



# THE FIRST BAPTIST WAY

*"A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy. I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest."*  
-Jesus

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## More Than a Game

**EVERY Child Plays, EVERY Child Learns. EVERY CHILD IS A WINNER!**

**Upward promotes character and self-esteem in every child by:**

- ⊙ Providing an evaluation system that promotes equal teams and opportunities
- ⊙ Establishing a one-hour practice and game each week
- ⊙ Implementing a substitution system for each team, allowing every child equal playing time
- ⊙ Creating the opportunity for every child to learn and improve their skills of the game

### **HERE'S HOW YOU CAN HELP...**



**PRAY** for the program...**COACH** a team...**REFEREE** a game and/or **SHARE** a devotion. Call Alex Tinsley, 344-2628 or Diane McLendon, 883-8000 for more information and/or **TO VOLUNTEER IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY.**

Missed out on early registration for UPWARD? Don't worry, it's not too late. Brochures can be found at the Welcome Center or go online to [www.firstbaptistalbany.org](http://www.firstbaptistalbany.org) and click on the UPWARD icon. Come join the fun!

# WorldCrafts

**SUNDAY, OCT. 18**  
**3:00 to 4:00 PM**  
**in the atrium.**

WorldCrafts is a WMU non-profit ministry that imports handcrafts from around the world and markets them in the U.S. These are made by men and women living in poverty. The income from these crafts helps them better provide for their families through their skills. If you would like to "get a jump" on your Christmas shopping and find some really unique gifts that are very reasonably priced, then you do NOT want to miss this event!

*Catalogs are also available for your shopping convenience.*

*Sponsored by our GAs & Women on Mission*



**PASTOR CONTINUES  
"DRESSED FOR SUCCESS"  
SERIES**

**Sunday, October 18, 10:30 AM**

*The Breastplate of Righteousness*

Ephesians 6:10-14

A couple of weeks ago I began a series of messages derived from Ephesians 6:10-20, entitled "Dressed for Success." We are taking a look at Paul's instructions about putting on the full armor of God so that we can stand successfully in the midst of the various spiritual battles that we face. This Sunday we are considering the breastplate of righteousness. In my preparation I ran across the following story about righteousness.

*Years ago Joe Bayly, the late Eternity magazine columnist, visited some German Christians who had served as devoted soldiers in the German army during World War II. Two of them made such a positive impression that they were recommended for promotion to the position of second lieutenant. The commandant told them he would approve the promotion on the condition that they join the Officers' Club.*

*Membership into this exclusive club had great rewards, but also required them to attend some weekend dances that had been known to get out of hand. These young men believed that dancing was wrong because it promoted sexual looseness, and sexual looseness often led to immorality. They turned down the promotion because of their convictions.*

*Later in their military careers these same men faced another dilemma. They were assigned to the death camps where thousands of Jews were stuffed into ovens and killed. Even though they did not participate directly in the carnage, they knew what was happening. Yet, they never voiced any protest.*

*When Joe Bayly talked to them many years after the war, they looked back on their experiences with no regret. They had convinced themselves that they had made right decisions. For them, not conforming to social pressure and refusing to dance was an act of righteousness. Conforming however, to patriotic mass murder and remaining silent while thousands of folks were burned in ovens, left them with no sense of unrighteousness.*

While not nearly as extreme as this example, we all face similar choices. The question that we must consider is "Who sets the standard for our righteousness?" The Pharisees of the days when Jesus walked upon the earth were a lot like these soldiers in that they set their own standards of righteousness. Jesus indicted them for their self-righteousness and demanded that the righteousness of His followers must eclipse that of the Pharisees and scribes.

The Apostle Paul knew that the only form of righteousness acceptable to God was the kind that came from God Himself on the basis of faith in Jesus Christ. He understood that because he himself had practiced an inferior form of righteousness that led him to persecute the church. Paul would agree with the following statement. When we set our own standards of righteousness, we



# Fall Festival

**SATURDAY, NOV. 7, 11 AM-1 PM**

**HAVE YOU SIGNED UP TO HELP YET?  
(LOOK FOR SIGN-UP SHEETS ON THE DESK  
INSIDE THE CHILDREN'S HALLWAY.)**



- ☺ **CANDY DONATIONS**
- ☺ **PRAYERS**
- ☺ **BOOTH VOLUNTEERS**
- ☺ **GREETERS**
- ☺ **AND CHILDREN!**

What a fun time of year! With UPWARD basketball starting and the Fall Festival right around the corner, I can't help but be excited! Please know that you are needed! Whether you want to coach, referee, or plan a devotion for UPWARD, this ministry has a place for you to plug into. Our needs for the Fall Festival are volunteers to adopt a booth, candy donations, baked goodies for our cake walk, and people to volunteer to place a yard sign to help advertise this great outreach event. If you are interested in any of these opportunities, contact me.

Just a reminder that there are several ways you can minister to God's children here: Sunday School, during the worship service, Sunday evenings and Wednesdays during the Mission Hour. God will equip you as you strive to bless a child with your love and attention! Let me know how you would like to serve in this fast-growing, vital, and wonderful children's ministry.

Truly blessed,  
Jennifer J. Jefcoat, Minister to Preschool and Children

Pastor's article continued

*are capable of any evil, but when we are filled with His righteousness, no good is too great.*

I love you and look forward to seeing you Sunday as we put on the breastplate of righteousness.

**Pastor Butch**



## Flu Shot Clinic

**Wednesday, October 21  
2:00—5:00 PM,**  
Room 108,  
First Baptist Church  
Free to Medicare Part B  
Participants (must present  
insurance card & photo ID)  
All others: \$30.00  
Cash or Check accepted.

## JOY Luncheon

12:00 Noon, Thursday,

October 22

Lunch & Program—\$5.00

Bland Cleesattle will be sharing information about Golden Key 55 Plus at Phoebe Putney Memorial Hospital. Come learn about the great benefits of being a Golden Key member!

### Habitat for Humanity “Build on Faith” Project

First Baptist—Albany will be providing the Noon meal  
**Tuesday, October 27**  
for about 30—35

volunteers participating in  
*The Albany Chapter of  
Habitat for Humanity  
2009 Build on  
Faith Project.*

Volunteers are needed to make non-refrigerated desserts, pimento cheese sandwiches, or to make monetary donations to purchase meat and other items. If you want to help with this in any way, please call Margene Neal (888-2958) or see the sign-up sheets in Sunday morning Bible Study.

## OBERAMMERGAU'S

### HISTORIC

### PASSION

### PLAY

**Saturday, August 21**  
**Saturday, August 28,**  
**2010**

**Registration deadline  
extended to  
October 26!!**

Questions? Contact Kathy  
(883-8000 or

kmims@firstbaptistalbany.org)



## Operation Christmas Child

A PROJECT of SAMARITANS PURSE

Shoe Box Collection Time is just around the corner for Operation Christmas Child

**First Baptist OCC  
“Take-Off”—6:30 PM,  
Wednesday, October 21  
First Baptist Shoe Box  
Collection/Dedication  
6:30 PM, Wednesday, Nov. 11**

Get your empty boxes ready to fill with toys, hygiene items and school supplies. Then be here on the 21<sup>st</sup> to get all the instructions. Have empty boxes to share? Please bring them to the church office to be made available to other FBC folks.

**FBC Goal: 300 filled boxes**

**Please Join Others For a  
New Ladies' Bible Study!**

### Stepping Up! A Look at Psalms

by Beth Moore

Group meets

Wednesdays, 12:30—2:30 PM

Began October 14

(But it's not too late!)

at the home of

Kimberly Murray,

3603 Quail Hollow Road

Call Kimberly

(878-6519) for further details.

## Welcome on Board Cameron Cody!

New Church Pianist begins Ministry Oct. 25



Cameron Cody, “Cam”, is a native of Warner Robins, GA. Cameron comes to us from Central Baptist Church in Warner Robins where he serves as organist. Currently Cameron is attending Georgia Southwestern in Americus, GA ma-

joring in piano performance. Cameron has studied piano for fifteen years and organ for seven years. Cam has performed for former President Georgia W. Bush and has appeared in Carnegie Hall on two occasions, the second time under the baton of John Rutter. Cameron is a sought after accompanist and vocalist in the Middle Georgia area. In 2009 Cameron was nominated for the Governors Honors program and just recently received The National School Choral Award. Cam is very excited about joining First Baptist Church and growing in Christ with this ministry. Cameron currently resides in Americus, GA while working on his degree. I personally am delighted with this addition to our team here in Albany. Cameron brings many gifts to the ministry table. I believe you will find him a delight to know and be blessed by his contribution. He will meet and play for choir practices on Sunday, October 18, and be with us in worship for the first time on October 25.

### A WORD FROM A WEARY TRAVELER

Actually I think I am fairly rested now, but the two weeks I was gone were very exciting and I thought I would give you a brief report. The first part of the time was spent in revival with our former pastor, Dr. Ramsey, at FBC Thomson. The guest preacher was none other than former Associate Pastor & Minister to Single Adults, Dr. Glen Money. The sessions were well attended and the people were warm and receptive to all that we did. It was a joy to hear Glen preach. He is quite a character as well as a fine pulpiter. I will say that the congregational singing was exceptional. Jim and Nan wish all of you well.

The second part of my time on the road was with *The Centurymen*. There were 93 of us this year. We rehearsed for a few days and then sang in six Baptist churches and one Baptist college from Memphis, TN to Charlotte, NC. The ministry of this group is powerful and the bond we share is incredible. I hope that some day we will have the opportunity of hearing or hosting this choir.

Anyway, it is good to be home with my family. I deeply appreciate the support of my church family to be able to minister in this way.

Blessings to all of you,

*Jimmie Nettles, Pastor of Worship & Music*

# This Week at FBC

Periodicals  
Postage Paid  
Albany, GA

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

9:00am- Bible Study  
10:30am-Worship Service  
11:00am-Korean Worship Service  
1:00pm-Best Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
3:00-4:00pm-World Craft Party/Atrium  
3:30pm-Million Faces  
4:15-4:45pm-first place 4 Health: Weigh-In & Wellness Tips/Annex Building  
4:30pm-Youth Choir  
4:30-6:30pm-Financial Peace/ Room M-108  
4:45-6:15pm-Downpour: He Will Come to Us Like the Rain/Room M-107  
4:45-6:15pm-A Woman After God's Own Heart/ Annex Building  
5:30pm-Sisters in Christ  
5:30pm-Discipleship Group for Middle School & High School Guys  
5:30pm-10 Commandments Bible Study/Rooms C109 & C110  
5:30pm-Hanger 56/Room S101  
6:30pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

5:30pm-Heart Friends/Small Conference Room

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

10:00am-Homebound Ministry Team

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

2:00-5:00pm-Flu Shot Clinic/Room 108  
5:15-6:30pm-Family Night Supper  
5:45pm-Children's Choirs  
6:30pm-Prayer Meeting/Operation Christmas Child Take-Off  
6:30pm-Children's Missions Hour  
6:30pm-IMPACT (Students)  
7:30pm-Praise Team Practice

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

12:00-JOY Luncheon

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

### FINANCIAL REPORT Oct. 4, 2009

Budget Received This Week..... \$ 39,986.50  
2009 Budget Needed Y.T.D.....\$ 1,068,540.87  
2009 Budget Received Y.T.D.....\$ 930,795.79

CNN Received This Week .....\$ 1,366.50  
2009 Received Year to Date .....\$ 17,006.50

The Next Step Received This Week .....\$ 6,512.00  
Balance on Hand This Week.....\$ 50,889.67  
2009 Received Year to Date .....\$ 190,544.92  
Total Received to Date .....\$ 1,156,740.49

Designated Gifts Received This Week .....\$ 855.50  
2009 Received Year to Date .....\$ 40,432.41

Total Gifts Received This Week.....\$ 48,720.50  
2009 Received Year to Date .....\$ 1,178,902.81

### FINANCIAL REPORT Oct. 11, 2009

Budget Received This Week..... \$ 16,058.66  
2009 Budget Needed Y.T.D .....\$ 1,095,160.55  
2009 Budget Received Y.T.D.....\$ 946,854.45

CNN Received This Week .....\$ 830.00  
2009 Received Year to Date .....\$ 17,836.50

The Next Step Received This Week .....\$ 3,968.00  
Balance on Hand This Week .....\$ 54,857.67  
2009 Received Year to Date .....\$ 194,512.92  
Total Received to Date .....\$ 1,160,708.49

Designated Gifts Received This Week .....\$ 810.00  
2009 Received Year to Date .....\$ 41,242.41

Total Gifts Received This Week.....\$ 21,666.60  
2009 Received Year to Date .....\$ 1,200,569.41

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## FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Wed. October 21—5:15-6:30

Grilled Chicken Breast

Wild Rice; Vegetable Medley  
Salad Bar; Dinner Rolls; Dessert; Coffee; Tea

☺ Healthy Choice Menu Offered

☺ "Kid Friendly" Menu

7th Gr. & up —\$5; 3 yrs.—6th Gr.—\$3

### SUNDAY REPORT—10/11/09

Adults..... 189  
Students ..... 33  
Children ..... 39  
Preschool ..... 42  
TOTAL ..... 303  
Worship Attendance 10:30 AM ..... 395

## FLOWERS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

The beautiful flower arrangements in the Worship Center this Sunday are given to the glory of God and...

- (1) In loving memory of Jim McClung from Jo Anne McClung
- (2) In honor of Martha & A.J. Nobles on their 62nd Wedding Anniversary
- (3) In loving memory of Betty Jean Mahoney from her daughter, Barbara Jean, and husband, Harold

*Special Note: We have slots available on several dates for 2nd flower arrangements. Call the church office if you would like to explore these possibilities.*

### MINISTERIAL STAFF

William E. "Butch" Knight, PhD.....Senior Pastor  
Jimmie Nettles.....Pastor of Worship & Music  
Kathy Mims, PhD..... Director of Sr. Adult & ..... Women's Ministries  
Jennifer Jefcoat.....Minister to Preschool & Children  
Ray Kirk..... Business Administrator  
Gordon Davidson..... Interim Student Minister

### DEACON ON CALL OCT. 17, 2009

**DOUG BOSS, Home-439-1120; Cell-347-3129**

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

## THE BOOK CLUB

**Monday, October 19th, 7:00 PM**

3203 Trowbridge Road (439-9063)  
(The home of Jo Anne McClung)

Joy Dutton will review the book,  
"The Seasons of Life" by Lois Evans

**Please Join Us!**