



New Victoria

Baptist Church

Families Coming Together

April 2011

Sunday

9:40am Sunday School

10:50am Worship

4:30pm Adult Choir
Practice

6:30pm Youth
Discipleship

Wednesday

5:30pm Children's
Choir

6:30pm AWANA Clubs

6:30pm Adult Bible
Study

6:30pm Youth Worship

Thursday

7:15 Praise Team
Practice

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Welcome to New Victoria Baptist Church

New Victoria Baptist Church is always on the move! As we know, there have recently been many major changes within our church during the process of recruiting just the right pastor to take the position recently left vacant.

In an effort to keep our congregation apprised of the many happenings within our church, we have decided to put out a newsletter. We hope this will allow everyone to see

the wonderful work our church continues to do throughout the year. In addition, this will be a great way to learn about the many ways you can get involved in whatever ministry area your heart may lead you.

We are a body of Christ, and as such, each part of the body should know what the other part is doing in order to function fluidly. This is a great opportunity to find ways to

allow your light to shine in accordance with your personal talents and areas considering the interests of your heart.

Find out how your light can shine just by reading to see what New Victoria has to offer to both the community and to you!

New Victoria's Annual Easter Egg Hunt

It is time, once again, for the annual Easter Egg Hunt! It will be held here at New Victoria Baptist Church Saturday, April 23 at 11am. The Egg Hunt will be for toddlers thru 5th grade.

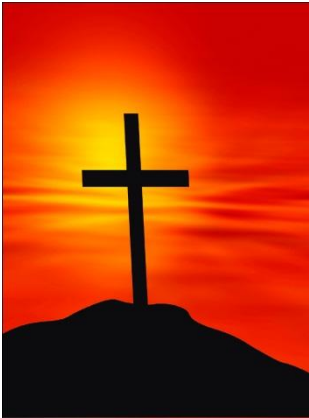
This year, in addition to the Easter Egg Hunt itself, New Victoria will also be having inflatables, slides, face painting, a cake walk, cotton candy, popcorn, and much more! What a fantastic way to allow our community to enjoy a free fun day with our church family!

There are ways we can all make this Easter Egg Hunt a success. We currently have 2,000 eggs filled with candy plus 2,000 empty eggs waiting to be filled. There is a candy donation box in the foyer. Please feel free to donate candy to fill the eggs for the children of our community. The only stipulation is that we will not be using chocolate or lollipops to fill the eggs.

Many people within our church have worked very hard to put the Easter Egg Hunt together, but we

need even more of our church family to be involved in order to make this great event a success. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer. Please volunteer to help make our church's event a memorable one for every child that attends. Thank you for all the help everyone has given to make the New Victoria Baptist Church Easter Egg Hunt a success!

What's New?



"It's as simple as showing love to one another."

You may have noticed the food bins in the lobby. New Victoria Baptist Church is partnered with Papa's Pantry, a local source to fill needs for families within our community. Our church will be collecting much needed items for our community throughout the year. This will include not only food, but diapers, wipes, toilette paper, dryer sheets, paper towels, etc.

In addition to our food and non-perishable collections, New Victoria will begin collecting a love offering to help our community thru Must Ministries once per quarter. This love offering is in the amount of whatever you feel led to give in addition to your tithes. It will provide hot meals and box lunches to homeless shelters and over 2000 children in our

area during the summer. This is a wonderful opportunity to get the kids involved! There are families who are making a point to allow the children to choose to miss ice cream outings in exchange for giving a few extra dollars to Must Ministries! What a wonderful way for the kids to experience a form of sacrifice to help others in need!

GROW Ministry

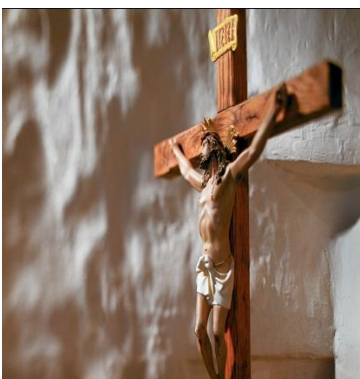
One thing we, as a church, are called to do is GROW. We are called to grow our church by spreading the light of His Word and taking opportunities to bring people to Christ.

There are many ways to achieve this goal. It could be as simple as having a conversation over the water cooler at work or inviting a neighbor to visit with us here at New

Victoria. Another way to grow our church is by making sure to truly welcome visitors and get to know them on a personal level. It is as simple as showing love to one another.

If you feel led to do so, you could also go one step further and become a part of the GROW Ministry Team. The GROW Ministry Team visits people who have visited

our church or have shown an interest through New Victoria's community events. They simply stop by, introduce themselves, and drop off a gift from New Victoria along with inviting them once again. Another group involved with GROW writes follow-up letters to visitors and members we would like to invite back. If you are interested in this ministry contact Sean Allen at seanrallen@bellsouth.net.



Prayer and Fasting

Many of you have visited the Prayer Room located down the hallway to the right of the pulpit. This is a wonderful room for personal quiet time and prayer with the Lord. It is open to everyone and New Victoria Baptist

Church encourages anyone who feels led to spend time praying there.

During this time of transition, it is especially important to spend that extra time in prayer for our church.

Larry Carlisle has proposed a time of fasting from sun-up to sun-down as a means of reflection and prayer in an effort to unite us in the body of Christ. A date for this will be announced soon. Please be in prayer for this event.

Women's Ministry/SILK

The Women's Ministry here at New Victoria Baptist is about encouraging women as well as inspiring them to serve. They have adopted the acronym SILK (Sisters Inspired to Live for the King.) They encourage prayer and support for missionaries through Lottie Moon and Annie Armstrong using prayer cards and a Missions Bulletin Board.

The Women's Ministry's most recent endeavor was Ladies Night Out held this past week where they encouraged those in

attendance to bring peanut butter and jelly for their summer outreach program. Ladies' Night Out allows fellowship for women and encouragement for one another.

Ladies' Bible study groups are also a strong part of the Women's Ministry in their efforts to emphasize the importance of staying close to God and continuing an understanding of His Word.

Community service projects are a highlight for the Women's Ministry with

such activities as visiting nursing homes and the Summer Lunch program with Must Ministries.

The Women's Ministry focuses their efforts in three areas: Sow God's Word in the Hearts of Women; Grow Women in their Walk with the Lord; and Show God's Love to Women and the Community.

If you have questions about the Women's Ministry or SILK, please visit the website or contact Theresa Warinner at twarinner@bellsouth.net.



Men's Ministry

The Men's Ministry at New Victoria Baptist Church is as busy as ever! Their purpose is to help men discover how they have been uniquely called and created to love God with all their heart whether alone, with family, at church, at work, or within the community so they might worship the Lord with their every action, thereby leading others to become disciples of Christ.

Recently, New Victoria's Men's Ministry organized

and provided a Church-Wide Staff Appreciation Breakfast. This was a success, allowing staff to be recognized and formally thanked for their contributions to our church. Staff members were awarded appreciation gifts at this time.

The Men's Ministry is also planning a Church-Wide Fellowship Picnic. The picnic will be held at Pavilion A at Fields Landing Park from 3p-9p on Sunday, May 29th.

This Church-Wide Fellowship Picnic is bound to be a blast for the whole family. Everyone will be welcome to enjoy the kid's park, boat dock, and floating dock. The Men's Ministry will be providing barbeque for the event. Those attending will be asked to bring sides and drinks for the occasion. For more information about the park, go to http://www.crpa.net/parks_and_facilities_details.php?id=121.

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Softball

*"If you are currently a
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Come join New Victoria Thursday evenings to cheer on our men's softball team. This is a great time to bring the kids and enjoy the spring weather and fellowship! The softball team plays on field two at Hobgood Park right across the street from New Victoria Baptist. Following is the spring

schedule:
March 31 6:30 vs First Baptist Canton
April 7 NO GAME for spring break
April 14 8:30 vs First Baptist Woodstock
April 21 8:30 vs Town Center Community Ch.

April 28 6:30 vs Bridgepointe Impact
May 5 9:30 vs Kennesaw UMC
May 12 7:30 vs Towne View Baptist
May 19 8:30 vs His Hands Church – Black
Playoffs TBA

Sunday School Ministry

The Sunday School Ministry is a vital part of New Victoria Baptist Church. Teaching our children and other adults about Christ is both an honor and a responsibility. If you are currently a Sunday School Teacher, our church thanks you.

If you are not currently teaching Sunday School, but your heart is feeling a tug at the thought, then maybe that is where you are being led. There are currently two classes, Sunday School 1 and Sunday School 2, which need teachers. The current Sunday School

teachers for those classes have been teaching there for years and would like to re-enter their own Sunday School classes. If you are interested in taking on this rewarding position as Sunday School teacher, please see Ros Waldo or you can contact her at rmwaldo@earthlink.net.

Awana

*"Awana is all about
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AWANA stands for All Workmen Are Not Ashamed. This is one of the first things the young people ages 2yrs thru 6th grade learn when they attend Awana on Wednesday nights at 6:30.

Members of New Victoria Baptist Church make up the volunteers who teach these eager minds. Awana is all about having

fun while learning the Word of God. This positive environment gives boys and girls the chance to know, love and serve God. At Awana, the children participate in games and activities in addition to learning verses and spiritual truths that expand their minds.

There have been a few changes at Awana in recent weeks. Awana has recently opened the

Awana Store. While saying verses, kids can earn "Awana Bucks." They can turn in the "Awana Bucks" for rewards at the Awana Store. The store is open once every two months and allows the kids to choose whether to save up for larger prizes later or purchase smaller prizes now. So far, this has been a fantastic success. The children have never been more eager to learn Bible verses!

Youth

There is a lot of excitement within the New Victoria Baptist Youth Group! They are studying the Bible with a passion that would make any church member, or parent, proud.

Sunday evenings, the youth are studying the Read the Bible for Life Series by George Guthrie. Reading the Bible for Life teaches the youth how to read the Bible more effectively in a way that promotes real fruit in their lives.

Wednesday nights are spent studying the life of Peter. Through Peter, they are learning about a

life filled with passion, leadership, risk-taking, and brokenness.

Many youth are currently continuing their plans to read the New Testament in a year. Some have decided to push themselves further by setting the goal of reading the entire Bible this year. This is a great way for the youth to encourage each other in Christ. What a great praise to Him!

The youth at New Victoria are looking forward to this year's summer camp. It's just around the corner from June 6-10. This year's theme is "Devoted."

There will be a spaghetti luncheon following the March 27th worship service that will serve as a youth fundraiser for camp. This will be a great time for food and fellowship.

It is very exciting what God is doing in the youth group at New Victoria. Please continue to be in prayer for them.



Church Challenge: Engage Scripture

Have you ever taken the opportunity to read through the Bible? If so, have you read it all the way thru more than once? Many people would agree that each time you read any particular verse or story in the Bible, you could very well get a completely new lesson from it.

Currently, the New Victoria Baptist Church Challenge is to read the Bible in a year. Whether you've never read it or you've read it fifteen times, this challenge gives you the opportunity to stay on

pace to learn even more by visiting or revisiting the stories that make up the Bible.

The way the Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan works is you will visit four Scriptures a day from different places in the Bible. This should help you grasp the unity of the Scriptures as well as enjoy four different viewpoints. In fact, you can begin at any point in the year.

The program is set up so that you only have 25 readings per month. This allows time to "catch up" when life gets in the way

and causes us to fall behind. If you don't need to "catch up," you could use the final days of the month to study the passages that challenged you or intrigued you.

For more information about how you can read thru the Bible in one year using the Discipleship Journal Bible Reading Plan, go to www.newvicbaptist.org and click on the word Engage at the top of the screen. We hope you will join us in this wonderful opportunity!

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Directory

There was a time when New Victoria Baptist Church had member directories that included pictures of the members and their families. This was great for new members who were learning the names of the members of their new church family.

Well, the time has come for New Victoria to take new pictures of the families that make up our church. We are excited about the wonderful growth New Victoria has experienced in recent years and decided this would be the perfect time to update the church directory.

You may have seen Sheryl Helms, who is managing the directory, at the welcome center as you walk into the church. There are sign-up sheets there for Monday, May 9 thru Wednesday, May 11. Please be sure to sign up for a time slot for your family portrait to be included in the directory.

Missions

Annie Walker Armstrong inspired the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. She loved Christ with all her heart and worked tirelessly to spread his Word and show His love throughout her lifetime.

The time is upon us once again to collect for the

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering that supports North American Missions.

71% of your giving goes toward missionary support that includes salaries, health benefits, and mission training. 17% goes toward church planting support. This takes care of start-up

costs for a church-facility rental, materials, and promotion. 12% is for evangelism support. These are actual projects to bring people to Christ through evangelism, media, Scripture distribution, etc. Please see www.anniearmstrong.com for more details.

Website

As a reminder, New Victoria Baptist Church has a fantastic website run by Brian Tanner. Should you have any questions; many answers can be found there.

In fact, most of the information from this newsletter can be found on the website. Just visit www.newvicbaptist.org to see what is happening here at New Victoria!

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