

THE BANNER

“New Visions - New Frontiers”

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FBA Senior Adult Celebration

“Count Your Many Blessings”

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Tuesday, September 10 at 10 AM

Registration begins at 9:30 AM

Hosted by: The Rock Baptist Church
1392 Sandy Creek Road, Fayetteville

Cost: \$5

We will have a delightful meal at noon, and are asking those who can to bring their favorite dessert.

Join us for a special message, praise and worship, fellowship and fun including door prizes!

We are excited to have our music led by Joe & Kim Stanley.

RSVP: associationfairb@bellsouth.net or (770)964-9830



The Rock Baptist Church welcomes Joe and Kim Stanley. Joe will be serving as interim Worship Leader and when Kim joins in, it is an added blessing! The Rock is thankful to have this experienced and Godly couple enhance their worship experience.

The following is an excerpt from their website:

Before knowing and trusting Christ, they entertained in many states and countries, performing in theme park theatres, major corporate events, overseas USO tours, children's character shows, and night club show bands. After realizing their true gift and calling from God is to glorify His

Name in everything they do, they have been blessed to share the Good News in hundreds of churches across the country and internationally and also through television and radio.

As an ordained minister, Joe has served on staff at several churches as Worship Leader. Kim is a sought after worship leader and speaker for Women's Ministry events. You can find more information on Kim's ministry in the website, as well. They also have completed several studio recordings and served as officers for the Conference of Southern Baptist Evangelists.

To learn more about Joe and Kim personally and their ministry, visit their website at: www.joeandkimstanley.com



The Rock Baptist Church also welcomes a new Pianist, Dr. Frank Fortunato and his lovely wife, Berit. Frank also comes with much experience and his talent on the piano as well as his Godly spirit are a blessing!

Frank's experience includes International Worship Consultant at Operation Mobilization and Director, Global Renewal of Worship (GROW) Center at the Robert E. Webber Institute for Worship Studies. His travels and urge to serve are vast.

Times TBA

Revival!

October 6-9

**The Rock Baptist Church
1392 Sandy Creek Road, Fayetteville**

Led by: Jon Reed of Focused Evangelism
www.jonreedministries.org



Jon Reed

Joe and Kim Stanley will lead the music and you will enjoy hearing Frank Fortunato on the piano.



The goal for the 2019 Christmas Backpacks is a God-sized goal of 35,000 backpacks. The project will include children and teens ages up to 17 years of age residing in Appalachia as well as in the most poverty stricken counties in Southwest Georgia. All Georgia Baptist churches can help meet the physical and spiritual needs of these children and teens by participating in meeting this goal.

For more information, to register and for resources, go to:
<https://gabaptist.org/backpacks/>



FBA Churches will be receiving the 2019 Annual Church Report information soon. Please contact the associational office if you need assistance. The information gathered on the ACR is an important measure to ministry growth and progress. Thank you!

NEWS & NEEDS

First Victory Baptist Church is seeking a 15 passenger van to help transport members to Sunday School. If you can help with this need, contact Dr. Henry Mason at 404-437-1355

Heatherwood Baptist Church, 2195 Hwy. 138, Riverdale, is in search for a Pianist. The mid-week service is on Thursday, beginning with a meal at 5 PM, service at 6 PM. Sunday services begin at 11 AM. For additional information, contact the church office at 770-996-1893, or Rev. Doug Johnson at 404-539-7593.

The Young at Heart from Line Creek Baptist Church have an exciting trip planned September 30 - October 8. The cost is \$1,250. This will include breakfast and dinner each day, as well as all tours. Just a few of the activities included are:

- ◆ Touring museums and other historical sights in Salem, Virginia
- ◆ A two hour tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield and of President Eisenhower's vacation home
- ◆ A tour in the Hershey Factory
- ◆ An Amish Dinner and the production of "Jesus" at the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, Pennsylvania
- ◆ A tour of an Amish community and shopping
- ◆ A tour of historical places of interest in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
- ◆ To Richmond, Virginia for a step on guided tour, and then Richmond Discoveries Theatre.
- ◆ Tours of Jamestown, Williamsburg and Yorktown

For a complete itinerary and additional information, contact Connie Adams at 770-251-0588; or by email at ccadams1947@yahoo.com

Ramah First Baptist Church, 502 Ramah Drive, Palmetto, will be celebrating their 191st Homecoming on August 18 at 10:30 AM with Bryan Alexander as the guest speaker and the Shadrix Trio providing special music. There will be a fellowship meal following the service. Everyone is invited to come and join in for this special occasion.

Ramah First Baptist Church, P. O. Box 855, 502 Ramah Drive, Palmetto, is now accepting resumes for either a full-time position as Minister of Worship and Students or two part-time positions in those areas. You can send your resume to Jeff Merritt, Pastor, at: jeffpsalm1@gmail.com

Shadnor First Baptist Church is currently searching for a Minister of Music for Sunday morning services. A 30 minute choir practice is conducted at 10:30 AM before the 11 AM service. If interested, contact Joann Johnston at 770-964-3473, or the church office at 770-964-6105.

The Greater Solid Rock Baptist Church, 6280 Camp Rd., Riverdale, is seeking a part-time Youth and Young Adult Minister.

General duties include: Plan, direct, administer and evaluate a comprehensive youth ministry relevant to today's youth with specific focus on the spiritual, physical, recreational, social and emotional development of youth; direct the teaching programs of the Youth Ministry to include, but not limited to Sunday School, Mission Organizations, and Discipleship Training in coordination and cooperation with the Senior Pastor.

This is a part-time position. Salary and other benefits will be negotiated. Please submit a resume and cover letter to The Greater Solid Rock Baptist Church's email address: gsrbc.youthminister.search@gmail.com.

The Rock Baptist Church, 1392 Sandy Creek Rd., Fayetteville, is seeking a:

Worship Leader - Part-Time Position

Responsibilities:

- Direct, lead, and assist the church in planning, conducting, and evaluating a total comprehensive music ministry.
- Attend all regularly scheduled church services.

Qualifications:

- Must be a Christian, very dependable, and trustworthy. Must also be in good standing with current church and have a special love for worship music.
- Must be able to read music and be a talented musician.
- Must have at least one year experience working with adult and children choirs.
- A High school diploma or equivalent is required. Two years of college with a focus on music preferred.

Resumes can be sent to:

Attn: Phil Herrington

rockbaptist@att.net

To submit an upcoming church event or news for publication in the next monthly newsletter, email to:

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- 13 Ray Kuykendall, Pastor - Mt. Olive
- 16 Jane Cox, Music Director - Cliftondale FBC
- 18 Mark Karki, Music - McDonough Road
- 24 Nancy Austin, Financial - Flat Creek



Contact us with birthday information for church ministers and staff. We would love to recognize your special day!



July Receipts

Church	Budget	YTD
Bethlehem	\$ 50.00	\$ 350.00
Blessings of Life		
Campbellton	\$ 285.00	\$ 2,213.85
Cliftondale FBC	\$ 347.22	\$ 2,730.70
Connally Drive		
Crossroads SF		
Dogwood		\$ 300.00
FBC Fairburn	\$ 366.05	\$ 3,381.88
FBC Fayetteville	\$ 666.67	\$ 3,333.35
FBC Fay. Korean		
FBC Peachtree City	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,400.00
FBC Tyrone	\$ 477.09	\$ 3,261.60
First Victory		
Flat Creek	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,000.00
Friendship	\$ 134.76	\$ 798.65
Genesis	\$ 500.00	\$ 1,000.00
Heatherwood	\$ 323.28	\$ 1,729.88
Hisp. Palmetto	\$ 33.15	\$ 198.50
Hisp. Peachtree City	\$ 330.00	\$ 678.05
Line Creek	\$ 617.52	\$ 5,794.75
McDonough Road	\$ 1,109.41	\$ 4,347.89
Mt. Olive	\$ 128.00	\$ 1,200.36
Mt. Vernon	\$ 416.90	\$ 3,583.85
New Hope	\$ 250.00	\$ 1,700.00
Oliver Grove	\$ 105.00	\$ 738.00
Palmetto	\$ 1,885.83	\$ 11,666.52
Pinetree Park		
Providence	\$ 746.32	\$ 5,813.36
Ramah FBC	\$ 173.00	\$ 1,194.00
Red Oak FBC		
Sandy Creek	\$ 871.56	\$ 5,281.98
Sardis	\$ 528.00	\$ 2,526.00
SFCCC		
Shadnor		
Southside	\$ 50.00	\$ 300.00
The Greater Solid Rock	\$ 150.00	\$ 1,050.00
The Rock	\$ 200.00	\$ 1,200.00

UPCOMING EVENTS

August:

- 6 Minister's Luncheon at 12 PM - FBA Fellowship Hall
- 16-17 GO Georgia - FBC Jonesboro
- 20 Minister's Luncheon at 12 PM - Frank's at the Old Mill
- 22 GBMB "Prep Day" - New Hope BC

September:

- 2 Labor Day - FBA Office Closed
- 8 Grandparents Day
- 10 FBA Senior Adult Celebration at 10 AM - The Rock BC
- 22 GBMB "Launch Day"
- 23 Autumn Begins
- 23 FBA Administration Committee/Spouse Appreciation Dinner at 7 PM—FBA Fellowship Hall
- 24 Minister's Luncheon at 12 PM - FBA Fellowship Hall

SWAMP PONDERINGS

“Aunt Cassie and the State Patrol”

Aunt Cassie was a wild, free spirit. When I was twelve, she was 79 years old. Although she was very smart and wise, most of the time she acted as if she was younger than me. She kept her youthful spirit alive which made her a lot of fun to be around. If the truth be told, she actually wasn't my aunt. She was the aunt of a cousin-in-law who had married into our family. But after she was introduced to our family, she demanded we call her “Aunt Cassie.” So, we did.

She could be a bit bold at times...well, most of the time. She would say things that most people wouldn't say. But, when she said it, it seemed to be okay. She had several bold discussions with law enforcement officials and judges. You see, she loved to drive her convertible Ford Mustang at speeds that exceeded the speed limit. Although she had been stopped many times, she had very few tickets. Her gift of “gab” came in handy on many occasions.

She did not depend on anybody else to plead her case or defend her actions. She felt she could handle all that by herself, which she did in most cases. In fact, she once was stopped for speeding to a hospital where a dear old friend was dying. She wanted to ask the dying friend where her secret recipes were hidden. When the officer asked her, “Do you have a good reason for speeding?”

She responded, “Yes, I do.”

The officer didn't want to hear it. He just said, “Well, tell it to the judge.” And, that's exactly what she did - in court. She stated her case thoroughly and convincingly. By the time she was through with the judge and officer, her case was dismissed, and her ticket torn up! Plus, the officer apologized to her for not hearing her out when he first posed the question to her. The judge even told the officer he could have saved them all time and money if he had heard her response to his question. She was quite a feisty and persuasive lady.

One night she was stopped for speeding by a State Patrol officer. She was asked for her driver's license, registration and proof of insurance. She was ready with all the information needed. The officer found it all accurate and current.

In the cards she gave the officer was an extra card stuck to the back of another. It was her “conceal

carry permit.” The officer looked at her and asked, “You are a little old for this, aren't you?”

Aunt Cassie responded, “You are never too old to care about safety.”

The curious State Patrol officer asked, “Do you have a weapon in your possession at this moment?”

She proudly stated, “You bet I do.”

The officer asked, “What do you have?”

She said, “Well, I have a .45 automatic in my glove box...Let's see. I have a 9mm Glock in my console...There's a 12-gauge shotgun in my trunk...and I have a .38 special in my purse.”

The stunned State Patrol officer asked, “Well, madam, what are you afraid of?”

She looked at the officer eyeball to eyeball and said, “Not a thing, sonny!”

The officer, a bit shocked, asked her to please slow down and be very careful.

Aunt Cassie said she always felt secure when she was in her car. I guess now we know why!

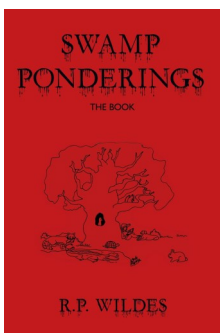
It was her strong belief that these items brought her a sense of security and safety from bodily harm; but, they were nothing compared to her eternal security received from Jesus Christ. She said, if and when, these earthly things failed to keep her secure - Jesus would never fail! She often referred to John 10:27-30 as her basis of eternal security.

“My sheep hear My voice, I know them, and they follow Me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish - ever! No one will snatch them out of My hand. My Father, who had given them to me, is greater than all. No one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are One” (CSB version).

No matter how safe and secure earthly things may make us feel, they are still limited measures. The greatest unlimited source of security comes from the Lord. He is all-powerful and greater than all. Whoever He secures is safe for all eternity. So, put your trust in Him.

God bless you all.

Bro. Ron



Can't get enough of Bro. Ron's Swamp Ponderings?

Purchase a copy of his book, Swamp Ponderings: The Book.

Simply contact us at the Fairburn Baptist Association office.

The cost is \$20 if you would like Bro. Ron to mail it to you. If you would like to stop by the office and pick one up, the cost is \$17.



August 16-17, 2019 First Baptist Church Jonesboro

Dates and Times:

August 16, 2019 from 1:00 PM – 8:30 PM
(Registration begins at noon)

August 17, 2019 from 8:00 AM – 4:15 PM
(Registration begins at 7:30 AM)

Address: 147 Church St., Jonesboro, GA 30236

2-DAY PRICE Per Person (Friday AND Saturday) * **

\$45 from June 1 to August 9

\$55 for walkups

1-DAY PRICE Per Person (choose Friday OR Saturday) *

\$30 from June 1 to August 9

\$40 for walkups

** the registration fee includes all sessions, meals and breaks.*

*** because of the mission gifts of Georgia Baptists through the Cooperative Program and the Mission Georgia offering, the cost of this event is decreased by \$40 per participant.*

If you have questions about the conference, please visit www.gogeorgia.net or email khall@gabaptist.org.



SWAMP GRITS

GRITS:

1/2 - 3/4 cup grits (according to preferred consistency and package directions)

2 cups water

1 1/2 cup of half and half

1/4 lb. mild or sharp cheddar cheese cut into small cubes

1/2 cup heavy cream

1/2 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning

salt and pepper to taste

In medium/large pot bring water and half & half to boil. Stir in grits. Bring to a boil, then simmer. Cook until grits are done. Stir often to prevent sticking. Add cheese, cream and seasoning. Keep warm.

NOTE: Bro. Ron measures his grits differently. 1 heaping tablespoon per serving. Then cover with liquid (water and half & half). Add water if grits become too thick when cooking. You do not want the grits to be too thin, as you will be adding the below "Topping" ingredients.

TOPPING:

1/4 cup olive oil

1 lb. peeled/deveined shrimp (any size you prefer)

1/4 lb. country sausage or andouille thinly sliced

1/4 lb. red peppers cut into thin strips

3/4 cup Marsala Cooking Wine

1/2 stick butter

1 teaspoon Old Bay seasoning

1/2 cup tomato juice

In large skillet, heat olive oil to medium heat. Add shrimp, peppers, sausage, wine, butter and seasoning. Cook until shrimp and sausage are done. Add tomato juice and get it hot.

Pour over grits and serve.

Good with toast, cornbread or hushpuppies.