



# Cropwell Baptist October 2010



## From the Pastor's Desk

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**Preventive Health  
Screening  
Coming to  
Pell City !**

**Wednesday,  
October 6, 2010  
at the  
Pell City Civic  
Center.**

### The Christian Calling

Then He said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19 NKJV). The scripture teaches that a person is called to be a Christian. In one respect all that hear the Gospel are called, or invited to salvation. But this is the general call that is supposed to go out to the whole world through the preaching of the Gospel by the churches. However, when one senses that inner call or compulsion to respond, it is because he or she has been called by Christ Himself. We should try to understand what that calling is because so many seem to never accomplish anything for Christ. This verse tells the story as to the nature of the call to salvation. This call to salvation contains the **project** we are to embark upon. Jesus said, "Follow." We're not called to be creative geniuses, but only to become imita-

tors: to duplicate that which we see done by another. The Christian experience is a life-long mission of simply following the leader. We don't blaze new trails; we simply tread the same path with Jesus leading the way. Further, the call contains the **procedure** that will be used to equip us for the project. Jesus said, "I will make you..." into what I need you to be. The procedure for training is simply to let Christ do in us what only He can do to transform our lives into persons who can and will fish for men. His part is to teach, our part is to yield and obey. Finally, the call contains the **purpose** for which we are enrolled in the first place. The reason we are called is to be instruments of Christ to seek out and call others to Him. Notice that the call does not even mention the benefits of being forgiven, or saved from sin, going to heaven and living for all eternity with Him. I be-

lieve the reason the call was not, "Follow me and I will take you to heaven" is so that we would focus from the outset upon the mission! We are to follow Christ to seek and to save those which He will save because of who He is and because He says to do so ! Too many Christians, it appears, believe that our call to salvation is all about "What's in it for me!" Well, to answer that, what's in it for you is to become a coworker with Christ in the task of calling out God's people unto salvation. And, glory to God, as you continue to follow Christ He leads you right into heaven where you and He will live for all eternity! Would you join your pastor to embark upon the project God has for us, knowing that Christ will transform us into persons who can fish for men? Thus, we will fulfill His glorious, global purpose in exalting His name among the nations.

-- Pastor Phillip

## FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

Join Chad Campbell as he facilitates Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University. Classes will be held on Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. beginning October 13th through November 17th. Sign up now in the Welcome

Center. This class will teach you how money really works, how to get out of debt, be prepared for emergencies, invest, and so much more.



More than one million families have benefited from Dave Ramsey's class. On average these families paid off \$5,300 in debt and saved \$2,700 in just 90 days.



## “TIME IS TICKING” WOMEN’S RETREAT

Sign up as soon as possible in the Welcome Center for our upcoming Women’s Retreat. **This year’s retreat will be at the beautiful Shocco Springs Center in**

**Talladega on Friday, November 5th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. and Saturday, November 6th from 8:00 - 2:00 p.m. The retreat fee is \$25 per person. A \$10 deposit is due when you register. This fee includes 3 meals, conference speaker, use of Shocco facilities, etc. You have the option**

to go home on Friday evening & return Saturday morning or you can pay an additional \$40 and spend the night at Shocco. All rooms have two queen beds. Guest speaker is Carolyn Patrick. **Visit our Registration table for more information !**

## RADICAL EXPERIMENT: SPENDING TIME IN “ANOTHER CONTEXT”

During the month of September, our Pastor challenged us with the Radical Experiment: (1) Pray for the entire world; (2) Read through the entire Word; (3) Sacrifice your money for a specific purpose; (4) Spend your time in another context; (5) Commit your life to multiplying community. Pastor Phillip also challenged us to fast, pray and seek the Lord’s face concerning areas of ministry that we can become involved in as we try to share the good news of the Gospel with people in Pell City. There are many opportunities available for ministry in Pell City, St. Clair County, and in our very own church. Listed below are some organizations in our area that have contacted the church in need of volunteers. Others ministries

listed may be upcoming events our church will be offering or hoping to offer in the near future. Please use these ministries and others as the Lord leads, as a spring board or avenue to share a gospel tract, verbally share the gospel, or even to invite someone to our church. To quote the missionary William Carey: **“Expect great things, attempt great things.”** For more information on these volunteer opportunities, please contact the church office:

- Volunteers are needed for the **Christian Love Pantry** in Pell City; **Ann’s New Life Center** in Pell City; St. Clair **Save a Life** in Springville; **Hospice** of Pell City needs people to cut grass, cook, and clean for local patients,

**Americare** needs volunteers to do housekeeping, cooking, transportation, and minor home repairs.

- Cropwell has ministries that you can serve in such as: Homebound ministry; visitation the 1st and 3rd Monday of the month; Samaritan’s purse; Wednesday night meals (invite someone); Benevolence Ministry; and our upcoming Back to Bethlehem outreach in November (outreach) and December (Event).
- Some of the ministries that individuals in our church are hoping to start are: Baby Boutique/Diaper closet; clothes closet, etc. We’re excited to see what God is going to do in and through Cropwell Baptist.

## MOMS MINISTRY

Moms of Cropwell:

Please join us for a fun and frugal evening of games, sharing money-saving ideas, and food! There will be a Belgium Waffle topping bar and other yummy treats to share while we get to know each other a little better! Please remember to bring either some baby wipes or diapers to the meeting to start **stocking our Baby Care**

**Closet for those in need** in our church and community. We need all sizes and open packages are just fine. **Our next MOMS meeting will be at Trish Barber’s house located at 1785 Funderburg Bend Road on Tuesday, October 12th at 7:00 p.m.** (Last brick house on left before stop sign and near Yacht Club). If you would like ad-

ditional information, please contact Trish at 205.227.0774. Also, you are welcome to come prepared to share a money-saving tip of your own. We hope to see you there! Again this is for Mothers of all ages!

Blessings,

Kacia Frieze



## RSVP by October 5th for the Save-A-Life

The St. Clair County Sav-A-Life Banquet will be Tuesday, October 26th from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at Mathews Manor in Springville, AL. Featured speaker will be Jim Pinto. Don't miss this opportunity to support our Pregnancy Care Center and hear the latest news from Washington on the subject of Life and how you can

make a difference for Life. Individual tickets are \$15 or you can buy a table of eight for \$175. Please RSVP by Tuesday, October 5th. To order your tickets or for more information, please contact Angie Cantrell at 205.467.7322 or see Brandi Hathorn for more information.

**October is**  
**Minister Appreciation Month !**  
 On Sunday night, **October 17th** following the evening service, we will be honoring our Ministerial Staff (Pastor Phillip, Pastor Bill, Brother Andy, Brother Josh, Ms. Patsy, and Ms. Ashley). **Baskets will be available for each individual if you feel led to give notes of encouragement or monetary gifts.**



Tours begin at 6:00 p.m. on December 3, 4, and 5. **EVERYONE** in our church is needed and can help in some way to reach our community with the Gospel of Christ through our Back to Bethlehem event. **SIGN UP** during the month of October for your part. You can choose a speaking part, non-speaking part (townspeople), security, greeting & registration, construction & set design, etc. Sign up in the Welcome Center beginning Sunday, October 3rd or email

## BACK TO BETHLEHEM

Brother Andy at  
[ahadley@cropwellbaptist.org](mailto:ahadley@cropwellbaptist.org).

### The schedule for Back to Bethlehem(B2B) is:

- **10/13/10** B2B Leadership Team Meeting at 6:30 p.m.
- **10/27/10** B2B Speaking Part Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
- **11/3/10** B2B Speaking Part Rehearsal at 6:30 p.m.
- **11/3/10** B2B Informational Meeting\* immediately after service, (7:40 p.m.) in Worship Center
- **11/7/10** B2B informational meeting\* following evening service (\*only attend 1 informational meeting)
- **11/10/10** B2B Speaking Part Rehearsal at 6:30
- **11/17/10** B2B Speaking Part Rehearsal at 6:30

- **12/1/10** B2B Dress Rehearsal immediately after Wednesday night meal
- **12/3,4,5** B2B Presentations. Cast & Crew arrive at 4:00 p.m. Childcare is available for Cast on 12/1, 3, 4, and 5. Sign up for child care. Children in 6th grade or younger must be with a parent or adult assigned by parent while in costume in the city.

### **Bethlehem Work Days**

November 6th, 13th, and 20th. Work day schedules begin at 7:00 a.m. There will be a break and mid-morning snack at 9:00 a.m. At noon work will stop and we will eat lunch together. Other work days will be scheduled as needed the entire week leading up to our Back to Bethlehem event.



Heroes Unmasked is a family Halloween alternative that shares Bible truths with children and their families. Children and their families will have food and fun while learning about the heroes of the faith, and the greatest hero of all . . . Jesus.

## HEROES UNMASKED

Heroes Unmasked will be held on **October 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 until 6:00 p.m. in our Family Life Center.**

We need your help to make this a successful outreach event.

### **You can help in three ways:**

- See your Sunday School Leader to **work during the event.**
- **Bring bags of "fun sized" candy** to be used during the

event. (You can drop off in your Sunday School class)

- **PRAY!** Lift this event and all those involved to the Lord in prayer.

Invite someone to attend this children's outreach event ! If you have any questions, please see Ashley Anderson, our Children's Ministry Director.



# OCTOBER 2010



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>Avg September Attendance:</b> 333 - Sunday School 416 - Sunday Morning 167 - Sunday Evening		<b>2010 Offerings</b> as of 9/26/10 \$ 680,155.32 <u>Under budget</u> By \$ 56,138.07			<b>1</b> Boomers SS Party @ 6:00 at Clements Home	<b>2</b> Revelation Walk @ Eden Westside Church 7:00 - 10:30 p.m
<b>3</b> Deacon's Mtg 4:30  <b>Baby Shower</b> <b>Ashley</b> <b>Campbell</b> <b>2-4 pm</b> I'm Christian Now 4:45	<b>4</b> Budget Meet- ing @ 6:30 (FH) <b>Visitation @</b> <b>6:00 p.m.</b>	<b>5</b> WOM/Knifty Knitters @ 10	<b>6</b> 5:00-6:15 Meal 6:15 DIG Choir in Worship Ctr 6:30-7:30 Adult/ Student Bible Study <b>DIG Trng for</b> <b>Workers @ 6:15</b>	<b>10/6 Menu</b> Meat Loaf, Pintos, Stewed Tomatoes, Roll, Peach Cobbler, Beverage*	<b>8</b> Parents Night Out 6-10 pm	<b>9</b> Revelation Walk @ Eden 7:00-10:30 pm
<b>10</b> <b>1st &amp; 2nd</b> <b>Grade Girls SS</b> <b>Party (FH)</b> WLT Bible Study at 5 pm <b>Children's Mu-</b> <b>sical @ 6:30</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>MOMS</b> meeting for <u>all</u> Moms at <b>home</b> <b>of Trish</b> <b>Barber</b> <b>@ 7 pm</b>	<b>13</b> 5:00-6:15 Meal <b>No Children or</b> <b>Preschool Ac-</b> <b>tivities</b> B2B Leadership Mtg @ 6:30 <b>Financial Peace</b> <b>Class @ 6:30</b>	<b>10/13 Menu</b> Baked Chicken, Corn, Green Bean Casserole, Roll, Apple Cobbler, Beverage*	<b>15</b> SS Game Night <b>@ 6:30</b>	<b>16</b> Revelation Walk @ Eden 7:00-10:30
<b>17</b> <b>Ministerial Staff</b> <b>Appreciation</b> following Evening Service WLT Bible Study @ 5:00	<b>18</b> Visitation at 6:00 pm <b>Everyone</b> <b>Welcome !</b>	<b>19</b> Knifty Knitters @ 10	<b>20</b> 5:00-6:15 Meal 6:15 DIG 6:30-7:30 Adult/ Student Bible Study <b>Financial Peace</b> <b>Class @ 6:30</b>	<b>10/20 Menu</b> Hamburger Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Banana Pud- ding, Beverage*	<b>22</b> <b>Missions</b> <b>Festival @</b> <b>Camp</b> <b>World Song</b> Revelation Walk <b>@ Eden 7:00 -</b> <b>10:30</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Missions</b> <b>Festival</b> Revelation Walk @ Eden 7:00 - 10:30
<b>24</b> WLT Bible Study @ 5 pm  Children's SS Teachers Mtg @ 4:45	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> ACTS 1:8 Missions Committee Mtg <b>@ 6:30</b> <b>B2B Speaker</b> <b>Practice @ 6:30</b> <b>Fin. Peace Class</b> <b>@ 6:30</b>	<b>10/27 Menu</b> Lasagna, Salad, Roll, Brownie, Beverage*  OMEGAS	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Heroes</b> <b>Unmasked</b> Children's Halloween Alternative 3:00 - 6:00 pm
<b>31</b> WLT Bible Study @ 5				<b>*Hot dogs will be available for children who do not wish to eat from the regular menu.*</b>		