



*How would you spend the last 59 minutes of your life?
Would you finally tell someone that you loved them?
Would there be things you would not want left undone?
Would you draw your family close and hold them tight?
Would you finally take time to think about God before it's too late?*

*How would your life change
if you only had 59 minutes...?*

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 31ST LAST NIGHT!

6-9PM

ROC

RESERVATIONS: CALL 526-2290



Real People, Real Choices, Real Consequences

Judgement House

Celebration

Sunday, Nov. 1st

6:00 PM

ROC

Join us for a service of praise, worship and testimonies about what God did through Judgement House outreach.



On Sunday, November 1, we will begin our annual drive for Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. Boxes are available at the Welcome Center on Sundays and at the ROC throughout the month. The

very last Sunday for collection is November 22.

There are now discipleship classes in many of the countries for the children who receive these boxes. At completion of this course the children receive a certificate of completion and a New Testament in their language. If you choose not to pack a shoebox, you can still participate by a donation that will help fund this program. Also, our youth and children will be packing boxes and will need assistance with the cost of shipping and handling. We really want to exceed last year's total of over 200. Remember, we are giving children all over the world with the greatest gift of all - SALVATION.

UPWARD Basketball

MORE THAN A GAME—EVERY CHILD IS A WINNER

UPWARD promotes character and fun for every child.

EVERY CHILD will have the opportunity to learn and improve their skills in basketball; have equal playing time; have 1 hour practice time; receive special recognition after every game; develop new friendships; and experience good sportsmanship on and off the court.

EVALUATIONS, the tool that helps us determine equal and competitive teams, will be at the ROC on

Nov. 10, 6-8 PM

Nov. 14, 8 AM -12 Noon

Nov. 15, 2-4 PM

UPWARD is for boys and girls—kindergarten through 6th grade.

REGISTRATION FORMS can be picked up at the ROC.

HOPE TO SEE YOU AT UPWARD!!!!

For more information about **UPWARD**, please feel free to contact me, 927-6342.

Sheila Barrett

ROC Administrator & UPWARD Coordinator

Steven's SCOOP

I CAN DO IT ALL BY MYSELF

This year Emma, my daughter who is 5 going on 15, started taking dance. This is a new experience for her, and her daddy. They do shuffle steps, peanut butter, that turn around thingy, and all kinds of other things that dads will never understand. But there is also the new clothing she needs for dance. When dance started, I was helping her get dressed into her dance outfit every Thursday. She did not know it, but I absolutely cherished that time. I loved to see the excitement and joy in her eyes because she knew that she was about to go to dance class. But as the time comes in every parents life, your precious little child wants to grow up. No longer do I get to dress her for dance. She informs me every Thursday as she is carrying her bag into school, "Daddy I do not need your help today." Then she continues on, "I can do it by myself." A part of me is sad but also there is joy in seeing my little princess grow up, even though it is so hard. My only thought is why does it have to happen so fast?

As a Christian, I believe this is a struggle that we have to face every day. Everything about who we are as a human drives us to do things ourselves. We want to be in control. As a Christian we are supposed to be totally reliant on God. As God's children we are to trust and rest in our Heavenly Daddy. Our Heavenly Daddy says that He will provide, He will protect, He will bless, He will love eternally and the list goes on and on. Strive to never get to a point in your life where you turn to your Heavenly Daddy and say that you can do it all by yourself. Daily we must deny the thought that we can do things ourselves. Let Him take control in your life.

Luke 9:23

The He said to them, "If anyone wants to come with Me, he must deny HIMSELF, take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

THANK YOU

I want to thank everyone that was evolved in the Children's Fall Festival. To the youth I say thank you for all of the hard work and time setting up. To the adults I say thank you for everything you did. We had a great event and all I saw was smiling faces everywhere, except for the ones crying because they had to leave all the fun. Once again thank you.

YOUTH PRAYER BREAKFAST

Fridays in November
7AM @ Centre First United Methodist Church

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS NEEDED

We need one teacher for the 5 year olds. Please contact Don Price 927-5409.

SYMPATHY NOTE

Christian love and sympathy is extended to Wae and Mary Ellis and family in the loss of their son, Ian Andy Ellis; and to Faye Boatfield, Ruth Hampton, Nell Kilgore and families in the loss of their sister, Annie Jo Harden; to the family of Mary Baker; to the family of Ruth Brock; to Jr. Davis and family in the loss of his brother, Wilburn Davis; and to Gordon Knighten and family in the loss of his wife, Maxine Knighten.

NEED A RIDE TO A DOCTOR'S APPOINTMENT

The Brotherhood is sponsoring a new ministry of assisting those who need a ride to a doctor's appointment or to visit a loved one in the hospital. Please contact the church office 927-3316 or John Ward for more information.

WEDNESDAY at the ROC

Supper 5:15pm (\$5.50 adults; \$3:00 children/youth)

Classes 6:00pm (preschoolers to adults)

AEROBICS CLASSES


Senior Adult Class	9:15 AM	Mon & Wed.
Aerobics/Yoga Class	6:00 PM	Thurs.
Aerobics Class	8:00 AM	Tues.



YOUNG AT HEART

The YAH will meet Tues., November 10, 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish and join the fun.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

 Anna Kathryn Hopper was born on September 30. She weighed 10 pounds and was 20 inches long. Anna Kathryn is the daughter of Chad & Brooke Hopper and sister of Cade. Proud grandparents are Freddy & Sue Reynolds and Garry & Betty Hopper.

CHRISTIAN COUNSELING AVAILABLE

Dr. David Miller is now taking appointments. Please call the church office at 927-3316.



Christian Financial Counseling

Jon Bloomfield, a retired banker and business owner, has recently completed extensive training in money management through Crown Financial Ministries. Jon has also completed the Crown's Biblical Financial Study. Jon has a passion to help individuals experience and develop a strong biblical understanding of finances. Jon is now taking appointments. Please call the church office at 927-3316. Appointments are free.



Brandon's Beat

Balance Volunteerism and Family

This time of year is always stressful on the congregation and staff of FBCC. Multiple productions make fall and winter an activity and labor intensive season. We produce Judgement House, Christmas musicals for adults and children, and have get together after get together in the name of Christian fellowship. If you haven't been already, you probably will be approached by a leader that asks you to participate or even lead a church sponsored event. Simply put you will probably be asked to invest more time than you think you may have. Christmas music and drama in addition to family outings and suppers, Judgement House activities in addition to family trick or treating, it's all additional time that you have been asked to invest. I think the key word here is "invest". There is a principle taught in Isa. 55:11 that teaches God's word "shall not return void." In other words the Bible states that as the gospel message is tactically and carefully placed in the hearts of seekers it will yield interest so that the yield is greater than the initial investment. The investment that you make through these ministries yields dividends far greater than the most lucrative financial venture available. The great Jackie Robinson once stated, "The only thing that really matters after we die is the difference that we make in the lives of other people". This concept holds true in church and family life alike. Few people will argue against this point. The difficulty comes when we feel that church volunteerism is impeding our family relationships. How do we deal with it when we are asked to volunteer on a child's birthday, or an anniversary, or on the date of an important family event? At this point it becomes an issue of the heart. As a staff member I can't tell you that it is wrong for you to skip a family event any more than I can state that it is wrong for you to turn down an opportunity to serve at church. I can, however urge you to be spiritually minded in your decision. Take your opportunities to serve seriously and make it a matter of prayer for a day or so. A major purpose of prayer is to align our will with God's, and isn't that what we want to do? If the decision involves your family then talk it over with them. Explain the volunteer opportunity and weigh out the issues. After you have taken adequate time to search your heart then make your decision. If it wasn't your place to volunteer in the capacity at hand, it's great to know. If it was meant for you to do then it's also great to know. Either way both you and the church leaders have a peace of mind that the right person is up to bat. Consider your opportunities, pray, talk it over with family, weigh out the scenarios, make your decision, and know that you've done the right thing.

Social Media

I have an addiction. I am addicted to social media. Several months ago I started a page on Facebook. Immediately I began receiving invitations to be "friends" with old classmates, friends, church leaders and church members. Every night my ritual is to log onto Facebook and see what my friends are doing. Several post funny articles or videos, others leave prayer requests, and some write a special Bible verse or saying for the day.

Another social media network is Twitter. Yes, the pastor twitters! When you write something on twitter it is called a Tweet; a Tweet can be no more than 140 characters. To use another term, it is called micro-blogging. I have found this to be a source of information, connection and inspiration. Everyday, I read tweets from Rick Warren, John Piper, Rick Lance, Andy Stanley, Erwin McMannus, Perry Noble, etc. Often these pastors post great quotes and insights.

My latest excursion is in the world of blogging. A blog is simply an article that you post on-line. Recent blogs I have written include: My Philosophy of Ministry and KJV Only? I have also reprinted a special sermon. As time permits, I intend to write more articles on my blog.

So what does this all mean? First, there are many members of First Baptist Church who are on Facebook. (In addition we have a Celebrate Recovery page too.) This allows for instant interaction and response to questions. Many members send me private message when they have questions. In addition, many non-First Baptist Church members have sent me questions dealing with theology. This has opened up yet another means of interaction with the congregation. Second, the tweets I write (which also appear on my Facebook page) provide me with opportunities to share with my Facebook friends and "followers" a thought for the day or a quote that I have found insightful. I am finding that it is also providing a way to reinforce thoughts from the sermon. Third, blogging allows me an opportunity to write more academically and wrestle with thoughts and ideas in the public sphere thus allow others to post comments or challenges. I believe this provides me an opportunity to grow and sharpen my thoughts.

All of these social media outlets are free! If you want to be a Facebook friend simply sign up on www.Facebook.com and search from "Jim Wright Centre, Alabama" and send me a friend request. For Twitter, go to www.Twitter.com and search for "JimWrightPastor" For the blog go to: www.JimWrightPastor.blogspot.com. I look forward to ministering to you through these outlets.

Pastor Jim

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	Wednesday at the ROC
8:40 a.m. <i>IMPACT Contemporary Worship</i>	3:00 p.m. <i>Bible Study</i>
9:50 a.m. <i>Bible Study</i>	5:45 p.m. <i>Preschool Choir</i>
11:00 a.m. <i>Traditional Worship</i>	6:00 p.m. <i>Children's Mission Groups</i>
4:30 p.m. <i>Adult Choir Rehearsal</i>	<i>CHAOS-Youth Bible Study</i>
4:30 p.m. <i>Bible Drill</i>	<i>Men's & Women's Bible Study</i>
6:00 p.m. <i>Small groups on & off campus</i>	Fridays at the ROC
	5:15 p.m. <i>Celebrate Recovery</i>

Want your life back?



**Celebrate
Recovery**

**On the campus
of the ROC
Every Friday Night
at 5:15 p.m.**

**A safe place to
work through your hurts,
habits, & hang-ups.**

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

- 11-1 Ruth Brannon, Bonnie Murphy, Matt Woodfin
- 11-8 Graham & Billie Brown, Willie Mae Jordan
- 11-15 Scott & Lynn Curry, Ruth Matthews
- 11-22 Doug & Frances Newman, Gail Hayes
- 11-29 Colette Brovan, Sue Owens

DEACON OF THE WEEK

- November 1-7
Scott Curry 927-3738
- November 8-14
Len Hogan 927-3415
- November 15-21
Garry Hopper 927-5932
- November 22-28
Larry Maddox 927-5242
- November 29-December 5
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