

April 2013

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Alpha House "Baby Shower" Month</p>	1	2	<p>3 10:30am Worship at SNH 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	<p>4 4:30pm Handbell Choir Practice</p>	<p>5 7:00pm WMU Spring Gathering at First Baptist Church, Bolivar</p>	6
<p>7 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 5:00pm Trustees 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 7:00pm Benevolence</p>	8	<p>9 7:00pm MLBA Executive Board Meeting - Caplinger Mills</p>	<p>10 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	<p>11 4:30pm Handbell Choir Practice</p>	<p>12</p> <div data-bbox="1446 743 1943 808" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>WMU "Missions Celebration" 2013 Annual Meeting First Baptist Church, Warrensburg MO</p> </div>	<p>13</p>
<p>14 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 8:00pm Business Meeting</p>	15	16	<p>17 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	<p>18 4:30pm Handbell Choir Practice</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 7:00am Men's Prayer Breakfast</p> <p>Alpha House Run/Walk for Life— Registration begins at 8:00am Event begins at 9:00am</p>
<p>21 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults</p>	22	23	<p>24 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children</p>	<p>25 4:30pm Handbell Choir Practice</p>	26	27
<p>28 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 8:00pm Deacon's Meeting</p>	<p>29</p> <div data-bbox="344 1485 854 1518" style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> <p>Meals On Wheels—April 29th thru May 3rd</p> </div>	30				

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Birthdays of the Month

4. Kenny Turner
6. Brian Ewing
9. Norma Jefferson
10. Sid Kinyon
Raelyn Henderson
11. Ellen Ewing
15. Tom Ewing
19. Dorothy Mantonya
Josh Ewing
20. Cahill Creek
26. Renée Roller
SarraH Hottes
26. Al Saathoff
27. Rachel Noblett
30. Mindy Pelfry

Anniversaries of the Month

6. Terry & Sno Benson
7. Ken & Stacie Spurgeon
9. Brad & Sharon Belcher
10. Richard & Myrna Chism



“Michelle, Michelle. You are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed.”

When I volunteered to write this, it seemed like a good thing to share the work God has been doing in my heart. Through my quiet time, Sunday school and our Ladies Bible Study I have been studying about Joshua, the Acts of the early church as well as Mary and Martha. I was excited to share how God is speaking the same spiritual truths in each piece of writing through different people in our church body. I began praying, preparing and reading. I spent hours writing and rewriting. There were so many amazing things God was saying that none could be left out. I worked and worked to put it all together. Eventually I became distracted by trying to make every detail perfect for Him. Surely He cared about how every line was worded for you. However, it was becoming impossible to accomplish this because I wanted to put so much in such a tiny space. I even became a bit cranky with those around me because of my frustration. Is any of this sounding familiar to you? I am sure you caught on more quickly than I. Finally Jesus’ words to his friend, “You are worried about many things”, slapped me in the face. I was behaving just like Martha! True to the Martha in Luke 10:38-42, the work that started out as an act of love and service became a burden. She (and I) wanted to *do* something good, but somewhere in the middle of the work, we lost sight of what was most important - spending time with Him.

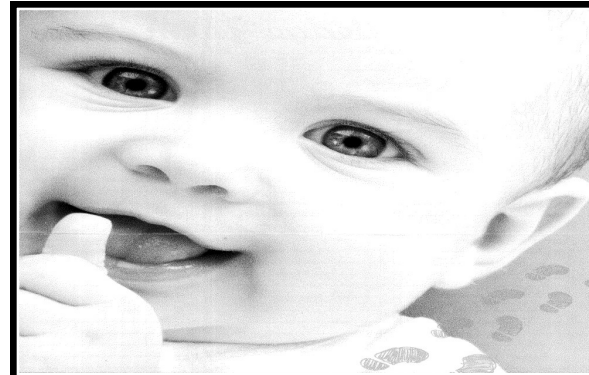
Just like Martha, we are all sometimes guilty of being distracted by “many things”. On a personal level as well as a church body, we may do what we think needs to be done instead of what He desires. We spend hours fretting over preparations for our family, commitments, finances, activities (including church ones), finding a pastor or increasing church attendance when all we really need to *do* is just sit at His feet and listen to His word like Mary. The many things

we are concerned with are not necessarily bad. Neither were the things that Martha was concerned with. They just aren’t always necessarily what God sees as necessary. She had a house full of guests and many responsibilities for taking care of them, just as we have responsibilities in our homes and at church. It was bothering Martha that these details were not being worked out to her liking, just as details in our homes and church may not be working out exactly how we had envisioned. However, Jesus made it clear to Martha that there was something more important than all of her work and busyness and devotion. Jesus said that what Mary had chosen was the better. The “better” was fellowship with Him.

Let’s choose the better part as Mary did, because that was the whole point of Jesus dying on the cross – for us to have a relationship with God. That is what He desires most for us. As we spend time at His feet, we will be filled with the Holy Spirit like those in Acts. When we are filled with the Holy Spirit, we will have victory like Joshua as he entered the Promised Land. That victory came to Joshua only when God’s people spent time in prayer, obeyed and trusted Him to take care of all the details instead of trying to do the work themselves. This is how we spend time at His feet. Listen to Him. Talk to Him. Read His word. Obey Him. Trust Him to do what He promises. When all we do is follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit, *He* will do far more abundantly than we could ask or think. (Ephesians 3:20) When that begins to happen in our lives, we will know we have chosen the better part, just as Mary did.

My prayer for all of us is that we become so close to Jesus by sitting at His feet that we hear the voice spoken of in Isaiah 30:21. *Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you saying, “This is the way, walk in it.”*

In His Love,
Michelle Wheeler



**7th Annual Alpha House
Run/Walk for Life
Saturday, April 20th
Registration Begins at 8:00a.m.
Event Begins at 9:00a.m.
On the SBU Campus**



Sportsman’s Banquet

6:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 4th
Here at FSBC in the CLC.

FREE TO AREA FAMILIES

Guest Speaker:
Jim Grabowski

Former SBU Bearcat & European League Basketball

Door Prizes: T-Shirts, Hats, DVDs, Tools, FCA Items, Bibles, Branson Show Tickets, KC Royals Tickets, Rams & Chiefs Items, SDC Tickets, MO Sports Hall of Fame Tickets, Food Certificates . . . Much More

Please sign up by April 22nd with the number of people you are bringing.

Men of the Church: A-L (Dessert), M-Z (Vegetable)

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