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ALL NIGHT PRAYER MEETING-APRIL 1:

April 1 is known as April Fools Day. We are going to turn that around and make April 1 a day of prayer for our community and the upcoming Time To Build meetings with Times Square Church.

We will be meeting on the steps of Lee County Courthouse, Friday, April 1 beginning at 7pm for a night of prayer. We will pray through the night up until 8am Saturday morning. If it gets cold or wet we will go into First Baptist's 3:16 Center just across the street.

Come out for an hour or the evening. Let's see what God will do when we really call on Him.

If you have a choir or a band or just a song of praise you'd like to share during our night of prayer, please call Sunil McWan (718.316.0280) or Bill White (334.663.3418)

If the fool has said in his heart there is no God (Psalm 14:1), what will you say in your heart this April 1?

40 DAYS OF PRAYER AND FASTING:

In preparation for Times Square Church to Alabama, we have scheduled 40 days of Prayer and Fasting. We are asking our friends to take a day leading up to our 3 day event to pray and fast for the Lord to move in these meetings.

If you will stand with us during this season of prayer and fasting, we'd like to know. Sunil McWan, our Harvest Evangelism Director of Prayer Ministries and Bill White, the Chairman of our Prayer Committee have a list where you can register for a specific day. Call 334.749.8319 and simply tell them the day you'd like to sign up to pray with us. Don't worry if someone has already signed up for the day you want. We can always have more than one person praying and fasting each day. You can never have too much prayer.

Thanks for standing with us.

**TIMES SQUARE CHURCH Coming to First Baptist Church Opelika
April 7, 8 & 9 6:30pm CST Nightly**

Pastor Carter Conlon and the Times Square Church Praise Band are coming to our area April 7-9. Pastor Carter will be sharing each night. The praise band, led by Greg Thomas along with a 12 team ensemble from Times Square Church will be leading in worship. A 120 member choir from local churches will be backing up this famous praise team (you can be a part of the choir by coming out to First Baptist Church Opelika, Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30pm to practice. We'd love to have you. We need you.)

The meetings are designed to minister to the Body of Christ. Everyone's invited. We've already been blessed to have so many local churches and pastors involved in the planning and preparation. First Baptist holds 2,500 (with overflow). We are believing God for 3,000. In fact, we believe so much we're setting up an overflow crowd on the lawn in front of the Lee County Courthouse. Come early to get a good seat.

Childcare will be provided up to 5 years old.

Pastor Carter will be speaking Saturday, 9:30am-10:30am and 11am-12noon at a special conference for **pastors and church leaders.** Greg Thomas, Times Square Church's

worship leader, will speak after lunch.

The conference will be held at **Greater Peace Baptist Church in Opelika.**

REGISTRATION is available online at www.tscnyc.org/events_a_time_to_build.php Or by calling Greater Peace at **334.749.9487**



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MUELLER'S METHODS

God has been faithful meeting our needs. When you stop to think about it, taking care of 30-40 men, 20 ladies and 3-5 children can be pretty expensive. Our power bill alone, (for 5 buildings) runs around \$10,000 a month. Transportating everyone to and fro runs \$3,000-\$5,000 a month in gas. It costs, but it's worth it.

George Mueller cared for thousands of needy children in England. Even a hundred years ago it was costly. Mueller never worried. In fact, he once said, "It is written (Job 26:7): "He hangeth the earth upon nothing."--that is no visible support. And so we exalt in the fact that this ministry hangs, as it has ever hung, since it's commencement now more than sixty-four years ago, upon nothing." that is, no visible support. It hangs upon no human patron, upon no government, or funded property, but solely upon the good pleasure of the blessed God." (George Mueller)

A hundred years after George Mueller, God continues His faithfulness, providing for our needs. Thanks for being His instrument of grace in our lives.



HOSANNA HOME/HOPE'S INN

We serve an awesome God who never fails to show His faithfulness to us all. The concept of a God who cares about our smallest concerns is sometimes a fleeting thought to most, but at Hopes Inn we realize it through our needs being continuously met that God provides for his children.

Any time we have had a need at Hope's Inn with the women and children, all we've had to do is let it be known and our needs are met usually within days if not that day.

This past month was no exception; Providence Baptist Church in Opelika got word that we were in need of a microwave and they blessed us abundantly above what we could have ever asked. They were able to provide us with two large microwaves for our kitchens and two small ones used in a break area and one for the moms to use with the needs of the babies. We were hoping for one and received one for every area in need. Thank you Lord and Providence Baptist!

God never ceases to amaze us with His provisions. I could supply an ongoing list of needs that have been taken care of; everything from paper products to vacuum cleaners and furniture, just because of someone's desire to be a blessing to the work of the Kingdom of God.

On February 12th, we were able to continue work on our prayer garden on the land adjacent to Hope's Inn, (a donation given by a ministry friend) in which volunteers came to give of their time to help with the preparations of the garden layout. Amongst the group of volunteers was the Hood family. Lamar and Twynette Hood, along with their four children, became more of a blessing to us than they will ever know. Though ranging in ages from 23 to 39, their child like hearts overflowed with zeal and excitement of what the day would hold and their laughter brought so much joy to Hopes Inn that day.

Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

Matthew 6:26-33

Needs: New American Standard or NIV Bibles for the ladies; Towels and washcloths; i-pod (shuffles-so all will have the same) we put sermons and christian music on for our ladies.

SPRING CLEANING FOR HARVEST EVANGELISM SUPER CENTER:

It's that time of year. Yes, the flowers are budding. Yes, the bearm are bedding (that's fish talk to you who wonder). Yes, the sound of wooden bats hitting baseballs and the smell of hotdogs fill the air.

It's also the time for SPRING CLEANING. I heard that collective "sigh..." from all of you. Don't dread it. See it as the chance to be a blessing. Harvest Thrift Super Center will gladly take all that stuff you need to get rid of. We'll even come pick it up. Your spring cleaning can become God's blessings.

We always need items to sell at Harvest Thrift Super Center. Why not use this as a season to get rid of unwanted clutter and be a blessing at the same time. Call us (334.705.8858) and we'll come pick up your items. You can drop off items at our store any time. Donations to Harvest Thrift Super Center are tax-deductible.

And remember, "one man's junk is another man's chance to hear the Gospel."

Proceeds from Harvest Thrift Super Center provide 10-15% of our operating costs for His Place, Hosanna Home and Hope's Inn.



RC Hagans:

Good Morning (Day/Afternoon/Evening/Night)

Greetings from NYC. The past few months have flown by.

I'd like to tell you about an upcoming mission trip and ask for a little help.

On May 4th my buddy/boss Ben, roommate/videographer Ryan, a small group of ladies, and I will be flying to Lusaka, Zambia to work with Louis Morales at the Kakabalika home for boys. The purpose of our trip will be to do the hands on work of ChildCry. During our time in Lusaka we will be cooking, cleaning, grocery shopping (in the local street markets,) and serving any way we can. I plan to shoot as much film as I can fit in my carry on(thanks to Greg Boyd for my new (old) 1958 Canon 7 Rangefinder.) Africa has been on my mind for years and I feel that this trip is a long time coming.

My heart breaks for the homeless children forced into drugs, prostitution, and war. I feel honored to have the opportunity to go and do. After sitting in front of a keyboard for the better part of a year, I'm ready to get my hands dirty. Sometimes when you say "send me" long enough, you get sent...

I do have a few needs for this trip and would appreciate any help you might be able to lend. I checked, and it turns out flying to the other side of the world is expensive (who knew?.) I'm also computer-less since the old Mac-Book died last month and am trying to get a hold of a new one before we leave so I can keep everyone back home updated on our adventure and post photos to the Harvest Flickr account. If you feel it on your heart to give I thank you in advance.

Please keep us in your prayers; things in Africa are pretty volatile right now. While I know God will protect us, it's nice to know your friends are reminding him. :)

Thanks, and God Bless

RCHII

Ps, just because I like you so much, here's a haiku:

slow down and hold still
everything spins in rhythm
the ground hides the sun

WINCHESTER HAGANS' HOMEWARD BOUND:

As you read these words I will be packing up and crossing my last few Irish days off my calendar. I flew over here almost a year ago now and though much has stayed the same with me, much more has changed forever. People have been asking me what was the most important thing I have learned here, and my mind goes to classes I have taken, sermons I have prepared and even more that I have listened to. But while thinking back it hit me, the most important thing that has happened to me here was not knowledge of any kind.

A year ago I knew who Jesus was, but to be honest I was lukewarm at best. I would read passages where Jesus tells people that he must mean more than even family. I would not try to explain it to fit my life like most people do, i would just tell Jesus that he was crazy for such a comment. Now close to a year later I look at the same statement and wonder how anyone could choose anything, including family, over Christ. What has happened here is that I have fallen in love with a radical Jew who lived a homeless life and is now preparing me a home. And that is what it must be.

I used to look at the bible and see the stories and wonder why that happened, now I look at them and wonder why they don't happen now. I think the reason is that most of us would not honestly give all we have, including our friends and family, and allow our bodies to be beaten and killed for the God who did just that for us. We have somehow replaced falling in love with learning Greek.

I am coming back home to Alabama at the end of March, and when April rolls around I'll be working with my dad at Harvest Evangelism. And one thing that I will be doing is going out and telling people about the one who won my heart. I not only invite you to come, but I challenge you to. Fall in love with Jesus, above all things, above everything. If you do you won't be able to keep it in. Jesus came so that people can know him and go to heaven. That means those who don't go to hell.

Winchester Hagans

~~You can hear Winchester preach his first full American sermon, April 24 under our Harvest Evangelism Tent (in our Harvest Thrift Super Center parking lot). It will be his 21st birthday, and what a way to celebrate it!!



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to be sure he receives it.



PASTOR RICK'S UPCOMING SCHEDULE:

March 6, Sunday, 10am	East Harlem Fellowship	Harlem, NY
March 11-20	Mexico Mission with Times Square Church	Reynosa, Mexico
April 3, Sunday, 3pm	Times Square Church	New York, NY
April 7,8 & 9 6:30pm nightly	A TIME TO BUILD	Opelika, AL
	WITH PASTOR CARTER CONLON AND TIMES SQUARE CHURCH	
	CHOIR @ OPELIKA FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH	
April 10	Pastor Carter Conlon	Selma, AL
	@ National Guard Armory	
April 18-23, 6pm nightly	TENT REVIVAL	Opelika, AL
	@Harvest Thrift Super Center (With Pastor Rick, Winchester and others)	
May 1, Sunday, 6:30pm	First Baptist Church	Opelika, AL
May 15, Sunday, 6:15pm	Lakeview Baptist Church	Auburn, AL

ITEMS NEEDED

- 1. VEHICLES** We especially need a good dependable, road worthy vehicle for Winchester who is moving back from Ireland this month and will be going to work for the ministries of Harvest Evangelism.
- 2. BACKHOE AND FRONT END LOADER, FULL SIZE OR SMALLER BOBCAT:** We were just blessed with 4 ½ more acres at our His Place Farm. That's 14 ½ acres total now. A friend may help us get the adjoining 37 acres. WOW! We desperately need equipment to upgrade and maintain this property.
- 3. LINENS AND TOWELS:** With 25-30 ladies, 25-30men, at times children and always guests, we SERVE A LOT OF PEOPLE. A bed to sleep in requires linens. We need fresh sheets, pillows, pillowcases, et.al. for twin size beds.
We also need fresh towels and washcloths. The Bible does not say "cleanliness is next to godliness." But you know what, it doesn't hurt.
- 4. Study Bibles for the Ladies at Hope's Inn. NIV or NASV preferred.**

Gifts Given to Harvest Evangelism

In Honor of: Lee Gillian; Given by: Raley & Sandra Gillian

In Memory of: Helen Diamond; Given by: Don & Yvonne Sledge and James & Mary Wells Malone

"Precious memories how they linger, how they ever flood our souls."