

News and Events



Scripture Challenge 2012

The challenge is for each of us to determine to read God's word DAILY in 2012.

The reading schedule, if followed, will not only help us stay in God's word daily, but by the end of the year will take us through the entire Bible.

The schedule this year will take us through the Bible chronologically (we will read the events in the order that they took place... not in the order that the books were assembled in the Bible).

Each day, via email, you will receive a reminder of the days readings along with a comment or a question concerning that days verses.

If you wish to join with us as we read God's word in 2012, please contact Ben Acock (Ben@BenAcock.com) or Sam Lowe (sam.lowe@sslowe.com) and we will add you to our email list.

Sunday Afternoon Devotional

Join Ben Acock every Sunday afternoon at 3 pm at Wellington Place. This is a great opportunity for folks who would like to be involved in a Christian work where they are not required to do any more than spend a few minutes in a devotional, sing a few songs, and just speak to the elderly people that are there.

Congratulations Grandparents!

Reed and Linda Haraway are the proud grandparents of their 5th grandchild, Lane Strickland. Lane's adoption was completed last Tuesday. Congratulations also to Lane's parents, Kelly and Joel Strickland.

Church Library

We now have 8 children participating in the "In His Steps" reading program. You can get details about the program on the flyer in the mall way.

Also, the library staff is looking for adults and children to write book reviews. Please see Becky or Shayne Howell if you are interested.

Youth Group Events

Save The Date

Uplift 2012 ~ June 15-21

Life Group ~ Not Meeting Tonight

Adopt-A-Family ~ A special thank you to all who contributed towards our Adopt-A-Family Christmas project this year. The youth collected \$330 to help provide for a family this Christmas.

Isaiah 5:20-21

Woe to those who call evil good and good evil, who put darkness for light and light for darkness, who put bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter. Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes and clever in their own sight.

Woe: Grievous distress; affliction; grief; anguish; tribulation; trial; regret; lamentation; ruinous trouble.

Camp Wiregrass 2012

Save The Date

Senior High	3-8 June
Junior High	10-15 June
5th-6th Grade	17-22 June
3rd-4th Grade	24-29 June
1st-2nd Grade	1-6 July
Junior High	8-13 July
5th-6th Grade	15-20 July
3rd-4th Grade	22-27 July

Family Matters



Prayer Requests

Sanford (Joe) Cooper asked us to pray for those who are struggling with the holiday season.

Catrina Rogers asked us to pray for Mary Cooper. The holidays are particularly difficult for her this year after recently losing her mother.

Isaac Teter requested our prayers. His son passed away recently.

Congratulations

To Lucy Wheeler for passing her citizenship exam.

Also to Ben Acock, for being chosen "Realtor-Of-The-Year" in Fort Walton Beach.

Christmas Card Exchange

Last Day Today



There are decorated mailboxes in the mall way to collect your Christmas cards. Please include the recipients name on the front of the envelope and

place in the mailbox today. The cards will be sorted and ready for pick-up after services on Wednesday, December 21st, in the fellowship hall. If you have any questions, please see Heidi.

While you are making out your Christmas cards, you have the opportunity to send one to one of our wounded warriors in the service. You can address and mail your card to:

A Recovering American Soldier
C/O Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Ave. N.W.
Washington D.C. 20307-5001

Continued Prayer

Emmie Thomas (Tim Thomas' mother)	Cancer
Sonny McGilvary (Betty Danford's brother)	Cancer
Johnny Hawford (Ona Hulion's nephew)	Cancer
Janet Chalk (Randy Stokes daughter)	Cancer
Radenna Cox Brown (Toni Sims' cousin)	Cancer
Sid Mosley (Dot Atkins' son-in-law)	Cancer
Janet Shaffer (Tootles Robbins' sister)	Cancer
Della Reece (Linda barber's brother)	Health
Kenneth Carter	Cancer
Joshua Morris	Rehab

Assisted Living

Tim Morgan	Emerald Cst
Blanche Green	Emerald Cst
Lola Megahee	Emerald Cst
Martha Bynum	Belvedere

Military

Eddie Taylor Deployed
You can write to Eddie at:
Sgt. Eddie Taylor
2-8FA, 1/25th SBCT
FOB Lindsey II (Roman numeral 2)
APO, AE 09355

Robert Stover Deployed
You can write to Robert at:
Buford Stover
607 AOC, PSC 3 Box 8117,
APO AP 96266

Dylan Elkins Basic Trng.
AB Elkins, Patrick Dylan
323 TRS/FLT 115 (Dorm A8)
1320 Truemper
St. Unit 369522
Lackland AFB, TX 78236-6095



For The Record



Group Counts

<u>Weekly meetings:</u>		
Ladies Bible Class	12-13	13
<u>Bi-Weekly meetings:</u>		
Tuesday Bible study	11-8	14
<u>Monthly Meetings:</u>		
Nursing Home Singing	12-4	20
2nd Saturday Singing	11-12	6
Ladies Night Out	12-6	11
Lunch Bunch	11-17	7
<u>Home Groups</u>		
Custer	12-4	11
Johnson	11-6	14
Seright	12-11	22
Sims	11-8	11
Stover	9-25	6

Out Of The Office

Denise will be out of the office from December 26th through January 6th. She will be back in the office on Monday, January 9th.

Happy Birthday

19th	Joshua Riggs
19th	Elias Marler
21st	Janet Jeffcoat
21st	Brandi Hagler
21st	Jaxon Marler
21st	Kori Brown
23rd	Lydia Simpson
24th	Zach Shealey

Anniversary

Today	Jerry & Margie Young #41
21st	TJ & Marge Norris
21st	Cledus & Betty Riggs #63

Scripture Challenge

18 Dec	Psalm 107:126	Rev. 10
19 Dec	Ezra 5-7	Rev. 11
20 Dec	Esther 1-2	Matt. 1
21 Dec	Esther 3-5	Rev. 12
22 Dec	Esther 6-8	Rev. 13
23 Dec	Esther 9-10	Rev. 14
24 Dec	Ezra 8-10	Rev. 15

Church Statistics

<u>Attendance Week of Dec 11</u>	
Bible Class	158
AM Worship	220
PM Worship	90
Wednesday	105 (12-14)

<u>Attendance A Year Ago</u>	
Bible Class	133
AM Worship	229
PM Worship	85
Wednesday	130

<u>Building Fund</u>	
Pledged 2011	\$ 165,810
Received 2011	\$ 95,376
Donations Rec'd	\$ 23,604

<u>Contribution Dec 11</u>	
Budget	\$ 6,746
Gave	\$ 6,293

2011 Baptisms 7



Ladies Retreat 2011

2012 Annual Ladies Retreat

LADIES – The sign-up sheet is available in the foyer for our Ladies Retreat, January 13-14, 2012. We will be staying at the Wyndham Vacation Resorts at Majestic Sun, 77 Seascape Drive, in Destin. On Saturday we will meet at the church building for classes, songs, prayer, and lunch. Our own Marci McGill will be speaking on Spiritual Beauty! Details will be sent out to those that sign up. Registration fee is \$10. Please see Susan Stover or Janet Jeffcoat with any questions!

Sermon Outline

The Holy Spirit: The Gift that Keeps on Giving

Series: God's Wonderful Gift

Text: Acts 2:38-39

Introduction: Many gifts, originally appreciated, become obsolete. Some gifts lose their value. God's Holy Spirit is different. The Spirit is a gift that keeps on giving and is always needed.

Ways the Holy Spirit Keeps on Giving:

1.

2.

3.

Conclusion: The Bible refers to the Spirit as: "the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him." (Acts 5:32). Will you obey the gospel and receive the gift that keeps on giving?

Helpers Today

Nursery
Infants
Autumn Cherry & Pinky Jett
Toddler
Teri Elkins & Crystal Nunley
Wee Praise
Carissa Nevius
Greeters
Ken Cherry, Patrick Elkins, Teri Elkins,
Tom Morris, Humbert Ricketts
Power Point Jasmin Ricks
Sound Rick Hurst
Song Leader Brian Cherry

Next Sunday 12-25

Nursery
Infants
Carissa Nevius & Tbd
Toddler
Sylvia Tribble & Vickey Williams
Wee Praise
Tbd
Greeters
Ken Cherry, Patrick Elkins, Teri Elkins,
Tom Morris, Humbert Ricketts
Power Point Jasmin Ricks
Sound Rick Hurst
Song Leader Ron Whitman

Order Of Worship

Sunday Morning

Song Leader Brian Cherry
Song (Book) #953 Lord I Lift Your Name On High
Song (Folder) #48 Here I Am To Worship
Welcome
Prayer Tim Gray
Song (Book) #118 Count Your Blessings
Song (Book) #841 Sing and be Happy
Song (Folder) #126 Wonderful, Merciful Savior
Lord's Supper
Presiding Justin Nunley
Serving Juwan Taylor Landon Crawford
Jerry Young Shannon Johnson
Harry Steck Tyrell Rochell
Rick Morales Chris Kelly

Offering
Song (Book) #888 Thank You Lord
Scripture Buck Robbins ~ Acts 2:36-39
Wee Praise For 4 Years Old Through 1st Grade
Song (Book) #851 Blue Skies and Rainbows
Sermon Jeff Custer
Song (Folder) #107 Surround Us O Lord
Song (Book) #1 A Beautiful Life
Closing Prayer Mike Russell

Sunday Evening

Song Leader Troy McGill
Opening Prayer Samel Brown
Speaking Jeff Custer
Closing Prayer Joe Ricks

Wednesday Evening December 21

Song Leader Jerry Young
Prayer Harry Steck
Devotional Jeff Custer

Hearing Assistance

All of our assemblies in the auditorium are now broadcast over low-power FM radio. If you have trouble hearing speakers in class or worship, you can bring your own radio and headphones, and tune to 94 FM. If you have questions about this capability, see Buck Robbins.

Our Deacons

Dallas Brannon
Facilities (furniture) repair
& Seniors home repair

Glenn Hatcher
Advertising, Nursing Home
Singing & Budget Tracking

Shayne Howell
Library & Projection System

Brian Jacobs
Children's Education

Jimmy Johnson
Facilities Chairman, AC and
Heat & Lads to Leaders

Chuck McAllister
Worship & Transportation

Ricardo Morales
Missions & Military Liaison

Tom Morris
Greeters & Visitation

Scott Nevius
Building Maintenance,
Baptistery, Playground &
Cleaning

Buck Robbins
Benevolence, Sound System &
Financial Counseling

If you have questions about any of the above areas, please see the appropriate deacon.

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December 18, 2011

Dealing with Difficult People

I received some promotional material this week entitled "Dealing with Difficult People". It promoted a seminar that trains you to deal with the difficult people in your life. It said: "It provides specific strategies for getting adversaries to cooperate...bullies to back off ... wallflowers to open up ... chronic complainers to quiet down." I thought it sounded like something I could use. But the bottom line is a bit unchristian. It seems to deal with people as resources and obstacles to be managed. I feel Jesus never looked at people this way.

We are encouraged to "bear with one another". What in the world are we talking about? Does the Bible encourage us to ignore one another? Grin and bear the annoyances of one another? Put up with one another? I can't imagine Jesus, when annoyed by the misconduct of his disciples, walking off grumbling to himself while biting his tongue.

The Bible's instruction to "bear with one another" is not an encouragement to manipulate or manage others toward our own ends nor are we being encouraged to ignore or tolerate with benign apathy. The Bible teaches in Ephesians 4:2: "Be

completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love." Love is the needed element for all those who wish to fulfill the body building need to "bear with one another".

Jesus did a lot of "bearing with one another". (Actually, Jesus was a sinless and perfect man so I guess he was the one doing all of the "bearing"). The Apostles were a fleshly minded group who tried Jesus' patience with their petty arguing, vying for position, ungodly mindsets, and sinfulness. Yet Jesus neither "managed" them through manipulation nor ignored them in disgust. He loved them too much.

Jesus taught patiently, rebuked rightly, and restored gently. Churches that want to grow need to have members who learn to bear with one another as Jesus did. That means we will need to love one another first. Without love our interactions with others will be manipulative or dismissive. Those who love others seek their restoration and the result is a church that is built up.

Let's be a church of people who deal graciously with others.

Jeff Custer



<u>Service Times</u>	<u>Contact Information</u>	<u>Elders</u>
<u>Sunday:</u> Bible Class 9:15 AM Worship 10:15 Singing 4:30 PM Worship 5:00 Home Groups 6:15	<u>Address</u> 232 SE Hollywood Blvd. Ft. Walton Beach FL, 32548 <u>Phone</u> 850-243-3031 <u>Fax</u> 850-243-3092 <u>E-Mail</u> fwbcocf@fwbcocf.org <u>Web</u> ourchurchcares.com	<u>Glenn Barron</u> 864-3706 gbarron903@cox.net <u>David Jeffcoat</u> 243-7781 dejeffcoat@cox.net <u>Sam Lowe</u> 581-3711 slowe3@gmail.com <u>Mike Russell</u> 863-1686 mandtrussell@cox.net
<u>Wednesday:</u> Bible Study 7:00		