



The Grapevine



Gatlin Creek Baptist Church



From The Pastor's Pen

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“By the yard, it’s hard; by the inch, it’s a cinch.” Nursery rhymes are a good source of practical wisdom. They usually present profound truth in a remarkable simple way. The previous quote reveals the way most of us make it through the hard times of life—one small step at a time.

What works in nursery rhymes also works at church. Over the past six months we have taken some very small, yet very deliberate steps toward church health. The Lord has blessed beyond our expectations. Worship attendance is up. Morale and optimism are up. The presence of numerous guests each week is encouraging. The overall enthusiasm of the church has greatly improved. All in all, things are getting better. We are moving in the right direction. There are still a few more hurdles to cross, but by prayer and faith, we will clear these as well. The personnel and stewardship committees are working now to update

policies and to prepare a workable budget for the new church year. Hopefully, all of that will be done and published for your perusal before the October 13th business meeting.

The known items on the agenda for that night are: 1) the four recommendations that were presented by our worship leader at the last meeting, 2) a job description for the senior pastor, 3) recommendation from the personnel committee, and 4) a proposed budget. Each of these items is extremely important and deserves our concentrated prayer. We believe that God makes His will known through the voice of His people. How we respond to these recommendations will impact our church for years to come. Come prayed up and prepared to vote as the Lord leads. Also, October wouldn’t be complete without the Fall Festival. We have set aside Sunday evening for a time of fun, food and fellowship. There will be a good variety of

activities. The Children’s department is in charge of this project. See Shelia Smith or Joann Allensworth if you have suggestions or would like to serve.

Finally, I have been greatly encouraged of late by some of the contacts I’ve made with lost folk and prospective church members. We are living in uncertain times. People are searching for real answers. I’m so glad we have a God who cares and His unchanging Word upon which to build our lives. It is faith in Him that keeps me going, confident and optimistic about the future. He is worthy of our very best efforts, as well as our praises.

Join me Sunday as we worship Him in spirit and in truth. Brother Don

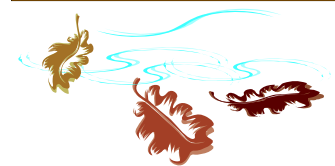


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Our Purpose....

Our sole purpose as a church is to glorify God by effectively fulfilling the **Great Commission** and actively living the **Great Commandment**.



Our Mission...

HIS COMMISSION:
Matthew 28:18-20
Go . . . make disciples of all nations.
HIS COMMANDMENT:
Matthew 22: 37-40
...love the Lord your God with all your heart....
love your neighbor as yourself.

Worship Update

Dr. Richard Hughes

*Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Who should I send? Who will go for Us?”
I said, “Here I am Send me.”*

The nominating committee and deacons have finished the task of getting our church positions filled for the 2010-2011 calendar year. As one who has watched the process through completion, I want to express my admiration of all the members who have stepped up to the plate and assumed positions of leadership in the church. Some of the more notable facts that stick out:

Four of the new deacons this year are serving in this role for the first time

Over 1/3 of individuals who accepted church positions this year are serving in positions/committees that they were not serving in last year

There are over 30 new names on this year's service list that were not on last year's list.

The number of people who volunteered to serve in at least one position jumped by over 40% from last year.

Those serving this year include 8 high school and college students.

While some of these additions was just proper recognition for those already serving, most of these additions were just people responding to God's calling and the ministry interest survey sent out in the spring. I am greatly encouraged by...

Those who volunteered for the first time

Those that took on new roles

The nominating committee working so hard to complete the list in a timely manner (no Zumba jokes).

Our church's response, in general, to raise their hand and their heart and say “Here am I Lord, use me.”

I am praying and believing that God will greatly use our offerings of time and talents for a really great year for our church.

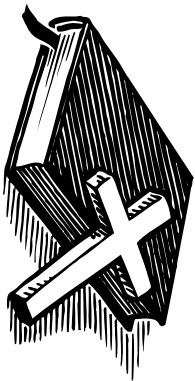
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JOIN US FOR SUNDAY WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY

Sunday School 9:45 A.M.

Late Morning Worship 10:30 A.M.





October 2010

Gatlin Creek
Baptist Church
2031 Gatlin Creek Road
Thomasville, Georgia

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
					Fellowship Hall Reserved	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Fall Break						
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Voting in Fellowship Hall	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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Birthdays & Anniversaries*

October 1

Brooke Hopkins
Virginia O'Neal

October 3

Fred Skinner

October 4

Charlene Harnevious

October 5

Madeira Glenn

October 6

David Theobold

October 7

Julie Scott
Ruby Tinsley

October 9

Tony Fletcher

October 10

Eric & Lacolla Harper
Hudson Prevatt

October 14

Mike & Mandy Rice

October 16

Stephen Atkinson

October 17

Rick & Jackie Horton

October 19

Neil Bennett
Conner Juras

October 20

Ellie Rose Riggs
Brittany Ring

October 22

Betty Blackmon

October 25

Jim Davis

October 26

Beverly Mitchell
Stacey Yawn

October 27

Bob & Glennie Gray
Preston Prevatt

October 28

Ramona Fulgham

October 31

Don Prevatt

**Please notify the
church office
of any changes or
additions.
225-1154**

Things God Won't Ask On "That Day"

...God won't ask what kind of car you drove, He'll ask how many people you drove who didn't have transportation.

...God won't ask the square footage of your house, He'll ask how many people you welcomed into your home.

...God won't ask about the clothes you had in your closet, He'll ask how many you helped to clothe.

...God won't ask what your highest salary was, He'll ask if you compromised your character to obtain it.

...God won't ask what your job title was, He'll ask if you performed your job to the best of your ability.

...God won't ask how many friends you had, He'll ask how many people to whom you were a friend.

...God won't ask in what neighborhood you lived, He'll ask how you treated your neighbors.

...God won't ask about the color of your skin, He'll ask about the content of your character.

...God won't ask why it took you so long to seek Salvation. He'll lovingly take you to your mansion in heaven, and not to the gates of Hell.

