



Try this on for size and let me know what you think. Our staff has been working on **our goals for next year and goals as we move toward our new location.** Here are some of the things we have talked about:

- ⊙ To be a church that is driven by God's vision to be bold and innovative to do whatever it takes to reach Gadsden and the surrounding areas for Christ.
- ⊙ To be a church where a person with no church background can come and feel comfortable and welcome and experience the love of Christ through our people.
- ⊙ To be a church that worships God sincerely and where the preaching is practical, biblical, and relevant.
- ⊙ To be a church that is fun for the entire family; a church where kids want to go because they have a great time experiencing God's love.
- ⊙ To be a church that offers a dynamic youth ministry and to be a church that will reach hundreds of teenagers for Christ.
- ⊙ To be a church that ministers to people of all ages, but to give special attention to those folks between the ages of 18-30 because they have been overlooked in today's world; to offer worship time and Bible study specifically for this age group at an alternate time which intentionally addresses their spiritual needs.
- ⊙ To be a church that has a strong and vibrant Sunday School/small group ministry where the Bible is taught and where relationships that will last a lifetime are cultivated and developed.
- ⊙ To be a church that helps new Christians grow into fruit-bearing disciples through intentional discipleship and to be a church that helps every member find their ministry and use their spiritual gifts and abilities to meet the needs of others.
- ⊙ To be a church that is on mission in our community, our state, our nation and the world going, telling, and showing people the love of Christ.

Does that sound like a church you would want to be a part of? Let me know what you think: [craig@12thstreetbaptist.org](mailto:craig@12thstreetbaptist.org). I will look forward to hearing from you.

*Bro. Craig*



- Ronnie

It is time for all of **our choirs to reorganize and begin a new choir year** for 2010-2011. **The Chancel Choir is having a choir enrollment emphasis during August**, with a Western theme. We invite you all who would to join us. This next year is going to be exciting as we move to our new location. **Be a part of the Chancel Choir as we lead in worship - before, during and after the move.**

Meanwhile, **the Sonshine Singers will begin again on September 7<sup>th</sup>**, and look for information in the September *Witness* about the new year for the **Children's Choirs** on Sunday nights. **Join a choir - you will be blessed by your participation.**



**WHEN: Wednesdays at 6:00 pm**  
**WHERE: at the (way better than) OK CHORALE**  
 (otherwise known as the choir suite)

**Special Rules:**

- \* No G-shooters please - leave hardware at home!
- \* Your hosses will not fit in the fancy lift device, and they would have a hard time managing the steps ... so you might ought to tie them up downstairs before you come up

**Young @ Heart Lunch at Barry's Bar-B-Q in Fyffe**  
**Thursday, August 19th, 11:00 AM in Fyffe, Alabama**

**PLEASE MEET at the Church at 9:30 AM. (Buffet \$ 5 - 8.00 or Menu)**  
 Barbeque Pork & Beef, Chicken, Fish, Potato salad, Slaw, Potatoes: baked or broasted, Ice Cream, etc, etc, etc  
**"Foot-twitchingly good!" Don't Miss Out on this great food!**



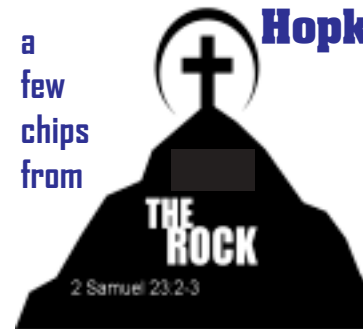
**WHERE HAS THE YEAR GONE!** This (August) is the last month of our 2009-2010 Sunday School Year. We had 270 at 12th Street; 45 at Hopkins, and 35 at Holy Comforter come at least one Sunday through the month of July. For the year, we averaged 28 visitors per month with 15 new members.

**TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES** include August 6 and 7 and August 13 and 14 at Shocco Springs. See me for details.

**PRAY FOR THE NOMINATING COMMITTEE** as they finish their work of enlist needed workers for the new church year.



**Wow! Where did Summer go?** It just seemed like last week that school was out! Now, everyone is getting school supplies, clothes, and buying lockers and getting class schedules. This Summer was a great time for our Student Ministry. I want to **thank you** for your faithfulness and involvement over the Summer months. I just **want to encourage you** to start this school year off "on the right foot". **I challenge you** to make up your minds that this will be the best year ever both academically and spiritually. **Decide now in your heart** that you will be an example of Christ in everything that you do. **Work hard and be an example** and encouragement to your friends and teachers. **You can influence your friends** for Christ not just in the things you say, but more importantly with your lifestyle. **Be an evangelist** on your campus by your lifestyle. Also, try to **make new friends** this year. **Invite your friends** to come to church with you. Fall is going to be an exciting time for **Generation Next**, and I can't wait to see what the Lord is going to do! May God bless you with health and happiness this new school year!  
 Love ya'll, **Zac**



**Hopkins Chapel Mission**

**Greetings from Hopkins Chapel Mission Church:** If I asked you to define love, what would your answer be? Here are some answers from some four to eight year-olds:

- \* Love is what makes you smile when you are tired (4 yr old)
- \* Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen. (7 yr old)
- \* When you love somebody, your eyelashes go up and down and little stars come out of you. (7 yr old)
- \* You really shouldn't say "I love you" unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget. (8 yr old)

The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there. When his mother asked what he had said to the neighbor, the little boy said: "Nothing, I just helped him cry."

**The greatest love of all: John 3:16.** God Bless You,

*Bro. Wallace*

**CHURCH FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING**

Wednesday, August 11th, 7:00 pm

**DEACONS MONTHLY MEETING**

Sunday, August 15th, 4:00 pm

**CONGRATULATIONS TO . . .**

Dr. Jamie and Leslie Robinson on the birth of their son, **Samuel Grant Robinson**, born on Monday, July 26th (7 lbs, 5 oz; 21 1/2 inches. Proud big brother, James David.



**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:**



**AND THE LORD ADDED TO THEIR NUMBER . . .**  
 Acts 2:47

**BY LETTER:**

*Susie Edwards*

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**Children's 5:00 pm**  
**Summer Sundays**  
 ages 4 thru grade 6



**August 8th, 15th, & 22nd**  
**UNcommon Courtesy**  
 for Kids