

FROM OUR PASTOR

SALEMBAPTISTCHURCH March 2011

March

NEWSLETTER



Flowing Out

by Brett Mask

In a seminary class on Biblical Archeology, we learned about why the Dead Sea is called “dead.” There is a simple explanation that involves the reality that the altitude of the surface water of the Dead Sea is so far below sea level (1,388 feet) that there is no place for the the water to flow out. It is rare for this to happen in such a large body of water, and the reason that it is so rare is because this is actually the lowest point of altitude on the face of the earth.

As sediment and minerals have entered this body of water without any place to flow out, it has created an “overloaded” water supply. Minerals and sediment are extremely important in maintaining a vibrant and healthy water supply, but too much is deadly. For a body of water to be healthy, there must be a supply of these important elements and a place where they can be “passed down stream” too. The Jordan River supplies the needed resources, but this 42 mile long sea is without any significant animal or plant life because there is nothing “down stream” of the Dead Sea.

Just like bodies of water, Christians are in danger of “dying” when there isn’t a

place for all the good stuff in their lives to be passed along. We must have the capacity to “pass along” some of the good that we receive from Christ, the Bible, and the Church. It’s called “service,” and Jesus called us to a live of service for the sake of the Gospel. He even came to the earth to show us this example so that we wouldn’t suffer the same fate as the Dead Sea.

“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life - a ransom for many.”

As we find opportunities to serve in the local church, in the local community, and even to the ends of the earth, let us remember the lesson of the Dead Sea. Let us make sure that we are allowing the grace, love, and mercy of the Lord to “flow out of our lives.” If we don’t, then we are in danger of being “dead” and useless for the Kingdom of God.

In Christ,
Pastor Brett

What it Means to Be Excited

By Brody Bearden

Trees are starting to bloom. You can smell it...even before you see it. ESPN is covering more and more baseball. The days are getting warmer (for the most part) and the time has finally changed. In other news, that means it's finally kickball season again in youth group, but I digress. All of these things excite me. Spring excites me.

Whenever I begin to slow down to pull in my driveway from off of Old Lexington Road, our dog Satchel jumps up from his afternoon slumbers and begins to run uncontrollable circles around the yard. He can tell it is me by the sound of my truck and he immediately races to his nearest tennis ball and for lack of a better term, goes crazy. He's excited to see his master.

So here's a question: What excites you?
What does it mean to be excited?

There are so many little things in life that I believe were put on this earth simply for our enjoyment and pleasure...chocolate, baby giggles, sunsets, fainting goats, KEBA, for example...but each and everyone of those are only a glimpse of the excitement that we should have when we get to spend time with Jesus, our master.

We read in Psalm 37:4, "Delight yourself in the LORD and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: HE will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun."

When we delight in the Lord, when we are excited to be with Jesus, it's then that the things of our heart, the desires of our heart are met.

That's what it means to be excited. Because the little things are great. The little things in this world are incredible and exciting and entertaining. But the big thing, the exciting thing is that we, you and me, have the ability and the privilege to spend time with, to talk to, to have a relationship with the creator of the Universe and the Savior of our hearts. We have the excitement and life-giving joy of reading His word and living it out. Be excited.

My challenge and hope for you this month is that you will appreciate the small things, but more importantly that you will be excited to spend time in the Word. My hope is that you will be excited to share your day with the Jesus who has saved you from your sins. My desire is that you will be excited, maybe even go a little crazy, because your heart is absolutely bursting at the seams because you see your master pulling in the proverbial driveway and you know that you get to spend some time with Him.

Peace, Love, Christ
Brody

8th Annual YOUTH Auction
6pm
Saturday, March 19th
Cost: \$7
All funds go to support summer
missions to Alaska

Upcoming Events

April 4th-8th - Spring Break
April 9th - Braves Game
April 23rd - Easter Egg Hunt

May 6th - Malibu Grand Prix
Lock-in
June 6th - 10th - Impact
Camp

SALEMBAPTISTCHURCH March 2010
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Salem Baptist

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27 DNow 2011 Brent Dellinger 10am - SS & 5:30pm - David's 6:30pm - Youth	28	1	2 6:30pm - Adult Bible 6:30pm - EDGE	3	4	5
6 Women's Bible 10am - SS & 12:30pm - Alaska 5:30pm - David's 6:30pm - Youth	7 Heather Hansford	8 Heather Mize BDay	9 6:30pm - Adult Bible 6:30pm - EDGE	10 Sarah Paul BDay Savannah Dills BDay	11 Student Holiday	12
13 10am - SS & 12:20pm - Alaska 5:30pm - David's 6:30pm - Youth	14	15	16 Ali Barnes BDay 6:30pm - Adult Bible 6:30pm - EDGE	17 Kelli Smith BDay	18 Jolie Meyen BDay Little David Bridges	19 6pm - Youth Auction
20 10am - SS & 5:30pm - David's 6:30pm - Youth	21	22	23 6:30pm - Adult Bible 6:30pm - EDGE	24 Sabrina Peterman	25	26
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Don't forget to check the website for updated prayer lists, recent sermons from Pastor Brett, and other pertinent information as it comes available.

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| Brooke Bentley | Jane Briggs | Jean Hayes |
| Eddie Boswell | John Faz | Angela Nelms |
| Zelda Buckman | Dawn Howard | Ned Sanders |
| Earlene Abbott & Family | Audrey Lewis | Randy Prichard |
| Bessie Mae Paradise | Dennis Pitts | Jo Watkins |
| Della Paradise | Barbara Wolfe | Benson Justice |
| Bill Paradise | Donald Day | Joyce Parker |
| Mitchell Family | Vance Boring | Carolyn Paradise |
| Tonya Virtue | Pat Fortson | Betty Woodward |
| William Prichard | Angie Haynie | Jerome Bradshaw |
| Our Economy | Ralph Huff | Maria Bridges |
| Our Government | Jean Channell | Mildred Sanders |
| Our Military | Randy Power | Doris Graham |
| Our Schools | Rebecca Armour | Gladys Slay |
| Bobby & Suzanne | Sue Ellen Buckman | Jennie Evans |
| Whitfield | Marilyn Mattox | Dot Parkingson |
| Dale Bradford | Mike Power | Inez Rogers Family |
| Ayden Gailey | Louise Massey | Bobby Maxwell |
| Albert Paradise | Josh Mixon | Kay Albright |
| Nancy Godfrey | Eilene Forbes | |
| | Janice Gilbert | |

Easter Cantata Preparation
Our Choir is preparing for the upcoming East cantata and would love to have you be a part. Come on out to practice on Sunday nights from 6:30-7:30

Alaska Mission Trip
Please be praying for all of our preparations to go on the Alaska Mission Trip this summer from July 20-27th.