

"A thief comes only to rob, kill, and destroy. I came so that everyone would have life, and have it in its fullest."  
-Jesus

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# Men's Wild Game Supper



*Special Guest*  
*Jason Cruise*

Thursday, October 8, 6:00 PM  
First Baptist Church Albany

Donations  
Only

## Founder, Outdoor Ministry Network

GUYS, come and enjoy a great evening together and learn more about the exciting opportunities that await us as we enjoy God's creation.

CAMO (*Christ and Men Outdoors*) is a ministry that utilizes outdoor activities to bring men and Christ together.

Please sign up in Sunday school or the atrium, or call the church office, 883-8000.





PASTOR'S SERMON TOPIC

Sunday, October 4, 10:30 AM  
"Dress for Success"

Ephesians 6:10-20

This morning I want to share some thoughts with you concerning our new men's ministry known as CAMO. I have worked on this idea for over a year now, thinking about ways to help our guys grow in their relationship with God and one another. I have met with various groups of men, listening and talking with them about this outdoor ministry idea. They have offered great feedback and have helped sharpen my focus in this area.

So, I am excited to introduce CAMO more fully to you. CAMO is an acronym for **Christ and Men Outdoors**. Several folks have asked me if CAMO is part of a larger men's ministry group. The answer is no. For several months I researched and pondered many different outdoors and men's ministries, searching for the one that communicated what I believed was essential in starting and developing this kind of ministry.

Though I found many great ideas and ran across many more fine ministries, God did not lead me to embrace any of them. Instead, He gave me the letters C-A-M-O during a sleepless night about a year ago. About a week or so later, God led me to the words *Christ and Men Outdoors* and gave me this mission statement: **CAMO is a ministry that utilizes outdoor activities to bring men and Christ together.**

Simply having a mission statement does not translate into a successful ministry. In order for this ministry to work well, our men must embrace these core values. The men of CAMO must be committed to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ; authentic in our relationships with one another; motivated to introduce other men to the Lord; and be obsessed with the outdoors. When our guys cling to these values, God will accomplish great feats through us.

We are launching CAMO on Thursday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 PM with a wild game supper. This meeting will not be the same kind of wild game suppers as in the past. Before, we have had an annual wild game supper that was open to all. While that kind of event is a good time and a lot of fun, we are focusing this meeting more narrowly to include mainly our own men.

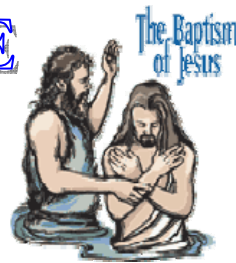
Please know that we will have a wild game supper in the spring that will serve as an outreach event, but for right now the goal is to introduce our men to this new ministry plan. I invited Jason Cruise, founder of Outdoor Ministry Network, to be our guest speaker for the evening. A few of our men met Jason earlier this year at Ridgecrest during the Fly Fishing Adventures trip. He has a heart for both men and outdoor ministry. He has helped many churches launch their outdoor ministries and knows the ins and outs as well as anyone. I am certain that you will enjoy meeting and hearing him.

# BAPTISM SERVICE

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4, 6:00 PM

To be baptized:

Taylor Brooks  
Brian Clark  
Campbell Cleveland  
Rawlins Cleveland  
Chandler English  
Kathleen Kinslow  
Gilland Lane



Join us in the atrium for light refreshments following the baptism service.

It's here! Early registration for UPWARD basketball ends Friday and evaluations are the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of October. **We are still searching for coaches, referees, and devotion leaders.** Let me know how you would like to be plugged into this exciting ministry! I'm looking forward to a fun season.



Attention children! Our Sunday night schedule has changed for this week. I will be leading you in the Big House area from 4-5 p.m. and then you will break up into your Bible Study Groups from 5-6 p.m. At 6 p.m., the PreK-5 to the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will sit together and watch the baptism celebration. The younger preschoolers will be in childcare. I enjoy taking our children and allowing them the opportunity to watch their friends be baptized. It's a blessed experience!

Mark your calendar for these next events: **Kickoff for Operation Christmas Child is October 21<sup>st</sup>**. Start packing those shoeboxes for deserving, precious boys and girls. We will collect these boxes on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. Also, you will not want to miss our **Fall Festival planned for Saturday, November 7<sup>th</sup>** from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. We will need plenty of volunteers to make this event a great one!

Our Parents Night Out last Friday was exciting! We had plenty of energetic children that made the night go by fast and parents that came back refreshed and recharged! This is a great ministry you will not want to miss out on: next **PNO is Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>**! Sign up today at the desk inside the Children's hallway.

As always, it's a pleasure serving the Lord with you!

Jennifer J. Jefcoat

Minister to Preschool and Children

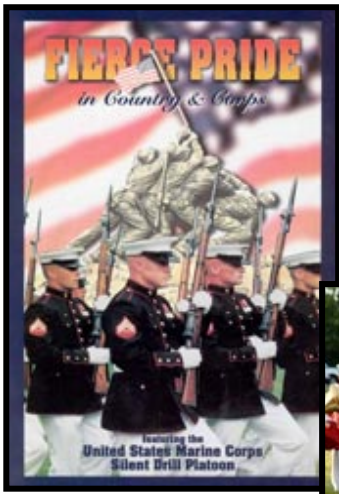
**Pastor's article continued**

Guys, I look forward to seeing you next Thursday. Let me urge you to make every effort to participate. Just in case you do not eat wild game, we are having pulled pork and ham as well. I am certain that we can find you something to eat.

Ladies, encourage the men in your life to come and have a great time. I promise you that if our guys will embrace these values this ministry will not only be successful, but your families and relationship will be better as well. As our men grow in the Lord, we all benefit.

I love you and look forward to seeing you this Sunday.

Pastor Butch



# "The Commandant's Own"

THE UNITED STATES MARINE DRUM & BUGLE CORPS



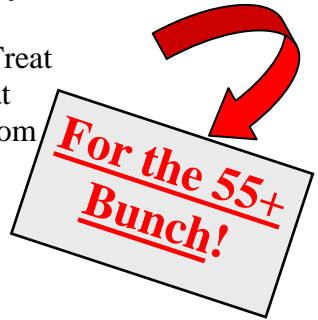
## Silent Drill Platoon and Color Guard

Plus Toys for Tots Kick Off

Thursday, October 15, Albany Civic Center

**4:45 PM**—Vans will leave the church, stop by Ole Times Country Buffet for Dutch Treat Dinner, then depart no later than 6:00 PM for Civic Center. The performance begins at 7:00 PM. **Admission:** A new toy for the Toys for Tots drive. You may ride the van from the church or meet us at Ole Times (dinner optional). If you plan to ride the van, reservations must be made no later than Monday, October 12 by signing up on the sheets in Sunday School Depts. or by calling the church office (883-8000).

See sign up sheets in your Sunday School or contact Gayle or Kathy in the church office (883-8000).



## Yard Sale

**THIS Saturday, October 3**

**7:00 AM-1:00 PM**

*Downtown Location*

*Sponsored by and for the Student Ministry*

*Come & check it out folks! You just might find a treasure!*

*Parents Plan Your Next Night Out!*

**(Bed babies—6th Grade**

**Mark your calendar)**

**Friday, November 13**

**Friday, December 4**

**D**uring the month of September, the Mission Friends have been collecting baby items to send to the Alpha House ministry; our missionary of the month, Bessie McPeck; and to minister to a local family in need. These three destinations are in need of: **diapers, diaper wipes, blankets, bottles, pacifiers, and other baby supplies.** If you would like to support this mission project, please leave your donations in the pink box by the Children's department. All donations will need to be collected by Oct. 7<sup>th</sup>.

### OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

**Mon. Oct. 5**

9am-1pm-Mynette Chapman

1-5pm-J/Chas Sheppard

**Tues. Oct. 6**

9am-1pm-Doug Boss

1-5pm-Dellen Lyall

**Wed. Oct. 7**

9am-5pm Harriet Haskins

**Thurs. Oct. 8**

9am-5pm-Doug Boss

**Fri. Oct. 9**

9am-4pm-Ann Sims

### NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

**OCTOBER 4**

**Bed Babies**

Jennifer Venable;

Ashley Norris;

Marti Yelverton

**Toddlers**

Laura Kinslow;

Jan Duke

**Younger 3s**

Marti & Haley Thornhill

**Older 3s**

Margene & Laura Neal

**Lil' Big House**

Jay & Jenni Carpenter-

**Big House**

Jake & Jen. Jelcoat



**Operation Christmas Child**  
A PROJECT of SAMARITAN'S PURSE

**Shoe Box Collection Time is just around the corner for Operation Christmas Child**

**First Baptist OCC "Take-Off"—6:30 PM, Wednesday, October 21**

**First Baptist Shoe Box Collection/Dedication 6:30 PM, Wednesday, Nov. 11**

Get your empty boxes ready to fill with toys, hygiene items and school supplies. Then be here on the 21<sup>st</sup> to get all the instructions. Have empty boxes to share? Please bring them to the church office to be made available to other FBC folks.

**FBC Goal: 300 filled boxes**

## OBERAMMERGAU'S HISTORIC PASSION PLAY

Saturday, August 21—Saturday, August 28, 2010

**Registration deadline extended to October 26!!** Stops include Munich and Nuremberg, Germany; and Innsbruck, Austria. The trip ends in Oberammergau, Germany with a trip to the world-renowned Passion Play. A few spots remain for this once-every-ten years event! Don't miss out! Make your reservations now. Fliers with complete information and necessary forms are in the church atrium and office.

*Questions? Contact Kathy (883-8000 or kmims@firstbaptistalbany.org).*

### UPWARD BASKETBALL NEEDS YOUR HELP

We are now recruiting **coaches, referees, devotional leaders, scorekeepers, and children** to play during this exciting season. If you are interested in serving, please **contact Alex Tinsley at 883-7280**. It takes a great number of volunteers to ensure a smooth, successful season. Join today! Players, pick up a registration brochure at the Welcome Center or sign up online at... [www.firstbaptistalbany.org](http://www.firstbaptistalbany.org).

# This Week at FBC

Periodicals  
Postage Paid  
Albany, GA

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

PLEASE REMEMBER SUNDAY EVENING BIBLE STUDIES  
WILL BEGIN 30 MINUTES EARLIER THIS SUNDAY ONLY  
DUE TO THE BAPTISM SERVICE AT 6:00 PM.

8:30-9:00am-first place 4 Health: Weigh-In & Wellness Tips/Annex Building  
9:00am- Bible Study  
10:30am-Worship Service  
11:00am-Korean Worship Service  
2:00-4:00pm-Best Christmas Pageant Rehearsal  
3:30pm-Million Faces  
4:30pm-Youth Choir  
4:00-5:55pm-Financial Peace/ Room M-108  
4:15-5:45pm-Downpour: He Will Come to Us Like the Rain/Room M-107  
4:15-5:45pm-A Woman After God's Own Heart/ Annex Building  
5:30pm-Sisters in Christ  
6:00pm-Baptism (Fellowship in atrium following)

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 5

5:30-7:00pm-UPWARD EVALUATIONS

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6

5:30-7:00pm-UPWARD EVALUATIONS

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 7

5:15-6:30pm-Family Night Supper  
5:30pm-Preschool & Children's Leadership Committee Mtg./6th Gr. SS Room  
5:45pm-Children's Choirs  
6:30pm-Prayer Meeting  
6:30pm-Children's Missions Hour  
6:30pm-IMPACT (Students)  
7:30pm-Praise Team Practice  
7:30-CAMO Leadership Meeting/Conf. Rm.

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8

6:00pm-Men's Wild Game Supper/Multi Purpose Room

## FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

## SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

### BITS & PIECES

*Congratulations to Christy Tinsley who has been named a partner in Mauldin & Jenkins, a regional CPA firm serving the Southeast!*

### Flu Shot Clinic

A flu shot clinic will be held at FBC on Wednesday, October 21. Be watching for further details.

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## FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER

Wed. October 7—5:15-6:30

### ITALIAN NIGHT

Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce; Pasta Salad;  
Salad Bar; Garlic Bread; Dessert; Coffee; Tea

(Healthy Choice Menu Offered)

7th Gr. & up —\$5; 3 yrs.—6th Gr.—\$3

### SUNDAY REPORT—9/27/09

Adults ..... 228  
Students ..... 37  
Children ..... 51  
Preschool ..... 42  
TOTAL ..... 358  
Worship Attendance 10:30 AM ..... 383

### FINANCIAL REPORT SEPT. 27, 2009

Budget Received This Week..... \$ 18,942.11  
2009 Budget Needed Y.T.D ..... \$ 1,041,921.19  
2009 Budget Received Y.T.D..... \$ 890,809.29

CNN Received This Week ..... \$ 184.00  
2009 Received Year to Date ..... \$ 15,640.00

The Next Step Received This Week ..... \$ 3,652.00  
Balance on Hand This Week ..... \$ 3,652.00  
2009 Received Year to Date ..... \$ 184,032.92  
Total Received to Date ..... \$ 1,150,228.49

Designated Gifts Received This Week ..... \$ 3,080.00  
2009 Received Year to Date ..... \$ 39,576.91

Total Gifts Received This Week ..... \$ 25,858.11  
2009 Received Year to Date ..... \$ 1,130,182.31

### SYMPATHY

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO...

- ▶ The family of Alice Mixon who died Sept. 25.
- ▶ The family of Elizabeth Loosier who died Sept. 27.

*...weeping may remain for a night, but rejoicing comes in the morning. Psalm 30:5*



### FLOWERS SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

The beautiful flower arrangement in the Worship Center this Sunday is given to the glory of God and in honor of Kim & Clay Phillips and Paula & Davis Norland who celebrate birthdays during the month of October from Bob & Shirley Smith.

*(Special Note: We have slots available on several dates for 2nd flower arrangements. Call the church office if you would like to explore these possibilities)*

### MINISTERIAL STAFF

William E. "Butch" Knight, PhD..... Senior Pastor  
Jimmie Nettles ..... Pastor of Worship & Music  
Kathy Mims, PhD ..... Director of Sr. Adult & Women's Ministries  
Jennifer Jefcoat ..... Minister to Preschool & Children  
Ray Kirk ..... Business Administrator  
Gordon Davidson..... Interim Student Minister

### MINISTER ON CALL OCT. 3, 2009

**JIMMIE NETTLES — 343-2086**

If no answer, call the church, 883-8000, and choose Option #7. You will hear instructions for having our Minister on call paged.