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As October closes, I am so thankful. Thankful for a church that responded, and is still responding, to crisis around us. As hurricane Helene missed us and ravaged many in her path, you responded with love and one voice.

FBC Pelham worked together to open an evacuation shelter and to be available to minister to people fleeing hurricane Milton while collecting donations for hurricane Helene survivors. You sent teams to Valdosta to work chainsaws and debris removal. I concert with Union Grove, you gave to help with needs. Family Bank heard of your efforts and gave \$5000 to also assist. That contribution has since been forwarded to the North Carolina Baptist Convention Disaster Relief and to Samaritan's Purse along with many other donations. The excess of your food and water donations given for the evacuation shelter were taken over to Valdosta to help feed the Samaritan Purse volunteers who showed up at Morningside Baptist to go out on work crews.

We still have an eye towards going and doing. And for that, your pastor is very thankful. October was Pastor Appreciation Month. But I want to take the time to say, "I appreciate you, church". I appreciate a people given to ministry in the ways you exhibited it so graciously during, and after, disaster. I appreciate your heart and love shown for your neighbors.

In the end, I think we all recognize it really is not our money, our food, our resources, that we gave. It is all God's. It all belongs to God and we are simply stewards of it for the glory of God. And that makes me so proud of you, His church.

Now we turn the page to November. We are praying for revival. We are desirous of God's presence being manifested fresh and anew in the people of God. I sense a hunger for an ignition of God's glory. Christian, pray! Pray for true revival. God can do more in 5 minutes to win souls and shape believers than all the programs and activities can do in a thousand years. Pray.

*In Christ,*

*Bro. Leroy*

## **BIBLE READING PLAN FOR NOVEMBER, 2024**

<b>November 1</b>	<b>Luke 18:15-43; Luke 19:1-48</b>
<b>November 2</b>	<b>Mark 11; John 12</b>
<b>November 3</b>	<b>Matthew 22; Mark 12</b>
<b>November 4</b>	<b>Matthew 23; Luke 20-21</b>
<b>November 5</b>	<b>Mark 13</b>
<b>November 6</b>	<b>Matthew 24</b>
<b>November 7</b>	<b>Matthew 25</b>
<b>November 8</b>	<b>Matthew 26; Mark 14</b>
<b>November 9</b>	<b>Luke 22; John 13</b>
<b>November 10</b>	<b>John 14-17</b>
<b>November 11</b>	<b>Matthew 27; Mark 15</b>
<b>November 12</b>	<b>Luke 23; John 18-19</b>
<b>November 13</b>	<b>Matthew 28; Mark 16</b>
<b>November 14</b>	<b>Luke 24; John 20-21</b>
<b>November 15</b>	<b>Acts 1-3</b>
<b>November 16</b>	<b>Acts 4-6</b>
<b>November 17</b>	<b>Acts 7-8</b>
<b>November 18</b>	<b>Acts 9-10</b>
<b>November 19</b>	<b>Acts 11-12</b>
<b>November 20</b>	<b>Acts 13-14</b>
<b>November 21</b>	<b>James 1-5</b>
<b>November 22</b>	<b>Acts 15-16</b>
<b>November 23</b>	<b>Galatians 1-3</b>
<b>November 24</b>	<b>Galatians 4-6</b>
<b>November 25</b>	<b>Acts 17; Acts 18:1-18</b>
<b>November 26</b>	<b>1 Thessalonians 1-5; 2 Thessalonians 1-3</b>
<b>November 27</b>	<b>Acts 18:19-28; Acts 19: 1-41</b>
<b>November 28</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 1-4</b>
<b>November 29</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 5-8</b>
<b>November 30</b>	<b>1 Corinthians 9-11</b>

## *Life in the New Age*

*The condor sleeps safe in the wild – But we can't save an unborn child  
Can't stop drugs, can't stop AIDS - Can't undo the mess we made  
And children 'round the world will starve - While we sit in a seminar  
That's life in the new age - Life in the new age*

*Mom needs her astrology - The kids are raised by the TV  
God is self, self is God - I can see why you're so odd  
That's life in the new age - Life in the new age*

*Could this be the end we're seeing - Racing toward that final stage  
If it is, we'll soon be leaving - So pack up your bags, get ready to go  
Out of the world, out of the New Age, yes!*

*(Lyrics from the Song “Life in the New Age” by Degarmo & Key, Benson Records, 1989)*

No one can deny that 2020 was a transitional year in our society because of the Covid-19 virus, civil unrest, and the growing animosity towards Christianity. The future looks bleak for the church and believers in Christ. Many people and churches have taken the word “*Christian*” and have distorted its meaning and changed it to fit their lifestyle or culture instead of following Biblical standards. Therefore to call yourself a “*Christian*” depends on your own personal morals or denominational affiliation. The Christian Band, *Degarmo & Key* must have recognized this trend when they wrote this song over 30 years ago. We are living “*Life in the New Age.*”

***1st Timothy 4:1-3: “The Spirit clearly says that in later times some will abandon the faith and follow deceiving spirits and things taught by demons. Such teachings come through hypocritical liars, whose consciences have been seared as with a hot iron. They forbid people to marry and order them to abstain from certain foods, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and who know the truth.”***

Apostasy seems to be the growing trend in today’s culture. The term comes from the Greek word “*Apostasia*” meaning defection, departure, revolt or rebellion. It has become a theological category describing those who have voluntarily and consciously abandoned their faith in God and in His Son, Jesus Christ. There are many examples of Apostasy throughout the Bible by the people of Israel, Kings and prophets, and even by disciples’ of Christ. Recently, a megachurch pastor was quoted as saying, “*We cannot be taking our cues from 2,000 year-old letters (i.e. Paul and his letters to the churches). We need to listen to the current culture and stay relevant.*” Those of us who stand on the Word of God appalled by such a statement but we should not be surprised.

FROM YOUR YOUTH PASTOR

**MOVE Conference 2024**

**MOVE youth conference sponsored by the Georgia Baptist Mission Board will be held at Wild Adventures Theme Park again this year!**

The cost is just \$75/\$90 per student, FBC Youth covers all other expenses for the conference! **Meal plan is extra!**  
Ticket price will increase after 12/15/24.

We will leave after church on Sunday 12/29 (lunch at the church)

We will arrive home around 11:00 pm on Monday 12/30

We will be staying overnight at Holiday Inn & Suites in Valdosta. Breakfast is provided.

Teens will need Bible, string bag, pen, change of clothes and toiletries

Sandwich materials, chips, water and soda will be available in the bus for meals **OR** teens can purchase their own food in the park **OR** teens can choose the meal plan!

**I must have a current health form for each teen!**

**Return This Side!**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

Student phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent phone \_\_\_\_\_

Parent signature \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_ I have a Wild Adventures Pass already      **\$50**

\_\_\_\_ I do not have a Wild Adventures pass      **\$65**

\_\_\_\_ I would like the meal plan      **\$43**

**\*Meal plan includes:**

**Unlimited drink cup**

**Day 1 dinner:** Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Baked beans, Potato salad and Ice cream

**Day 2 lunch:** Chicken tenders, Hotdogs, Potato chips and Ice cream

**Meals are eaten at a designated time and place!**

**Any questions please call:**

**Harold Smith 229-221-1565 [harold@pelhamfbc.org](mailto:harold@pelhamfbc.org)**

**Cindy Smith 229-221-2336**

**For more info on MOVE conference go to:**

*In Christ, Bro. Harold*

The church sometimes appears to be consumed with fear, confusion, and apathy when concerning God's plan. But just as it was prophesied we are witnessing this "*life in the new age*" heading towards the coming rapture, tribulation, and the appearance of the Antichrist (**Dan 9:27, 2 Thess 2:3**). **Matthew 24:10-12** says, "*At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold...*" Jesus is coming very soon but until then now is the time we should maximize our efforts as believers in witnessing to the lost and misguided. Our church should look for more inventive ways in evangelism, discipleship, and missions. Instead of us living near the sound of church bells let's build a mission six feet from the gates of hell! (**Matt 16:18**) My prayer is that "*Life in this New Age*" and beyond will be the greatest revival towards Christ like we have never seen before!

*"When these things begin to take place, stand up and lift up your heads, because your redemption is drawing near." (Luke 21:28)*

*Bro. Andrew*

### **OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD**

The Shoe Box Collection has begun. Shoe boxes are located in the foyer between the Fellowship Hall and the Sanctuary. Labels are available. If you are mailing your check, there is a label for that. **DO NOT** put your check in the box. If you are donating shipping fee online, pick up shipping label for the box. If you go online to do your shoe box, please report to the office so we will know our count. **Boxes are due in the office by November 14th by 4:00 pm and in the Sanctuary by Sunday morning, November 17.**

#### **PICK UP A SHOEBOX**

#### **PACK UP A SHOEBOX**

**We need you to finish packing boxes that were started by Camp Crosspoint last year so they can be ready to send. Regarding the plastic boxes w/white lids-see what is in the box & then finish for the age you select. Please label the box**

**If you can't pack a shoe box but want to be a part of this project, send a check to Samaritan's Purse for shipping to cover cost for people that can't pack a box and pay for shipping. You can get their address from one of the envelopes that are with the shoe boxes in the foyer of the church.**

## Members Birthdays in the Month of November

November 4 Glenwood Anderson  
November 5 Lisa Kitchens  
November 5 Leroy Williams  
November 9 Lucy Thompson  
November 15 Bentley Palmer  
November 15 Hudson Thompson  
November 15 Patty Newton  
November 16 David Drury  
November 17 Nell Brim  
November 18 Will Norman  
November 24 Reggie Feagin  
November 26 Lake Adams  
November 27 Annie Lee Wells  
November 28 Sonya Maloy  
November 28 Lori Williams



Office Hours  
Monday - Thursday  
8:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Closed on Friday

**Activate The Prayer Chain** Tina Sellers 294-8443



Sandra Peck 294-8073

## **Deacons of the Month: NOVEMBER**

**David Drury (229) 221-3743**  
**Robert Wilson (912) 271-4164**

**Deacon's Meeting**  
**Sunday, November 10, 8:30 am**

### Staff at Home

Rev. Leroy Williams Pastor	321-292-9650 leroy.j.williams43@gmail.com
Rev. Harold Smith Minister of Youth	229-221-1565 harold@pelhamfbc.org
Rev. Andrew Chaffer Minister of Music	229-319-0472 revchaffer@gmail.com
Sandra Peck Ministry Assistant	229-327-6026 eshiver@pelhamfbc.org
Donnie Palmer Deacon Chairman	229-221-8907 donnienamy@yahoo.com

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## Prayer List

### MEMBERS

<b>Cindy &amp; David Drury</b>	<b>father passed 9/22</b>
Larry Frosteg	medical
Jimmy Godwin	medical
<b>Anne &amp; Kiley Hayes</b>	<b>medical</b>
Shirley Humphries	medical
RayJean Leggett	medical
Amy Lock	physical therapy
<b>Carl Long</b>	<b>medical</b>
Helen Schmidt	medical
Sue Taylor	medical

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY

David Chapman (Nan)	medical
Ann Davis(daughter Brim)	cancer
Mark Davis(son-inlaw Brim)	cancer
Sharon Dixon (Maloy)	medical Heart
Connor Fielder (Theressia)	coma (wreck)
<b>Jamie Green (Wilson)</b>	<b>medical</b>
Randy Harris (James)	liver cancer
Rick Herren (nephew Hurst)	brain tumor
<b>Susan James (DNL, James)</b>	<b>heart attack 9/22</b>
Harley Johnson (Fenn)	melanoma
Jeanine Mellow (Lock)	cancer
Chris Mobley (Campbell)	cancer
<b>Lance Morrell (Moltz)</b>	<b>cancer</b>
John & Jean Murphy (Monday)	medical
David Parr (Anderson)	medical
<b>Penny Pendarvis (Walters)</b>	<b>hospice</b>
<b>Anthony Petty (Monday)</b>	<b>cancer</b>
John Rich	dementia
Lynn & Chris Struck (Wallace)	both have cancer
Brenda Taylor (Lenora Butler)	cancer
Candace Trimble (Monday)	medical
Cindy Warren (Bishop)	cancer
<b>Cecil Wingate(Bro. LPollock)</b>	<b>passed away 9/29)</b>
Walt Younkin (Godwin)	cancer

### NURSING HOME/ASSISTED LIVING RESIDENTS

Don Bodin, @ Parkway, #307  
 Lane Butler, Mitchell County Convalescent Center  
 Buddy Campbell, Magnolia Manor, Moultrie  
 June Carter, Legacy Village, Rm 208, Thomasville  
 Leon Davis, Parkway  
 Eunice Hatcher, Parkway  
 Gary Hurst, Bainbridge Healthcare  
 Shirley Sellers Nazworth, Magnolia Manor, Moultrie  
 Lula Scott, Savannah Court, Camilla  
 Joyce Walton, Southern Pines  
 Bill Willis, Parkway

### **AMERICAN LEGION BREAKFAST**

11/8/24 from 6:30-9:00 am, Fellowship Hall  
 For tickets & more info, contact Neal Hilliard,  
 JimmyGodwin or Lenora Jo Butler

### **FISH FRY**

**Sponsored by the Adult Men's Sunday  
 School, November 14 at 6:00 pm in the FBC  
 Fellowship Hall. Everyone is welcome! If you  
 need a ride, please call the Church Office.**

### **Business Meeting**

**Sunday, November 17 after Worship Service**

## *First Baptist Church - Pelham*

### SUNDAY

9:15 am	Morning Mingle - Breakfast
9:40 am	Children's Sunday School Opening Rally
9:45 am	Adult & Teen Sunday School Classes meet
10:00 am	Children's Sunday School Classes meet
11:00 am	Morning Worship Service and on Facebook @First Baptist Church Pelham
4:30 pm	Ladies Bible Study

### Monday

6:30 pm	Men's Bible Study
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### Tuesday

12:00 Noon	Men's Lunch/Bible Study
7:00 pm	Men's Prison Ministry

### Wednesday

5:00- 5:30 pm	Kid's Choir
5:00- 6:00 pm	<b>Supper</b>
6:45- 7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting
5:00- 7:30 pm	Children Program
5:45 -7:30 pm	Youth Meeting
6:00 - 6:45 pm	Choir

### **GOLDEN AGE**

**Will hold their annual Thanksgiving luncheon on  
 Sunday, November 10 right after the Worship  
 Service in the new Fellowship Hall.**

### **FBC Prison Ministry**

1st Tuesday, 11/5	Neal Hilliard, Gene Sellers
2nd Tuesday, 11/12	Harold Smith, Donnie Palmer
3rd Tuesday, 11/19	Leroy Williams, Gene Sellers
4th Tuesday, 11/26	Andrew Chaffer, Keith Norman

### **Morning Mingle Breakfast**

**Please come and join us @9::15 am**

### **Breakfast Teams**

<b>November 3</b>	<b>Neal Hilliard Class</b>
<b>November 10</b>	<b>Laura Jane Gray Class</b>
<b>November 17</b>	<b>Dianne Fenn Class</b>
<b>November 24</b>	<b>David Drury Class</b>

### **Nursery Volunteers**

Nov. 3	Melea & Duane Bentley, Lynne Aldridge
Nov. 10	Nichole & Neal Hilliard, Amy & Donnie Palmer
Nov. 17	Kristy & Wesley Palmer, Marlene Bishop
Nov. 24	Kkate & JT Thompson, Lucy, Tina Sellers

### **Staff Meeting**

**November 5th & 19th  
 4:30 pm @ the Office**

# 3rd annual *Eat, Drink, & Be Like Mary*

## EVENT



HOSTED BY: **Luke 10 Ministries**

**Saturday, November 16th** 11a.m.-1p.m.  
First Baptist Pelham **Doors Open at 10 a.m.**

Guest Speaker: **Kesha Parish**  
Special Music: **Brimley Newsome**

Reach out to Jenny Bostick for tickets, flyers, hosting a table, being a corporate sponsor, etc. (229) 522-0555.

[www.Luke10Ministries.org](http://www.Luke10Ministries.org)

**THIS EVENT HAS SOLD OUT!**

Submitted by Ami Mejia

### GA'S HEARTBEAT BILL FAQs

#### **What is the difference between abortion and miscarriage?**

According to GA HB481 section 3, "abortion means the act of using, prescribing, or administering any instrument, substance, device, or other means with the purpose to terminate a pregnancy with knowledge that termination will, with reasonable likelihood, cause the death of an unborn child." Abortion is the intentional termination of pregnancy. According to the Mayo Clinic, a "miscarriage is the sudden loss of a pregnancy before the 20th week."

#### **Does GA HB481 [rpjobot dpctprs frp, treatomg ,oscarroages om GA?**

In GA HB481 Section 4, the law states "any such act shall not be considered an abortion if the act is performed to remove a dead child caused by spontaneous abortion (i.e., miscarriage) or removing an ectopic pregnancy." Therefore, treating a miscarriage does not qualify as an abortion because the child is already deceased.

#### **Does GA HB481 prohibit doctors from treating women who have an incomplete abortion?**

No. A chemical abortion (i.e., the abortion pill) results in an incomplete abortion when some of the fetal tissue remains inside the mother. This can result in severe bleeding, hemorrhagic shock, or sepsis, which can be fatal for the mother. In this case, the baby no longer has a heartbeat, and medical intervention would not be considered an abortion but a lifesaving measure for the mother.

#### **Does GA Law HB481 prosecute women in GA for having an abortion?**

No, no state in the US currently prosecutes women for having an abortion. Therefore, women who have complications from an abortion should seek immediate medical care.



Women's Ministry Presents

# The Best Christmas Pageant Ever

Sunday December 1st  
6:00pm in New Fellowship Hall

Popcorn and drinks during the movie  
Soup and sandwiches after



FBC Pelham Family First Event

## JOINT Revival

SUNDAY NOV. 3RD - WEDNESDAY NOV. 6TH

*Rev. Stanley Phillips*

Senior Pastor at FBC Ripley in Mississippi  
will be our guest speaker.

Light Meal at 6:15pm each evening  
Service will begin at 7:00pm

### SERVICE LOCATIONS:

Sunday and Monday  
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PELHAM  
229.294.8073

Tuesday and Wednesday  
UNION GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH  
229.294.2169

### REVIVAL MEAL

Please have your food at the church by 5:30 pm  
November 3, 6:15 pm: Soup & Sandwiches  
November 4, 6:15 pm: Salad Bar 7 Favorite Salads

Tuesday & Wednesday, November 5th & 6th supper will be at Union Grove Baptist Church at 6:15 pm