



The Malabar Messenger

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September starts a new year in Sunday School
Come & join us every Sunday at 9:45 AM.

Infants & Toddlers

Becky Beasley & Dottie Selleck

Preschoolers

Valarie Whitworth & Hope Clarke

Grades 1 - 2

Jessica Beahn

Grades 3 - 6

DJ Simpson & Fitzroy Campbell & Sandra McKoy

Grades 7 - 12

Rick Whitworth & Cindy Dann & Sandra Portlock

I AM Me Special Needs

Sandy Early & Brenda Buchweitz

Adult 1 - College & Career & Young Adults

James Beahn & Kenny Bukowski

Adult 2 & 3 - Ages 30 - 59

Pastor John Selvage & Class Members

Adult 4 - Ages 60 & up

Owen Vassell & Ralph Ealy

Adult 5 - Ages 60 & up

Ed & Nancy Mitchell & Charles & Alice Young

Men's Class - Ages 60 & up

Herb Powell

Ladies "Joy" Class - Ages 60 & up

Merris Rickman & Evelyn Powell

Upcoming Special Events

**Labor Day Worship Service
 & 5th Sunday Altar Prayer Day**

Sunday, August 31, 2008 11:00 AM
 No 8:30 AM Worship Service



A New Year of AWANA
 Starting Wed, Sept 3, 2008
 6:00 — 7:45 PM
 Ages 3 — Grade 6

Usher's Breakfast & Training Seminar

Saturday, September 6, 2008 10:00 AM
 Hosted by Bro. Herb Powell, Head Usher
 & Bro. Steve Stephenson, Assistant Head Usher

Public Servants Appreciation Sunday

Sunday, Sept. 14, 2008 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Missions Ministry Enlistment Luncheon

Sunday, September 28, 2008 12:30 PM
 Everyone is invited to attend
 Hosted by the Women on Mission Ministry Team

As I See It . . .

Rev. Daniel Wilkerson, Senior Pastor

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Let it Rain, Let it Rain, Let it Rain!

It is refreshing – and sometimes maddening – to experience the summertime pattern of afternoon rain showers. For you late-comers, this is the type of weather Floridians knew to expect nearly every year, until the last ten years or so. The constant rain served to break the oppressive heat of the summer days, and replenished the aquifer which had drawn down during the dry season each winter and early spring.

I am reminded of the wonderful old hymn “Showers of Blessing,” which spoke of the blessings of God raining down upon us. The closing phrase of the chorus said, “Mercy drops ‘round us are falling, but for the showers we plead.” I love the sentiment this hymn embraces. God’s blessings grow out of His mercy, and we desperately need both. In times such as these, when talk of recession, high gas prices and war dominate the daily news, we need to be reminded that God’s mercy is everlasting, and His blessings never cease.

Nancy and I spent our annual vacation in the hills of West Virginia recently, and while the time there was restful and rejuvenating, it was wonderful to sleep in our own bed, sit on our own furniture, and keep our own schedule. And it was thrilling to receive the news of all the new members of the Malabar Church family. We welcome them, thank God for them, and sing softly under our breath, “Mercy drops ‘round us are falling, but for the showers we plead!”

Happily dodging raindrops as your pastor,

Pastor Dan

Workers are needed to staff our AWANA Ministry
For info, please call Ken & Kathy Keenum (321) 725-8073
 AWANA starts Wed, Sept. 3, 2008 6:00–7:45 PM
 Cubbies . . . Ages 3–5
 Sparks . . . Kindergarten–2nd Grade
 Truth and Training . . . 3rd–6th Grade

Worker's Needed



Making Melody . . .

Rev. Joe F. Hunt

Interim Minister of Music

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A Song in Heaven . . .

Pastor Dan is doing a series of sermons out of the book of Revelation. He noted that we will worship in heaven. Revelation 15:2-4 says that “those who had come off victorious from the beast and from his image . . . sang the song of Moses and the song of the Lamb.” Can you imagine singing this song of Moses and Jesus in heaven! Wow!

We sing songs like it here on earth. God has given us so many great songs of praise and worship to sing, yes, for us to sing. When we sing songs together in church we can worship like this worship that will be in heaven. We get a couple of verses from that song given to us in this part of the Bible. “Great and marvelous are Thy works, O Lord God, Almighty” and it goes on.

May I encourage you to fully join in on the singing of songs in our services. Learn and follow the tunes. The melody is the key musical part of a song. Enjoy the musical instruments.

The lyrics are the message of worship in the song. Let the words be your words coming from your heart. Sing to the Lord in heaven and with us, as well. Sing with your mind and sing with your spirit, as I Corinthians says.

See you in worship,

Joe Hunt

Reaching Souls, Serving People		
2008	June <small>Weekly Average</small>	July <small>Weekly Average</small>
Sunday School	71	71
8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship	167	152
Regular Offering	\$6,399	\$4,846
Catch-Up Offering	\$ 35	\$ 134
Sanctuary Renovation	+\$ 3	+\$ 3
Minimum Needed	\$5,100	\$4,983



Pressing On . . .
Rev. John D. Selvage, Jr.
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A Childlike Faith . . .

Last week I called one of our homebound members. As we talked, she shared a true story about an incident that had taken place in 1956 when her son was 5 years old.

Her son had a very painful abscessed tooth that had to be extracted by a dentist. After they returned home from the dentist, they discovered that the wrong tooth had been pulled. Her son cried realizing that he would have to endure another painful session at the dentist office. He told his mom that if she would pray for him, God would heal his tooth. His mom asked him if he truly believed that God could heal his tooth. With a childlike faith her son said, **“Yes, I believe!”**

This godly mother knelt and gently put her hand on her son’s head as she prayed asking God to heal his tooth. The next morning her son woke up and the tooth was healed and the pain was gone. Her son never again had a problem with that tooth.

I shared this story with my Sunday School Class. I asked why is it that as we grow older we so often lose that childlike faith that believes “with God, all things are possible.” **Matthew 19:26**

As we discussed this issue, the word “jaded” seemed to sum up our problem best. Sadly, life’s experiences can quite often leave us wounded and jaded. As the year come and go, we become so independent minded in our ways that we lose the childlike faith required to trust God to answer our prayers and to meet our needs miraculously.

I am thankful for the testimony of the childlike faith of a five year old boy who believed with all his heart that God could heal his abscessed tooth. In **Matthew 17:20**, Jesus said that “mustard seed” faith can move mountains. **Matthew 18:4** says,

**Therefore whoever humbles himself
as this little child is the greatest
in the kingdom of heaven.**

In this life, you and I will face trials and tribulations. When we trust God with all our hearts, God is able to heal the “abscessed tooth” in our lives. All it takes on our part is a humble childlike “mustard seed” faith that says, **“Yes, I believe!”** Let’s boldly walk by faith praying and trusting God for miracles. **I love you!**



Light Speed
Rev. Rick Whitworth
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Giving . . . It’s More than Money

We often associate selfishness with children. Their world revolves around them. Children often model what they see. Do we adults teach selfishness by example? I’ve seen the “Me, Me, Me, Me...” teen theme song performed often. But in reality when asked to help, teens step up sometimes faster than our adults.

In discussing tithes and offerings with our teens, some asked what they should do if they have no income. They discovered their time is a valuable asset and giving some of that time by helping is a way of giving a valuable offering to God.

Could we better train our kids if they saw more adults pitching in? Churches could not function except for the generous gifts of time by volunteers. Some of our volunteers do so much, folks think they must be full-time church staff! We really overwork some of them and so often we fail to thank them adequately for their faithfulness and valuable contribution of time.

Our AWANA ministry needs 3 Adult Leaders . . .

Today our AWANA Ministry is in serious need of 3 adult

leaders to work with Ken and Kathy Keenum starting this fall. Our AWANA program serves children ages 3 through 6th grade. Is God offering you an opportunity for service? All God asks is your willingness and He will do the rest. What a deal - working with the Master. Imagine all the smiles and excitement as you work with our children. You will have to endure hugs and introductions to parents. Kids are possessive - you will become their teacher / leader. You must be there every Wednesday; they will be ready and waiting.

Rubber boots and a local job for Kenny

Kenny Bukowski, a recent Florida Tech graduate with a Masters in Chemical Engineering, decided to give some of his free time while job hunting. Our Rescued Horses - Saved Kids Ministry has been the beneficiary of his generosity. He feeds the horses on many mornings and volunteers to help with horse rides. And in the last couple of months with all the rain, he has really learned to appreciate rubber boots. The other day I think I saw one of the horses looking at his boots with some envy!

In the last few months he has already been a great help with the Wednesday evening Youth group. He taught VBS crafts. Many of you see him on Sunday morning handling our PowerPoint projection in the sound room. Kenny is setting a great example. I heard that our 10-12 yr. old boys suggested him to lead their all night lock-in at the church.

Thanks Kenny and lets pray he finds a job locally!



Baptisms at the Beach

Sunday, August 24, 2008

9:30 AM Sunday School

10:30 AM Worship Service

"God Made Me"

A Children's Ministry Presenta-

tion

A Message by Pastor Dan

12:00 PM Car Pool to Futch Park

12:30 PM Beach Baptisms

Hotdog Cookout & Fellowship

Hotdog Cookout hosted the Malabar Men's Ministry

Howard E. Futch Park

2301 North Hwy A1A Melbourne, Florida

Take the Hwy 192 Melbourne Causeway to the beach.



For info about baptism or joining the church, please call the Church Office at 321-723-1602 or sign up in the Church Lobby.



Acts 2:41
Then those who gladly received his word were baptized.

First Family Bowling Night

Friday, August 22, 2008

7:00-9:30 PM



Brunswick Brevard Bowling Center

4851 Dairy Road Palm Bay, FL 32904

Bowling Center (321) 723-7400



Pizza Buffet, Soda & 2 Games of Bowling Cost: \$15

Please Sign Up in the Church Lobby

Everyone is invited . . . adults, youth, & children



Hosted by Pastor John's Young Adult Sunday School Class & the Single Adult Ministry

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Take the Faith Plunge

A Public Proclamation of a Personal Profession

A Special Message about Salvation & Baptism

by Rev. Daniel Wilkerson, Senior Pastor

This Sunday, August 17, 2008

8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship Service

