

**WEDNESDAY DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES
September 2nd at ROC**

Suppers 5:15-6:00pm

(\$5.50 adults; \$3:00 children/youth)

Menu for 9/2: Meatloaf, pintos, fried okra, slaw,
bread, banana pudding

Children/Youth menu: chicken fingers, tater tots

Classes

5:30-7:30pm: Biblical Financial Study

5:45pm: Preschool Choir

6:00-8:30pm: Family to Family: Facilitators

6:00-7:15:

Children's Mission Groups

Youth Group

Charting the End Times (Also offered at 3:00)

Parenting Preschoolers

Women's Bible Study "Living Beyond Yourself"
by Beth Moore

Men's Bible Study: *The Upside of Adversity*

Please sign-up for classes this Sunday at the ROC



AEROBICS CLASSES

Senior Adult Class

✓ 9:15 AM Mon & Wed.

Aerobics/Yoga Class

✓ 6:00 PM Thurs.

Aerobics Class

✓ 8:00 AM Tues. starts 9/15

JUDGEMENT HOUSE RALLY

August 30, 6PM

Sanctuary



If you are interested in working in
Judgement House, please join us for
a special preview event.

CAN & QUARTER DRIVE



**This is the last Sunday we are
collecting cans and quarters for
the Crisis Center!**

**New Members
in August**

Bob & Julie Houtz



SUNDAY SCHOOL

Answered Prayer:

In the July Beacon you were made aware that we were looking for someone to work as an Outreach Leader for the Sunday School. Phoebe Palmer has accepted the position and not only do we have a leader but God sent us Ty and Gwen Woods to work with Phoebe. Many thanks to Phoebe, Ty and Gwen for following God's call to work in outreach for Sunday School.

Continuing Need:

Our Sunday School is growing which is fantastic but along with growth comes additional needs for all positions. We can and will provide training for anyone who is interested in working in the Sunday School. We need people willing to commit to study God's word, the Sunday School lesson and the leader helps to teach the word. We also need people who will serve as class president, secretary, outreach leader, care group leader, etc. If you have an interest in working to grow our Sunday School please contact me and I will find you a place to work. The nominating committee and I are working diligently to find teachers to fill the voids for next year. There are openings in preschool, children, youth and adult. Again, please contact me if you are interested in working in Sunday School.

Training:

The Sunday School training at Shocco was outstanding. Phoebe Palmer, Sylvia Money, Beth Price and I attended the session and were blessed to be there. The training at Shocco is conducted by an outstanding group of instructors who are called by God to do their work and firmly believe in Sunday School and its work.

September 1st is a training opportunity for all workers at MeadowBrook Baptist Church in Gadsden. We are hoping to fill the **new bus** with a group for the training. The subject is *Being the Sunday School Leader God Wants* which provides age-graded leadership training for teachers and workers in Sunday School, as well as training for staff members, Sunday School Directors and general leaders. Please join me for this training.

Don Price

Sunday School Director

**COMBINED COMMUNION
SERVICE**

This Sunday, August 30
10:00 AM at the ROC
(No Sunday School)

Church Conference

Fundraiser Lunch

*Chicken Fingers, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Rolls,
Dessert and Drink*

\$6.00/plate

Proceeds go for ROC indebtedness



Steven's SCOOP

Sometimes Sorry is not enough

One of the things that my 3 year old son is becoming an expert at is saying, "I'm sorry." He now says it for almost everything he does. It does not matter what it is. It is like it has become somewhat of an automatic reaction. So, the other day we were playing baseball in the yard and he dropped the ball and automatically said "I'm sorry." I asked him what he was sorry for and he said he dropped the ball. Then another day he did something to his sister that he should not have done, and when I got home he ran up to me and said that he was sorry. Upon finding out what he did I told him that he was still going to be in trouble even though he said he was sorry. Is saying "I'm sorry" a bad thing, absolutely not, I love to here him say it. What I am trying to make him understand is that sometimes sorry is not enough.

Sometimes I think we get into the same rut in our Christian life. It is easy for us to say we are sorry but there is no repentance. Repentance is a turning away from the sin that has ensnared us, not just a simple comment. This is where we get off track, all we want to do is say that we are sorry and hope everything is OK. God is looking for our repentance, not just our remorse. Never let saying "I'm sorry" be an automatic, emotionless response before an almighty, and holy God.

As my son is beginning to learn early in his life, just because you say "I'm sorry" does not make everything OK. We all need to learn in our spiritual life that God is looking for more than just our remorsefulness, He desires true repentance.

REMORSEFULNESS or REPENTANCE

which do you do?

YOUTH PRAYER BREAKFAST

Friday, August 28 & Fridays in September
7AM @ The ROC

JUDGEMENT HOUSE COMING SOON

Youth actors needed
Contact Steven 927-6342

BIBLE DRILL ENCOURAGERS NEEDED

Contact Jane Poovey 504-6926

RECOMMENDATION FOR SUNDAY NIGHT

A brief church conference will be held this Sunday following the combined church service. One recommendation will be concerning the Sunday Evening Service format. The proposal will be to move from a traditional Sunday night service to a small group format.

The reasons for such a proposal was presented to the church in a Book of Reports that was given out last Sunday. (Copies are available at the church office and will be available at the combined service.)

The purpose of this article is not to rehash the arguments, but to look at the concept of off-campus small groups from a biblical perspective. In other words, is the concept of small groups biblical?

The Book of Acts gives us a description of the early church in its infancy. It is interesting to note that at the beginning of the church, members met in large group (e.g. the temple) and small groups (e.g., homes).

For example: Ac 2:46 "And every day they devoted themselves [to meeting] together in the temple complex (large group), and broke *bread from house to house* (small groups). They ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart." Ac 5:42 "Every day in the temple complex (large group), *and in various homes* (small groups), they continued teaching and proclaiming the good news that the Messiah is Jesus." Paul wrote in Ac 20:20 "and that I did not shrink back from proclaiming to you anything that was profitable, or from teaching it to you in public (large group), and from house to house (small groups)."

Paul wrote in Gal. 4:4 "But when the completion of time came, God sent His Son..." God sent Jesus who began the church at a time when they were compelled to meet in small groups rather than simply stay in a large group context. In addition, they were compelled to meet in homes throughout the community because they couldn't build dedicated facilities.

The idea of groups meeting off campus is not new-in fact, it is a modeling of the first century church. One could argue that it is the way God designed the church to operate. Instead of insisting the community come to the church building; it is taking the church to the community.

Pastor Jim



Brandon's Beat

- ♪ Podcasts: Want to know what a podcast is? Check out the explanation at www.fbc-centre.org. To subscribe or listen to our church podcast you will need iTunes. Search for First Baptist Centre. Enjoy! Please note, you can still download sermons as normal on our webpage.
- ♪ There will be no choir rehearsal on Aug. 30th, 2009. Rehearsal will resume Sept 6th at 4:30.
- ♪ This year we will be performing "God Speaking" as the Christmas musical. We need singers, cast members, and scene workers / builders. If you would be interested in participating see Bro. Brandon ASAP.
- ♪ Brandon needs a few AV savvy individuals who are willing to help out on the AV end of Judgement House this year. If you have a passion for gadgets, gizmos, and little blinking lights then this ministry may be for you. See Brandon if interested.
- ♪ Choir members please be at the ROC for the 5th Sunday service no later than 9AM for rehearsal.



Each September our church contributes to the **Kathleen Mallory Mission Offering**. Last year our church contributed \$1,356.96.

Our goal this year is \$1,000. On Sunday, September 13, we will have a special offering in both services to meet our goal. All the money we raise funds the work and ministries of missionaries from our state, their families, and for training of Baptists in the various volunteer organizations that are a part of our Alabama WMU. The envelopes will be available in the pews.


DEACON ELECTION RESULTS

The following men were elected to be deacons

Mark Chandler	Morgan Dykes
Donnie George	Larry Guffey
David Miller	

Deacon Ordination Council:
Sunday, Sept. 13th 7:30

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

 Owen Blake Kelly was born on August 6. He weighed 3 pounds 15 ounces and was 16 inches long. Owen is the son of Matthew & Kyla Kelly. Proud grandparents are Tom & Monie Kelly.

SYMPATHY NOTE

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Sue Ellis and family in the loss of her sister, Montyne Stolz.

EXTENDED FAMILY FOR KIDS

Extended Family for Kids is a solution-based program for children who have an incarcerated family member. The program gives children tools for coping with this season of their lives.



When: Friday, Sept. 25 6:00-8:00 pm
Saturday, Sept. 26 8:00 am—3:00 pm
Children attend both dates
Where: First Baptist Church
373 East Main St., Centre

Volunteer help is need to make this program a success. A sign up sheet is located on the bulletin board or you may call Rene Robertson at 927-8036.

NAMI Centre

NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness) will offer a 12-week free class, Family to Family, to those who have friends or loved ones suffering from mental illness. Classes begin at the ROC, Wed., Sept. 2, 6:00-8:30 PM. Facilitators are Sue Guffey (927-4868) and Linda Miller (779-7651).

YOUNG AT HEART

The YAH will meet Tues., September 8, 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish and join the fun.

OOPS! We apologize!

We inadvertently left Mrs. Idell Crumpton's birthday off the August list. She will be turning 99 on August 28. Mrs. Crumpton is our oldest member.



FOOD ALERT



The Shepherd's Fold Daycare is planning a *Pre-Football Food Gala* in the Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church on Friday, August 28 between 5-7 p.m. There will be hotdogs, chips, drinks and desserts. The price will be \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 years old and under. Join us to kick-off the upcoming football season. GO TEAM!

MOPS(Mothers of Preschoolers) is returning for another year. A MOPS group is a great place to come for encouragement, inspiration, socializing, learning and fun as we develop relationships with other mothers of preschool children and discover how to be the best moms we can be! MOPS groups are communities that strive to meet the needs of every mom with children from birth through kindergarten. Come join us on the 2nd Tuesday of every month from 9-11:00 a.m. or the 4th Thursday of every month from 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Pine Grove Baptist Church. Please contact elizabethandboyce@tds.net for more information.

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	Wednesday at the ROC
8:40 a.m. <i>IMPACT Contemporary Worship</i>	6:00 p.m. <i>CHAOS-Youth Bible Study</i>
9:50 a.m. <i>Bible Study</i>	
11:00 a.m. <i>Traditional Worship</i>	<i>Fridays at the ROC</i>
4:30 p.m. <i>Adult Choir Rehearsal</i>	
6:00 p.m. <i>Small groups on & off campus</i>	5:15 p.m. <i>Celebrate Recovery</i>

Want your life back?



**Celebrate
Recovery**

**On the campus
of the ROC
Every Friday Night
at 5:15 p.m.**

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

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

- 9-6 Ruth Brannon, Bonnie Murphy, Matt Woodfin
- 9-13 Graham & Billie Brown, Lana Evans
- 9-20 Scott & Lynn Curry, Ruth Matthews
- 9-27 Doug & Frances Newman, Gail Hayes

DEACON OF THE WEEK

- August 30-September 5
Scott Curry 927-3738
- September 6-12
Vince Studdard 927-5312
- September 13-19
Len Hogan 927-3415
- September 20-26
Garry Hopper 5932
- September 27-October 3
James Burkhart 526-8346

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