

Back to School



Houston County Public Schools	July. 31st
Covenant Academy	Aug. 7th
Bonaire FBC Preschool	Aug. 11th
CFCA	Aug. 11th
Westside	Aug. 11th
Veritas	Aug. 12th Orientation

August:	
13th	Registration Night
20th	1st Club Night
27th	Club Night
September:	
3rd	Theme Night Crazy Hat
10th	Club Night
17th	Club Night
24th	Store Night

Student Ministries

July 30th	Student Worship Every Wed. evening
August 2nd-3rd	Student Jr./Sr. Retreat
August 3rd	Promotion Sunday
August 7th	Prayer Breakfast Every Thur. Morning 6:00 am
August 9th	Back To School Luau 6:00 pm Joiner's Home
August 10th	Nursing Home Ministry 4:00 pm
August 17th	Summer Study and Swim 6:00 pm Evans' Home
August 24th	Students Small Group Starts

Weekday Preschool

Weekday Preschool Meet and Greet

We will have our Weekday Preschool Teacher Meet and Greet on Sunday, August 10th at 3:00 pm. Preschool will start on August 11th at 9:00 am. To register see Adrienne Lukemire.



Sunday School

Our regular Sunday school classes will resume August 3rd with promotions.



Praise Factory will resume during our Sunday morning services in August. Date to be announced later.

Joyful Hearts' Luncheon,
Tuesday, August 19th.
12:00 p.m.



Men's Ministries

Men's Breakfast-
Saturday, August 2nd
8:00 a.m.

Women on Mission
Meeting
Tuesday, August 12th
10:00 a.m.

Truck Loading
“New Beginnings for the Children”

On behalf of the staff and children of Georgia Baptist Children’s Home and Family Ministries, we are asking for your help again this year in the truck loadings. The truck loading ministry allows us to stock our pantry and feed our children.

The churches of the Rehoboth Baptist Association have been tremendous supporters of the truck loading projects in the past and will be conducting a truck loading project this August 11th and 12th. You may bring your items to the Rehoboth Baptist Association office during the hours of 8:30 am—3:30 pm, or you can bring your items to the church and place in the Mission Box by August 10th.

The items most needed at this time are:

Trash Bags (13 gal), Pine Sol, Clorox Clean Ups, 409 Cleaner, Liquid Laundry Detergent, Brillo and Scotch Brite pads. Of course, gift cards to grocery stores are always appreciated!

Last year alone, partly because of the generosity of the Rehoboth Association, we had sixty-one children make professions of faith in our Lord and Savior while in our care.

Again, thank you for your generosity and your willingness to support our ministry. If you have any questions or need assistance please contact the Association Office at 478-987-0005.



Beloved Saints at Bonaire,

Greetings in the name of our high priest, Jesus Christ. I hope you have all had a good summer and that now you are ready for the fall.

In the next two newsletters I want to deal with a question that I am often asked by folks who visit with us. The question is, “Why don’t you have an ‘altar call’ like other churches?” That’s a good question! Perhaps some of you have wondered the same thing. I am going to start with several quotes in this edition, and then next month I will add an article that explains my views on this matter. I want to emphasize at the beginning that I do believe in an invitation to repent and believe in Christ. It is the method of the invitation that is at issue here.

Yours In Christ,
Kenny

Quotes

“The “altar call” teaches the congregation to evaluate the “success” or “effectiveness” of the ministry on outward, visible actions and results.”

~Anyabwile Thabiti

“I would like to go into the enquiry-room.” “I dare say you would, but we are not willing to pander to popular superstition. We fear that in those rooms men are warmed into fictitious confidence. Very few of the supposed converts of enquiry-rooms turn out well. Go to your God at once, even where you are now. Cast yourself on Christ, now, at once, ere you stir an inch!”

~C.H. Spurgeon



Luke 9:23(NASB) ~ ²³ And He was saying to *them* all, “If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross daily and follow Me.

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“ I think it is the preacher’s responsibility to get attention and comprehension. It is the Holy Spirit’s responsibility to produce yielding, retention, and action—that’s not my job. All the slick techniques, all the gospel marketing packages, all the pulpit histrionics of jumping and stomping and flailing around, and doing whatever they do to create the mood. All the sad stories, the mood music, the endless invitations, the hand raising, the walking to the front, all of that kind of pressure is not preaching the Word. It has nothing to do with comprehension. The decision of yielding, surrendering and then retaining and acting, is between the hearer and God, and not the hearer and the preacher.”

~John MacArthur

“Most American evangelicals are familiar with what Billy Graham does at the end of his preaching, calling people to walk to the front. Sometimes these are called “invitations.” Sometimes “altar calls.” When you look for something like this in the Bible there is no clear example...If you ask what the decisive, public way of taking a Christian stand was in the New Testament, the answer is, baptism. The message Peter gave in Acts 2 ended with the words, “Repent and be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ” (Acts 2:38). Our renewed conviction is that we need to regularly offer baptism as the decisive public way for people to respond publicly to the gospel.”

~John Piper

“How many churches today are full of people who have been psychologically pressured but never truly converted?”

~Mark Dever

“Those who have reservations about equating immediate post-sermonic calls for physical response (initiated by a planed appeal for such) with following the will of God desire strong biblical rationale before they can approve it. Baptism, incorporation into a believing group, regular worship and fellowship with other believers, and day-by-day pursuit of holiness and acts of Christian love—all these have the character of confessing Christ before men and are specifically commended, as well as notably exemplified, in Scripture. Where is either the mandate or example of the engineered call to “come to the front” stated as an act of obedience to God’s call to repentance? When walking down an aisle is tantamount to following Christ and professing Him before men, the biblical idea of godliness has banished. The system that relies on the altar call encourages these perversions.”

~Thomas Nettles



Remember the old saying, “don’t let them get your goat?”

Well there is a very interesting story behind the phrase. So here is the definition and the history of the phrase’s origin.

As commonly used, “get your goat” means to make someone angry or annoyed

The [Phrase Finder](#) concludes that the saying is distinctly American dating back to 1909 and sticks by the “commonly repeated story which purports to explain the phrase’s origin is that goats were placed with racehorses to keep them calm. When ne’er-do-wells who wanted the horse to race badly removed it, *i.e.* they ‘got someone’s goat’, the horse became unsettled and ran badly.”