

# Homecoming Celebration

Sunday, October 19, 2008

- 9:30 AM Sunday School
- 10:30 AM Homecoming Service  
Message: Destination Paradise Phil. 3:20  
A Message by Rev. John D. Selvage, Jr.
- Music Video: Another Day in Paradise by Phil Collins
- 12:00 PM Car Pool to Futch Park
- 12:30 PM Beach Baptisms & Homecoming Picnic  
Chicken & Hotdog Cookout hosted by the Malabar Men's Ministry  
Picnic Coordinator: Sister Gloria Powell, Loaves & Fishes Team #2 Leader

## Howard E. Futch Park

2301 North Hwy A1A Melbourne, Florida  
Take the Hwy 192 Melbourne Causeway to the beach.  
Turn left on Hwy A1A and drive 2.3 miles north.

First Baptist Church of Malabar

## Homecoming 2008

Celebrating 37 Years of Ministry  
1971 — 2008



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

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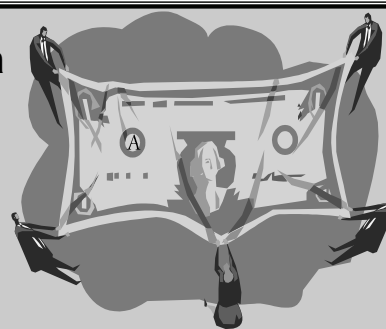
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# You're Invited

**Estate Planning Seminar** and a Q&A with Brenda  
This Sunday, October 5, 2008 6:00 - 7:30 PM

Guest Speaker: Mrs. Brenda McCollum Cost: FREE

Leave a Legacy of Faith . . . Your Last Will and Testament can be a testimony of your Christian faith.



Mrs. Brenda McCollum is an Estate Law Attorney & the Director of the Florida Baptist Convention Office of Strategic Endowed Giving. Brenda is dedicated to helping people discover new and different ways they can give to benefit God's work, either through a gift during their lifetime or at death from resources left in their estate. Brenda prepares Wills at no charge for anyone who agrees to leave at least 10% of their estate to a Southern Baptist Agency or a Southern Baptist Church.



# The Malabar Messenger

## October - November 2008

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Join us at the First Baptist Church of Malabar

- Rev. Daniel Wilkerson, Senior Pastor . . . . . dwilkerson2@cfl.rr.com
- Rev. John D. Selvage, Jr., Associate Pastor . . . . . jselvagejr@cfl.rr.com
- Rev. Joe F. Hunt, Interim Minister of Music . . . . . joefhunt@yahoo.com
- Rev. Richard T. Whitworth, Minister of Youth & Administration . . . . . rick@logicaldata.com
- Mrs. Erma Hartwell, Ministry Assistant . . . . . o8isenof@aol.com

**Awana Clubs** Every Wednesday Night  
6:00 — 8:00 PM

All children ages 3 — grade 6 are invited!

- Cubbies . . . Ages 3 — 5
- Sparks . . . Kindergarten — 2nd Grade
- Truth and Training . . . 3rd — 6th Grade

**HELP! AWANA workers are needed!**

**Church Council Meeting**  
Sunday, October 5, 2008 5:00 - 6:00 PM



**Fall Acoustic Concert**  
Friday, Oct. 17, 2008 7:00 PM

**Men's Breakfast & Usher's Training Seminar**  
Saturday, November 8, 2008 10:00 AM

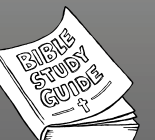


Hosted by Bro. Herb Powell, Head Usher & Bro. Steve Stephenson, Assistant Head Usher

**Thanksgiving Acoustic Concert**  
Friday, Nov. 14, 2008 7:00 PM

**Sunday School High Attendance Day and Picnic at Ballard Park**  
Sunday, November 16, 2008

- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship Service
- 12:30 PM Picnic & Cook-Out



Everyone who attends Sunday School will receive a ticket for a Free boat ride on the Indian River.



**Stewardship Commitment Month**  
November 2008

**Weekly Stewardship Testimonies**  
Stewardship Inserts in the Church Bulletin

**First Fruits Catch - Up Offering**  
Sunday, November 23, 2008 8:30 & 11:00 AM  
A Special Thanksgiving Offering  
"above & beyond" the tithe will be received.

**Thanksgiving Food Baskets**  
Distributed on Monday, November 24, 2008  
Coordinated by the Women on Mission Ministry

## As I See It . . .

**Rev. Daniel Wilkerson, Senior Pastor**      [dwilkerson2@cfl.rr.com](mailto:dwilkerson2@cfl.rr.com)

**A Very Unique Church . . .** I tell every person who will listen that I am a living example of the uniqueness of the First Baptist Church of Malabar. The length of our pastor / church relationship is simply off the charts in terms of length of service for a pastor in the average Baptist Church. Just last week I conducted a Memorial Service for a family member of one of our congregants. A singer had been secured by someone. He turned out to be a pastor of a local church, and I had a wonderful conversation with him.

**Sharing Burdens and Granting Grace to One Another . . .** At one point he asked, "What church do you pastor?" I told him, and added that I was blessed to have been the pastor at FBC Malabar for twenty five years. He expressed wonderment at that fact, saying God surely had brought me through the usual trials and tribulations that normally beset pastors, and usually cause churches and pastors to part company. I listened to him, agreed to all he said, but then I replied, "The only thing I can say to explain such an occurrence is that both parties – pastor and congregation – made an intentional decision to bear each others burdens, grant grace to one another when mistakes were made, and to always seek to honor God in all things."

Am I perfect? Heavens, no! Is this a perfect congregation? Of course not; we are *human beings*, which I like to remind folks means we are *being human*, not being *perfect*. I have been taught by the Holy Spirit to exercise the love and mercy the Father has showered on me by relating to others in the context of that same love and mercy. And you, my church family, have demonstrated those qualities in how you serve in this church.

**My October Sabbatical . . .** During the month of October, Nancy and I are going to enjoy an eagerly anticipated Sabbatical, which you granted us at our 25th Anniversary Celebration this past March. If – and that is a big **IF** – gas prices will moderate a little, we hope to travel north to see the changing leaves. But however things go, we will pray constantly for you; we will miss Homecoming for the first time in a quarter century; and in so doing, miss the unique beach baptisms on that day.

We will see you in November, hopefully refreshed, relaxed, and rejuvenated for the work to which God calls us.

Proud to be your pastor, *Pastor Dan*



## Pressing On . . .

**Rev. John D. Selvage, Jr.**  
Associate Pastor  
[jselvagejr@cfl.rr.com](mailto:jselvagejr@cfl.rr.com)



### A Sound System that JAMS . . .

I love music! It was 1974 and I was 16 years old and a junior at Crestview High School. I was very excited when my parents bought me my first ever car. It was a 100,000 mile 1968 four door Chevrolet Biscayne that had been put up for auction by the telephone company where my dad worked. The telephone company sold it as an executive car. If that was the case, I felt really sorry for their executives because it had no A/C and a very cheap AM radio. Living in the panhandle of Florida where it actually gets cold in the winter, I was really glad that at least it had a good heater that worked.

My dad took the car to a local body shop and we had it painted navy blue. I named it the **Blue Bomb**. I removed the AM radio and installed a great sound system with an AM / FM radio and an eight track tape player and four speakers that **JAMMED**.

Like many high school parking lots, there were quite a few nice trucks and sport cars. Not my car. My **Blue Bomb** was an ugly clunker of a car, but it had what I called **personality**. My philosophy was that if you have an ugly car, what mattered most was having a sound system that **JAMS**. Yep! It was definitely an ugly duckling, but it had a **JAMMING** sound system.

I loved my **Blue Bomb** and it took me through 2 years of high school and 2 years of college. On Sundays and Wednesdays, it took me to church. As I grew in my Christian faith, I discovered Contemporary Christian Music. With my windows rolled down, wherever I went, the music in my car was blasting.

### Music with a Message and Attitude . . .

I grew to love music with a message that stirred my heart. There were songs with attitude that would pick

me up when I was down. I remember being asked to preach a revival when I was a senior in college in 1981. On the way to the church, I listened to upbeat music that got me ready to preach. To this day God continues to use all styles and types of music to minister to me, music with a message and attitude.

Knowing that I would preach during the month of October while Pastor Dan is away on his well earned Sabbatical, I have prayerfully sought God's will regarding what I should preach. God brought to my mind some of the songs that He has used in the past to speak to my heart. So, each Sunday in October, I have selected Music Videos that will help communicate the message that I will preach. Yes indeed! The songs definitely show my age because many of them were popular back to the 80's.

### October Sermons and Music Videos:

Date: Sunday, October 5 - The Lord's Supper  
Message: The Transfusion that Transforms

Text: 1 John 1:5-10  
Music Video: This Blood by Carmen



Date: Sunday, October 12  
Message: Live the Life

Text: Romans 6:1-4, 12-14  
Music Video: Water Grave by The Imperials

Date: Sunday, October 19 - Homecoming  
Message: Destination Paradise

Text: Philippians 3:20  
Music Video: Another Day in Paradise by Phil Collins



Date: Sunday, October 26  
Message: Removing Death's Sting

Text: John 11:17 - 45 & 1 Cor. 15:55 - 57  
Music Video: Lazarus Come Forth by Carmen

Music Video: Grave Robber by Petra



Please pray for our upcoming Worship Services! I am eagerly anticipating what God has in store for us. The YouTube and GodTube videos you will see are upbeat 1980's contemporary music videos!

So please! Be prepared! I love you! *John*



## Making Melody . . .

**Rev. Joe F. Hunt**      Interim Minister of Music      [joefhunt@yahoo.com](mailto:joefhunt@yahoo.com)

### A New Song . . .

I am partial to song writing. I love to be a part of writing a new song or hearing a new song, a song that I have not heard before. I like to teach everyone to sing a new song in church. In the Bible, God says we are to sing new songs. Psalm 40 says, "He hath put a new song in my mouth." Revelation 14 says, "And they sang as it were a new song before the throne . . . which were redeemed from the earth."

Since we sing new songs here on earth and we will sing new songs in heaven, we will be able to spend eternity singing new songs. Every time you learn a new song in church, rejoice in that experience!

Songfully,

*Joe Hunt*

Reaching Souls, Serving People		
2008	August Weekly Average	Sept. Thru Sept. 21st
Sunday School	65	65
8:30 & 11:00 AM Worship	151	150
Regular Offering	\$4,036	\$5,744
Catch-Up Offering	\$ 109	\$ 8
Sanctuary Renovation	+\$ 4	+\$ 86
Minimum Needed	\$5,100	\$5,838

**First Fruits Sunday & Catch-Up Offering . . . Nov. 23, 2008 8:30 & 11:00 AM**  
We will receive our 2008 Catch-Up Offering at our First Fruits Worship Service on Sunday morning, Nov. 23rd. The purpose of this annual special offering "above and beyond" our tithes is to help us **Catch-Up** our budget deficit. Please pray about what you will give. We are most grateful to Mrs. Keturah Campbell and her team of hard working assistants for decorating our Worship Center and for providing fresh fruit for this service every year. As the service begins, our children will lead the way by coming forward and placing a basket of fruit on the altar. At the close of the service everyone is invited to take the fruit home to enjoy during the week of Thanksgiving.