

## BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

*Family of Faith*



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### From our Pastor

#### Beloved,

It has been said that stormy weather is what a man needs from time to time to remind him he's not in charge of everything. All of us have a tendency to think that we control at least part of our lives. However, it is amazing how often the smallest things can take us off course. As human beings, we tend to resent and fight against what comes into our lives that disrupt our own plans.

I read a story about a biologist who watched an ant carry a piece of straw which seemed a big burden for it. The ant came to a crack in the earth which was too wide for it to cross. It stood for a time as though pondering the situation, then put the straw across the crack and walked over it. What is the moral? Our burdens can be bridges for our progress.

We need God's help to allow painful events to help us. In Psalm 46:1 the Lord reminds us that He is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. In Romans 8:28 we are told that all things work together for good for those who love God. We are instructed in Hebrews 13:5-6 that God Himself has said, "I will never desert you, nor will I ever forsake you," so that we confidently say, "The Lord is my helper, I will not be afraid."

When it looks like everything is out control in your life, when you cannot get a handle on anything, when despair is just around the corner, when everyone has left you, when no friends come to call, remember the promises of God. The apostle Paul puts it like this in Romans 8:31-32, "What shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?"

**Pastor Russell**

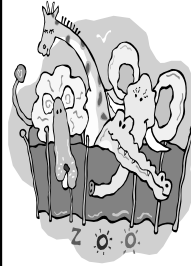


**Men's Retreat  
at Cedar Top  
November 13-14**  
Cost of \$10  
includes 2 meals

**Sign-up soon if you plan to go.**

We'll meet at church at 6 pm and leave from here or you can meet us there by 6:30 pm.

**You are invited to a Come & Go Baby Shower  
for Karistin Young**



**Sunday, November 15  
2:00-3:30 pm  
FBC Fellowship Hall**

**Gift selections for the baby boy  
can be found at BeBe Cakes,  
Carousel Connection, Babies-  
RUs.com and Target.com**

**VIP Workers are desperately  
needed for Extended Session. We  
have had a baby boom recently!  
Please contact Katy at 225-0720 or  
Ann at 225-7951 if you are  
willing to help.**



**If you missed the  
previous Olan Mills  
Picture Directory  
sign-ups we have  
scheduled  
1 more day!**

**The photography  
date is Monday,  
November 30.  
You may sign up at  
church Sundays &  
Wednesdays or by  
calling Cindy  
at the church office  
at 225-7951.**

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS!**

**By Letter**



Shirley Long  
814 N. Randall

**If you have had a recent address change for 911 emergencies, please contact the church office to update your address with us. Thanks!!!**

**Wee School Openings!!!**

Available spots in the 1-year-old class. Contact Katy Womack ( 225-7951) to enroll.



**ACTIVITIES  
BUILDING  
SCHEDULE**

Gym Hours:

Nov 9	6:00-8:00 pm
Nov 10	6:00-8:00 pm
Nov 11	5:00-9:00 pm
Nov 12	6:00-8:00 pm



**THANK-YOU'S**

Received from the following:

- The Family of Irene Murray
- Pauline Hill
- Stella Postoak
- JoAnn Henderson

Posted on the bulletin board near the chapel.

**Doc's Notes**



**Graded Choirs**

Graded Choirs will not meet Nov. 25 [Thanksgiving]. The Christmas program is Sunday, Dec.13 at 6 p.m.

**Banquet and Concert**

Call the church office to reserve your place at this year's 60+ banquet for Thursday evening, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. The banquet begins at 5 p.m. and the entertainment around 5:45 p.m. Last day to "sign up" is Friday, Nov. 6

**Toys, etc. for "old Mexico" [deadline - Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>]**

The Sanchez family will be leaving for Mexico on Friday, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. They are asking that our church family help out with the following items: Sweaters or jackets sizes small and medium for 38 youth boys and girls; toys for 16 Preschool children under age 5, and toys for 63 children ages 5-12. Smaller/compact toys are the easiest for them to transport.

**Combined Christmas Program [Dec. 13, 6:00 p.m.]**

CHILDREN, YOUTH and ADULT choirs have "3" more rehearsals before our program. Everyone needed at rehearsals!

**Special Guests**

Dick & Mel Tunney will be our special guests Sunday, Nov. 22. They'll perform a mini concert in the morning worship service and a "full" concert... in the sanctuary... immediately after the Thanksgiving Banquet.

*Doc*

**Coming Events**

- Nov 8 2010 Budget Handout
  - 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
  - 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
  - 4:00 p.m. ESL; Fin Peace Univ, AD4
  - 4:30 p.m. *Covenant*, AD6
  - 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
- Nov 9-10 BGO Annual Meeting
- Nov 9 6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E. Team A
- Nov 10 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH
- Nov 11 4:00 p.m. Graded Choirs
  - 5:00 p.m. Weds Fellowship Meal
  - 5:45 p.m. Wkly Teacher's Mtg, AD6
  - 6:00 p.m. AWANA; Youth Teach. Mtg; ESL
  - 6:30 p.m. Weds Worship; Regenerate; The Island
- Nov 12 5:00 p.m. Live Embers Banquet, FH
- Nov 13 6:00 p.m. Leave for Cedar Top Retreat



**Extended Session:**

**Babies:**

Tammy Langford/Cindy Buckmaster

**Creepers:**

NEED HELP!!!

**1 year olds:**

Shari Coon/Courtney McHenry

**2 year olds:**

Latia Murray/Rebecca Booth

**3 year olds:**

Jone Duck/Karen Carrell

**4 year olds:**

NEED HELP!!!



**Weekly Report**

November 1, 2009

**The People Came...**

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....	283
Youth.....	78
Children.....	76
Preschool.....	79
Fellowship.....	21
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>537</b>
Hispanic Mission.....	37
<b>Total *incl. mission.....</b>	<b>574</b>
New S.S. Members.....	2
Enrollment:.....	1428

**The People Gave...**

Budget Needs.....	\$29,380.00
Received.....	\$42,133.49
Above.....	\$12,753.49
Bldg Received.....	\$1,992.38

**And the Lord Added...**

By Letter .....	2
By Statement .....	0
By Baptism .....	0
Professions of Faith.....	1

**Year to Date**

Additions

By Letter.....	7
By Statement.....	1
By Baptism.....	15
Total.....	23

**Giving**

Budget Need.....	\$1,263,340.00
Received.....	\$1,291,744.09
Above.....	\$27,804.09
Bldg Rec'd To Date.....	\$110,705.94