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The Manatee Messenger

SEE YOU AT THE POLE
September 28th
Theme: "Converge"



PRAY
For
America



LABOR DAY
September 5th

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ATM INSIDE:
Atonement
Truth
Mercy

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Deacon Training Conference

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 6:30 PM

ELWOOD PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

3516 45th Street East

Bradenton, Florida 34208

Facilitator: Roy Lee Saint, Florida Baptist Convention

RSVP 941-729-9400

Pastor/Staff

Appreciation Luncheon

Thursday, September 29th , 11:30 AM

in the Family Life Center

First Baptist Church of Bradenton

1306 Manatee Avenue West

Bradenton, Florida 34205

Those making reservations by Monday, Sept 26
will receive a free gift. Please RSVP

941-729-9400

From Your Director of Missions - Rev. Tom Bennett

OCTOBER IS PASTOR/STAFF APPRECIATION MONTH

Manatee Southern Baptist Association will host a Pastor/Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Thursday, September 29, 11:30 AM, in the Family Life Center of the First Baptist Church of Bradenton.

At that time we will recognize and honor two men who have served our MSBA churches for: in the case of Dr. G.I. Bradley, 40 years at Providence Missionary Baptist Church in Palmetto - and Rev. Larry Pritchett, 34 years at First Baptist Church of Palm View in Palmetto.

MSBA churches are encouraged to plan some "special" recognition for their Pastor and Staff during the month of October.

RSVP by Sept 26 for free gift

PROTECT YOUR CHURCH

Our Florida Baptist Witness in the July 28, 2011 edition reported on a vacated judgment against Idlewild Baptist Church of Lutz, Florida, that resulted from an injury during a youth ski trip. The judge ruled that Idlewild is entitled to a new trial.

The lesson to be learned from the Idlewild experience is churches need to be alert to the possibility of being held liable for injury both on and off campus.

The verdict has caused concern among church administrators, according to a January report in *Christianity Today*. "It's a chilling verdict for everyone concerned," Simeon May, CEO of National Association of Church Business Administrators, told CT.

Glenn Wood, church administrator in S.C. said the verdict at Idlewild demonstrates the need for diligence on the part of ministers and church leaders in supervising youth activities. "It is also

going to require us to do due diligence and make sure that we have the right kind of insurance coverage," he added.

One church law expert says, "If a church has a youth program that has frequent meetings involving several minors, provides counseling, or hosts community activities, then its liability risks are increased, and it should be looking for higher insurance limits."

COMPENSATION PLANNING

GuideStone is offering a free, live Compensation Planning webinar.

Providing clear steps to an effective compensation plan for ministers and other church employees, this seminar is ideal for those who serve as church treasurers or on financial or personnel committees.

Go to www.GuideStone.org for more Information.



The Funny Page



CHECK YOUR SHAMPOO!

Why didn't someone tell me about this earlier? It's the shampoo I use in the shower! When I wash my hair, the shampoo runs down my whole body. Printed very clearly on the shampoo label it reads: "FOR EXTRA VOLUME AND BODY."

I have gotten rid of THAT shampoo and I am going to start using Dawn dish detergent. Its label reads: "DISSOLVES FAT THAT IS OTHERWISE DIFFICULT TO REMOVE."

It sure pays to read the label!

THE FIANCE`

A young woman brought her fiancé to meet her parents. After dinner, her

mother told her father to find out about the young man. So, the father asks, "What are your plans?"

"I am a Biblical scholar," he replied. "Hmmm, admirable, but what will you do to provide a nice home for my daughter to live in?" asked the father.

"I will study and God will provide for us," the young man replies.

"And how will you buy her a beautiful engagement ring, such as she deserves?" asked the father.

"I will concentrate on my studies, God will provide," said the young man.

"And children?" asked the father. "How will you support your wife and children?"

"Don't worry, sir, God will provide," replies the fiancé.

Later, the mother asked how the talk went. "He has no job and no plans, and he thinks I'm God," the father said.

Quite a Puzzle

A father wanted to read the paper, but was being bothered by his little daughter, Susie.

Finally he took a sheet out of his magazine, on which was printed a map of the world. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Susie and told her to go in the other room and see if she could put the puzzle together.

After a few minutes she came back, the puzzle of the world completed.

The father was very surprised. "How did you do that so quickly?" he asked.

"Oh," she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got Jesus in His Place, then the world came out all right."

Amen!

**Prayer Calendar
for Churches**



Churches	Pastor
Dry Prairie	Rev. Rudy Williams
Ellenton FBC	Rev. Jon LaRosa
Emmanuel	Rev. Rick Chaffin
Haitian-Bton	Rev. Iglane Cameus
Haitian-Pal	Rev. Guy Francois
Gillette FBC	Rev. Tim Durden
Heritage	Rev. Paul Lambert

SEPTEMBER



- 5 - Labor Day - Office Closed
- 8 - DEACON'S Training - Thursday, 6:30 PM
Elwood Park Baptist Church
Led by Roy Lee Saint, Fla Baptist Convention
RSVP 941-729-9400
- 17 - Women on Mission Conference-Southside in Sarasota, 9 am-2:30 PM \$10
1-800-226-8584 EXT 3141
- 17 - Regional Church Libraries Meeting
Saturday 9:00 AM - Noon, FBC Plant City
813-752-4104 or library@fbpc.com
- 29 - Pastor/Staff Appreciation Luncheon
11:30 AM Bradenton First, Life Center
RSVP 941-729-9400 for a free gift

WELCOME!

Dr. Phillip Hamm
Senior Pastor at First Baptist Church of Palmetto. Dr. Hamm began his ministry as Pastor June 8, 2011. We pray Dr. Phillip, wife Christy and family to have their ministry blessed by the Lord.

Happy Birthday



- 9/5 - Maria Alt, Pastor's wife, Palma Sola
- 9/8 - Rev. Ron Van Der Weert, Mill Creek
- 9/18 - Rev. Fidel Diaz, Ira Iglesia Bradenton

Happy Anniversary



- 9/20 - Rev. Joel & Christi Tillis, Suncoast
- 9/21 - Rev. Joe & Debbie Choate, Palmetto FBC

OCTOBER

- 6 - North River Care Banquet - The Polo Grill, 10670 Boardwalk Loop, Main Street, Lakewood Ranch 6:00-7:00 PM Fellowship 7:00 - 9:00 PM Dinner and Program
- 11 - Budget Meeting at Papi's IV, 8:00 AM

Staff Anniversary



- 9/1/94 - Rev. Tom Winter, Pastor, Elwood Park
- 9/7/08 - Rev. Tim Durden, Pastor, Gillette FBC



THANK YOU!
To our churches who give to the Association with their contributions and participation!

MANATEE COUNTY FAIR BOOTH

Manatee Southern Baptist Association is seeking an interested Church, Sunday School class or individual to give direction and leadership to our 2012 Manatee County Fair display. If you are interested, please call us at 941-729-9400.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:

- To design and construct the display
- To enlist volunteers to man the display

MISSIONS CONNECTION 2011

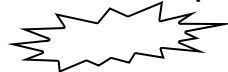
Women and Children Ministry leaders, and anyone mission-minded. Led by Florida Baptist Convention personnel
\$10 each [1-800-226-8584 ext. 3141](tel:1-800-226-8584)
September 17th 9am - 2:30pm
Southside Baptist, 2035 Magnolia St
Sarasota, FL 34239
www.flbaptist.org/wmmdocuments

**NEWSLETTER ARTICLES/
INFORMATION**

Please call 729-9400 - fax 729-0388 or email manateesba@juno.com by 15th of the month to include your article.
LET US SHARE WHAT IS HAPPENING IN YOUR CHURCH!

DEACON TRAINING

Thursday, September 8th
6:30 PM
Elwood Park Baptist



Pastor/Staff Appreciation Luncheon
Thursday, September 29th
11:30 AM
Life Center, Bradenton FBC

**Rev. Rick Nations,
Interim Pastor
At**

First Baptist Church of Terra Ceia
Rev. Nations began his ministry at FBC Terra Ceia on August 21, 2011
We pray God's blessing on Rick and Betty Nations' new ministry.



"And on the matter of a new air conditioning system, the hallelujahs have it!"

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North River Care Pregnancy Center

513 49th Street East, Palmetto, FL 34221
Office Hours: Mon-Thur 9:00 AM—3:00 PM
Friday by appointment only

Bible Study:
Ongoing individual scheduled classes
English and Spanish classes offered

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A ministry of the Manatee Southern Baptist Association

Check out our website: www.northrivercare.org
And for our supporters: www.supportnrc.org
We need diapers (all sizes), baby wipes,
lotion, clothes, food, etc.

COMING EVENTS:
October 6, 2011 - Banquet at the Polo Grill,
Lakewood Ranch - 6:00 - 7:00 PM Fellowship
7:00 - 9:00 PM Dinner, Program





On Sunday, July 31, 2011 the congregation of the First Baptist Church of Ellenton, pastored by Rev. Jon LaRosa, joined with the Primera Iglesia Bautista de Ellenton in a quarterly joint, bilingual service. The prelude to the service featured a parade of flags from the countries represented in our membership. Flag bearers carried flags from their respective countries. Included in the *Desfile de Banderas* were flags from:

- The United States of America
- El Salvador
- Honduras
- Guatemala
- Puerto Rico
- Mexico

The parade of flags was an effort to highlight the diversity of our members united by the blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. The entire service helped to foment an awareness of the outreach of two small congregations, speaking two different languages, united in one single effort to preach the Gospel to every creature on the face of the earth.

Worship teams from both congregations joined forces to lead the singing. Hymns familiar to both congregations were chosen, alternating languages with each verse sung. The Scripture reading was led by Rvdo. Francisco Baltazar, pastor of the Primera Iglesia Bautista de Ellenton. Rev. Gary C. Brooks, a former missionary to Honduras, preached in both English and Spanish. Following the service, all present enjoyed a carry-in luncheon featuring both American and Hispanic foods. A blessed time was had by all. Praise the Lord!



Manatee Southern Baptist Association Calendar of Coming Events 2011

SEPTEMBER

5 - Labor Day - Office Closed

8 - Deacon Training - 6:30 PM Elwood Park - RSVP to 941-729-9400

12 - SCF LUNCHEON - ELWOOD PARK BAPTIST

17 - Women On Mission, WMU Conference - Southside Baptist, 2035 Magnolia St, Sarasota
9:00 AM - 2:30 PM \$10 includes lunch & materials www.flbaptist.org/wmmdocuments

Call - 800-226-8584 Ext 3141

19 - SCF LUNCHEON - FIRST BAPTIST BRADENTON

22-23 - State Board of Missions - Lake Yale

26 - SCF LUNCHEON - MANATEE FIRST BAPTIST

29 - Pastor Fellowship Luncheon - 11:30 AM, First Baptist Bradenton Life Center

***For a free gift, RSVP 729-9400 by Monday, Sept 26th

OCTOBER

3 - SCF LUNCHEON - FIRST BAPTIST GILLETTE

6 - North River Care Banquet - Polo Grill - 6-7 pm Fellowship 7-9 pm Dinner & Program
10670 Boardwalk Loop, Lakewood Ranch - Call 941-721-9056 to sponsor a table

10 - SCF LUNCHEON - PALMA SOLA THE BRIDGE

11 - MSBA Budget /Finance Meeting - Popi's IV, 8:00 AM

17 - SCF LUNCHEON - FIRST BAPTIST TERRA CEIA/FIRST BAPTIST ELLENTON

24 - SCF LUNCHEON - BAYSHORE BAPTIST

31 - SCF LUNCHEON - PALM VIEW BAPTIST

31 - Halloween

NOVEMBER

3 - Fall Annual Meeting - First Baptist of Bradenton

5:00 PM Executive Committee 6:00 PM Dinner 7:00 PM Fall Program

6 - DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS!

7 - SCF LUNCHEON - EMMANUEL BAPTIST

11 - Veteran's Day

14 - SCF LUNCHEON - CROSSPOINTE FELLOWSHIP

14-15 - Florida Baptist Convention - Ft. Lauderdale

21 - SCF LUNCHEON - BETHANY BAPTIST

24 - Thanksgiving - Office Closed

28 - SCF LUNCHEON - FIRST BAPTIST PALMETTO

DECEMBER

4-11 - Lottie Moon Christmas Offering Week of Prayer

5 - SCF LUNCHEON - WEST BRADENTON BAPTIST

7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

25 - Christmas Day - Office Closed 12/26

27-Jan 5- Mattie Lavon on vacation