

A Year in Review

It is good to look back and count the blessings which God has bestowed upon us during the last year. The following is a brief review of 2009 at Centre First Baptist Church:

- ✓ Apologetix plays a concert at the ROC
- ✓ Church hosts Focus on Marriage Simulcast
- ✓ World Changers Youth Mission Trip
- ✓ Hosts Extended Family for Kids
- ✓ Exceeds Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Goal of 8,000 (\$9,596.52)
- ✓ RimROCer's Basketball leagues has 112 players
- ✓ Begins live broadcast of 11:00am service on 1560AM
- ✓ Youth Bible Drill team advances to state competition.
- ✓ Luke Trammell places first in regional speaker's tournament. Luke finished third in the state.
- ✓ GA's go to camp
- ✓ Siran Stacy speaks at Celebrate Recovery
- ✓ Block Party at the ROC. 1,500+ attend
- ✓ Betty Hopper retires as director of Day Care
- ✓ Julie Blevins hired as new director of Day Care
- ✓ Vacation Bible School: 31 decisions, 17 salvations
- ✓ Sunday night Growth Groups begin
- ✓ Elevate Children's Church replaces G-Force
- ✓ Church purchases mini-bus
- ✓ Brady Weldon speaks at Celebrate Recovery
- ✓ 21 decisions for Christ!
- ✓ Podcasting made available on iTunes and web site
- ✓ Dr. David Miller and Mark Chandler ordained as deacons
- ✓ \$25,076.65 amount raised through ROC Fundraisers
- ✓ Church exceeds Kathleen Mallory Offering goal of \$1,000 (\$1,247.90)
- ✓ Judgement House hosted at ROC: 44 Salvations; 82 Rededications; and 129 Decisions
- ✓ Children's Fall Festival at ROC
- ✓ Free Christian financial counseling offered
- ✓ Operation Christmas Child: 280 shoe boxes!
- ✓ Adult Choir and children present "God Speaking" musical
- ✓ Church exceeds Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Goal of \$10,000 (\$11,021)

New Members in 2009

Jensen Alexander	Baptism	2/22/09
Slade Alexander	Baptism	11/8/09
Stone Alexander	Baptism	2/22/09
Lance Asmussen	Baptism	2/15/09
Hayden Baldwin	Baptism	12/6/09
Kayla Banks	Letter	2/8/09
Bayley Blanchard	Baptism	3/22/09
Candace Blanchard	Baptism	11/8/09
Andrew Bolton	Letter	1/11/09

Kaley Bomain	Baptism	11/8/09
Marilyn Bridges	Letter	2/22/09
Ted Bridges	Letter	2/22/09
Jerry Clemmons Jr.	Letter	2/22/09
Laure Clemmons	Letter	2/22/09
Cochran Hunter	Baptism	6/21/09
Deb Colbert	Letter	6/21/09
Neil Colbert	Letter	6/21/09
Autumn Daniell	Baptism	11/22/09
Heather Daniell	Letter	11/1/09
Kenneth Daniell	Baptism	11/1/09
Brian Ducar	Letter	4/5/09
Joyce Ducar	Letter	4/5/09
Conner Elrod	Baptism	6/21/09
Spencer Gilman	Statement	3/15/09
Vicki Gilman	Statement	3/15/09
Josiah Green	Baptism	11/22/09
Lucas Hampton	Baptism	11/08/09
Kelsey Hayes	Letter	6/7/09
Kyle Hayes	Letter	6/7/09
Luanne Hayes	Letter	6/7/09
Taylor Hayes	Letter	6/7/09
Bob Houtz	Letter	8/16/09
Julie Houtz	Letter	8/16/09
Alanna Huskey	Baptism	4/12/09
Kendall Jones	Statement	1/4/09
Melanie Jones	Statement	1/4/09
Chris King	Baptism	3/15/09
Spencer King	Baptism	2/15/09
Susan King	Statement	3/15/09
Donnie Lowe	Baptism	1/4/09
Patrick Lowe	Letter	1/4/09
Trudy Lowe	Letter	1/4/09
Donna Lumpkin	Letter	6/14/09
Greg Lumpkin	Letter	6/14/09
Kameron Mackey	Letter	2/8/09
Lora Mackey	Letter	2/8/09
Joy Parker	Statement	7/5/09
John Plummner	Baptism	5/17/09
Barb Sarratt	Letter	2/22/09
Gary Sarratt	Letter	2/22/09
Douglas Spinks	Baptism	5/3/09
Marvine Spinks	Letter	5/3/09
Larry Stanton	Letter	7/5/09
William Steele	Letter	2/15/09
Jenette Stegall	Letter	3/15/09
Barry Surrett	Letter	2/1/09
Susie Surrett	Letter	2/1/09
Granger Surrett	Letter	2/1/09
Hannah Taylor	Baptism	9/13/09
James Wade	Baptism	5/17/09
Mary Wade	Baptism	5/17/09
Joshua Whitmire	Baptism	1/4/09
Total: 62	Baptism: 24	Letter: 32
		Statement: 6

Steven's

WHAT ARE WE WEARING?

Last night I was doing my weekly study on the cultural worldview of humanity as it relates to heterosexual relationships, aka watching *The Bachelor*. In this episode one of the girls got to go on an outdoorsy date. Whenever this kind of date occurs, the dilemma becomes what to wear. This girl being a city girl really had an issue. Her whole life it had probably been ingrained in her to dress up for a date. For this particular girl, dressing up for a date meant a nice dress looking thing and high heels. As we watched last night, we all laughed and made fun of her because of her outfit of choice. How can you seriously wear high heels to an outdoor camp out? Even the girls on the show tried to get her to reconsider, but she did not change. She even said something to the effect of, "I know this isn't the right thing to wear but I just want to look good for him." That is when it hit me smack in the face.

As a Christian what are we supposed to be wearing everyday? What as a Christian is supposed to aid us in standing up against the evil one. We, as Christians, are supposed to be wearing the full armor of Christ. The full Christian Armor will allow us to stand against the evil one. This armor is not comfortable or attractive. This armor will not impress any human by its design or look. This is battle armor to help us fend off the evil one that is attacking us everyday of our lives. We do not wear this to look good but rather to do battle. That being said, do we put this armor on daily or are we similar to this girl in the bachelor? It can be hard and uncomfortable. It can be heavy at times. Maybe some people will laugh or make fun of us. It certainly will not be what most of humanity does, but we do it for an audience of one. We do it because we desire God. We do it because we love God. Ephesians 6: 11 say, "Put on the full armor of God so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." Daily are we choosing to do this or as the girl did in the show or are we choosing to wear something we know we should not just to please others. So my question to you is,

What are you wearing?

I would like to once again publicly praise the youth for doing an amazing job on Youth Sunday. There are no little parts in a youth service. From the ushers, to the youth in the drama, to the speakers, you all did a fantastic job. It is truly a honor being able to be the student minister at Centre FBC.

Community Youth Service
Wed., Feb. 3, 6:00 PM
Pine Grove Baptist Church

SYMPATHY NOTE

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Betty Singleton in the death of her mother, Christine Cook; Anne Crosland in the death of her sister, Dorothy Baker; Bobby Carlton in the death of his sister, Helen Tottle; Josephine Jennings in the death of her brother-in-law, Joe Jennings; Joan Day in the death of her aunt, Ivlyn Reid; Steven Langford in the death of his aunt, Gail Poole; the family of John B. Graham; Anne Shumaker in the death of her aunt, Rea Williamson Weathers; Homer Weaver in the death of his sister, Beulah Leonard; Laura Brown in the loss of her brother-in-law Chester Brown; and Lamar Williams in the loss of his sister-in-law.

YOUNG AT HEART

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

NEED A RIDE TO A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

The Brotherhood is sponsoring a new ministry of assisting those who need a ride to a doctor's appointment or to visit a loved one in the hospital. Please contact the church office 927-3316 or John Ward for more information.

The FAIRY GODMOTHER PROJECT of NE ALABAMA

Is a newly formed organization to help students who cannot afford to purchase a prom dress. It is their mission to provide these students with free prom dresses and accessories. To make this successful we need your donations of prom dresses, purses, shoes, new and unused makeup, and jewelry. Donations can be brought to the ROC, Cherokee County Chamber of Commerce or Centre Florist. For more ways to help contact the Chamber at 927-8455.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP—WORLD CHANGERS PARENTS MEETING

Sun., Feb. 7, 3:30 PM
Fellowship Hall

Parent's Night Out

On Valentine's Day weekend, the youth will be hosting a Parent's Night Out for the members of First Baptist Church. This is a **fundraiser** for the youth's summer mission trip. The night will include pizza, games, movies, and more! There will be youth and adult supervision. Please sign up at the welcome desk for either night, or call the church office to reserve a slot for your child on February 12th and 13th from 5 to 10 p.m. The cost is simply a donation for the youth's summer mission trip.



Brandon's Beat


The Motive Behind the Motion


And whatsoever ye *do*, *do* it heartily, as to the *Lord*, and not *unto* men;. Colossians 3:23. What an awesome "life thought": Do things the best you can as if it were for God Himself! Most of us have heard this verse used in this particular context, but may I submit there is more to this verse than just doing your best. Based on scripture we know that God is able to look past the "do" and peer into the "why". Notice the scripture above states to do our actions as "unto the Lord, and not unto men". It has to do with our focus. What are you focused on? When you do your very best at an activity so that you will be praised? Is it so that your peers and coworkers will notice what a great job you did? Let me say that all these things are commendable, but they hold little or no spiritual or eternal reward. That being stated, though, we are only a "focus shift" away from a breakthrough. Consider the aforementioned things a *result* of a God centered focus, and not the motive that drives us. Paul wrote that we are to present our entire selves as a living sacrifice to God because it is our *reasonable service*. When we do all the things that we do *for* God as our *reasonable service* then there is little doubt that the job we do will be the best we can accomplish. This is a very freeing ideal! Let me challenge you to work as "unto the Lord". Stop letting the desire to please your fellow man be your primary driving force, and instead let your motivation be a life filled with excellence for God. Let the desire to serve the Lord through your life motivate you to do your very best in everything.

COUNSELING SERVICES AVAILABLE

Personal Counseling—Dr. David Miller
 Financial Counseling—Mr. Jon Bloomfield
 Please call the church office at 927-3316.
 Appointments are free.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

 Arya Loren Snow was born on December 1. She weighed 5 pounds 13 ounces and was 17 inches long. Arya's parents are Brandon & Mandi Snow. Proud brother is Tucker Snow.

 Jolie Vann Smith Alexander was born on December 21. She weighed 6 pounds 9 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Jolie's parents are Clay and Donna Alexander. Proud siblings are Stone, Jensen and Slade Alexander.

COMBINED SERVICE AT THE ROC

Sunday, January 31

10:00 AM

Communion

Church conference

Followed by

ROC Fundraiser Lunch

chili, soup, crackers, dessert & drink

Cost: \$6.00

All proceeds will go toward the indebtedness of the ROC.



GOD'S PLAN FOR SHARING

Cherokee Baptist Association

GPS Rally

Churches Covering Communities with the Gospel

Sunday, January 31

6:00 PM

Pine Grove Baptist Church

Special speaker:

Sammy Gilbreath, Evangelism Director,
State Board of Missions

Special Music: Pine Grove Baptist Church Choir

Nursery will be provided.

**No Leadership Meeting at First Baptist
Everyone is encouraged to attend this rally!**

HAITI RELIEF FUND

\$2,071.00 given to date

Anyone who would like to give financial support to help the Haiti victims of the earthquake, can make checks payable to First Baptist Church. Be sure to designate on your check and envelope for "Disaster Relief" The money will be sent to Alabama State Board of Missions. For info on how Alabama Baptist are helping check their website www.alsbom.org/haiti

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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>	3:00 p.m. <i>Bible Study</i>
9:50 a.m. <i>Bible Study</i>	5:45 p.m. <i>Preschool Choir</i>
11:00 a.m. <i>Traditional Worship</i>	6:00 p.m. <i>Children's Mission Groups</i>
4:30 p.m. <i>Adult Choir Rehearsal</i>	<i>CHAOS-Youth Bible Study</i>
4:30 p.m. <i>Bible Drill</i>	<i>Men's & Women's Bible Study</i>
6:00 p.m. <i>Small groups on & off campus</i>	Fridays at the ROC
	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

- 2-7 Ruth Brannon, Bonnie Murphy, Matt Woodfin
- 2-14 Graham & Billie Brown, Willie Mae Jordan
- 2-21 Scott & Lynn Curry, Ruth Matthews
- 2-28 Doug & Frances Newman, Gail Hayes

DEACON OF THE WEEK

January 31—February 6
Vince Studdard 927-5312

February 7-13
Dennis Trammell 526-8794

February 14-20
Scott Curry 927-3738

February 21-27
Len Hogan 927-3415

February 27—March 7
Garry Hopper 927-5932

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