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## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Rick and Shirley Adams
- 7 Brian and Sina Nowak
- 12 Tim & Keri Nowak



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Aubrey Dale
- 3 Pia Mcnerney
- 4 Judy Lindner
- 5 Mamie Hinch
- 10 Betsy Adams
- Pat Myerscough
- Paula Perry
- 13 Carol Velix
- 14 Jody Steward
- 15 Stephanie Osborne
- 16 Debbie Byers
- 22 Carol Deal
- 26 Paulette Nelson
- 30 Trav Myerscough

## TITHES & OFFERINGS

Weekly Budget	\$ 7,133.00
3/28	\$ 8,428.00
4/04	\$ 9,197.68
4/11	\$ 7,370.45
4/18	\$ 6,124.51

## WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

	S.S.	A.M.	P.M.
3/28	71	186	54
4/02	Good	Friday	102
4/04	Easter	318	
4/11	87	176	40
4/18	91	172	Assoc. Mtg.



Sunday, May 9

## REJOICING IN CHRIST

FGBC,

My Sunday School class has been walking slowly through the book of Daniel. This study has been both challenging and enlightening. For those not familiar with the book, Daniel is one of the Jewish individuals taken as a captive by Nebuchadnezzar and the Babylonians when they ransacked Judah and the Temple. As the book progresses, Daniel, by the power of the Lord, has the ability to reveal and interpret the meaning of visions and dreams. This skill causes him to find favor in the eyes of the various kings of Babylon who in turn appoint him to positions of political importance. As one might expect, some of the natives grew jealous that a foreigner received such power.

In response to his fame, the desire arose in the hearts of the natives to discredit Daniel in hopes he would be disempowered. Listen to what the text says: "Then the presidents and the satraps sought to find a ground for complaint against Daniel with regard to the kingdom, but they could find no ground for complaint or any fault, because he was faithful, and no error or fault was found in him. 5 Then these men said, 'We shall not find any ground for complaint against this Daniel unless we find it in connection with the law of his God.'" (Dan 6:4-5). As the story unfolds, they enact a ban on prayer under penalty of death in order to find grounds to convict Daniel. Daniel ignored the law and was cast into the lions' den. God vindicated Daniel's disobedience, however, and protected him from the mouths of these wild animals.

Christ has called Christians to be the salt and light of the world. We are to display in our actions that we are different, set apart, and distinct. Too often, however, the world is confused by our testimonies. We say that we believe the Bible. We tell others how to live. Yet, in the lives of many Christians, there is little striving after meaningful personal holiness. There is only minimal exertion being offered in attempts to "... lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely" (Heb 12:1). Too often, the very things the Bible says to do, we do not; the very sins the Bible says to avoid, we do and then attempt to justify in our own minds. The result of such apathy toward sin and holiness on our part is that in the world's eyes, we come across as hypocritical and phony, which often hinders gospel advancement.

Oh, that Christians today would be more like Daniel. Oh, that those who are "enemies of the cross of Christ" (Phil 3:18) would find no grounds for accusation against those of us who are "citizens of heaven" except in areas of our holiness. My prayer for us, as a church, is that this summer, we would be resolved to strive after personal and corporate holiness. That starting today, as a body, we would strive to "... be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and twisted generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world" (Phi 2:15). May the only accusations that the world can make against FGBC be that we love and serve the Lord with our

Pastor Travis

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Florida Gardens Baptist Church Ladies' Tea



Sat., May 1 from 1 pm - 3 pm

Ladies & young ladies 6th grade & older are invited.

Limited seating, RSVP ~ \$8.00 /person

For information call:

Lisa Little 969-2050 or Mervyl Sloan 248-8010

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### CHURCH WIDE WORK DAY

SAT., MAY 15 from 8:30 AM - Noon

Breakfast will be served

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### MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

SUN., MAY 16 AT 7:45 AM

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### MISSION POT LUCK DINNER

WED., MAY 19 AT 6:30 PM

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### MILITARY FAMILIES:

Inreach Ministry wishes to send notes of encouragement & care packages to family members in the military.

Forward name, address & emails to Carol Deal at 963-3456 or [cdeal33467@yahoo.com](mailto:cdeal33467@yahoo.com)

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

is June 21 - 25

Want to help??

Sign up sheets are in the rear of the sanctuary or see Jess Pavone [jessica@floridagardensbaptist.com](mailto:jessica@floridagardensbaptist.com)



## Don's Notes

Dear Church Family,

### Music News:

The Tribute Quartet concert was awesome. All who attended were blessed.

### Hand bell News:

Please consider being a part of this ministry. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings. Please contact Suzanne Jarvis for info [suzjazz@bellsouth.com](mailto:suzjazz@bellsouth.com).

### Brotherhood News:

The deep sea fishing trip was a fun outing. Butch Vanderwall was barely nosed out for the largest fish honors. The seas were rough and the fish were few, but the fellowship was great.

### **May 28: Faith Night with the Florida Marlins versus the Philadelphia Phillies.**

The seats will be behind the bull pen. Ticket cost is \$16.00 per person. The first pitch is at 7:10 PM. We will discuss carpooling as the date nears. Any checks should be made out to the church. This is a family/outreach activity...[don@floridagardensbaptist.com](mailto:don@floridagardensbaptist.com)

### Senior Adult Ministry News:

May 3: Senior Luncheon at First Baptist of West Palm Beach. Carpool from Florida Gardens at 10:15. Arrive back at Florida Gardens at 1:30. Cost is \$7.00. Invite your friends. This is the final luncheon until Fall.

### Library News:

If you haven't visited the library, you have missed a wonderful opportunity to pick up great materials that promote Christian growth. If you decide to donate to the library, please limit it to Christian books and audio visual materials. Also, please refrain from donating VHS tapes as we are in the process of trying to convert to DVD's only.

## YOUTH NEWS

Thanks for your support of the youth carwash this past weekend. Over \$700 raised is not a bad showing! I encourage you to be praying for the youth as they strive to finish the school year well, prepare for a transition in leadership as Jonathan and his family come, and ready themselves for an exciting summer camp. Pray also for those leaders (Jess Pavone, Mervyl Sloan, James Smith, Ashley Myerscough, and Tom Miller) who invest themselves weekly into the lives of our teenage students. May they verbally hear from us all with regard to how thankful we are for the valuable ministry they are performing in our students.

## UP COMING EVENT




### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL      June 21 - 25**

- **Teach or assist a class (day or evening)**
- **Help teacher prepare or clean up**
- **Craft instructors & helpers**
- **Assist with Parent's night**
- **Assist with registration**

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## May 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>Weekly...</b> 9:30 Sunday School 11:00 Worship 6:00 Worship (nursery provided for all services)			<b>Weekly...</b> 6:30 DMI, Children, & Youth Ministries (nursery provided) 7:30 Worship choir (nursery provided)			1:00 PM NURSING HOME MINISTRY   LADIES' TEA 1-3 PM RSVP
2  <b>Summer Church Council</b> 4:45 PM in the Library 6:00 PM ~ Trio Singers	3	4	5  <b>Wed Night Supper</b> 5:15-6:15 PM	6	7	8
9 Food Pantry  MOTHER'S DAY Children's Bells No Evening Activities	10	11	12	13	14	15 <b>CHURCH WIDE WORK DAY</b> 8:30 AM - Noon  1:00 PM NURSING HOME MINISTRY
16 <b>7:45 AM Men's Prayer Breakfast</b> The Laney's 3rd Anniversary <b>Church Council 4:45 PM in the Library</b>	17	18	19  <b>Mission Meal Church Wide Pot Luck</b> 6:30 PM	20	21	22
23 <b>HONOR OUR STUDENTS</b>  <b>Deacon's Meet 4:45 PM</b>	24	25	26	27	Faith & Family Night Marlins 7:10 PM	29
30 AM  Lord's Supper <b>Memorial Day Weekend</b> No Evening Activities	31  <b>MEMORIAL DAY</b> Office closed			<b>FLORIDA BAPTIST CHILDREN'S HOMES</b> <b>MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING</b>   "HELP ABUSED, NEGLECTED & ORPHANED CHILDREN"		