



We had 47 students and 8 adults go to Hog Wild in Panama City Beach, Florida over Spring Break. There were 9 salvations, 5 students called to ministry, 3 students called to missions, and numerous rededications. God has done an awesome work in the hearts and lives of students, and He is continuing to use them for His glory!



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first word



From the Desk of Pastor Charles

*"Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."
1 Peter 3:8&9*

On Sunday, March 13 we hosted the church Bible Drill Competition and over 30 children between the ages of 6 and 18 participated. Once again the congregation was blessed, encouraged, and challenged by the scripture memory and Bible knowledge demonstrated by our students. The question crossed my mind; 'How much would it benefit our congregation to memorize scripture on a regular basis?' The Psalmist saw the benefits of memorizing God's word, meditating upon it, walking according to its teachings, obeying and loving it. He recognized the word's power to bring salvation, revive a weary soul, give a young person wisdom and valued it more than thousands of coins of gold and silver. Jesus reminds us that "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God" Luke 4:4. The writer of Hebrews tells us that "God's word is living and active," while possessing the power to change our heart (Hebrews 4:12).

As we look forward to celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who is the word in flesh, I invite you to memorize 1 Peter 3:8&9 by the end of April. We will work together each Sunday morning so that together we can experience the abundant life that results from knowing and keeping God's word.

Live To Tell,
Charles

Schedule Of Services

	Sunday
8:15 AM	Son-Rise Sunday School
9:30 AM	The CONVERSATION
11:00 AM	Sunday School
6:00 PM	Evening Worship
	Wednesday
5:00 PM	Supper
6:00 PM	Prayer Meeting
	Adult Bible Studies
	Men's Fraternity
	Children's Ministries
	Magnify Rehearsal
6:30 PM	torch student ministries

Office Hours

Monday - Thursday
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM
Friday
8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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>>> **Steven Cole**
Director of Music & Worship Arts

PAUL'S ADMONITION, CHRIST'S EXAMPLE

"Do everything without murmuring or complaining." Philippians 2:14

I don't know about you, but Paul really stinks it up for me when he gives these blunt, little instructions. I sometimes like to think that I'm in touch with God's expectations on a grander scale; you know, the "big ones" like His will for my life, faith during times of trial, etc. But when you break things down to the nitpicky construct of my personal character, I'd just as well prefer to turn a blind eye and hope that no one really takes notice. After all, we all have our weaknesses, right? The problem with that mentality is that Someone does notice.

Over the course of my life, I have made many decisions based on what others might think. My humanity begs that I never appear weak or incapable. What a challenge that Christ has called me to humility – to embrace my frailty and weakness before Him, to take up my cross and follow Him, to die to myself. Unfortunately, my tendencies are quite the opposite – to hide my weaknesses, to pretend no cross is involved, to "live it up" in accordance with my desires.

I'm convinced this is a shared struggle. What's more, it is likely the primary reason for the condition of the modern day church – powerless. At least from a Kingdom perspective.

Life in 2011 offers variety and speed on all fronts. Instant gratification has, perhaps, become the most detrimental attribute of society. We seem to screen our every desire and decision with convenience, which, by definition, is a self-serving notion – a notion that brings with it unreasonable expectations and recurring temptations. Burger King says, "Have it your way." McDonald's says, "I'm lovin' it." The world says, "I'm offerin' it." And all too often I respond with, "I'm takin' it." It's when I don't get it my way and/or when I'm not lovin' it and/or when I'm not "pleased" with my "options" that I begin to murmur and complain. I'm a whiner. And increasingly ashamed of it.

An often starved, body-beaten, jail-frequenting, isolation-bearing Paul tells us to do everything without murmuring and complaining. He didn't simply instruct us not to murmur and complain, lest we succumb to the temptation to remove ourselves from troublesome circumstances as a copout. Rather, he tells us to do EVERYthing to their exclusion.

More notable is Christ. The One who bore inexplicable agony as payment for our sin. Who followed His Father-led journey even unto death. Who exemplified obedience, humility and selflessness to the extreme. This is our shame. Yet this is our glory. Our only hope.

So, as Easter approaches and we look to the cross, may we not wallow in our self-serving fancies. May we not live for convenience. May we not even give consideration to ourselves. For God will supply our every need according to His riches in glory. Everything else (the non-needs) serve as the very temptation that will lure us away from that which He has called us to be. Holy. Set apart. Worthy of Him.

May the power of His presence not be a foreign matter of mystique or forgotten relevance, rather the very centerpiece of our lives of worship and obedience unto His majesty. May He not be reduced to a distant being whom we approach on our terms, rather enthroned as the one true living Almighty God who reigns eternal above all else and others.

In a seek-ye-first-your-own-agenda kind of world, may we seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, knowing all the while that He will take care of the "other things." In a world where qualities like abandonment and surrender are sure signs of foolishness, may His people take on the nature of their Savior, who "humbled Himself and became obedient unto death – even death on a cross," while not once offering a word of complaint. Herein is love.

Steven Cole

Food Closet Report >>>



On Saturday, March 26 the Food Closet gave out 106 sacks totaling 2,332 lbs. 259 people were served including 15 new ones. This month's costs were \$952.42 with \$2,219.74 left in the account.

Read Through The Bible In A Year Reading Plan	
April 1	Deut. 18:1-20:20, Luke 9:28-50, Ps 73:1-28, Prov 12:10
April 2	Deut. 21:1-22:30, Luke 9:51-10:12, Ps 74:1-23, Prov 12:11
April 3	Deut. 23:1-25:19, Luke 10:13-37, Ps 75:1-10, Prov 12:12-14
April 4	Deut. 26:1-27:26, Luke 10:38-11:13, Ps 76:1-12, Prov 12:15-17
April 5	Deut. 28:1-68, Luke 11:14-36, Ps 77:1-20, Prov 12:18
April 6	Deut. 29:1-30:20, Luke 11:37-12:7, Ps 78:1-31, Prov 12:19-20
April 7	Deut. 31:1-32:27, Luke 12:8-34, Ps 78:32-55, Prov 12:21-23
April 8	Deut. 32:28-52, Luke 12:35-59, Ps 78:56-64, Prov 12:24
April 9	Deut. 33:1-29, Luke 13:1-21, Ps 78:65-72, Prov 12:25
April 10	Deut. 34:1-Josh 2:24, Luke 13:22-14:6, Ps 79:1-13, Prov 12:26
April 11	Josh 3:1-4:24, Luke 14:7-35, Ps 80:1-19, Prov 12:27-28
April 12	Josh 5:1-7:15, Luke 15:1-32, Ps 81:1-16, Prov 13:1
April 13	Josh 7:16-9:2, Luke 16:1-18, Ps 82:1-8, Prov 13:2-3
April 14	Josh 9:3-10:43, Luke 16:19-17:10, Ps 83:1-18, Prov 13:4
April 15	Josh 11:1-12:24, Luke 17:11-37, Ps 84:1-12, Prov 13:5-6
April 16	Josh 13:1-14:15, Luke 18:1-17, Ps 85:1-13, Prov 13:7-8
April 17	Josh 15:1-63, Luke 18:18-43, Ps 86:1-17, Prov 13:9-10
April 18	Josh 16:1-18:28, Luke 19:1-27, Ps 87:1-7, Prov 13:11
April 19	Josh 19:1-20:9, Luke 19:28-48, Ps 88:1-18, Prov 13:12-14
April 20	Josh 21:1-22:20, Luke 20:1-26, Ps 89:1-13, Prov 13:15-16
April 21	Josh 22:21-23:16, Luke 20:27-47, Ps 89:14-37, Prov 13:17-19
April 22	Josh 24:1-33, Luke 21:1-28, Ps 89:38-52, Prov 13:20-23
April 23	Judges 1:1-2:9, Luke 21:29-22:13, Ps 90:1-91:16, Prov 13:24-25
April 24	Judges 2:10-3:31, Luke 22:14-34, Ps 92:1-93:5, Prov 14:1-2
April 25	Judges 4:1-5:31, Luke 22:35-53, Ps 94:1-23, Prov 14:3-4
April 26	Judges 6:1-40, Luke 22:54-23:12, Ps 95:1-96:13, Prov 14:5-6
April 27	Judges 7:1-8:17, Luke 23:13-43, Ps 97:1-98:9, Prov 14:7-8
April 28	Judges 8:18-9:21, Luke 23:44-24:12, Ps 99:1-9, Prov 14:9-10
April 29	Judges 9:22-10:18, Luke 24:13-53, Ps 100:1-5, Prov 14:11-12
April 30	Judges 11:1-12:15, John 1:1-28, Ps 101:1-8, Prov 14:13-14

Easter Egg Hunt
First Baptist Church
Saturday, April 23
10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Everyone is asked to please bring 1 dozen plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy

For children 3rd Grade and under
For more info call the church office 642-2151

FBC's Newest Family Members >>>
Received by Baptism in March
Ashley Harp

Impact Your World
Basic Training for Mission Teams

All volunteers going to Russia, Haiti and Malawi this year will meet on Sundays at 4:30 pm in the Youth Room. This training course is required for all who are planning to be short term missionaries.

April 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
3 8:15 SonRise SS 9:30 The CONVERSATION 11:00 Sunday School 4:30 Impact Your World Study 5:00 Deacon Meeting 6:00 Evening Service	4 3:15 pm <i>Kinder!</i> 6:00 pm Genesis 2 Bible Study	5 3:30 pm Mary Martha	6 5:00 Focus Team Meeting 5:00 Supper 5:00 Bible Drill, Preschool 6:00 Magnify Rehearsal 6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible Studies 7:00 torch student ministries 7:00 Praise Team Rehearsal	7 8:00 am Home School Testing 3:30 pm Mary Martha	8 1 15	9 2 16
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17 8:15 SonRise SS 9:30 The CONVERSATION 11:00 Sunday School 4:30 Impact Your World Study 6:00 Evening Service	18 3:15 pm <i>Kinder!</i> 6:00 pm Genesis 2 Bible Study 6:00 pm Sr Adult Cookout	19 3:30 pm Mary Martha	20 5:00 Supper 6:00 Bible Drill, Preschool 6:00 Magnify Rehearsal 6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible Studies 7:00 torch student ministries 7:00 Praise Team Rehearsal	21 3:30 pm Mary Martha	22 Good Friday OFFICE CLOSED	23 9:00 am Food Closet 10:00 am Easter Egg Hunt
24 8:15 SonRise SS 9:30 The CONVERSATION 11:00 Sunday School NO Evening Service	25 3:15 pm <i>Kinder!</i> 6:00 pm Genesis 2 Bible Study	26 3:30 pm Mary Martha	27 5:00 Supper 6:00 Bible Drill, Preschool 6:00 Magnify Rehearsal 6:30 Prayer Meeting, Bible Studies 7:00 torch student ministries 7:00 Praise Team Rehearsal	28 3:30 pm Mary Martha	29 8:00 am State Bible Drill Competition	30 8:00 am State Bible Drill Competition

WEE Center Registration for 2011-2012 School Year