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February/March Preaching Schedule

- 02/21—Darron Story
- 02/28—Rev. Molly Jones
- 03/07—Rev Marc Giedinghagen (Communion) 3rd Sunday in Lent
- 03/14—Rev. Elbert Darden, PhD—4th Sunday in Lent
- 03/21—Rev. Elbert Darden, PhD—5th Sunday in Lent
- 03/28—Choir Cantata—Palm Sunday—6th Sunday in Lent

Join us for Worship Each Sunday

9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service

9:30 Kids Under Construction

10:30 a.m. Fellowship

11:00 a.m. Uplifting Traditional Service

5:15 pm SBPC Youth Group



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**In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone;
Snow had fallen, snow on snow, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.**

The words to the old hymn resonate. While I appreciate the loveliness of snow, at the same time, I long for the advent of spring. I know I am not alone. This time of year depresses many, when the sun hides itself and the cold is relentless.

Winter is a time of hibernation for the plants that we enjoy in the spring and summer. Life is only hidden for a season. For reasons unknown to us, God has ordained the seasons and we have no choice but to live with them. Our lives are like that, too. There are seasons we go through, and for reasons unknown, God has ordained those as well.

The time of winter in our lives is hard to cope with. In my life, I have had to weather spiritual winters. It's been very difficult when God seems a million miles away and I am left to struggle with his hidden presence. I have wondered why as I have sometimes frantically searched for him and my prayers seem to only get as far as the ceiling and no further. In all honesty, it has felt as though I have been abandoned at times.

The good news is we are **never** abandoned by God. Regardless of how we may feel sometimes when prayers go unanswered and we seem to be on our own, God is never far from us. The winters in our lives cause us to seek him with greater passion, greater desire. Our communion with him is only hibernating and though it may seem endless just as the weather of winter, a time of blossoming is coming, a time of growth and flourishing.

Jesus felt the ultimate abandonment on the cross when he cried out, "My God why have you forsaken me?" His winter was worse than any we endure, but it led to life abundant and eternal for us, and an endless flourishing of beauty and glory beyond our imagining. His time of loss of God's presence ushered in an everlasting season of his presence with us, and it was worth everything. It was endured for what would be the result. So, too, the times when God seems so far away and we feel like our spiritual winter is never ending, the sudden breaking forth of growth comes and we are once again reminded that he is always there, always hearing us, always guiding us, always loving us.

Spring is coming. Trees will bud and flowers will peek out from the ground. In the times of bleakness, look forward to the joy to follow as the cycle of life continues until his return, because his return for us is the promise of his presence for ever and his promise is sure.

**Our Mission is:
To proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ in word and in deed
To love God
To love one another
To make disciples of all people.**



Roses to:

Don Benson and Kelly McKnight

Thank you to Don and Kelly for all of the hard work they have provided shoveling the walkways at South-Broadland this hard winter. The hours each day you shoveled are appreciated by all.

Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

Thank you for your continued focus and dedication in selecting South-Broadland's next Pastor. Our thoughts and prayers are with each of you as you discern the correct leader for our church



Blood Drive at South Broadland

South-Broadland Presbyterian Church and the Family Ministry department will be sponsoring the American Red Cross Blood drive in Fellowship Hall on Sunday March 21st, 2010 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. This is another opportunity for our church to give back to the community and the city by donating blood to the Red Cross. The Red Cross would like to have at least 25 donation of blood during this drive. To help achieve this goal, the church needs help recruiting, promoting, and providing snacks for potential donators.

Who needs blood? Accident victims need 4-20 units of red cells. Leukemia patients need 2-6 units of red cells and 1 transfusion of platelets daily for 2-4 weeks. Sickle cell disease patients need 10-15 units of red cells to treat severe complications. Bone marrow transplant patients need 1-2 units of red cells every other day for 2-4 weeks and 1-2 transfusions of platelets daily for 4-6 weeks. Heart, kidney and liver transplants, Open heart surgery for adults and newborns, and premature babies all are in need of blood that is donated to the Red Cross. Please be in prayer for donating and/or volunteering.

December Income & Expense				
		MONTH		Year to Date
	Date		Date	
BALANCE	11/30/2009	\$17,597.95	12/31/2008	\$9,000.00
Receipts		\$30,907.26		\$253,515.71
Subtotal		\$48,505.21		\$262,515.71
Expense		\$34,062.63		\$248,073.13
Subtotal	12/31/2009	\$14,442.58	11/30/2009	\$14,442.58
Transferred to				
Reserves		\$0.00		\$0.00
Transferred from				
Reserves		\$0.00		\$
OVERALL BALANCE		\$14,442.58		\$14,442.58

Rainbow School Update

At the time of this writing, we are still gearing up for our one and only fundraiser each year, the Silent Auction, on February 20. We are thankful to see so many South-Broadland members come out to join us! We are hopeful to raise enough funds to be able to help the church with a big energy conservation project replacing inefficient light fixtures and more. You can ask Deena or Becky how the sale went, or ask one of your Rainbow Board representatives: Mary Tipton, Dave Bergman, or Jill Reece. Other plans that the PTA has for auction proceeds include: expanding the outdoor classroom/garden space and sprucing up the area around the south entrance to the building.

We are very excited about our outdoor classroom/garden. We have teachers and parents enthusiastic and working on planning the details. Here is the mission statement they helped us to generate for the garden:

Mission Statement for Outdoor Classroom

Rainbow School is committed to fostering positive and nurturing relationships between children and the natural world. Our outdoor classroom is a natural environment filled with learning opportunities for children. Its purpose is to facilitate the development of imagination and sense of wonder, enhance concentration and creativity, relieve stress, and foster respect and appreciation for God's creation.

We are participating in the Harvesters' "Go For the Green" food drive from February 12-March 12. The food collection barrel is located just inside the Rainbow School entrance. Please help fill the barrel with the items most needed: canned fruits and vegetables, boxed meals, canned meat and tuna, peanut butter, canned soup, and hot and cold cereal.

Rainbow School is offering parenting classes on Saturday, March 6 and Saturday, April 10. Each day's classes will last from 8:30 AM until 12:30 PM. The curriculum is Conscious Discipline. We will cover Brain Development, Composure, Encouragement, and Assertiveness the first day. Choices, Positive Intent, Empathy, and Consequences will be covered on the second day. Cost is \$25 per day, which includes childcare. Contact the office to sign up: 816-523-4336, or Rainbow@South-Broadland.org

It is time to start gearing up for the summer! We will begin enrolling for the nursery, toddlers, and preschool on March 2. Over-the-Rainbow will begin enrolling one week later.

Deena Smith will be away from March 6-14, as she accompanies Shad on a medical mission trip to Belize. Rainbow School will be closed for Spring Break March 15-19.



February Birthdays

- 3 Cinnamon Smith
- 5 Cita Mitchell
- 6 Tracy MacClement
- 8 Chris Mitchell
- 11 Jenna Teddy
- 12 Helen Bishop
- 14 Madeline McKnight
- 15 Shannon McMillen
- 15 Anne Melia
- 15 Mackenzie Wylie
- 17 Krista Story
- 19 Jackie Bergman
- 20 Chad Nading
- 23 Lorene Miller
- 26 Chauncey Williams
- 28 Chris Peters
- 28 Christina Spotser

February Anniversaries

- 7 Harold & Pearlie Moore
- 13 Lloyd & Sherri Woodward