

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Wednesday Dinner**—Roast Pork, Stuffing, Glazed Carrots, Garden Salad, Rolls and Dessert.
- **Operation Christmas Child**— Distribution of boxes has begun. Boxes will be available each Sunday and Wednesday and will be collected Sunday Nov 13th and 20th. You will not want to miss the opportunity to be a part of this Global mission effort.
- **Youth Event**—Boys campout at Gold Head State Park and girls sleepover at Caroline Purvis's house on November 11-12th. The cost for each is \$15. Please bring a sleeping bag, pillow, toiletries, pjs and a change of clothes. See Chad for details.
- **Marriage Enrichment Meeting**—Couples of all ages and stages (engaged to senior couples) Sunday, November 13 from noon until 2:30 in the Fellowship Hall, lunch \$5, child care provided. For reservations, contact Ben or B.J. Mather, 376-1344 or benbjmather@hotmail.com

In compliance with the Church By-Laws the 2011 Personnel Policies handbook will be presented at the October 26 Quarterly Business Meeting as a recommendation for Church approval from the Personnel Committee and Board of Deacons. The Personnel Handbook has been updated to comply with State of Florida requirements and laws, as well as with terminology consistent with our new location.

Copies of the policy are available in the office and at the Information Desk in the gathering area. Thank you for your attention to this recommendation.

Sincerely,  
Cherry Payne

## Calendar of Upcoming Events

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| <b>Sept 8<sup>th</sup>—Nov 17<sup>th</sup></b><br>—Women's Bible Study           | <b>Nov 24<sup>th</sup></b><br>—Thanksgiving Day (Office Closed)   |
| <b>Oct 30<sup>th</sup></b><br>—Fall Family Hoe Down                              | <b>Nov 27<sup>th</sup></b><br>—Dinnertainer                       |
| <b>Nov 13<sup>th</sup></b><br>—Marriage Enrichment                               | <b>Dec 11<sup>th</sup></b><br>—Adult Christmas Musical (5pm)      |
| <b>Nov 20<sup>th</sup></b><br>—e-NOW (5-6:30 pm)                                 | <b>Dec 14<sup>th</sup></b><br>—Student Christmas Musical (6:30pm) |
| <b>Nov 22<sup>nd</sup></b><br>—All Wednesday Activities will be moved to Tuesday |   |

## This Week at First Baptist

### Sunday, October 23

- 8:30 am Early Worship
- 9:00 am Coffee Break—"Gathering Area"
- \*^9:30 am Bible Study
- \*^10:50 am Gathering Time—in the Sanctuary
- \*^11:00 am Morning Worship
- 5:00 pm e-Now

### Tuesday, October 25

- 6:00 pm Perspectives

### Wednesday, October 26

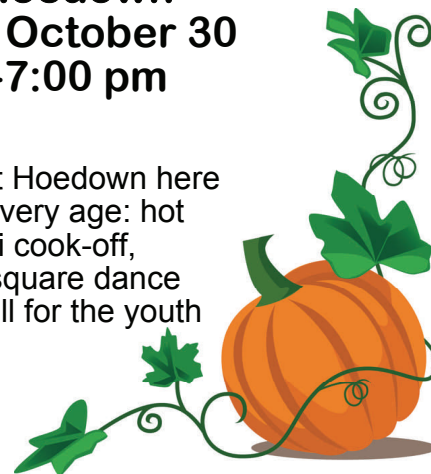
- 5:30 pm Dinner
- 6:00 pm First Family Time
- \*6:30 pm Quarterly Business Meeting  
Children Activities  
Sanctuary Choir
- \*7:30 pm "Voices Afire" Rehearsal

### Thursday, October 27

- 9:15 am Women's Bible Study
- \*Nursery Care Available ^Hearing Impaired Services Available

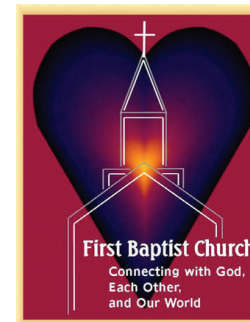
## Fall Hoedown Sunday, October 30 5:00-7:00 pm

Join the fun for our first Hoedown here at First. Activities for every age: hot dog dinner served, chili cook-off, games, music, crafts, square dance demonstration, taffy pull for the youth and tons more!



Office Hours: 9:00 am—4:00 pm, Monday - Thursday; Closed Fridays  
Extended Wednesday Hour 4:30—5:30 pm

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## THE GOOD NEWS THE WEEK OF OCT 23-29, 2011

### Gathering Time

### As We Serve Together

*During the Gathering Time today, the Praise Team will lead us in songs of praise. You are invited to join in singing or just listen. Please feel free to stand or sit, whichever is most comfortable for you.*

### The First Family Gathers

**Dr. John Fairless**

### Song of Welcome

**Led by Praise Team**

### Prelude

**Mrs. Sandra Sharron**

### Opening Praise

**54—Great is Thy Faithfulness**

### Morning Prayer & Welcome

**Dr. John Fairless**

### Children in Worship

**Lynn Williams**

### Operation Christmas Child

**Sam Middleton**

### Offertory Hymn

**184—Jesus is All the World to Me**

### Offertory Prayer

**Deacon Jerry Bennett**

### Offertory

**Sanctuary Choir**

*Walk Worthy*

### Sermon

**Dr. John Fairless**  
*My Church: Scattered, Smothered and Covered*  
**Luke 6:38**

### Response

**605—Because I Have Been Given Much**

### Benediction

**Rev. Lynn Williams**

### Postlude

**Mrs. Sandra Sharron**

**Dr. John P. Fairless, Senior Pastor**  
**Rev. C. Lynn Williams, Associate Pastor for Families of Children and Youth**  
**Mrs. Sheila Fairless, Music, Media and Worship Coordinator**  
**Mrs. Belinda LaMee, Preschool Coordinator**

## A WORD FROM PASTOR JOHN



It is good to be "back in action" and to see you all so much more clearly! I enjoyed worshiping with you on the internet last week -- but there's just nothing like really being here, singing and praying together. My thanks to Pastor Lynn, Mrs. Sheila and all who carried the services right on without me. Thanks especially to Tom LaMee and

Trevy Brownlee for assisting with the leadership of the SFRBA Annual Meeting last Monday night, and to all from FBC who served as hosts/hostesses. I heard you were a hit!

Our "My Church" emphasis has been very positive this month; nearly a hundred of you indicated areas of service that you are either already involved or interested in last week. Notice that this week's Good News insert has the same volunteer form available that we used last week. If you didn't get to mark an area (or areas) of ministry that you are interested in, please do so today and turn the slip in during the offertory or after the service. One of our ushers will be glad to take your commitment form and get it to the right place!

Today, we are thinking about the joy of giving as part of our Christian faith. We are not here to put our money in the plate just to "pay the bills." Giving is so much more than that! I hope you'll join me in understanding the teaching of scripture and actually putting into the practice the discipline of regular giving to the Lord through His church. As my home church pastor used to say (WIWAK -- when I was a kid): "Don't worry; you can never outgive God!"

Be sure you're planning on attending the First Family Fall Hoedown next Sunday night, October 30 -- complete with great games, spicy chili, foot-stomping music and the greatest people in the world -- YOU!

I have you in my heart,

Pastor John

## SERMON NOTES

*My Church: Scattered, Smothered and Covered*  
Luke 6:38

1. When it comes to \_\_\_\_\_, God's \_\_\_\_\_ is our \_\_\_\_\_.
2. When God \_\_\_\_\_, we are never "\_\_\_\_\_"
3. I love the \_\_\_\_\_ model of \_\_\_\_\_ (and \_\_\_\_\_!)
4. How \_\_\_\_\_ is your \_\_\_\_\_?

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- **Welcome...**If you are our guest we hope that you will sign in at the "Welcome Desk" where we can get to know you better and where you will receive a name tag. Members are encouraged to pickup your name tag from the boards.
- **Hospitality...**Guests and members are invited to the "Gathering Area" after worship services for refreshment and fellowship.
- **Restrooms** are located in the hallways to the east and west of the "Gathering Area". There is a family restroom located in the east hallway near the Children's and Preschool Wing.
- **Parents**, we ask that children and youth remain in services until dismissed with their leaders, activity packets are available. Preschool Extended Session meets during worship and parents may accompany their child before or any time during the worship to the preschool area.
- **Hearing Assistance Devices** are available, please check with an usher.
- **"Good News"**—Please return your copy to a recycle basket if you do not wish to keep it. We will use these copies on the following Wednesday Evenings.

## DEACONS OF THE WEEK

### Oct 23-29

Bill Smith  
378-1362  
Jo Ann Parham  
336-2566

### Oct 30-Nov 5

Gaylon Overbey  
386-418-4306  
Nancy Overbey  
386-418-4306

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

### Oct 30

Harold Denmark

### Nov 6

William Fairless

## VOLUNTEERS

### Offering Receivers/Ushers:

MB Chafin, Bob Davis,  
Richard Palmer, Jim Wetherington,  
Benny Walker, Bob Williams

### Audio Visual

(Coordinator: Brandi Bell)

Early Worship: Frank Green

### Greeters:

Oct 2: Ira & Nicola Hill  
Oct 9: Hank Cothran  
Oct 16: Bo & Garin Davidson  
Oct 23: Hank Cothran  
Oct 30: Bo & Garin Davidson

### Morning Worship:

Oct 2: Chris Byrd/Brandi Bell  
Oct 9: Chuck King/Phil Padgett  
Oct 16: Brandi Bell/Nicola Hill  
Oct 23: Chris Byrd/Brandi Bell  
Oct 30: Chuck King Phil Padgett

## THE PEOPLE CAME/THE PEOPLE GAVE

|                                  | <u>Sept 25</u>                           | <u>Oct 2</u> | <u>Oct 9</u> | <u>Oct 16</u> |
|----------------------------------|--|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>Bible Study</b>               | 118                                      | 121          | 128          | 117           |
| <b>Worship</b><br>(All Services) | 179                                      | 173          | 195          | 189           |
| <b>Offering</b>                  | \$5,447.00                               | \$14,624.73  | \$12,563.54  | \$4,753.00    |
|                                  | <i>(Weekly Budget Needs \$11,562.79)</i> |              |              |               |

## FORWARD BY FAITH TO THE FINISH

**Goal: \$550,000.00**

Pledged to Date: \$240,603.00      Total Pledged Received: \$142,111.00  
Total Received to Date: \$236,295.00      Non-Pledged Received: \$94,184.00

## MEMORIALS

**Bob Barnes**

Don and Susan Balloon

*With Sympathy*