



SEAFORD BAPTIST CHURCH

FROM OUR PASTOR

by Michael Howard Jr., Senior Pastor

Dear Church,



In March, Pastor Ben and I had the opportunity to attend the Coram Deo Pastor's Conference in Charlotte, NC. It was a three day conference that covered care for your own soul as a pastor, doctrine, church history, suffering in ministry, dealing with politics in the church and caring for the flock. It was truly holistic and renewing for our souls. I'd like to give you three takeaways that I had coming out of the conference.

1. The sort of aggressive fight against lust that we Jesus speak of in Matthew 5:27-30 should also be applied to things like pride, self-pity, anger and other sins. This is a daily fight that pastors and all Christians must engage in!

2. Pastoral ministry is not easy, but Christ is renewing us day by day, so do not lose heart. This helpful truth was gleaned from John Piper's sermon on 2 Corinthians 4. It was maybe the best sermon I've ever heard on pastoral ministry and suffering.

3. Psalm-singing is training for heaven. The worship at the conference was breathtaking. We sang traditional hymns, modern hymns and songs and the Psalms. We sang from Psalm 29, Psalm 42 and Psalm 150 in particular. The Psalms are eternal tunes—the hymn book of Christ. They are the songs of heaven and they prepare us for eternity. We should all endeavor to sing the Psalter personally and with the congregation.

This was probably the best conference I ever attended. Ben and I were blessed by the sermons, panels, prayers and songs. We are thankful to you for sending us. We don't take that for granted and it is our prayer that you will feel the positive effect of it in our pastoral ministry.

For the Gospel, *Pastor Michael*

Dear SBC Family,

I would like to thank you for caring for the souls of your pastors by allowing Pastor Michael and I to attend the Coram Deo Conference. It was truly refreshing and energized both of us to continue striving to pastor before the face of God

This month, your worship ministry will be undertaking a recording project and we have already been hard at work preparing! The lyrics below were originally written by Pastor Michael in response to a text by a church member who enthusiastically declared, "Why not serve Him?". I was able to take his work and craft a tune setting with the help of our songwriting team. The message of this song fittingly encapsulates who we are as a congregation and we look forward to singing it together!

Soli Deo Gloria,



Why Not Serve Him

Verse 1

Why not serve Him?
He's the true and living One
Why not serve Him?
Through the power of the Son
He has a worth beyond compare
Serve Him, Serve Him, for His Kingdom is near
We are not worthy of the cross that You bore
We are not worthy of the rags that You wore
We are not worthy of the dust of Your feet
We will serve You, serve You, over thrones and kings

Verse 2

Why not serve Him?
He has formed you with his hands
Why not serve Him?
He has saved you with his plan
He has triumphed over death and sin
Serve Him, Serve Him, we proclaim again
We are not worthy of the grace that You show
We are not worthy of the kindness we know
We are not worthy of the wonders we see
We will serve You, serve You, over wealth and ease

Verse 3

Why not serve Him?
He is Master on His throne
Why not serve Him?
He is praying for His own
He has the name above all names,
Serve Him, serve Him without fear or shame
We are not worthy of the heart You reveal
We are not worthy of the Counselor's seal
We are not worthy of Your bountiful feast
We will serve You, serve You our Great High Priest

Verse 4

Why not serve Him?
He is coming on the clouds
Why not serve Him?
Every knee before Him bowed
He carries judgment in His hands
Serve Him, Serve Him, He is coming again
We are not worthy of what You have in store
We are not worthy of your promised reward
We are not worthy of our Savior and King
We will serve You, Serve You, 'til Your trumpets ring

Ending

We are made worthy by the cross that You/Christ bore
We are made worthy by Your flesh that was torn
We are made worthy, born of dust now your sheep
We will serve You, Serve You, our Shepherd and King

STUDENT MINISTRY

Contact: Sarah Sylvia (sarahbsylvia@gmail.com)

"For even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Mark 10:45



Our focus in Student Ministry in February was love - not as we understand it in our cultural terms; "I love pizza, I love sports," etc... but the kind of love that God demonstrates and demands.

"In March we focused on Jesus the servant, who loved and served his disciples, (even those who would betray him) and who willingly suffered and died for our sins. We talked about what service looks like in the local church and then we gave Students an opportunity to serve on Church workday and I would say message received! The Students not only showed up, but some of them brought a friend or a sibling, or both, and they worked hard on the new outdoor patio. It looks fantastic! I can't tell you what an encouragement it is to work with this group!



Our word for April is Sanctification and I would encourage parents and grandparents to look for what my family calls "Homeschool Moments," when we capitalize on some sort of lesson from school or church as we talk at home or in the car or go about life.

"Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6:4-7 - we talked about these verses (the Shema) in February too!!

We'll be heading to Maymont Park May 4. Please look for a sign up on the church app!

*Chris and Sarah Sylvia
& the Student Ministry Team*

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Contact: Kimberly Millner (kmillner@seafordbaptist.com)



God created us to be with Him

Our sins separate us from God

Sins cannot be removed by good deeds

Paying the price for sin, Jesus died and rose again

Everyone who trusts in Him alone has eternal life

Life with Jesus starts now and lasts forever



VBS VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP



Come and see ...

TOY TRAINS GALORE!



Free family event @ The Robinson's Home

Saturday, April 13 - 9 AM to 1 PM

connect@seafordbaptist.com for the address

SPRING-SUMMER FUN IDEAS

- Bicycles & Icicles
- Block Party
- Craft Night
- Bingo

Many thanks to those who attended the children's ministry parent meeting/lunch on March 17! Your ideas were appreciated and will be implemented. Watch Facebook for details! Plan to attend the next meeting/lunch on July 7!

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Thank you
FOR YOUR SUPPORT!



Family TRAINING

Digital Dominion

FIVE QUESTIONS CHRISTIANS SHOULD ASK TO TAKE CONTROL OF THEIR DIGITAL DEVICES

JEFF MINGEE

May 17, 2024

6:00-8:30 PM

REGISTER NOW



Grade 5-Adult
Child care available



Seaford Baptist Church
1311 Seaford Rd

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY (18-25 YEAR OLDS)

Contact: Michael Howard (mhoward@seafordbaptist.com)

Young Adult Sunday School: Every Sunday at 9am

Young Adults

WE CHANGED THE DAY!

Young Adults meetings have permanently changed
from Fridays to **Thursday** nights.

APRIL 4TH & APRIL 18TH

6:00 - 9:00 pm

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MICHAEL & KATIE HOWARD'S HOUSE

Email Pastor Michael at mhoward@seafordbaptist.com for questions
about our growing Young Adult Ministry

FOOD PANTRY

Contact : Beth Jackson (757) 570-2490 or jackbeth2@verizon.net

Praying everyone had a great Easter and celebration of Jesus resurrection. Thank you for your support and donations to the food pantry. We could not do this ministry without each and every one of you that support this mission and outreach. We are now serving 9 families (28 people to include adults and children). See the pictures with donations received recently from your generosity. If you would like to know more about this ministry I would be happy talk with you.

We can provide assistance to our SBC families, anyone related to our families, friends of our families and neighbors of our families. With the increased cost of food for families we are here to help. If you know someone that needs assistance, please have them contact the church office. Everything is very discreet in this ministry.

Non perishable food Items can be dropped off Sunday mornings during Bible Study or before Church Services, and Monday - Thursday from 8:30 AM - 4:30 PM. Please place any donations on the big Food Pantry cart in the lobby near the church office. If you are not able to shop you may also make a designated offering to the Food Pantry and we will do the shopping for you. If you are able to help with the items listed below from our food list it would be greatly appreciated by our families.

*Thank you,
Beth*



FOOD ITEM LIST: If you would prefer to shop here is a list of items needed: Cereal (cold), Instant Potatoes, Brownie Mix, Cake Mix and Frosting, Canned Fruit, Apple Sauce, Snacks (i.e. cookies, gold fish, graham crackers, crackers, fruit gummies snacks, chewy bars, small bags of chips, pretzels, cheese or peanut butter crackers), Rice (1lb), Dried Beans (Kidney, Pinto, 15 Bean), Pop-Tarts, Peanut Butter, Jelly (grape or strawberry),

[There is a Fall Food List on each of the signup tables in the church.](#)

ALL FOOD DONATIONS MUST HAVE AN EXPIRATION DATE ON THEM TO ALLOW US TO GIVE THEM TO THE FAMILIES WE SUPPORT) The donation must be within 6 months of the original expiration date. If we received food with no expiration date or a date past 6 months of the original date we must throw it out.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Contact: Shirley Flanagan (shirlflan@yahoo.com)
or Karen Hair (donkardoncuy@aol.com)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

Spring Luncheon
SATURDAY, APRIL 20th
11:30-1:30

Save the Date



Senior Adult Ministry

Dinner at the Hair's

Sunday, May 19th

5:00-7:00pm

See Shirley Flanagan or Karen Hair for more details

The advertisement features a background image of a colorful salad with tomatoes, cucumbers, and other vegetables. A semi-transparent yellow box is overlaid on the image, containing the text. A small white logo with a stylized 'S' is visible in the top right corner of the yellow box.

LIBRARY MINISTRY

DID YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS A LIBRARY HERE AT SBC?

IT IS LOCATED ON THE HALL BETWEEN THE DONUT ROOM AND THE CHURCH OFFICE.

We have:

Christian Fiction

Non-Fiction

Books for Children & Young Adults

Autobiographies

Devotionals

Reference books

DVDs

Audiobooks

There are no official library hours - pop in and browse whenever you want.

Checking out books is simple. Just log your name and book info in the notebook on the counter.

When you're done reading, drop your book(s) into the Book Return box and we will check it back in and re-shelve it.

Swing by next time you're at SBC and see what's available. You're sure to find something interesting!

Contact Julia Gardner 423-943-1999 if you have any questions



COMING UP

The Spring **BLOOD DRIVE** is Coming!



9 APRIL 2024 1:00 - 6:00 PM

To schedule an early appointment,
Visit REDCROSSBLOOD.ORG
Enter sponsor code: Seafordbc



For questions call:
Shirley Napier 757-880-4450

A circular image showing a dirt path winding through a dense forest of tall trees. Sunlight filters through the canopy, creating a bright spot on the path.

BORN AGAIN
SBC MEN'S RETREAT
April 26-28, 2024

Gifts & Honorariums

Thank you Lei Collins for giving to Campus Improvement in memory of Barbara Hall.

Thank you Carol Mayfield for giving to Campus Improvement in memory of Barbara Hall.

Thank you Sharon Collins for giving to Campus Improvement in memory of Barbara Hall.

Thank you Judith Carey for giving to Campus Improvement in memory of Barbara Hall.



April 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 Easter Sunday 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 10 am Wee Praise & Kids Praise	1 7 pm Deacons Meeting	2 6 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10 am Women's Bible Study	3 5:30 pm BBQ 6:30 pm Midweek 6:30 pm Students	4 7:00 pm Young Adult Hang Out	5	6
7 Communion 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 10 am Wee Praise 6:30pm Recording Rehearsal 7 pm Choir	8	9 6 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10 am Women's Bible Study 1:00 pm Blood Drive	10 5:30 pm Spaghetti 6:30 pm Midweek 6:30 pm Students	11	12	13 9:00am-1:00pm Toy Trains Galore Robinson's home
14 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 10 am Wee Praise & Kids Praise 6:30pm Recording Rehearsal 7 pm Choir	15	16 6 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10 am Women's Bible Study	17 5:30 pm Fried Chicken 6:30 pm Midweek 6:30 pm Students	18 11:30 am WMU Meeting 7:00 pm Young Adult Hang Out	19	20 11:30 am Senior Ministry Annual Spring Luncheon
21 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship Service 10 am Wee Praise & Kids Praise	22	23 6 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10 am Women's Bible Study	24 5:30 pm Chick-fil-a 6:30 pm Hymn Sing 6:30 pm Students	25	26 Men's Retreat	27
28 9 am Sunday School 10 am Worship 10 am Wee Praise & Kids Praise	29	30 6 am Men's Breakfast & Bible Study 10 am Women's Bible Study	1 5:30 pm Taco Salad 6:30 pm Midweek 6:30 pm Students	2 7:00 pm Young Adult Hang Out	3	4

For information or questions in the Newsletter
Please contact the church office at
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