

## Recreational Outreach Center

The First Baptist Church Recreational Outreach Center (ROC) opened in 2003 and is now a true asset to Cherokee County. We host numerous events which includes the Chamber of Commerce Banquet, Taste of Cherokee, Red Cross Souper Supper, Cherokee Electric Coop Annual Meeting, Relay for Life Kick-off (Just to name a few). The ROC is rented for many School Sports Banquets; family & school reunions; wedding receptions; birthday parties; bridal & baby showers. For our community, The ROC host Health Fairs; Flu Shots; Life Line Screenings; and Blood drives.

At the present time, there are 100 plus individuals that buy membership to our exercise facility and walking track. That is in addition to the First Baptist members that use the facility. We have a senior adult aerobics class which meets each Monday and Wednesday at 9:15 am. UPWARD BASKETBALL, a children's league, is getting under way with practices in December and games beginning in January. RIMROCERS BASKETBALL, the adult league, will be in March 2009.

The ROC is also home to Celebrate Recovery and Shepherd's Fold Day Care

So, as you can see, the **ROC**, is being used in many ways to introduce Christ to those who do not know Him. We are impacting our community through our recreation ministry.

God Bless You, Sheila

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## *Christmas Cantata* *The Name of Jesus* *Sunday, December 7* *6:00 PM*

Children's Musical & Drama

### **Fear Not**

Sun, Dec. 14

6:00 PM



## SUNDAY SCHOOL

What a glorious day November 9, 2008 was as we had **368** in Sunday School. This is the most that anyone can recall attending. It is not just about numbers for numbers sake. Sunday School is about reaching our community to share the word of God and win souls to Him. Sunday School is also where we get to know each other better in small group settings. By knowing each other better we can help meet physical and spiritual needs which is also known as ministering. Keep up the good work and let's have a good time getting to know each other and reach our community for the Lord.

**Home Builders:** What is Home Builders you may ask? This is the name of a new Sunday School class to be led by Drs David and Linda Miller. They are both excellent and dynamic leaders who teach in a way that we all can understand. The class will meet beginning **December 7 in Room 106**. The class literature will be aligned with the sermons with the goal of strengthening the family. The target audience is single-parent, adoptive parent, empty nesters, step/blended or traditional families.

Don Price

Sunday School Director

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## MISSION BANQUET

**Mon., December 1**

**6:00 PM**

**At the ROC**

The cost is \$8.00 per person. This will kick off our Week of Prayer for International Missions and the **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**. Our church has set a **goal of \$10,000**. Our special guests will be Allen and Laurelle Stoudenmire, Master Program International missionaries to Guatemala. They are both natives of Alabama. He attended Howard College (now Samford University) and she attended Birmingham Baptist School of Nursing (now also a part of Samford) where her roommate was our own Melba Rogers. They entered the mission field after retiring from their secular jobs. He in insurance and she in nursing. They will bring a new perspective to our idea of missionaries. It is never too late to serve our Lord. Come and join us.

*Call the ROC at 927-6342 to make a reservation.*

## Church News/Events

### COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Sunday, November 23, 6 PM at First United Methodist Church. Bring a covered dish—meat will be provided. Children (k thru 5th grade are invited to meet in the gym at CFUMC at 6 PM for crafts, games, & praise.

### OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOEBOX MINISTRY

Sunday, November 23 is the last day to bring your gift filled shoe boxes. Our goal is 250 boxes.

### SPECIAL CONNECTION CLASS

If you are considering joining Centre First Baptist, this class will give you an opportunity to learn more about our church. A special 3 hour Connection Class is scheduled for **December 21 at 12:15pm**. The church will provide lunch and babysitting. Please fill out the blue form found in the pew rack or call the church office at 927-3316 if planning to attend. The Connection Classroom is located in the basement. See the greeters at the Welcome Center for directions.

### CHRISTIAN COUNSELING AVAILABLE

Dr. David Miller is now taking appointments. Please call the church office at 927-3316.

### UPWARD BASKETBALL

Referee and Coaches Training will be held at the ROC on Sun., December 7 at 2 PM. Coaches and referees are needed. Please contact Chad Hopper, Kevin Green, or Sheila Barrett if you are going to help Coach or Referee in this ministry.

### YOUNG AT HEART

The YAH will meet Tues., Dec. 9, 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish and join the fun.

### SECRET PAL REVEAL PARTY

Thursday, December 11, 6:30 PM at the ROC

### ADULT CHOIR CHRISTMAS PARTY

Monday, December 15, 6:00 PM  
in the Fellowship Hall

### ROC VOLUNTEER CHRISTMAS DINNER

Tuesday, December 16, 6:00 PM at the ROC

### STATE BIBLE DRILL/SPEAKERS

### TOURNAMENT RETREAT January 2009

Many of our Bible drillers will be attending this retreat. If any individual or Sunday school class would like to help sponsor our drillers, please contact Steven or Grace Hayes or put your contribution in the offering plate and designate "Bible Drill Retreat". The cost of the trip is approximately \$60/person.

### HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The church office and the ROC will be closed Nov. 27-29, Dec. 24-27, and Dec 31-Jan. 2

## Steven's

I would like to thank the church for the incredible gift that was presented to my family for minister's appreciation. Once again the love and support of the church was amazing. We are very thankful and happy to be serving here at Centre First Baptist Church.

December is upon us and things are not slowing down at all, in fact, I think they are speeding up. Have a Happy Thanksgiving. No church Wednesday night November 26th.

The ones who signed up for the Xtreme Conference Dec. 29th, 30th, and 31st, your money is due by the 1st of December.

Be looking soon for the dates of our mission trip next year. The dates will be out in December. Hopefully that will be enough time to arrange schedules so you can be involved.

### BIBLE DRILL CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Sunday, December 21

All Bible drillers meet at the church at 4:30 PM to go caroling at the Cherokee Manor  
Children will return to the church for a party at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall  
Grades 7-12 will continue caroling, go the Baswell's for a party and return to the church at 8 PM

### SYMPATHY NOTE

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Don Price and family in the death of his sister, Darlene Longcrier; to Peggy Chandler & Patti Marabell and families in the death of their father, S. R. Spearman; and to Matt West and family in the death of his grandmother, Mary Wright.

### Welcome New Member

Callie Garrett

11/2/08 by baptism

*Dear Friends of Earline Whitten  
You are invited to attend her  
90th Birthday Celebration  
December 30th  
2-4 PM  
At the ROC  
Only the gift of your presence is requested.*



# Brandon's Beat

## Fruit, at it's Core, is a Seed

Every once in a while I read an article that sparks my interest and causes me to rethink something I thought I knew everything about. In this month's "Worship Leader" magazine I ran across one such article written by Darlene Zschech, lead singer of Hillsong. The article was concerned with priorities, and keeping first things first, but what caught my eye was a statement about three-quarters of the way through. I read, "God rewards fruit, not activity". I had to stop and think about that one! Often we consider the fruits of someone's labor as the reward they receive, but in scripture the "fruits" are considered visible growth in Jesus Christ. They are a result of spiritual maturity, and not simply a reward for that maturity. One author writes that "The fruits of the Spirit are a physical manifestation of a Christian's transformed life". In Galatians we find the fruit of the spirit is listed as love, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. This being considered we must turn to the context that fruit is given in scripture. The word for fruit most often used in the NT is *chanat*. We find that this word isn't used at all in the OT, but is used over ¾ of the time when mentioned in the NT. Chanat literally means spice. It is the spice of the spirit that makes the spirit more dynamic. It's the spice of the spirit that makes the Christian walk bearable, rewarding, and just plain good. Just imagine how difficult it would be without the spices of love, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Now let's consider the purpose of fruit. In nature fruit exists for two purposes. First, fruit acts as a nurturing environment for a seed. Secondly, since plants can't get up and walk, fruit is a means of moving the seed to new environments and ecosystems. Primarily the fruit exists for propagation. The same is true of the fruit of the spirit. It exists to propagate more fruit! We find a semboient circle of exponential growth as God rewards fruit of the spirit with more fruit that is then offered back to him as a means of spiritual propagation that, in turn, yields more fruit! As a result one's life becomes fuller through these basic spices. So, in conclusion, remember that as you grow in spiritual maturity the Bible states that you'll bear good fruit. Also, remember that these fruits exist to help you spice up your spiritual walk and bear even more fruit. Just remember that: fruit, at it's core, is a seed.

## Theological Corner: Hades and Hell

The common teaching in Bible-believing churches is that when a person dies he/she goes either to heaven or hell. Yet in Scripture we read of Sheol and Hades. What are these places?

Sheol is the Hebrew description in the Old Testament for the place of the dead (Ps. 6:5; 30:9). Sheol was used to describe the place of both righteous (Ps. 49:15) and wicked (Pr. 21:16) spirits. The Old Testament does not describe Sheol as a place of reward or punishment; it is simply a description of the place for departed souls.

In the New Testament Sheol (now called Hades) is described with more clarity. In Jesus' parable of Lazarus and the rich man, Jesus described Hades as a place of torment for the unrighteous (Lk. 16:23). In contrast, Jesus described the righteous man Lazarus as being in a place of peace and comfort called Abraham's Bosom (Lk. 16:22). In view of the Old Testament, both men had descended to death (Sheol), but Jesus clarified that Sheol or Hades is a place of torment or blessing for departed spirits.

When a person dies his/her body remains on the earth and his/her soul departs. However, in Revelation 20:13 there is an interesting description: "Then the sea gave up its dead, and Death and Hades gave up their dead; all were judged according to their works. Death and Hades were thrown into the lake of fire. This is the second death, the lake of fire. And anyone not found written in the book of life was thrown into the lake of fire." (HCSB)

This is a description of the judgment of God after all have been resurrected. Based on this passage, it appears that Hell is a worse place of torment because the punishment is felt by the soul *and* the body. Jesus described Hell as a fiery furnace (Matt. 13:42, 50), an unquenchable fire (Mark 9:43), [and] an eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels (Matt. 25:41). While Hades includes torment for the disembodied unrighteous, the final place of punishment for the wicked, which are no longer disembodied, is Hell.

The bottom line is that we should be broken hearted over those who do not know Christ. The reality of hell should spur us to do whatever we can to impact our community and world for Christ.

### NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Home Builders Class

Teachers: Dave and Linda Miller

**Wanted:** single-parent, adoptive parent, empty nesters, step/blended or traditional families

**Goal:** To apply the sermon topic with the goal of strengthening the family.

Starting December 7 downstairs

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## WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday		Wednesday at the Church	
8:45 a.m.	IMPACT Contemporary Worship	12:00 p.m.	Prayer Service
9:45 a.m.	Bible Study	<b>Wednesday at the ROC</b>	
11:00 a.m.	Traditional Worship	5:15 p.m.	Supper
4:00 p.m.	Youth Bible Drill	5:50 p.m.	Preschool Music
4:30 p.m.	Children's Bible Drill	6:15 p.m.	Discipleship Classes
4:30 p.m.	Adult Choir	6:15 p.m.	CHAOS-Youth Bible Study
6:00 p.m.	Children's Music	<b>Fridays at the ROC</b>	
6:00 p.m.	Evening Service	5:15 p.m.	Celebrate Recovery

Want your life back?



**Celebrate  
Recovery**

**On the campus  
of the ROC  
Every Friday Night  
at 5:30 p.m.**

**A safe place to  
work through your hurts,  
habits, & hang-ups.**

### WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

- 12-7 Ruth Brannon, Bonnie Murphy, Matt Woodfin
- 12-14 Graham & Billie Brown, Lana Evans
- 12-21 Scott & Lynn Curry, Ruth Matthews
- 12-28 Doug & Frances Newman, Gail Hayes

### DEACON OF THE WEEK

Nov. 30-Dec. 6  
Garry Hopper 927-5932

Dec. 7-13  
Terry Dean 927-2401

Dec. 14-20  
Don Price 927-5409

Dec. 21-27  
Larry Maddox 927-5242

Dec. 28-Jan. 3  
Dennis Trammell 526-8794

### CHURCH OFFICE

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### Shepherd's Fold

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Rev. Brandon Snow  
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