

FROM OUR PASTOR

SALEMBAPTISTCHURCH September 2011

September
NEWSLETTER



From Vultures to Hummingbirds

by Brett Mask

Newness is upon us. The new school year has already started for students and teachers. A new season of the year is coming soon, and most of us can't wait until it arrives. As a church, we've got new members. Next month we will begin a new church year. Everyday we get a fresh start because we start a new day, but most of all scripture tells us that "His mercies are new every morning."

I wonder how many of us truly live out that reality? How many of our attitudes and actions reflect the fact that God's mercies are new every morning? How many of us face the day looking for at life with gratefulness?

Attitude is so important in life. And Christians should be the most visible when it comes to a group of people having a great attitude.

**Great is His faithfulness; His mercies begin afresh each morning.
Lamentations 3:23 (NLT)**

Both the hummingbird and the vulture fly over our nation's deserts. All vultures see is rotting meat, because that is what they look for. They thrive on that diet. But hummingbirds ignore the smelly flesh of dead animals. Instead, they look for the colorful blossoms of desert plants.

The vultures live on what was. They live on the past. They fill themselves with what is dead and gone. But hummingbirds live on what is. They seek new life. They fill themselves with freshness and life. Each bird finds what it is looking for. We all do.

I just want to encourage you to seek everyday in every way the new mercies that God gives us. Don't live in regret of the past. Don't live in fear of the future. Live in the mercies that are new every morning. God wants us to live our Christian lives to the fullest and for His Glory, so don't be a vulture in this life.

In Christ,
Pastor Brett

I Believe

By Brody Bearden



I believe in God's Word.

I believe all scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness. (2 Timothy 3:16)

I believe that if YOU have a relationship with Jesus, these things are true...

I believe that God's plan for your life is greater than your own. Success is not found in control, but in surrender to Him.

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us (Ephesians 3:20)

I believe that if God brought you to it, then He will lead you through it.

He always finishes what He starts.

Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:6)

I believe that there will be times in your life that you are going to have to leave your comfort zone and step into the unknown.

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see...And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him. (Hebrews 11:1,6)

I believe that we cannot do life alone. God places people in our lives to encourage AND challenge us.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Hebrews 10:24-25)

I believe that God really does work out ALL THINGS for His glory and our good.

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. (Romans 8:28)

I believe that you cannot separate yourself from the love of God.

He doesn't love us based on our performance, but rather our position as His children.

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 8:38-39)

I believe that you can do what you think you can't do but feel like God keeps telling you that you've got to do.

I can do everything through him who gives me strength. (Philippians 4:13)

I believe. How about you?

Small Groups have begun
Sunday Nights @ 6:30pm
See Brody for more details

Youth Leadership Meets
every Wednesday Night
@ 5:30pm

Secret Church
November 4th
6pm - until

Children's Church
Schedule for September

September 4 - Brody & Trisha Bearden
September 11 - Sharon & Shannon Peterman
September 18 - Maggie Faz
September 25 - Gloria Peterman



Nursery
Schedule for September

September 4 - Shannon Peterman
September 11 - Rita Tompkins & Murphie Davis
September 18 - Sam & Caroline Paradise
September 25 - Heather & Debbie Hansford



Choir

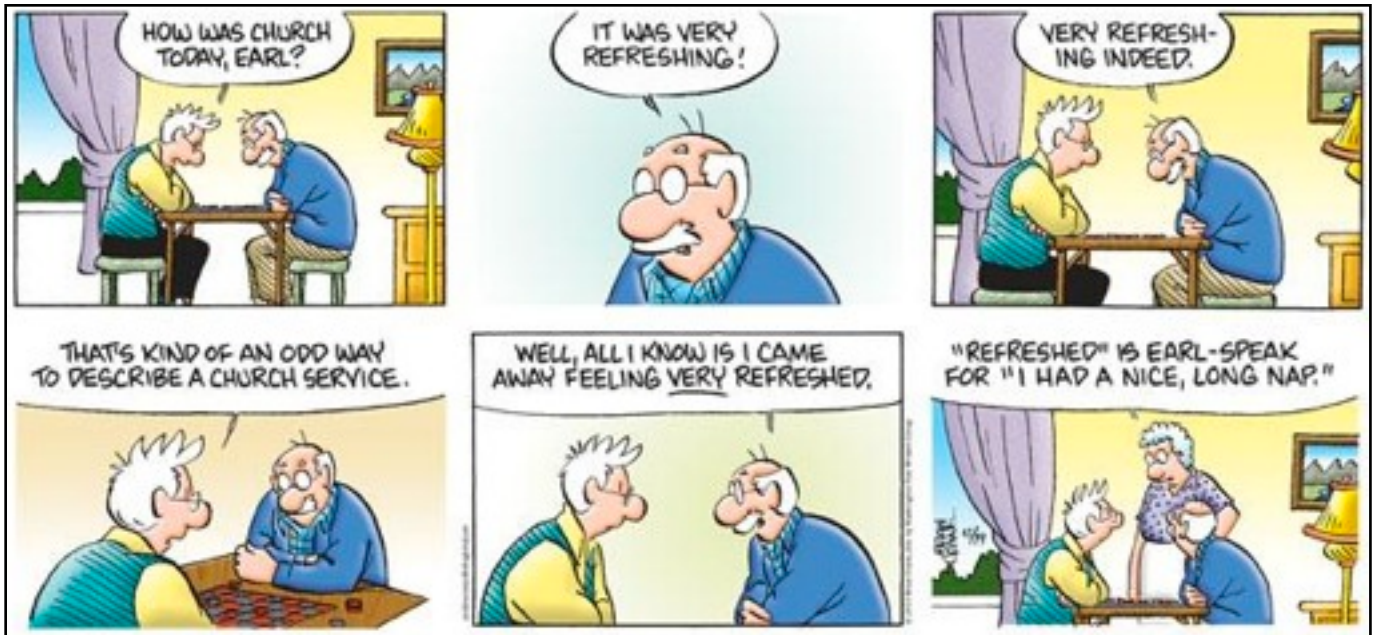
The CHOIR will begin practicing for our Christmas Cantata in September. Please let Gina know if you would be interested in joining us so that we can order books for everyone!



September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Tina Nation - 9/2
Kathi & Chuck Davis - 9/2
Audrey Thaxton - 9/5
Gloria Bridges - 9/6
Jasmine Mendez - 9/7
Walter Bridges - 9/8
David Bridges - 9/9
Chuck Davis - 9/9
Carl & Linda Young - 9/10
Tom Cook - 9/11
Peggy Justice - 9/12
Charlie Davis - 9/16

Maisie Sanders - 9/16
Margaret Peterman - 9/17
Danny Sanders - 9/18
Sambo Paradise - 9/19
Caroline Paradise - 9/21
Melissa Bridges - 9/22
Rachel Postin Witt - 9/26
Anel & Russell Utely - 9/26
Jack Howard - 9/26
Claire Sanders - 9/29
Wheeler Bryant - 9/30



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