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BAPTIST CHURCH

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May 2016

**Ask And You Shall Receive**

Never was this statement so true when our Father answered a long standing prayer for our Homeless Mission. I have long desired to take pastries down to the homeless when I take coffee and water each Sunday. I could not secure a local merchant to assist me.

When we were at Publix at Britton Plaza, I was introduced to a Pastor from Praise Cathedral who also runs a homeless mission. He offered me the opportunity to make direct pickups of pastries and bread from designated Publix stores, five days a week. Little did I realize the enormous amount of food being offered for pickup.

Since starting this adventure, food is being shared with the following: New Beginnings, Southside Baptist, Freedom Village, Presbyterian Village, Messianic Jewish Temple and our own pantry and members.

More recipients are being lined up to receive food. What can I say? God is good!

I would especially like to thank my wife Cassie, Megan, and Donna Fisher for their help with this project. I would not have been able to do it without them.

All Praise to our Heavenly Father,  
Curt

**Up Coming Events**

**DON'T MISS OUR FAMILY NIGHT SUPPERS, EVERY WEDNESDAY NIGHT AT 6:00 PM. GOOD HOME COOKED MEALS AND LOTS OF GOOD FELLOWSHIP, FOLLOWED BY BIBLE STUDY AND PRAYER. COME AND JOIN THE FAMILY IN FELLOWSHIP AND PRAYER**

Any questions call 813-831-1951

**Revive Worship Service**

**Need a Midweek boost?**

**6:30 PM Wednesdays**

**Traditional worship service with hymns and hearing from God's Word. Come prepared to experience God in a fresh new way.**

**Back to the Basics**

Dear Church Family:

I recently read a quote which went something like this, "Many churches have diluted the word of God to the point that if it was a poison it wouldn't kill and if it was a remedy it wouldn't heal." I think there is much fact in this pithy statement and it should serve as a warning to us all.

There was a time when church services centered themselves on the doctrines of theology and proclaimed the word of God as written. A time when pastors would declare to their congregation, "So saith the Lord!", *with no concern for whom they offended*. They understood that *it wasn't the man who offended, but the word of God*.

Instead, today, we live in a culture that has to protect everyone's feelings. We have to have safe zones at colleges so that the *tender students* have a place to be protected from being offended. We live in a society that embraces fantasy more than reality, where right has become wrong and vice versa, and now we see this same thing

happening in our churches. Sadly, we live in a time where the world rubs off more on the church than the church on the world! The Apostle Paul warned Timothy the young pastor of this very thing 2000 years ago, "*but know this, that in the last days perilous times will come. For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power*". (2 Tim. 3:1-5a)

**My friends**, we have to get back to the basics! It isn't complicated. We need to open our Bibles and find the truths authored by our Creator. And yes, His word will offend! I can't tell you how many times His word has cut through me like a sword because it spoke directly of my sin! We need to have the boldness to call out sin for what it is. Churches need to return to sermons about sin, hell, man's natural rebelliousness against God, and the precious gift that was rendered at the cross. We have to get back to the basics for it is the unbridled word of God which saves. Not fancy technology, not coffee baristas in the lobby, and not motivational speakers in the pulpit!

It is amazing how subtly Satan can distract us from what truly matters. How things become more about us and our satisfaction than God and His satisfaction. You and I have been given the Holy Spirit to strengthen us along our spiritual journey. Why then, are we as timid as the apostles at Jesus' crucifixion? My friends, it is time we step up boldly and stand firmly on the foundation of God's written word, and if we offend, so be it! I would much rather a man is mad at me than God! What about you?

Soli Deo Gloria (Glory To God Alone),  
Charles Inman

**Created to Know the Glory of God**

In Romans 1, Paul said that all human beings, deep down in their souls, “know God” (v. 21). “What can be known about God is plain to them” (v. 19). Specifically, Paul says, all humans know the glory of God, because that is the truth we suppress and the treasure we exchange. “They ... exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images” (v. 23).

I do not take Paul to mean that all humans have a spiritual, saving knowledge of God’s glory, since he says we are under God’s wrath and without excuse (vv. 18–21).

Rather, I take him to mean that because we are all created in God’s image, with the original destiny of imaging forth God’s glory, there are traces of this design in our souls. Sin has dethroned the glory of God as our supreme treasure and pleasure, but it has not destroyed the God-shaped template that this dethronement left behind.

We were made for the glory of God. Our minds are designed to know the glory of God, and our hearts are designed to love the glory of God.

The deepest longing of the human soul is to know and enjoy the glory of God. We were made for this. “Bring my sons from afar and my daughters from the ends of the earth ... whom I have created for my glory”—says the Lord (Isa. 43:6–7). To see it, to savor it, and to show it—that is why we exist.

Adapted from “A Peculiar Glory” by John Piper

Submitted by Dean Hutchison

**Deacon Schedule for May**

May 02 - May 08 Tom DeGroff 289-0224  
 May 09 - May 17 Dale Fasenmyer 293-3253  
 May 16 - May 22 Dean Hutchison 839-2026  
 May 23 - May 29 Johnny Macias 374-6475  
 May 30 - June 05 Jim Page 839-0917

**Nursery Schedule for May**

May 01 Lorraine Lundy  
 May 08 Liz Harris  
 May 15 Rachel Macias  
 May 22 Barbara Miller  
 May 29 Florence Myers

| <i>Sunday</i>  | <i>Monday</i>  | <i>Tuesday</i>                                  | <i>Wednesday</i>   | <i>Thursday</i>   | <i>Friday</i> | <i>Saturday</i>   |
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| <b>1</b> VBS Shake   | <b>2</b>   | <b>3</b> 8:30 AM<br>MOPS                        | <b>4</b> 6:00 PM<br>Family Night<br>Supper<br>6:30 PM<br>Worship Service<br>6:30 PM<br>Youth Worship                                   | <b>5</b><br><br>6:30 PM<br>Women On A<br>Mission@<br>Sue’s  | <b>6</b>      | <b>7</b> 9:00 AM<br>Woman’s<br>Breakfast  |
| <b>8</b><br>Mother’s Day   | <b>9</b> 1:30 PM<br>PB&J<br>Ministry   | <b>10</b>                                       | <b>11</b> 10 AM<br>Homebound<br>Visitation<br>6:00 PM Family<br>Night Supper<br>6:30 PM<br>Worship Service<br>6:30 PM<br>Youth Worship | <b>12</b><br><br>6:30 PM<br>Women On A<br>Mission@<br>Sue’s | <b>13</b>     | <b>14</b> 9 AM<br>Property Team<br>10 AM<br>Church Council<br>11 AM<br>Finance<br>Committee             |
| <b>15</b><br>4:00 PM<br>Prayer &<br>Praise<br>4:30 PM<br>Deacons’<br>Meeting | <b>16</b>  | <b>17</b> 11:30 AM<br>Sunshine Class<br>Meeting | <b>18</b> 6:00 PM<br>Family Night<br>Supper<br>6:30 PM<br>Worship Service<br>6:30 PM<br>Youth Worship                                  | <b>19</b><br><br>6:30 PM<br>Women On A<br>Mission@<br>Sue’s | <b>20</b>     | <b>21</b> 8:00 AM<br>Woman Of<br>Prayer<br>10:30 AM<br>Go Team<br>11-2:00 PM<br>VBS Planning<br>Meeting |
| <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b> 11:00 AM<br>Widows<br>Pressing On<br><br>1:30 PM<br>PB&J<br>Ministry | <b>24</b>                                       | <b>25</b> 6:00 PM<br>Family Night<br>Supper<br>6:30 PM<br>Worship Service<br>6:30 PM<br>Youth Worship                                  | <b>26</b><br><br>6:30 PM<br>Women On A<br>Mission@<br>Sue’s | <b>27</b>     | <b>28</b> 9 AM-6 PM<br>Youth<br>Holy Land<br>Experience   |
| <b>29</b> Lord’s<br>Supper<br><br>Benevolence<br>Offering                    | <b>30</b>  | <b>31</b>                                       |  |   |               |   |



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|------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| 05/03 Janet Strickland | 05/16 Elizabeth Coronado | 05/24 Mike Zeccola  |
| 05/10 Charles Inman    | 05/21 Dorothy Gainey     | 05/30 Rachel Macias |

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 e-mailed to: [mbcprayerline@gmail.org](mailto:mbcprayerline@gmail.org)