

# "I BELONG"

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## Church Staff

### When You Thought I Wasn't Looking

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you hang my first painting on the refrigerator, and I immediately wanted to paint another one.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you feed a stray cat, and I learned it was good to be kind to animals.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make my favorite cake for me, and I learned that the little things can be the special things in life.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I heard you say a prayer, and I knew that there is a God I could always talk to, and I learned to trust in Him.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you make a meal and take it to a friend who was sick, and I learned that we all have to help take care of each other.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you give of your time and money to help people who had nothing, and I learned that those who have something should give to those who don't.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw you take care of our house and everyone in it, and I learned we have to take care of what we are given.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw how you handled your responsibilities, even when you didn't feel good, and I learned that I would have to be responsible when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw tears come from your eyes, and I learned that sometimes things hurt, but it's all right to cry.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I saw that you cared, and I wanted to be everything that I could be.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I learned most of life's lessons that I need to know to be a good and productive person when I grow up.

When you thought I wasn't looking, I looked at you and wanted to say, "Thanks for all the things I saw when you thought I wasn't looking."

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## Being in Love

Think back to when you met  
that man/woman that you just knew  
would be the one.

Remember when you realized and admitted to  
yourself that you loved him/her.  
Now remember how much you  
wanted to act like you were in a movie and  
yell to everyone in the football stadium, "I love you!"  
You told family and friends how perfect he/she was;  
he/she was just what you were looking for.

Well, I told THE LORD  
that I loved Him today.

And He said to me,  
"How much do you love me?  
You haven't told anyone  
how good I've been to you.  
You haven't shared  
how perfect my love is.  
You haven't spread the good news  
that I am always there  
to listen to your problems.  
You haven't told your family  
how I helped you pay your bills  
when you didn't have a high paying job,  
or how I got you a better one.  
You haven't shared with anyone  
how I took away that addiction  
that would have cost you not only your job,  
but also the man/woman  
that was just what you were looking for.  
So how much do you really love me?"

So I said I would share with  
my friends and family (for starters)  
just how wonderful, perfect,  
understanding, patient, loving, unselfish,  
considerate and forgiving GOD really is.

He has blessed me  
with a family that loves me  
and friends that I can confide in.

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## Bring in Love (continued)

But even more than that.  
He has saved me from destruction  
I couldn't even see coming.

He gave me the peace  
of knowing Him and  
He has never broken a promise.

Truly,  
He is the best thing that has ever happened to me.

And I stand in my stadium today  
to tell all of you,

"I DO LOVE THE LORD JESUS CHRIST  
WITH ALL OF MY HEART!"

BE BLESSED & SHARE THIS  
WITH SOMEONE ELSE —  
IF YOU ARE EXPERIENCING  
THE SAME KIND OF LOVE!!

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## A True Valentine

"For God so loVed the world,  
That He gAve  
His onLy  
BegottEn  
SoN  
That whosoever  
Believeth In Him  
Should Not perish,  
But have Everlasting life."

John 3:16



WOW started the new year by ministering to the community. Tracy Herring spoke about hospice and the experience she and her family had when her father was in hospice. Tracy also told us about the hospice nurse that saw her and her Mom in the restaurant over a year after her father was in hospice and said that her dad and family are still remembered. The nurse shared that the staff was amazed at the love and care that was shown by their family and CHURCH (Whitten) while they were in the hospital. She said that they still talk about the church bringing snacks not only to Tracy and her family, but Whitten also took care of the nurses by bringing treats to them. Debbie Smith spoke about the nurses response to Whitten supplying treats for the staff when she was in the hospital. Many nurses came by her room to say thank you and the charge nurse sent a thank you card to her after she was discharged. When we minister to the staff when our Whitten family are in the hospital, the staff may not remember the Whitten name, but they do remember the love of Christ that is shown by our actions!!! What we do in ministry is not done in vain. We may never know the outcome, but God does.

We put together over 25 bags of basic necessities for people in hospice who cannot afford items such as soap, shampoo, washcloths and other items. A large print gospel of John is also included for the person in hospice or the people caring for them along with a card of encouragement. Hats and blankets were tagged with our Whitten logo and phone number, and all of these were delivered to the hospice office to be distributed by the nurses caring for the patients.

Bags of candy for staff treats were also put together with the Whitten logo and a tag that says — “Thank you for caring for our brother or sister in Christ. We pray for you as you care for...” — These bags are taken to the hospital and given to the staff when one of our Whitten family is in the hospital. If you go into the hospital or know of one of our family in the hospital — please let me know or Carrie and we will make sure these are delivered.

Thank you to all that brought food for dinner or brought supplies for hospice or donated candy for the staff or made hats or donated blankets. The hospice and hospital ministries are year round ministries, so we are always glad to get hats, blankets or hospice supplies. These items can be stored at the church, so watch for sales and pick up an extra item to donate. A list will be available in the WOW box in the office and online. Also a thank you to Melanie Franklin for being in charge of the hospice ministry and to everyone who helped deliver the bags. If you are interested in becoming a part of this ministry — we need you — just let Melanie or me know.

Our next meeting is February 9 at 6:30. Angie Thompson will be out speaker and share part of her testimony. She is bringing guests who will also share. Plan ahead to join us in February. If you would like to share your testimony, demonstrate a craft, have suggestions for ministry projects or a WOW meeting, please let me know. I would love to have input from everyone.

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### Facing The Inevitable

In a cemetery outside a small town, a brief grave side service had just ended. Only an elderly man and his pastor remained. They began walking slowly from grave to grave, reading the names of the deceased. Every few minutes, the elderly man stopped and said, “I knew him very well. Oh yes, I remember her.” Then he said, “Pastor, I know more people out here than I know back in town.”

The pastor realized the man’s words revealed the inevitable truth. But he also remembered another, more wonderful, truth. Jesus promised: “In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you?” (John 14:1-2, NRSV).

Although death is a given, so is eternal life for Christ’s followers.

## A Little Boy's Explanation of God

It was written by an 8-year-old named Danny Dutton, Who lives in Chula Vista, CA. He wrote it for his third grade homework assignment, to "explain God". I wonder if any of us could have done as well?

### Explanation of God:

"One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes them to replace the ones that die, so there will be enough people to take care of things. He doesn't make grown-ups, just babies. I think because they are smaller and easier to make. That way he doesn't have to take up his valuable time teaching them to talk and walk. He can just leave that up mothers and fathers."

"God's second most important job is listening to prayers. An awful lot of this goes on, since some people, like preachers and things, pray at times beside bedtime. God doesn't have time to listen to the radio or TV because of this. Because he hears everything, there must be a terrible lot of noise in his ears, unless he has thought of a way to turn it off."

"God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time by going over your mom and dad's head asking for something they said you couldn't have."

"Atheists are people who don't believe in God. I don't think there are any in Chula Vista. At least there aren't any who come to our church."

"Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work, like walking on water and performing miracles and trying to teach the people who didn't want to learn about God.

They finally got tired of him preaching to them and they crucified him. But he was good and kind, like his father, and he told his father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said O.K."

"His dad (God) appreciated everything that he had done, and all his hard work on earth, so he told him that he didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. So he did. And now he helps his dad out by listening to prayers and seeing things which are important for God to take care of and which ones he can take care of himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary, only more important."

"You can pray anytime you want and they are sure to help you because they got it worked out so one of them is on duty all the time."

"You should always go to church on Sunday because it makes God happy, and if there's anybody you want to make happy, it's God!"

"Don't skip church to do something you think will be more fun, like going to the beach. This is wrong, And besides the sun doesn't come out at the beach until noon anyway."

"If you don't believe in God, besides being an atheist, you will be very lonely, because your parents can't go everywhere with you, like to camp, but God can. It is good to know He's around you when you're scared, in the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown into real deep water by the big kids."

"But, you shouldn't just always think of what God can do for you. I figure God put me here and He can take me back anytime He pleases."

"And that's why I believe in God."

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## CELEBRATING MEMBERS BIRTHDAYS IN FEBRUARY

Steve Chandler	February 1
Mike Hixson	February 2
William Dillon	February 4
Amber Dillon	February 4
Donna Lane	February 8
Tonya Loyd	February 10
Christine Tollman	February 10
Kelsey Spittler	February 11
Kaitlynn Messler	February 12
Charles Allred	February 14



Destiny Patterson	February 15
Josiah Shipley	February 17
Andrew Simpson	February 17
Vernon Bowen	February 18
Sandra McKelvey	February 22
Pat Walker	February 23
Shaun Butterly	February 24
Anita Tollman	February 25
Kelsey Sneed	February 27
Junell Voyles	February 28

## The Mayonnaise Jar and 2 Cups of Coffee

When things in your lives seem almost too much to handle, when 24 hours in a day are not enough, remember the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, he wordlessly picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and proceeded to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured them into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous “yes.”

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed. “Now,” said the professor as the laughter subsided, “I want you to realize that this jar represents your life.” The golf balls are the important things — your family, your children, your health, your friends and your favorite passions — and if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the other things that matter like your job, your house and your car.

The sand is everything else — the small stuff. “If you put the sand into the jar first,” he continued, “There is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you.”

“Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness. Play with your children. Take time to get medical checkups. Take your spouse out to dinner. Play another 18. There will always be time to clean house and fix the disposal. Take care of the golf balls first — the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand.”

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented.

The professor smiled. “I’m glad you asked. It goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there’s always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend.”

## Indian Legend

Do you know the legend of the Cherokee Indian youth’s rite of passage?

His father takes him into the forest, blindfolds him and leaves him alone. He is required to sit on a stump the whole night and not remove the blindfold until the rays of the morning sun shine through it. He cannot cry out for help to anyone.

Once he survives the night, he is a MAN. He cannot tell the other boys of his experience, because each lad must come into manhood on his own.

The boy is naturally terrified. He can hear all kinds of noises. Wild beasts must surely be all around him. Maybe even some human might do him harm.

The wind blew the grass and earth, and shook his stump, but he sat stoically, never removing the blindfold. It would be the only way he could become a man!

Finally, after a horrific night, the sun appeared and he removed his blindfold. It was then that he discovered his father sitting on the stump next to him. He had been on watch the entire night, protecting his son from harm.

We, too, are never alone. Even when we don’t know it, God is watching over us, sitting on the stump beside us. When trouble comes, all we have to do is reach out to Him.

### Moral of the story:

Just because you can’t see God, doesn’t mean He is not there. “For we walk by faith, not by sight.”

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## “Healthy” Spirituality

While studying elderly people and their immune systems, Duke University scientists discovered that senior adults who attend worship regularly have healthier immune systems than those who don’t attend regularly.

And at the University of California, Los Angeles, a study showed that college students who participate in religious activities have better emotional and mental health than those with no religious involvement. A high degree of spirituality correlated with high self-esteem.

Participating in worship and other church activities appears to boost not only your spiritual health but also your physical and mental health. Make a commitment to stay involved — even in the busy summer months.

## Now That's God

It was one of the hottest days of the dry season. We had not seen rain in almost a month. The crops were drying. Cows had stopped giving milk. The creeks and streams were long gone back into the earth. It was a dry season that would bankrupt several farmers before it was through. Every day, my husband and his brothers would go about the arduous process of trying to get water to the fields. Lately this process had involved taking a truck to the local water rendering plant and filling it up with water. But severe rationing had cut everyone off. If we didn't see some rain soon, we would lose everything. It was on this day that I learned the true lesson of sharing and witnessed the only miracle I have seen with my own eyes. I was in the kitchen making lunch for my husband and his brothers when I saw my six-year-old son, Billy, walking toward the woods. He wasn't walking with the usual carefree abandon of a youth, but with a serious purpose. I could only see his back. He was obviously walking with a great effort, trying to be as still as possible. Minutes after he disappeared into the woods, he came running out again, toward the house. I went back to making sandwiches; thinking that whatever task he had been doing was completed. Moments later, however, he was once again walking in that slow purposeful stride toward the woods. This activity went on for an hour: walking carefully to the woods, running back to the house.

Finally I couldn't take it any longer and I crept out of the house and followed him on his journey (being very careful not to be seen, as he was obviously doing important work and didn't need his Mommy checking up on him. He was cupping both hands in front of him as he walked, being very careful not to spill the water he held in them, maybe two or three tablespoons were held in his tiny hands. I sneaked close as he went into the woods. Branches and thorns slapped his little face, but he did not try to avoid them. He had a much higher purpose. As I leaned in to spy on him, I saw the most amazing site.

Several large deer loomed in front of him. Billy walked right up to them. I almost screamed for him to get away. A huge buck with elaborate antlers was dangerously close. But the buck did not threaten him, he didn't even move as Billy knelt down. And I saw a tiny fawn lying on the ground; obviously suffering from dehydration and heat exhaustion, lift it's head with great effort to lap the water cupped in my beautiful boy's hand. When the water was gone, Billy jumped up to run back to the house and I hid behind a tree. I followed him back to the house to a spigot to which we had shut off the water. Billy opened it all the way up and a small trickle began to creep out. He knelt there, letting the drip, drip slowly fill up his makeshift "cup," as the sun beat down on his little back. And it came clear to me. The trouble he had gotten into for playing with the hose the week before. The lecture he had received about the importance of not wasting water. The reason he didn't ask me to help him. It took almost twenty minutes for the drops to fill his hands. When he stood up and began the trek back, I was there in front of him.

His little eyes just filled with tears. "I'm not wasting," was all he said. As he began his walk, I joined him, with a small pot of water from the kitchen. I let him tend to the fawn. I stayed away. It was his job. I stood on the edge of the woods watching the most beautiful heart I have ever known working so hard to save another life. As the tears that rolled down my face began to hit the ground, other drops...and more drops...and more suddenly joined them. I looked up at the sky. It was as if God, himself, was weeping with pride. Some will probably say that this was all just a huge coincidence. Those miracles don't really exist. That it was bound to rain sometime. And I can't argue with that, I'm not going to try. All I can say is that the rain that came that day saved our farm, just like the actions of one little boy saved another.

I don't know if anyone will read this, but I had to write it. To honor the memory of my beautiful Billy, who was taken from me much too soon. But not before showing me the true face of God, in a little, sunburned body.

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**\*~THAT'S GOD~\***

Have you ever been just sitting there and all of a sudden you feel like doing something nice for someone you care for?

THAT'S GOD! He speaks to you through the Holy Spirit.

Have you ever been down and out and nobody seems to be around for you to talk to?

THAT'S GOD! He wants you to speak to Him.

Have you ever been thinking about somebody that you haven't seen in a long time and then next thing you know you see them or receive a phone call from them?

THAT'S GOD! There's no such thing as coincidence.

Have you ever received something wonderful that you didn't even ask for, like money in the mail, a debt that had mysteriously been cleared, or a coupon to a department store where you had just seen something you wanted, but couldn't afford.

THAT'S GOD! He knows the desires of your heart.

Have you ever been in a situation and you had no clue how it is going to get better, but now you look back on it?

THAT'S GOD! He passes us through tribulation to see a better day.

In all that we do, we need to totally give HIM thanks and our blessings will continue to multiply.

THAT'S GOD!!!!!!!!!!

Don't tell GOD how Big your storm is.  
Tell your storm how Big your GOD is!

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**Don't Worry**

God walked beside you yesterday  
Today you're in His care,  
Don't worry about tomorrow  
Because God's already there.  
And the best thing about the future  
is it comes one day at a time,  
So, if you start to worry  
Just think of this rhyme.

Anna Pantina

**Time**

Time is:  
Too slow for those who Wait.  
Too swift for those who Fear.  
Too long for those who Grieve.  
Too short for those who Rejoice.  
But for those who Love,  
Time is Eternity.

— Henry Van Dyke

## Practice What You Preach!

OUCH!!!

The light turned yellow, just in front of him. He did the right thing, stopping at the cross walk, even though he could have beaten the red light by accelerating through the intersection.

The tailgating woman was furious and honked her horn, screaming in frustration, as she missed her chance to get through the intersection, dropping her cell phone and makeup. As she was still in mid-rant, she heard a tap on her window and looked up into the face of a very serious police officer.

The officer ordered her to exit her car with her hands up. He took her to the police station where she was searched, fingerprinted, photographed and placed in a holding cell. After a couple of hours, a policeman approached the cell and opened the door. She was escorted back to the booking desk where the arresting officer was waiting with her personal effects.

He said, "I'm very sorry for the mistake. You see, I pulled up behind your car while you were blowing your horn, using obscene gestures toward the guy in front of you and screaming a blue streak at him. I noticed the 'What Would Jesus Do' bumper sticker, the 'Choose Life' license plate holder, the 'Follow Me to Sunday-School' bumper sticker and the chrome-plated Christian fish emblem on your trunk, so naturally...I assumed you had stolen the car."

## Welcome to our New Members

Shaun Metivier  
Stephen Scarbrough



## Wednesday Night



Reservations must be in the church office  
by 4:00 pm on Mondays.  
Supper begins at 5:00 pm!

- February 1 Breakfast
- February 8 Meatloaf • Mashed Potatoes • Green Beans
- February 15 Barbecue Chicken • Mac & Cheese • Corn
- February 22 Taco Soup
- February 29 Chicken Pot Pie

All meals include dessert and beverages.



## KEENAGERS

Senior Event with  
Good Food and  
Great Fellowship.

February 23<sup>rd</sup>  
@ 11:30 am

Everyone 50 & over is invited to join us.  
Please call Nancy Reed 372-2763 by Tuesday,  
February 21<sup>st</sup> to let her know that you will be  
attending.

## Newsletter Articles



If you have an article or pictures  
that you would like to submit for  
the March newsletter, please,  
turn it in to the newsletter box in the  
work room on or before Wednesday,  
February 15<sup>th</sup>.



# Hilarious Highlights



## CEO

One CEO always scheduled staff meetings for four thirty on Friday afternoons. When one of the employees finally got up the nerve to ask why, the CEO explained, "I'll tell you why — it's the only time of the week when none of you seems to want to argue with me."



## Married

Reverend Walker was scheduled to perform a special wedding ceremony immediately following the Sunday morning service. He planned to perform the rite before the entire congregation, but for the life of him, he could not remember the names of the two members whom he was to marry. He got around his dilemma this way: "Will those who want to get married now, please come and stand before me?"

At once, six single ladies, four widows, and five single men stood, went to the aisle, and walked to the front.



## Mountain Family

A rural mail carrier at the end of World War II took the news of the armistice to an isolated mountain family. He thought the good tidings would bring smiles, but the woman on the porch shook her head sadly.

"I s'pose it figures," she grumbled.

"What do you mean?" asked the carrier.

"We sent our Jeb off to join the army two months ago."

"Looks like he missed all the fightin'."

"That's what I mean. That boy never could hold a job."



## Nervous Passenger

A nervous passenger decided to spring for one of those on-the-spot, low-investment-high-benefits insurance policies at the airport before her plane departed. Then she had time for a quick lunch, so she stopped at a Chinese eatery along the terminal walk. Her eyes widened when she read the fortune cookie: "Today's investment will pay big dividends."



## New Home

When the Smith family moved into their new house, a visiting grandparent asked five-year-old Tommy how he liked the new place.

"It's great," he said. "I have my own room, Alex has his own room, and Jamie has her own room. But poor mom is still in with dad."



## Police Dog

A police dog responds to an ad for work with the FBI. "Well," says the personnel director, "you'll have to meet some strict requirements. First, you must type at least sixty words per minute."

Sitting at the type writer, the dog types out eighty words per minute.

"Also," says the director, "you must pass a physical exam and complete the obstacle course."

This perfect canine finished the course in record time.

"There's one last requirement," the director continues, "you must be bilingual."

With confidence, the dog looks up and says, "Meow!"

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What's Been  
Happening at  
**Whitten**



Christmas Eve Candlelight Service • Movie Night



# February 2012



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Four Fifty Six Starts this month. Classes in all areas. Find where you want to participate</p> <p>See Schedule Below</p>			<p>1 5:00 Meal 5:30 Children's Discipleship Engage 6:30 Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study, Divorce Care, Mission Friends GA's, RA's, Youth Bible Drill 7:00 Praise Team 7:30 Celebration Choir; MIT</p>	<p>2 9:00 The Bridge 1:00 Homebound Ministry Visitation Team</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>
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**EVERYONE IS WELCOME!**

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**Regularly Scheduled Activities**

The **second Sunday** of the month:  
**Brotherhood Breakfast @ 8:00 am**  
 The **second Thursday** of the month:  
**Women of Whitten @ 6:30 pm**  
 The **third Wednesday** of the month:  
**Deadline for News Letter articles.**  
 The **fourth Thursday** of the month:  
**Keenagers @ 11:30 am**  
**Every Wednesday night:**  
**Fellowship Meal @ 5:00 pm**  
**Prayer Meeting and**  
**Bible Study @ 6:30 pm**

The **PURPOSE** of Whitten Baptist Church is to bring people to Jesus and membership in His family, the Church, to develop them to Christ-like maturity, and to equip them for their ministry in the church and life mission in the world in order to magnify God. We believe that a great commitment to the great commandment and to the great commission will build a great church.



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| February 11 - Saturday<br>Youth Valentine Banquet — 6:00 pm               | April 28 - Saturday<br>State Bible Drill at 1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist Church Somerville                 |
| March 19 - Monday<br>Courts of Faith                                      | April 29 - Sunday<br>Block Party  |
| March 22 - 24 - Thursday - Saturday<br>W.O.W. Ladies Retreat              | May 12 - Saturday<br>GA/RA Car Wash — 10 am - 3 pm  |
| March 28 - Wednesday<br>Church Bible Drill                                | May 19 - Saturday<br>GA/RA Amazing Race at the Grove — 10 am-3 pm                                     |
| March 31 - Saturday<br>2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Whitten Clean-Up Day        | June 2 - Saturday<br>GA - Daddy/Daughter Banquet at the Church  |
| March 31 - Saturday<br>GA/RA Family Fun Night                             | June 25 - 26 - Monday - Tuesday<br>GA Camp 1 <sup>st</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grades Overnight Campers |
| April 14 - Saturday<br>Association Bible Drill at Ridgeway Baptist Church | June 26 - 29 - Tuesday - Friday<br>GA Camp 4 <sup>th</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> Grade Week Long Camp     |
| April 14 - Saturday<br>Circle Cross Rodeo<br>Free Family Fun Night        |   |