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Invited

Friends of God

FAMILY VBS for ALL AGES



ALL Adults, Teens, & Children are Invited.

Bring your family, neighbors, & friends.



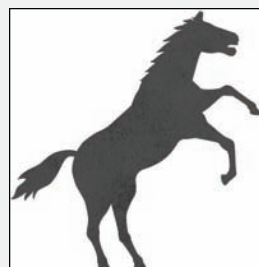
Wed., July 15, 2009 5:30 PM



Music with Bro. Joe & Worship Rally with Pastor Dan,
Bible Jeopardy, Crafts, Prizes, Games for Kids, Teens, & Adults

Dominoes, Horse Rides,

Hotdogs, Burgers, Popcorn, Snow Cones,
Information Tables & Much More.



Wed., Aug. 5, 2009 5:30 PM



Back to School VBS Family Night Bash

Angels Bridging Gaps

Palm Bay Autism Support Group

Meetings are scheduled every other
Tuesday at 6:00 PM at FBC Malabar.
Please see the church calendar for dates.

Ministry & Contact Info

Ministry Leader: Mrs. Jackie Yearby
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God & Country
Worship Service
Sunday, July 5, 2009

11:00 AM
No 8:30 AM Worship Service



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THIS WEEKEND



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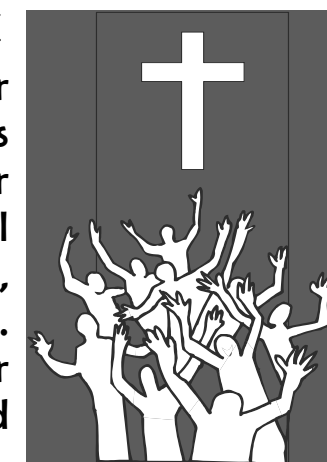
Join us at the First Baptist Church of Malabar

Rev. Daniel Wilkerson, Senior Pastor dwilkerson2@cfl.rr.com
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A SUPER SUMMER of MINISTRY at FBC

Enclosed in this newsletter is our church calendar with all the exciting ministry opportunities planned for this summer. Please put the calendar on your refrigerator so you can keep track of all the special activities. As you schedule your summer vacations, please remember to give your tithes and offerings faithfully. During the summer, your tithes and offerings make it possible for our ministries to continue even when you are away. May God bless you abundantly for giving cheerfully and sacrificially!



Our 9th Annual Great Commission Offering was received on Sunday, May 17, 2009.

Because of your sacrificial giving, we are well on our way to meeting our 2009 Great Commission Offering Goal. For those who give weekly and monthly, please use your regular offering envelopes to give.

Please Write: A Special Offering for MISSIONS or GCO.

Given	Goal	%	Mission Ministries Supported
\$1,191	\$1,500	30%	North American Missions
\$ 397	\$ 500	10%	Florida Baptist Children's Homes
\$ 794	\$1,000	20%	Florida Baptist Missions
\$1,588	\$2,000	40%	International Missions
\$3970	\$5,000	100%	Total Supporting 10,000+ Missionaries



As I See It . . .

Rev. Daniel Wilkerson
Senior Pastor dwilkerson2@cfl.rr.com

Seeing the positive side of life . . . Sometimes, when others see negatives, it is important for the people of God to see the positive side of life. That is very true for us in these days of economic, political, and financial difficulty. Yes, the challenges are daunting; but they are not overwhelming. For Christians, the call is still the same: Share Jesus! In 2 Corinthians 4:1, the Apostle Paul reminds us, "Therefore, since we have this ministry, as we received mercy, we do not lose heart." There is a sacred calling on the life of every Christian, a calling to be a minister. I am not necessarily speaking of the vocational ministry, but the ministry of reconciliation (1 Corinthians 5: 19).

Paul goes deeper into this calling in verse 20: ". . . we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were entreating through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God." Not all of us can go to a foreign land as a vocational missionary, but each of us can be an ambassador for Christ in our home, on our block, at our school, or where we work.

Finding your place of ministry . . . One of the primary purposes of this or any other church is to provide opportunities for each of us to be involved in ministry. Here at FBC Malabar, there's a wealth of ministries available to you. Space doesn't permit me to list them all; but I assure you there are many avenues for you to use your gifts, talents, and interests. Yes, these are challenging times, but these are exciting times as well. There is an old hymn that includes the line, "Let others see Jesus in you." All around us, there are people who desperately need to see Jesus. Let them see Jesus in you!

I love and appreciate you.



Making Melody . . .

Rev. Joe Hunt Minister of Music joehunt@yahoo.com

A Song to the Lord

Just after coming through the Red Sea and seeing Pharaoh's army flooded by the waters, Israel sang a song to the Lord with Moses. It is written out in Exodus 15. It starts out, "I will sing unto the Lord." People have been designed by God and internally motivated to sing songs that have come out of their experiences. This was a great experience with God for them and for us.

The rest of the song describes the Lord's qualities that were demonstrated, like strength, salvation, power, and Excellency. It also describes what He did for them in parting the waters for Israel and defeating Pharaoh's army with those same waters.

Can you imagine the zeal with which Israel and Moses sang right after coming through the Red Sea?! A guy, named Keith Green, wrote a song about his own experience back in the 70s. You can see a video of him when he sang it live. It is on "YouTube" (internet). Do a search for Keith Green singing "Your Love Broke Through." He definitely sang with joyous zeal!

His second verse goes, "All my life I've been searching for that crazy missing part. With one touch you just rolled away the stone that held my heart. And now I see that the answer was as easy as just asking you in. And I am so sure I could never doubt your gentle touch again. It's like the power of the wind." The chorus says, "Like waking up from the longest dream. How real it seemed, until your love broke through. I've been lost in a fantasy that blinded me, until your love broke through."

Do you have a reason to sing a song to God?

What song would you write? What hymn would you sing? What Scripture would you turn into a song? What is your favorite Christian song? When you get together for Sunday worship can you say, "I will sing unto the Lord for He hath triumphed gloriously?" Will you say, "The Lord is my strength and my song?"

Songingly,

Sat., July 11, 2009
4:00 PM
Bob Gray
In Concert
Special Guest
David Petit
Hosted by Joe Hunt
A Love Offering will be received.



Pressing On . . .
Rev. John D. Selvage, Jr.
Associate Pastor
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Ministering to one another

Fay and Basil Chin are beloved members of our church family. Their love for our church is evident by the fact that they drive 23 miles from their home up in Viera to worship with us. Fay recently retired as a charge nurse in an Alzheimer's Unit. All her life, Fay has been healthy. At home and at work, she has always been the strong one: the compassionate caregiver who her family, friends, and coworkers could turn to for help. Four months ago, Fay got very sick and her doctors still have not been able to diagnose her illness.

Merris Rickman and I recently visited Fay and Basil. It was such a blessing to be able to pray with Fay and Basil and we observed the Lord's Supper together. In her family room, there was a table full of get well cards. Fay made a point of sharing how much she appreciated the love, support, and encouragement she had received from her Malabar church family.

On Sunday mornings, sadly the pew where Fay so often sits is empty. God willing, she will soon be healthy and back with us once again. Right now we have a tremendous number of families in our church who are struggling. When you see an empty pew, please take note. Prayerfully ask God how you can best respond: a phone call, a visit, or a card. Your outreach and concern truly does make a difference. I love you all,

Reaching Souls, Serving People				
2009	March Weekly Average	April Weekly Average	May Weekly Average	June Thru June 21
Sunday School	73	75	60	70
8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship	173	181	147	139
Regular Offering	\$5,255	\$5,244	\$4,847	\$4,959
Catch-Up Offering	\$ 158	\$ 88	\$ 19	\$ 17
Sanctuary Renovation	+\$ 8	+\$ 4	+\$ 4	+\$ 6
Minimum Needed \$5,333	\$5,421	\$5,336	\$4,870	\$4,982