

# The Journal

Local Edition of  
The Alabama Baptist

July 16, 2009

## MINISTERS

### EVERY MEMBER

**Bro. Morgan Bailey**  
SENIOR PASTOR

**Bro. Charles Teague**  
JOURNEY PASTOR

**Bro. Jeff Stith**  
WORSHIP PASTOR

**Bro. Russ Price**  
CHILDREN'S MINISTER

**Bro. Michael Gay**  
YOUTH MINISTER

**Kerri Brown**  
MINISTRY ASSISTANT  
PASTOR / FINANCES

**Mae McDonald**  
MINISTRY ASSISTANT  
EDUCATION / ADMINISTRATION

**Genna Baldwin**  
MINISTRY ASSISTANT  
WORSHIP / RECEPTIONIST

*Sunday*  
**Worship Celebrations**  
9:00 A.M./10:30 A.M.  
6:00 P.M.

*Sunday Schools*  
9:00 A.M./10:30 A.M.

*Discipleship*  
4:45 P.M.

*Mid Week Service*  
6:30 P.M.

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL PROMOTION Sunday, August 2

*Sunday School Enlistment is on its way ~ Please confirm up today!*

Because of our growth, we are needing Class Shepherds, Apprentices and other helpers for all age groups. Please contact Bro. Charles, if interested.



### COMBINING FORCES TOUR 2009

Picture at Paden Baptist Church, Gadsden, AL..

*(Keep our students in your prayers)*

**Canaan's H2O Choir** and First Baptist Church from Longwood, FL ~ **Fireproof Choir** are combining their forces and touring July 12th through 19th. Kickoff Concert was here last Sunday.

## TOUCH COMMITMENT Sunday, August 2

*Begin now to assemble your teams!*



### TOUCH Season

- Next week Team #3 - **July 20** ~ Children and Medium Adult Department.

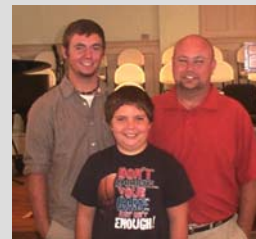
*Supper provided by Betty Sanders*

### TOUCH Season ~ June 2009

	Date	Attended	Homes	People	Contacts
June Summary	6/29/2009	33	16	34	100

**Abbreviation meanings:** A.A. = Alcoholics Anonymous CW = Children's Wing  
 ABC = Always be Christian, EB = Education Building  
 Cheerful & Creative FLC = Family Life Center  
 BTF = Bridge to the Future WC = Worship Center  
 CLT = Church Leadership Team YAH = Young At Heart

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



JOINED July 5, 2009

**Greg, Kyle & Austin Lunceford** (45-47L)  
4200 Lindsey Loop Road  
Bessemer, Alabama 35022  
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## SPECIAL GIFTS

Special gifts were received for the **Mission Fund "In Loving Memory of":**

- *Maxine Tubbs* from Lester & Dale Stinson.
- *Maxine Tubbs* from Daytime WOM.

### BTF

- *Merle Farrington Clark* from Joe & Dot Rosser.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO...

**Connie & Richard Crider**

They are proud grandparents of Nolan Wade Wiggins, born July 10, weighing 6lbs & 5oz. The proud parents are **Ben and Shea Wiggins**.

## Special thank you to our Men's Ministry ~ JourneyMEN!

Best Cake Auction ever! Over \$4,000 received for our mission trips and scholarships.

## JULY NEWS

- **Student Evangelism Conference** Friday - Saturday, July 17-18. Will leave 5:30pm Friday and return Saturday 2pm. \$25 plus food and souvenirs.
- **Children "Thrilling Thursdays"**  
July 16 ~ Movie Nite, 6:30pm.  
July 23 ~ Water Games, 9-11am.



## Continue to lift up our Tennessee Missionaries:

*Delores & Howard Brooks,*

*Diane Hawk, James & Brenda Tubbs, Briley & Angie Teague, and Paul & Alice Walden (not picture).*

*"The Canaan Family is on a journey loving God, sharing life, serving others and showing Jesus to our world." - Purpose Statement*

**More news from Canaan Baptist Church located on back of this page.**

**Journal Publication Requirements**

All articles must be in by Thursday, to make publication the following week.

**From The Editor**

- NEW KEYBOX CODES FOR JULY** - If you have a need to access the church buildings after normal office hours — contact the office during office hours to obtain the appropriate codes.
- FINANCIAL REPORTS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE WELCOME CENTER.**
- MINISTRY TEAMS PLEASE CHECK YOUR MAILBOXES IN THE MAIL ROOM.**

**NOTE:** Please let me know, if you are not getting your JOURNAL by Friday of each week.  
~ Thank you, Mae

**Sympathy**

The Pastor, staff and the entire church family extend Christian love to:  
 => **The Gary Lawley Family** (Father of Brian and Jonathan Lawley).  
 => **The Laverne Shaffield Family** (Jean Forbis' aunt).  
 => **The W.R. Headrick Family** (Nancy Thornton's uncle).  
 => **The Maxine Tubbs Family** (James Tubbs' mother).

**2009 Co-ed Softball League Schedule**

**Canaan playing:**

- July 16, 8pm ~ Canaan vs Adger
- July 23, 7pm ~ Flint Hill B vs Canaan
- July 30, 7pm ~ Loveless Park vs Canaan
- Aug. 7, 8pm ~ Calvary vs Canaan

**BIRTHDAYS**

In the Canaan family, July 10 - 23

- |                  |                   |
|------------------|-------------------|
| Robye Davis      | Jarad Aldridge    |
| Stacy Hyde       | Mary Shaw         |
| Sidney Webster   | Robbie Wear       |
| Lil Robertson    | Stanley Brooks    |
| Nann Ray         | Felicia Hand      |
| Steve Langston   | Renea Walls       |
| Shane Valdes     | Jennifer Vining   |
| Amanda Jones     | Stephanie Clark   |
| Belinda Hannah   | Doris Dyle        |
| Cathy August     | Lois Draper       |
| Steve Baggett    | David Ammons      |
| Paula Cain       | Amy Lagrone       |
| Barbara Dement   | Meleah Keller     |
| Becky Gamble     | Meadors Akins     |
| Scott Berger     | Amanda Wright     |
| Carrie Fisher    | Allison Rosser    |
| Grady Jones      | Jeanene Roy       |
| Harold Bullock   | Jamie White       |
| Annette Byars    | Seth Berry        |
| Jack Mitchell    | Shannon Martin    |
| Lecia White      | Netiva Wall       |
| Dawn Wise        | Nicole Greathouse |
| Jason Close      | Brad Savage       |
| Brent Turley     | Bethany Stith     |
| Charlene Burrage |                   |

**Happy Birthday!!!**

**THE SHEPHERD'S JOURNAL  
FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART**

**Giving us a Future and a Hope**

"For I know the thoughts that I think toward you says the Lord, thoughts of peace and not of evil; to give you a future and a hope." **Jeremiah 29:11**

**God reminds us through the prophet Jeremiah that He has a wonderful plan for our life.** Our Heavenly Father had prepared for us an incredible future. Boggled down in the daily grind we may not understand every daily detail, but we should remind ourselves of God's perspective. He sees beyond our immediate *pain* to the ultimate *gain* He has in store for us. His present Grace is *sufficient* and the future He has prepared for us is *stunning!* Church family we remain *grateful and humbled* by your wonderful outpouring of love for us. We are eternally blessed and thankful for the Family of Families! God has and is embracing us through each of you. As we pray for healing we hope our lives will remain a canvas for His Glory and Grace.

**Our Shepherd/teacher enlistment is in full swing.** I am reminded weekly that the Father has blessed us some of the most wonderful teachers. You should know that it is a daunting task to fill the 85 teaching positions. But I remain confident that the Spirit has placed in the Body all the shepherds we need to minister to our preschoolers, children, youth and adults. I pray that you will be open to answering His call to serve in the New Year.

**Our next TOUCH Training Camp begins August the 10<sup>th</sup>.** Our TOUCH Commitment Sunday will be **August the 2<sup>nd</sup>**. I'm claiming Luke 10:1-2 and asking the Father to send forth laborers into the harvest. I'm praying that we'll have teams from our *Preschool, Children, Youth, Singles, Young, Medium and Older Adult departments*. Teachers, now is the time to begin enlisting your teams and then making them public on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. *I trust you will join me in asking God for the best Training Camp ever!* The Quad cities await our response to the Great Commission.

**Let me conclude by sharing with you the preaching schedule while we're convalescing.** Bro. Charles will lead our mid-week services.

**THE JOURNEY PASTOR  
BRO. CHARLES N. TEAGUE**

**It all comes back to Jesus!**

Weeks leading up to Vacation Bible School, our VBS missionaries (150+) worked feverishly to pull together a great VBS! Now with the follow-up, the emphasis continues to come back to Jesus. With the decisions and baptisms recently, we can truly see when God's children are looking more like Christ - lives are changed! What are you reflecting today?

The next few weeks, we want to be reflecting Christ not only on our personal journeys, but also through our church. We will be finalizing the enlistment process for our Sunday School classes for the upcoming year. We have several places where an extra hand and a passionate heart is needed. In addition to this, we are also looking at completing our TOUCH Season and gearing up for our next TOUCH Training Camp. I pray you will make plans to join us in this exciting and growing opportunity in our church.

May all, who come behind us find us faithful, but greater yet may our Lord find favor in everything we do.

Serving @ His pleasure,  
**Bro Charles**

**(Bro. Morgan's article cont'd)**

Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>, Bro Charles will preach in the morning and in the evening. We'll have a concert with Paul Armstrong. Sunday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, Dr. Dale Huff, director of Leader Care with the State Board of Missions, will preach all of our services. Then, on August the 2<sup>nd</sup>, we'll be blessed to hear Dr. Rick Lance our ABC Executive Director. That evening Bro Michael will preach. Please be in prayer for all these men as they lead in worship. I know you'll make every effort to be *in your place* during these important weeks.

*With a sense of Kingdom urgency, may we contact absentees weekly and everyone monthly.*

Your grateful partner for the journey,  
**Bro Morgan**

**SUNDAY INVOLVEMENT  
JULY 12**

Sunday School Goal for 2008 -09 is 1500 Enr. And 500 Avg. Attn.

<b>Morning Worship</b>	9:00am.....	164
	10:30am .....	219
	Preschool Care .....	56
	Children Worship.....	31
	<b>Total .....</b>	<b>470</b>
<b>Bible Study .....</b>		<b>458</b>
Discipleship Training.....		152
Ministry Budget Offering Rec'd.....		\$17,124.22
<b>2009 NEW Budget Offering Req. Wkly .....</b>		<b>\$16,447.98</b>
<b>Bridge to the Future Received (218 Commitments) .....</b>		<b>\$816,543.00</b>
<b>BTF Offering Received to date.....</b>		<b>\$193,574.61</b>
<b>BTF Offering &amp; Property Debt Received this week .....</b>		<b>\$10,242.50</b>