



April Missions

Jed & Renee Gourley

The Board of Missions, Sunday School Class and individuals in our church currently support Jed & Renee Gourley with prayers and financial support. It is exciting to witness how God is using our missionaries to lead people to the saving knowledge of Christ.

Jed and Renee co-minister to the people of Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Their partners on this mission field is Renee's sister, Melanie and her husband Paul Billings. They work well as a team, and if one couple needs to be away for a short time, the other partner can continue the work they are called to do.

The Gourley's shared recently that there is a renewal in Kyrgyzstan and Jed states that "God has done open heart surgery" among the people and hearts are being healed!

We respect and appreciate the ministry

of the Gourley's and we are very glad to be a part of it through our mission giving and our faithful prayers.

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Easter Schedule

Good Friday, April 22nd, Service 6:00

Easter Sunday, April 24th

9:30 Fellowship & 10:30 Easter Service

Easter Offerings:

Women's Resource Center, FISH Financial Division, Gourley Plumbing Project

Opening Day—Pastor Isaac

The air smelled like wet dirt, a smell that made grass grow and kids run in circles. The breeze was cool blowing in from the outfield, swirling over the infield and sighing through the backstop. The players were eager almost giddy with excitement. The long winter was over and spring was on it's way. The first day of baseball season had finally arrived.

The diamond looked like it had been beaten with a sledge hammer. Each base path was unique, each base had it's own special position and angle of attack. Also the entire field sloped upward so once you got to second it was all

downhill. First base was a piece of buried pipe that stuck up about a foot into the air. It was almost directly right of home-plate, making the run to first quick and simple. Second base was the yellow slide located in the outfield, about 3x as far as the run to first, uphill. Second was a challenge. Third base was the utility pole with only a steep hill between you and home plate. The run into home was not only short but it was also downhill, making the catcher's job that much more difficult. Collisions at the plate could prove deadly.

The base paths were almost orthodox in comparison to the teams. There were no names or

mascots, uniforms or managers, only players. The team at-bat consisted of only one actual person and an entire roster of ghost-men. The person would hit and run and then return to bat again leaving behind an invisible ghost-man to run the bases. This procedure worked fine until the ghost-men started getting wild. These untaggable players were known to steel bases between pitches, to go all the way home after a single. There were some games that were decided by the blinding speed of ghost legs and the uncanny ability of ghost arms to always reach the bag.

In the field there could be no ghost-men, the

Colossians 4:5,6

⁵ Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

II Timothy 2:3,4

³ Endure hardship with us like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ No one serving as a soldier gets involved in civilian affairs—he wants to please his commanding officer.

Pastor Isaac continued . . .

team had to be content with the players that they had. The pitcher was very unskilled, forcing the batter to swing at anything that even came close to a strike. Dirt balls were also acceptable to hit, golf-style; beggars can't be choosers. Backing the pitcher up were three infielders, the outfield was only played by necessity. The first baseman played a position about half way between first and second. From this spot the fielder could actually cover the entire infield and most of the outfield. The third baseman usually sat directly on the base and dug holes in the dirt with a stick. Sometimes the fielder would stop digging and actually chase the ball, yell at the batter or try to trip the ghost-men as they ran past. However, the third basemen also had a very short attention span and so after about half an inning would usually leave the position and go swing. The short-stop was the

only member of the defense with any actual gear. When the ball was hit he would chase it down with a little green and yellow plastic wheelbarrow, stop, put the ball in, and then run it back to the pitcher. It would have been almost impossible to get any outs but the human batter quickly became greedy and tried to stretch every hit into a home-run, this kept the game interesting.

The problem with sports is that they quickly demonstrate our sin. The short-stop decided that he should be the only one to field the ball, and would cry hysterically if anyone else made a play. This made the first baseman angry causing her to express her frustration at her team-mates who were either crying or blissfully swinging. The batter just wanted to keep hitting and did not like having to deal with personality issues from his opponents. Finally the pitcher decided that it was time to bring opening day to a

close. Then the only players who were not upset were the ghost-men; who seemed to be perfectly content to quit for the day.

Sports are serious business. We have been blessed by God with this gift and we often neglect gratitude. Sports are an opportunity for time with kids and grandkids, a precious gift indeed. Sports provide us with the chance to see our sin displayed, so that we can repent and turn to Christ. Sports can be used by God to develop his character in us, as we win, lose, work and sacrifice. Sports can also be an opportunity for the gospel, to talk and share in the lives of people you might not have met otherwise, or people who we see all the time. Sports are serious business, so don't get distracted by all the trappings that are neither serious nor our business.

From the Keys of Linda Wilson

In previous articles I have shared biographies of past hymn writers and now I would like to share some information on a modern-day songwriter whose music we often sing in our second service:

Every believer has signposts for their journey in faith. The day we encounter our Savior. The challenges that uncover our deep need for Him. The moments we experience God's faithfulness.

For Paul Baloché, this spiritual journey is marked by songs. But not just any songs. Music that has moved from personal touchstones to collective signposts for the church. Intimate prayers that have become global anthems for millions of believers. Songs birthed from his journey that reflect our own.

"Songwriting is a big part of my spiritual life," Paul shares. "It helps me go deeper with God. It helps me fix my mind on Jesus, to set my mind on things above. It keeps my own heart fresh and alive, for myself, my family, and the church."

In Paul's spiritual walk, the church is both a beacon and the passion that fuels his own jour-

ney.

"When I'm writing songs," Paul says, "I think, 'Will this help the church worship God? Will this help people connect with Him?'"

And the church has responded. Paul is one of the most acclaimed worship artists and songwriters of our time. A two-time Dove Award winner and multiple nominee. The artist of radio standards including "Because of Your Love," "Hosanna (Praise is Rising)," and "Our God Saves." The writer of top-ranking CCLI songs and modern-day classics such as "Above All," "Open the Eyes of My Heart," and "Your Name." In short, Paul writes songs that the church sings. It's a calling he doesn't take lightly.

"When I'm writing worship songs," Paul notes, "I realize that I'm putting words into the mouths of God's people. I'm giving them a vocabulary to sing back to God. And when they sing those words, hopefully it will act as a catalyst in their heart, so something will happen in them. Because when we sing something, it goes down deep into our soul."

Now Paul is celebrating 20 years as the worship pastor at Community Fellowship in Lindale, Texas. It's a testament to Paul's commitment to community, in both the local church and the body of Christ.

"It's an excuse and a reason to force my heart to go deeper, to reach down and say, 'What do I believe now? What's going on in my heart for real?' I don't want to just say words and phrases. So when I sing it, I believe it."

Twenty years of music ministry. Twenty-three years of marriage. Nine worship recordings. Countless beloved songs. All remarkable signposts on a remarkable journey. As Paul reflects on the road so far, he remains committed as ever to what matters most.

"I'm just trying to press into God, to keep my own heart right, and to encourage and help the church worship."

*Excerpts taken from
an article at
www.leadworship.com*

ABW Spring Conference—Monday, 11th

We will meet at New Market First Baptist Church on April 11th. Guest speaker will be Roxie Hobbs, Coordinator of Church and Community for the state. Registration will

start at 8:30 am with breakfast being served at 9:00 am. Crawfordville First Baptist will provide Special Music.

Plan to join us for worship, fellowship, and infor-

mation. If you will need child care, please contact either Georgia Phelps 866-0734 or Pat Snow 362-6919.

Edna Martin Circle

You are invited to join the ABW Edna Martin Circle Tuesday, April 12th, at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall of the church as we begin a new series on the ABW theme, "Women...Destined for God's Purpose," as we focus on the women of the Bible.

This month Mary Jane Porter will present the lesson as we focus on Eve ~ "Mother of All Who Have Life." Eve came into the world perfectly at peace with her God and with her husband, the only other person on the planet. She lived in Paradise, possessing every pleasure imaginable. She never knew the meaning of

embarrassment, misunderstanding, hurt, estrangement, envy, bitterness, grief, or guilt until she listened to her enemy and began to doubt God. Linda Graham will present a Mission Moment on the John Martens. Ruby Sterrett will be hosting.

Our community outreach opportunity for April is St. Clare Medical Center. Suggested items to share are children's books – Bible story books and others, coloring books with crayons, and small stuffed animals. This opportunity is available to all women of the church. Items may be given to

Marge Hughes or Mary Jane Porter.

Edna Martin Circle is available to any woman in our church who has a heart for missions, wishes to participate in learning more about the ministry of American Baptist Women, and desires to share in Christian fellowship with other women. Please join with us. For further information, please phone Mary Jane Porter, 362-6687.



Guiding Light—March News

We had 94 kids enrolled this month, 64 daycare and 30 afterschool. Our topic for the month was God gives us flowers.

Financial information: We currently owe about \$2,625 to the church. We are currently helping students with financial assistance from the scholarship fund. We do

have money left in our scholarship fund if you know of any children that need daycare.

Upcoming Events: Spring Break is the week of April 4th.

We currently have fifteen kids signed up. We will be going to Chuckie Cheese and the movies. Everyone is excited to have our school age spend the week with us.

Continuing to Serve,

Julie and the Guiding Light Staff



Library News

The Berean Discussion Class has placed a book in the Library in loving memory of Charlie Kenny who went home to be with the Lord on January 26, 2011. A children's book written by Tony &

Lauren Dungy, You Can Be A Friend, is a delightful book which will help any parent explain that having limitations can never limit the boundaries of friendship.

Charlie's warm smile and helping hands will be missed. Over the years Charlie served in many different areas of service at the church.

Passion Groups April 18

10:00 am - Marge Hughes at her home 1473 W Deer Cliff Drive

7:00 pm - Patti Kinslow at Jerri Conner's 609 Penn Drive

April 19

7:00 pm - Nancy Kline at her home—2459 W Del Mar Drive

Note from the Congregation

First Baptist Family,
There is not room on this page to list the wonderful things that FBC has done for us during and after the passing of Charlie. Individuals, Committees, Berean SS class, Circle, etc and even past members of our church living in other states have gone beyond what I could have imagined.

I wouldn't want any-

one to go through what we have but I would want them to experience the love and compassion that we have during this time.

God bless each one of you in a special way.

Emogene & Family

First Baptist Church

I want to thank all for cards & Prayers. Thank you for being at the hospital Isaac & Dick VanArsdel. I'm doing fine and hope to do better.

Janet Allen

New Address:

Dale & Cindy
Thompson
7901 Baymeadows
Circle East #436
Jacksonville, FL
32256

Camp Registration Forms and Schedules

Please follow these very important instructions:

1. Fill out **ENTIRE** registration form.
2. Be sure to mark the proper camp dates and location.
3. Make a check out for at least \$25.00 payable to **ABC/IN-KY**. On memo line put camper's name and name of camp and dates.
4. Make a copy of **ONLY** the front page of the registration form and place in **Board of C.E. mailbox** or give to **Marge Hughes**.
5. You are responsible for mailing the registration form with the initial pay-

ment of \$25.00 or more.

Please take note of the special **DISCOUNTS** and **DEADLINES:**

All camp registrations **must be received at least (2) two weeks before** the attending session week. \$25 is necessary to hold a registration spot.

Early Registration Discount

May 1, 2011 Postmark - \$10.00

Family Discount

- First child camper pays full price
- Additional family registered campers will sub-

tract \$10 from the fee.

Please Note:

FBC will pay half of the camp fee for members and/or active attendees of FBC (example: Camp fee = \$200; FBC pays \$100 - camper pays registration fee and what is left after any additional discounts).

The FBC portion of the camp fee will be paid **ONLY AFTER** receiving a copy of the front page of the registration form.

There is an ongoing CAMP SCHOLARSHIP FUND that persons may contribute any amounts to throughout the year.

Indian Creek 2010			Camp Tippy 2010		
<u>Session</u>	<u>Grade/Age</u>	<u>Dates</u>	<u>Session</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Young Adult	19-25	June 2-4	Explorer	1st - 2nd	June 12-16
Backpacking A	10th - 11th	June 5-11	First Timers	K - 1st	June 17-18
Teen	9th - 10th	June 5-11	Trailblazer	5th - 6th	June 19-25
Backpacking B	8th - 9th	June 12-18	M.A.D.	7th - 12th	June 26-2
Trailblazer	5th - 6th	June 12-18	Outdoor Adventure	7th - 8th	June 26-2
Backpacking C	6th - 7th	June 19-23	Leadership	7th - 10th	July 5-9
Explorer	2nd - 3rd	June 19-21	Sr High	9th - grad	July 10-16
Discovery A	3rd - 4th	June 22-25	Challenge	7th - 8th	July 17-23
Senior High	11th - grad	June 26-2	Discovery	3rd - 4th	July 24-30
Special Persons	14yrs - up	July 3-7	Golf Camp	2nd - 6th	July 31-6
First Timers	K - 1st	July 8-9	College Student		August 5-7
Challenge	7th - 8th	July 10-16			
Focus	6th - 9th	July 17-23			
Discovery B	4th - 5th	July 17-23			

APRIL CALENDAR

- 5 Hands & Hearts 5:30
- 6 NO DINNER OR BIBLE STUDY
- 7 GLCCM Meeting 5:00
- 12 Edna Martin Circle 9:00
- 14 Foster Parents 6:00
- 21 Keenagers Trip
- 22 Good Friday Service 6:00
- 25 Keenagers Assemble Newsletter
- 29 CACHE 6

WEEKLY

- Monday—Handbells 6, Choir 7
- Tuesday—Visions of Praise 6:30
- Wednesday—Bible Study
- Thursday—Grapevine Dancers 7

Morris Davis—liver cancer
Ray Seale—spinal stenosis, polyneuropathy
Pat Seale—bruising and pain from fall
Dianna Waye—heart attack
Heiger Triplets—born early
Rob Carey's grandson—open heart surgery at 1 month
Phil Hunter—pneumonia
Emogene Kenny—sick
Melanie Malosky—complications from delivery
Joanne Heiger—vasculitis
Shawntel Prince—Lupus, anemic
Jessie Gillespie—in Ja-

pan
People of Japan
Walter Terry—pneumonia
Bonnie Terry—bruising and pain from fall
Jean Keys—chest pains
Clark Holt—amputation
Michael Funk—2nd bone marrow surgery
Dick Ames—effects of radiation treatments
Extended prayer needed:
Don Nevitt—cancer
Jim Conger—cancer

Our deepest sympathy to the families of:
Bill Couch
Joe Cunningham
Mae Priest
Margaret Plank
Barger Infant

April Birthdays & Anniversaries

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| 2 Diane Conger | David Carver | 1 David & Dottie Kincaid |
| 3 Cherlyn Hunter | Julie Mitchell | Jerry & Wanda Harshbarger |
| David Wilson | 21 Marcus Hutson | 3 Walter & Bonnie Terry |
| Thomas Booker | Abby Henderson | 7 Bill & Susie Locker |
| Jami Booker | 22 Kay Moore | 11 Ed & Jan Furr |
| 6 CJ Brooks | Duffy Thornburg Jr. | 13 Michael & Suzanne Kincaid |
| Jean Keys | 23 Roselyn Anderson | 19 Phillip & Denise Cochren |
| 7 Nathan Gable | Dianna Personett | 20 Steve & Martie Akers |
| 8 Sharon McClure | Glenna Nevitt | |
| 9 Adaline Zull | Lydia Smith | |
| 11 Theresa McCracken | 25 Cindy Whitaker | |
| 14 Sheryl Sexton | 26 Diana Hester | |
| Stephanie Pool | Sandra Booker | |
| 15 Pam Weliever | Joshua Patton | |
| 16 Lesa Henderson | Jay Strickland | |
| 17 Marci Pittman | Rylee Thornburg | |
| 19 Olive Steele | 28 Debbie Lucas | |