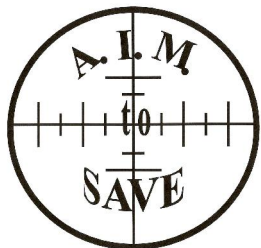


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AIM News



Adults In Ministry

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First Baptist Church of Barberville, Florida



Happy Anniversary First Baptist Church of Barberville !!

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The First Baptist Church of Barberville has been serving the Lord for 139 years!!

Founded in 1869, the members began meeting at the Midway School building with Reverend John Vasser as the first pastor.

In April of 1892, the sanctuary that is still standing strong today, was dedicated.

In 1967, the parsonage was finished, in 1974, the

Fellowship Hall was built by the members and in 2004, the baptistery was put in.

One-hundred and thirty-nine years and 41 pastors later, we are still going strong!

We will celebrate with guest Pastor Howard Cox, a slideshow with pictures from the past, a gospel sing by Junior Combs and Southern Joy, and dinner on the grounds on June 1st.

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Upcoming Events

- Ø June 1 – Homecoming (dinner on the grounds)
- Ø June 7 – Paintball
- Ø June 8 – Food & Fellowship
- Ø June 8 – Business Meeting
- Ø June 15 – Father's Day
- Ø June 21 – AIM Breakfast (9:00 am)
- Ø June 23rd -26th - Vacation Bible School



Michelle's Minute

We had a great time at April's AIM Prayer Breakfast! It was one of the largest turnouts we've had so far! The title of our devotion was – Don't Forget to Remember!

I recently heard Charles Stanley quote a passage in 1 Corinthians about the Lord's Supper. "And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me. After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me." And it got me thinking.

Jesus was telling us to remember him. And although I know he wasn't speaking literally in this particular passage, we should constantly be remembering Him. With even the most insignificant tasks and all throughout our days, we should be thinking of Him. Every time we eat or drink, when we get in our car to drive, when we get up in the morning or lay down at night. We should be in constant communication with Him – thanking Him, praising Him, asking for help (for ourselves and others), listening for guidance.

So how is it that we can forget God?

Isaiah 51:12-13 – "I, even I, am he that comforteth you; who are thou, that thou shouldest be afraid of a man that shall die, and of the son of man which shall be made as grass; and forgettest the Lord thy maker, that hath stretched forth the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and hast feared continually every day because of the fury of the oppressor, as if he were ready to destroy? And where is the fury of the oppressor." The fear of man destroys the nobler fear of God. Just like the fear of the flames from your house on fire would override the fear of frostbite on a cold, snowy night.

Isaiah 17:10 - "Because thou hast forgotten the God of thy Salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength, therefore shalt thou plant pleasant plants, and shalt set it with strange slips."

When we are weak, we remember where to go for help, but when we regain our strength, we become forgetful. We begin to feel independent.

Jeremiah 50:6 - "My people hath been lost sheep; their shepherds have caused them to go astray, they have turned them away on the mountains; they have gone from mountain to hill, they have forgotten their resting place."

We are forever seeking something else, and never finding satisfaction. We turn anywhere and everywhere rather than to God.

Hosea 13:5-6 - "I did not know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted; therefore they have forgotten me."

Our devotion is apt to dwindle as we become more successful. "We can be so concerned with the pasturage that the Shepherd is forgotten."

So, is there any help for our forgetfulness?

John 14:26 - "But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, he shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance whatsoever I have said unto you."

The Holy Spirit will teach us. He will help strengthen our memory. He will send the memories right when they are needed.

Romans 8:26 - "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities; for we know not what we should pray for as we ought; but the Spirit itself maketh

intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered."

The Holy Spirit knows our needs, and will intercede for us when we forget. He knows what we need even when we don't!

Ephesians 6:16-18 - "Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked. And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints."

With the armor of God, we can conquer the temptation of forgetfulness. The shield of faith, the sword of the Spirit, which is the word, and prayer.

David Uth of the First Baptist Church Orlando, quoted someone a few Sundays ago. "May you always be covered by the dust of your Rabbi." If we stay that close to God, there is virtually no way to forget.

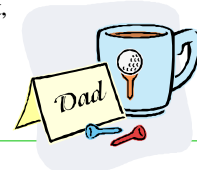
In what situations are you most likely to forget God? What would you like to remember about God in those times?

Think about it and be prepared for the next time you forget to remember.

In the spirit of remembering:

- Don't forget to remember the Father's in your life on June 15th!
- Don't forget to remember our military personnel – we have a few new recruits to be in earnest prayer for.
- Vacation Bible School – June 23rd through the 26th!

Love in Christ,
Michelle



... this do in
remembrance of
me.
1 Corinthians 11:24



A Father's Influence

An Early Light devotional from the "In Touch" magazine, June 2008

God has designed fathers to be persons of influence in children's lives. Through love, support, and modeled behavior, dads can have a significant role in training their sons and daughters in godliness (1 Tim. 4:8). And Christian fathers have access to all they need for shepherding children (2 Peter 1:3).

A father's most powerful influence is his own walk with the Lord. Preschoolers have impressionable minds and will remember seeing us read our Bible, praying on our knees, and

worshipping with other believers. When children are in elementary school, we can talk to them about why we pray and read the Word. They'll notice how we look in the Scriptures for answers to life's problems and receive divine guidance in response to prayer. When they hear us express our confidence that God has a plan for them, their own trust in Him will grow. Later, as teenagers, they will watch to see how well our lives match our words. Since we are not perfect, we will stumble at times. Handling our mistakes in a righteous manner

and making necessary changes will speak volumes to them about the Lord's forgiveness and transforming power. And our influence doesn't stop there – it continues even when our children are grown.

God did not plan for fathers to accomplish this alone. Moms, aunts, uncles, grandparents, and friends all have important roles in teaching and modeling godliness. Working together under the Holy Spirit's guidance, we can watch our dreams for our children come true – namely, to love and serve Jesus with their whole heart.



Jesus Never Fails article by Thomas A. Kempis, from Discipleship Journal, Nov/Dec 2007

Blessed are those who appreciate what it is to love Jesus. He alone should be loved above all things.

Affection for [created beings] is deceitful and inconstant, but the love of Jesus is true and enduring. Whoever clings to a creature will fall because of its frailty. But those who give [themselves] to Jesus will ever be strengthened.

Love Him, then. Keep Him as a friend. He will not leave you as others do or let you suffer lasting death.

Sometime, whether or not you will, you will have to part with everything. Cling, therefore, to Jesus in life and death. Trust yourself to the glory of Him who alone can help you when all others fail.

Your Beloved is just; He will not accept what belongs to another. He wants your heart for Himself alone, because it is His right to be enthroned there as King.

You will find, apart from Him, that nearly all the trust you place in men is a total loss. Therefore, neither confide

in nor depend upon a wind-shaken reed, for "all flesh is grass," and all its glory, like the flower of grass, will fade away (Is. 40:6). You will quickly be deceived if you look only to the outward appearance of others. You will often be disappointed if you seek comfort and gain in them. If, however, you seek Jesus in all things, you will surely find Him.

In the same way, if you seek yourself, you will find yourself – to your own ruin. For those who do not seek Jesus do themselves much greater harm than the whole world and all their enemies could ever do to them.

What Treasure!

When Jesus is near, all is well and nothing seems difficult. When He is absent, all is hard. When Jesus does not speak within, all other comfort is empty. But if He says only a word, it brings great consolation.

Didn't Mary rise at once from her weeping when Martha said to her, "The Teacher is here ... and is

asking for you" (John 11:28)? Happy is the hour when Jesus calls us from tears to joy of spirit.

How dry and hard you are without Jesus! How foolish and vain if you desire anything but Him!

For what, without Jesus, can the world give you? Life without Him is a relentless hell, but living with Him is a sweet paradise. If Jesus be with you, no enemy can harm you. Whoever finds Jesus finds a rare treasure, indeed, a good above every good. But whoever loses Him loses more than the whole world. The man who lives without Jesus is the poorest of the poor, while no one is so rich as a man who lives in His grace.

The Best Friend!

It is a great art to know how to converse with Jesus and great wisdom to know how to keep Him with you. Be humble and peaceful, and Jesus will be with you. Be devoted to Him and at rest, and He will remain with you.

You may quickly drive Him away if you turn back to the

outside world. And if you drive Him away and lose Him, to whom will you go and whom will you then seek as a friend? You cannot live well without a friend, and if Jesus is not your friend above all else, you will be very sad and desolate. Thus, you are acting foolishly if you trust or rejoice in any other.

Choose the opposition of the whole world rather than offend Jesus. Of all those who are dear to you, let Him be your special love. Let all things be loved for the sake of Jesus, but Jesus for Him own sake.

Jesus Christ must be loved alone with a special love for He alone, of all friends, is good and faithful. For Him and in Him you must love friends and foes alike, and pray to Him that all may know and love Him.

May Celebrations!!

BIRTHDAYS

1st - Peggy Harrison
2nd - Paul Smith
4th - Barbara Niles
10th - Pat Vandergriff
12th - Terry Jackson
13th - Bill Parent
19th - Cindie Dodson
22nd - Delwood Nelson
28th - Matt Jones
30th - Bailey Peterson
31st - Les Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES

17th - Kenny & Sherry Whidden
17th - Denis & Nicole Jones
26th - Matt & Paige Jones

God Bless You All!!

Special Prayer Requests



- Les & Beth Thompson
- Building Fund
- Bill Vandergriff
- Church Unity
- Chris Dean
- Our church leaders
- Karen Hickey
- Each Other
- Jack & Eva (Portland, OR)
- Our nation and our President
- Adults in Ministry (AIM)
- Teen Ministry
- Children's Ministry
- Pastor Jimmy & Family

Pray every day – God wants to hear from You! And He wants to send the answers!

June Celebrations!!

BIRTHDAYS

2nd - Kenny Whidden
4th - Mark Blackwelder
4th - Chris Dean
6th - Lauren Henry
8th - Chance Peterson
10th - Michelle Golden
17th - Diana Holton
25th - Gerald Philibert
26th - Christopher Douglass
26th - Steven Jones

27th - Wendy Niles

ANNIVERSARIES

12th - Don & Peggy Harrison
29th - Allen & Janice Herbst

God Bless You All!!



Retired Worshipper? Never!! Article from "Prime Online" www.sam.org

The whole idea of this article is great for Seniors who feel like they are 'spent' and 'done in!' Having no 'spiritual' calling to move them into a retirement age work position with salary attached, it is easy to feel that your days of contributing something worth while are over. Kingdom work requires youthful energy and vigor, both which may be lessening with advancing maturity of the body.

Actually, we are living, moving and having our being IN CHRIST JESUS as Christ-followers -- and yet, seeing the density of our mental reactions to lost position or place of ministry, it is a good thing to be reminded of some things. This house of clay is not who

we are. The body is the container, not the person. The person, me, is who I am inside. I am not separate from my body until the moment ordered by the Lord in the Book of Life. My days are numbered. But between now and then . . . that final day to see Jesus face to face, either in the Rapture or in moving up to heaven at His command, I have a lot of living to do. This article about work being worship is great for those still employed. It can be transferred into reality for those retired, too.

Wherever we are is the sanctuary of the living God. . . for our inner chamber of His dwelling is His sanctuary within us. Translate that into

worship by simply releasing His life wherever you are and you have viability in your daily 'labor' as unto Him. He is keeping the book of works as well as the Book of Life. With my name in the Book of Life, all because of Jesus' shed blood and His saving life within, I have hope that the Book of Works will be full of the worship acts of my daily living -- the release of His Spirit-life from within my innermost being.

Every place you are is a sanctuary of His Presence which you are allowed to thrive in....or better yet, to worship my Savior through the release of His life.



AIM T-Shirt Order Form

Name _____

Navy Blue _____ (# requested)

Red _____ (# requested)

Size(s) _____

Size(s) _____

Our shirts will have the AIM Logo on the back and the church logo on the front. They are available in navy blue or red. \$10 each



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Just for Laughs!



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CHURCH OF THE COVERED DISH by Thom Tapp



"Is that a freudian slip, or are you REALLY writing a letter to all the DEMONS of our church?"

Church Signs

- Free Trip to Heaven – Details Inside!
- Try Our Sundays. They're Better Than Baskin-Robbins!
- Fight Truth Decay – Study the Bible Daily!
- How Will You Spend Eternity? Smoking or Non-Smoking?
- If You Don't Like the Way You Were Born, Try Being Born Again!
- If You Can't Sleep, Don't Count Sheep. Talk to the Shepherd!
- In the Dark? Follow the Son!

This Month's Bible Verse

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Psalm 46:1



Bible Trivia

Bible Trivia:

- How old was Jesus when he was baptized and started his ministry? **A: About 30**
- When he was praying, how many times did Jesus wake his disciples in the garden of Gethsemane? **A: 3 times**
- What was the second plague on Egypt? **A: Frogs**
- In the parable of the sower, where did the seed fall that was choked? **A: Among thorns**
- What happened to Peter when Jesus asked him to walk on water? **A: He sank for lack of faith**

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