

This Month @ Cropwell

Church-wide Events

- Men's Breakfast
 - Sunday, October 5
 - 7:00 am in the Gym
 - Men & boys welcome
- Visitation
 - October 8/13/22/27
- Peru Mission Trip
 - October 17 - 27
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- Heroes Unmasked
 - October 30
 - 5:30 to 7:30 pm
 - Cropwell Parking Lot
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- Pop Tab Project
 - Collection of pop tabs from soda cans benefit the Birmingham Ronald McDonald House
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FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR

A Challenge from the Lord to Cropwell

It is a blessing when the Lord pours out a spirit of intercession upon his people, and his people praise Him for what He's doing through answered prayer. According to John 14:12-13, this is the way Jesus intended us to do "greater works". The tragedy of our day is that churches don't recognize prayer as a METHOD OF EVANGELISM. Perhaps the most effective method for effective evangelism depends upon effective interceding. Just last week I read an article dealing with the things necessary for winning souls. Neither the Holy Spirit nor prayers were mentioned! It seems that the usual procedure is to formulate all our plans, programs and methods of winning people, than add a dash of prayer for flavor. We desperately need to bring our experience up to the level of God's word, and the God-ordained way is through the ministry of intercession. Intercession will, according to Jesus in Matthew 9:38, produce

witnesses and soul winners. James 5:16 assures us that prevailing prayer will provide all the power required. I am personally asking the Lord to move among us, so that in the very near future, we'll have people interceding hourly for the lost in our community, thus wrapping our church and its ministry in a blanket of prevailing prayer. Would you join our army of intercessors?

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! You do not know what you've been missing if you have not attended the services at Cropwell in recent weeks. The Lord is accomplishing a mighty work at our church, and we want to invite everyone to come and join us. Our Sunday school attendance and worship attendance were both up in the month of September. I am very grateful for your continued work in reaching people through the Sunday school. We need to remember the little song of days gone by, "Everybody ought to go to Sunday school - Sunday school - Sunday

school; the men and the women and boys and the girls. **Everybody** ought to go to Sunday school!"

We are only a month away from our Homecoming and Revival meeting with Sam Cathey. Please mark your calendars for this upcoming revival, which will be November 9-12. For many years people have said, "It's time to hold our revival meetings." I am, however, of the opinion that God needs to turn one loose in our midst. If you truly desire to be challenged from the word of God, then this ordained time is especially for you. Sam Cathey is one of the finest evangelists I know. God has gifted him in a unique way to speak to the church in our day. I'm asking the Lord to transform the countenance and composure of my life and our church through His supernatural power. Let's all petition our Lord to confront us with His word, to overthrow our complacency, and to undermine our thoughts and patterns of behavior.

With love for our church,
~ Bro. Phillip

HOMECOMING AND REVIVAL WITH DR. SAM CATHEY (November 9-12)

On Sunday, November 9th there will be no Sunday school and only one worship service at 10:00 a.m. After the worship service we will have lunch in the Gym. Since the church will be providing the meat, rolls and drinks for our homecoming lunch, we would like to have an accurate head count so we can be good stewards of our Lord's money. Therefore we are asking that you make reservations (free of charge) for the homecoming lunch. Beginning Sunday, October 19 reservations may be made in both your Sunday school class and in the front and side foyers of the church.

Please bring the following dishes according to the first letter of your last name:

A to G - Vegetables H to O - Desserts P to Z - Salads

In order to have enough food for our guests we ask that you prepare your dish large enough to feed 8 to 10 people.

Our speaker for the revival will be Evangelist, Dr. Sam Cathey. Dr. Cathey has served as a pastor for many years. He had the privilege of serving in almost every denominational capacity and saw over 200 churches come into existence. He has preached across the nation in revivals, bible conferences, and evangelistic meetings. He is president of Morning-side Ministries and past president of the National Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists. He has authored 5 books and has written for several periodicals.

Dr. Cathey and his wife, Lucille Lawson Cathey, are the parents of three daughters.

CUSCO, PERU INTERNATIONAL MISSION TRIP UPDATE (October 17-25)

Continue to pray for our mission team as they prepare to leave. We will have a church wide Autograph Party after the evening worship service on Sunday, October 5th. You will have the opportunity to autograph a pillow case with notes, prayers, scriptures, etc. for each member of our mission team. The pillow cases will be in the fellowship hall from October 1 through October 15. Please take time to share in this exciting project. We believe that each member will find this small gift to be both encouraging and strengthening as they leave to serve our Lord. Let's send them off with tons of autographs!!! Refreshments will be served.

WMU (Women on Mission)

- Oct. 1 - WMU Fellowship will meet at 6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.
- The Pop Tab Project is causing much excitement among some of our Sunday school classes. Continue to collect tabs, count them and place them in ziplock bags with the number in each bag. Be sure to mark your bag with the Sunday school class's name. Remember there will be a nice surprise for the winning class. You will be notified at a later date concerning the dead-line for this project. Pop tabs support the Birmingham Ronald McDonald House and the more than 1,200 families it serves each year.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Sponsored by The Women Making a Difference Ministry of CBC. Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse, a Franklin Graham Organization that provides Christmas shoe boxes to children here in the US and over 90 countries around the world. In addition to NEW toys, school supplies & hygiene products (provided by you), Samaritan's Purse will also add a copy of the gospel in the language of the child who is to receive it. This would be a GREAT way for us here at CBC to show God's Love to children around the world. We will be promoting this in your SS class throughout the month of October and will be collecting the shoe boxes the first week of November. Examples of the boxes can be seen in the old sanctuary. (collection dates: Nov. 9-16)

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Global Village - Lineville

Children will sample cultures from Asia, Africa and Latin America; make bricks from clay and straw; learn what daily life is like outside their community, such as climate and terrain, animal life, unique foods, native jobs and cultural entertainment.

www.sifat.org

October 18 - 7:30 am

\$12 Children/\$17 Adults
Includes lunch

I'm A Christian Now Class

Begins October 1st at 6:30 p.m. during DIG on Wednesday nights and goes through October 22. This class is for children who have already made a profession of faith in Jesus. Children need to sign up outside Mrs. Ashley's office.

PRESCHOOL MINISTRY

MOPS

(Mothers of Preschoolers)
October 4th, 4:00 pm (FH)
Book Study - The Ten Commandments of Parenting

Parent's Night Out

Friday, October 10th
6:00 to 10:00 p.m. (CLC)
Sign up in Preschool

MOPS & POPS Game Night

October 10th, 6:30-9:30 pm
Food and Fellowship (FH)

Girls' Night Out

Friday, November 7th at the Winfrey. Approx: \$20 hotel cost. Sign up in preschool by October 5th.

October 2008 @ Cropwell

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 9:00 am - Exercise 6:30 pm - Ken Satorius, to speak - WMU Monthly Mtg - Student Worship - DIG for Kids (CLC) - I'm a Christian Now	2	3 7:00 am - Breakfast for PCHS football team 9:00 am - Exercise	4 4:00 pm - MOPS Monthly Meeting Book Study - The Ten Commandments of Parenting
5 7:00 am-Men's Breakfast (Gym) 8:30 am-SS/Worship 9:45 am-SS/Worship 11:30 am-Women's Leadership Lunch (FH) 5:00 pm - Choir Reh. 6:30 pm - Worship 7:30 pm - Autograph Party/PeruTeam (FH)	6 9:00 am - Exercise	7 9:30 am - Staff Meeting	8 9:00 am - Exercise 6:30 pm - Visitation (FH) - Prayer /Bible Study - Student Worship - DIG for Kids (CLC) - I'm a Christian Now	9	10 9:00 am - Exercise 6:00 to 10:00 pm - Parent's Night Out 6:30 pm MOPS & POPS Game Night (FH)	11
12 8:30 am-SS/Worship 9:45 am-SS/Worship 5:00 pm - Choir Reh. 6:30 pm - Worship	13 9:00 am - Exercise 6:30 pm - Visitation	14 3:30 pm - Staff Meeting 6:00 pm - Ladies Prayer Group	15 9:00 am - Exercise 6:30 pm - Prayer /Bible Study - Student Worship - DIG for Kids (CLC) - I'm a Christian Now	16	17 9:00 am - Exercise 6:30 pm - SS Game Night (FH)	18 7:30 am - Children's Ministry Trip to Global Village, Lineville, AL (sign up outside Mrs. Ashley's office)
19 8:30 am-SS/Worship 9:45 am-SS/Worship 5:00 pm - Choir Reh. 6:30 pm - Worship	20 9:00 am - Exercise	21 9:30 am - Staff Meeting	22 9:00 am - Exercise 6:30 pm - Prayer /Bible Study - Visitation (FH) - Student Worship - DIG for Kids (CLC) - I'm a Christian Now	23	24 9:00 am - Exercise	25
26 8:30 am-SS/Worship 9:45 am-SS/Worship 4:00 pm - Children's SS Teacher's Mtg. 5:00 pm - Choir Reh. 6:30 pm - Worship	27 9:00 am - Exercise 6:30 pm - Visitation	28 3:30 pm - Staff Meeting	29 <u>NO</u> evening worship or activities... Set up for Heroes Unmasked	30 10:00 am - Omegas Monthly Meeting 5:30-7:30 pm - Heroes Unmasked	31	November 2 Daylight Savings Time ends

**Attention All Men
Ages 9 to 90**

17th Annual Men's
Conference/First Baptist
Church, Woodstock, GA

Jan. 30-31, Feb. 6-7

Pastor Johnny Hunt
will be leading the
conference.

TOPIC:
Temptation Island, How
to Deal With Temptation

The cost of the
conference is:
\$40 until Oct. 1
\$45 Oct 2 to Jan 1
\$50 after Jan 1

Call the church office to
register or email Bill
Daniel at:
bdaniel@cropwellbaptist
.org

Register as soon as possi-
ble in order to get Hotel
reservations close to FBC
Woodstock

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HEROES UNMASKED

Thursday, October 30th - 5:30 to 7:30 pm in the church parking lot. Games - Candy - Fun
The All-Fun No-Fear Bible Adventure! Meet your favorite heroes of the faith.

What is Heroes Unmasked? Heroes Unmasked is a Halloween alternative for families.

Who are some of the Heroes of the Bible that will be at Heroes Unmasked?

Daniel faces down the ferocious lions

Noah and the amazing operation rescue

Moses splits the Red Sea

A fiery showdown when **Elijah** stands against the prophets of Baal

Esther's request to the king - with faith in God she saves her people

The boy **Daniel** vs. Goliath, the towering Philistine Warrior

The ultimate hero...**JESUS**, and He wants to be your Hero!

How do I volunteer to help?

Volunteer through your Sunday school class or for more information email Ashley Anderson
at aanderson@cropwellbaptist.org

SEND US YOUR EMAIL...

Want to receive church-related updates, prayer updates, announcements, and the monthly newsletter via email, please
send your email address to: jhudson@cropwellbaptist.org

This monthly newsletter will also be available on our website on the "Newsletter" page.

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Find out more about our staff at...

www.cropwellbaptist.org/staff.htm

CROPWELL NUMBERS (Numbers = Souls)

**Average Attendance August 24,- September
14, 2008**

Sunday School: 329

Morning Worship: 397

Evening Worship: 188

**Financial Update for August 24 - September
14, 2008**

Weekly Budget Offering Required

\$17,158.98

Average Weekly Budget Offering Given