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*"A man is just as rich
as his investment
in the bank of heaven."
—Vance Havner*

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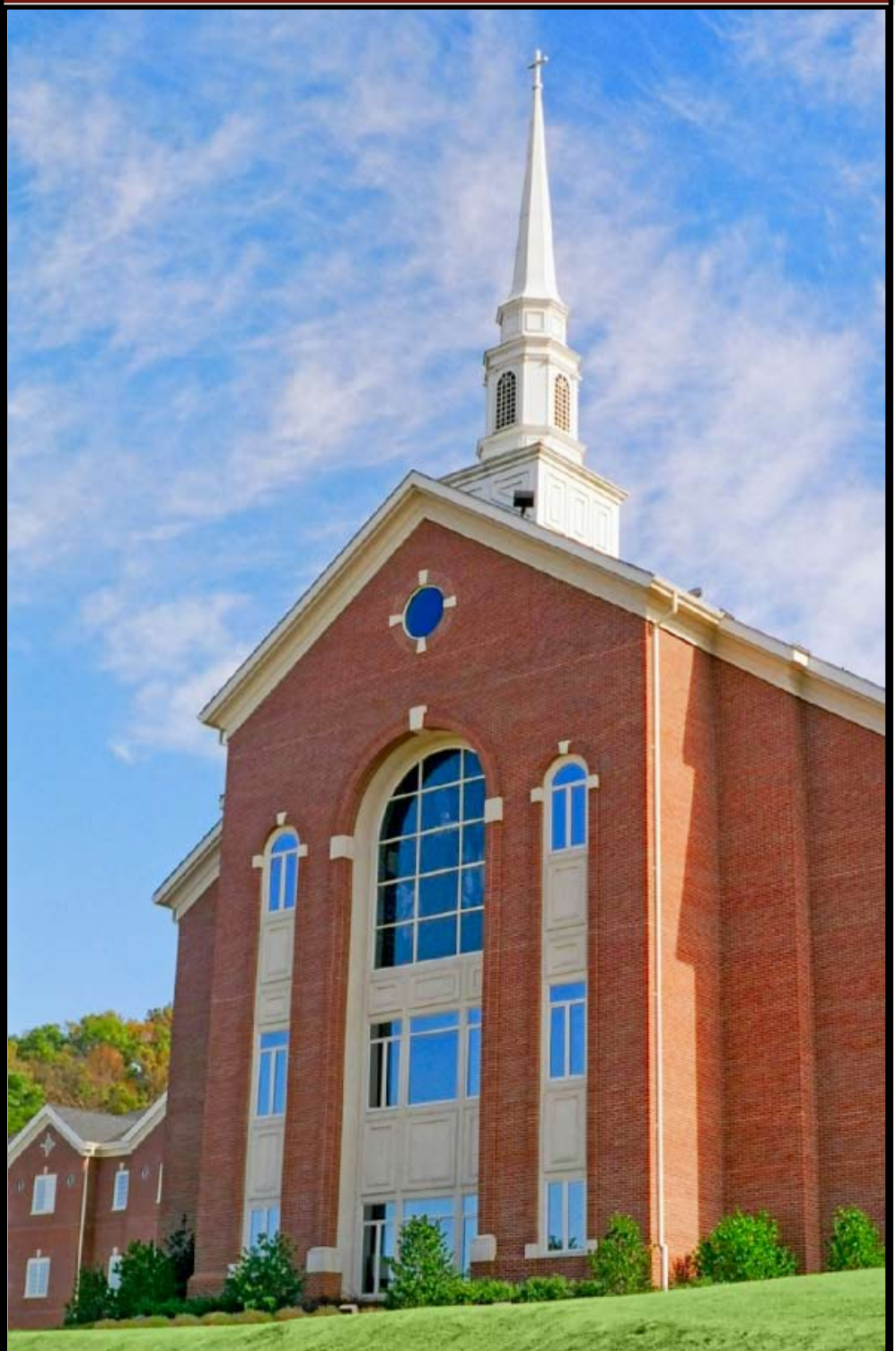
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Sign up on-line today.



"Becoming Great Commission Christians by Making Much of Jesus"



Dr. Mike Shaw
Senior Pastor

2012 is our year to “Believe His Word”. How can you believe it, if

Are You Reading and Believing His Word?

you don't read it? Does your Bible or the T.V. remote have more wear? Some of you may think “Well, Bro. Mike quotes that ‘Your word, O LORD is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens’ (Psalm 119:89), so I’m going to wait to eternity to read the Bible”. If that is your attitude, then listen to Bro. Mike again. **“Shame on you!”**

What a joy to sit down with my wife and share the wonderful truths and stories of God’s activity among His people. Do you not think that something God inspired, heaven protected, and as relevant and up-to-

date as CNN or Fox News deserves fifteen minutes a day? Reading the Bible through in 2012 will change us, change our fellowship, and can change the world as God speaks to us through His Holy Word.

Don't miss the blessedness of obedience in reading and heeding God's Word.

I love you, I love you, I love you. God bless you and God bless America!

Bro. Mike

Dave Says

Dear Dave,

I've heard you say that people spend more with plastic than with cash. Exactly what does that mean?

Edmund

Dear Edmund,

There have been several studies done in recent years that show people spend less money when buying with cash as opposed to swiping a credit card. One study in particular conducted by MIT and published in Carnegie Mellon magazine, indicated through the use of Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) that the pain centers of the brain are activated when you spend cash. Of course, it depends on the item in question and individual spending patterns as to exactly how much less is spent, but the average is between 12 and 18 percent.

Want some more information? When McDonald's first began accepting credit cards, they conducted a focus group study in their restaurants on credit card users versus cash users. At that time, the difference was about 42 percent, meaning that a person using cash bought 42 percent less in a fast food setting than



Dave Ramsey

someone paying for their meal with a credit card. On other, more expensive items, the percentage generally drops. But these studies and others have proven that people spend more when using credit cards instead of cold, hard cash.

See what I mean when I say you can't beat the credit shark at his own game? Even if you're one of the few who pays their credit card bills on time every month, you're still throwing your money away!

Dave

Dear Dave,

My dad cosigned on a car loan for me a few years ago before I began working your plan to get control of my

money. I missed some payments back then, and it has affected our relationship. I've since paid off the car, but how do I make things right with my dad?

Stephanie

Dear Stephanie,

I know you're hurting, but a lot of this is up to him. The truth is he's partially to blame for being dumb enough to cosign in the first place. And if this was just a mistake you made when you were a kid, then he should be mature enough to realize that and recognize the progress you're making now with your finances.

If you haven't yet apologized for messing up, I think it's something you should do very soon. Let him know how much you hate that it harmed your relationship, and tell him you're following a program that will help you make sure nothing like that ever happens again.

Then, if he can't accept that and move on, it's all on him. I know that's not what you wanted to hear, but sometimes time is the only thing that heals those kinds of wounds.

Dave

***For more financial advice, you may visit www.davesays.org.**

This month we would like to introduce you to one of our precious homebound ladies, **Mrs Tena Shelton**. She was born in Wytheville, Virginia, but has lived in Alabama since she was six months old. On regular trips back to Wytheville to visit relatives, she met her husband of 60 years, Eugene Shelton. Eugene was in the Navy in 1944 when they married. He passed away in 2004. They have a daughter and a son, four grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Tena loves to knit and has just completed three baby blankets. She has knitted everyone in her family a sweater and has knitted coats also. These coats have been passed down as the children have outgrown them.



Mrs. Tena Shelton

She knitted Auburn sweaters for the children that went to college there. I saw one of them and they were beautiful. She also quilts and does needlepoint.

Tena has been a member of First Baptist Church of Pelham for 17 years. She said she became a Christian at the age of twelve. The next day, her mother became a Christian. After her children started to school, she did bookkeeping for her father's auto repair business.

Tena would like for the church to pray for the safe keeping of our boys in the military, and also for the "healing" of our country. She is often in a lot of pain from Rheumatoid Arthritis. Please pray for comfort for her as well. She is a lovely lady and is a delight to visit. She always welcomes everyone with a smile.

By Gerri Basic

Birthdays this month

Feb 7 Louise Holloway
6884 Hwy 11
Pelham AL 35124

Feb 11 Mary F Fortenberry
PO Box 644
Alabaster AL 35007

Feb 15 Willie Mae Snider
Riverchase Village
1851 Data Drive
Hoover AL 35224

Feb 22 Betty Koonce
126 South Lake Lane
Birmingham AL 35244

The Counselor's Corner

Absolute truth does exist!

I often tell couples who are in conflict that we all see life, issues and events through our own binoculars. Our perception and perspective on any given subject is derived from our value system, and our value system is based on our beliefs. While many of the issues we argue about are often somewhat trivial, I am increasingly concerned that relativism and the absence of "absolute truth" are eroding the foundation of our society. Moral relativism teaches there is no absolute truth and that all religions, philosophies and opinions are equally valid and equally accepted. This extreme shade of grey has served to diminish the importance of good versus evil, right versus wrong and acceptable versus unacceptable.

If absolute truth does not exist, then there is no ultimate moral rightness or wrongness about anything. We have all heard "everything is relative" or "that may be true for you, but it's not for me." For many, truth is now seen as a personal preference and what seems to work for the moment. This downward spiral in our belief system replaces clarity with confusion and serves to perpetuate the moral decay of our society.

As Christians, we must be concrete in our knowledge and belief that absolute

truth does exist. It not only exists, it is mandatory. Jesus said "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). God's word is full of absolute truths that are in place to guide and protect us. We must continually challenge our own belief system against God's Word. Have we weakened? Have we compromised? As parents, are we more concerned with what our children are doing rather than staying aware of what our children are believing?

As Christians, we must be concrete in our knowledge and belief that absolute truth does exist.

—James Roberts
The HOPE Center — 663-2779



Spring Break Mission Trips

Senior High — Tokyo, Japan

We will be working with IMB (International Mission Board) missionaries to help establish contacts for follow-up for Bible study, evangelism and home church worship. Cost for this trip is \$2350.00. We leave Friday, March 16 and return Sunday, March 25.

Middle School — International Village in Doraville, GA

Our Middle School will be working with our NAMB (North American Mission Board) at the International Village in Doraville, Georgia, just outside Atlanta. See our website for more information. Cost for this trip is \$150.00.

Student Summer Camp is Centrifuge!

June 11-16

Union University, Jackson, Tennessee

Centrifuge is a life-changing camp. We would like every Middle School and High School student to attend.

If you missed the deadline of February 1, we can probably still take you if you respond quickly.

Cost is \$300.00 per person, which includes camp fees, all your food (except during travel), lodging and vehicle expense.

Student Discipleship and Creative Ministry schedule

February 5, 12, and 19

6:00 PM in the Annex

We will NOT meet February 26 so that we can be a part of the Upward Awards Night.

Our Student Ministry is constantly on the lookout for leaders of our Creative Ministries. We need adults with skills in these areas:

acrobatic and gymnastic skills

baton skills

percussion or drum skills

flag twirling skills

hip hop and dance skills

puppet skills

choreography skills

sound technician

drama skills - writing, directing

If you have a creative talent you can teach, we'd love to talk to you.

It may not be too late!

Family Ski Trip



February 17-19

Maggie Valley, North Carolina

Cost per non-skier: \$150

Cost per skier or skateboarder: \$225

Price includes lodging, 5 meals, rental fees and ski lift tickets for 2 day sessions.

For more information, contact the Student Ministry Office at 664-0237 and speak with Donnie Sisk.

We want everyone to join us on Sunday night, February 26 for Upward Awards Night.



Only about 1/3 of our league is made up of families from our church. About 1/3 of our families are affiliated with another church and about 1/3 have no church affiliation at all. We set aside this Sunday night as a church-wide celebration. I hope you will join us. It is an opportunity to show how hospitable we are and enjoy a fun night in the process. Master Yo-Yo Champion Buddy Martin will be our guest entertainer. We will begin at 5:00 and end before 7:00.

Donnie

Dear Senior Adults,

One twelfth of the new year of 2012 is already behind us! Remember the activities already planned.

First up is the Senior Adult Valentine Banquet on Monday night, February 13 at 6:00 PM at T.J. and Pam Dunaway's barn. This is a catered dinner. Cost is \$10.00 each (\$9.00 for the meal and \$1.00 for our New Orleans project). You need to see Barbara no later than Sunday, February 5, to get on the list. I know you will have a great time of fellowship. Thanks to T.J. and Pam for hosting.



Please Note: our March meeting is a covered dish luncheon. The date has been changed due to the Primary Elections. Our Annex is a new voting place on Tuesday, March 13, so we have moved our luncheon to Thursday, March 15 in the Annex just for this one time.

Remember also our Senior Adult Mission Trip to New Orleans on March 18-23. I will be giving you more detailed instructions later, with a list of what to bring. The church contribution amount will be the same as last year. You must sign up NOW, so we can plan the sleeping arrangements (single, King). One of our projects will be to finish the kitchen at the "Women at the Well" Center. Begin praying for this mission opportunity; it will be a blessing. If you are not able to make the trip, you can have a vital part in what others do if you pray.

I love you dearly!

For His Glory,
Bro. Paul

Children's Ministry

Important summer dates

We know some of you will be making your summer vacation and travel plans soon. Here are our big dates to keep in mind.

WAW	May 23
VBS	June 4-8
Kids Kamp	June 18-21
Jr Kids Kamp	July 17-19

Believe it or not VBS planning is underway! In the next couple of weeks we are going to continue our volunteer signup process. Please prayerfully consider serving the children of FBCP and our community by volunteering to serve in VBS.



February 1st & 15th, 9:30-11:30
Quad Room

Disciple Now March 2nd and 3rd

Registration is open for 1st-5th grade D-Now. Space is limited. Only the first 60 - 1st-3rd graders and the first 50 - 4th-5th graders to register will be able to attend. The deadline is Sunday, February 12th. Cost is \$10.00.

In Touch With the Church Family

**Would you like to know more people in church?
Would you like to call more people by name?
That opportunity is coming this April!**

In just a few weeks you will be able to sign up online (March 4th) to have your photo made for a new church directory. Or you may sign up at church beginning March 11th. Photo dates are April 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 25, 26, 27, and 28. More information will be coming.



Kindergarten and Mom's Day Out are registering now

Registration is open now for members of First Baptist Church of Pelham. Call 663-7455 now. The registration will be expanded to include the general public beginning on February 15th.



First Baptist Church Family,

Thank you for your thoughts and prayer regarding the passing of my grandfather. Your acts of kindness through Christ's love has meant the world. I thank God for each of you.

Maurice, Amanda and Emma
Mercer

Dearest Church Family,

Words cannot express how wonderful it feels to experience the power of prayer as my family did these past few weeks with the health crisis of my mom, Shirley Tyler. She came near death several times and your prayers and ours were definitely felt that God's will was to keep her with us. She is back to her old self now and I'm glad to be back at home again. Thanks for your support and for all the loving emails. Love and blessings to you!

Diane Tyler Ezell



Pete Cordrey in the death of his brother, Stan; **Mrs. Mildred Horn** in the death of her husband, Mr. W.E. Horn; **Jane White** in the death of her sister, Melba Carruse; **Janice Lawson** in the death of her mother, Mrs. Hazel Wooley; **Linda Blanton** in the death of her father, Robert Giles; **Scott Eason** in the death of his grandmother, Sybil Eason; **Odis Amason** in the death of his Uncle Byron Hairston; friends of Mrs. Lounell Cole in her death of January 17th; **Linda Story** in the death of her mother, Bobbie Franklin; and **Lisa, Samantha, Kaitlyn and Hannah Pearce** in the death of their husband and father, David Pearce.

2012 Church Family Giving

(through 1-23-12)

General Fund given to date	\$ 146,733.56
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 127,327.58
Debt Retirement given in 2012	\$ 3,759.84
Loan Balance as of 1/15/12	\$ 8,553,518.26

Congratulations

...to Steve and Paige Martinez on the birth of Eva Lynlee Martinez on January 20th, weighing 6 pounds 15 ounces and measuring 20 1/4 inches. Proud grand-parents are Vickie and Bill Shanahan.



Our Newest Members



Olivia Collier
for baptism



Jodi and John Cook
by letter



Gabriela, Yadira and Byron Estrada
by letter



Ken and Karen Casey
by letter



Nathaniel Arnold
by letter

February Schedule

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30 AM MOPS (Quad Room) Leviticus 1-4	2 Leviticus 5-7	3 Leviticus 8-10	4 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM Upward Basketball Games (Annex) Saturday Leviticus 11-13
5 Leviticus 14-15	6 9 AM Job Concerns Ministry 10 AM Women on Mission 1 PM "Crafty Chicks" 6 PM Upward Practice Leviticus 16-18	7 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6 PM Upward Practice Leviticus 19-21	8 Leviticus 22-23	9 5-7 PM Alabama Baptist Honor Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room) 6 PM Upward Practice Leviticus 24-25	10 Leviticus 26-27	11 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM Upward Basketball Games (Annex) School of Fine Arts Music Festival Numbers 1-2
12 Numbers 3-4	13 9 AM Job Concerns 1 PM "Crafty Chicks" 6 PM Upward Practice 6 PM Senior Adult Valentine Banquet (The Dunaway Barn) Numbers 5-6	14 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6 PM Upward Practice Numbers 7	15 9:30 AM MOPS (Quad Room) Numbers 8-10	16 6 PM Upward Practice Numbers 11-13	17 Family Ski Trip February 17-19 Maggie Valley, NC Numbers 14-15	18 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM Upward Basketball Games (Annex) Numbers 16-17
19 Numbers 18-20	20 9 AM Job Concerns Ministry 1 PM "Crafty Chicks" 6 PM Upward Practice 7 PM Deacons Meeting Numbers 21-22	21 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study 6 PM Upward Practice Numbers 23-25	22 Numbers 26-27	23 6 PM Upward Practice Numbers 28-30	24 Numbers 31-32	25 Fishing Tournament for Missions 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM Upward Basketball Games (Annex) Numbers 33-34
26 5 PM Upward Basketball Celebration (Sanctuary) Numbers 35-36	27 9 AM Job Concerns Ministry 1 PM "Crafty Chick" Deuteronomy 1-2	28 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study Deuteronomy 3	29 Deuteronomy 4			

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

7 AM Prayer Team
8, 9:15, 10:45 AM Sunday School & Morning Worship
4 PM Praisemakerz Kids Choir (for Elementary)
5 PM Bible Drills (for Elementary)
Faith Weavers (FW Friends for Preschool)
Student and Adult Discipleship Training
Handbell Choir Rehearsal
6 PM Creative Ministries
Adult Discipleship Training

WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

5 PM Wednesday Night Church Family Meals
6 PM Prayer Meeting (Annex)
6:30 Musicmakerz Choir (for Preschool)
The C.R.E.W. (for Elementary)
Refuge (Students)
Celebration Choir Rehearsal
Adult Discipleship Training

February Ministry Staff Weekend Hospital Rotation

Feb. 4 & 5 - Paul Moore - Home 663-0155, Cell 913-5129
Feb. 11-12 - Mike Shaw - Home 663-1788, Cell 283-4749

Feb. 18 & 19 - Ben Birdsong - 907-6623
Feb. 25 & 26 - Donnie Sisk - Home 620-1157, Cell 567-7475



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Wednesday Night Meals

Church Family Meal at 5 p.m.
Prayer at 6 p.m.

Please check the First Baptist Church of Pelham web site and/or your Sunday bulletin for current menus.



Prices: Adults ----- \$ 5.00
Children (12 and under) - \$ 3.50
Family maximum (one household) \$18.00

Reservations:
Before **noon** on Monday (no exceptions, please)
Standing reservations payable *in advance monthly*

Serving time: 5:00-5:45 PM
This is a volunteer, self-supporting ministry (non-profit) from our church cook team.
(Complimentary dinner for 1st time visitors *by reservation.*)

CHURCH STAFF

Dr. Mike Shaw, *Pastor*
Dr. Paul Moore, *Assoc. Pastor: Ministry/Senior Adults*
Rev. Donnie Sisk, *Pastor to Students/Activities*
Rev. Jonathan Williams, *Preschool/Children's Director*
Paula Kornegay, *Worship Leader*
Linda Kennemore, *Administrator*

GENERAL INFORMATION

Office Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:00-5:00
Church Office Phone: 664-0237
Children's Offices: 216-0028
Fax: 621-2351
HOPE Center: 663-2779
School of Fine Arts: 664-2466
Sunday School Annex: 664-0237, ext. 5020
(All phones are area code 205)
Web Site - www.fbcpelham.org

His personal ministry

Newspapers once carried the story of a concerned layman who started a new kind of prayer ministry. He set up a booth close to a fairly busy road. He hung a sign that read "Need prayer? Stop here."

The man was surprised at the response. He was kept busy praying. After all, who doesn't need prayer?

What a blessing that a man with a thoughtful mind and a concerned spirit chose to minister to passers-by, who were humble enough to admit they needed prayer. —copied

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