

A photograph of a person from behind, standing in a green field with arms raised towards a sunset sky with orange and blue clouds.

Cropwell Baptist

June 2011 / Monthly Newsletter

Mark Your Calendar

6.3

Pell City Block Party

6.7

WOM/Knifty Knitters @ 10 am

6.10

Parents Night Out

6.12

Haiti Mission Team
Commissioning Service

6.12 – 6.16

Vacation Bible School

6.19

Father's Day

6.29

Blast off Carnival

7.3

Alive 2011 at Homestead Hollow

7.22

Family Water Day @ Pt Mallard

8.7

Prayer Walk @ Williams School

8.17

DIG Wednesday Nights Begin

9.11

Senior Adult Day

From the Pastor's Desk

Dr. Phillip C. Burden

“That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us – that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ. And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.” (I John 1:1-4)

We have been entrusted with a message. We are heralds of the truth that eternal life is found in Jesus Christ and in Christ alone. We are called to declare that salvation has come, and that the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting comes to all who call upon the name of the Lord and believe in the Lord Jesus Christ. Our missionaries to Haiti are joining in fellowship with all believers throughout the ages in proclaiming this message. They are standing in the faith and the message of the Apostles, commissioned by Christ to feed His sheep and let the nations be glad. This assignment – the preaching and teaching of this gospel – represents a calling

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Register Now for VBS!

Cropwell Baptist Church will host its 2011 Vacation Bible School on **Sunday, June 12 – Thursday, June 16 from 5:30 – 8:30 pm.** Free meals for the children will be served each night. Our VBS theme this year is Gold Rush: Discovering the Rock of Ages. All children (4 years old by September 1 – Completed 6th Grade) are invited to attend. For more information, contact Cropwell Baptist Church at 205.338.7995 or go to www.cropwellbaptist.org.



Register your child now at

www.answersvbs.com/vbs/cropwellbaptistchurch

We also need donations for our VBS including:

Decorations: Old West/Prospecting Theme including picks, wagon wheels, wooden crates or barrels, Christmas trees, shovels, saddles, lanterns, wooden benches, iron pots, boots, ropes, old tents (not nylon), Anything Old West, etc.

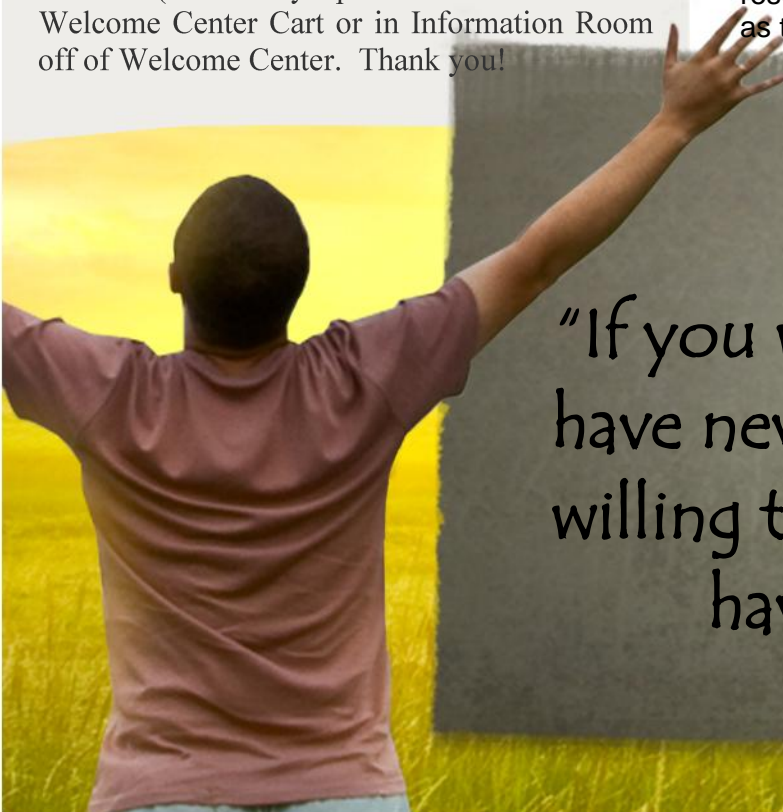
Food: Wavy Potato Chips, Traditional Spaghetti Sauce, and 2 liter Diet & Regular Cokes. (You may place these items in Welcome Center Cart or in Information Room off of Welcome Center. Thank you!

From the Pastor's Desk Continued....

that exceeds all others in eternal importance. By way of testimony, let me say that I have aspired to walk with God, live for Him, serve others, and make maximum impact for Him in a desperately needy world. I have made many inadequate decisions and many wrong ones (though good intentions) during these years. My own life has often been weak and wayward. I have often been weary in the work, but never weary of the work. I have sometimes been very disappointed in myself, but never disappointed in Jesus. But, in spite of me, it has been my privilege and unspeakable blessing to see God do many mighty works in hearts of people. The early Disciples of Christ mouthed my question when they asked, "What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" (John 6:28) This is an incredibly misguided question, though each of us may have asked it one or more times. The answer Jesus gave is full of correction and teaching for each of us: "This is the work of God that you believe in Him whom He sent." What is the meaning of His answer? Only God can engage in and do the works of God! God's work must be performed by God himself! If we are involved at all in the "works of God," our involvements must be by faith, not by our performance, our works, or our effort. But there is incredible good news: God is willing to occupy and use each of us to accomplish His work. The simple formula is this: God does the work, and He does it through us – *and gives us the reward for what He does!* ! So our responsibility is to serve God steadily and faithfully, while exercising full dependence on Him. Thus, He overwhelms our poor actions with His own power and performance. We simply walk with Him, yield to His service (whether here or in Haiti) – and leave the results to Him. May God bless our missionaries to Haiti as they go in His power to accomplish His work!

Sacrifice

"If you want something you have never had, you must be willing to do something you have never done."



How to Have a Steadfast Hope in a Shaky World

The stage is set for the drama of the ages, only this drama is not going to be make-believe, it is going to be for real. But God's people are not to be upset, dismayed, or anxious. We are to have a settled faith. Second Thessalonians 1:7 says *"And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with His mighty angels."* These are dark days, but they are gloriously dark. The darkest hour of the night is just before the dawn. You see, our hope is not in politics or science or sociology. Our hope is in the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ! When He comes again, He is coming as the King of kings and Lord of lords. When He came the first time, He was spat upon. When He came the first time He was crucified, but when He comes again, He's going to be crowned. Now we don't know the exact time of His return. Matthew 24:36 says *"But of that day and hour knows no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but my Father only."* Jesus was born on time...He died on time...He rose on time...and He's coming back the second time on time! Our Lord will not tarry one minute longer than is necessary. God has everything under control.

Second Thessalonians 2:3 says *"Let no man deceive you by any means; for that day shall not come except there come a falling away first, and that man of sin be revealed, the son of perdition."* We should not be deceived. What is the best way to put out the fire of falsehood? Pour on the living water of Truth. Paul explains that the Day of the Lord is not going to come until the anti-Christ is here. The apostle John calls Him the anti-Christ because he will set himself up as the counterfeit Christ. Don't be deceived about the end times. Remember that the Christ will come secretly for His church, and then secondly He will come sovereignly with His church. There will be a period of seven years between the Great Tribulation and when our Lord comes. It is within this time period that the anti-Christ will be destroyed. It is then that 777 will take care of 666. It is then that the Lord Jesus who suffered in shame will come in glory. Now what kind of application can we make from these things:

- 1) We need to be praying.
- 2) We need to be winning souls.
- 3) We need to be encouraging our Christian friends and family to get in the Word of God and help them understand its truths about the end times.
- 4) We need to keep our focus firm on the Second Coming of our Lord and not get dismayed by the "doom and gloom" tales and reports.
- 5) We need to keep our hope alive that God is sovereign and has a good plan for His children.



Summer Wednesdays at Cropwell: It's going to be Out of This World!

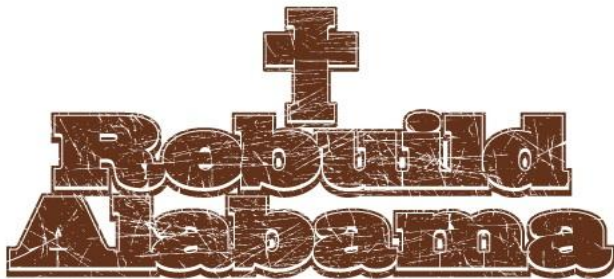
This year's Summer Program for Preschoolers through 6th Grade will begin with a **"Space Opener" on Wednesday, June 29, 2011 at 6:15 pm.** There will be food, games, and lots of fun! We will have lessons for the kids on the following Wednesday evenings during the summer: **July 6, 13, 20, 27, and August 3 from 6:15 – 7:30 p.m.**

Preschoolers will be participating in a program called "Galactic Blast: A Cosmic Adventure Praising God!" and Children in Grades 1st – 6th will be participating in a program called "Operation Space: Apologetics for Kids!"



Alabama Tornado Relief

Thank you so much for your recent monetary, clothing, and toiletry donations for Disaster Relief. In addition to the donations, our church is planning on partnering with Extreme Ministries/Baptist Association to rebuild homes destroyed during our recent tornado outbreak. We will be assisting people who either had no insurance or minimal insurance. If you would like to be a part of this relief effort, please send the church office a message on either Facebook, email (sdaniel@cropwellbaptist.org), sign up in the Welcome Center, or call the church office at 205.338.7995 and leave a message stating your name, day of the week and hours you are available to work, as well as any areas of "expertise" you may have. If you have experience in construction, electrical, plumbing, roofing, etc. please be sure to let us know that as well so that we can schedule you to work at the appropriate times. **We need people to sign up as soon as possible.** As it stands right now, this time of intense reconstruction will be going on from June 6 – June 25th. Teams will meet each weekday at 7:00 am at Ragland High School and work until around 5:00 pm. Any time/services you can volunteer will be greatly appreciated. Please sign up now!

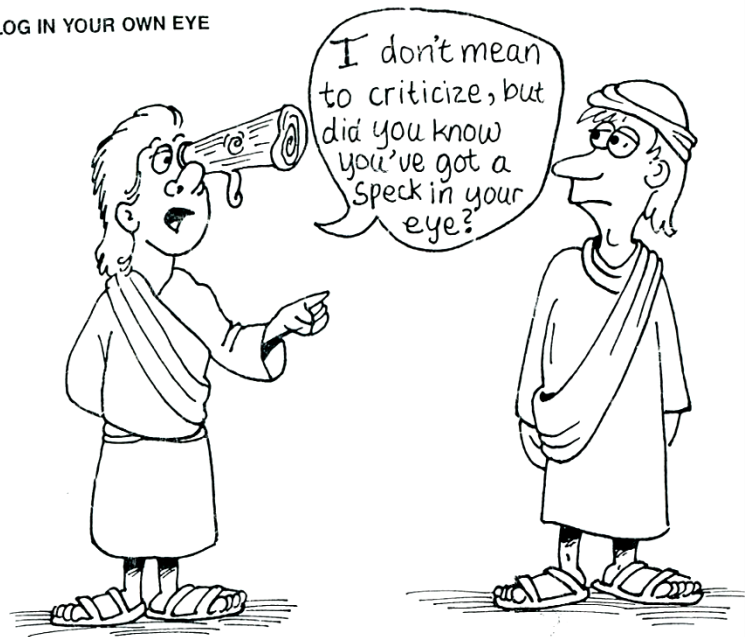


"You have been a refuge for the poor, a refuge for the needy in their distress, a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat." Isaiah 25:4

1 Timothy 6:10-12 (New International Version)

*For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. **But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.** Fight the good fight of the faith. Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses.*

LOG IN YOUR OWN EYE

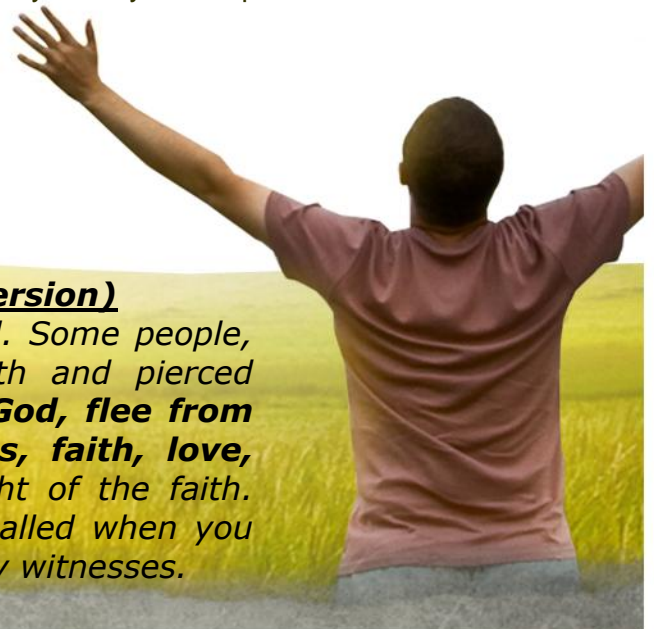


Matthew 7:3

"Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother's eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye?"

Church Showers/Events

Cropwell members, please remember that if you are planning a shower, bridal tea, wedding, etc and would like to use our church facility, you must contact the church office to reserve the date, receive wedding packet (if applicable), and reserve tablecloths, kitchen supplies/dishes, etc. Thank you for your cooperation.



Haiti Mission Trip 2011

After months of preparation, fundraisers, donations, meetings, and prayers, our June Haiti Mission Trip is finally upon us! We are so excited to see what the Lord is going to do as we step out of our “comfort zones” and serve in “another context.” **We want to take this opportunity to say thank you to our church family.** Without your love and support this trip would not have been possible. **“Thanks” goes to individuals that:**

- Contributed money to Haiti Team Members and/or the Haiti Fund, to the Men’s Ensemble and to those that contributed to the Men’s Ensemble Love Offering
- Helped get our Malaria meds at cost
- Bought and sold Krispy Kreme Doughnuts
- Cooked Boston Butts and those that bought Boston Butts
- Donated yard sale items, priced items, set up for the sale, baked goodies, and to those who worked the recent yard sale
- Made clothing for the orphans/children of Haiti
- Have been praying on a regular basis for this trip
- Donated and sold carpet cleaner
- Cooked fish and those that bought fish at the fish fry

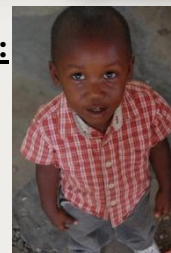
So you see, this has been a team effort! In addition to contributions/donations, we have received close to \$12,000 in fundraisers. Because of your support, we will be able to travel to Haiti to share the love of Jesus Christ, clothe orphans, build a house for a needy family, give medications to sick Haitians, and minister to the least of these! Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

As we plan to leave in the next few weeks, we covet your prayers both now and during June 18-25, 2011. Please pray as follows:

- ✓ Pray specifically for the spiritual atmosphere of the trip.
- ✓ Pray for the mind of Christ among the team.
- ✓ Pray that God will demonstrate His love through us.
- ✓ Pray that we will be culturally sensitive.
- ✓ Pray for physical and spiritual preparation.
- ✓ Pray all goes smoothly at the airlines with tickets and luggage.
- ✓ Pray for safe flights to and from Haiti.
- ✓ Pray for ease in going through custom lines – that no items will be confiscated (such as our medicine for the Haitians).
- ✓ Pray for safety as we travel to and from various locations.
- ✓ Pray for the people and spiritual climate of villages we will be in.
- ✓ Pray all needed supplies will be on site with no difficulty.
- ✓ Pray for wisdom for our leadership.
- ✓ Pray that our group will be unified.
- ✓ Pray for protection of the group.
- ✓ Pray for our times of fellowship.
- ✓ Pray for good weather conditions in Haiti.
- ✓ Pray that our light and love will put much darkness to flight and bind voodoo, confusion, poverty, sickness, disease, and all the powers of darkness at work in Haiti.

Haiti Team Members Include:

- ☞ Craig Armstrong
- ☞ George, Lisa, Emily, Anna, & Laura Beth Arrington
- ☞ Wanda Beckworth
- ☞ Adam Bevis
- ☞ Joseph Brooks
- ☞ Natalie, Timothy, & Alaina Burden
- ☞ Brian Carr
- ☞ Wayne & Linda Cook & Matt Hill
- ☞ Bill, Sherry, & Luke Daniel
- ☞ Josh & Mary Beth Dorough
- ☞ Patsy Flournoy
- ☞ Andy Hadley
- ☞ Tuggie & Christie Harmon
- ☞ Trey & Lauren Holladay
- ☞ Janice Hudson
- ☞ Shelia Lee
- ☞ John & Sherri Lindsey
- ☞ Shelly Martin
- ☞ Aaron Meeks
- ☞ Lynn & Kathy Nichols
- ☞ Suzanne Price
- ☞ Brad & Michelle Scoggins
- ☞ Kris & Sarah Smith
- ☞ Johnnie Stevens
- ☞ Randall & Tina Stewart
- ☞ Jesse Wiggins



Final Announcements Concerning Haiti 2011:

- Bring in all Haiti Sewing Projects to the church office no later than June 6th.
- You can still donate children’s underwear, or boy’s t-shirts (any size or color) for Haiti.
- WOM/KK will have a special meeting on June 7th to inventory, sort, and pack our Haiti children’s Clothing
- **Our Final Haiti Team Meeting before our trip will be Sunday, June 5th at 5:00 pm – Also, Team members need to pick up Envelope on Haiti Table (includes Creole Music)**



JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Lily Holman	6/1	Chris Anderson	6/17
Luke Carr	6/2	Kellie Flournoy	6/17
Betty Polk	6/2	Kelsey Wyatt	6/17
Tommy Edwards	6/3	Emily Norris	6/18
Beth Brown	6/4	Elaine Melvin	6/19
Jeannie McCown	6/4	Elsie Purvis	6/19
Bill Daniel	6/6	Tom Hines	6/20
Joe Dan Harmon	6/7	Sheliah Swafford	6/20
Dianna Enoch	6/7	Locke McDanal	6/20
Jamie Roop	6/7	Joy Smith	6/20
Jerry Chaney	6/9	Jennifer Hall	6/20
Taylor Dowdy	6/9	Carlos Scott	6/22
Cleo Coley	6/9	Gordon Smith	6/23
Ellie Funderburg	6/10	Jake Smith	6/23
Trista Barrentine	6/11	Wanda Beckworth	6/24
Paxton Price	6/11	Joe Ehl	6/27
Robert Hilyer	6/11	Stacey Goodgame	6/29
Alton Sherbet	6/11	Bobby Flournoy	6/30
Toni Perrin	6/14	James McCown	6/30



Join us Sunday, **July 3rd** for **Alive 2011** at **Homestead Hollow**. This event will begin at 4:00 p.m. through 8:00 p.m. (Fireworks). There will be patriotic music and lots of fun for the whole family. Admission is \$5 per person and t-shirts will be available for \$5.



June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 Adult & Student Bible Study @ 6:30 Nursery for Babies – 3's	2	3 Pell City Block Party (Downtown)	4 Deaf Ministry Fellowship (3-7 pm) FLC
5 Deacons Mtg @ 4:30 Haiti Mission Team Mtg @ 5 pm No Choir Reh.	6	7 WOM/Knifty Knitters @ 10:00 am	8 Adult & Student Bible Study @ 6:30 Nursery for Babies – 3's	9	10 Parents Night Out 6-10 pm	11
12 Haiti Mission Team Commission Svc @ 10 am	13	14	15	16	17 Sunday School Game Night	18 Mission Team Leaves for Haiti !
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 5:30 – 8:30 NIGHTLY Register at www.answersvbs.com/vbs/cropwellbaptistchurch						
19 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY ! No Choir Reh.	20	21 Knifty Knitters @ 10:00 am	22 Adult & Student Bible Study @ 6:30 Nursery for Babies – 3's	23	24 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	25 Suzanne Morrow Wedding
PRAY FOR THE HAITI MISSION TEAM THIS WEEK !						
26 Haiti Team Returns ! No Choir Reh.	27	28	29 Acts 1:8 Mtg @ 6 pm Summer Program "Blast Off Carnival" @ 6:30	30 OMEGAS Monthly Meeting		

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