

Our Mission

To bring people who are without Christ into a love relationship with Him and assist them to become His disciples.



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February, 2012

Where Heart and Mind Meet Christ in Love and Service

LOVE

Love is *patient,*
love is *kind.*
It does not *envy,*
it does not *boast,*
it is not *proud.*

1 Corinthians 13:4

Congratulations to so many of our dear friends.

Stewart & Meagan de Brauwere on the birth of their daughter, Emma Leign de Brauwere. Emma was born on January 16 & weighed 6 lbs. 1 oz.

Congratulations also to Mike & Carolyn Gleason and Scott & Jeanette de Brauwere on Emma's birth. This is the first grandchild for Scott, Jeanette, Mike & Carolyn.



Your Estate: A Gift from God

Brenda McCollum, J.D.
Director Office of Endowed Giving
Florida Baptist Convention

Sunday, February 19, at 6:15 p.m.

Brenda is the Director of the Office of Endowed Giving and she will be at Amelia on Sunday, February 19, at 6:15 p.m. to discuss estate planning. She is a lawyer and a member of our own Florida Baptist Convention and is available to help with your estate planning. She is a dynamic lady and has helped many in our congregation through the arduous process of getting their affairs in order. See page 3 for additional information.

MUSIC NOTES

GIFT BASKETS AND CAROLING

Approximately 30 singers visited over 20 homes to distribute fruit baskets to church members and friends and contacts through the Council on Aging. Thank you to each one who contributed toward the beautiful baskets and singing. You were a blessing and know you received the greater blessing by becoming involved.



ALLEGIANCE

New millennium teens are capable of far more achievement than most adults realize. Youth Choir (Allegiance) provides teenagers the opportunity to give back to their church and other communities. This is accomplished by regular leadership in worship, hands-on ministry projects and the fostering of healthy relationships. This year our teens plan to serve at Wears Valley Ranch (Christian home for at-risk children) and another Children's Home as they tour in GA, the Carolinas and TN.

Saturday, February 11, Allegiance will be helped by Chef Carolyn Gleason to provide a take-home dinner for our church and community.

- Menu:** Pulled pork jambalaya, corn on the cob, green beans, bread, dessert.
- Suggested donation:** \$5.00 or whatever you wish to contribute per plate
- Reservation:** Get a ticket from an Allegiance member or see Pam or Amy
- Time:** Between 5:00-7:00
- Place:** Kitchen door at Amelia Baptist
- Reason:** To help Allegiance with their Mission/Choir Tour expenses

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to reserve a delicious meal. Thank you, adults, for encouraging our youth. They will sing next on Sunday, February 5.



TINY TONES AND CHILDREN'S CHOIR

The attendance was outstanding for "The Sounds of the Season" concert. Thank you to each one who supported our children and who provided refreshments.

Our children are taught by 9 outstanding leaders each Wednesday at 6:15 p.m. We have 20 children enrolled. Please bring children from your neighborhood during 2012.

INSTRUMENTALISTS

We invite instrumentalists to join us. Monthly rehearsals have enhanced our instrumental group's preparation for worship service. Plus they arrive at 8:30 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Amy Scott is now preparing the music and scheduling rehearsals for this group which includes: tenor sax, alto sax, clarinet, violin, cello, viola, bass guitar, clavino, piano, trumpet and trombone. See Pam or Amy Scott to express your interest. PSALM 150!

ADULT CHOIR

We welcome singers to join us in 2012. There are 40 Adult Choir members enrolled who have sung for many services throughout 2011 and rehearse faithfully to worship our Lord through music. The Men's Ensemble have an enrollment of 15 men while the Ladies' Ensemble have an enrollment of 20 ladies. Join us by simply contacting Pam.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

We just began rehearsals for the Good Friday special service on January 22 at 5:00 p.m. It is not too late to join us. We will be singing Part II of Handel's *Messiah*. What a great way to prepare your heart during Lent! Come join us.

AN EVENING IN DECEMBER

This special concert was presented two evenings, December 9 and 11. There were 59 singers and 15 instrumentalists, who represented ten area churches. There was a live nativity each evening with refreshments and a Prayer Room prepared by our Evangelism Strategy Team. There was a combined attendance of over 450 who heard the Gospel presented through music and the spoken word. Thank you to each one who served as musicians, ushers, hostesses, etc. The body of Christ serving together is beautiful!

THE CREATIVE MINISTRY TEAM

We continue to plan short dramas to communicate Biblical truths each month. We have ABC members who find costumes or props, serve as actors, and plan dramas and testimonies to enhance the theme in our worship services. There are currently five members who meet regularly to plan this ministry. If you would like to be involved in 2012, please see Pam.

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- Feb. 1 S.A.L.T. (Servant and Leadership Trng. (7:15 p.m.)
- Feb. 3 Youth Quake Live (leave church at 5:15 p.m.)
- Feb. 5 New Members Class (4 p.m.)
Ladies' Ensemble (4:30 p.m.)
Crossfire Redemption Fellowship (6:30 p.m.)
(Young Adult Fellowship)
- Feb. 7 Deacon's Meeting (7 p.m.)
- Feb. 8 Men's Ensemble (7:45 p.m.)
- Feb. 9 Stewardship M.T. Meeting (7 p.m.)
- Feb. 11 Allegiance Fund-raiser (5 p.m.)
- Feb. 12 **Communion**
- Feb. 15 Missions Ministry Team Meeting (7:15 p.m.)
Men's Ensemble (7:45 p.m.)
- Feb. 19 Brenda McCollum – Your Estate: A Gift from God
(6:15 p.m.)
Crossfire Redemption Fellowship (6:30 p.m.)
(Young Adult Fellowship)
- Feb. 25 Real Men's Event (8 a.m.- 5 p.m.)
- Feb. 28 Deacon's Meeting (7 p.m.)

- Sunday:** Adult Choir Rehearsal (4:30 p.m.)
Messiah Rehearsal (5 p.m.)
Allegiance Youth Choir (6:15 p.m.)
Set Your House in Order (6:15 p.m.)
(Except for Feb. 19)
- Monday:** Children's Playtime (9:30 a.m. at Beall's)
- Tuesday:** Pilates Class (7 p.m.)
- Wednesday:** Wednesday Night Supper (5:30 p.m.)
DivorceCare (6:15 p.m.-beginning 2-8)
Fusion -- Youth (6:15 p.m.)
Children's Choir / TeamKid (6:15 p.m.)
Tiny Tones (6:15 p.m.)
Prayer Meeting (6:30 p.m.)
- Thursday:** Youth Devotions/ (7:30 a.m.)
Staff Meeting (3:30 p. m.)
Young Adult CBS (7 p.m.)
- Friday:** Men's Bible Study (6:30 a.m.)

Communion will be observed on February 12.

Everyone over the age of 18 who owns anything needs a will. It is easier than you might think to have one prepared.

First, you need to know who the people and ministries are that you want to benefit. The people might include your spouse, children, parents, brothers, and sisters, your nieces and nephews, and friends. Ministries might include your church, association, state convention, children's home, a Baptist college or seminary, home or foreign missions.

Secondly, you need to know what property you own and how it is titled. For instance, you may own property jointly with another person. Instead of that property passing through your will to your beneficiaries, it may pass directly to the joint owner. You may need to know the current value of all the property you may own so your attorney can help you plan for any estate taxes which might arise.

Thirdly, you need to determine your plan for distribution. How much should you leave your children? Are there other family members or friends you would like to benefit? What ministries are closest to your heart? Which ones would you like to benefit with a part of your estate?

Once all this is done then contact your attorney to put all your wishes on paper. If you don't have an attorney, Ms. Brenda is available through the Florida Baptist Convention to assist you in completing your will.

Ms. Brenda is here in coordination with our current discipleship class Set Your House in Order. This five-week seminar is designed to help you get your affairs in order and ready. Although she is here in conjunction with the seminar, all are welcome to attend her presentation. See Mike Baxter to see if you are ready to put your house in order. Regardless, please make yourself available on Sunday, February 19, to hear Ms. Brenda.



	Nov. 27	Dec. 4	Dec. 11	Dec. 18	Dec. 25	Jan. 1	Jan. 8	Jan. 16	Jan. 22
Worship Attendance	137	208	188	207	115	140	173	182	181
Sun. Schl. Attendance	125	188	136	207	---	92	127	115	128
Budget Giving	\$4,454	\$17,464	\$7,568	\$21,587	\$6,094	\$32,120	\$8,225	\$6,621	\$9,517
Budget Giving thru 12-31-11	\$520,516.75		Budget Giving thru 1-22-12				\$56,483.27		
Disbursements thru 12-31-11	\$512,615.82		Disbursements thru 1-25-12				\$27,154.35		
The Weekly Budget Need for 2012 is \$10,057.87									



We Love ABC!

May God richly bless this ministry. We appreciate all the love, prayers and gifts from the members here that we received this entire year.

Please continue to pray for Lily's on-going health issues and for Sharon's headache problems. Also, please pray about the financial issues some of which to be resolved next month. Many thanks.

*In Christ's love,
The Huffman Family and Zelda*

Dear Amelia Baptist Church Staff and Families,

My family and I wanted to thank you for your prayers and financial support during my recent cancer diagnosis and treatment. You will never know the effects your kindness has had on us. We will cherish the closeness we have developed with many of you always and will pass your kindness along as we see a need. Thank you again.

*Love, The Curtrights:
Kenny, Phyllis, Alex and Sarah*

The following is a thank you note from a person who appreciated our caroling and Christmas basket in December:

Enjoyed the singing very much and thanks for the Christmas basket. Merry Christmas to all of you and your families.

Mary J. Stephens

Les Miserables Musical

Les Miserables is a musical based on a book by Victor Hugo comparing the impact of law and grace on one's life.

If you would like to attend, there are seats reserved for **Thursday, May 3**, at 7:30 p.m. at the Times-Union Center in Jax. The group price is \$47.95 per person. To secure your reservation, make your check for the tickets payable to Theresa Scanlon (**not** Amelia Baptist Church) **by February 19**.

DivorceCare

DivorceCare is a 13-week support group and seminar for people who are experiencing separation and divorce. Each session features videotapes with nationally recognized experts on divorce and recovery topics and an opportunity for group discussion of the emotional and painful issues surrounding this topic. This is a non-denominational group, open to all persons. A new group is forming now and **will start on Wednesday, Feb. 8**, at 6:15 p.m. at Amelia. For further information, contact us at 904-261-9527. There is also a dinner each Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and all are welcome.

Coming Soon:
How to Study the Bible
March 4 at 6:15 p.m.
Lead by Randy Elrod

Young Adult CBS (Community Bible Study)

We are happy to be hosting the Young Adult CBS group each Thursday evening at 7 p.m. If interested, contact Jeannie Langley at 261-8658.



Please pray for the following members and friends who have recently lost loved ones:

**Mike Parnell, his mother, Maurine McCullah
Jim Ware, Joanne's husband**

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Birthdays & Anniversaries

February:

- 1 Nick Volpitta
- 4 Sherrill Fausey
- 6 Diane Bowen
- 6 Mary Lee French
- 7 Martha Foster
- 9 Maria Sellers
- 9 Michelle Volpitta
- 10 Gary Thrift
- 11 *Brett and Jeannette Whitaker*
- 13 Noah Flores
- 13 Kathy Williams
- 15 *Jim & Martha Foster*
- 15 Mary Michael Gleason
- 18 Kelley McCrimmon
- 22 *Wes and Sarah Arnold*
- 23 *James and Tessa Hagood*
- 23 Galen Scott
- 25 Faith Sayers
- 25 Jonathan Helton
- 27 Mary Jo Parker
- 27 Wade Sparkman
- 28 Margie Harkins



Flowers

Celebrate your anniversary or birthday with us. Announce the birth of a baby or a grandchild. Honor a loved one who has gone to their eternal reward. Share your flowers for the occasion with your church family before you take them home to enjoy. We would love to have your name on our flower calendar. **Please call the church office at 261.9527 so that we can write your name on the day you wish to provide flowers and explain the procedure.**

New Office Hours

Mon. – Thurs.: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Closed for Lunch: Noon to 1 p.m.

Fridays: 8 a.m. to noon

Prayer List

Updated Prayer lists are available in the main building at all times.

Prayer Needs

As urgent prayer needs arise, we have an active Prayer Chain who can be contacted by calling Pam Helton (556-6680) or Jann Miller (753-0005). If you would like to be a prayer partner, call Pam or Kris Allen (261-6374).

New Members' Class

New members' inquiry class 101 will be held on **Sunday, February 5, 2012** from 4-6 p.m. The date for new members' class 102 will be announced. Pastor Helton warmly welcomes you.

Our Regular Schedule is:

Sunday	
9:00 am	Sunday School Life Groups
10:30 am	Worship
4:30 pm	Adult Choir Rehearsal
6:15 pm	Discipleship Training
6:15 pm	Allegiance Youth Choir
Wednesday	
5:30 pm	Wednesday Night Supper
6:15 pm	Children's Choir / TeamKid
6:15 pm	Tiny Tones
6:15 pm	Discipleship Training
6:15 pm	Fusion (Youth)
6:30 pm	Prayer Service

Child care is available for all services.

Computer Savvy Individual Needed

We at the church office are looking for someone whom we can call to help us with minor network or software issues.

Occasionally, one of our members needs assistance or help with their home computers. If you believe this could be a ministry that you would enjoy, please call the church at 261-9527.