

# The Sanctuary Apostolic Pentecostal Church Messenger



October  
2016

**1321 4th Ave. SW  
Bessemer, AL 35022**

## Schedule

### Sundays:

9:00 am Pre-service prayer  
9:30 am Sunday School (all ages)  
10:30 am Worship service &  
Children's Church (ages 5-11)  
5:30 pm Pre-service prayer  
6:00 pm Praise Explosion

### Mondays:

7:00 pm Prayer

### Wednesdays:

6:30 pm Pre-service prayer  
7:00 pm Bible Study

### Fridays:

7:00 pm "Aftershock": (Youth ages 12-21)

### Saturdays:

Men's Prayer 8:00 am  
Outreach prayer/visitation 9:30 am

## Connect with us



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## Ministries

### Todd Bertram, Pastor

Bible Quizzing - Gary Smith

Children's Ministry (ages 3-11) - Ronnie Wead

Drama Ministry - Jasmine Corcoran

Home Bible Study - Roy Westbrook

Hospitality Ministry - Misty Baker

Ladies' Ministry - Mary Ann Jones

Maintenance—Matt Corcoran

Men's Ministry - Kerry Jones, Sr.

Music Ministry - Anson Alford

Outreach Ministry - Johnny & Mary Jackson

Promotions - Kyle Bertram

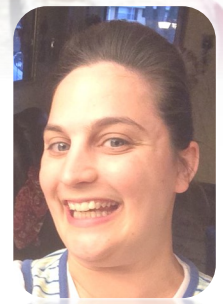
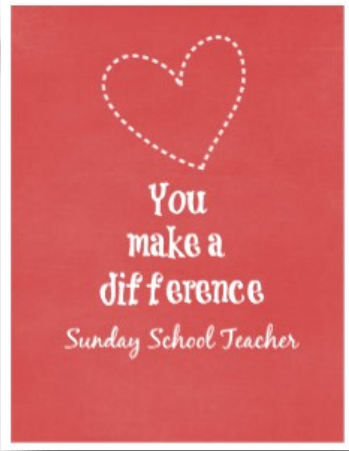
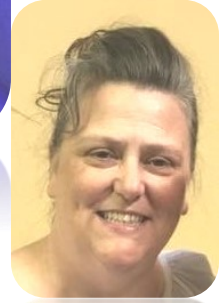
Sound/Media - Darrell Baker

Student Ministries - (ages 12-21) - Matt & Mary Day

# October Birthdays

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| <b>1</b><br>Savanna Baker      | <b>22</b><br>Rylee Jade      |
| <b>4</b><br>Eugene Nalley      | <b>24</b><br>Andrew Hood     |
| <b>7</b><br>Elizabeth Woodruff | <b>30</b><br>Whitney Provost |
| <b>9</b><br>Zachary Corcoran   | <b>Jasmine Corcoran</b>      |
| <b>14</b><br>Ashley Hood       | <b>Penny Herring</b>         |
| <b>18</b><br>Roy Westbrook     | <b>Sarah Hall</b>            |
| <b>19</b><br>Stacey Bertram    |                              |
| <b>20</b><br>Mary Jackson      |                              |
| <b>Addie Holt</b>              |                              |

**Happy Birthday  
Y'all!**



We are so thankful for our Sunday School teachers & Children's Ministry leaders. Please pray for them as they dedicate themselves to your children.

## Sunday School Skating Party



## The Path of Reaction—by Olivia Dummer

Everyone has had that moment when they look back and wonder how in the world they got in the mess they're in now. The series of events leading from good intentions to bad results sometime will shock even the most observant of Christians.

So how do these events get so off course? I am proposing that *it is possible* that you were never truly on course. Let's flip to the last couple of chapters in Judges and talk about the events that happened in the land of Israel.

In Judges 19–21 we find the story of a land that had yet again turned from God. They lived the way they wanted to, free of boundaries and submission. This wasn't a new state of being for Israel; they spent hundreds of years living on the opposite side of God's blessings.

So why is this significant?

It started with the story of a Levite man and his concubine who were on a journey home and took refuge in a place called Gibeah in Benjamin. What happened that night was the result of a people consumed with sin—they lived and breathed it. After pushing the man to come out and join them, he sent his concubine whom they abused to the point of death. The tragic story didn't stop there; rather it caused him to respond.

Rather than dealing with his part of the situation, he sent for the nation to rally behind this cause—the cause he himself was a part of. The result was a nation that turned on each other and almost annihilated one of its tribes completely. If you read the story you'll get a better picture of all of the mess and politics that went on behind the scenes, but you must understand there was a lot of pride on the line, a lot of misplaced loyalty, and a lot of sin involved.

If you read the story all the way through, you will find the Israelites stuck over and over again, covering their previous sins with even more sin. You read and wonder how anything could ever be turned around. You wonder if they will ever learn their lesson.

Have you ever felt stuck in that same cycle? Constantly feeling as if you're climbing out of a hole, your good intentions leading you to even more messes than you started out with. The Israelites launched into a devastating war with their brothers, the Benjamites. But were the Benjamites right to do what they did? No, not even a little. But the situation can be traced back to the Levite man who avoided his problems and sent someone else out to deal with them for him. He stepped into a sinful environment and surrounded himself with people who were harmful to him and his family, and he wasn't willing to pay the consequences or admit his part in where they ended up. So what is my point?

In this story we find a tragic idea we live every day, the idea that our every action is linked to our circumstances. We live in a world of reaction, alleviating us of the responsibility of making choices that proactively keep us from harm. Rather than keeping himself and his family away from a place of danger, he walked right into a community that was far from safe.

We have a responsibility as Christians to have more than good intentions, and we need some follow-through. It's time for us to be intentional about the way we live, the people with whom we surround ourselves, and the lines we draw lest we find ourselves in a place where we're wondering what has happened to our family, our future, and our walk with God.

I'm asking you readers to come on a journey with me, to toss good intentions to the side, and let God have a hand in guiding your path. The story of the nation of Israel is a bumpy and curvy one, filled with disaster and victory. We see a people who constantly struggled with what they wanted, what they thought was right, and who they followed. The result was a constant state of upheaval and strain.

I've decided good intentions aren't enough for me anymore; I'm learning to let God have the final say in my life's direction.

I plan to choose intentions over reactions.

# the SANCTUARY

student ministries



## October Schedule:

Tuesday, October 4—Student prayer and Fast day @ CHURCH 7 PM

Friday, October 7—Student Night 6:45

Friday, October 14—Student Night 6:45

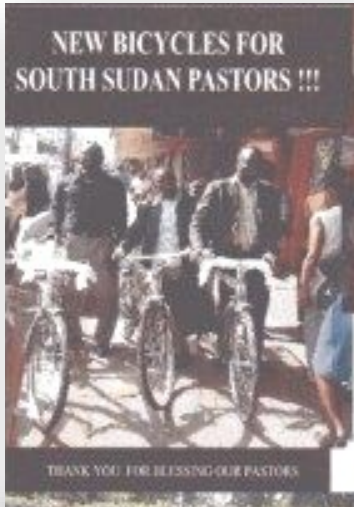
Friday, October 21—Student Night 6:45

Saturday, October 22—Student Outreach 9:30 AM

Friday, October 28—Student Night 6:45



# From around the world...



Once again we greet all our precious partners in Jesus Name! This is to update you all on some highlights of the work here in Kenya and South Sudan. Since our last update in Jan 2016 the Lord has kept us pretty busy traveling, teaching etc. Over the last three months we have personally witnessed among other things 38 souls baptized in Jesus name, including two former South Sudanese Child soldiers, 35 filled with the Holy Ghost for the first time, 4 miraculous healings, 4 persons delivered from demon possession. To God be all glory! -Groves Family, Sudan/Kenya

**VANUATU:** The enemy rejoiced as the winds of Tropical Cyclone Pam tore to shreds the beautiful Maxwell Auditorium, the mainstay and largest building of the UPCIV. We knew the cost to rebuild would be phenomenal. Now out of the seed bed of destruction rises the stage for an amphitheater that is estimated to seat 2000+.

The church in Vanuatu is working to see this built at a fraction of the amount we would need for a rebuild of the previous building. We now rejoice because this fulfills a vision of retired Veteran Missionaries Lee and Becky Sherry. It had been their dream to see this happen —Peter and Robbie Gratton



**Jesus, help us to reach the world for You!**



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Pray for our Missionaries

**COSTA RICA:** Worship transcends language barriers. The Global Missions Next Steps group attended the Central American Seminar in Costa Rica, July 26-28. These young people worshipped, with the ministers in attendance, all week. —David and Yonda Schwarz



**MADAGASCAR:** Thankful for another year with great regional conferences held in all six regions of Madagascar. God poured out His Spirit and we rejoice with 2,797 that were filled with the Holy Ghost during six regional conferences! Praise the Lord! His truth is marching on. —Chris and Paula Richardson



## CUBA CONFERENCE 2016

Thank you Dr. Paul Baumeister, Director of Apostolic School of Theology, and the team of Spanish-speaking ministers, for bringing world-class APOSTOLIC teaching & preaching to the Cuban churches.

**78 SOULS FILLED WITH THE HOLY GHOST IN 3 DAYS!**

The Apostolic Church of Cuba is growing more than ever before, there are currently more than six Trinitarian churches working together with the Iglesia Apostólica de Jesucristo, wanting to understand the apostolic faith and doctrine. Hundreds from other religious groups were baptized in Jesus' name in 2015. People are seeing, THERE IS A DIFFERENCE when we do what we do IN JESUS NAME!

The leadership of the Iglesia Apostólica de Jesucristo has embraced core Apostolic doctrine and experience, including inward and outward Holiness. It's not missionaries telling them to look, act, and talk "Apostolic." Cuban leaders are declaring, "**We are Apostolic!**" Because of such indigenous convictions ("generated from within" rather than imposed from outside), revival is breaking out in local congregations and unity is forming around a common embrace of Bible doctrine. It is a distinctly CUBAN Apostolic Church — not an American church in Cuba.

# Words of Wisdom

## What Time Is It in Your Life?

-by Sis. Barbara Morse



As I usually do daily, I sat in my Lazy Boy chair and began to pray and worship the Lord, The thought of “time” came to me. There are many scriptures in the Word of God about time. The one I often think of is Ecclesiastes, Chapter 3:

*“To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven; A time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; A time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; A time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; A time to get, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; A time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, and a time of peace....He hath made every thing beautiful in his time...”*

There is a time for everything. How much time in 24 hours do we waste? People these days are so busy with the cares of this life and waste away their lives with many things such as sports, shopping, cell phones, etc., while their families suffer because of lack of communication with one another. As Christians we should keep that in mind as we walk with God. We have great influence upon our friends and family. Therefore, the enemy of our souls would like us to be too busy to spend time with them.

God gave us 24 hours in a day. How much of it do we give unto the Lord? He doesn't ask much, but He does want to be first in our lives. So when you pray, ask God how much He requires of you and then try to give it.

There is an old saying that says, “*Only one life twill soon be passed, only what's done for Christ will last.*” Though the time I have spent writing this has been just a little, I hope someone has been blessed by it.

## See last page for October Events

(Events below are subject to change.)



District Hyphen Retreat for older youth—Nov 1-5

Daylight Savings Time Ends—Nov. 6 (Set clocks back Sat. night)

Election Day—Nov. 8

Leadership Fall Planning Retreat —Nov. 18-19

Thanksgiving Dinner—Nov. 20

Midweek Service—Tues., Nov. 22, (No service Wed.)

Thanksgiving—Nov. 24

Ladies' Christmas Party—Dec. 3

Men's Christmas Dinner—Dec. 10

Christmas for Christ Offering—Dec. 11

Christmas Service—Dec. 18 am

Christmas Banquet—Dec. 18 pm

Christmas Day—Dec. 25—(Christmas morning Service, no evening service )

New Year's Day—Jan. 1

**To be like Jesus, To be like Jesus**

**All I ask- to be like Him**

**All through life's journey, from earth to glory**

**All I ask- to be like Him.**

the Potter &  
the Clay  
Jer. 18:1-6  
Make me into  
Your image, Jesus.

# The Sanctuary Events Calendar - October 2016

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						1 Men's Prayer 8:00 am Outreach Prayer & Visitation 9:30 am
2 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Praise Explosion 6:00 pm	3 Prayer 7 pm	4 Prayer for Pastor & family	5 Bible Study 7 pm	6	7	8 Men's Prayer 8:00 am Outreach Prayer & Visitation 9:30 am
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				Men's Camping Trip		
16 Sunday School 9:30 am Worship Service 10:30 am Praise Explosion 6:00 pm <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Pastor Appreciation</div>	17 Prayer 7 pm	18 Prayer for Pastor & family	19 Bible Study 7 pm	20 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">Monthly Leadership Planning</div>	21	22 Men's Prayer 8:00 am Outreach Prayer & Visitation 9:30 am
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