



# The Journal

Local Edition of  
The Alabama Baptist

December 2, 2010

## 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

**Kerri Brown**  
MINISTRY ASSISTANT  
PASTOR / FINANCES

**Mae McDonald**  
MINISTRY ASSISTANT  
EDUCATION / ADMINISTRATION

*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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## JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM

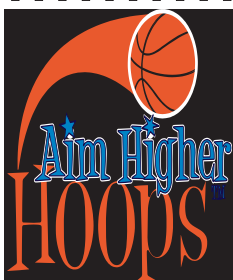
December 5  
*Celebrate the Child*  
6:00pm

December 12  
*Adult Choir  
Christmas Musical*  
6:00pm

December 10  
*"The Christmas Visitor"*  
Both am services  
No pm activities

December 18  
*Children's (3yr old-6 Grader)  
Birthday Party for Jesus*  
9-Noon, Family Chapel

December 22  
*Family Candlelight Service*  
6:30pm



## Basketball Facts

ATTENDANCE ON  
PLAYER EVALUATION'S NIGHT  
Thurs, Nov 18-1st-3rd Grade Attn 18  
Thurs, Nov 18-4th-6th Grade Attn 17  
TOTAL ENROLLED: 35

\*\* Please  
notify us about  
any medical  
conditions your  
child has that  
may effect his/  
her ability to  
participate. \*\*

SEASON'S FIRST PRACTICE  
Tuesday, December 7  
6:30-7:30pm, 1st-3rd Grade  
7:30-8:30pm, 4th-6th Grade

FIRST GAME - January 8, 2011

*If you have any questions, please  
contact Bro. Russ @ 369.4480.  
425.4381.*



DECEMBER 12

Adult Choir

Christmas Musical

"God Coming Down"

6:00pm

NO PRESCHOOL  
& CHILDREN  
DISCIPLESHP TRAINING  
OPPORTUNITIES  
IN DECEMBER!



STUDENT  
PROGRESSIVE  
MEAL  
&  
SEC  
CHAMPIONSHIP  
PARTY

Saturday, December 4  
Meet at the church  
3pm

GAME  
KICKS OFF  
AT 4PM!



## DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS

Available in Office,  
Welcome Center &  
Foyer

"Jesus the Light of the  
World."

Read daily  
devotionals  
leading  
up to  
His  
Birth!

### Abbreviation meanings:

A.A. = Alcoholics Anonymous  
ABC = Always be Christian,  
Cheerful & Creative  
BTF = Bridge to the Future

CLT = Church Leadership Team  
CW = Children's Wing  
EB = Education Building

FLC = Family Life Center  
WC = Worship Center  
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**

- KEYBOX CODES FOR DECEMBER** - 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 mailroom **WEEKLY.**

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

**Church Family,**

2010 is winding down so it only leaves us a few short weeks to finalize our **contribution reports.** All gifts need to be in the office or post marked no later than 12/31/10, to count on your 2010 contribution statement. You can access your report online through our website [www.canaanbaptist.net](http://www.canaanbaptist.net). If you do not have access to internet, feel free to contact me in the church office and I'll be glad to assist you.

Your sister in Christ, **Kerri Brown**



**BLOOD DRIVE**

Sunday, December 5  
Noon - 3pm

Bus will be in church parking lot.

**BIRTHDAYS**

*In the Canaan family, Dec 3 - 9*

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|---------------------------|----------------------------|
| Betty Kines (12/3)        | Gaynell Nixon (12/8)       |
| Dale Kimbrell (12/3)      | Sandy Oglesby (12/8)       |
| Ben Wiggins (12/3)        | Jennifer Williamson (12/8) |
| Brenda Tubbs (12/4)       | Erica Searcy (12/8)        |
| Drew Ammons (12/4)        | Raymond Duncan (12/9)      |
| Andrea Roy (12/4)         | Aileen Stone (12/9)        |
| Julia Truelove (12/5)     | Durwood Garrett (12/9)     |
| Kenny Smitherman (12/5)   | Patsy Gamble (12/9)        |
| Adam Lagrone (12/5)       | Diane Nixon (12/9)         |
| Robert Benson (12/6)      | Danny White (12/9)         |
| Rebecca Richardson (12/6) | Kevin Crumpton (12/9)      |
| Lovell Sensaboy (12/7)    | Gina Having (12/9)         |
| Ray Sanford (12/7)        | Angelica Mojica (12/9)     |
| Tammy Stephens (12/7)     | Jeremy Busby (12/9)        |
| Tommie Lynn Crouch (12/7) |                            |

**Happy Birthday!!!**

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


**Journey to Bethlehem**

*"Now after Jesus was born in Bethlehem...  
Wise men from the East came..."  
Matthew 2:1-2*

**Truly wise men still seek Jesus!** Annually, we plan our services in December around the "Journey to Bethlehem" theme. You'll see each of those special services enumerated in the Journal. Sunday evening's "Celebrating the Child" launches our journey with special music from all ages. Next Sunday evening, we'll be inspired by our Adult Choir's Christmas Musical. Our children's Birthday Party for Jesus is always a blessing to the kids and our Homebound on the third Saturday. Then on the third Sunday, the "Visitor" takes us on a trip back in time to the moment when God became flesh. We consummate the journey with our Family Candlelight Service on the Wednesday preceding Christmas. *I hope you'll make your plans to join us on the Journey to Bethlehem!*

**This Sunday afternoon will be an important meeting as we explore the possibility of a Guatemala partnership.** We'll gather in the Family Chapel at 4:30 for an information meeting. We've been asked to consider adopting an un-churched village in Guatemala. We'd evangelize the village and help to plant a church over the course of three years. Currently, 16 have committed to go and 15 are very interested. I believe we'll need 25-30 commitments to support 4 annual trips. Those trips would include an evangelistic trip, a VBS trip, a medical mission and leadership training trip. *Please join us in praying, as we seek God's Heart for His church.*

**During the holidays, it's important to stay in touch with our enrollments!** Many SS classes have already planned their Christmas fellowship. If you haven't, let me encourage your class to invest this important *community building* time together. Plan at least one fellowship every quarter. This is also a great time to *adopt a need* around you and touch a life. Remember to *contact absentees weekly and everyone monthly.*

 Your grateful partner on the Journey,  
*Bro Morgan*

**THANK YOU**

Angela and I would like to thank you for your continued prayers for our family and our newest addition Jackson. We are so grateful to be a part of such a caring and wonderful church family. Angela and Jackson are both doing well and look forward to worshipping along with you soon.

 *Bro Russ*

**WEDNESDAY MEAL MENUS 2010**

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| 12-8, Barbecue Pork Sandwich, Baked Beans, Corn Nuggets & Dessert. | 12-15, Chicken Fingers, Macaroni & Cheese, Yeast Roll & Dessert. |
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**THE JOURNEY PASTOR  
BRO. CHARLES TEAGUE**

**"Let the Rush Begin!"**

This past Friday, I got involved in "Black Friday". It was interesting to see those who took great lengths to get that special gift at a great price. For this first-timer, it was an interesting adventure for sure. What lengths would we go to bring people to church?

As we look forward to the weeks ahead, we make our "Journey to Bethlehem". Every week will provide exciting opportunities to "rush" into God's house for a time of celebration and moments to Show Jesus to our world. From Class Christmas Parties to "The Christmas Visitor", you will find a lot of places to invite people to share in the excitement. A special gift would be to see a friend or family member see Jesus' invitation for the first time and respond to it. Please use each of our special events to invite others to come. They can't see Jesus until you show it to them!

 Serving @ His Pleasure,  
*Bro Charles*



**WEDNESDAYS ARE FAMILY NIGHTS AT CANAAN!**

- Fellowship Meal, 5:30pm.
- Preschool/Children Programs, 6:15pm.
- Sunday Connections for Adults, 6:30pm.
- Students "Refuge", 6:30pm.

**GA LOTTIE MOON MAILBOX IS OPEN DECEMBER 5!**

Bring your Christmas cards to active members & mail in our GA Lottie Moon Mailbox. A donation box will be located at mailbox.

**SUNDAY INVOLVEMENT NOVEMBER 28**

<b>Morning Worship</b>	
9:00am.....	150
10:30am.....	186
Preschool Care .....	50
Children Worship .....	47
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>439</b>
<b>Bible Study.....</b>	<b>402</b>
Discipleship Training .....	210
Ministry Budget Offering Rec'd.....	\$17,200.02
2010 Budget Offering Req. Wkly.....	\$16,447.98
Bridge to the Future Received (219 Commitments) .....	\$812,498.00
<b>BTF Offering 112 wks of 156 wks.....</b>	<b>\$502,603.79</b>
<b>BTF Offering &amp; Property Debt Received this week</b> .....	<b>\$14,208.89</b>

*"Not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice"*