



# *Cropwell Baptist* **Messenger**

September 2011

## Mark Your Calendar

**Sept 11**

Senior Adult Day—Covered Dish Meal

**Sept 18**

Observance of Lord's Supper at 6:30

**Sept 25**

Concert of Prayer at 6:30 pm

**Sept 27**

Spirit Night at Chick-Fila in Leeds

**Sept 28**

Missions Program at 6:30

**Oct 1**

Church Bus Trip to see  
Courageous Movie (Tentative)

**Oct 2**

Men's Fellowship Breakfast at 7 am

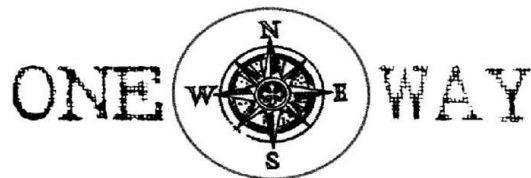
**Oct 9**

Living for You Children's Musical at 6:30 pm

## From the Pastor's Desk...

September is Missions Emphasis Month at Cropwell. Jesus is worthy of all that we give Him, do for Him, and say about Him. He is worthy whether we acknowledge Him or not. We are committed to the Great Commission of Jesus Christ. Our desire is to build world-visionaries. World-impacting disciples of Christ who will reproduce others of the same kind and thus will multiply to the ends of the earth until the end of time. There is no question that God expects us to be strategic, intentional and motivated in our efforts to enlarge an already-forming army of Jesus-living, evangelizing, disciple-making believers. When it comes to missions, our method—what we do and how we do it—is just as important as how hard we work or how many resources and personnel we pour into the task. To set our method right, it seems to me that it would be wise to frequently stop and take critical inventory of the method we are following. Does our present method echo the two greatest statements of the Great Commission, Matthew 28:18-20 and Acts 1:8? Do our mission efforts reflect the method, mandate and model of Jesus? Our September Sunday school lessons will be designed to help us capture some tenants of our Lord's method, mandate and model for world impact. The staff and missions committee of your church are praying that God would enlarge our vision for impacting our world for Christ.

*Pastor Phillip Burden*



## Student Ministry News...

Our Student Ministry group will be participating in two events in 2012: In January our 7th—10th graders will be attending a Bible conference in Tennessee. In February, our 11th—college-age students will be attending a retreat in Virginia. **The deadline to sign up your students for either of these trips is September 7th.**

*Please support these fundraisers and help spread the word:*



[Car Wash at Arby's in Pell City](#)  
on September 3rd (10—2 pm)

[Spirit Night at Chick-Fila in Leeds](#)  
on September 27th (5:00-8:00 pm).  
**We will receive 20% of sales from people who come in during this timeframe and present their "Spirit Night" Card. Cards will be handed out to Cropwell members about one week prior to the event.**



*"Pray the Lord of the Harvest to send laborers into the field..."*

Start by praying that you will join the harvest in a fresh way. Pray that you will not sit idly by hoping others will do it for you. You will pray more passionately when you are involved in the harvest. When you are in the field — feeling the heat, battling the challenges, racing against time — you will pray. You will pray naturally, spontaneously, passionately — without much prompting to keep you motivated. Harvesters pray harder than people sitting in the shade! When you actively engage lost people—among your circle of family and friends or people groups you target — you will pray for them and you will pray for more workers to find their place on their mission field. (Jeff Iorg, *Live Like a Missionary*)

## Preschool & Children's News...

### Parents Night Out

This month's Parents Night out will be Friday, September 9th from 6-10 pm. Please sign up in the preschool area.



### Camp World Song Sign Up

Any children wishing to participate in Camp World Song need to sign up by Sunday, September 18th. For more information about Camp World Song, please see Ashley Anderson or email Ashley at [aanderson@cropwellbaptist.org](mailto:aanderson@cropwellbaptist.org).

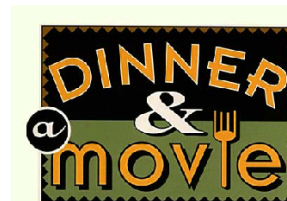
### I'm a Christian Now Classes Begin

Our next series of "I'm a Christian Now" classes (for children who recently accepted Christ) will begin on Sunday, September 11th through Sunday, Sunday October 2nd. Mrs. Ashley will be teaching on the basics of what it means to be a Christian. Class times are 4:45-6:15 pm.



### Dinner & a Movie

All 4th-6th Grade children are invited to "Dinner & a Movie" in the Children's Worship Center on Friday, September 23rd from 5:00—7:30 pm. The movie will be: *The Great Muppet Caper*.



## Ecuador Water Project



GET INVOLVED WITH THE "ECUADOR WATER PROJECT" as presented by Brother Bill Williams of International Church Planters. **Pick up a Water bottle (in the Welcome Center Information Room) and start filling it with change.** This will help some of the people in Ecuador have clean water and give ICP the opportunity to share with them the "Living Water." See how many bottles you can fill between September and November. **A Little Change for a Big Change!**



# Missions Emphasis

## SEPTEMBER IS MISSIONS EMPHASIS MONTH

*During the month of September* we will once again consider the mission we have been commissioned to accomplish, both locally and abroad. Our September **Sunday School or small-group lessons** will focus on the mission and you will have lessons written by Pastor Phillip, Pastor Bill, and Brother John Lindsey. Also this year we are so excited that Ken Satorius, one of our missionaries in Senegal, contributed a lesson for our Month of Missions.

## CONCERT OF PRAYER

Your Missions Leadership Team will host a **“Concert of Prayer: A Time of Prayer for our Family, Missionaries, and the Harvest.”** This will be a special time for us to gather together as a faith family to focus in on the needs here and around the world. This event will be a part of our regular worship gathering on *Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup>*.

## MISSIONS BANQUET

Also, your Missions Leadership Team will host a **“Missions Banquet”** on *Wednesday, September 28th from 5:00 - 7:30 p.m.* You will have your regular meal and will hear from your Missions Team about how we can be more involved in missions and evangelism. During this time they plan to have an opportunity for *you and your family* to visit various stations that celebrate what God has been doing throughout the last year and where we see Him working in the upcoming year. *This will be an incredible chance for you and your family* to see great ways you can serve in your community and around the world in the next year. Please make plans to participate in this very important event! You will also have the opportunity to sign up for two international mission trips (Haiti or Ecuador).

## KATHLEEN MALLORY—WOM

During the month of September our WOM will be focusing on the Kathleen Mallory Missions offering. The Kathleen Mallory Mission Offering funds the work and ministries of Alabama Woman's Missionary Union. On Tuesday, *September 20th*, the WOM/Knifty Knitters group will meet at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. This meeting will have special emphasis on Kathleen Mallory. Also, on *Sunday September 25th* we will be taking up our annual Kathleen Mallory Missions offering.

## PLANS FOR 2012 MISSION TRIPS ARE CURRENTLY IN PROGRESS


Pastor Bill is in the process of gathering information and plans for our 2012 mission trips. As you know, in 2011 Cropwell Baptist had a group of 44 people participate in a mission trip to Haiti. **We are praying that even more people will be involved in mission trips during 2012!** Please pray about your participation in one of two international trips next year:

### May 26, 2012—June 2, 2012

We will be taking another group to **Haiti** for medical, construction, and evangelism. We are working towards having interpreters to travel with us next year.

### September or October 2012

We hope to take a group to **Ecuador**, in partnership with International Church Planters. This group will also have the opportunity for evangelism, construction, and medical.



Welcome to Pell City, AL

YOUR MISSION FIELD



## Attention — Ladies of All Ages

During the month of September, emphasis will be placed on the Kathleen Mallory State Mission Offering. **Our church goal is \$1000.** Envelopes have been placed in the backs of the pews. **The WOM/Knifty Knitters challenges every lady to get involved in a hands-on mission project for our community.** Lakeside Hospice, St. Clair County Children's Place, and Toys for Tots are a few of the organizations needing our help.

**There is much to be done but the laborers are few !** The crafts are very simple and inexpensive. Please pray about your place in missions. We are praying that 100% of our church women will answer the call to help! To God be the glory!

## Live Like a Missionary

How do you feel when you are the only Christian in the room? Are you the only Christian on the night shift at your factory? The only believer on your lacrosse team? The only person in your bowling league who doesn't think "Jesus Christ" is an expletive? If you are, in one way that's good! It means you have a wide-open opportunity to model the gospel and tell the story of Jesus. If you don't see your situation in a positive light, why do you have so little confidence in your faith? Do you have spiritual doubts? Resolve them through Bible Study and Scripture memory that develops the mind of Christ in you. Do you have intellectual questions? Study sound apologetic resources that address your concerns. Are you plagued by a sense of spiritual weakness? Focus on God's grace and the empowering work of the Spirit. Is lack of integrity — not living what you claim to believe — undermining your faith among your lost friends? Stop making excuses and change your behavior!

The Christian faith is personally transforming, intellectually defensible, spiritually empowering, and practically livable in every life setting. You can develop the spiritual self-esteem to represent the gospel boldly, without reticence, to the people in your circle of influence. A missional Christian has an authentic faith, confidently shared no matter the spiritual climate.

— Adapted from Book "Live Like a Missionary" by Jeff Iorg

# September Birthdays

Laverne Beasley (9/1)  
Craig Armstrong (9/4)  
Madeline Cochran (9/4)  
Don Hutcheson (9/5)  
Bart Smith (9/5)  
Roger Eubanks (9/7)  
Jeremy Nickens (9/7)  
Justin Williams (9/8)  
Beth Sims (9/10)  
Katie Thompson (9/11)  
Jacob Harmon (9/11)  
Landon Harmon (9/11)  
Robin Hadley (9/11)  
Tea Goens (9/12)  
Joe Harmon III (9/12)  
John Maddox (9/12)  
Clora Rampy (9/13)  
Merritt Burden (9/13)  
Daniel Beckworth (9/14)  
Christy Bline Bowman (9/15)  
Jordan Nelson (9/15)



Evelyn Chaney (9/17)  
Anna Arrington (9/17)  
Maggie Funderburg (9/18)  
Ashley Anderson (9/19)  
Hannah Foote (9/19)  
Rosa Tollison (9/20)  
Jonathan Downs (9/21)  
Trevor Howard (9/21)  
Alayna Oler (9/21)  
Landon Oler (9/21)  
Diane Hughes (9/22)  
Jeanette Smith (9/22)  
Jim Pirkle (9/23)  
Devin Norris (9/23)  
Teresa Wood (9/25)  
Courtney Sims (9/27)  
Chad Cochran (9/27)  
Shannon Cochran (9/28)  
Walter Enoch (9/28)  
Paul Haynes (9/30)

## Secret Church...

We are hoping to “emphasize” the importance of godly men, women, and families during the month of October. **We are also hoping to host another “Secret Church Simulcast” on Friday night November 4, 2011 from 6:00—Midnight.** This will be another “**INTENSE**” time of Bible Study with David Platt. We want to see if you are on board. If you want to be involved in this simulcast, please sign up in the Welcome Center Information Room, email the church secretary, or sign up in your Sunday School Class. **The topic David Platt will be teaching will be “Family, Marriage, Sex, and the Gospel.”** Manhood. Womanhood. Marriage. Parenting. Singleness. Sex. Divorce. Homosexuality. Same-sex marriage. Polygamy. Pornography. Adoption. Abortion. Cultures around the world perceive each of these issues differently. So how does God’s Word address them? During this Secret Church, we will explore how the gospel uniquely affects our understanding of family, marriage, sex, and a host of related issues that are ultimately foundational for the display of the glory of God in our lives, church, and in the world.



# September 2011

| SUN  | MON  | TUE   | WED  | THU   | FRI   | SAT   |
|--|--|---|--|---|---|---|
| <p>★</p> <p><b>PLEASE MAKE MEAL RESERVATIONS BY FRIDAY @ NOON PRIOR TO WED. MEAL</b></p>   | <p><b>2011 Offerings</b><br/>as of 8/21/11</p> <p>\$605,983</p> <p><u>Under budget</u> \$94,467</p>  |   |  | 1   | 2   | 3   |
| 4  | 5  | 6   | 7  | 8   | 9   | 10  |
| <p>Deacon's Mtg @ 4:30</p>   | <p><b>CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED</b><br/>Boys Ministry @ 6: pm</p>  | <p>KK/WOM • 10:00 am in FH</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G Team Visitation @ 6</li> <li>Girls Min. @ 6</li> <li>Men's Bible Study @ 6 :30</li> </ul> | <p>★ Meal 5:00 pm</p>  <p>DIG 6:15 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm</p> | <p>OMEGAS Trip to Golden Coral in Oxford @ 5 pm</p>  | <p>Parents Night Out 6-10 pm</p>              | <p>Son shiners SS Class Social @ 5:30 in FH</p>   |
| 11   | 12   | 13  | 14   | 15  | 16  | 17  |
| <p>Senior Adult Day—Covered Dish Meal (Bring a couple of food dishes for your family) ICN Class @ 4:45</p>   | <p>Boys Ministry @ 6 pm</p>                                   | <p>★ Meal 5:00 pm</p>  <p>DIG 6:15 pm Bible Study 6:30 pm</p>                  | <p>Sunday School Game Night</p>                           | <p>Men's Bible Study Group Field Trip @ 3 pm</p>  |   |   |
| 18   | 19   | 20  | 21   | 22  | 23  | 24  |
| <p>Deadline for 18 Camp World Song Sign up "I'm Christian Now (ICN)" Class @ 4:45 Lords Supper @ 6:30</p>  | <p>Boys Ministry @ 6 pm</p>                                   | <p>WOM/KK Mtg @ 10 am (K. Mallory Emphasis) Girls Min @ 6 O Team Visitation @ 6 Men's Study</p>   | <p>Meal 5:00 pm</p>  <p>DIG @ 6:15 Bible Study 6:30 pm</p>  | <p><b>DINNER &amp; movie</b></p> <p>Dinner &amp; Movie for 4th—6th Graders 5-7 pm in Children's Worship Ctr</p>                         | <p>Benner Wedding @ 4:00 pm in Worship Center</p>   |   |
| 25   | 26   | 27  | 28   | 29  | 30  | 31  |
| <p>Kathleen Mallory Missions Offering ICN Class @ 4:45 Concert of Prayer @ 6:30</p>  | <p>Boys Ministry @ 6 pm</p>                                   | <p><b>SPIRIT NITE @ CHICK FILA IN LEEDS (5-8)</b></p>  <p>Men's Study 6:30</p> | <p>Meal 5:00 pm</p>  <p>MISSIONS PROGRAM @ 6:30 in FLC</p>  | <p>OMEGAS Monthly Meeting</p>                       | <p>"Courageous" Movie opens in Theaters</p>  | <p>Student Min. Fundraiser @ Arbys (10-2)</p>  |