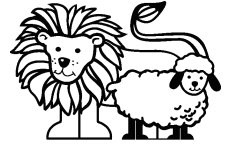


CIBC News & Views

For the family and friends of Clarkston International Bible Church



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Dear Church Family:

On two Saturdays this month, March 20 and March 27, we are going to invade Clarkston. Are you ready? Jesus has told us to **"Go into all the world"**, so as His messengers, we had better get going.

That first Saturday, we are going to "Prayer Walk" certain neighborhoods around the church. Then on the second Saturday, we are going to distribute invitations for people to join us for worship on Easter Sunday. That's our message. Jesus died, was buried, and rose again after three days. And, Christ's sacrifice of love frees all humanity from the power of sin and the penalty of eternal death. What a great message!

Did you know that when you became a believer you also became God's messenger? God wants to speak to the world through you.

You may feel you don't have anything to share, but that's the Devil trying to keep you silent. You have a storehouse of experiences that God wants to use to bring others into his family. The Bible says, **"Anyone who believes in the Son of God has this testimony in his heart."** (1 John 5:10a) And that means you!

Your testimony is the story of how Christ has made a difference in your life. Peter tells us that we were chosen by God **"so that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."** (1 Peter 2:9)

This is the essence of witnessing – simply reporting your personal experiences with the Lord. In a courtroom, a witness isn't expected to argue the case, prove the truth, or press for a verdict; that is the job of attorneys. Witnesses just tell what happened to them.

Jesus said, **"You shall be my witnesses."** (Acts 1:8)

He did not say, "You must be my attorney." He wants you to tell your story to others. Sharing your testimony is an essential part of your mission on Earth. First, it is unique. There's no other story just like yours, so only you can share it, and if you don't, it will be lost forever. You may not be a Bible scholar, but you are the authority on your life, and it's hard to argue with personal experience. Actually, your personal testimony is more effective than a sermon because unbelievers see pastors as paid salesmen but see you as a satisfied customer, so they give you more credibility.

Personal stories are also easier to relate to than principles, and people love to hear them; they capture our attention, and we remember them longer. Unbelievers would probably lose interest if you started quoting theologians, but they have a natural curiosity about experiences they've never had. Shared stories build a relational bridge that Jesus can walk across from your heart to theirs.

Another value of your testimony is that it bypasses intellectual defenses. Many people who won't accept the authority of the Bible will listen to a humble, personal story. That's why on six different occasions Paul used his testimony to share the Gospel instead of quoting Scripture. (see Acts 22 to Acts 26).

The Bible says, **"Be ready at all times to answer anyone who asks you to explain the hope you have in you, but do it with gentleness and respect."** (1 Peter 3:15-16) The best way to "be ready" is to write out your testimony and then memorize the main points.

Divide it into four parts:

- What my life was like before I met Jesus?
- How did I realize I needed Jesus?
- How did I commit my life to Jesus?
- What difference has Jesus made in my life?

Of course, you have many other testimonies besides your salvation story. You have a story for every experience where God has helped you. You should make a list of all the problems, circumstances, and crises that God has brought you through. Then be sensitive and use the story that your unbelieving friend will best relate to. Different situations call for different testimonies.

So let me ask you again, are you ready? I just love the Easter season. It just screams: "New Life!" So, let's prepare ourselves to be God's messengers as we go to our neighbors in Clarkston to tell them that God is still in the "life-changing" business. After all, He changed your life didn't He?

Come let's worship the Lord together. I'll be looking for you this Sunday. Come with a friend by your side, your bible in your hand, and a hunger to hear God's voice for your life.

In Christ' love,

Pastor Phil

Monthly Meetings

- † **WMU**
Tuesday, March 9
10:30 a.m. in the Friendship Room
- † **Deacons**
Sunday, March 14
1:15 p.m. in the Friendship Room
- † **Rose of Sharon**
Sunday, March 14
Immediately following lunch
- † **Elders Meeting**
Sunday, March 21
1:00 p.m. in the Conference Room
- † **Finance Committee**
Sunday, March 21
1:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room
- † **Church Council Meeting**
Sunday, March 28
1:00 p.m. in the Friendship Room
- † **Discipleship Committee**
Sunday, April 11 (note date change)
1:00 p.m. in the Senior Adult Room

Atlanta Passion Play

at the Atlanta Civic Center

March 20-21

Saturday Morning, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday Afternoon, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Matinee, 3:00 p.m.

March 26-28

Friday Evening, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday Morning, 11:00 a.m.
Saturday Afternoon, 4:00 p.m.
Sunday Matinee, 3:00 p.m.

Ticket Prices:

\$25, \$20, \$15, \$10

Call: 770-234-8400 **Fax:** 770-234-8444

Box Office Hours:

9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday

4400 N. Peachtree Road

(First Baptist Church of Atlanta)

Website: www.atlantapassionplay.org

E-mail: info@atlantapassionplay.org



Daylight Saving Time
begins March 14th!

Remember to set your clocks
ahead 1 hour on

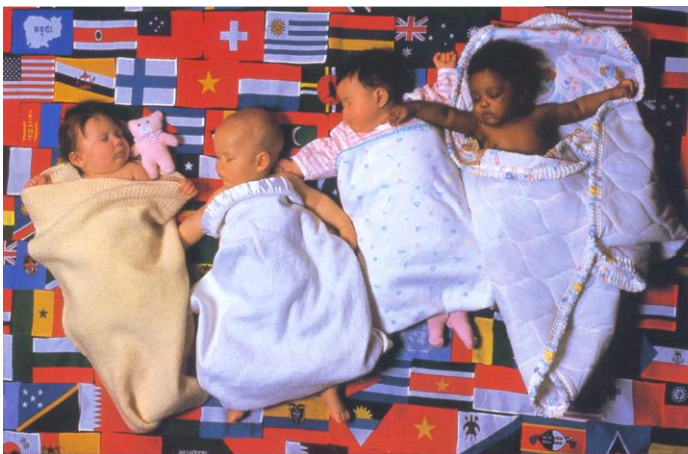
Saturday night, March 13th



Reach Your
Community
for Christ!

March 20th Community Prayer Walk 10:00a – 12:00p
March 27th Community Outreach 10:00a – 12:00p

(We will first meet in the Gym and then go out into the community.)



International Worship Service

Sunday, March 28th

in the Gym

*Please invite your family, friends, and neighbors
to worship with us on this special day!*

There will be no luncheon.

(No Evening Service)

*Easter Sunday
April 4th*

*No Lunch or
Evening
Worship Service*



**Quarterly Church
Conference**
Sunday, April 11th
following the morning
Worship Service

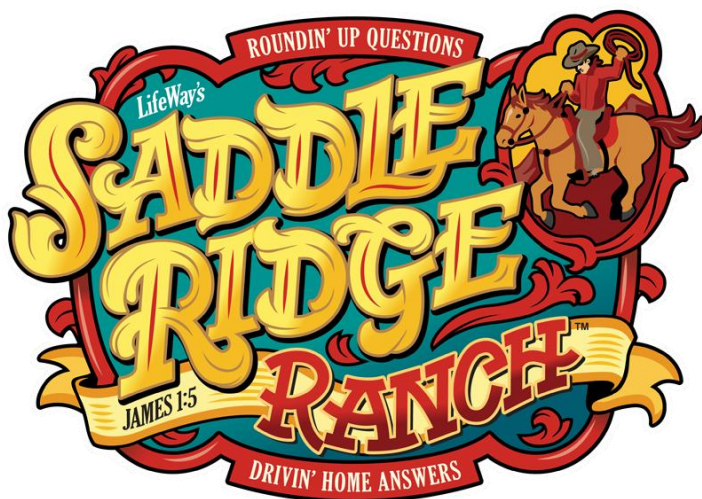


*Week of Prayer for
North American Missions*

April 4th - April 11th

National Goal: \$70,000,000

Our Goal: \$2,000.00



Mark Your Calendar!

Vacation Bible School
June 21 – 24 (Monday – Thursday)
5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

As of March 1, 2010



At Home:

- Fred Aquino
- Otis Bradley
- Buddy Davis
- Joyce Davis
- Sharyn Holdaway
- Tommy Jacobs



- Thank you for the cards, calls and visits when I was recently in the hospital. It is so nice to know how many people care. I have been to the doctor for a follow up and have been released to resume normal activities.

Sharyn Holdaway



- Claudia Fortenberry
- Claude Harrison
- Betts Hensler
- Hazel Medlock
- B. Rainey
- Gloria Real
- Ruth Robertson
- Nick Spivey
- Rachel Spivey
- Jeanette Winslett



**Blessings
from Above!**

Thomas Wesley Hill
born February 16, 2010
8 pounds, 7 ounces, 19.5 inches
The proud parents are
Chris and Weslee Hill of Martin, TN.
The proud grandparents are
Emily and Allen Hill.

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 Rev. Lengar Asra

Rehoboth Ethiopian Evangelical Church
 Rev. Moges Tadesse

Zomi Laizom Christian Fellowship (Burmese)
 Rev. Nang Mung

Caring Believers Bible Fellowship (Liberian)
 Dr. Peter Nehsahn

Karen Christian Fellowship (Burmese)
 Rev. Kwew Htoo Khu

Sudanese Christian Missionary Church
 Rev. Gorashi Gangi

Friends of Refugees Ministry
 Pat Maddox

Sunday Visitation Schedule

Date	Elder	Deacons	
March 7	Aquino	Davis	Frondarina
March 14	Garcia	Griffin	Griffin
March 21	Hill	Holdaway	Laureano
March 28	Perrin	Luna	Ambat
April 4	Solomero	Badel	Davis

Sunday Kitchen Assignments

Date	Group	Group Leader
March 7	8	Jun Solomero
March 14	9	Cesar Laureano
March 21	1	Marissa Rose
March 28	2	Ohmer Ambat
April 4	3	Ronald Davis

Weekly Home Bible Study Groups

Gwinnett Connection – Thursdays at 7:00 p.m.
 (Lawrenceville, Duluth, Suwanee, & Buford Area)
 Held at various homes. Contact person: Lorna Luna (404-474-0762)

The Rock I – Fridays at 7:00 p.m.
 (Loganville, Snellville, Grayson, & Lilburn Area)
 Held at various homes. Contact person: Elvie Solomero (770-554-5754)

The Rock II – Fridays at 7:00 p.m.
 (Clarkston, Stone Mountain, Decatur, & Lithonia Area)
 Held at various homes. Contact person: Isabel Fortich (770-808-7230)

Please join us for lunch in the Christian Life Center every Sunday following the Morning Worship Service. We would love to fellowship with you. First time visitors eat free. After the first visit, all visitors are to follow the regular schedule of fees.

Who Is Not Expected To Pay / Contribute?

- 1) Guests (very first Sunday visit) to our church
- 2) Children under age 12
- 3) Families/Members/Persons who brought food (for themselves, plus 3 other people)

Who Is Expected To Pay / Contribute?

- 1) Families/Members/Persons who did not bring food
- 2) Teenagers (age 13+) up through adults pay \$3.00
- 3) The maximum for any family is \$12.00

Members, please remember: **OUR GUESTS ARE TO BE SERVED FIRST!** Please be sure your children wait in line with you until all of our guests have been served.

EVERYONE IS ON THE "HONOR SYSTEM."

SUNDAY	
9:00 a.m.	Rehoboth Ethiopian Evangelical Church Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	CIBC Sunday School
9:30 a.m.	Caring Believers Bible Fellowship Sunday School (Liberian)
10:00 a.m.	Rehoboth Ethiopian Evangelical Church Worship Service
10:45 a.m.	CIBC Morning Worship Service
10:45 a.m.	Caring Believers Bible Fellowship Worship Service (Liberian)
12:15 p.m.	CIBC Covered Dish Luncheon
12:00 p.m.	Sudanese Christian Missionary Church Worship Service
1:15 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal
2:00 p.m.	French African International Church Sunday School
3:00 p.m.	French African International Church Worship Service
4:00 p.m.	Karen Christian Fellowship Worship Service (Burmese)
4:00 p.m.	Zomi Laizom Christian Fellowship Worship Service (Burmese)
4:00 p.m.	Bhutanese Nepali Christian Church Worship Service
6:00 p.m.	CIBC Evening Worship Service
WEDNESDAY	
10:30 a.m.	"Wonderful Wednesday" ESL Bible Study
6:30 p.m.	French African Int. Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
6:30 p.m.	Rehoboth Ethiopian Evangelical Church Bible Study
6:30 p.m.	Women's Recovery (The Healing of Hearts, Habits, & Hurts)
7:00 p.m.	CIBC Prayer Meeting
7:30 p.m.	Caring Believers Bible Fellowship Bible Study (Liberian)
7:45 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

Weekly Budget Requirement

\$7,212.19

Weekly

Budget Offering Received

2/7/10	\$6520.91
2/14/10	\$4418.06
2/21/10	\$5003.31
2/28/10	\$5866.20

Please Pray for These Serving in the Military

Byron Bogle, Jr. (Son of Byron Bogle) (Stationed in Iraq)	Brigadier General Mark W. Perrin J2 United Nations Forces, Korea (Son of Bill & Jerri Perrin)
MSG Fred Castro (Stationed in Afganistan)	Specialist Tyler Piper (Nephew of Nancy Hendrix) (Stationed at Fort Drum, NY)
RCT Kevin Culbreath (Stationed in Hawaii)	PFC Stephen Riley (Son of Laurie & Kevin Riley) (Stationed in Fort Drum, NY)
Steve Green (Training in Macon)	Burton Welsh Chaplain, Army National Guard (Nephew of Joyce Davis) (Stationed in Columbia, SC)
Chief Hospital Corpsman (HMC) Arleli Oviso (Sister of Tor Badel) (Stationed at Camp Pendleton, CA)	CW4 Paul Williams (Nephew of Ronald & Joyce Davis) (Stationed in Fort Campbell, Kentucky)
Lt. Col. John P. Perrin 48 Stirrup Drive North Augusta, SC 29860 (Son of Bill & Jerri Perrin) (Stationed at Fort Gillem, Georgia)	Bryan Wilson (Nephew of Goldie Carpenter) (Stationed in Egypt)

