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## Pastor's Message

Martin Luther King, Jr. dreamed about a better world where all people would be respected and cared for. He worked hard for that dream. I'm sure you have God-given dreams for the world around you as well. My dream has been to do mission work for God and He has seen fit to make my dream become reality, but in the "grand dream" of things it is a small contribution on my part. It is not enough to dream about the coming Kingdom of God on earth, we are to engage that dream, if we are to become more like Jesus.

Jesus taught us that we are responsible for others, and when we see trouble everywhere we must act to testify to Jesus' concern and sacrifice for us. It is a dual response to a dream when what we do honors material needs as well as spiritual needs. We can know that a dream is of God when He provides everything that is needed at the appropriate time and place. We can also know that we share Jesus' dream when it is about the welfare of other people. Finally, we can know that a dream has come from God when we have a passion for it.

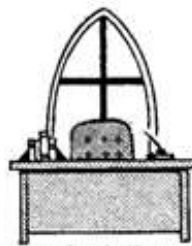
In the midst of wedding and reception planning, one bride and groom saw beyond their own personal dreams of family and success on "their day" and added this note to their invitation: "In lieu of gifts, we ask that you take a lonely friend to lunch, buy a needy kid a pair of tennis shoes, make a donation to your local youth group, or find your own way to make this world better for someone else." What a great way to work out a dream!

*Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. -Philippians 2:3 (NRSV)*

Blessings,

*Linda*

Pastor Linda




FROM THE  
PASTOR'S DESK



# February 2009

## Monthly Planner



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> 9:15AM-Kids Choir 9:30AM-SS for ALL 10:45AM-Worship - Communion	<b>2</b> 6:30-Cub Pk#109,S.R.	<b>3</b> 3:30-Gov. Ctr. Service	<b>4</b> 10:30-Bible Study/ Prayer Group 7PM-Vocal Choir 7:30-AA Meeting	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> Office Closed	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b> 9:15AM-Kids Choir 9:30AM-SS for ALL 10:45AM-Worship - Coffee Fellowship	<b>9</b> 6:30-Cub Pk#109,S.R. 7PM-Turestees' Mtg.	<b>10</b> 6:30-Grandparents' Support Group 7PM-Mission Md. Mtg.	<b>11</b> 10:30-Bible Study/ Prayer Group 7PM-Vocal Choir 7:30-AA Meeting	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Office Closed	<b>14</b>  "Happy Valentine's Day"
<b>15</b> 9:15AM-Kids Choir 9:30AM-SS for ALL 10:45AM - Worship	<b>16</b> 6:30-Cub Pk#109,S.R. 6:30-Deacons' Mtg. 6:30-Christian Ed.Mtg. 7:30-COUNCIL MTG. Office Closed - "Presidents' Day"	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 10:30-Bible Study/ Prayer Group 7PM-Vocal Choir 7:30-AA Meeting	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Office Closed	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b> 9:15AM-Kids Choir 9:30AM-SS for ALL 10:45AM - Worship Coffee Fellowship	<b>23</b> 6:30-Cub Pk#109,S.R.	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 10:30-Bible Study/ Prayer Group 7PM-Vocal Choir 7:30-AA Meeting	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Office Closed	<b>28</b>

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## Please take note:

Due to circumstances beyond our control, our **Church Office** will be now be **closed on Fridays** beginning January 30, 2009.



**He's Arrived!!!** On January 16<sup>th</sup>, Anthony Jason Ellinger made his entrance weighing in at 7lbs.15ozs. His very happy parents are Jake & Amy Ellinger and grandparents, Sue & Gary! God bless you all!



**In Case of Stormy Weather:** Please watch **Channel 22** on your **television** or click on your **computer** to **ABC40TV.COM**. - Cancellations will be posted there.

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## Applying Bible Principles

What comes to mind when someone mentions “work”? Is your initial tendency to moan and groan, wishing you could avoid work?

Wait a minute — If God created and owns everything, why should we His children have to work? Couldn't He just provide for us in some supernatural way that would enable us not to have to work? Surely, God could do that, but He doesn't do so. According to the admonition in 1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, one of the primary benefits from working and providing for our needs is to be able to lead lives marked by integrity and a healthy self respect. And God's plan is that we are best able to accomplish these worthy goals by working.

What should be the Christian's response to work? First, thank God for work and for the ability to work. As Solomon observed, this is a “gift of God.” Second, view your work as a means of bringing glory to God. Third, whatever you do — no matter what your vocation or occupation — do it “with your might,” as unto the Lord. And finally, remember that by providing work for us to do, God enables us to give to Him and to His ministry at Central Baptist Church.



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*Caring for People through People*

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