



McElwain News

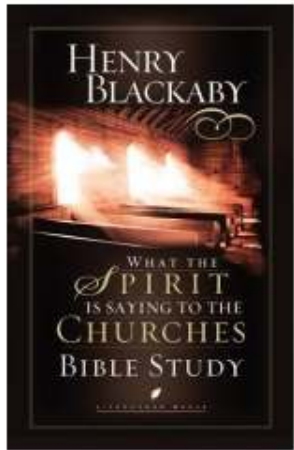
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Making a Difference - At All Costs - For the Sake of the Gospel

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SUNDAY NIGHTS - Beginning April 6th!

People today are hungry for God's sure guidance in their churches. But how do they find it? One of the strongest prophetic voices to the church today, Henry Blackaby, helps Christians grasp God's pattern for strengthening their churches, rather than relying on human ideas and methods that leave God on the periphery. They'll learn how to be sensitive individually and corporately to the effort of the Spirit, exploring the trustworthy principles by which the Lord longs to guide each congregation toward its own distinctive mission.



Please make plans to be part of this study by Henry Blackaby on Sunday nights 5:00 - 6:00 pm [beginning April 6th and going through May 18th - skipping Mothers' Day]. We will begin in a large group in the sanctuary, then divide into smaller groups for discussion as we consider how God works in the church. Though it is not required, everyone is encouraged to buy a copy of What the Spirit Is Saying to the Churches. Please call the church office to reserve your copy.

GARAGE SALE

Got something to donate? What a fun way to help our McElwain Christian Academy! We are getting some great items, and we need even more. So bring your treasures to the church office or call for a pick-up. Sale is May 17th from 8 am - 4 pm.



Church-wide Campout

April 18-19
(Friday & Saturday)
Lake Guntersville State Park
Contact Mike Hooton



Potting Class

April 24th, 7:00 - 8:00 pm, in the Craft Room
Bring your own pot, and for only \$10 you will get three plants and topsoil and new ideas on how to add natural color to your deck or patio! Call the church office to sign up.

Construction

All is going well, but we can still use funds for items for the nursery and furniture. If you would be willing to make a contribution - no matter what size - it would be greatly appreciated. Make checks payable to *McElwain* Baptist Church with "renovation furniture" on memo.

Ladies of the Round Table & WMU

We are collecting (and YOU can help):

- Pop-top tabs off cans
- UPC bar codes from Campbell's soups
- Cancelled postal stamps



Email Prayer Group

Would you like to be part of a McElwain email prayer group? You would receive a prayer request periodically for a missions need or sometimes a McElwain need. The requests are kept short.

To join the group or to update your email address, email Linda Peek at LPeek@wmu.org.



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Thanks to all of our McElwain Choir for participating in the presentation of 3:16 on Palm Sunday. It was great to unite with other churches in the area and come together to worship the Lord.

The Adult Choir will be participating in the Birmingham Baptist Association's Inter-faith Service being held here at McElwain on Saturday, April 12th, at 10:00 am. Come and join us as we worship with other Baptist Churches in our association.

We're always looking for more voices in the choir. Come and join us next Wednesday at 7:15 pm.

For Your Information:

- **Tuesday Morning Missions** will be April 1st at 10 am at the Swearingens' home.
- **Deacons' Meeting** is April 13th at 3:00 pm in Room 510.
- **Loving Touch** is Tuesday, April 15th.
- **Quarterly Business Meeting** is Wednesday, April 16th at 6:15 pm in Fellowship Hall
- **Round Table** is Thursday, April 17th at noon in the 500 Building. Jan Yates will be sharing Who Stole My Church?
- **Garage Sale** for McElwain Christian Academy will be Saturday, May 17th from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.
- Don't forget to visit our website: www.mcelwain.org



Children's News

*Lunch and Kickball Game - Sunday, April 20th right after church until 1:30 pm.

Cost: Bring your own money for lunch.

Come join us as we go get fast food for lunch. We will come back to the church for a game of kick ball. We will play outside if weather permits, so bring a change of clothes and shoes.

*Bible Verse Challenge

See Mrs. Emily for a Bible verse card. Be the first to learn all the verses and your lunch on April 20th is FREE!! Cards will be available Wednesday, April 2nd.

*Join us this Spring for THE PEAK. We meet every Wednesday night at 6:15 in the Rec. Center. Come take your Bible knowledge to new heights.