



Sarah (Sally) Thompson
8525 111th Street - #203
Seminole 33772
Sally was baptized on August 28th.



BIRTHDAYS...1 Bill Downey; 3 Tom O'Bryant; 4 Larry Peggs; 5 Bethany Perry; 7 Matthew Wood, Nancy MacBain; 11 Don Hulsey; 12 Ross Nelson; 13 Meg Pennington; 14 Phyllis Harmon; 20 Shawn Guerin; 21 Hilary Baccari; 27 Shauna Boselli; 31 Jeremy Stantz
ANNIVERSARIES...6 Stuart & Elaine MacCollom; 12 Tim & Maura Hendrix; 13 Richard & Jennifer Hartman; 21 Kevin & Jennifer Harrison; 29 Marty & Jeanne Gibons



 "To our church family, I know this thank you is a little late, but it seems that thank you does not express my gratitude for your prayers and all the wonderful things that have been done for us during and after my long hospital stay and recovery. I wish to thank those members who took time out of their busy schedules to visit me--what a blessing you were. Special thanks to the 4 ladies who brought Nola to the hospital daily - and to my ghost wife who made sure she took her meds and ate her meals. Finally to you gourmet cooks who prepared and delivered us meals. To all of you a big hug and special thanks. You showed what Christian love is all about." Love in Christ, Bill & Nola Caraway

 "Due to the holiday season coming up, we are looking to repeat the dinner in January. Thanks to the 72 people who made our first event a success." Phyllis Daniel

Stewardship & Attendance

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| August 21, 2011 | | | |
| Bible School | 100 | Worship | 235 |
| Tithes & Offerings | | \$4,444.00 | |
| Faith Promise—Missions | | \$1,483.00 | |
| Youth Building Loan Fund | | \$342.00 | |
| August 28, 2011 | | | |
| Bible School | 94 | Worship | 244 |
| Tithes & Offerings | | \$4,386.75 | |
| Faith Promise—Missions | | \$1,517.50 | |
| Youth Building Loan Fund | | \$277.00 | |
| September 4, 2011 | | | |
| Bible School | 84 | Worship | 213 |
| Tithes & Offerings | | \$5,479.00 | |
| Faith Promise—Missions | | \$1,612.00 | |
| Youth Building Loan Fund | | \$395.00 | |
| September 11, 2011 | | | |
| Bible School | 89 | Worship | 239 |
| Tithes & Offerings | | \$6,751.50 | |
| Faith Promise—Missions | | \$1,419.50 | |
| Youth Building Loan Fund | | \$349.00 | |

Church Staff
Andy Mason, Sr. Minister
Aaron Rosenberg, Associate/Youth Minister
Eric Jaqua, Creative Arts Director
Don & Aleta Hulsey/Larry & Mandy Renfro, Living Link Missionaries
Secretaries: Phyllis McKneelen & Betsy Kray
Phone: (727) 393-2136
Website: www.fccseminole.org
Sunday Services
Traditional Worship – 8:30 a.m.
Bible School for all Ages – 9:45 a.m.
Contemporary Worship – 11:00 a.m.
Kids for Christ Worship - 11:00 a.m.



A group of workers (DART Team) from FCCS will be assisting with disaster relief in Okolana, MS, on November 6-12. We will be housed at a local church and eat at local restaurants (except a light breakfast at the church building). Currently we have 12 on our team. We can take 2 more and still travel in the church van and a pick-up truck which will carry the tools. If we exceed 14, we will need to add a third vehicle. The church housing us can accommodate 20 people. Contact Steve Bolin at bolinirun@cs.com or speak with Jon Williams.

Bridal Shower
In Honor of Holli Wood
Saturday, October 8th
11:00 a.m. Brunch
(in Fellowship Hall at FCCS)
Please sign up in the bulletin.
Holli is registered at Macy's & Target



CHURCH
POTLUCK DINNER
Sunday, October 2nd

You are invited to join us immediately following 2nd worship service for a great meal and fellowship. Bring a meat dish and either a vegetable, salad or dessert to share.



Our annual River Retreat is scheduled for November 4th-5th in Nobeilton. This is a unique time for our ladies to spend time relaxing and renewing in a cozy atmosphere. Please mark your calendar and watch your mailbox and the bulletin for details. There is only room for 24 ladies. The cost will cover 3 meals and housing for the weekend. A sign-up sheet will be on the welcome center in the foyer. See Faye O'Bryant, Meg Pennington or Nancy Miller for questions.

HARVEST FEST
OCTOBER 29 - 3:00-5:30 p.m.
FREE Community Event for Kids!
Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 5
Inflatable Fun Activities—Games & Prizes
Hot Dogs, Drinks, Popcorn, Cotton Candy
Special Prize Drawings
Everyone Is Welcome! Come Join the Fun!

Table-talk

Andy Mason

In *Outlive Your Life*, Max Lucado writes: “Long before the church had pulpits and baptisteries, she had kitchens and dinner tables. Even a casual reading of the New Testament unveils the house as the primary tool of the church. The primary gathering place of the church was the home.

Consider the genius of God’s plan. The first generation of Christians was a tinderbox of contrasting cultures and backgrounds. At least fifteen different nationalities heard Peter’s sermon on the Day of Pentecost. Jews stood next to Gentiles. Men worshiped with women. Slaves and masters alike sought after Christ.

Can people of such varied backgrounds and cultures get along with each other? We wonder the same thing today. Can Hispanics live in peace with Anglos? Can Democrats find common ground with Republicans? Can a Christian family carry on a civil friendship with the Muslim couple down the street? Can divergent people get along?

The early church did—without the aid of sanctuaries, church buildings, clergy, or seminaries. They did so through the clearest of messages (the Cross) and the simplest of tools (the home).

Not everyone can serve in a foreign land, lead a relief effort, or volunteer at the downtown soup kitchen. But who can’t be hospitable? Do you have a front door? A table? Chairs? Bread and meat for sandwiches? Congratulations! You just qualified to serve in the most an-

cient of ministries: hospitality.

Something holy happens around a dinner table that will never happen in a sanctuary. In a church auditorium you see the backs of heads. Around the table you see the expressions on faces. In the auditorium one person speaks; around the table everyone has a voice. Church services are on the clock. Around the table there is time to talk.

Hospitality opens the door to uncommon community. It’s no accident that hospitality and hospital come from the same Latin word, for they both lead to the same result: healing. When you open your door to someone, you are sending this message: “You matter to me and to God.” You may think you are saying, “Come over for a visit.” But what your guest hears is, “I’m worth the effort.”

Our recent “Guess Who’s Coming to Dinner” fellowships were a huge success. A week ago we initiated our regular Wednesday night meal preceding our Bible study and prayer groups. And the first Sunday in October, we will be having a Church potluck following the second hour worship service. That’s a lot of food! But, more importantly, that’s a lot of fellowship time around a table where you can develop a relationship with your brothers and sisters in Christ at FCCS!

I’ll See You Sunday, Andy

Post Season

If you’re a Rays fan you have got to be excited! By the time you get this the Rays will have already played their final games against the O’s and we’ll see how those go. BUT, a sweep of the Red Sox and a win against the O’s has us just 3 games behind in the wild card race. For all of those out there who don’t have any idea what I’m talking about (Eric Jaqua) we are in a pennant race!

For the Rays, their excitement about the possibility of the postseason has fueled their excellent play on the field. Right



now, they are passionate, they feel the wildcard spot for the postseason within their grasp, and they just might make it.

Think about it: you are close to reaching a goal, you are so close you see it within reach, how are you going to play? Are you going to give it 50% and limp by? NO, with a goal in grasp you give it your all, every ounce of you pushes towards that goal because you want it so bad. That’s how the Rays feel now, and that’s how every person in Christ ought to feel about their relationship with God.

When is the last time you got excited about your faith?

Aaron Rosenberg

When is the last time you pushed and pushed and with every ounce of you gave God all you have? For me, I struggle with lackluster faith from time to time, I get comfortable and complacent in my walk with Christ, but I know God wants so much more from me.

This week I want to challenge you to live your faith out like a baseball team in the heat of a playoff spot. Set goals in your walk with Christ, reach them, give God your all, and let him help you the whole way.

Love you all, Aaron

★ JOIN US ★
CHRISTIAN COMEDY
CONCERT

Tim Hawkins is a popular Christian comedian best known for his Chick-Fil-A and Cletus Take the Reel songs. The concert will be at Countryside Christian Center on October 14th at 7 p.m. Middle School and High School youth are invited. Tickets are \$12 for youth and \$16 for adults who are interested in attending. Please sign up in the bulletin so we can reserve tickets.

A Sacrifice of Praise

Eric Jaqua

I know people who have camped out on the sidewalk for days in front of a store to get the newest gaming console. I know people who have stayed up all night playing World of Warcraft or some other computer game. I know people who have spent thousands and endured huge crowds and torrential rains to see their favorite sports team or musician play. There are those who spend every free moment golfing or fishing or clipping coupons. Some prefer to focus on advancing their careers by working overtime and weekends.

I’ve heard it said that everyone is a worshiper. The only difference is what/who we worship.

It’s interesting to notice that the Biblical word for worship is also sometimes translated “sacrifice.” Sometimes we think of sacrifice as something messy done in the Old Testament with cows and sheep. However, I believe we still make sacrifices today. It is useful to examine our calendars and checkbook registers for our own greatest sacrifices. In other words, where we spend our time and money (sacrifices) often reveals what we worship.

Look at it another way. When we sacrifice our health by eating and drinking in excess or unhealthy foods, aren’t we worshiping our stomachs? When we sacrifice our time with God and people by spending excess time on our hobbies (e.g., sports, music, craft, etc.), aren’t we really worshiping that hobby? Indulging in sexual sin causes us to sacrifice holiness and intimacy with God; that’s like worshiping sex and/or some

other person whose glory is our highest aim.

I like Mark Driscoll’s definition of worship: “Worship is living our life, individually and corporately, as a continuous living sacrifice to the glory of a person or thing.” He goes on to say, “We give our time, money, body, devotion, focus and passion to that which we glorify most, and we make sacrifices in order to worship that person or thing.”

Today, I’d like to get you to think about another kind of sacrifice that is mentioned in the Bible.

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise—the fruit of lips that openly profess his name.” Hebrews 13:15 (NIV)

Did you notice the phrase “a sacrifice of praise”? Maybe you feel uncomfortable singing in front of others on Sunday mornings. Perhaps swallowing your pride and lifting your voice is your sacrifice of praise. Maybe you feel compelled to raise your hands during worship but are fearful of what others might think. Maybe this is your sacrifice of praise. And, it extends beyond the sanctuary. Telling others what God has done for you, or thanking God before meals, or spending time in prayer in the mornings are just a few ways.

More than the choicest sacrifices and burnt offerings, the Lord desires that we “act justly ...love mercy and ...walk humbly” with God (see Micah 6:6-8).

Look for ways to continually offer sacrifices of praise to God this week and see what happens.

Worship Him! Eric Jaqua

Harvest Fest Volunteers

This community outreach event on Saturday, October 29th, from 3:00 - 5:30 p.m. gives everyone an opportunity to get involved. The planning team needs from 80-100 volunteers (adults and teenagers) to make it happen! We have a job just for you. You can help by:

- 1) provide wrapped candy (non-melting candy please)
- 2) loan us a small or large canopy
- 3) serve as a game attendant, concession worker, face/hair painter, or prize attendant
- 4) help with setting up our activities or with tearing down when it is over
- 5) bake cookies for visitors
- 6) volunteer to make a visit and deliver the cookies with more information about our church

Please sign up in the bulletin. All volunteers are asked to wear a red Harvest Fest t-shirt. If you don’t have one from last year, please mark the size you will need.