

**New Harmony Baptist Church
Newsletter
March, 2009**

Pastor's Corner

This is My Story

Everyone has a story. Funny stories, sad stories, encouraging stories, life changing stories, stories of heroism, stories about overcoming the odds, stories of great suffering, stories of great victories. As we spend greater lengths of time in relationships, our stories even begin to intertwine. There is nothing quite like gathering with a group of friends, church group, or sitting around the family table "remembering when." A story about our life is simply an account of those things we have done or experienced. Often it is those very stories that bring us such comfort in difficult times or in times of loss. I have witnessed countless times of great grief at funerals when those simple stories brought great comfort. But of all of the stories and accounts of life throughout history, one story literally changed all stories. ***"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures"*** 1 Corinthians 15:3-4 Over 2, 000 years ago, Jesus lived, died, and rose again providing eternal life for all who will receive Him. His story has changed history and countless lives. The most important question is, "Has His Story Changed Your Life?" Most of us have heard the old story, but have you allowed Him to change you and make you a ***"New Creation in Christ?"*** As we approach Easter this year, we will be studying from God's Word about lives that have been forever changed through His story. We will also take the opportunity to ask each of you to take a few minutes and write down your testimony, the account of your life and the encounter with God in which you received Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior. We will be

assembling a tool for our Church in which we will collect each written testimony for future reference and proclamation of your relationship with Christ. For those who may find themselves struggling with recording such an experience, I would like to ask you if there has ever been a time in which you have trusted in Jesus for your Salvation? As we make history by living everyday in 2009, may His Story forevermore change our History!

This is My Story,
PJ (Pastor Jeff)

Prayer & Volunteer Request

Our Trustees are planning to begin clearing off trees and debris from our roadway that begins at Buckwheat and connects to our church parking lot. We are planning several times for this work project and some plan to work ongoing. If you would be able to help cut wood, debris, drag limbs, or other general help, please see Jimmy Dick or sign up in the church foyer. As a part of Church's future plan we trust that this project will help us have clearer access and sight to the thousands of people who travel on Buckwheat each week.



Just a reminder that the time changes Sunday, March 8th. Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.!

Trustee Rotation



**March 1st – 15th
Ralph Farmer
Dean Baese**

**March 16th – 30th
Ken Gilbert
Shannon Worley**

Thanks to all the trustees for serving the Lord!



Annie Armstrong

**Special Offering for North American Missions
March 1st – April 12th
Church Goal \$ 500**

You may make a contribution to the Annie Armstrong North American Mission Fund by simply marking any offering envelope or pick up a specially marked envelope in the foyer.



There will be a Church Council Meeting March 1st at 4:30 PM. If you are a member of Council, please plan to attend. If you are unable to attend, please see the Pastor PRIOR to the meeting



"The union of light atomic nuclei to form heavier nuclei resulting in the release of enormous quantities of energy"

Youth Fellowship, Bible Study, Games, and Special Ministry Practice for Students 6th – 12th Grade. The *Third Sunday* of each month we will travel to a Church Member's house following the Morning Service and return for practice just before the Evening Service. Everyone is encouraged to bring friends. Sign up in the Church Foyer. See Laura Evans for more info.

The monthly Church Business meeting will be on March 8th following the evening service.

ALL VBS WORKERS

There will be a VBS Clinic at Liberty Heights Baptist Church on Saturday March 21st from 10:00 AM till 12 noon. Please meet at Church at 8:30 AM if you want to carpool.

We will be having Singspiration in the Evening Service on March 29th. If you would like to participate, please sign up in the foyer.