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EASTER SERVICES

The adult Worship Choir has been working hard to present an Easter musical entitled "Our God Reigns" filled with worship of our great and awesome Lord. There will be singing, the children will be performing and it will be a time of drawing close to our living Savior.

There will be two performances of the musical during Easter week. The first presentation will be on Good Friday, April 6, at 8:00 pm. This will be a time for the entire community to come out and lift the name of Jesus high in East Lake County. Be sure to invite all your friends and family who may not be able to attend on a Sunday.

The second performance

will be on Easter Sunday morning at 10:55 am as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. What a wonderful Savior He is!

In addition, Shirley Bradner will be ministering through song during the evening service, 6:30 pm, on Palm Sunday, April 1. She sings southern gospel style favorites and will be a blessing to your soul that night. In her own words, even when she sings contemporary songs, they come out as southern gospel.



Praise be to God for His indescribable gift!

SPRING FLING—APRIL 28TH

April 28th from 4–7 pm, we will have a great time for the kids here at FBC Sorrento. There will be games, food, and just an all around fun time.

The format is where couples, families, or friends who are

members of the church come up with an idea for a fun game or activity, put it together, set it up, and operate it. This will be very much like the Winter Wonderland we had in December.

Several teams have come up

with ideas, but we need more. Join in the fun and let Pastor Green know you're in.

Make sure to invite all the children you know and their parents.

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Special points of interest:

- He is Risen! He is Risen indeed!
- Spring Fling is just around the corner.
- The Cooperative Program has been used to make a difference in the lives of millions of people.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Schedule of Events

- **Every Tuesday @ 7 pm—Purpose Driven Church Bible Study**
- **April 1—Deacons' meeting following evening service**
- **April 4—Business meeting following prayer meeting**
- **April 6 @ 8 pm—Communitywide Good Friday Service (*Our God Reigns*)**
- **April 8 @ 10:55 am—Easter service (*Our God Reigns*)**
- **April 14, 9 am to noon—VBS training**
- **April 15—birthday celebration following evening service**
- **April 18 @ 6 pm—Church supper**
- **April 21 @ 8 am—workday**
- **April 21 @ 6 pm—Bible Study**
- **April 27 @ 7 pm—Spring Fling set up**
- **April 28, 4 to 7 pm—Spring Fling**

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SEMINAR—APRIL 14

Calling all Vacation Bible School workers! We will be having a training seminar to prepare for the greatest VBS in the history of the church. Get ready to Take the Plunge and Make a Splash with this year's VBS program.

This will be a time of learning, encouragement, and excitement as we look forward to serving the Lord in the lives of area children. The seminar will be 9 am to noon on Saturday, April 14.

We are planning for at least 100 children here for the week of June 10–15 from 6:30–9 pm each evening. Many children come to know Jesus Christ as their personal Savior during VBS each



Get ready to Make A Splash in this year's Vacation Bible School. ... Take the Plunge!

year so it's an opportunity to plant seeds in some and reap the harvest in others.

There is also a Big Splash event planned for the afternoon of Sunday, June 10 to kick off the VBS so keep looking for more information. Be in prayer about the children who will be attending and for the workers who will be ministering to and nurturing those children. Also pray about where you fit in because we all can play a part.

CELEBRATION OF MISSIONS 2007—A CALL TO JOY!

From the Lake County Baptist Association:

We have a great line-up of speakers for you that we know you will enjoy. We have Barbara Curnutt, Executive Director-Treasurer of the Georgia WMU/WEM, Barbara Joiner, author and speaker, and Kristy Carr, Volunteer Connection Specialist. We have also invited Michael and Patty Hampton and Jay and Jan Cook who are International Mission Board (IMB) missionaries home on stateside assignment. This will be an awesome program you will not want to miss.

There is also a special reception planned to honor our outgoing Florida WMU President, Clysta deArmas. The reception will take place immediately

following the Friday evening session. Come to let Clysta know how she is appreciate for her ministry with the



women of Florida.

This year we are including a special mission project called "Cherish the Children!" Bring Wal-Mart gift cards that will be given to the Florida Baptist Children's Home to help meet the needs of the children.

April 20–21, 2007

First Baptist Church, Plant City

503 N. Palmer Street

Friday: 1:30–4:30 pm, 6:45–9:00 pm

Saturday: 8:30–10:00 am, 11:00–12:30 pm

SOUTHERN BAPTIST BASICS—COOPERATIVE PROGRAM

From the SBC website on how the cooperative program works:

Simply put, it begins with you. You give yourself first to God (2 Cor. 5:8). Next, out of gratitude and obedience to God for what He has done for you, you commit to give back to Him, through your church, a portion of what He provides. This is commonly called a

"The bottom line — people around the world hear the gospel and receive Christ."

tithe and represents ten percent of your income (Lev. 27:30, Mal. 3:10).

Your church decides the next step. Every year your church prayerfully decides how much of its undesignated gifts will be committed to reaching people in your state and around the world through Cooperative Program (CP) Missions. This amount is then forwarded to your state Baptist

convention.

Churches in your state work together through your state convention to support a wide array of ministries and missions including: evangelism efforts, children's homes, volunteer missions, missions education, new churches, colleges and universities, collegiate ministries, camps, and much more.

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5 Cs VISION UPDATE

We are continuing to move forward in the Children's and Spanish ministries. The Spanish ministry search team has interviewed several candidates and are in prayer about God's direction in selecting the Associate Pastor for Spanish Language Ministries to present to the church body for approval.

The Children's ministry search team is just beginning the interview process

and is also seeking the leading of the Lord as we look to minister to the children and families of the East Lake County area.

God is blessing, especially in the number of children He is bringing to us and allowing us to be a part of planting the seeds of the Gospel in



Five Key Ministry areas of growth here at FBC Sorrento.

these young hearts. Be in prayer about the need for an additional van or bus and the possibility of adding a new fellowship area and offices to the facilities here at FBC.

COOPERATIVE PROGRAM (CONTINUED)

Through the International Mission Board (www.imb.org), Southern Baptists support approximately 5,036 missionaries who are engaging more than 1,193 different people groups around the world.

New churches numbering over 1,725 are planted through the efforts of more than 5,364 North American Missionaries, whose efforts are coordinated through your North American Mission Board (www.namb.net) and individual state conventions.

Working together, Southern Baptists saw 831,725 new believers baptized in 2005!

Six Southern Baptist seminaries (Southern, Southeastern, Midwestern,

Southwestern, Golden Gate, and New Orleans) educate in excess of 16,000 pastors, missionaries, and future church leaders each year.



The CP continues to be a tool for reaching people all over the world.

God has blessed the efforts of Southern Baptist churches working together to reach the whole world for Christ. You are a part of this as you give regularly to the ministries of FBC Sorrento and, through God's guidance, we presently forward 16% of our annual budget to God honoring ministries including the Cooperative Program.

NOAH IN MODERN TIMES

And the Lord spoke to Noah & said: "In six months I'm going to make it rain until the whole earth is covered with water & all the evil people are destroyed. But I want to save a few good people, and two of every kind of living thing on the planet. I am ordering you to build Me an Ark."

And in a flash of lightning he delivered the specifications for the

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Ark. "OK," said Noah, trembling in fear and fumbling with the blueprints.

"Six months, and it starts to rain," thundered the Lord. "You'd better have my Ark completed, or learn how to swim for a very long time."

And six months passed. The skies began to cloud up and rain began to fall. The Lord saw that Noah was sit-

ting in his front yard, weeping. And there was no Ark.

"Noah," shouted the Lord, "where is my Ark?" A lightning bolt crashed to the ground next to Noah. "Lord, please forgive me!" begged Noah. "I did my best. But there were big problems.

First I had to get a building permit for the Ark construction project, and your plans didn't meet code. So I had to hire an engineer to redraw the plans.

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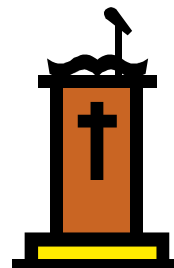
FROM THE PULPIT

Easter Sunday is almost here and it reminds me once again why we do the things we do here at FBC. The increase in attendance in all of our services and in all age groups is great, but meaningless if we forget that the reason we "do church" is to magnify the name of our Lord Jesus Christ and to bring others to a saving knowledge of Him.

Jesus told us to go, make disciples, and

baptize in His name and I feel blessed to lead a congregation who has an outward focus and a heart for ministering to all people.

Keep Sunday, July 29th, in mind as I am preparing to present to you a new simplified process for ministry that we hope to adopt by



January 2008. I don't want to give anything away for now, but the intent is to make FBC Sorrento more effective in reaching Sorrento and East Lake and Northwest Orange County for Christ.

Pastor Richard

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The monthly newsletter is designed to inspire, inform, and encourage you. Ministry leaders will be reporting what's going on in their areas of service and let you know about the opportunities God has for you to serve Him.

If you have any news that you would like to share, any words of comfort or encouragement, please send them to Pastor Green and he will see that they are included.

Remember to be in prayer for the many needs of the church family, those who are ill, and especially those in need of salvation.

NOAH IN MODERN TIMES (CONTINUED)

Then I got into a big fight over whether or not the Ark needed a fire sprinkler system. My neighbors objected, claiming I was violating zoning by building the Ark in my front yard, so I had to get a variance from the city planning commission.

Then I had a big problem getting enough wood for the Ark because there was a ban on cutting trees to save the Spotted Owl. I had to convince U.S. Fish and Wildlife that I needed wood to save the owls. But they wouldn't let me catch any owls. So no owls.

Then the carpenters formed a union and went out on strike. I had to negotiate a settlement with the National Labor Relations Board before anyone would pick up a saw or hammer. Now we have 16 carpenters going on the boat and still no owls.

Then I started gathering up animals, and got sued by animal rights group. They objected to me taking only two of each kind.

Just when I got the suit dismissed, EPA notified me that I couldn't complete the Ark without filing an environmental impact statement on your proposed flood. They didn't take kindly to the idea that they had no jurisdiction over the conduct of a Supreme Being.

Then the Army Corps of Engineers wanted a map of the proposed new flood plain. I sent them globe.

Right now I'm still trying to resolve a



complaint from the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission over how many Croatians I'm supposed to hire, the IRS has seized all my assets claiming I'm trying to avoid paying taxes by leaving the country, and I just got a notice from the state about owing some kind of use tax.

I really don't think I can finish your Ark for at least another five years," Noah wailed.

The sky began to clear. The sun began to shine. A rainbow arched across the sky.

Noah looked up and smiled. "You mean you're not going to destroy the earth?" Noah asked, hopefully.

"No," said the Lord sadly, "Government already has"