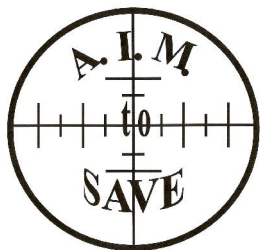


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Adults in Ministry
First Baptist Church of Barberville, Florida

Revival at Barberville Baptist

The First Baptist Church of Barberville is having a Revival, beginning Sunday, November 16th and continuing through Wednesday, November 19th. Brother Allen Hatch will be our speaker.

Dr. Allen Hatch has been singing gospel music and preaching God's Word in churches all around the country for over 20 years now. He travels all over the United States to preach Revival Services. He also plays the piano and he sings at church Valentine Banquets and Christmas Concerts. He has written several songs in which he has recorded on some of his CDs.

What is revival? The dictionary defines it this way: restoration to life, consciousness, vigor, or strength. For Christians, revival can be a time of renewing our faith so that we can continue our service to the Lord. A time to be humbled before God in repentance, so that we can begin to faithfully obey God in every area of our lives. A time to renew our passion for carrying out the great commission - winning souls for Christ.

Listen to the words of songwriter B.B. McKinney:

"Send a revival, O Christ, my Lord, Let it go over the land and sea. Send it according to Thy dear Word, and let it begin in me.

Send a revival among Thine own, help us to turn from our sins away. Let us draw near to the Father's throne, revive us again, we pray.

Send a revival to those in sin, help them, O Jesus, to turn to Thee. Let them the new life in Thee begin, Oh, give them the victory.

Send a revival in every heart, draw the world nearer, O Lord, to Thee. Let Thy salvation true joy impart, **and let it begin in me.**"

Don't miss a single service and bring your friends and family!



Michelle's Minute

We're still making record attendance at our meetings. Our August meeting had an attendance of 26!! Our best yet! God has been very good to AIM!

Our August devotion was one how we can live an above average life. God never intended for us to live a mediocre, average life. We are designed for excellence and uniquely created. There's no one else just like us.

Most of us have a need to be different. When our kids are small, they will say, "Watch me, Daddy." They want to be noticed. And as adults, we do the same thing, only we're not quite as blatant about it. We do it with our homes, our clothes, our cars.

In 1 Chronicles 4:9-10, there is a man who stood out, without question. His name is Jabez. Verse 9 says, "And Jabez was more honorable than his brethren." God singled out this man in the middle of lists and lists of genealogy. It makes you wonder why God would give him this special recognition.

Jabez made a request to God and He granted it. There are 3 secrets to Jabez's life that we can learn from to make our lives above average too.

Jabez had great ambition."...Oh that thou wouldest bless be indeed, and enlarge my coast..." (verse 10). Jabez didn't want to be ordinary. He wanted to expand and grow. Most of all, he wanted God's blessing on his life. Many of us just drift through life with no goals, no master plan, no overall purpose – no ambition. And accordingly, we never accomplish much. We simply exist. We need great ambition – we need a dream. When we stop dreaming, we lose direction. When we stop setting goals, we stop growing. We need to have something that we are pushing toward. God made us for growth; he wants us to stretch and develop and dream. God has a purpose for our life, and the key to success is to find that purpose and

cooperate with it. God doesn't want us to go through life with a halfhearted attitude, wondering what we're doing or where we're going. A life with no challenges and no goals can be summed up in one word: boring.

The second secret for living above average is we need a growing faith. Jabez had a deep trust and belief in God. He had enough faith to pray and expect an answer. The Bible gives us some interesting facts about Jabez. First, there is no mention of Jabez having any special ability or talent or gift. It doesn't say that he was wealthy or educated. He was simply a common man with an uncommon faith. We shouldn't worry about what we don't have, if we do have faith! God will give us the power we need. God loves to use ordinary people who believe in him, who are willing to trust him. (Job, Daniel,) The most important thing is believing that God will work through us. There are many talented people sitting on the sidelines while ordinary people with faith are making touchdowns. They believe God, so he uses them.

Another fact about Jabez is that he must have had some type of handicap or disability. His very name meant pain. Can you imagine? "Here comes Painful." He may have been unwanted or unloved. His name, a constant reminder that even his birth caused grief in someone else's life. But Jabez was stronger than his handicap. His faith kept him going. He had the faith to look ahead and attempt great things in the future. Do you have a handicap? Is it physical or spiritual? An unhappy childhood or a frustrating job, a broken marriage? God says everything is possible for him who believes. Mark 9:23

The third secret to Jabez's life was his prayer life. His simple prayer request got him an honorable mention in the Bible. Lots of people pray without rising above average. We sometimes hesitate to

ask for things in prayer. We might think our requests are selfish. What kind of prayer does God answer? The life of Jabez shows us 3 things we can ask God for and expect him to answer.

Jabez prayed for God's power in his life. He asked for power greater than his own to accomplish his dream. It's important to note that his request was very specific. Evidently, God approved of his prayer, because he answered it. The point is: Ambition is neither good nor bad; it's just a basic drive in life. Everyone has some ambition – great or small. What makes ambition good or bad is the motive behind it. Jabez's motives were genuine because God never honors an unworthy request. God dares us to ask for big requests. James 4:2. "You do not have, because you do not ask God." The Lord said to Jeremiah, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." (Jer. 33:3) Paul says that God, "is able to immeasurable more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us." (Eph. 3:20) We cannot out-ask God. We can't out-dream God. As great and far as we can imagine, God can go beyond even that. We need to ask him. He wants to bless our lives.

The 2nd thing Jabez prayed for was God's presence in his life. "Let your hand be with me." (1 Chron. 4:10) With more territory, he would have more responsibility, greater demands, and more pressure. He would really need God's help in his life. When we ask for God's presence in our lives, we can be sure he will answer.

The 3rd thing Jabez prayed for was God's protection over his life. "Keep me from harm so that I will be free from pain" (v 10). Why did he do this? In those days, the more land you had, the more influence you had, and the better know you were. And a bigger target. It's still pretty much like that today. The more successful we are, the more critics we have.



*So I will sing praise
unto thy name for
ever, that I may
daily perform my
vows.
Psalm 61:8*

Nurturing a “Bread and Jelly” Faith

Thetus Tenney, article from Pray! magazine

My sister was a young child during the hard days of the Depression. Craving a snack one day, she stepped into the kitchen and announced: “Mother, I want a bread and jelly sandwich.” Mom replied, “Agnes, I’m sorry, but we don’t have any bread or jelly. If you want that, you will just have to pray about it.” Mother continued her housework as Agnes headed out to the old car in front of the house. Opening the back door, she climbed in and made that back seat her altar.

Sometime later, Agnes rejoined Mother in the house. Looking out the window, Mother said, “I wonder who that little girl is coming down the lane?” Clamoring up to the window, Agnes announced, “She is bringing my bread and jelly!”

When Mother answered the door, the girl handed her a sack and said, “My mother was praying awhile ago. She felt God wanted her to send you this loaf of bread and jar of jelly.”

Faith comes naturally to children. They have faith in their abilities in art, dance,

music, and drama – even if they don’t display particular giftedness in those areas. They believe the trusted people in their lives will do what they promise. As they grow older, however, many of them cross an invisible line into doubt, fear, intimidation, and lost confidence. Their faith gets squelched. But it doesn’t have to be that way! Here are some ways you can water your children’s faith seeds so they will grow and flourish:

Marvel together over God’s creation.

Every day, we can remind our children of how God made everything, from the fish that can live under water, to the birds that fly on tiny wings. These simple conversations build faith. Hebrews 11:3 says, “It is by faith we understand that the whole world was made by God’s command so what we see was made by something that cannot be seen” (New Century Version).

Recall together God’s wonderful

deeds. Scripture exhorts us to tell our children about “his power, and the wonders he has done” (Psalm 78:4). One way to do this is to go through the

treasure chest in Hebrews 11, telling the stories of Noah, Abraham, Moses, and other heroes of faith.

Another way is to be like the man Jesus told, “Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you” (Mark 5:19). Tell your children the stories of what God has done for you. And when you and your children have prayed about something together, always be sure to point out and thank God for His answers.

Rejoice together in God’s wisdom.

God’s ways and thoughts are higher than ours (Isaiah 55:9). He may answer a prayer differently from how your child asks because He knows something she doesn’t! That’s why we don’t need to “protect” God against disappointing our kids. God is big enough! He can take care of Himself. He wants your child’s faith to grow far more than you do. Times like these are good opportunities to say, “I don’t know why, but God is good. He knows the missing pieces and He’ll work it out. Let’s watch, listen, and trust Him.”

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The closer we grow to the Lord and the stronger we become as Christians, the more the devil will harass us. He doesn’t want us to grow. But with God’s protection, we don’t have to fear anyone or anything.

To live above average and have God’s best for our lives, we need a great ambition, get a glimpse of what God wants to do in our life; get a growing faith in God, a faith that enables us to expect the impossible; and establish a genuine prayer life, one that depends on God as we work toward our dreams.

September and October’s devotions both related to finding God’s will. A lot of time when we think about God’s will, we think about the big stuff – career, spouse, church. But we need to be always seeking His will – in both the big and small things. Guidance isn’t a puzzle to be solved, but a relationship with Jesus. The closer we are to Jesus, the less worried we will be about knowing His will. A few good

suggestions to help find God’s will:

Be Humble. If we are proud, we risk missing out on God’s guidance just by not being prepared to pray to God about it. Matthew 23:12 says, “And whoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that humble himself shall be exalted.”

Pray. Prayer shows dependence on God. Prayer is how we talk to Him. He wants us to ask Him for His will. James 1:5 says, “If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him.” Spending time in prayer helps us to a closer relationship with God. The closer we are to Him, the more He will reveal to us.

Follow the Light You Already Have. It’s often easier to be preoccupied with the future than to obey Jesus in the present. God doesn’t always give us the whole picture all at once. Many times, He guides us only to the next step we should take. Psalm 119:105 says, “Thy word is

a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.” God’s word is a LAMP so he could see where he was walking, not a SEARCHLIGHT shining on the destination. It’s not always good for us to know what’s going to happen to us. And sometimes we might not want to know certain things that will happen to us.

Don’t Give Up

Perseverance is a requirement for Christians. Hebrews 12:1 says, “Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us.” We have to keep going!

Don’t Be Put Off By Barriers. Think about Paul and all that he suffered. Imprisonment, floggings, homelessness, beatings, being cursed, persecuted, and slandered. Matthew 28:20 says, “.. and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world.”

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September Celebrations!!

BIRTHDAYS

- 1st - Cindy Ford
- 4th - Ammaria Escabedo
- 17th - Dawn Parent
- 19th - Paige Jones
- 2st - Horace Strauss
- 25th - Brandon Ross
- 28th - Norma Blackwelder
- 28th - Chris Inabnett
- 29th - Angela Palmer
- 30th - Megan Odom

ANNIVERSARIES

- 8th - Paul & Dee Smith

October Celebrations!!

BIRTHDAYS

- 8th - Chandra Dean
- 12th - Deann Roser
- 15th - Savannah Borden
- 16th - Denis Jones
- 20th - Morgan Henry
- 20th - Heather Palmer
- 24th - Pam Dean
- 24th - Yaritza Escabedo
- 27th - Riki Thompson

ANNIVERSARIES

- 27th - Dellwood & Brenda Nelson

November Celebrations!!

BIRTHDAYS

- 3rd - Layla Jones
- 9th - Jim Ford
- 10th - Donald Harrison
- 18th - Audrey Murray

ANNIVERSARIES

- 5th - Markalee & Norma Blackwelder
- 21st - Jim & Cindy Ford



God Bless You All!!



Special Prayer Requests

- Les & Beth Thompson
 - Pat & Kim Vandergriff
 - John & Fern Mikalik
 - Adults in Ministry (AIM)
 - Teen Ministry
 - Children's Ministry
 - Pastor Jimmy & Family
 - Building Fund
 - Church Unity
 - Our church leaders
 - Each Other
 - The election
 - Our nation and our President
- Pray every day – God wants to hear from You!



Upcoming Events

- Ø Nov. 2 – Food & Fellowship
- Ø Nov. 4 – Election Day
- Ø Nov. 8 - Paintball
- Ø Nov. 9 – Business Meeting
- Ø Nov.15 – AIM Prayer Breakfast (9:00 am)
- Ø Nov. 16 – Revival Begins
- Ø Nov. 27 - Thanksgiving



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Use Your Mind. God blessed us with wonderful minds. We were meant to use them to the fullest – especially when it comes to finding out God's will. Matthew 22:37 says, "Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." And He promises to teach and inform us. Psalm 32:8-9 says, "I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will guide thee with mine eye. Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding: whose mouth must be held in with bit and bridle, lest they come near unto thee."

Ask A Friend. One of God's greatest gifts is friendship. You can ask a friend to pray that you will know God's guidance. It can be quite a humbling experience to share personal prayer requests with a friend. Paul asked for prayer in several of his letters. Ephesians 6:19-20 says, "And for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the gospel, For which I am an ambassador in bonds: that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak."

God is Not in a Hurry. God's view of time is quite different from ours. And our society tends to be in a rush with everything. But many times, God reveals His will and promises to us through the circumstances of life.

Isaiah 30:18 says, "And therefore will the LORD wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for the LORD is a God of judgment: blessed are all they that wait for him." Everything happens at God's perfectly appointed time.

Trust God. We can trust Him. Jesus promises to hear our prayers, to never leave us, to never show us more than we can handle, to forgive us when we slip. We can trust Him because with Him nothing is impossible. 1 Peter 5:7

says, "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you." Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."

The bottom line is: The situations of life may change, but God never does. He does not alter His determined will for our lives. And no one is excluded from His plan or purpose. Seeking God's will in everything we do brings us closer to Him. And that's why we were created. We are the focus of His love and the most valuable of all His creations.

Once we've figured out His will, we obviously need to then figure out what he wants us to do to get it accomplished. When God puts a call on us to do something for Him, he often gives us "God-sized" assignments. Assignments that we know cannot be accomplished without Him. This is the turning point where many decide not to follow through with what God wants them to do. We are confronted with a decision. It is at that moment that we have to decide what we believe about God. How we respond will determine whether to be involved with God and this God-sized task or not – and miss out on what He has purposed for our lives. And this isn't a one-time thing. It's a daily experience. How we live our lives is a testimony of what we believe in God. When we step out on faith, we learn more about God. And then others see God and what He can do.

When God speaks, our response requires faith. Faith is confidence that what God has promised will come to pass. Sight is the opposite of faith. If we can clearly see how something can be done, faith is probably not required. And faith doesn't rest in a concept or an idea. Faith must be in a Person – God. If the thing we expect to happen is from us and not God, then we have to depend on ourselves and not God. Obedience indicates faith in God. When God lets us know what He wants to do through us, it will be something only He can do. If

we have faith in God, we will obey Him and He will bring to pass what He has purposed to do. If we lack faith, we will not do what he has asked. This is disobedience. Without faith, we cannot please God. When God speaks, He always reveals what HE is going to do – not what He wants us to do for Him. We don't have to be able to accomplish the task within our limited abilities. He will do His work through us. God wants the world to come to know Him. The assignments God gives in the Bible are always God-sized because He wants to show people His nature, His strength, His provision, and His kindness. When God's people and the world witness something happen that only God can do, they come to know Him. God is far more interested in us having an experience with Him than He is in getting a job done. We can complete a job and never experience God at all. True faith requires action. As Dr. Phil would say, "You gotta put a verb in there." "Faith without action is dead." (James 2:26).

We have to put our money where our mouth is. We have to walk the walk, not just talk the talk. A faithful life is not always peaches and cream. And the world will not always see success the same way God does. Many people of faith from the Bible were tortured, mocked, and killed. But this doesn't mean they lacked faith. They "obtained a good testimony through faith" (Hebrews 11:39).

They decided a "Well done!" from their Master was worth the suffering. As an example, we only need to consider Jesus who endured the cross; but now is seated near the very throne of God!

I pray the Lord will increase our faith to believe Him in all things. I pray that He will enable us to walk by faith. I pray that when we come to that point of decision, we will step out on faith and show the world that we really do believe the things we say. I pray that we will be bold in our faith and that the world will see God through our actions.

I wish every one a very Happy Thanksgiving! Love in Christ,
Michelle

God's faithfulness does not always take the form of deliverance from adversity. Instead, the Lord sometimes chooses to sustain us through it.
Charles F. Stanley



Just for Laughs!



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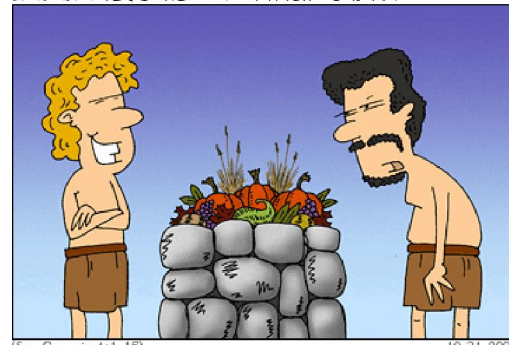
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(See Genesis 4:1-15) 10-31-2008
SERIOUSLY ABEL? ... YOU ARE NOW DOING
SEASONAL ARRANGEMENTS?

This Month's Bible Verse

O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for his mercy endureth for ever. Psalm 118:29



Bible Trivia

Bible Trivia:

- At what hour of the day did Jesus die? **The third hour**
- Who said this? "As for me and my family, we will serve the Lord." **Joshua**
- Moses was watching a flock of sheep when the Lord came to him. Whose flock was he watching? **Jethros**

- Who was the last prophet of the Old Testament? **Malachi**
- What was Andrew's occupation before he was called by Jesus? **Fisherman**



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