

Temple Baptist Church

February, 2012

Consider What God Is Doing In Toronto . . .

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina has been in partnership with Baptists in Eastern Canada for several years, and the current partnership will continue through August 2011. Our partnership includes Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Ontario.

The Canadian National Baptist Convention requested that North Carolina Baptists focus on a new partnership with the Metropolitan Toronto area. This new partnership will provide many of the strategic opportunities offered by our partnership with Metropolitan New York City.

The Greater Toronto Metropolitan Area (GTA) has a population of six million and is the largest metropolitan area in Canada. Nearly one out of every five residents of Canada lives in GTA, making it a strategic center for reaching Canada with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Toronto is one of the most diverse cities in the world. More than 140 languages and dialects are spoken in GTA, and just over 30 percent of Toronto residents speak a language other than English or French at home. More than half of Toronto's population was born outside Canada. Much like New York City, the potential global impact makes Toronto an important strategic piece in the overall strategy of the Office of Great Commission Partnerships.

God is doing something great in Toronto, Canada, but the task before us is great! In the GTA there is one church for about every 275,000 people and 40 Southern Baptist Churches. To put that in perspective—in Cumberland County, there is one church for every 5 people. Also, statistics show that Muslims outnumber Christians in Toronto by 3 to 1. Additionally, about 43% of Canadians did not attend any religious worship service in the past year. Although Baptist statistically, at 2.4%, are the largest evangelical group in Canada, two-thirds of them never attend church. The Greater Toronto Area also includes the "Golden Horseshoe" of Southern Ontario, which extends beyond the GTA down to the U.S. border and includes the entire area that touches Lake Ontario. The GTA includes communities that are completely unengaged and unreached, meaning there is no evangelical presence at all.

The Baptist State Convention of North Carolina (BSCNC) is beginning a Great Commission Partnership with the Canadian National Baptist Convention in order to help advance the gospel of Jesus Christ throughout the GTA, especially in these unengaged, unreached areas. The partnership is focused on several specific goals, with church planting at the center of ministry for North Carolina Baptist churches that partner in Toronto. Goals include North Carolina Baptist churches assisting in the planting of 40 churches in Southern Ontario and 10 biker churches throughout Canada by 2021.

At the end of this month I will be traveling with a team of pastor's from our association on a vision trip to Toronto. During this trip we will see and experience the spiritual hunger, first hand. We will be meeting with several church planters in the area to prepare for several mission projects throughout the rest of 2012. Later this summer, I will be calling on our church to get involved in this partnership by sending at least one, possibly two teams to Toronto. Would you consider what God is doing in Toronto and how you and I can be involved in His work? Right now, would you be so bold as to pray a simple prayer to God—"Dear God, there is much work for Your kingdom to be done in Toronto. Here I am, send me!" God is calling us to take the gospel to the people across our streets, our state, our country, and our world. Will we be faithful to the task?



Pastor Kelly

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- Pastor Kelly

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From the Worship Leader...

On Sunday, January 22nd, I thought we had a great worship experience. Pastor Kelly's message on the stewardship of worship really hit home to me. God deserves the best of everything we have, including our worship.

During the week that followed that message I had a conversation with a coworker who attends another church in our area. I was telling her about our time of worship; how I was overwhelmed to look out into our congregation and see tear stained faces and raised hands, because I knew people were engaged in true worship, connecting with God in their own way. Then, she made a statement to me that broke my heart. She said, "A lot of times at church I feel like I should raise my hands or say 'amen', but I know people will think I am crazy."

When she made that statement I was immediately taken back to 2 Samuel chapter 6. To me, this is one of the most beautiful images of worship in the Bible. King David, after being anointed for the third time in chapter 5 of 2 Samuel, and defeating the Jebusites and the Philistines, goes to Judah to retrieve the Ark of the Covenant. Following a long journey, including a 3 month respite at the house of Obed-Edom, David finally makes his way with The Ark back to Jerusalem. The people may have expected to see their heroic King, in all his robes of glory, on a massive horse, leading this procession of priests and Levites with The Ark. Instead what they saw was their king, in a short, sleeveless robe, something normally worn by a priest, dancing in praise to the Lord.

David, the King of all Israel, danced in praise before the Lord. And one of the most interesting parts about this whole scene? One of his wives, Michal, daughter of Saul, saw David dancing before the Lord, and condemned him. (She was one of the people my friend was worried about!) But do you know how David responded? As chapter 6 of 2 Samuel closes, we find these words of King David: "I will celebrate before the LORD. I will become even more undignified than this."

As your worship leader, I would never tell you how to worship. I would never tell you that you *should* raise your hands, or that you *shouldn't* raise your hands at any given time. I would never instruct you to clap with the music, or not to clap. Even though we worship together as a congregation, worship is still very personal. I do want to encourage you to worship as David did. Follow the leading of the Holy Spirit. Submit to the greatness of God and let Him be overwhelming to you. After all, worship is what happens when we respond to God's love for us, without being self-conscious of what that means, even if it means being a little undignified now and then!

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- Dawn*

Welcome New Members

(January)

William & Tiffany Horne
5604 Quiet Acres Lane
Wade, NC 28395
910-263-8832
Child: Delany

Jeremy & Lauren Marsh
1724 Rockrose Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28312
910-920-1136
Child: Grayson

Steve & Sara Turner
2179 Middle Road
Fayetteville, NC 28312
910-484-6408

Tony & Kelly Gray
1209 Colts Pride Drive
Fayetteville, NC 28312
910-723-0020
Children:
T.J. & Ashley

Rob & Cindy Steininger
3924 Final Approach Drive
Eastover, NC 28312
910-672-0599
Children:
Morgan, Kirsten, Robbie
Timmy, Eian

FSM Information Counter

For all things youth, stop by the FSM info-counter, located in the front lobby. If you are interested in sponsoring a student for summer camp, please see Pastor Brian.

February Ushers

Ron Candler
Paul Curlee
Linwood Davis
Jack Gibson
Greg Masouras
Ryan Nowak
Doug Sessoms
Wendell Smith

AWANA MINISTRY

Record Attendance in January - 52. The clubbers are very excited memorizing Bible verses and learning about Jesus. They really enjoyed the Hayride last month.

Themes for February:

Feb. 5—Soup-er Bowl Sunday (bring a can of soup for church food closet)
Feb. 12—Love Bears All Things
Feb. 19—Tie Night (Missions)
Feb. 26—Nautical Night/Store (1st Grand Prix Work Shop)

Mark your calendars and make plans now for the AWANA GRAND PRIX on Saturday, March 17, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM.



NEW BEGINNINGS MINISTRY

WE'RE HAVING A VALENTINE'S PARTY!!!

Come join us on February 9th at 6:30 PM. We are having special entertainment. Could it be Elvis? You'll have to come and find out. Meat and Dessert will be provided. We are asking folks to bring a side dish. You may also bring your Valentine. We need to know if you are going to be able to attend so we can order enough food. So please let Ron Denning know by Sunday February 5th if you will be able to attend.

We want to send out a big "Thank You" to Dr. Bob and Doris Phipps for treating us to a great Fish Fry at their house last Month. We all had a great time. We are all so excited about what God is doing at Temple. Please continue to pray about ways the New Beginnings can Love Out Loud during 2012.



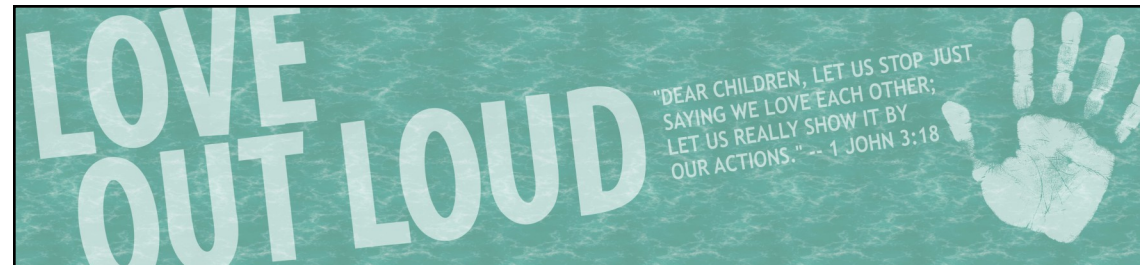
MINISTRY FAIR FOLLOW-UP TRAINING TIMES

If you signed up to volunteer in one of our ministries at the Ministry Fair on Jan. 29, below are the scheduled training times...

AWANA—Tuesday, Feb. 7 (7pm) - Fellowship Hall
Temple Christian Academy—Wednesday, Feb. 8 (6-6:45pm) - Church Library
Operation Inasmuch—Wednesday, Feb. 8 (7pm) - Sanctuary
First Impression's Ministry—Saturday, Feb. 11 (9-11am) - Fellowship Hall
Outreach Ministry—Sunday, Feb. 12 (5pm) - Conference Room
WMU—Wednesday, Feb. 22 (7pm) - 1st fl. Education building
Baptist Men—Saturday, Feb. 25 (8am) - Fellowship Hall

Hope For The Journey

A Study Through 1 & 2 Peter
Wednesday's @ 7pm



LOVE OUT LOUD OPPORTUNITIES

- Serve breakfast to the homeless and less fortunate at the Operation Inasmuch center on Thursday, Feb. 9 from 7-9am. Please contact Ron Denning if you are available to serve.
- Stop by Hay St. UMC on Feb. 24th and participate in the "Bread 'n Bowls" lunch or dinner. Enjoy a delicious hot lunch and help support a great ministry! (See flier to left for more details.)

The Fifth Annual
Bread 'n Bowls
In Association with Empty Bowls
A Fourth Friday Event to Support the Ministry of
FAYETTEVILLE AREA OPERATION INASMUCH

\$20 Meal Served in a Handmade NC Pottery Bowl

\$10 Meal Served in a Freshly Baked Bread Bowl

When: Friday, February 24th, 2012
Lunch ~ 11:30 am - 2:30 pm
Dinner ~ 4:30 pm - 7:30 pm

Where: Hay Street United Methodist Church
320 Hay St. (Corner Hay & Ray Avenue)
Historic Downtown Fayetteville

Menu: Chicken Brunswick Stew
Brownie
Tea/Coffee
Tickets may be purchased from
FAOIAM - 531 Hillsboro Street, Fayetteville - 433-2161
Pottery bowls created by Greg Hathaway, other local potters and the Inasmuch family
Printed by S & J Printers

NEW SERMON SERIES BY PASTOR KELLY

On Sunday, Feb. 5th Pastor Kelly will be starting a new sermon series called "Seven: How To Overcome Sin In Your Life." In this series we will look at what the Bible has to say about the seven deadly sins and how we can overcome them.

The seven deadly sins include pride, envy, gluttony, anger, greed, sloth, and lust. The bad news is that we all deal with these sins on some level. The good news is that in Christ, we can be victorious over these sins in our lives! We hope you'll join us for this exciting series!



NC Baptist Men's Mission's Rally

The NC Baptist Men's Mission's Rally is Thursday, Feb. 16 at Northside Baptist Church in Wilmington, NC. Dinner will be at 6pm followed by the program at 7pm. The meal is free, however registration is required. The deadline for registration is Monday, Feb. 13. If you would like to attend this event, please contact Gerald Matthews (323-2064) by the registration deadline.

Fayetteville Area Operation Inasmuch Executive Director to Speak at Temple

Join us on Wednesday, Feb. 8 at 7pm as we hear from Sue Byrd, the Executive Director of the Fayetteville Area OIAM. God is doing a remarkable work through Sue and the staff and volunteers at OIAM. You'll be amazed at the stories she will share and I promise that you'll leave encouraged and challenged to make a difference in your world for Christ! This night will also serve as the orientation time for those wishing to serve in the Blitz Day on March 24th. For more information on serving in OIAM, please contact Ron or Joan Denning at jdenning48@aol.com.

February Security

2/5-Lynn Godwin
2/12-Gary Dudley
2/19-Tommy Hall
2/26-Randy Hendrix