

# Cropwell Baptist

## March 2011 Newsletter



### “American Idol or Hero of the Faith”

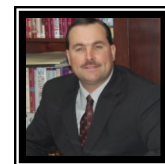
By Dr. Phillip Burden

If you have spent any time watching “American Idol” you know that the driving principle is that it is about the young, the ordinary, the dreamer, and the visionary. Prior to Idol, the only people who knew of the contestants’ talents were their own circle of friends. Millions have watched each week until the list of finalists is narrowed down to one, the American Idol. Consider with me the simple fact that the servants of the Lord or heroes of the faith impacted history without the benefit of makeup, image consultants, hairdressers, and voice coaches. Their lives were not marked with great approval ratings. No one phoned in their votes to keep them on the stage of life. In fact, for many of the heroes of the past the court of public opinion often called for their demise. The kids on idol perform with the glitz and glamour of Hollywood and the motivation of a dream realized. The heroes of the faith performed in obscurity and with the promise of great pain, torture, and death. But there is one thing they have in common with idol contestants. A dream! For the idol the dream is one of money, fame, and personal success. For the heroes of the faith their dream was to be conformed to the image of Christ and to share in the power of the resurrection. My prayer is that one’s character,

not their pants size, hair color, or lip density will mark them as true heroes. **We need a new generation to devote real energy to character building and faith.** I pray that we will not be drawn into the ice-cream cone of Hollywood’s so-called successful people. Ultimately, Jesus is all the hero that you need. He stands alone unchallenged. It is His moral imperative that ought to drive us. He had no exceptional beauty. He did not appear on a stage with glittering lights and cool orchestras. His stage was a cross. His audience mocked Him. His popularity was a mere 500 people after three and a half years. They loved Him when He fed them. They hated Him when He challenged the moral framework by which they lived. Yet, He changed the course of human history without the benefit of an idol victory. Real heroes are men and women whose beauty could best be viewed in the content of their life message. In Hebrews 12:1-2, the author reflects upon many of the heroes of the life of faith and he says, *“Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily hinders our progress. And let us run with endurance the race that God has set*

*before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish. He was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy He knew would be His afterward. Now He is seated in the place of the highest honor beside God’s throne in heaven.”* (NLT) May our life message resonate with the theme of keeping our eyes on Jesus!

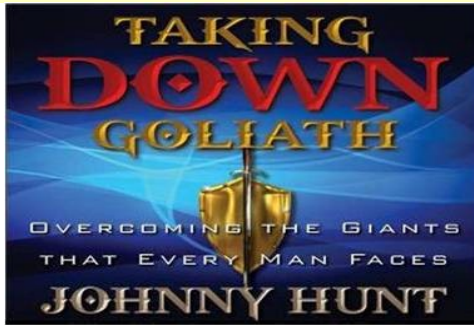
-- Pastor Phillip



#### Upcoming Events:

- 4/3 Help Haiti Boston Butt Sale Begins
- 4/14-17 David Miller Revival
- 4/17 Easter Musical @ 6:30
- 4/24 Easter Sunday
- 5/8 Baby Dedication Day
- 5/14 Help Haiti Church-Wide Yard Sale
- 5/19 Save-a-Life Banquet
- 5/21 Children’s Ministry Schools Out Celebration
- 5/22 Graduate Recognition
- 5/25 Last Night of DIG
- 6/12 VBS Week Begins
- 6/18 Haiti Mission Trip
- 6/29 Blast Off Kids Carnival

# Upcoming Events



## Taking Down Goliath

Men's Bible study coming March 22, 2011 at 6:30. This Bible study will equip and encourage men to stand strong in a challenging world! Topics include: (1) The Giant of Sex; (2) The Giant of Money; (3) The Giant of Habits; (4) The Giant of Temptation; (5) The Giant of Failure; (6) The Giant of Fear; (7) The Giant of Relationships. Sign up in our Information Center (Room Located off of Welcome Center) or sign up in your Sunday School class. We pray that this 7 week study will build stronger men and stronger families. For more information see Wayne Sherbet or visit the following link to watch previews of the 7 video sessions. **Sign up now!** [www.sampsonresources.com/video/Taking\\_Down\\_Goliath\\_VideoPreview.htm](http://www.sampsonresources.com/video/Taking_Down_Goliath_VideoPreview.htm)

**Type the address above into your internet browser to see previews of this Men's Bible Study.**

## **Parent Seminar: Bringing Up Boys**

**Friday Night, April 1**  
**6:00 pm (Meal & Conference)**

**Saturday Morning, April 2**  
**9:00 am (Snacks & Conference)**

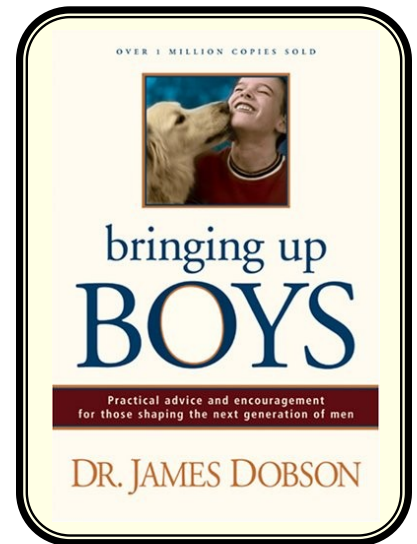
**Saturday Evening, April 2**  
**6:00 pm (Meal & Conference)**

Hear and view Dr. James Dobson's practical advice and encouragement for those shaping the next generation of men. Boys are different from girls -- but, unfortunately, our society's mixed messages about the role of men are creating a lot of confusion. And boys are suffering as a result! Parents of sons, please take this opportunity to enhance your parenting skills. Food will be provided by the Preschool & Children's Ministries of the church. Please sign up to purchase a participant's workbook for \$10 from Patsy or Ashley. You may pay at the conference. Also, please sign up for the conference in the Preschool or Children's area or email:

[pflournoy@cropwellbaptist.org](mailto:pflournoy@cropwellbaptist.org).

## **Parents Night Out**

Remember to sign up for this month's Parents Night Out in the Preschool Department. Our next PNO will be Friday, March 11, 2011 from 6:00 - 10:00 pm. See Patsy Flournoy for more information about our PNO Ministry.



## **FISHERS OF MEN EVENT**

Men, please join us for our Fishers of Men Event on **Friday Night, March 11, 2011, from 6:00 - 9:00 pm** in the Cropwell Baptist Fellowship Hall. Speaker will be Wayne Sherbet.

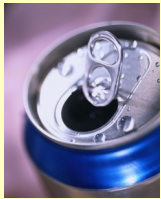
All men are welcome for this time of fellowship and encouragement. If you would be willing to help with cooking or cleaning for this event, please email Wayne Sherbet at [wsherbet@callwaynes.com](mailto:wsherbet@callwaynes.com).



# Church News !

## **Women on Mission**

WOM will be collecting all Pop Top tabs for delivery to the Ronald McDonald House on March 10th. Please bring your tabs to the Fellowship Hall on or before Sunday, March 6th. Our church can help raise money for families with sick children needing medical treatment in the Birmingham area. This is



a much-needed cause in which we can all be involved.

## **How's Business?**

*Adapted from article by Dr. David Jeremiah*

How's the church doing at fulfilling the Master's business? I believe the Lord would be pleased to return and find us doing the following 10 activities. As you read this list, ask yourself how's business. If it is anything less than what the Master would expect, then this is a call for action.

- 1) Refuse to neglect the church.** Build up the body of Christ by contributing to the life of the church. (Hebrews 10:24-25)
- 2) Respond to life spiritually.** Respond with the mind of Christ as revealed through the Word by the Spirit. (Colossians 3:1-4)
- 3) Relate to one another in love.** Conduct all ministry with love. Be known as a person of love.

**4) Refrain from judging others.** Judge yourself, not others. Settle your differences with humility and love, leaving judging to God. (I Cor 4:5)

**5) Recommit yourself to ministry.** Ministering with and for Christ is a full-time calling. (2 Tim 4:1-2)

**6) Reach the lost.** Jesus came to seek and save the lost. His disciples are to go into the world and continue that mission.

**7) Remain steadfast.** We must remain steadfast in order to invade the enemy's territory with the gospel message. (James 5:7-8)

**8) Renounce sin in your life.** (I John 2:28-29)

**9) Restore the bereaved.** Extend Christ's compassion to the grieving.

**10) Remember the Lord's Table.** We need to gather around His communion table where we remind ourselves of what He has done for us. (I Cor 11:26)

## **Help Haiti Fish Fry & Concert**

As you know, we will be having "Help Haiti" events each month leading up to our June mission trip. During the month of March we will have a fish fry in the Family Life Center. **Tickets will be available beginning**

**Sunday, March 6th.** Donations will be accepted the night of the fish fry. The tickets are for planning purposes. Also, in addition to the fish fry we have a special treat for everyone. Our very own Men's Ensemble will be performing a "Help Haiti" concert for our church family. If you are unable to attend the fish fry, you can still help by giving to the Love Offering following the Men's Ensemble Concert.

**Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 27th**

**5:30 Fish Fry and 7:00 Concert**



## **DOUGHNUT PICK UP!**

Our Krispy Kreme Doughnuts will be delivered on **Sunday, March 6th.** You may head down to the Fellowship Hall **after the morning service** to pick up any doughnuts you ordered or doughnuts you are delivering. Thank you so much for your support of our Help Haiti Doughnut sales !

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<p><b>Avg February Attendance</b></p> <p>321 - Sunday School 397 - Sunday Morning 154 - Sunday Evening 2011 Offerings as of 2/20/11 \$ 142,584 <u>Under budget by \$ 13,452</u></p>		<p>WOM Knifty 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knitters @ 10</li> <li>• Women's Bible Study @ 10 am in Sonshiners</li> <li>• Women's Study@6:30</li> </ul>	<p>2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meal 5:00 pm</li> <li>• DIG 6:15 pm</li> <li>• Bible Study 6:30 pm</li> </ul>	<p>3</p> <p><u>3/2/11 Meal</u></p> <p>Chili, Hot Dogs, Salad Bar, Crackers, Brownie, Beverage</p>	<p>4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children's Musical Rehearsal @ 6 pm</li> <li>• DEACON'S RETREAT</li> </ul>	<p>5</p> <p>DEACON'S RETREAT</p>
<p>6</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Deacon's Mtg @ 4:30</li> <li>• Bible Drill @ 4:30</li> <li>• Children's Musical 6:30</li> </ul>	<p>7</p> <p>Visitation at 6 pm</p>	<p>8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Bible Study @ 10 am in (FH)</li> <li>• Women's Bible Study @ 6:30 (FH)</li> </ul>	<p>9</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meal 5:00 pm</li> <li>• DIG 6:15 pm</li> <li>• Bible Study 6:30 pm</li> </ul>	<p>10</p> <p><u>3/9/11 Meal</u></p> <p>Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Salad Bar, Peach Cobbler</p>	<p>11</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fishers of Men @ 6:00 in FH</li> <li>• Parents Night Out from 6-10</li> </ul>	<p>12</p>
 <p>13</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Time Changes !</li> <li>• Bible Drill @ 4:30</li> </ul>	<p>14</p> <p>SPRING BREAK WEEK FOR PELL CITY SCHOOLS !</p>	<p>15</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Knifty Knitters @ 10 (FH)</li> <li>• Women's Bible Study @ 10 &amp; 6:30</li> </ul>	<p>16</p> <p>NO EVENING SERVICES !</p>	<p>17</p> <p><u>3/16/11 Meal</u> NO MEAL</p>	<p>18</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SS Game Night @ 6:30</li> </ul>	 <p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bible Drill @ 4:30</li> <li>• Haiti Mission Team Mtg @ 5 pm</li> </ul>	<p>21</p> <p>Visitation at 6 pm</p>	<p>22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Bible Study @ 10 (FH)</li> <li>• Women's Study @ 6:30</li> <li>• Men's Study @ 6:30 (Youth Room)</li> </ul>	<p>23</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meal 5:00 pm</li> <li>• DIG 6:15 pm</li> <li>• Bible Study 6:30 pm</li> </ul>	<p>24</p> <p><u>3/23/11 Meal</u></p> <p>Baked Chicken Breast, Roasted Potatoes, Pintos, Salad, Roll, Apple Cobbler</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Children's Dinner &amp; Movie @ 5:00 pm</p>
<p>27</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Help Haiti Fish Fry @ 5:30</li> <li>• Haiti Men's Ensemble Concert @ 7:00 (Donations &amp; Love Offering)</li> </ul>	<p>28</p>	<p>29</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Women's Bible Study @ 10 (FH)</li> <li>• Women's Study @ 6:30</li> <li>• Men's Study @ 6:30 (Youth Room)</li> </ul>	<p>30</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meal 5:00 pm</li> <li>• DIG 6:15 pm</li> <li>• Bible Study 6:30 pm</li> <li>• Acts 1:8 Meeting @ 6:00</li> </ul>	<p>31</p> <p><u>OMEGAS</u></p> <p><u>3/30/11 Meal</u></p> <p>Beef Tips &amp; Rice, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Roll, Strawberry Shortcake</p>	<p>FLC open every Monday, Tuesday, &amp; Thursday from 10-11 am for walking!</p>	<p>Each Sunday during the month of March at 6 pm we will be meeting together to pray for our Haiti Mission Trip!</p>



## Missions Spotlight

February 20, 2011

**“For the past years, we have noticed what materialism has done to millions of Brazilians. They are looking to satisfy their lives with things, and, as a result, they have no time for God.”**

**- Pastor Paulo Tavares**

In the past year, the Tavares' family has seen God do some amazing things! They have seen Him draw many people to Himself through the various ministries their church is performing. February is the beginning of their summer planning in Brazil. Last year at this time they were very busy preparing for summer camps their church provides for their community. Some of their youth have been learning and teaching in what they call Junior Church for the past few months; their names are Jefferson, Jerson, and Scarleth.

In March of last year, a team of 8 men from Bible Baptist Church in Vermont came and helped them complete the First phase of the construction of their church building. For the second phase they will be placing the first and second floors made of concrete. The third phase is putting in walls and finishing the building. To complete the second phase they need to raise about \$6,000. Being able to move into this building will free them from having to pay rent and allow them to use these resources to reach their community for Christ.

He praises God that Kayla, their daughter has finished dental school in Brazil. Tiffany, their other daughter, has finished her sophomore year of college. They also praise God for you for your financial support in the past years and ask that you pray for the following.

Souls to be saved in 2011.

Spiritual Growth and Physical growth of both churches.

Pray for students Jefferson, Jerson, and Scarleth

Funds for the construction of the church building.

Decisions that Kayla will make now that she has finished dental school.

Paulo, Marilza, Kayla & Tiffany Tavares,

Your Missionaries to Brazil

Please contact them to let them know how you are praying for them. Their field address follows:

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# Birthdays of the Month

Byron Moon	3/1	Jody Albus	3/13
Mary Lou Smith	3/2	Mary Sims	3/13
Dennie McCoy	3/2	Gary James	3/15
Bobbie Ledlow	3/3	Jo Ann Payne	3/16
Jane Kendrick	3/4	Breanna Cochran	3/16
Jack Johnston	3/4	Brandi Hathorn	3/16
Bobby Jenkins	3/5	Doug Pruett	3/17
Trey Lee	3/5	Roy Bannister	3/19
Laquita Ferguson	3/6	Tamea Nickens	3/19
Laura Beth Arrington	3/6	Harriet McCall	3/20
George Beavers	3/6	Grant Stanley	3/20
Candy Walker	3/6	Melissa McClain	3/24
Carol Nichols	3/8	Jack Armstrong	3/26
Janette Beavers	3/8	Don Payne	3/26
Maggie Bowling	3/9	Ty Hannah	3/26
Brett Stewart	3/9	Ryan Morris	3/27
Shaley Oler	3/10	Dot Harmon	3/28
Judy McDanal	3/10	Tracy Oler	3/28
Ed Southern	3/11	Lynn Vaughan	3/29
Clint Morrow	3/11	Rob Jones	3/29
Becky Farr	3/12	Jeffrey Farr	3/30
Abby Oliver	3/12	Kristyn Sims	3/31