

# CAMO

*Christ and Men Outdoors*

## Wild Game Supper

Thursday, October 8

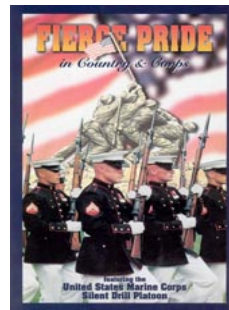
6:00 PM

Special Guest, Jason Cruise

*Founder, Outdoor Ministry Network*

Guys, come and enjoy a great evening together and learn more about the exciting opportunities that await us as we enjoy God's creation.

CAMO is a ministry that utilizes outdoor activities to bring men and Christ together.



U. S. Marines present  
**Silent Drill Platoon,  
Drum and Bugle  
Corps, and Color Guard**  
Thursday, October 15,  
Albany Civic Center

4:45 PM—Vans will leave the church, stop by Ole Times Country Buffet for Dutch Treat Dinner, then depart no later than 6:00 PM for Civic Center. The performance begins at 7:00 PM. This is the *Toys for Tots* kickoff. Price of admission is a new toy. You may ride the van from the church or meet us at *Ole Times* (dinner optional). If you plan to ride the van from the church or *Ole Times*, reservations must be made no later than Monday, October 12.

See sign up sheets in your Sunday School or contact Gayle or Kathy in the church office (883-8000).

**For the 55+  
Bunch!**

Are you putting off your Fall cleaning? If so, let this fundraiser for our students be your inspiration to get it done! Gotta hurry, though... it's coming right up!

## Yard Sale

Sat., October 3

7 AM-1PM

*Downtown Location*

Please call the church office before dropping off your donations.

Pick-up can be arranged for larger items.

Call Diane at 883-8000.

During the month of September, the Mission Friends have been collecting baby items to send to the Alpha House ministry; our missionary of the month, Bessie McPeck; and to minister to a local family in need. These three destinations are in need of: **diapers, diaper wipes, blankets, bottles, pacifiers, and other baby supplies.** If you would like to support this mission project, please leave your donations in the pink box by the Children's department. All donations will need to be collected by Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>.



**THE ADULT CHOIR  
HAS STARTED  
REHEARSALS FOR  
THE CHRISTMAS  
PRESENTATION. PLEASE  
COME AND SING WITH US!  
WE MEET ON SUNDAYS  
@ 6:30 PM IN  
THE MUSIC SUITE**

*If you can only commit to sing with us for the Christmas music, please join us!*

## Oberammergau's Historic Passion Play

Saturday, August 21 thru  
Saturday, August 28, 2010

Stops include Munich and Nuremberg, Germany; and Innsbruck, Austria. The trip ends in Oberammergau, Germany with a trip to the world-renowned Passion Play. Don't miss out! Make your reservations now. Fliers with complete information are available in the atrium.

*Space is limited and tickets for this once-every-ten years event are selling fast!*  
Contact Kathy (883-8000)



PASTOR'S SERMON TOPIC

Sunday, Sept. 27, 10:30 AM  
"Motions-less Citizenship"

1 Peter 2:13-14

You never get a second chance to make a first impression. There's nothing like an anonymous quote to start an article, is there? I know that it's not flashy or profound or even interesting. Still, the quote rings true, doesn't it? First impressions often set the tone for our opinions and thoughts on various matters and folks. They are the products of our instinct and intuition. They often remain with us for a long, long time.

First impressions are important in church. When guests drive into our parking lot, come through our doors and enter our facility, they are forming first impressions. On one level, they are noting their surroundings, checking out the cleanliness, safety, and decor of buildings and properties. It's important that we pay careful attention to our buildings and grounds to insure that we are establishing the kind of atmosphere that makes a good first impression.

On a more important level, our guests are formulating first impressions of all of us. To state it more bluntly, our guests are not only checking out our church buildings, they are giving us a good once-over as well. From the moment our guests lay eyes upon us, they are forming first impressions of our church.

We have a good number of our folks who recognize that this phenomenon is occurring. They serve in various capacities, greeting and welcoming guests each week. They make special efforts to receive our guests and help them get oriented. They make sure that

children are taken to the right classrooms, creating security in the hearts of moms and dads. They assist adults in finding their Sunday School classrooms as well. They go out of their way to make a positive first impression.

So, how well do we accomplish the task of setting a good first impression? Consider some of the comments that we have received from first time guests who took the time to respond to our FIRST IMPRESSION survey. To the question of what did you notice first, here are a couple of responses: "Everyone was so welcoming and friendly." "How nice the greeters were at the front-they were right there to help us." To the question what did you like best, check out this reply: "I liked that everyone was so willing to help you find where to go and the friendliness of everyone." To the question of what did you like least, take note of our guests' answer: "Nothing really . . . we loved it!" and "I can't say there was anything we didn't like-people were very welcoming."

First impressions do matter. They are being set whether we like it or not. Thankfully, we have a great group of folks who serve in our First Touch Greeting Ministry that make every effort to help our guests have an enjoyable experience at First Baptist Church of Albany. God is using your kindness and hospitality to set the right tone for a great day at church for many of our guests. Thanks for your commitment and service.

Let us all be mindful of the opportunities that God provides to establish a positive first im-

Pastor's article continued next column

It has occurred to me that many of you might not know what's going on down our children's hallway! When you are inviting others to church, let them know that during Sunday School, each child is shown God's love through teaching His Word and activities are planned to enhance their learning and application of their Bible lesson. During worship, our children's church is full of songs, Bible lessons, and teamwork for all to have a wonderful worship experience. On Sunday afternoons starting at 4:30, I have organized activities in the Big House area and get the kids set for their 5:30 Bible Study which is on the 10 Commandments until December. On Wednesday nights after family dinner, a child can be engaged in Children's Choir at 5:45 and be led to their next session: Mission Hour. During Mission Friends, RAs and GAs, children learn the importance of mission service and missionaries. Whew! That's a jammed pack week not counting the various Parents Night Out and other special events planned periodically throughout the calendar. So, the next time you invite a family to church, let them know the many wonderful ministry opportunities that we have at FBC Albany for all their children. I am always excited to see the new faces come through our doors. Let's reach out, invite, and engage others into our loving church family!

Happily Serving Him,  
Jennifer J. Jefcoat, Minister to Preschool and Children

 UPWARD Basketball starts SOON! We are now recruiting coaches, referees, devotional leaders, scorekeepers, and children to play during this exciting season. If you are interested in serving, please contact Alex Tinsley at 883-7280. It takes a great number of volunteers to ensure a smooth, successful season. Join today! Players, pick up a registration brochure at the Welcome Center or sign up online at... [www.firstbaptistalbany.org](http://www.firstbaptistalbany.org).



**Lew Conner**  
His picture should be here but the camera broke while trying to get a shot!

Congratulations, Lew! You have the distinct "honor" of being named the **Ugliest Man in Choir!** Thanks to you for being such a good sport and to Joe Dorner and Harold Nelson as well for giving you a "run for your money"! Together you guys raised more than \$700 for our Youth Choir!

Pastor's article continued

pression of not only our church, but our Lord. I remind you that we are walking billboards of the importance of a relationship with Jesus Christ. Remember to let others know that Christ makes the difference in your lives everyday in every way.

I love you and look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Pastor Butch

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**

- Mon. Sept. 28  
9am-1pm-Tinsley Dozier  
1-5pm-Mary Ann Oakes
- Tues. Sept. 29  
9am-1pm-Eloise Dozier  
1-5pm-Gray Fountain
- Wed. Sept. 30  
9am-5pm  
Harriet Haskins
- Thurs. Oct. 1  
9am-1pm-Betsy Payne  
1-5pm-Gray Fountain
- Fri. Oct. 2  
9am-4pm-Ann Sims

**NURSERY**

- SEPT. 27**  
**Bed Babies**  
Joann Lane;  
Mary Ellen Mercer;  
Nancy Wade
- Toddlers**  
Carrie Kelley;  
Beth Chester
- 2 & 3 yrs. Old**  
Susan Manry;  
Margaret Ellis
- Lil' Big House**  
Tammi McDowell;  
Holly Strickland
- Big House**  
Jake & Jen. Jefcoat
















# October 2009

## ON-GOING SUNDAY SCHEDULE

9:00-Bible Study  
 10:30-11:30am-Worship Service  
 11:00-Korean Worship Service  
 3:30-Million Faces  
 4:15-1st Place Weigh-in  
 4:30-Youth Choir  
 4:30-Financial Peace  
 4:45-Downpour Bible Study  
 4:45-A Woman After God's Own Heart  
 5:30-Sisters in Christ  
 6:30-8:00pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal

## ON-GOING WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

5:15-6:20-Family Night Supper  
 5:45-Children's Choirs  
 6:30-7:20-Prayer Meeting: IMPACT (Student Worship) Children's Missions  
 7:30-9:00-Praise Team Practice

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p><b>PLEASE NOTICE...</b>On Sunday October 4, evening Bible Studies will begin 30 minutes earlier because of the Baptism Service at 6:00 PM.</p>				1	2  5:30-Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 6:30-Single Adult Pool Party	3 7:00-Yard Sale 11:00-Father's Kitchen
4  2:00-Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  6:00-Baptism	5  <b>UPWARD EVALUATIONS</b>	6	7 7:30-CAMO Leadership Meeting	8  6:00 CAMO <i>Christ &amp; Men Outdoors</i> Men's Wild Game Supper	9	10
11  2:00-Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	12 5:30-Heart Friends 7:00-Women in Christ	13 10:15-WOM 6:00-Finance Committee	14	15 4:00-8:30 Mallary Annual Mtg FBC Leesburg 4:45-Marine Corp Exciting Presentation at Civic Center	16 Weekday Ed Fall Break	17 11:00-Father's Kitchen  4:00-Christmas Pageant Rehearsal
18  1:00-Christmas Pageant Rehearsal	19 Weekday Ed Resumes	20 10:00-Homebound Ministry	21  2:00-5:00-Flu Shot Clinic 6:30-Operation Christmas Child Kick-Off	22 12:00 <b>JOY Lunch</b>	23 5:00-CAMO Meeting	24
25  3:00-4:00-World Craft Party	26  5:30-Heart Friends	27 12:00-Mallary Ministers 6:30-Deacons	28 7:30-Properties Committee	29	30  2:00-Monroe HS Football Team	31  10:00-Christmas Pageant Rehearsal



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 Dr. William E. (Butch) Knight, Pastor**

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

9:00am- Bible Study  
10:30am-Worship Service  
11:00am-Korean Worship Service  
2:00-4:00pm-Best Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
3:30pm-Million Faces  
4:15-4:45pm-*first place 4 Health: Weigh-In & Wellness Tips/Annex Building*  
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  
6:30pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

6:00pm-Heart Friends/Small Conf. Rm.  
6:30pm-Moe's & Moo's/Students

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30

5:15-6:30pm-Family Night Supper  
5:45pm-Children's Choirs  
6:30pm-Prayer Meeting  
6:30pm-Children's Missions Hour  
6:30pm-IMPACT (Students)  
7:30pm-Praise Team Practice

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 3

7:00am-1:00pm-Yard Sale/Downtown  
11:00am-The Father's Kitchen/Downtown

## BITS & PIECES

### Dear Church Family,

*I would like to express my gratitude for what FBC has done and is doing for me and my son, Larry. We are both experiencing health issues at this time so I am very grateful for the food being sent on Wednesday evenings and for the prayers of God's people. You are a gracious, caring church family and I thank God for you. May He bless you as you have blessed me. In His love, Irma Rustin*

*Hello and thank you all for the thoughtful package you sent to me here in Iraq. It was so nice of you all to think of me and my soldiers and I promised them all I would send you a personal thank you. I have placed the photograph of you all on my wall next to my bed so that each morning I am assured to waking to your smiling faces.*

*Through the years, I have been deployed to combat many times, and each time, my heart is warmed in the knowledge that you all keep me and my soldiers in your prayers. Each night I pray the Apostles Creed and the Lord's Prayer as I start to visit with our Heavenly Father. It gives me strength and peace to face each day and encouragement when I fail to meet His teachings and example. I encourage you boys and girls to take the time each night to pray the prayer our Father gave to us, as even 2000 years later it can still give you peace whether on a playground or battlefield. May God guide you in all*

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## FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Wed. September 30 — 5:15-6:30

### PORK ROAST

New Potatoes; Glazed Baby Carrots;  
Biscuits; Salad Bar; Dessert; Coffee; Tea

(Healthy Choice Menu Offered)

### KID'S MENU: Hot Dogs

7th Gr. & up —\$5; 3 yrs.—6th Gr.—\$3

### SUNDAY REPORT—9/20/09

Adults ..... 217  
Student..... 37  
Children ..... 60  
Preschool ..... 39  
TOTAL..... 353  
Worship Attendance 10:30 AM..... 397

*you do and may His angels guard your path.  
Major Jon Spurlock  
Operation Iraqi Freedom, 18 August 2009*

*Dear FBC Flower Ministry, I have to say, I think it was the only time I got flowers, but they were nice and I enjoyed visiting with Mrs. Sheppard. Thank you for checking on me. I'm feeling a lot better. I had a great day at school and things will get even better. Thanks again!  
Sincerely, Fletcher White*

*I am going to read my Bible. Thank you for the Bible and the great bag. You will see me at church with them. Love Flint (White)*

*Dear FBC, Thank you for my Bible and bag. I like to read my Bible. I like my Bible. I like the bag. Ansley Reich*

*Dear FBC, Thank you for my Bible and bag. I like to read my Bible. I like to look up verses.  
Drew Reich*

## SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Jean Bush whose mother died Sept. 20.

## FLOWERS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

The beautiful flower arrangement in the Worship Center this Sunday is given to the glory of God and in honor of Adult 3 & 4 from John & Brenda Bryant.

## 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

## MINISTER ON CALL SEPT. 26, 2009

**DR. BUTCH KNIGHT—888-9197**

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

## FINANCIAL REPORT SEPT. 20, 2009

Budget Received This Week.....	\$ 10,857.20
2009 Budget Needed Y.T.D.....	\$ 1,015,301.51
2009 Budget Received Y.T.D.....	\$ 871,867.18
CNN Received This Week .....	\$ 201.50
2009 Received Year to Date .....	\$ 15,456.00
The Next Step Received This Week .....	\$ 2,119.00
Balance on Hand This Week.....	\$ 2,119.00
2009 Received Year to Date .....	\$ 180,380.92
Total Received to Date .....	\$ 1,146,576.49
Designated Gifts Received This Week .....	\$ 361.00
2009 Received Year to Date .....	\$ 36,496.91
Total Gifts Received This Week.....	\$ 13,538.70
2009 Received Year to Date .....	\$ 1,104,324.20