

Greeters

April 4 - Dick & Margaret Waite
 April 11 - Tim Mills and Lois Mears
 April 18 - Ginelle Ford and Caleb Scully



Children's Church: Amy St. Denis, Andre St. Denis, Gina Sweet
Nursery: Melinda Riddle and Alison Scully

Women's Bible Study's BIG NEW *change.*

Beginning April 6th meetings will be on **Tuesdays** rather than Wednesdays – still same time (**11:30 AM**), same place (**BFR**), same 1st and 3rd of the month. Write on your calendar now **WBS April 6th & 20th**. Midge will be bringing the lesson. Remember the hymn, "*Just a Closer Walk with Thee*"? If that is what you desire, make time for Bible study and prayer.

MISSION TRIP

Pastor Richard Shang of the **Baltimore Chinese Baptist Church** has invited us to partner with them in doing a **Vacation Bible School** for their church. The **VBS** is scheduled as a weekend event-**July 9 - 11, we will arrive there on July 8th and depart on July 12th**. If you are interested please contact Pastor George soon so plans can be made.

The **Christian Education Committee** wants to let you know that our Christian schools in this area having **Open Houses or tours**.

MVCS Open Houses:

Monday, April 12th, Friday, April 30th, Friday, May 21st
 (802-295-6800 for details or go to www.mvcs.info).

Websterville Baptist Christian School (802-479-0141) info at: www.wbcsvt.org. **Central Vermont Academy**, Barre, VT (802-479-0868) info at: www.centralvermontacademy.org

The captains of the Telephone Prayer chain are Jackie Dowd (728-9236) and Don Sweetser (728-9590). The purpose of the phone prayer chain is to respond quickly to hospitalised members and friends of the church or a death in the fellowship. There are nine other members of the phone prayer chain. Anyone interested in joining us should talk to Jackie or Don



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The Baptist Fellowship

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 802-728-5318

Pastor George Sweet
 728-3237

Church Office Hours: Tue-Fri 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

For Emergencies: Church Office, if no answer:
 Deacons

Ken Brown (234-9787)	Andy Davis (234-5001)
Tom Lyons (276-3366)	Tim Mills (728-9518)
Bob Scully (728-4680)	Andre St. Denis (728-5744)
Don Sweetser (728-9590)	

Pianist - Andra Mills
 Sunday

Sunday School for all ages	9:30 AM
Morning Worship Service	11:00 AM
Discipleship Training	6:00 PM

Dear Church Family and Friends,

Many of us this week have contemplated the love that Jesus Christ has for us. This morning let me discuss with you two important questions.

1) Why did Jesus have to die?

Why couldn't He have just issued a decree from heaven that people's sins are forgiven? Why couldn't He just have us read the Bible and sign a statement that we agree with it? Why couldn't we be saved by attending church a certain number of times? Why couldn't thinking good thoughts about Jesus save us? Why couldn't we continue to offer sacrifices as people did for so many years?

Jesus had to die for our sins because no other act could bring forgiveness and atonement. We did not need a pardon, we needed a substitute – someone to die in our place – because the debt of sin needed to be paid. We didn't need more knowledge or “good” works, we needed a Savior. We didn't need to continually offer sacrifices because the sacrifices were not sufficient or they would not have had to be offered repeatedly. We needed someone who was without sin to pay the penalty for our sin. The wages of sin is death and Jesus died to pay our debt. The Scripture says, “**Without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness,**” (Hebrews 9:22b).

2) Why is it important that Jesus rose from the dead?

A dead savior is a powerless savior. The apostle Paul wrote, “**If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. But now Christ has been raised from the dead!**” (1 Corinthians 15:19-20a). In the book that we are studying, we find this verse of encouragement: “**Therefore He is able also to save forever those who draw near to God through Him, since He always lives to make intercession for them,**” (Hebrews 7:25).

Let us never forget the great treasure that we have in our Savior Jesus Christ. May He continue to bless you richly.

Pastor George



April Birthdays

3 - Ginelle Ford 4 - Matthew Riddle
5 - Evan Ellis 13 - Scott Gaylord
15 - Caleb Scully
17 - Janice Brown, Melissa Kendall
18 - Cameron Mills
21 - Jane Lane, Gus Johnson
30 - Leah Scully, Pastor George,
Jeff Cook

<u>Months</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Oct - Feb</u>
General Offering Budget:	\$10,468	\$52,340
General Offering Received:	\$ 8,434	\$48,876
Annie Armstrong 2010	\$ 925.05	
Annie Armstrong 2009	\$ 1,806.00	

This Week's Events

Mon., Apr. 5, 6:30 PM - Bible Study (at Toler's)
Tues., Apr. 6, 11:30 AM - WBS and Service Luncheon
Tues., Apr. 6, 6:00 PM - Boys Brigade and Girls Alive!
Tues., Apr. 6, 6:00 PM - Praise Team rehearsal
Wed., Apr. 7, 5:00 PM - By-laws committee meeting
Wed., Apr. 7, 7:00 PM - Prayer Meeting
Thurs., Apr. 8, 7:00 PM - Bible Study (at Scully's)
Fri., Apr. 9, 11:00 AM - Bible Study (at Randolph House)
Fri., Apr. 9, 6:00 PM - **Shockwave** Jr. & Sr. High Fellowship
Sat., Apr. 10, 1:00 PM - Wedding
Sun., Apr. 11, 9:30 AM - Membership Class in Sanctuary
Sun., Apr. 11, 12:30 PM - April Birthday Luncheon
Sun., Apr. 11, 6:00 PM - Bible Study: Acts 2

Financial Peace University by Dave Ramsey.

Beginning on April 11, we will be having a money-management course built on biblical principles. The cost is \$93 per couple. See Pastor George for more details.