



The Florida Baptist Fellowship ~ October 9-12, 2011
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Pray for these ministries

AWANA Clubs
Bus Ministry
Bible Classes
Children's Ministry
Deacon Ministry
Hospitality Ministry
Ladies Ministry
Missions Ministry
Men's Ministry
Media Ministry
Music Ministry
Nursery Ministry
Recreation Ministry
Singles Ministry
Student Ministry
Soul Winning Ministry

For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

— Romans 8:38

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Bill Crittenden, Worship Ministries
Jeff Robb, Children's Ministries
John Barton, Custodial Care

40 Days of Prayer and Fasting

Going through the motions of religion, even those of sacrifice and fasting, does not move God. A true and vital relationship with God does not come through external religion and ritual, but through a genuine compassion for the poor, the helpless, and the oppressed.

Fasting is to let go of the normal and natural daily nourishment of this world in order to reach out and grasp the empowering of God needed to live righteously in this world. In **Isaiah 58:6** we learn the desired outcome of fasting: *"Is not this the fast that I have chosen?"*

The first desire or purpose of true fasting which God honors, or honors God, is to *"loosen the bands of wickedness,"* i.e., fasting that God would open the wicked bonds that have been placed upon you or someone else or a congregation.

The second clause is *"to undo the heavy burdens"* (yoke). It indicates someone is in interdependent bondage with someone else. We are to fast that this oppressive yoke or burden and misguidance or direction over us of them is broken.

The next clause is *"to let the oppressed go free."* Fasting here is so that those who

are oppressed in whatever form will be set free to serve God.

The summary statement, *"break every yoke,"* pictures the complete destruction of the means of oppression. The concept is that God's justice is enacted in all realms. Those who are freed by God should spread that freedom.

According to verse 7, true fasting will change the heart and make it compassionate. God-honored fasting will enable one to provide food for those that need it, lodging for those that do not have a house, or clothing to those that lack it. These are acts on behalf of others and are the outward evidence of inward faith and righteousness. Our faith lacks integrity when it does not reach out.

True fasting is more than not eating; it is the emptying of our life of selfish pursuits in order to find what we need in Christ.

Upcoming Events

February 12
Valentine Banquet
Anson Van De Kemp speaking

February 18,19
Men's Retreat @ Chipley
Johnny Hunt speaking

March 12
Soul Winning Blitz
Start another bus route

March 19,20
Global Impact Weekend
René Freret speaking
Three missionary families

March 27
Faith Promise Sunday
Financial Commitments made

April 2
Church-Wide Work Day

April 16
Soul Winning Blitz

April 24
Easter Sunday

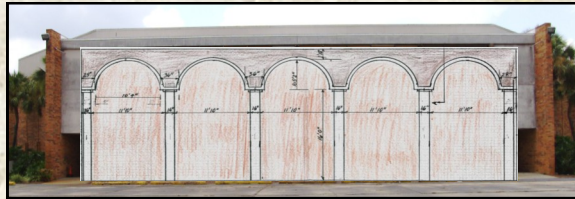
40 Year Facelift

Moving from the airport hanger into the 1,000-seat sanctuary in 1971 was a historic day in the life and ministry of Central Baptist Church under the leadership of Dr. Hugh Pyle.

Initial planning that began in 1997 never materialized and a renewed focus that began again in 2008 is coming to fruition as the membership of Central Baptist Church sacrificially gave and have committed to restore the beauty of the centerpiece, the Worship Center, of our 155,000 square foot facility.

Sandana Construction, Inc. of Panama City Beach, FL is slated to complete the front elevation facing the 11th Street corridor during six weeks of construction in February and March. Renovations include new wall surfaces complete with stucco finish and arches for a three dimensional look. Six giant pillars will be installed to adorn the front wall with landscaping, and lighting added to enhance the new look.

Further exterior renovations on the other elevations are in the pre-planning phase and are expected to be presented to the church in 2012—all part of our “He is Greater” Capital Improvement Campaign.



Architectural Rendering of the Auditorium front elevation

2011 Rise and Build

“But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy brethren.” Luke 22:32

God is always working, and He has been working at Central Baptist Church in such wonderful ways over the last five years. This particular time of ministry has brought great joy, but it has not always been that easy or simple. Joy comes today after yesterday’s travail. Today’s birth after yesterday’s labor. Healing after pain.

Proper preparation to carry out the mission of the church had to take place. Some of the preparation was behind the scenes in our hearts, some in public persona, some in a focused philosophy that took time and training—all while ministry continued and patience exercised.

As we embark on a new year, with it comes a renewed vision, a re-birthed joy, and a resilient knowledge of the power of God upon us. This is our time, we are His people, this is God’s place!

Twelve monthly themes will help us carry out our overall 2011 Rise and Build Theme:

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| Build our Fasting (Jan) | Build our Family (Feb) |
| Build our Fervency (Mar) | Build our Fruitfulness (Apr) |
| Build our Fellowship (May) | Build our Foundation (Jun) |
| Build our Freedom (Jul) | Build our Friendships (Aug) |
| Build our Finances (Sep) | Build our Fellowships (Oct) |
| Build our Faith (Nov) | Build our Flock (Dec) |

**The goals great men have reached and kept,
were not attained by sudden flight.
But they, while other workers slept,
kept going on throughout the night.**



New To Our Family

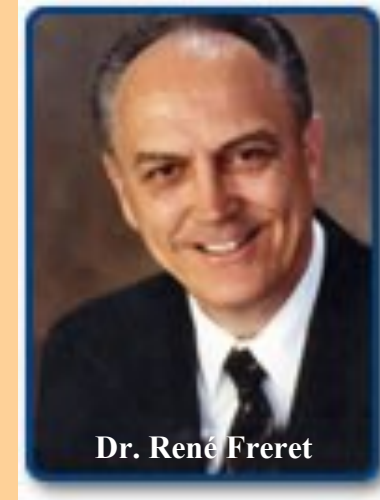
- Mrs. Jeanette Algood, *by baptism*
- Mrs. Cassie Anthony, *by baptism*
- Miss Dakota Clark, *by transfer*
- Mrs. Samantha Harmon, *by baptism*
- Christopher Harmon, *by baptism*
- Miss Nephateria Hayes, *by baptism*
- Ms. Shania Hayes, *by baptism*
- Mr. Vinod Rayeekanti, *by baptism*
- Mrs. Radhika Rayeekanti, *by baptism*
- Mr. Jeff Painter, *by transfer*
- Mrs. Sandra Painter, *by transfer*
- Mrs. Jean Painter, *by transfer*
- Mr. Tom Piché, *by transfer*
- Mrs. Jenny Piché, *by transfer*
- Savannah Piché, *by baptism*
- Mrs. Doris Shinaver, *by transfer*
- Mr. Johnny Zermeno, *by baptism*
- Mrs. Katie Hull, *by baptism*
- Ms. Holly King, *by baptism*

Global Impact

Our annual Missions Conference takes on a new format for a great impact in missions emphasis and in raising more money for world evangelism.

Missions has been at the center of the life and ministry of Central Baptist Church for decades. The life of any missionary program in a local church depends largely on the leadership. Someone has to have the interest, the vision, the initiative and persistence to carry the program through. Central Baptist Church has been blessed to have had Pastors who truly led us to realize our personal responsibility in world-wide evangelism.

Pastor Bruce Barton has invited several key people to help us achieve our goal to “Rise and Build” our missions program, March 19-20.



Dr. René Freret

Dr. René Freret, President, BEAMS International (Bible Education And Missionary Service), a ministry that supplies whole Bibles to missionaries around the world. Dr. Freret is an excellent speaker and will be featured in each service during the two day event. He and his wife, Freda, founded and pastored the Temple Baptist Church in Gulfport, MS for 24 years. After Dr. Julian Pope died, his son, Dr. Johnny Pope asked Dr. Freret if he would assume the position as President, which he has faithfully done since 1997. He will also present the ministry of BEAMS International to us in one of the services.

Jeff Clifford and family, missionaries to Namibia, Africa. They have completed their education at Trinity Baptist College in Jacksonville, and their internships and ministries in Florida and are now full-time on deputation raising their support to get to Namibia, serving the local churches along with Baptist International Missions, Inc.

Matt Green and family, missionaries to England. They have completed their education at The Crown College in Knoxville, TN and are near completion of raising their support. They are excited about getting to the UK and will be a blessing to our church as they minister. They have

partnered with local churches and Baptist International Mission, Inc. as their sending agencies.

Stephen Wynn, missionary to Brazil, has served alongside his Pastor and Father at Lighthouse Baptist Church in Columbus, GA before surrendering to go to the mission field in 2009. Initially he will be training with the Bob Nichols family, who have served in Brazil for many years. Along with the local churches that are supporting him, and his sending church, Stephen has partnered with Fundamental Baptist World-Wide Missions, Inc. in Memphis, TN.

West Coast Baptist College in Lancaster, CA exists for the purpose of training laborers for His harvest. Dr. Paul Chappell started this school 12 years ago and the growth has been explosive. We will highlight this ministry during our Global Impact Weekend and will work during 2011 to help them build new buildings on their campus as they train many students to go to the world with the gospel.

Two jam-packed days of ministry introductions, preaching, singing, and multi-media presentations will be used of God to help us “Rise and Build” our missionary efforts.

Look Up at Easter!

Our helicopter egg drop draws many people from the community and has received much media attention in previous years.

Children’s Ministry Director, Jeff Robb, knows how to attract the attention of children. Weekly he, along with his wife Kristy, use many workers, props, costume, video graphics, skits, and set design to help them tell the gospel message. It is like Vacation Bible School every Sunday for those children in Grades 1-5 of our church members and who ride in on our four bus routes.

But Easter is different...really different! Annually Central Baptist Church conducts a Easter Egg Drop with over 5,000 plastic prize-filled eggs dropped from a helicopter! This event is not only a fun-filled time after the Easter Morning church service, but draws many guests who come and get a ticket to attend the Egg Drop.



Missions Projects

- \$5,300.00 to build a new church in India**
- 1000 Bibles to Keith Brock in Peru**
- Double Support to 68 missionaries (Dec)**
- Daniel Davis internship to India**

