 pm each Wednesday evening in the choir room.

I want to thank those who are currently involved in the music ministry. Thank you for your faithfulness and your dedication to the Lord.

Our desire as a music ministry is to worship and glorify our Lord in all that we say and do. Our worship is all about Him and not about us. We strive to give Him our best each time we meet. These are great and exciting times to be a part of the music ministry here at CLBC. Pray about how God would have you get involved!

Blessings,
Pastor Robert

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:30 pm GO!	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 6:30 pm GO!	9 7:00 pm Women's Ministry Mtg.	10	11	12 7:00 pm Awana Games @CLCS-Sparks	13 10:00am T&T Awana Games @ Hurricane HS 11:00 am Bridal Shower - Courtney Thomas
14	15 6:30 pm GO!	16.	17 5:00 pm Fellowship Supper	18	19	20 8:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast Mission Trip to Martinsburg, WV Sr. Trip to Ohio
21 Tract Sunday 4:15 pm Sprouts Teacher Meet- ing	22 6:30 pm GO!	23	24	25	26	27 4-6:00 pm Children's Easter Eggstravaganza
28 Noon - Cross Lanes Connections Class 4:30 Adult/Student Teachers BF Meeting						

March Birthdays

1 Erin Ballard Nathaniel Rainey	6 Jeanie Thaxton James Underwood	17 Eric Strobel Shanna Carter Jonathan Raines	26 Eddie Ranson Louise Mondy Alex Barker
2 Linda Lowe Alice Hunt Hunter Davis	8 Brianna Warden	18 Hannah Chandler Tara Woodrum	27 Kristi Akers Justin Thaxton Katie Spangler
3 Odessa Lott Peggy Siders Peyton Barton Grace Godby	10 Kadie Bragg	20 Georgia Shafer Kim Kelley	29 Lisa Steele Cameron Thomas
4 Phillip Arthur Crystal Reynolds Jonah Wandling	12 Chris Wasson	21 Robert Mullins Clifford Clark Aria Cowder Rainee Riffe	30 George Freebersyser Tameka Roy Jereme White Kimberly White Kelly Perdue Flo Napier
5 Brenda Bowen Kirsten Spangler Jordan Comer Jordan Hunt	13 Randy Scroggins Jared Layman Nicholas Hypes Blayke White	22 Joyce Burgess	31 Sarah Arthur Haylie Wibberg
	14 John Cook Nicholas Winter	23 Roy Eads Lisa Stover Zachary Crouch	
	15 Kayla Spangler Danielle Witt		
	16 Arlene Barker Jane Thomas		

February Commitments

Baptism:

Brandon Kilham
Dennis Pauley

Statement:

Eric Strobel

Letter:

Flora Ruth Kemp

Fellowship Supper

Wednesday, March 17, at 5:00 pm in the FLC

Menu: Broccoli Cheese Soup, Crackers, Fresh Vegetables, Fruit Salad
Sweet Tea, Unsweet Tea, Lemonade, Water & Coffee

Cost: Under 3 yrs. (free)/4-11 yrs. (\$2.00)/12 yrs. & up (\$4.00)/Maximum per family of \$12.00

In order to plan the correct amount of food, you MUST make reservations!

Sign-up sheets will be in BOTH Foyers 2 weeks (Wednesdays & Sundays) prior to March 17.