



Handfuls of Purpose

Ruth 2:16 (KJV)

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From The Pastor's Desk

Giving Dirt A New Purpose

It has been very exciting to witness all of the changes that have occurred in our church throughout the past months. There have been changes in our Sunday School and worship services. There are new faces in our congregation. The sound room and youth house have undergone some remodeling. Change may be difficult at times but it can also be very exciting.

I have spent a lot of time during the last months walking around our church and property, talking to God about what He wants to change. I have made numerous explorations into every “nook and cranny” of our facility. I have hiked across most of our new property. But it was standing on what is now our new parking lot that I had an amazing thought that I would like to share with you.

Our parking situation was getting to a critical point and many of us had talked about different options to alleviate the problem. As I prayed, God began to work things out. I am happy to say that now we have a new parking area that will meet our present needs. I was excited to watch the dozer and back hoe at work. I enjoyed seeing the trucks bring in loads of gravel. But I didn't see construction as did most people; I saw many cars on a Sunday morning with people excited to come and worship our Lord. I was looking beyond the finished product.

One day, as I was standing on the new parking area, something unusual occurred to me. This new parking lot that we have needed for a while was made up in a remarkable way. Much of the fill dirt came from mud slides from the flood a few years

ago. Dirt that had been displaced and had even become a major inconvenience, now had a new purpose. Dirt and rock came from the new public water project as new water lines were being installed. This dirt and rock, that may have been in its place for many years, now had to be moved to accommodate the new water project. It found a new purpose at SCCBC. Some of our fill material came from the reject pile at E Dillion & Co. Block that had been intended for a totally different purpose had been discarded because of its imperfections, and guess what...it found a new purpose at our church! Now because of dirt that had become to some an inconvenience, dirt and rock that had to be moved for progressive change, and block that was culled because of its imperfections we have a new parking lot; a parking lot that is at work in the Kingdom work of our Lord Jesus Christ; a parking lot that facilitates people coming to worship, serve, fellowship and grow in their Christian life.

You probably hadn't thought of dirt in quite this way. Maybe you are concerned about your pastor because he had. But let me, at the risk of offending someone, ask you to compare yourself to the afore mentioned “dirt”. I'm not putting anyone down, but the Bible does say:

Genesis 2:7 (KJV)

And the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the bread of life; and man became a living soul.

Remember I asked you to compare yourself to the “dirt” that met our need. Maybe you feel misplaced and even an inconvenience to others. You have a place in God's family! Maybe you don't like

change, but like that water line dirt, circumstances have moved you and you don't know where you really fit in. God has a place for you to fit in! Maybe you feel like that block that was rejected because of its imperfections. Let me tell you the GOOD NEWS; God saves and uses imperfect people every day!

If you believe that God could make something as precious as you from the "dust of the ground" (dirt), and love you so much that He gave His Son to save you. And if that same God can take plain old "dirt" and give it a new purpose, a useful purpose for His glory, can you imagine what a wonderful, important, life changing purpose He has for you?

Pastor Chris

Tuesday Morning Bible Study

It is time once again for a new Tuesday Morning Bible Study. The title of our spring study is *Serving God with Determined Faith* and is a study in the book of Nehemiah. The study should be an exciting study and will help each of us grow in our faith. Nehemiah faced many difficulties as God used him to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem, but he witnessed the hand of God at work in mighty ways. Each of us is called to be a wall builder, and like Nehemiah, we will face many obstacles and difficulties. If we will commit ourselves to serve God with determined faith, we too will see Him do great and mighty things in our lives. Our study will begin March 14 at 10 AM. If you are free on Tuesday mornings, we would love to have you join us for our time of fellowship and digging deep into the Word of God.

Welcome, Aaron Feeser and Family

We are happy to welcome Aaron Feeser to the staff of SCCBC and to our church family as Associate Pastor and Minister of Visitation and Outreach. While attending Finney Baptist Church, Aaron received the call to the ministry. He became a part time pastor at Oak Grove Baptist Church where he was ordained April 28, 2002. He then became full time pastor at Oak Grove, where he remained for the previous five years. We also are thrilled to welcome Aaron's wife Rita Sauls Feeser, his daughter Keshia, a senior at HHS, and his son Bebo, an eight grade student at HHS. Aaron's love for the Lord and his enthusiasm for service will be quite an asset to our church. "God is doing wonderful things at Swords Creek," says Aaron, "and I'm looking forward to being a part of it." We're looking forward to it as well, Aaron. Welcome, Aaron, Rita, Keshia and Bebo!



**From The Desk
of
Gregg Johnson, Minister of Music**

A One Year Anniversary, a Blessed Perspective

It's amazing to look back and to realize that I have already been the Minister of Music at our church for over a year. WOW! It doesn't seem like that long ago. Of course, it also doesn't seem like I should be 34 years young either, but time is like a school yard bully, it usually will have its way regardless of what you do. So, as I look back over the past 14 months of being Minister of Music, I must ask myself "What has this experience been to your life?" Well, I am happy to say it has been a wonderful and blessed experience.

Join me as I interview myself over being Minister of Music for the past 14 months for the next few minutes.

1. What were your thoughts the first time you got up to lead the singing 14 months ago?

I will never forget that day. Beth Goodie had just quit a week earlier, we were in the process of getting a new pastor, so I was already worried anyway what he would want or not want. Every time I would look down at the words of a song in the hymnal then look back up, I would lose my place. And as if things couldn't get much worse, nobody could hear me. I remember telling myself that Beth Goodie, Richard Bostic, and Sam Whited (our previous Ministers of Music) had made this look so easy.

2. Do you believe you were "called" like a Pastor is?

I am not sure about being called, but the Lord was definitely leading me that way. I guess it's the same for someone teaching a class or taking another position in the church.

3. Can we look for any changes in this coming year?

I am currently working to try to get some Christian groups back at our church like we once did years ago. I would like to see a mixture of Southern Gospel, contemporary, and other great types of music and not just your local groups but some well-known artists.

4. I guess you have already experienced this, but some groups come with some pretty expensive price tags. One group you wanted to come was going to ask \$7000 just to come there. What are your thoughts on that?

I realize that getting some of these might come with a price, however IF it is God's will for them to come, He will make a way for them to come cheaper or make a way for our church to afford it.

Well, due to our time we will cut this short and may extend this interview till the next newsletter for more questions. Thanks for your time and look forward to 2006!!!!

Your Brother In Christ
Shoney



Tony McGee and New Covenant
March 26th, 2006 at 6:00 PM
Swords Creek Community Baptist Church

Hebrews chapter eight verses six and seven tells us that "but hath he ordained a more excellent ministry, by how much also he is the mediator of a better covenant, which was established upon promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then should no place have been sought for the second." Through the establishment of Christ's new covenant came forgiveness of our sins and greater access to the Father. Just as Christ established a new covenant, He sometimes leads our lives in new directions so that His purpose may be fulfilled and more people will hear about His love.

Such is the case with the formation of Tony McGhee and New Covenant. Many will remember Tony as the distinctive vocal behind many of the Redeemed's greatest hits. Tony sang with the Rogersville, Tennessee-based Redeemed for 11 years. During those years, he was featured on songs such as "Calvary's the Reason Why," "Just On The Other Side," "It Will Pass," and "Listen, Sinner, Listen." During his days with the Redeemed, Tony developed a very unique country-flavored sound that no one else can mimic. Perhaps it is Tony's anointing that sets him apart. He allows the Holy Spirit to season every note, increasing his talent by leaps and bounds.

With voices that blend beyond compare, passions that have one common goal, and divine leading from above, Covenant is sure to be a new

establishment that follows the example of Christ's establishment.

Come and join us as we listen to this wonderful group.

Church Web Site

In an effort to reach more people and provide additional communication, our church has developed a website. On our site you find our service schedule, upcoming events, announcements, information about our ministries and missions, and much, much more. We ask you to visit our new site at www.sccbaptistchurch.org and we welcome your comments and suggestions for other items that would make the website more beneficial. The site is up and running. Please visit our web site.

Church Cookbooks

"Homemade With Love" We still have plenty of our church cookbooks. You may purchase them at the church office anytime. The cost is \$10.00.

News From The Youth Pastor

God is working powerfully in our youth at Swords Creek Community Baptist Church. The Valentine Banquet was a big success. With entrees and decorations making people think they were dining at the Olive Garden, everyone had a really good time. We were able to raise money to help the youth for this summer's youth trips. We also would to thank everyone that helped cook and decorate, we could not have done it without you.

The youth also went to a concert called "Winter Jam" where there were performers such as Toby Mac, Crystal Myers, Zoegirl, Newsong and Newsboys. The next big event we are looking forward to is the Casting Crowns concert March 11th. We will also be having a Youth Revival in April. The Junior Youth Group started and things are going great. They are doing a study called "Experiencing God" and they look forward to becoming closer to God.

In His Service
Jacob and Tiffany Musick

Welcome New Members

Steve Young
Wanda Gent
Glenn & Dorothy Hubbard
Jennifer Easton
Selena Woodward
Todd Smith


**The Will of God Will Never Take You To
Where The Grace of God Will Not Protect
You.**

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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

	<u>Sunday</u>		
	Sunday School	10:00 AM	
	Morning Worship	11:00	
AM	Children's Church		
	Adult Choir Practice	after PM Service	
	Evening Worship	6:00	
PM			
	<u>Wednesday</u>		
	Bible Study	7:00	PM
	Youth	7:00	PM
	Children's Program (G-Force)	7:00	PM



KIDS NEWS

The children had a blast at Church E Cheese. We had a total of twenty-two kids. I would like to thank the parents who helped with the outing.

During the Sunday Morning worship the older children have their own worship service. We sing praise and worship songs, take up an offering, have prayer requests and prayer, and have a kid's message. The two and three year old class will start a new curriculum next month. We appreciate Erica and Danna for working last month. This month is Mike and Jennifer Helbert.

The Team Kids Club will get to spend their hard earned stickers at the end of March. Their teacher for the months of April, May, and June will be Jeanine Harris. I would like to thank Shirley Howard &

Charlotte Hess for working this past three months. The Wednesday night program is growing. I appreciate Hazel Phillips, Lynn Melchor, and Helena Smith for their dedication on Wednesday nights. Their new teacher for April, May, and June will again be Hazel and Helen.

We are always in need of workers. If you feel like God is calling you to help with the children's programs, please see Gale Carter or Melissa Honaker.

There will be Easter activities for the children in April. More information will be in an upcoming bulletin. Please keep the children's program in your prayers.

In Christ Love,
Gale Carter

A Note From The Associate Pastor

I would like to take this time to thank all of you for welcoming myself, Aaron as Associate Pastor, Minister of Outreach and Visitation, and my wife Rita, our 2 children Keshia 17 and BeBo 13, to be a part of your church family. I look forward to working with all of you for God. I was officially on staff with the church on February 23, 2006 and the visitation part has gone well. I have had the opportunity to meet and visit with several people who are members of the church and also non-members. I have not had the opportunity to work much with outreach. There needs to be a VISION for outreach. We need to REACH OUT to people for JESUS. I am excited about the vision I have to share with the church. There will be a lot of opportunities for involvement in outreach—REACH OUT. If you have ideas or comments you can contact me on the church web site, or feesera@sccbaptistchurch.org. Here is my phone # 276-873-4663, call if you need to.

Serving Christ
Aaron