

Upcoming Events

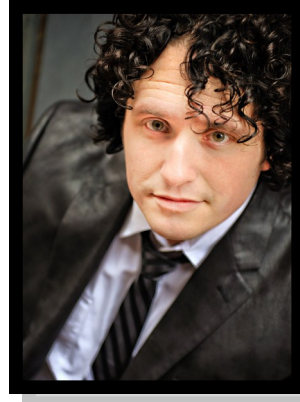
September

Men's Ministry Breakfast..... 17th, 9 AM
Deacon Appreciation Day 18th
Business Meeting 18th after PM service
Beach Service..... 25th leave from church at 6 PM

October

Ladies' Tea.....Sat. October 1st, 11 AM-1 PM

All ladies, from youth to senior, are invited to attend the Ladies' Tea. Tickets are a suggested \$6 donation to help with the costs, and hostesses are needed to decorate tables. Contact the church office for more information!



Daniel Crews in concert
Sunday, October 2nd at 6 PM

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FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF PINELLAS PARK



Newsletter—Sept. 2011

Around First Baptist

The month of August saw our mission team go off to Guatemala. Enjoy some of the pictures; read the "From the Pastor's Desk" article to learn more about what took place.



A home built, a family united



Don't see these in Florida

Scripture of the month:

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. John 1:1 (ESV)

From the Pastor's Desk



Over the past couple of months there have been some different things going on that have been exciting to see take place in our congregation. One of course being the team that went on mission to Guatemala. It was just an amazing thing to see, in our small congregation, 10 of our people willing to go. Those that went sacrificed a lot in order to go; all sacrificed their time, their money, and some even a bit of their health to be a part of the mission.

In Guatemala there was the hard work of building a house in two days for a family. There was also the hard work of caring for all of the children in the malnutrition center. Often someone would be holding three children at a time. There were hundreds of diapers

being changed, and probably the hardest days of work were for our ladies who stayed back at the center while half the team went to build the house. Those that stayed behind had the same amount of work with half the number of people. Even though it was very physically, emotionally and spiritually draining, they did the work faithfully. In the end each member did the work they needed to and all of them want to go back on the mission field as soon as possible.

I am grateful to God for all those who served in Guatemala, for their heart to reach the nations with the gospel. The time we had together will always be a very memorable time of ministry but also of the fellowship we shared; we learned much of each other and

grew closer because of it. I greatly look forward to what the Lord has in store for us as we continue to be a people seeking to reach Pinellas Park, Florida and the nations with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

In Christ Alone,
Pastor Dewayne Slusher

He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." Acts 1:7-8 (ESV)

Servant of the Month

This month we want to recognize and honor Kelly Elshoff as our Servant of the Month. She has not been a member for long, but in the short time she has been with us she has been a huge blessing to this church family. Kelly has been attending services and discipleship classes faithfully to deepen her walk with the Lord and grow in the knowledge of Him and His Word. She is definitely one of the people at First Baptist that is seeking the Lord, and God is greatly working in and through her life.

Kelly has recently gone to Guatemala on mission with a group from First Baptist. She was a huge help in the work that was done there. There was a lot of changing diapers, giving kids baths and feeding them, and Kelly did all of it without complaining even though the work was very tough.

Lastly, Kelly has also been very helpful around the church in helping make sure the facilities are clean for our services and ministries. She has often sacrificed her time to come and take care of the things that need to be done. All around Kelly has always been

willing to help wherever she is needed and this is why we want to honor her as our Servant of the Month.



Missions' Monthly

September is the time we Florida Baptists focus on, pray for, and give to the Florida mission field. We accomplish this through the Maguire State Mission Offering, named in honor of John and Clyde Maguire. They served Florida and motivated its churches to pray, give, and go so that the people of Florida, in every corner,

might hear of the Savior, who came to free men and women from their sin.

Continue the legacy of John and Clyde Maguire.

Pray for our congregation and others throughout the state, that they might be faithful

to tell the message wherever they live and work.

Give by marking an envelope for Maguire.

Go and share Jesus with those you come in contact with. Live a life worthy of our Lord but don't forget to tell why you live that way!