



“On the Edge”

March 4, 2008

“Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God. Assuredly, I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will by no means enter it.”

Mark 10:14-15

The words of Jesus are so clear! Our blessed mission from the Lord Jesus is to “let the children come”! Let them learn, grow, fellowship and find Jesus as their Rescuer! These words of our Master have really tugged at my heart lately. The need is so great in this generation to teach the children and give them the opportunity to experience Christ. It is our calling as His church to teach our children, grandchildren and any young ones put under our care the Word of God. The calling is first to every parent to teach their children the Bible and then the church should partner with that parent to support the foundation of faith begun in their hearts. I am more committed than ever to make sure River’s Edge is reaching the next generation of believers. The Awana children’s ministry has been and will continue to be our major tool to teach kids. We have seen the results already in just 18 months of beginning Awana. Please continue to pray for our children’s leaders and workers each week. From the Awana leaders, to Bible Study teachers to Children’s Church workers, these folks care about the souls of children! The entire church family cares and that’s what makes my heart glad to be your pastor! Note that on **Sunday, March 30th** we will celebrate our **2nd Annual Awana Day**. This is a Sunday in which we will invite all our Awana parents to worship with us and see the things their kids are learning and doing. There will be some great testimonies and victories shared in this special worship time. Make sure this is on your calendar and don’t miss it! Children matter to God and to everyone at River’s Edge!

This Saturday, March 8th at **10:00 am**, we will go into the **Brushy Creek Community** off Eva Kennedy Road to do outreach. This will involve sharing our River’s Edge brochures and Awana information. This is a church wide event and

anyone can go help us share this material. Please meet at the church building at **10:00 am**. You will receive directions and we will make the short trip to the neighborhood and get to work. The whole experience should take no more than an hour to complete. I hope you will make the time to join us!

Remember, this Sunday begins **Daylight Savings Time!** You will need to **set your clocks forward one hour** on Saturday night! Also, I will continue the new sermon series called, **“The God Questions”**. This week we will dive into how God can be Father, Son and Holy Spirit. The subject is so vast and deep you will definitely need your best Bible translation, but no pillows please!.....I promise to keep you awake! At **6:00 pm** we will welcome the **Celebration Ringers of Smyrna First Baptist Church** for a special Praise Service. Our Praise Team will be leading in worship as well. Please make plans to be here on this rare Sunday Night worship experience.

We continue our teaching emphasis on **March 14-16th** in **The Secret Revolution Youth Weekend**. This discipleship time is geared for our teenagers and college age students but is an opportunity for the whole church family to worship. Parents and all adults are welcome to the worship times on Friday and Saturday nights. This will be a wonderful teaching time for our teenagers and I ask you to pray for them as they learn and grow in their faith. Phillip is available to answer your questions and get you the forms you need to sign up! Do it quickly! The faster you sign up, the better your price is for the weekend. Also remember, we want all our kids to attend. Don't let the registration fee keep you from participating!

On Sunday, March 16th, we will celebrate the **Lord's Supper**. This is Palm Sunday and we will truly thank God for the sacrifice of His Son for us on the cross of Calvary. Prepare your hearts and minds as we remember what Christ Jesus has done for all of us!

Wow, Easter is Early! Our **Resurrection Sunday Celebration** begins at **6:30 am** for the **Community Sunrise Service at Suwanee Town Center Park**. We have participated in this great worship event the last two years and again we will join with other church families in the Suwanee Community to celebrate the Savior. **Breakfast** will be served at River's Edge at **8:30 am**, **Bible Study at 9:30 am**, and **Worship at 10:45 am**. Let's make this Easter the best we have ever experienced by inviting friends and family that may not attend church anywhere to come share worship with us! Start asking and encouraging now. **There are only 3 weeks left till Easter!**

The Week of Prayer for North American Missions has already begun. Please pick up a prayer guide in the main hallway and pray for the missionary families and their work all over North America. Also, remember to support the **Annie Armstrong**

Easter Offering for North American Missions. As you pray, please seek God's guidance about another special mission opportunity we have this year. As you know, we sent out our first International Mission Team last December to Guatemala. The team was so impressed by the ministry of **AMG International** in that country, that we see the need to go back and help the children and missionaries there. I would like to ask you to pray about a partnership that we could have with AMG to work in their missions projects and to send teams over the next two years to help them. One specific need for this year is to build a 9 ft. security wall at one of AMG's childcare centers in Guatemala City. There are some special support ideas we can use to raise the money necessary to build this wall and support the team who would go and build it. Right now, I need you to pray about the whole partnership idea. I will publish some details about the ministry and support opportunities in the next few weeks. Then, on **Sunday, March 30th**, we will have a **Church Family Discussion at 3:00 pm** to talk through the partnership and listen to what the Spirit is saying to us!

We welcome Jenny and Alena Tacker as new members of River's Edge! They made their public profession of faith in Jesus last Sunday and we look forward to their Baptism Celebration in the coming weeks.

I am grateful for Mosaic Christian Fellowship! For five months now, we have partnered to help Mosaic get planted as a new congregation and God has surely blessed them and us! I appreciate the spirit of Pastor Ken Reed and his whole congregation. Don't forget to pray for these wonderful folks as they grow and we serve together in this Suwanee community.

We have gotten off to a good start in our stewardship for 2008. This season is usually one of the most difficult financially, but you have stepped up to keep us in solid financial shape. **Our budget goal for January-February was: \$33,919.80. We received: \$28,653.19.** This is a good try to meet the entire ministry budget. Thank you for your efforts and continue to pray that we will reach our entire goal during this next month!

I am excited by what the Lord is doing among us! Stay open and focused on God's will. He has a wonderful future for His church!

I love you all,

Pastor Stephen