

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.

Autism Group Horse Therapy

At the home of Pastor Rick & Mrs. Valarie
3055 Weber Road Malabar, FL 32950

Sat. April 10, 2010 10 AM - Noon
Sat. May 8, 2010 10 AM - Noon
Sat. June 12, 2010 10 AM - Noon

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Easter Week Services

Invite your family & friends to join us!

Palm Sunday, March 28, 2010

8:30 AM A Message by Pastor Dan
9:45 AM Sunday School
11:00 AM A Message by Pastor Dan



Music of
His Cup
Mt. 26:39

Maundy Thursday, April 1, 2010

7:00 PM A Message by Pastor John
The Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 2, 2010

12:00 Noon A Message by Pastor Dan

Music of
His Cloth
Mt. 27:59

Easter Sunday, April 4, 2010

7:00 AM Sunrise Service (Bring a lawn chair)

Where: Grant Historical House
at Fisherman's Landing Park
5795 US Hwy. 1 in Grant, Florida

Music: Royal City from Auburndale, FL
Message: Rev. Joe Crandall, Calvary Baptist, Grant, FL

9:45 AM Sunday School at FBC Malabar
11:00 AM Music of His Countenance Mt. 28:3
A Message by Pastor Dan

Rev. Daniel Wilkerson & Mrs. Nancy

27th Anniversary Reception

This Sunday, March 21, 2010
6:00 PM



Honoring
27 years
of ministry
as our
Senior Pastor.

Reception in Heath Hall

Reception Coordinated by
Mrs. Audrey Willacy
Loaves & Fishes Team #3 Leader



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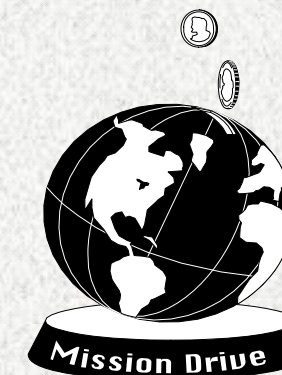
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May is our Great Commission Emphasis Month

Our 10th Annual Great Commission Offering Goal

\$1,350	30%	North American Missions
\$450	10%	Florida Baptist Children's Homes
\$900	20%	Florida Baptist Missions
\$1,800	40%	International Missions
\$4,500	100%	Total Goal for 2010



Every Sunday morning in May, there will be a special mission's emphasis during the 11:00 AM Worship Service. The Great Commission Offering will be received on Sunday, May 23rd. This offering helps support more than 10,000 Southern Baptist Missionaries.



Sunday, May 2	Preschool Ministry	Florida Baptist Children's Homes emphasis
Sunday, May 9	Children's Ministry	Florida Baptist Children's Homes emphasis
Sunday, May 16	Ladies "Joy" Sunday School Class	International Missions emphasis
Sunday, May 23	Youth Ministry	Florida Baptist Missions emphasis
Sunday, May 30	Adult Sunday School Department	North American Missions emphasis



VBS is Mon. - Fri., July 12-16

As I See It . . .

Rev. Daniel Wilkerson

Senior Pastor dwilkerson@malabarbaptist.org

A Growing Community . . . In March of 1983, God led the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Malabar to call me - a thirty five year old with just ten years experience as a pastor (and that with small mission-size churches in Kentucky and West Virginia) to assume the pastor's position. The community my family and I came to was in transition from an isolated rural area to a more suburban one. Palm Bay was a company town; 12,000 people worked for Harris Corporation. In the 1980 census, just over 30,000 souls resided within it's boundaries. Malabar was a hamlet of less than three thousand trying to avoid being swallowed by Palm Bay.


A Loving People . . . It is fair to say I was unfamiliar with Florida living, and green as grass in the bargain. But my experience in church starting in West Virginia helped me to see the potential in the community: Palm Bay had uncultured undeveloped lots spread out over the second-largest incorporated area in Florida. There was an impressive mix of people, and every week I met newcomers who were hoping to make a new life here. Most of all, I found a wonderful group of people in FBC Malabar, who loved us without knowing us fully, loved the Lord without reservation, and were willing to dream of a great place of ministry.

Planting Deep Roots & Experiencing God's Grace . . . The one constant over these 27 years has been the grace of God. When pastor and people hold high the banner of God's Love, anything is possible and nothing can withstand the march of God's church. I am no longer the young, green minister I was then; in fact I am now one of the elder pastors among Brevard Baptist Association. Nancy and I have passed through trying times this last decade. But I praise God for the grace that brought us to Brevard County, and for the grace that has allowed us to put down deep and abiding roots.

Please allow me to close with a prayer and benediction found in Ephesians 3:14-20: *"For this reason, I bow my knees before the Father, from Whom every family in heaven and on earth derives its name, that He would grant, according to His glory, to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in the inner man; so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; and that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God.*

Now to Him Who is able to do exceedingly abundantly beyond all that we ask or think, according to the power that works with in us, to Him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations forever and ever. Amen."

Thanking God for 27 wonderful, productive years




Pressing On . . .

Rev. John D. Selvage, Jr.

Associate Pastor

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Taking Care of Pastor Dan & Mrs. Nancy

On Friday afternoon, Jan. 22, 2010, Pastor Dan called me very concerned about his wife's health. He shared that Mrs. Nancy's doctor had just told them that she needed to be taken to the Emergency Room and he was in the process of doing that. I assured Pastor Dan that we would do whatever would be necessary to take care of everything at church until he could return. As his church family, we understand that the highest calling in Pastor Dan's life is to be a loving caring husband. Pastor Dan needs to take as much time as is necessary to be by his wife's side whenever she is sick.

After running a battery of tests on Mrs. Nancy at the hospital, Pastor Dan and Mrs. Nancy were shocked when her doctors said she had a life threatening heart valve issue that would require open heart surgery. This was a very tough diagnosis because Mrs. Nancy's health was already very fragile. Since being diagnosed with Chrones Disease in her 20's, Mrs. Nancy has endured 40 years of multiple surgeries. The many side effects of all the Rx's that Mrs. Nancy must take to maintain her health has also taken a heavy toll. Mrs. Nancy has suffered numerous mini strokes that impact her short term memory. With her strong walk of faith and with Pastor Dan by her side, Mrs. Nancy endures it all day-by-day.

On Wed., Feb. 3rd, Mrs. Nancy underwent open heart surgery at The Heart Center at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne. Thankfully our prayers were answered and her surgery went extremely well. After 3 weeks in the hospital, Mrs. Nancy was discharged on Thurs., Feb. 11th.

Since coming home from the hospital, Mrs. Nancy's family continues to do a fantastic job taking care of her. Her many trips to her doctors and to the lab each week show that Mrs. Nancy's rehab is on track. Her team of on-duty caregivers includes Pastor Dan, their son Dan, his wife Rachel and her daughter Hayley, and Mrs. Nancy's mom, Mrs. Zula Ashman who came down from WV to help out.

It's no wonder that Pastor Dan and their son Dan have done such a fantastic job as Mrs. Nancy caregiver. After all, they had a fantastic teacher. Mrs. Nancy set the bar high in 2001.

It was on a Monday afternoon while on a summer vacation at the home of Mrs. Nancy's mom in West Virginia in July of 2001 that Pastor Dan suffered a near fatal heart attack. He was rushed to the hospital where he was stabilized.

After Pastor Dan's heart stabilized, three days later he had bypass surgery. After his surgery and rehab in West Virginia, Pastor Dan and Mrs. Nancy were finally able to fly back to Florida on Monday, Sept. 10, 2001. (Of course, we will never forget what happened the next day, Tues., Sept. 11, 2001.)

From July - Dec. 2001, even with Mrs. Nancy's health issues, she was on duty 24/7 as Pastor Dan's nurse, caregiver, and yes, even his policeman. During those months, we stayed on our knees praying for God to heal our beloved pastor who has served the Lord (and us) so faithfully and sacrificially.

Time after time, God has taught us that He blesses the church that takes care of it's pastors. After Pastor Dan's heart attack, in a Special Business Meeting, we voted to give him a medical leave of absence for as long as necessary with a full salary and benefits. As your part time Associate Pastor, you increased my salary by \$200 a week so that I could serve on a full time basis until Pastor Dan could return.

During those weeks and months, our Malabar church family pulled together as we fell on our knees praying for Pastor Dan's recovery. In Pastor Dan's absence, all of you stepped up filling the gaps. God honored our prayers and our walk of faith in many amazing ways. During the 12 months between July 2001 - July 2002, God added 70 new members to our church family. Our attendance and our offerings increased.

Because of the severity of the damage done to Pastor Dan's heart by his heart attack, even after his surgery, Pastor Dan has only 50% heart function. In December 2001, Pastor Dan was able to preach for the first time. What an awesome Worship Service it was with lots of tears, hugs, and praising the Lord. Pastor Dan's health issues requires him to adjust his work load accordingly. To fill that gap, in 2002, you voted for me to continue serving on a full time basis as Pastor Dan's Associate Pastor. Administratively and in our pastoral care ministry, it truly blesses me to do all that I do.

As we pray for Pastor Dan and Mrs. Nancy, thank you very much for understanding that they have health issues that limit what they can do. In my ministry, nothing gives me more joy than serving you and serving under Pastor Dan's leadership. Pastor Dan is praying that God will allow him to continue serving as our Senior Pastor until he is 70 years old. As we celebrate Pastor Dan's 27th Staff Anniversary, please pray that God answers that prayer with YES! Pastor Dan & Mrs. Nancy, we love you!



Making Melody . . .

Rev. Joe Hunt Minister of Music jhunt@malabarbaptist.org

What interest does Satan have in music?

The usual caricature of the devil is a red being with horns, a tail, and a forked spear. A more accurate description of him might be a tambourine shaking guitar player wearing lots of jewelry. What?! Look with me. The Bible has a prophetic description of someone described as the anointed cherub in Ezekiel 28. This angelic being was actually made of precious stones and musical instruments. It says that he was created with tambourines and flutes in his angelic body. In Isaiah 14, in describing Lucifer's fall, the Bible says that he had viols or stringed instruments in him. I hope none of them looked like my guitar!

These descriptions of the devil create a mental picture of a magnificent master musician whose being was constructed of musical instruments and precious stones. This chief angel was overcome with pride and in the iniquity of his self-will he rebelled against God. He was dismissed from his angelic position, along with his demon-buddies.

Without citing Scriptures, God created all of the angels and apparently assigned them domains and structures of authority. In the Bible there are three angels at the highest level in the domains of these spirits: Michael the warrior, Gabriel the messenger, and Lucifer the worship leader.

Think of how Satan likes to twist and pervert all things into the wrong, rebellious, selfish, cruel, distorted, and sinful. Does he like to help us humans have wrong attitudes? Does he like to get our thinking wrong about God and Jesus? Does he like to twist the Bible? Does he like to assist in hurting relationships? Does he like to motivate someone to commit murder, to steal, to lie, to rebel against parents, to be unfaithful in marriage, to dishonor someone, to be greedy, and to be arrogant and prideful? I think so!

Does this rebellious musical instrument chief of evil spirits have any interest in music? I think so! Does he interfere with the way God designed music? I think so! Could you point to any kind of music that would obviously be under Satan's control or influence? I think so! Is music a spiritual thing? I think so! If this is true, had we better watch out regarding the musical areas of our lives and the lives of our children! I think so! I probably shouldn't want him to be in my band, my choir, or my songs. **Do you think so?!**




FBC Malabar . . . My Church, My Charge!

By the #'s	Nov. 2009 Weekly Average	Dec. 2009 Weekly Average	Jan. 2010 Weekly Average	Feb. 2010 Weekly Average
Sunday School	67	62	58	62
8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship	156	160	161	165
Regular Offering	\$4,079	\$5,304	\$4,541	\$5,123
Sanctuary + Catch-Up Offering	+\$ 515	+\$ 123	+\$ 18	+\$ 24
2010 Minimum Needed	5,790	\$4,594	\$5,427	\$4,559
		\$5,147		