

# THE ALABAMA BAPTIST

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## The Journal

### 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**  
STUDENT MINISTER

**Mae McDonald**  
MINISTRY ASSISTANT  
EDUCATION / ADMINISTRATION

**Kerri Brown**  
MINISTRY ASSISTANT  
PASTOR / FINANCES

**Samara Haynes**  
MINISTRY ASSISTANT  
RECEPTIONIST / WORSHIP

*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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Fall Sermon Series led by Bro. Morgan

## A Future Worth Living

### Living Life on Purpose!

- 9/11 - Our Purpose in Life (Romans 8:28-39)
- 9/18 - Our Personal Worship (Psalms 34:1-3)
- 9/25 - Our Public Worship (John 4:23)
- 10/2 - Our Place in His Family (Romans 12:3-16)
- 10/9 - Our Passion for Community (Acts 4:31-33) *The Gathering*
- 10/16 - Our Pleasure in Ministry (1 Corinthians 12:1-7)
- 10/23 - Our Power to Share (1 Thessalonians 1:5-8) *Victory Sunday*
- 10/30 - Our Purpose in Trouble (Romans 8:28-29)
- 11/13 - Our Plan for Temptation (James 1:12-16)
- 11/27 - Our Path to Christ likeness (Ephesians 4:17-24)



### FALL SERMON SERIES

September - November  
A Future worth Living ~  
*Live life on purpose*

Sunday (Sept 11)  
*Our Purpose in Life*  
(Romans 8:28-39)

Led by Bro. Morgan

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!



**Adam & Stephanie  
Gwin**  
4709 South Shades Crest Road  
Bessemer, AL 35022  
205.438.8045



**Matt Diffley**  
3097 Arbor Bend  
Hoover, AL 35244  
205.230.6783

The Staff of Canaan Baptist  
Church invites you to

## Family



### Milestone #2: *Salvation & Baptism*

Bro. Charles Teague

Session 1: September 4  
Session 2: September 11

## Milestones

Come and explore what it means to  
lay stepping stones for our families  
today and tomorrow. Join with  
others as we build a network of  
families encouraging and learning  
from one another.

### Milestone #3: *Preparing for Adolescence*

Bro. Russ Price

Session 1: September 25  
Session 2: October 2

### Milestone #4: *Purity for Life*

Bro. Michael Gay

Session 1: October 16  
Session 2: October 23

Began  
Sunday, August 21  
4:45pm  
in the  
Family Chapel



### Milestone #5: *Preparing My Student to Leave Home*

Bro. Morgan Bailey

Session 1: October 30  
Session 2: November 6  
Session 3: November 13



Preschool & Children Programs will begin at 4:45pm in the Children's Wing.  
Student programs will begin in the Refuge Room at 4:45pm.

#### Abbreviation meanings:

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

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

## Journal Publication Requirements

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

## From The Editor

- 1. KEYBOX CODES FOR SEPTEMBER** - 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.*
- 2. FINANCIAL REPORTS ARE** available at the welcome center.  
**MINISTRY TEAMS,** Please check your mailboxes in the mailroom **WEEKLY.**
- 3. CBC WEBSITE** - Login to our website for our membership directory.
- 4. ARE YOU GETTING YOUR Offering Envelopes or your newsletter "The Journal"?** If not, contact the church office.



Special gifts were received for the General Fund from:

⇒ Wesley & Margaret Long in loving memory of Janice Sharpe.

## THANK YOU

A thank you card has been received and placed on the Bulletin Board from:

⇒ Jimmy Dunn.

**Sunday School Multiplied two new classes: 8/7, Med. Dept, Bob Fox Class and 9/11, Young Dept, David Roy Class.**

## BIRTHDAYS

In the Canaan family, September 2 - 15

Johnnie Fay Brown (9/2)	Keri Monroe (9/8)
Steve Plummer (9/2)	David Steen (9/9)
Brittany Lagrone (9/2)	Martha Johnson (9/10)
Irma Roy (9/3)	Kristel Cummings (9/10)
Patricia Wesson (9/3)	Michael Gay (9/10)
Tony Fisher (9/3)	Carter Norris (9/10)
Donita Carmichael (9/3)	Christian Norris (9/10)
Paige Chavers (9/3)	Tonya Ely (9/11)
Anna Grace Kines (9/3)	Jessica Berger (9/11)
Charles Chesser (9/4)	Bobbie Ledbetter (9/12)
Mary Evans (9/4)	Gail Massey (9/12)
Betty Moore (9/5)	Mary Ashley Gandy (9/12)
Robbie Roy (9/5)	Flora Gandy (9/13)
Suzanne Tressillian (9/5)	Jennifer Smith (9/13)
Betty Graham (9/5)	Stacia Valdes (9/13)
Angie Glover (9/5)	Brittany Boyd (9/13)
Jason Lowery (9/5)	Johnnie Garmon (9/14)
Rebecca Ethridge (9/5)	Jack Argo (9/14)
June Corn (9/6)	Dana Johnson (9/14)
Marie McDaniel (9/6)	Andi Bischoff (9/14)
Betty Hale (9/6)	Linda Peacock (9/15)
Hayden Ledingham (9/6)	David Roy (9/15)
Jean Wilcox (9/7)	John Dolby (9/15)
Karen Ray (9/7)	Eddy Lowe (9/15)
Dewayne Norman (9/7)	Chris Swindle (9/15)
Arvil Horsley (9/8)	Trinity Dennis (9/15)
Mischelle Cagle (9/8)	Jackson Ray (9/15)

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

### God-Sized

"Exceedingly Abundantly Above..."

**Super-sized is too small.** If you have ordered food from a *fast-food* restaurant or *squat and gobble* as I prefer to call them, you've been asked the question. Do you want to *super-size* your meal? (I can hear you say yes!) In the kingdom of God, human super-sizing is dwarfed by the Father's *God-sized* work. What we can do *in the flesh* is a shadow of what He can do *through us*. What He can do through us working *together* will be nothing short of *supernatural*. Yes, let us attempt God-sized things for the Lord that are destined to fail unless He shows up. *I sense the Father wanting to do something God-sized, during this new church year!* Will you join me in asking Him for the best year ever in Canaan's storied history?

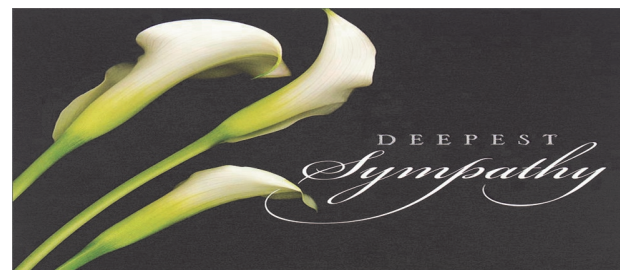
**Our Sunday School Weekend was a huge success.** I hear so many of our Shepherds who were blessed and challenged in their conferences. Our S.S. *Challenge* Sunday morning and *Celebration* Sunday evening were well received. The Spirit is stirring our classes to genuinely *Be Jesus* to one another and to our world. I challenged our S.S. workers Saturday afternoon in three areas: **Touch** – A newfound commitment to contact absentees weekly and members monthly. **Team** – Take the time to personally enlist your S.S. Team. **Tackle** – We must tackle our hesitancy to support launching classes. We can only sustain growth by creating new units in S.S. We've already launched two new classes this fall!

**It's time to go public with our new campaign – Our Journey Challenge.** Your OJC Steering Committee is doing an awesome job. You'll read about the OJC Campaign over the next 4 weeks in the Journal. Each Sunday, you'll begin to hear testimonies from members in the church. Soon, banners will remind us the importance of our third campaign. Please be open to those who are enlisting workers for their teams. Also, pay close attention to our church calendar over the next two months. You'll want to mark your calendar now for **The Gathering on Oct 9<sup>th</sup>**. This is going to be a Canaan milestone, remembered for years to come. Currently, our Shepherds are leading in the **Prayer Visitation Stage** of the process. Please begin now in praying for what God will do through His Church and in your family.

**Finally, you'll not want to miss our 9/11 Service on Sunday, Sept 11<sup>th</sup>.** We have a special service planned to help us *Never Forget!* I'll also introduce my new sermon series – **A Future Worth Living.** Our message Sunday will be **Our Purpose in Life.**

*Pray for our team in Guatemala this week. I look forward to seeing you Sunday.*

Your partner in the Journey,  
*Bro. Morgan*



The Canaan Family sends Christian love and sympathy to:

- The Beverly Williams Family  
(Mother of Randy Williams).
- The Betty Jo Moore Family  
(Sister of Milton Moore).
- The Virginia Dunn Family  
(Sister-in-law of Jimmy Dunn).

### SAV-A-LIFE "Gift of Life Celebration"

Thurs, Sept 15, 6:30-8:30pm

North Highlands Baptist Church

One of Main Fundraisers, Tickets \$15

Bob Sykes BBQ will be catering

## Preschool

Friday, September 16



6:00pm-8:00pm

For ages  
3yr. old & up!

Pizza provided



Adult \$3.50 / Child \$2.50

**Menu:** Pork Chops, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Corn, English Peas, Roll & Dessert.

**Wednesday Night Meal, September 7.**  
**RSVP weekly by noon on Monday or signup on permanent list** which agrees to pay weekly, unless office is notified by noon on Mondays. Take-outs are discouraged. Thank you!

## SUNDAY INVOLVEMENT AUGUST 28

### Morning Worship

9:00am .....	165
10:30am .....	216
Preschool Care .....	56
Children .....	27
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>464</b>
<b>Discipleship Training .....</b>	<b>246</b>
<b>Bible Study .....</b>	<b>421</b>
Ministry Budget Offering Rec'd .....	\$9,992.72
2011 Budget Offering Req. Wkly .....	\$17,633.67
Bridge to the Future Received (166 Commitments) .....	
	<b>\$799,000.00</b>

**BTF Offering 147wks of 156 wks .....** \$630,173.85  
**BTF Offering Received this week .....** \$2,072.50  
**"Property & Building" to date .....** \$14,848.00



# Our Journey Challenge Update

September 7, 2011

## A Brief History

Historic Canaan Baptist Church was organized in 1818 one year before Alabama became a state. Canaan was instrumental in the origin of both Bessemer and Birmingham Baptist Associations. Sunday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, Canaan Baptist Church celebrated 193 years of living for God's glory and sharing His story from our doorstep to the ends of the earth. The church has a twenty-five acre campus from which to serve the community. We have just celebrated our fourth anniversary in our newest addition – a state of the art Children's Building. The *Our Journey Challenge* Campaign will help raise the capital needed to begin retiring the debt on the new Children's Building

Canaan is a Family of Families whom God has called to a unique *Journey* of faith. Together, we're making disciples by leading people to *Love God, Share life, Serve others and Show Jesus to the world*. To facilitate a growing congregation two worship services are offered on Sunday mornings at 9 and 10:30. Members share life through small group Sunday school at the same times. Classes are provided for all ages and seasons of life. Each Sunday, members and guests experience a blended worship that celebrates the tradition of hymns and the intimacy of praise music. It is my prayer that the pulpit ministry of the pastor provides relevant expository preaching. When visiting Canaan, you will be greeted by the warmth of His Body and the presence of His Spirit.

The last Sunday in October will mark the conclusion of our Bridge to the Future Campaign. Through your sacrificial gifts we have been able to pay for our multipurpose Children's Building. During September and October we will be preparing for our new campaign *Our Journey Challenge*. "Our" communicates that we are all in this together. Together, everyone accomplishes more. The "Journey" reminds us of the process that guides us at Canaan. The "Challenge" comes from the Father to each of our families. What sacrificial gift will you give above your tithes for the next three years? This will be your pastor's 8<sup>th</sup> campaign (26 years) and I have never been more excited. I cannot wait to see what God's going to do through His people.

Please be looking for more details about OJC in the upcoming Journals. Will you join me in praying to see how God will work "above all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us". Eph 3:20

Your partner on the Journey  
Bro. Morgan



*Canaan*  
Baptist Church  
*On The Journey*



## Our Journey Challenge Goals

**Victory: \$750,000**

**Challenge: \$900,000\***

**Hallelujah: \$1,250,000**

\* *Sanctuary Makeover Option*

*If we reach our Challenge Goal, we hope to do...*

- \* *Painting Sanctuary*
- \* *Church Sign*
- \* *Refloor Foyer*
- \* *New Pavement*
- \* *New Lighting*
- \* *New Roof*

**Not Equal Gifts . . .  
But Equal Sacrifice**

## Our Journey Challenge Calendar of Events

**Sept 20**  
Hostess & Advance Commitment Training Begins

**Sept. 26**  
Advance Commitment Visitation

**Oct. 9**  
*The Gathering w/ Dennis Swanberg  
6pm, Sanctuary*

**Oct. 10**  
Commitment Visits Begins

**Oct. 23**  
**VICTORY SUNDAY**

## Our Journey Challenge "The Gathering"

**October 9, 2011 6:00pm**

*An exciting evening  
for the entire family!*

*Special Preschool and Children  
programs will be offered.*

**Sunday School  
Lesson  
October 9, 2011  
Youth & Adult  
Classes**

September 7, 2011

## PROGRAM WILL USE OVER 100 PEOPLE ON COMMITTEES AND TEAMS

One of the most exciting features of our Bridge to the Future program is the fact that so many people are working together to achieve a common goal. With everyone working together, everyone feels a part. Summarized here is an overview of the Steering Committee and a brief look at committee member's responsibilities. Many of the personnel is yet to be enlisted. So, be ready to answer, "Yes, I'm willing!" when asked to serve.



## Our Journey Challenge

*"Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."*

Mark 12:41-44 (NKJV)



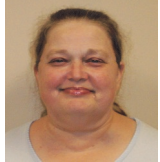
**Bro. Morgan Bailey, Pastor**

No building fund effort will enjoy complete success without the whole-hearted support of the pastoral team. Our staff has already indicated their commitment to this effort.



**Danny White, Campaign Director**

The Campaign Director has general oversight of all directors who make up the nine-member Steering Committee. Written and verbal reports are given to the Director so that the program can move ahead as planned.



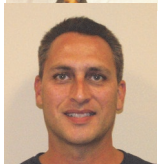
**Nancy Thornton, Campaign Secretary**

The Campaign Secretary will prepare all materials for distribution and training throughout the program. Assistance will be given to the Commitment Visitation Director in tallying the results of commitment visitation.



**Randy Donaldson, Spiritual Emphasis Director**

The Spiritual Emphasis Director is directly responsible for laying the spiritual foundation for the program. This includes the coordination of a prayer visit made in the home of each family in our church. He also enlist individuals to give testimonies during Sundays services.



**Mike Dunn, Promotion Director**

The Promotion Director is responsible for coordinating the work of the publicity and poster chairpersons. All materials are printed under the guidance of this director.



**Debbie Quinn and Brenda Warren, Banquet Director**

The Banquet Directors lead in and coordinate the work of the hostess committee, arrangements chairperson, and children's party committee in preparation for the program banquet.



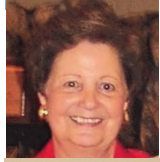
**David Steen, Advance Commitments Director**

The Advance Commitments Director and committee will seek to secure a group of pace-setting families who will indicate their financial commitment to the building effort prior to the banquet.



**Rick Gandy, Commitment Visitation Director**

The Commitment Visitation Director will lead in enlisting and coordinating the chairpersons, captains, and commitment visitors. The director will also serve as the tally chairperson once commitment visitation begins.



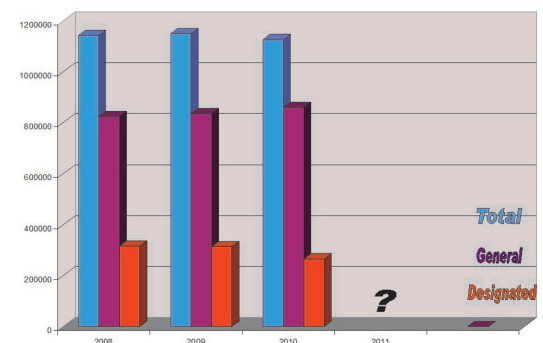
**Mary Ellen Maharrey, Snack Directors**

The Fellowship/Report Snack Director and committee prepare light refreshments for meetings throughout the 13-week campaign.



**Fred Castleberry, Follow-up Director**

The Follow-up Director is responsible for securing a visitation committee that will make sure every new family has an opportunity to make a commitment. This on-going assignment will include those who join our church during the next three years.



## Total Giving 3 yr Report