

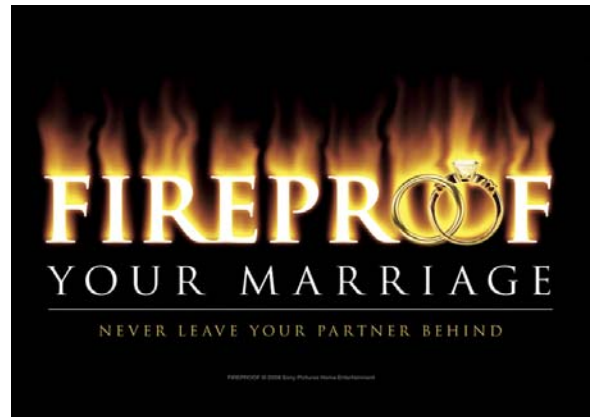
PASTOR BEGINS NEW SERMON SERIES SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

based on Sherwood's New Movie...

For six-weeks beginning Sunday, September 28 at 10:30 AM, our pastor will bring a series of messages based on Sherwood's new movie, *Fireproof*. There will be corresponding studies at the 5:30 PM services.

You DO NOT want to miss a single one of these services!

Sherwood's movie, Fireproof, can be seen at local theatres beginning September 26. Check your local listings.



September 15-24

Please Pray for our Central Asia Mission Team

- + ...that God will use our staff in a mighty way as they minister to the missionaries in that area—that they might be renewed and refreshed as they continue spreading the good news of Christ to those in their area.
- + ...for our team members... Jimmie Nettles, Brian Scott, Kathy Mims, Clayton Mims, Phil Podowski & Butch Knight.
- + ...for our deacons and support staff as they "fill the gap" here at home.

P.S. As this edition of The Way goes to print, our mission team has just reported in. They made the first leg of their journey "just fine" and are in Amsterdam.

Prayers are being answered so keep them coming!



Way back in the day when I lived in Memphis, Tennessee, I was a partner in a small local business. Kenny Crenshaw was my partner, and together we made a good team and had a fairly successful business. We had similar goals for our company and worked diligently to achieve them.

Despite what we had in common, Kenny and I had one difference that was quite evident. Kenny was a believer in Jesus Christ and I was not. For over a year Kenny invited me weekly to come to his church and just check it out. Because I was quick on my feet and good with excuses, I readily found reasons not to attend.

That all changed one day in the spring of 1989. I literally ran out of excuses and accepted Kenny's invitation to go to church with him. I did not want to give Kenny too much reason to celebrate. So I skipped out on his Sunday School invite and agreed just to meet him for worship.

Little did I know that my attendance at Broadmoor Baptist Church on that Sunday would begin the process of my salvation. For you see, Kenny's pastor was out that Sunday and a Christian businessman was speaking. He was with an organization known as the Gideons and he shared about his experiences of taking God's word to various parts of the world.

While I confess that I did not remember much about those places, the speaker's sincerity made an impression on me and got my attention. He challenged anyone who was there who did not know Jesus Christ as Savior to go home and read the Gospel of John. He believed that just by reading the Bible, one's ideas and opinions about Jesus could change.

Well, I took him up on his challenge. I read the Gospel of John and God worked in my heart. Within a matter of months, I trusted Jesus as my Savior and was baptized. Within the next couple of years I sold my portion of our business to Kenny. Our family moved to New Orleans so that I could attend seminary.

I am your pastor today in part because of the ministry of Gideons International. Because of that, I am pleased to welcome Lonnie Mathis as our guest speaker this coming Sunday morning. Lonnie has served as a member of the Gideons since 1985. He presently serves as president of the Albany West Gideon Camp and Church Ministry Program Assistant in our area for the State of Georgia Association. Lonnie, an Albany native, is a member of Sherwood Baptist Church. He and his wife, Dorene have two sons and six grandchildren.

I trust that you will welcome Lonnie this coming Sunday as he shares how God has used him and the Gideon ministry throughout the world. I will be praying that God will work in someone's heart the same way that He did in mine nearly twenty years ago. Let me encourage you to consider ways that you might be able to be a part of the Gideon's ministry, including making a gift to the ministry next week.

I love you and will miss you next Sunday. Yet, I am confident that God will bless you.

Pastor Butch

OUR PULPIT GUEST
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 10:30 AM
LONNIE MATHIS

NO evening service

THE FATHER'S KITCHEN...is in need of monetary donations. Please give as you are able and keep this ministry in your prayers as they continue to provide a hot meal and the gospel message twice monthly to the needy in our community.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED...for the TV Ministry. If you would like more information or to volunteer, please contact Carlisle Metts, 436-9298 or the church office, 883-8000.

Workers Sunday, Sept. 21:

Bed Babies: Trisha Hall, Mary Ellen Mercer
If you have any questions, call Barbara Metts, Childcare Coordinator 436-9298.

Big House: Jana Gill, Joy Dutton
Lil Big House: Donna Yielding, Susan Harper
If you have any questions, call Carrie Kelley, Coordinator 229.881.0026

PRAYER WALK the SCHOOLS
Tuesday, September 23, 7:00 PM
Go to the school of your choice or join FBC's WMU at Merry Acres School at 7:00 PM.

The Adult Choir has begun rehearsals for the Christmas Music. EVERYONE is invited to join us in the Choir Room at 6:30 p.m. on Sunday! YOU WILL BE GLAD YOU DID

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

- Mon. Sept. 22
9am-1pm—
1-5pm—Mary Ann Oakes
- Tues. Sept. 23
9am-1pm—
1-5pm—Gray Fountain
- Wed. Sept. 24
9am-5pm—Harriet Haskins
- Thurs. Sept. 25
9am-1pm—Ouida Fincher
1-5pm—Alan Stone
- Fri. Sept. 26
9am-4pm—Ann Sims

Check out FBC's exciting new advertising campaign on Radio 107.7 Listen M-F between 12:05— 12:20 PM For our special "one minute" spot entitled...

"60 Seconds to a New Beginning in Life"
with Dr. Butch Knight

Ladies Bible Studies

He Speaks to Me: Preparing to Hear from God

by Priscilla Evans Shirer

Learn how you can better position yourself to hear what God wants to say to you and then respond in obedience. Based on the Bible account of the boy Samuel, speaking with God.

9:45 AM, Thursday mornings

Home of Gwen Ellis,

343 Osprey Ridge Ct (Stonebridge area)

Contact Joy Dutton (883-3540) for further information

Can We Talk?

Soul Stirring Conversations with God

by Priscilla Evans Shirer

Purpose of this study is to equip participants to hear and respond directly to God—to have a conversation with the Creator of the universe!

12:30—Fellowship Time *** 1:00-2:00 PM—Study Time
Thursdays, September 18—October 23 (six weeks)

Facilitated by Dunia Edwards at her home, 4031 Quail Hollow Drive, Albany
Books (\$11.75) available from Dunia. For more information,
call Dunia at 869-2047..

Seasons of a Woman's Life

by Lois Evans

Whatever their age, whatever their responsibilities, women want to know: *Will it always be like this?*

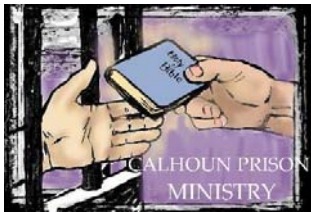
Today's Christian women are being pressed on every side to conform to standards of this world. They should enjoy the benefits of educational and business opportunities but must be careful not to let this world system rearrange their biblical priorities.

9:00-10:30 AM, Wednesdays, October 1—November 5

Facilitator: Kathy Mims *** Book: \$10.00 (available from Kathy)

Please call Gayle (883-8000) to register for this study.

Exciting Ministry Opportunity!!



Looking for a place to serve?

Think about the Prison Ministry. A group goes to Calhoun State Prison on Monday evenings for two "Experiencing

God" sessions each year. The next session will begin on

Monday, January 5, 2009.

The second session each year begins the first Monday in July. Help is needed for this important ministry!

Pray about it!

Contact Phil Podowski (439-1224) for more information.

Joy Luncheon Guest Thursday, September 25

12:00 noon — Cost: \$5.00

Charles Jones, Vocalist, Sr. Adult Minister
Byne Memorial Baptist Church



Charles is a native of Florida, born and raised in Orlando, long before Disney. He is a graduate of Asbury College with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Church Music. He was ordained to the ministry in Jacksonville, FL, in 1988, some years after his service to the Lord had begun. The majority of Charles' ministry has been in the church music field. After accepting Christ as his Savior as a teenager, he dedicated his musical talent strictly to Christian music. In a 45 plus year span of service he has served as a Song Evangelist, traveling extensively through the Eastern United States in revivals and camp meetings. He has also been a Concert Artist, Minister of Music, Pastor and now serves as Senior Adult Minister for Byne Memorial Baptist Church. Charles has also worked extensively in Christian Television and Radio.



SPORTING CLAY TOURNAMENT

(Skeet Shoot)

Saturday, October 11

8:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
\$80 (includes lunch & door prizes)

Quail Country Plantation
Arlington, GA

(To benefit the Food Bank & The Lord's Pantry)

Watch for more information
or call Bruce English,
894-7630.

Recycle for the Environment AND for Habitat for Humanity

Please look for the *Habitat for Humanity* cardboard containers in various locations around the church and place your bottles and cans in them. A special thank you to the Adult 14 Class for coming up with this idea and for being willing to take the cans to the re-cycling center.

Way to Go!

Flu & Pneumonia Shot Clinic

Wednesday, October 8, 1:00-5:00 PM

Room M-108, First Baptist Church

No co-pay for Medicare Part B
primary participants.

(pneumonia shot NOT needed if already had one after age 65)

Medicare eligible? Present Medicare card + picture ID.

Cost for non-Medicare participants: \$30 for flu shot & \$45
for pneumonia shot.

Children ages 9 and up are welcome

This Week at FBC

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

9:00am- Bible Study
 10:30am-Worship Service
 11:00am-Korean Worship Service
 2:00pm-Hospice Memorial Service/Sanctuary
 4:30pm-Youth Choir
 5:30pm-NO EVENING Worship Service
 6:30pm-WE WILL HAVE Adult Choir
 Rehearsal

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23

11:30am-Mallary Minister's Fellowship
 7:00pm-School Prayer Walk

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

7:00am-See You at the Pole
 5:15pm-Children's Choirs
 5:30-6:30pm-Family Night Supper
 6:30pm-Prayer Meeting
 6:30pm-Mission Friends, RAs, GAs
 6:30pm-IMPACT
 7:30pm-Praise Team Practice
 7:30pm-Committee on Committees/M-108
 7:30pm-Properties Committee/Conf. Room

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

1:30am-Central Asia Mission Team Returns
 12:00n-Joy Luncheon

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

3:30pm-Monroe High School Football Team
 Meal/FBC

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Bits & Pieces—

Dear Church Family, Our family sincerely thanks you for your prayers and support during the last two years while our granddaughter, Adelaine, fought her fight against leukemia. She is now completely off chemo and we thank our precious Lord and our faithful church for this miracle.

*With our love in Christ,
 Freda & Fred Markert*

*Dear Gentle People,
 Thank you for the flowers. Your kindness is greatly appreciated.*

The Family of Agnes Stanford

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FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER Wednesday, Sept. 24 5:30-6:30

**Pork Loin, Cabbage,
 Baked Sweet Potatoes**
 Cornbread, Apple Pie; Tossed Salad
 Dessert; Coffee; Tea; Water
 7th Gr. & up—\$5; 3 yrs.—6th Gr.—\$3

MEMBER IN HOSPITAL
Palmyra
 Ralph Gresham

FLOWERS

The lovely flower arrangement in the sanctuary Sunday, September 21 is given in remembrance of Joseph H. Edwards on their wedding anniversary from his wife, Catherine Edwards.

SUNDAY REPORT—9/14/08

Adults..... 242
 Students..... 49
 Children 49
 Preschool..... 48
 TOTAL 388
 Worship Attendance 10:30 AM 445

SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to the family of Hazel Bryant who died September 9.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Kaye Specht
letter

103 Somerset Dr.,
 Albany, GA 31721



FINANCIAL REPORT September 14, 2008

Budget Received This Week \$ 13,495.14
 2008 Budget Needed Y.T.D.....\$ 940,708.75
 2008 Budget Received Y.T.D.....\$ 789,771.21

CNN Received This Week\$ 1,041.00
 2008 Received Year to Date.....\$ 31,587.00

The Next Step Received This Week\$ 3,659.00
 Balance on Hand This Week\$ 109,108.87
 2008 Received Year to Date.....\$ 302,769.55
 Total Received to Date\$ 869,827.48

Designated Gifts Received This Week\$ 3,030.00
 2008 Received Year to Date.....\$ 70,201.97

Total Gifts Received This Week.....\$ 21,225.14
 2008 Received Year to Date.....\$ 1,194,808.08

MINISTERIAL STAFF

William E. "Butch" Knight, PhD..... Senior Pastor
 Jimmie Nettles..... Minister of Music
 Brian Scott..... Minister to Students/Activities
 Kathy Mims, PhD Director of Sr. Adult &
 Women's Ministries
 Ray Kirk..... Business Administrator

MINISTER ON CALL SEPT. 20, 2008

SMOKEY HARDISON—888-7119

If no answer, call the church, 883-8000, and choose Option #7. You will hear instructions for having our Minister on Call paged.