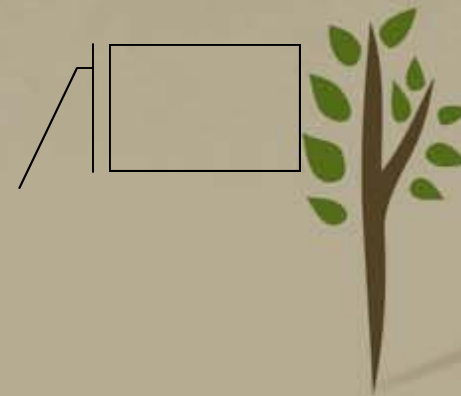


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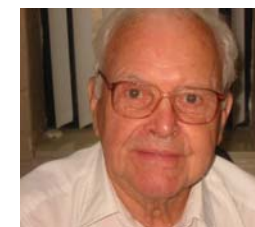
One Family, Growing Together

**Tithing Commitment Campaign
To Begin January 10**

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Our tithing emphasis begins Sunday, January 10, and will continue through Tithing Commitment Day January 31.

Al Browning will chair our campaign emphasis for 2010. He and his wife, Melba, will celebrate their 67th anniversary in 2010. They have two sons, Alvin, Jr., and Bob, and a daughter Betty Avery. Al has taught Sunday School for over 60 years and has had an ongoing Bible Study for the past two years at FBC on Thursday nights. Please pray for Al as he leads us in this biblically based campaign.

On Sunday, January 3, there will be one morning worship service at 11 am, and no evening activities.

FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART



Celebrating the Birth of Christ

As I write these words on Friday, December 18, I look forward to the Christmas holidays with great anticipation. My daughter and her husband will visit from Texas; Janelle, Matt, and I will all have the opportunity to see my parents in Louisiana; Christians the world over will celebrate the birth of Christ; and all of us will look toward the new year with fresh goals and resolutions. My God bless you and yours with His joy, power, and peace in this special time.

Looking Ahead to 2010

In forming your commitments for 2010, let me encourage you to be a tither. You will live by faith, take God as your financial Partner, propel the ministries of church and kingdom forward, and have a part in winning people to Christ here and throughout the earth. In the Bible, true worship includes giving ourselves, our love, and our treasure. Please pray for the 2010 tithing emphasis, chairman Al

Browning, those who share testimonies, and the faithfulness of our people.

Your Faithfulness

With all my heart, I appreciate those of you who faithfully support the cause of Christ with your tithes and offerings. I am also grateful for you who give to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. If you have not yet had a part in the Lottie Moon Offering, I hope you will do so over and above the tithe. If you need to catch up on your regular tithes and offerings, I encourage you to do so. If you wish to receive 2009 contribution credit toward any gifts, they will need to be in the church office by noon on December 31 or post-marked by midnight of that day.

Bible Study

In January, we resume our Wednesday evening study of Matthew. We will be in chapters 24 and 25, where the Lord teaches about last things. Sunday evenings we shall continue the series from Ephesians. The Deacon Screening Committee continues the process of examining those nominated to serve as Deacons. I look forward to seeing you each and every Lord's Day, with a prayer in my heart and a Bible in my hand.



Welcome to
F B C

BAPTISM:
Ryan Ashley

Profession of Faith—Larissa Schar

OUR GOAL—\$30,000
RECEIVED TO DATE—\$ 21,108.17

WEEK OF PRAYER
FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS
AND INTERNATIONAL MISSION STUDY
NOV. 29 - DEC. 6, 2009

Our Goal

LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING National Goal: \$175 million
IMB.ORG | INTERNATIONAL MISSION BOARD, SBC

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE RECORDS

Division	11/29	12/6	12/13	12/20	Avg. (4-Wk)
Preschool	63	60	68	63	56
Children	57	61	51	55	54
Special Ed	10	6	11	3	13
Youth	48	61	49	34	37
Adults	268	336	294	292	300
Single Adults	53	60	54	49	53
Gen. Officers	12	11	539	507	528

Sharon Schinz in the death of her brother;

Betty Brassell in the death of her father;

Jeff Schreiner in the death of his brother.

David & Essye Wyman in the death of their son, David.

Book Memorials

Given in memory of **Karen Dudiak**, sister of Lois Handzo:
 By *Allen & Lois*: “**Louder Than Words**” by Jenny McCarthy; “**Invitation**” by Basyle & Aram Tchividjian (grandsons of Billy Graham); “**Wing and a Prayer**” by Franklin Graham (children’s book about Samaritan’s Purse); “**Tell Me the Story**” by George Beverly Shea
 By *Diane Wagner*: “**Christmas in the Manger**” (very young children’s book); “**Dewey-There’s a Cat in the Library**” (children’s book).
 By *Dennis & Venita Brannon*: “**Magnificent Obsession...Embracing the God Filled Life**” by Anne Graham Lotz.

Given in memory of **Eloise Stringer**, sister of Ron Russell by MA07 SS Dept, “**Living With Confidence in A Chaotic World**” by David Jeremiah.

These are processed and ready for circulation. Visit the Media Center in Bldg. B, Sunday Morning 9:30-11am, and Wednesdays, 5:30—7 pm.



Congrats

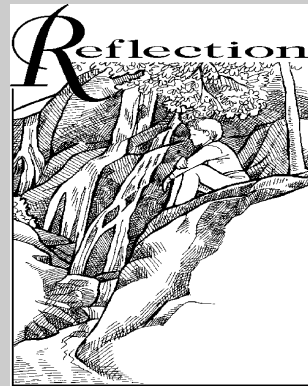
To Patrick Henley on his graduation from the University of Alabama with a B.S . Degree in Business & Marketing. Patrick is the son of “Bear” and Mitzi Henley.

Therefore put on the **full armor of God ...**

EPHESIANS 6:13, NIV



FBC Music Ministry



REFLECTIONS on 2009

What a year we had in the First Baptist Church Music Ministry. Four major musicals, children's music camp, youth praise band, lots of worship, and real ministry needs met by our Celebration Choir! Wow!

In April our Celebration Choir and Orchestra presented "The Wonder of the Cross". In June our Celebration Choir and Orchestra presented "God Bless America, Again". In September Our Celebration Choir and Orchestra closed out our 40 days of prayer with "Somebody's Praying Me Through", and our youth praise band led worship at the Landing. In July our music ministry presented its fourth annual summer music camp with the musical "GPS". In December our Celebration Choir and Orchestra presented "Hallelujah, Light Has Come". Our music school continues to teach and reach students. Our Celebration Choir began meeting real material and spiritual needs in the lives of others during 2009. Our Celebration Choir stocked pantries, paid expenses, and ministered in a powerful way. I want to express my appreciation to each participant of the FBC music ministry. You truly touched lives during 2009. I appreciate and love each of you! May God lead to an even greater 2010!

Have a Blessed New Year!
Jamey



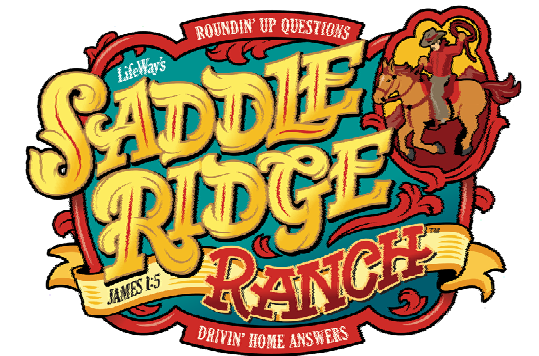
We exist to give kids a foundation for FAITH, teaching them to IMITATE Christ, RESPOND to God and SERVE others as a part of God's TEAM.

"Come, you children, listen to me; I will teach you the reverence of the LORD." Psalm 34:11

VBS is coming!!

June 14-18

Get Ready!



June 28-July 2

7:45am-5:00pm

completed grades 1 - 6

\$179 per child

Scholarships Available



We are going to try something new this year for Summer Children's Camp. We are partnering with FBC of Niceville to bring Winshape Camp to our community. This is an opportunity for our children to still get to go to camp without having to be away from home for a week. The reduced cost should also help more children to participate in camp this year. More information is to come, but please consider sending your child to camp this summer.

We will also be looking for volunteers to attend camp as a "chaperone" and for individuals that will provide scholarships for children who need them.



www.twitter.com/firstkidschurch



Regular Weekly Schedule

Sunday

8:30 AM Worship Service with Choir
 9:45 AM Sunday School
 11:00 AM Worship Service with Praise Team
 5:30 PM Small Groups
 6:00 Evening Worship

Monday

8:00 AM Monday Morning Ministry
 9:00 AM SR Adult Exercise, CLC

Tuesday

12:00 PM Alanon, B10
 1:00 PM Griefshare, CLC (13-wk study)
 6:00 PM Pilates, CLC

Wednesday

9:30 AM International Bible Study, B23
 9:30 AM Ladies Bible Study, M105
 10:30 AM Wednesday Friends, B16
 3:30 PM Prayer in Welcome Center
 4:30 PM -5:45 PM Family Supper
 5:30 PM Media Center Open
 5:45 PM Bible Study
 5:45 PM Preschool/Children Choirs
 6:00 PM Youth—Resound, CS Bldg, 3rd Floor
 6:00 PM Orchestra Rehearsal, Sanctuary
 6:30 PM Mission Friends, RA's, GA's
 6:30 PM Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
 7:30 PM Praise Band

Thursday

9:30 AM International English School
 12:00 PM Alanon, B10
 5:00 PM Bible Study (Browning), M103
 6:00 PM Pilates, CLC







Friday

6:00 AM Men's Bible Study, M103

Family Supper Menu's

Please note that due to Christmas and New Year holidays, January 2010 Supper Menus will be announced in each week's Worship Guide and Carry the Light.

January 2010 Activities

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 One Morning Worship 11 AM No Evening Worship	4 Deacons Meeting	5 .	6 Regular Wednesday Evening Activities resume	7	8	9 Prime Timers 11:30 am
10 2010 Tithing Campaign Begins	11	12 Finance Com., 11:30am Current Missions, 10 am	13 Church Conf. 5:45 pm	14	15	16 
17 C3T Mtg-4:30pm- F Hall	18  Office Closed	19 Ladies Prayer Group	20	21	22	23 Infuse-Disciple Now Weekend- 
24	25 Game Night 5p CLC Cafe	26	27	28 	29	30 MA04 Video Dinner, 6p F'ship Hall
31  Tithing Commitment Day						

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DISCIPLE NOW 2010

January 22-24

CONFERENCE THEME: COMMUNITY
"Church" is not the place you go to on Sundays, it is the vital living body of believers that are held together by a common experience of Christ.

REGISTRATION COST

\$75

WITHOUT SILENCE
worship leaders

ADAM ROBINSON
speaker



JARED HALL
special guest



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CLC News

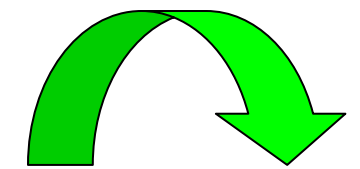


Practice for basketball and cheerleading begins in December, and games will start in January 2010. We are in need of referees for the basketball games. Please contact the CLC if you can assist in the games. The last Upward practice before the holiday break is Thursday, December 17th.

2010
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Extended Hours Projected in
CLC January - March 2010

Sunday	closed
Monday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Tuesday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Wednesday	8:00 am – 5:30 pm
Thursday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm
Friday	8:00 am – 9:00 pm



NOTICE. . .

The CLC will
Be open
Dec. 28-31
10 am- 3 pm
Will close at noon
On December 24th



January 15, 5:00 pm

January 16,
9:00 AM

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café.





A New Year's Prayer

May God make your year a happy one!

Not by shielding you from all sorrows and pain,
But by strengthening you to bear it, as it comes;
Not by making your path easy,
But by making you sturdy to travel any path';
Not by taking hardships from you,
But by taking fear from your heart;
Not by granting you unbroken sunshine,
But by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows;
Not by making our life always pleasant,
But by showing you when people and their causes
need you most,
And by making you anxious to be there to help.
God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year
ahead.

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FIREPROOF MY MARRIAGE

2-Day Seminar, March 19-20
1st Baptist, North Mobile
7-9:30 pm on Friday
8:30 am to Noon-Saturday

For registration info
Contact Wes.

Remember to receive credit for
your giving in 2009,
all gifts must be
brought to the office by
noon on December 31, or post-
marked by midnight on Decem-
ber 31.

Our Tithes & Offerings December 20, 2009

Budget	\$ 27,676.30
Bldg Fund	30.00
Playground	213.00
Lottie Moon	5,411.80
Other Gifts	1,495.07
TOTAL	\$ 34,826.17

Budget	1,746,927.48
Received	1,553,201.35

YTD (as of 12/20):
Playground Fund—\$ 48,816.63

Schedule Highlights

- 24th Christmas Eve Service, 5:00 pm
- 25th Celebrate the Birth of our Savior
- 27th Sunday School -9:45 am and Worship (11:00 am) No evening worship or activities
- 30th No Supper or Evening Activities
- Jan. 3 - Sunday School (9:45 am) and Worship (11:00 am), no evening Worship or activities.
- Jan. 10— Sunday School 9:45; Morning Worship 8:30 & 11 am; Evening Worship, 6:00 pm.

Prime Time Notes

We are

One Family

Growing Together

I hope you had a blessed Christmas and are looking forward to what the Lord has in store for the new year.
Wes

LOOKING AHEAD

February 12— PrimeTimers Celebration

**FEBRUARY 22-24
Senior Adult
Come Together
Featuring Special
Musicians, Praise, Bible
Teaching, and the best
Fellowship this side of
Heaven. Mark your
calendar. Watch for
Details.**

**Coming in March:
Day Trip to Gulf Coast
Emporium.**



A Christmas Gathering

COMING IN JANUARY

PrimeTimers is on the 10th. We will celebrate everyone's Birthday for the whole year! It is going to be a great time of fellowship and celebration. "Harmony Plus" will be our special guests. This duet will hearken us back to the Andrews Sisters.

