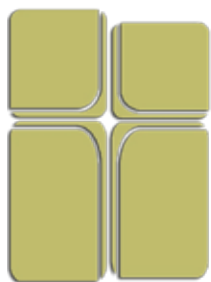


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*"Grace does not grant permission
to live in the flesh; it supplies
power to live in the Spirit"*

—John MacArthur

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"Becoming Great Commission Christians by Making Much of Jesus"

A Word From Our Pastor



Dr. Mike Shaw
Senior Pastor

Fall is finally here! Football, brisk mornings, colorful foliage and shorter

days point to the change in seasons. I love Autumn. The oppressive heat of summer is usually gone (but we do live in Alabama)! There is just something about October that brings back memories of state fairs as a child. The rides on the midway, caramel apples covered with peanuts; boiled peanuts; corn dogs with mustard; the pungent odor of the cattle, hogs, and sheep stalls; the grandstand show featuring Bobby Goldsboro, Roy Orbison, the Swinging Medallions, Marty Robbins, and local favorites “Country Boy” Eddie and “Happy Hal” Burns.

We are having our Fall Family Festival on Sunday afternoon, October 30, 2011. We have been having it on Halloween night, but for several reasons we are going to have it this year on

Sunday afternoon. It will have the feel of a state or county fair, but it will be evangelistic and free! We are one of the few churches who do not charge admission and we use this event as an outreach to the community. As the reigning “Chili-Contest” Champion, I look forward to defending my title with another version of my outstanding “Five-Alarm Fire House Red-Hot Chili” (ladies and girls, please eat it at your own risk — you have been warned!).

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

Bro. Mike

Dave Says

Dear Dave,

My husband and I have been married less than a year, and already we're having huge disagreements over money. He's got a big heart, but often he'll just give money to friends and family. Sometimes, this leaves us short when it comes to monthly bills, paying off debt, and saving anything. I guess he thinks we'll get by somehow, but it scares me. What can I do? Summer

Dear Summer,

It sounds like he does have a big heart, and I'm sure that's one of the reasons you love him. But this kind of behavior is completely irresponsible. What's worse, it's driving you crazy. At this point, you have every right to be scared and frustrated, because the message he's sending you is he wants to take care of everyone else before he takes care of you and your family. That's not a good idea. Broke people can't help broke people, meaning only the strong help the weak. At this point, you guys should be working together to get your own financial house in order. I'm talking about becoming debt-free, with a fully loaded emergency fund of three to six



Dave Ramsey

months' worth of expenses in place, and something set aside for your golden years. Then, once all that has been taken care of, if you have a friend or family member in financial need, you can gift them \$300 or whatever you guys agree is an appropriate amount.

I'm a big giver, both at my business and in my personal life. But I've learned that my first gifts should go to my wife and family. After I've taken care of my own, *then* comes giving outside of the household. You guys need to take care of yourselves right now. Kill off the debt and build up some wealth so that your husband's heart can function in that gift!

Dave

Dear Dave,

Is it always a good idea to put the maximum amount of money you can afford into a down payment when buying your first home?

Absolutely! Even though most people can't pay cash up front for a home, you always want to make as big a down payment as possible on any home you buy. Making a down payment of at least 20 percent helps you avoid private mortgage insurance, plus the whole idea is to pay that sucker off and become debt-free as fast as possible. Also, avoid 30-year mortgage plans. Stick with a 15-year, fixed rate loan.

Now, when it comes to putting money toward your down payment, make sure you don't touch your emergency fund of three to six months of expenses or your retirement savings. Those things are off limits. But scrape together any other extra cash you can, pile it up, and apply it to your down payment. You'll be glad you did!

Dave

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

Come and join a choir this Fall!

Adult Celebration Choir — Wednesdays at 6:30 in the Choir Room

Musicmakerz Kids Choir (ages 3-5) — Wednesday at 6:30 in the Kids Activity Room

Praisemakerz Kids Choir (grades 1-5) — Sundays at 4 PM in the Jr. Kids Church Room

Students Ensemble (grades 6-12) — Sunday at 6 PM in the Annex

Sing unto the Lord a new song!



Jobs Concern Ministry

JOB FAIR FOR MATURE WORKERS (50+)

October 18

8:00 AM until 1:30 PM

Sponsored by **AWARE** (Aging Workers Are Reliable Employees), a division of Positive Maturity, Inc., a United Way Partner

This is a unique opportunity for mature workers who are looking for employment or a change in careers. There is no charge for those seeking employment. Applications are available on site. Job skills workshops will be conducted during the event. If you know a business that would like to have a booth or receive information, contact Harold Deason at Positive Maturity, 205.670.6570 or haroldd@positivematurity.com.
—Jobs Concern Ministry

The Counselor's Corner

Forgiveness

Forgiveness can be very difficult, especially in situations that are extremely painful and unjust. Holding on to pain can result in feelings of hatred and revenge and will likely leave the offended person in a state of resentment and bitterness. The difficulty in forgiving someone typically parallels the amount and level of pain experienced. The old adage, "Time heals all wounds", is not valid since for some people, pain experienced even as far back as childhood can be as real as if it just happened.

I think it is important to note what forgiveness *is not*. It is not diminishing the evil done against you, nor is it a denial of what happened. It doesn't mean you have to trust the other person — trust must be earned. It is not reconciliation, since it takes two to reconcile but only one to forgive. It does not require you to become a "doormat" and it is not weakness. Actually, it is one of the *most*

powerful things you can do.

One of the biggest misconceptions about forgiveness is that many people think in order to forgive, the offender must first repent and ask for forgiveness. This is so untrue! One of the beauties of forgiveness is that it does not depend on the other person's actions. God commands us to confess and repent in order to be forgiven by *Him*. If we require the same conditions before forgiving others, we are then elevating ourselves from "sinful and selfish" to "playing God".

Forgiveness is an act of choice. You cannot forgive someone without first choosing to do so. When someone hurts and offends you, they take (steal) something from you - usually peace and joy. When something is taken or stolen from us, without questions we want something back. This results in a "debt owed" to the offended person. In Charles Stanley's book *the Gift of Forgiveness*,

he states that true forgiveness means you cancel out that debt. Nothing is owed. When we can accept forgiveness and learn to forgive others, then we are freed from hurts and scars of the past. It refuses to let the person who hurt you have power over your life. However, if we refuse to forgive, it demonstrates that we do not fully understand how much God has forgiven us, and that we do not appreciate the forgiveness He offers.

Forgiveness truly is about how much you trust God to take care of you. It is a difficult and uncomfortable process but God provides the grace and strength to forgive and maintain a heart of forgiveness. Christ came to die so sinful human beings could be forgiven and restored to complete fellowship with God. Who is God calling you to forgive?

—James Roberts
The HOPE Center — 663-2779

Stewardship Emphasis

Man's Ways

10 – Stiffitis disease



God's Ways

Deaccumulate

Luke 12:15^{LB} *"Beware! Don't always be wishing for what you don't have. For real life and real living are not related to how rich we are."*

Mt 6:19-21 *"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal."*

Student/Activities Ministry

October Refuge
"Think Like Jesus"



Rally

**Wednesday, September 28
6:30 PM in the FBCP Annex**

Rod G. Newman, "The Jesus Geek" Christian Rapper
Daniel Birdsong, Worship Leader
Ryan Brewer, Athletic Director/Head Football Coach
Helena Middle School, Speaker

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 due October 16.

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.*

Dear Senior Adults,

Our Alaska group had a great time, and we will try to schedule a time in the future to show and tell you all about it. I think we have about 2,000 pictures among the entire group. But for the immediate time, we will try not to bore you with the details.

Remember our **Senior Adult Luncheon on October 11**. This one will be a covered dish meal. Remember that our group voted that when we have covered dish luncheons in the future, we will furnish the main dish with a \$1.00 donation from the previous month. This way, no one has to bring the main item.

We are planning a **day trip** to the Blue Bell Factory in Sylacauga on Thursday, September 29th. Come and join us!

The **Celebrators Conference** in Sevierville, Tennessee, is coming up on October 24-27. Since most of us missed the cut-off registration date, we can still go on our own; however, we will not be taking the church bus for that trip. We have fourteen of our seniors who did make their reservations, which are hard to get at this late date. If you are interested, I will help you get some reservations if I can. I love you dearly!



For His Glory, Bro. Paul

Cheergivers Ministry

Nellie Gene Self was born a “middle” child among twelve brothers and sisters in Bell Green, Alabama, near Russellville. Her husband, Veto, lived there also. She graduated from school at the age of nineteen and was in nursing school when Veto asked her to marry him. He was in service and about to be shipped overseas. That was in 1943. They had four children (one girl died at age 3). She has five grand-children, eleven great grand-children and one great, great grand-child. She lives with her daughter, Veta Ray Glass, and Veta’s husband, Charles Glass. Veto died at age 61 from problems due to injuries received while in the military. She had nursed him for 25 years and loved every minute of it. She has two little great grand-daughters who visit often, and she loves playing “Little Ponies” with them. She also plays with them in the “dirt” in her back yard, where she grows beautiful irises.



Nellie Gene became a Christian at age thirteen (Methodist) and joined the Baptist church and was baptized at age 37. They washed her feet, and she felt “washed all over”. She taught four and five year olds in Sunday school and “fed many a youth group”. There was one youth director whom she “adopted” after Veto died. He lived with her while attending Samford, and she continued to cook for him while he was at New Orleans Seminary. She still gets phone calls and cards from him. He is now married with four children. He called to check on her during this interview.

It is a delight to visit with Nellie Gene and we are always welcomed with a huge smile. She would be pleased to hear from her Sunday school class. She also asks her church to pray for her and for her entire family to become closer as a family. —Gerri Basic
October birthdays: Eva Johnson - 10/3, Florence Strickland - 10/4, Janet McRae (David’s mother) - 10/17, Tonas White - 10/24
If you would like to volunteer with Cheergivers, please contact Jeanette Owens at 664-9700.

Children’s Ministry

Family Fall Festival!

Sunday, October 30
4:00 - 6:00 PM

Free
Food

Fun!

Games



Entertainment!



We will go to the UAB Recreation Center indoor pool. Bring your swim suit, a change of clothing and a snack.



October Meetings
October 5 and 19
9:30 - 11:30 AM

Dear First Baptist Family,

Thank you for the beautiful flowers in memory of Jonathan. We are truly blessed to be a part of such a loving church. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated.

Love,
Harry and Beth Horton

Dear Church,

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. It was so kind of you to remember Kenneth in this way. Our family appreciates your remembering us so much.

Delilah Moore

Dear First Baptist Family,

Just saying thank you seems so inadequate. You have loved on us and prayed for us during a very difficult time. You were there when we first learned of Joshua's homegoing; when we were grasping the reality of life here without him; during our celebration of his too-short life, and then you fed our friends and family following his funeral. You showed us the hands and heart of Jesus and for that we will forever be grateful. We pray the Lord will bless each of you as you have blessed us.

Freddy and Jane Edgerton
Brent, Loriahn & Liv Harden

2011 Church Family Giving

(through 9-15-11)

General Fund given to date
\$ 1,626,897.85
Year to Date Expenses
\$ 1,629,924.17
Debt Retirement given in 2011
\$ 46,099.83
Loan Balance as of 9/15/2011
\$ 8,639,954.62

Secret Church is coming to FBCP again November 4th 6 PM - midnight

We will host a simulcast, as we did earlier in the year. This time the title is "Marriage, Family, Sex and the Gospel". Some of the topics are manhood, womanhood, parenting, singleness, sex, divorce, homosexuality, same-sex marriage, polygamy, pornography, adoption and abortion. The Secret Church web site is quoted as saying, "Cultures around the world perceive each of these issues differently. So how does God's Word address them?" Tickets are on sale now. Cost: \$5.00 (includes your workbook).



We are looking for someone who has the equipment and capability to convert VHS Discipleship tapes to DVDs. If you are that person, please contact Linda Kennemore at the church. You may call 664-0237 or email Linda at lkennemore@fbcpelham.org.

Welcome, New Members!



Rhonda Jones
(by letter)



Hannah Henson
(for baptism)



Abigail and Noah Bess
(for baptism)



Eva Harding
(by statement)



At Left:
J. Terry Boatwright
(by letter)

At Right:
Lauren Doss
(by letter)

Far Right:
Caitlin Moore
(for baptism)



October Schedule

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
 Sunday, October 30 4-6 PM						1 Upward Flag Football Games (PHS)
2	3 9 AM Job Concerns Ministry 1 PM "Crafty Chicks"	4 6:30 PM Scout Troop Meeting	5 9:30 AM MOPS (Quad Room)	6	7	8 Upward Flag Football Games (PHS)
9	10 9 AM Job Concerns Ministry 10 AM Women on Mission 1 PM "Crafty Chicks" 7 PM Deacons Meeting	11 11:00 AM Senior Adult Luncheon 6:30 PM Scout Troop Meeting	12 6 PM Q & A on 2012 Budget (Annex)	13	14	15 Upward Flag Football Games (PHS)
16	17 9 AM Job Concerns Ministry 1 PM "Crafty Chicks"	18 8 AM-1:30 PM Job Fair Sponsored by Positive Maturity & FBCP Job Ministry (Annex) 6:30 PM Scout Troop Meeting	19 9:30 AM MOPS (Quad Room)	20	21	22 Final Upward Flag Football Games and Picnic (PHS)
23	24 9 AM Job Concerns Ministry 1 PM "Crafty Chicks"	25	26	27	28	29
30 AM Lord's Supper 4-6 PM "Fall Family Festival"	31 9 AM Job Concerns Ministry 1 PM "Crafty Chicks"	Scouts PLC Meeting				

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

October Ministry Staff Weekend Hospital Rotation

Oct. 1 & 2 - Donnie Sisk - Home 620-1157, Cell 567-7475
 Oct. 8 & 9 - Paul Moore - Home 663-0155, Home 913-5129
 Oct. 15 & 16 - Paula Kornegay - 230-8987
 Oct. 22 & 23 - Jonathan Williams - 223-4277
 Oct. 29 & 30 - Ben Birdsong - 907-6623



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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

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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



Remember:
Sunday
October 30
4 PM - 6 PM
Bring your friends!
Bring your neighbors!
"Friendly" costumes only please!

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