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"Hurry is the death of prayer"
—Samuel Chadwick
(taken from Today's Turning Point,
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Sign up on-line today.



"I will praise the name
of God with a song;
I will magnify him
with thanksgiving."

Psalm 69:30, NRSV

"Becoming Great Commission Christians by Making Much of Jesus"



Dr. Mike Shaw
Senior Pastor

I will be presiding at the Alabama Baptist State Convention as I conclude serving this year as President. Several of our members and former staff members will be participating. Rev. Robert Heard and Rev. Jeff Griffis will be praying.

Convention, Come Before Winter, and Thanksgiving ... all occur in the month of November

Our two “preacher-boys”, Dr. Scott Bush and Rev. Brad Bakane, will be leading in prayer, as well as our member Dr. Carey Hanks, who is a church planter and works with our Hispanic brothers and sisters. Dr. Paul Moore will give his final report as Treasurer of the Alabama Baptist Minister’s Benefit Society (with Barbara as his faithful assistant). Jim and Mary Minor will be singing with the Alabama Singing Men and Women. My favorite singer (and piano player) will sing a beautiful song, “When Jesus Comes”, just before I preach the president’s address with the same title from Mark 9:14-29. Since most of you will not be able to attend the convention, I am going to try the sermon out on you on Sunday, November 13 in all three services.

Please pray that God will use me and speak through me to you and to the convention.

Sunday, November 20, is “Come Before Winter” Sunday. For twenty years I have preached a message from II Timothy 4:9-22 on Paul’s last plea to Timothy.

On Thursday of that week we celebrate Thanksgiving - a time to reflect, remember, and respond to God’s goodness towards us with thankful hearts.

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

Bro. Mike

Dave Says

Dear Dave,

How do you feel about online trading for building a stock portfolio? Assuming that someone has done their homework on which stocks to buy, is there anything else to know about do-it-yourself trading?

Kevin

Dear Kevin,

There’s one very important thing to know — don’t do it! This kind of thing is one rung below day trading on the ladder of stupidity. Here’s the problem. When most people talk about “doing their homework” on single stocks they’re just barely skimming the surface. And most of the time this involves just talking to their broke friends. There’s no way you and your golfing buddy are going to dig up and decipher the kind of solid, reliable information you’ll need to be successful at this kind of thing. I’d much rather go with a mutual fund that’s spent millions of dollars analyzing companies and doing real research.



Dave Ramsey

What you’re talking about is a million times riskier than using good growth stock mutual funds — selected by professionals — with 90 to 100 different stocks.

Dave

Dear Dave,

Right now our debt is keeping us from investing. Do you recommend making investments with a home equity line of credit?

Paul

Dear Paul

Let me answer this very, very carefully. No! You don’t borrow on your home, Paul. You never want to put something as precious and important as your home in jeopardy just for the sake of investing. Follow the Baby Steps, get \$1,000 in the bank to start your emergency fund. Second, pay off all debts from smallest to largest — except your house — using the debt snowball. This will lead you to Baby Step Three, which is fully funding your emergency fund with three to six months of expenses. Once you’ve done all this you’re ready for Baby Step Four, which is investing in Roth IRAs and other pre-tax retirement. When you’re debt-free except for your house, you’ll find investing is easy because you’ve freed up your most important wealth building tool — your income!

Dave

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

We have several new choir members who have joined us in time to sing in the Christmas program, "Meet Me at the Manger". We could still use a few more singers. And we would love for former and inactive members to come back and sing with us, as well. Come and join us on Wednesday night. We will give you a CD to help you catch up and learn all the music.

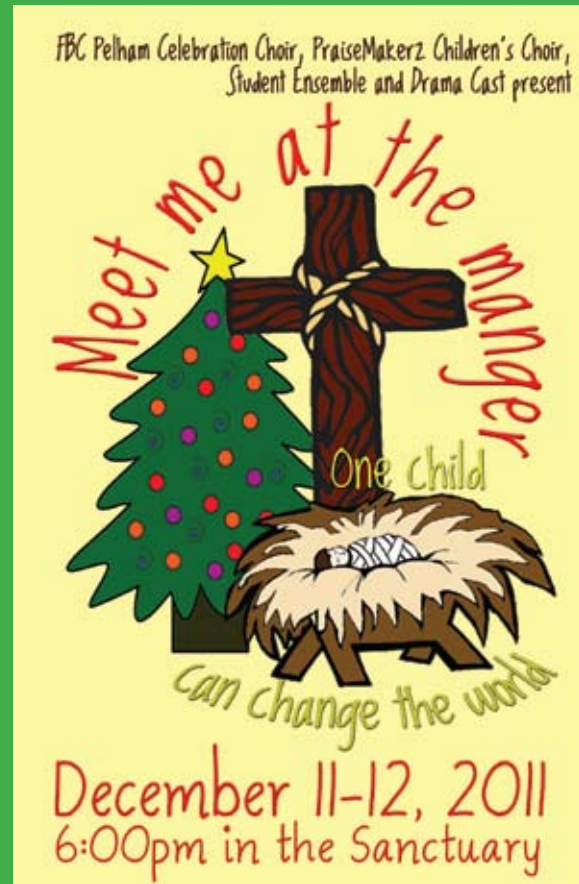
MUSICAL OPPORTUNITIES

Adult Celebration Choir
Wednesdays, 6:30
Choir Room

Musicmakerz (ages 3-5)
Wednesdays, 6:30
Kids Activity Room

Praisemakerz (grades 1-5)
Sundays, 4 PM
Jr. Kids Church Room

Student Ensemble (grades 6-12)
Sunday, 6 PM, Annex



The Counselor's Corner

God's Peace

In today's society, people feel more pressure and stress than ever before. Some of the events that contribute to stress are external, but so often the bulk of that stress and pressure comes from within. Chaotic and disordered lifestyles rob individuals of peace and contentment. This often leads to anxiety and depression.

I have often heard Philippians 4:6-7 interpreted as meaning that God will give the peace that passes all understanding to those who do not worry and who also make their requests known to God only after having offered up much thanksgiving. These same people come away feeling disappointed and let down by God because they do not have peace. A closer look at that verse reveals some very important attributes about God. What is meant by God's peace?

1 Corinthians 14:33 and Romans 15:33 say that God is not a God of confusion, but of peace. Therefore, his actions are characterized by peace and not disorder. Additionally, we know that there is no peace to those who walk in wickedness and sin (Isa. 48:22). "God's peace means that in God's being and in his actions he is separate from all confusion and disorder, yet he is continually active in innumerable well-ordered, fully controlled, simultaneous actions" (Grudem, 1994, pg. 203). God's peace is ordered and controlled. Isn't that so opposite of what one feels under stress? Mixing stress and disorder with God's peace, which is ordered and non-chaotic, is like mixing water and oil.

One cannot experience peace if he continues to place himself in predicaments or situations that require more

than he can give. Most stress comes about as a result of one's own doing, either by struggling against what God has given him or by over committing to someone or some cause. All of which can be worsened by his attitude.

Another important element to understanding God's peace is that it is also a fruit of the spirit (Gal 5:22). When stressed and disordered or when sinning either by omission or commission, one cannot experience that part of God's character which is "the peace that passes all understanding". It is that peace that God says will guard our hearts and minds; but disordered lifestyles prevent that from happening, leaving us vulnerable and feeling lost. No wonder so many Christians feel disconnected from God during trying times.

—Linda Story
The HOPE Center — 663-2779

Stewardship Emphasis

Man's Ways

11 – Put your hope in money



God's Ways

Put your hope in God

1 Tim 6:17 *Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God.*

Rev 3:17-18 *(Jesus said) "You say, 'I am rich, with everything I want; I don't need a thing!' And you don't realize that spiritually you are wretched and miserable and poor and blind and naked."*

Don't miss Secret Church!

November 4th
6 PM - midnight

We will host a simulcast, as we did earlier in the year. This one is for adults and for children 6th grade and above.

You may purchase tickets online by going on our web site, www.fbcpelham.org. The cost is \$5.00 (includes your workbook).

Student/Activities Ministry

Informational Meeting
Concerning Mission Trip to Japan
Wednesday, Nov 2, 8 PM, Annex

Jimmy Hale Mission
Sunday, November 6
(Stick, Human Video, and Hip Hop)

Winter Retreat
December 27-29
Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge, TN
Cost: \$150.00
Deposit due now!

Refuge
Nov 9 - Donnie's 50th birthday celebration
16 - Thanksgiving service
30 - 5th Wednesday "Remember the Turkey"

Upward Evaluations
November 7, 8, and 10 in the Annex
Grades K5-8th grade
Cost: \$85.00

First practices — the week of November 28
Games begin January 7; go through February 25
Awards Celebration — Sunday, February 26

Upcoming Opportunities

We have listed the following opportunities for your student to attend over the next 9 months. We understand that these costs can add up, so we are offering you the opportunity to make payments over the next several months. Please call Laura (663-7492) in the Student Ministry Office to set up your "youth account".

December 27-29 — **Winter Retreat** to Gatlinburg/Pigeon Forge, TN
Cost \$150.00. Deposit of \$50 is due now..

February 17-19 — **Family Ski Trip** to Maggi Valley, NC
Cost \$250.00. Deposit of \$100 due January 15

March 17-24 — **Spring Break Mission Trip**
Domestic — Middle School, to Atlanta, GA
Cost \$125.00

International — High School.
Cost to be determined.
(Students will participate in a cost lowering scrap drive.)

June 11-16 — **Centrifuge** @Union University in Jackson, Tennessee
Cost \$300.00. \$50.00 deposit (non-refundable) due Jan. 29

June 18-21 — **Kidz Kamp** (6th graders) Shocco Springs
Cost \$175.00

June 23-29 — **Summer Mission Trip**
Cost \$30.00 (covers t-shirts)

**All costs are approximate, and subject to change.*

Senior Adult Ministry

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Dear Senior Adults,

On November 3, we will take a day trip to see the fall foliage in Northeast Alabama. We will leave at 12:30 PM from the upper parking lot. We will go up through Gadsden, Centre, Little River Canyon and the Fort Payne area. We will return after dinner. There are some beautiful sights in Alabama; let's see them together.

November 8 is the day for our luncheon in the Annex. This is a very special day for our Senior Adults. We are fortunate to host **Michael Facciani** of Waterloo, Iowa in concert at our meeting. Mike has a beautiful voice and a wonderful Christian testimony. He will be singing some of the greatest Christian songs ever written. You don't want to miss this performance. Since John is cooking for this event, it is an absolute **must** that you make reservations for the meal. **Call the church office before November 6** to make your reservation.

It is **not too early for you to begin praying** for our spring mission trip. Next year it will be on March 18-23. We will fill you in on the details when our plans are complete.

November is also the month of Thanksgiving. We are blessed to live in a country where we are **free to worship God**. That's why our forefathers came to this country in the first place. My prayer is that all of us will remember God's blessings and be thankful indeed.



I love you dearly!
For His Glory, Bro. Paul

Cheergivers Ministry

Thanksgiving and Christmas are upon us. It is a busy time for the Cheergivers, as we always have a special project going on for our precious homebounds, nursing home residents and assisted living residents. This year we are taking them beautiful baskets with home baked goodies. We **need some good recipes for our diabetics**. If you have any "sugar free" recipes that you have tried and know are good, please call me as soon as you can. You can also email or mail them to me. These recipes should be for cookies, brownies, candy or cake loaves. Remember, "sugar free" only.

There are only two birthdays listed below for November. Would you like to send a birthday card?

November 11 **Dorothy Linn**
Maplewood
223 Tucker Road
Helena, AL 35080

November 27 **Earnistine Little**
Lakeview Estates
2634 Valleydale Road
Birmingham, AL 35244

Don't forget: It's "Merry Christmas" to everyone, especially those who say, "Happy Holidays".

If you would like to volunteer with Cheergivers, please contact me.

Jeanette Owens 664-9700
1903 Omaha Drive
Helena, AL 35080

Children's Ministry

Parent/Baby Dedication

Sunday, November 20
9:15 and 10:45 Services
(Come Before Winter Sunday)

Call Betty Abbott in the Preschool/Children's Office (216-0028) for a letter of information. You will need to submit this information, along with a photo CD for Power Point. The deadline for return of all information is November 6.

preschool teachers needed



Preschool Sunday School Teachers

Contact Preschool/Children's Department if you feel God is leading you to teach and love our adorable children.

Remember these ongoing activities

Wednesday Nights at 6:30
The Crew - Grades 1-5
Musicmakerz Choir -
Preschool Age
Sunday Nights
Praisemakerz Kids Choir
4 PM - Grades 1-5
Faith Weavers (FW Friends)
5 PM - Preschool Age
Bible Drills
5 PM - Grades 1-5

In Touch With the Church Family

FBCP Family,

Thank you so much for all of your prayers while I've been recovering from procedure! The prayers have been felt. Thanks to Paula and Ben for visiting me in the hospital. I love you guys,
Lisa Williams

Dear Church Family,

Your Christ-like love was truly shown in all the uplifting prayers, the beautiful cards, the cheerful visits, phone calls and emails that I received during my hospital stay in June and then recuperation at my son's home until Labor day weekend. Thank you so much for each thought. I love you dearly and am so grateful that our Lord led me to PFBC some 20 years ago. I am most blessed!
Audrey Kline

Dear Ones,

We want to thank you for your thoughts, prayers, cards and visits for our son Butch. The surgery went perfectly. Please continue to pray that our Lord will bless him with a full recovery and that he will walk again.

We are very grateful to God. His blessings were many during this time. What a mighty God we serve.

With love and affection,
Carlos and Elaine Johnson

Dear First Baptist Family,

Thank you for the cards, visits and especially the prayers during my recent surgery. A special thanks to Brother Paul and Brother Jonathan for their special visits. Thanks,
Charles Yates

Dear Friends,

Our family would like to offer you sincere and heartfelt thanks for the love and support you showed Pam and her family. I'm so grateful for the many months you prepared food for the Hughes family, and your visit to Pam's funeral and other times. I can never thank you enough for all the things you have done for the Hughes family. God bless you.

Love in Him,
Helen Magee
(Pam's Mother)



...Rick and Kim Speerl in the death of their wife and mother, Kathy Speerl.

...Evelyn and Mark

Bedsole, Audrey Kline and Frank Glaze in the death of their son, brother and nephew, Clark Bedsole.

...Matthew Stewart in the death of his grandmother in Montgomery.

...Pete Curren in the death of his Aunt Pansy Birchfield.

...Beth Horton in the death of her mother, Vera McHan.

...Roy Sims in the death of his sister, Sandra Evers.

...Regina Davis in the death of her mother.

...Vickie Tallent in the death of her Aunt Margaret.

...Alex Ryals in the death of his grandmother.

*Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cochran
request the honour of your presence
at the celebration of the marriage
of their daughter*

Elizabeth Lynne

to

Captain Marvin Carlton Morgan III

United States Army

*Saturday, the twelfth of November
two thousand eleven
at half after six*

*First Baptist Church of Pelham
Reception to follow*

*Liberty Hall, American Village
Montevallo, AL*

2011 Church Family Giving

(through 10-24-11)

General Fund given to date	\$ 1,870,183.62
Year to Date Expenses	\$ 1,837,947.17
Debt Retirement given in 2011	\$ 52,348.99
Loan Balance as of 10/15/2011	\$ 8,618,454.51

Congratulations to Lauren & Patrick Dodd on the birth of Ella Madison Dodd on October 11, weighing 6 lb 12 oz and measuring 19 1/2 inches.



Welcome, New Members!

Right:
Shannon & Steven
Purvis
(by letter)



Mildred Lanier
by letter



Joe, Caryn and Melinda Salamy (for baptism)



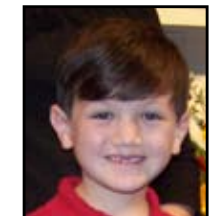
Below:
David & Donna
Hampton
(by letter)
Brandon (for baptism)
Matthew (by statement)



Sadie Henderson
for baptism



Maryanne Miller
for baptism



Jackson Holsomback
for baptism

November Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6:30 PM Scout Troop Meeting	2 9:30 AM MOPS (Quad Room) 8 PM Student/Parent Meeting Re: Mission Trip to Japan (Annex)	3 12:30 AM Senior Adult Trip to North Alabama	4 6-Midnight Secret Church Simulcast	5  Change your clocks today. If you wait until tomorrow, you will arrive early for church!
6 4 PM and 4:45 PM Two Youth Groups Leave to Go to Jimmy Hale Mission	7 9 AM Job Concerns Ministry 1 PM "Crafty Chicks" 6 PM Upward Basketball Evaluations (Annex)	8 11:00 AM Senior Adult Luncheon 6:30 PM Upward Basketball Evaluations (Annex) 6:30 PM Scout Troop Meeting	9	10 6 PM Upward Basketball Evaluations (Annex)	11 1 PM Children's Fall Swim	12 Wedding: Liz Cochran Trey Morgan
13 National Donor Sabbath <i>"Be an organ and tissue donor"</i>	14 9 AM Job Concerns Ministry 10 AM Women on Mission 1 PM "Crafty Chicks" 7 PM Deacons Meeting	15 <u>Alabama Baptist State Convention</u> <u>Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile</u>	16 9:30 AM MOPS (Quad Room)	17	18 7 PM Proverbs 31 Meeting (Quad Room)	19
20 "Come Before Winter" and Parent/Baby Dedication	21 9 AM Job Concerns Ministry <u>Kindergarten Feast Monday & Tuesday</u> 1 PM "Crafty Chicks"	22 6:30 PM Scout Troop Meeting	23 No Evening Activities	24 	25 CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED THURSDAY-FRIDAY for THANKSGIVING Scouts Christmas Tree Sales Begin	26
27	28 9 AM Job Concerns Ministry 1 PM "Crafty Chicks" 5 PM Upward Practice City of Pelham Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony	29 5 PM Upward Practice	30			

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
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

November Ministry Staff Weekend Hospital Rotation

Nov. 5 & 6 - Mike Shaw - Home 663-1788, Cell 283-4749
Nov. 12 & 13 - Donnie Sisk - Home 620-1157, Cell 567-7475

Nov. 19 & 20 - Paul Moore - Home 663-0155, Cell 913-5129
Nov. 26 & 27 - Paula Kornegay - 230-8987



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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
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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

"We're in a battle, and our enemy is on the attack. We need to resist him. Satan can't stand the hymns of the faith, so sing. He can't overcome the prayer of the saints, so pray. He can't defeat the Lord Jesus Christ, so claim the power of the Blood. He can't overthrow the truth, so quote the Scriptures. He can't vanquish the joy of the Lord, so rejoice. He can't divert God's grace, so use the shield of faith."

David Jeremiah in Today's Turning Point, Thursday, October 6

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