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# WELCOME !

FROM SENIOR PASTOR, JAMES WALKER



The Omega Mandate is the road map that we are following into the future of First Baptist Alpharetta. As a church family, we have embraced that vision and continue to focus our efforts and resources on its accomplishments. The Omega Mandate is the people of First Baptist Church Alpharetta united in our efforts to fulfill Christ's last command with a heart for our community and a reach to the world. Christ's last command before He left the earth ascending into Heaven is found in Matthew 28:18-20, <sup>18</sup>. . . "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. <sup>19</sup>Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." This command is the "Great Commission" and our desire here at First Baptist is to be a great, Great Commission Church.

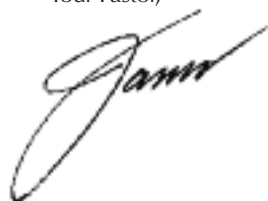
One of our many agenda items under the "MINISTRY PRIORITY" of the Omega Mandate is to put into place a Pastor responsible for the ministry care of our members. This agenda item receives priority because of our desire to consistently demonstrate the loving care and support for our people that they deserve. The position of Member Care Pastor will be added to our staff team at a later date, however; I would like to introduce to you a special person who will be serving on our staff during the interim as our Pastoral Care Associate.

God has placed Ed Schrader into the life of this church as a provision to enhance the love and ministry efforts of our church to our members in need. I know that you will grow to love and appreciate Ed Schrader as God uses him to minister to the lives of the people we love.

Another welcome addition to our staff team is our new Executive Pastor, Dave Gunter, who began his new role with us on October 11. He and his wife Jean are introduced to you on page four in this edition of 34:84. Already Dave has brought stellar leadership and expertise to the staff and organization of FBCA. I am thrilled to have him on the staff team. Dave will be teaching the Bible Study on Wednesday evenings in the Commons Area, so please come join us each week at 6:30 pm.

I sincerely believe that the best is yet to be and I look forward to marching into our future together pursuing the accomplishment of The Omega Mandate.

Your Pastor,





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Lines of latitude and longitude make up a grid system developed to help determine the location of points on the Earth. These lines run both north & south (longitude) and east & west (latitude) across the planet. Latitude and longitude help you find your way by pinpointing your location.

Alpharetta, Georgia is located at 34° north & 84° west. FBCA's quarterly magazine is named 34:84 because our church is strategically positioned to reach the Alpharetta community. This is our zone provided by God to unite the people of this area to impact the world.

Looking for a place to belong? Check out 34:84 and see what God is doing through First Baptist Church Alpharetta!

Special thanks to the gifted lay team of editors and writers who make this publication possible. If you are interested in serving on the 34:84 Team in these areas, please email [kschneider@fbca.com](mailto:kschneider@fbca.com).



## Meet Ed Schrader, Pastoral Care Associate

Ed Schrader and his wife Janice joined First Baptist Church on March 21, 2010. Since coming, Ed has been very active in our Prayer Ministry Leadership Team and has demonstrated his compassionate heart and concern for those in need of ministry care and prayer support. His responsibilities as the Pastoral Care Associate will primarily include visiting and ministering to our members in the hospitals and those who are confined to their homes due to sickness or disabilities. He will also give ministry support to those who have experienced the recent loss of a loved one. We want to welcome Ed as part of our FBCA team.

*If you have a loved one in the hospital, please notify the church office so that we can help minister to their needs.*

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# GOD'S 300 EXPANDING

God's 300 Prayer Ministry is structured so that more and more of our people at FBCA can be involved in prayer. Consistent prayer coverage over the church is as vital to the life and well being of the church as food and water are to the life of the human body.

Structurally speaking, our Prayer Groups are our foundational building blocks of God's 300. The Prayer Groups must continue to grow, multiply and remain active. We invite you to come be apart of a Prayer Group and also participate in our Expanding Ministries of God's 300. Our church recently completed the second annual Covering on Oct. 18. We had over 65 plus Prayer Warriors march throughout every crook and cranny of this church campus! Visit [www.fbca.com/prayer](http://www.fbca.com/prayer) or email us at [prayer@fbca.com](mailto:prayer@fbca.com) for more information.

## GOD'S 300 PRAYER MINISTRY

**Prayer Groups-** A Group of people that meet for one hour, once a week, following the God's 300 prayer guide.

**Point Persons-** An individual that agrees to pray by themselves for one hour, once a week, following the God's 300 prayer guide.

**Prayer Partners-** Two individuals that agree to pray together over the phone for one hour, once a week, following the God's 300 prayer guide.

**Personal Intercessors-** This is a prayer group that meets every Wednesday night at church for one hour and specifically prays over our weekly prayer requests, sick and the homebound.

*In addition to PRAYER GROUPS we have the following EXPANSIONS of God's 300:*

**Power Point-** This is prayer coverage during the A.M. Worship Services. We use a monthly rotation schedule with all adult connect groups to supply prayer warriors for Power Point.

**Permeate-** This group meets early on Sunday mornings and walks and prays throughout the church campus.

**Church-wide Covering-** This is a church-wide annual event when all church members pray over and throughout the church campus.



## ALPHARETTA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY

The right choice.

### OPEN HOUSE:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 11<sup>TH</sup> 10:00AM & 7:00PM

Location: "The Cove", Building B, Back Parking Lot

**Tour our facility & learn what sets us apart!**

### REGISTRATION:

Elementary Registration will begin December 1 and close March 15.  
FBCA members receive a 10% discount on Elementary tuition.

Preschool registration will begin for current ACA families and  
FBCA church members on January 3.

**Open Registration is January 14.**

Alpharetta Christian Academy

44 Academy Street, Alpharetta, GA 30009

Visit us on the web at: [AlpharettaChristianAcademy.com](http://AlpharettaChristianAcademy.com)

# PROJECT *Christmas* GIVE IT AWAY

Project Christmas is a benefit concert which will be entertaining and fun for all families. The music played by a 20 plus piece orchestra in combination with the "Catalyst" choir promises to bring us into the mood and spirit of this wonderful season. In addition we will showcase soloists, ensembles and even KPraise, our children's choir. The music has been carefully selected to impact all age groups and help bring families together with the songs and carols that we all love. The music, décor and special effects are geared to share the truth about Christmas and to encourage the audience to give to the two organizations with whom we will partner.

The vision for Project Christmas: Give it Away is to create an opportunity for the community and the local church to unite in effort in order to make a difference this Christmas in the lives of children locally and around the world. Each night an "Impact Gift" will be collected of which 100% of the proceeds will go towards helping change our community and our world.

We will partner with two charitable organizations. One of those is North Fulton Community Charities. This organization has been helping families in need since 1982 and has made a deep and dramatic impact in the surrounding communities. NFCC is able to offer assistance to over 5,000 families annually. Although the demand for these services has increased significantly since its

founding, NFCC continues to provide hands-on help, one family at a time.

As we take a look around, it is impossible to overlook the strenuous times we are facing in our nation and all around the world. There is a growing understanding in our community of the need to help those that cannot help themselves. These trying economic times have encouraged many people to step up and make a difference by giving some of what they have been blessed with.

In connection with the vision of First Baptist Church Alpharetta, we desire to create an event that displays our heart for our community and have a reach to the world. Project Christmas allows us to do an activity with our community, not simply for our community. We long to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with families that would otherwise never step into a church. We want them to hear the good news as well as "Give this Christmas Away".

**What can you do to help?** Attend the benefit concert with your family. Make it a priority to bring others to this event. Pray for Project Christmas and the families it will benefit.

*Together we can make a difference  
in our community and our world.*



PROJECT  
*Christmas*  
GIVE IT AWAY

A Benefit Concert by First Baptist Alpharetta  
**December 10th & 11th, 7:00pm**  
**FREE Admission**  
44 Academy Street, Alpharetta, Georgia  
770-475-6556  
[projectchristmasga.com](http://projectchristmasga.com)

*All proceeds to benefit North Fulton  
Community Charities and Sierra Leone  
International Mission School, Sierra Leone, Africa*

# WELCOME EXECUTIVE PASTOR DAVE GUNTER

**“John is the gospel that presents Jesus as the powerful Son of God,  
and speaks to me in a very spiritual way.”**

**–Dave Gunter**

Getting to know our new Executive Pastor, Dave Gunter, provides an embarrassment of riches. Whether one has gotten to know Dave through serving with him on a church committee or while sitting with God’s Word open on your laps in a Connect Group class, any acquaintance might notice something rare within him. In spite of engaging personality, there is more to Dave than a casual observer might discover. Dave has a passion for serving the Lord that has called him out of the corporate lifestyle into full-time ministry, a calling to which he is uniquely qualified to fill.

How did Dave become the man of God that he is today? Dave was raised in Beckley, West Virginia, within the coal mining area where 29 miners recently lost their lives in the pursuit of hard yet honest work. He grew up with an older brother, Dane, and his twin sister, Sarah Elizabeth, led by his God-fearing parents. As with most conservative and devout families of their generation, the language of the King James Bible peppered their daily lives. Their father had been saved after his pastor had issued a challenge to read the Gospel of John three times. The verse that the Lord used to capture his heart was John 3:18 in the King James Version: “He that believeth on Him is not condemned; but he that believeth

not is condemned already, because he had not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.” Being “condemned already” struck Dave’s father, and he gave his life to the “only begotten Son” of God Who gives “everlasting life” to His followers to forgo our death penalty for sin (John 3:16; Romans 6:23). Even today, the Gospel of John is Dave’s favorite part of God’s love letter: “every chapter, every verse, every word.”

Dave’s dad managed a repair shop that serviced the coal-mining community. They lived modest lives, managed their money carefully, and sought the Lord with their life choices. Dave’s family was active in their local church, and his father served as a deacon and sang in the church choir. Dave’s father, Nolan Dane Gunter, Sr., also served in the local prison ministry with their beloved pastor, Dr. Kenneth Swank. Dr. Swank demonstrated a strong work code, not only preaching eloquently the Pauline epistles from his pulpit but also living as Christ’s servant heart before the watching world. Dave observed his father’s ethic of servanthood and his pastor’s model of servant-leadership and lists these two men as having impacted his life beyond measure.



*Jean and Dave on a recent trip to Egypt*

When Dave chose to attend college in Athens, West Virginia, he could not have predicted that he would meet his statuesque wife, Jean, in the gymnasium at Concord. He had just completed a session of basketball when Jean led her volleyball team into the gym for their practice. Dave met Jean after her volleyball session ended and recalls taking note that the Spirit told him that she was a true and sincere believer in Christ, as he was. Because of Jean's heart for the Lord, Dave refers to his wife of 29 years as "my partner in all areas of life." Dave characterizes his wife, Jean, as an excellent critical thinker, well-suited for her career in clinical laboratory science. Her ability to balance the dynamics of challenging life choices with providing invaluable support for her spouse enables Jean to help her family and friends in making crucial life decisions.

During their marriage, Dave and Jean have guided their two children, both now young adults, through many of life's minefields. Dave recalls his reaction to being a father for the first time as one of gradual yet powerful change in his life. Fifteen months apart in age, Dave characterizes their childhood as a magical time for the family. He garnered the weight of the responsibility for his children's spiritual needs, as well as their obvious physical needs. One of the main burdens for their spiritual development proceeded from his gratitude for the powerful servanthood models that he had witnessed in his father and his pastor. Currently, Dave and Jean's children, Christina and Jon are both graduates of the University of Georgia. Christina has graduated with a Fashion Merchandising degree and works as a

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# NEW EXECUTIVE PASTOR

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Buyer in Atlanta, and Jon has a Finance degree and is researching and building a business plan for a start-up company to launch shortly. Dave and Jean express the normal parental gratitude to God for their children's growing faith, along with a supernatural love for each of them that exceeds the "ability to find the right words."

When Dave had completed his Business Administration diploma from Concord University, he decided to continue his studies by pursuing a masters' degree in professional accountancy from the West Virginia University. Then the Lord took Dave on a journey toward a very successful career in financial and operational administration at the executive level, most recently as the Chief Financial Officer for an international finance corporation. Dave describes his experiences as a Christian within a secular environment as moving from distance to respect. In his early years of corporate life, he felt the sting of ridicule for being different, for not choosing to drink alcohol socially but for choosing to live a life devoted to the Gospel of Christ. As his authority within the various companies grew and his respect from the people was elevated accordingly, his co-workers began to treat him differently professionally, yet continued to keep their distance personally. In each of his executive-level positions, people would comment on his temperament as being unlike that of the classic CFO under stress. Dave recalls that after the Gulf War and "9-11" people began to approach him individually, to close his office door, and to ponder aloud what would happen next in our world. Dave was grateful to be able to witness in the corporate world. Meanwhile, the Lord continued to tug his heart toward another venue of service for the Good News of Christ.

Dave and Jean had been discussing the pursuit of a second career in ministry or missions for twenty years or more prior to this recent move. The Lord had been slowly wooing their hearts away from the corporate world of international finance to a more pointed avenue of ministry. Dave and Jean sought the advice of missionary friends, asking, "What could we do full-time for the Gospel?" Dave had no idea of God's next assignment when he stepped into Pastor James Walker's office for wise counsel. Dave had been sensing his need to walk away from his successful secular career as a Chief Financial Officer; however, he did not know where the Lord could use his skill set to further the Gospel. God used his conversation with our pastor to match Dave's heart-cry to serve the Lord with our church's need for an Executive Pastor with expertise in finance.

Dave's local church experiences exhibit his love for the Word of God. He has taught Bible study on Sunday mornings for over two decades, including his college years. His devotion to God's people shined through his service on the Deacon body. His heart



for reaching individuals with the Gospel of Christ led Dave to seek certification in Evangelism Explosion, a personal evangelism strategy. He has also served on the personnel committee of this church, standing alongside our church staff. Dave enjoys sports, having coached students in both soccer and basketball. His love of music translates into singing and playing piano. Dave also enjoys playing several other stringed instruments, such as the bass and banjo.

When asked at what time in history he might like to spend a day, Dave chose France in the 11th century. Interestingly enough, 800 years ago, rich and evil noblemen dominated the common people by building castles and conscripting the locals to work for them, paying low to no wages. The church and her common people responded by gathering in the fields to pray for "the peace of God." As an antidote to servitude to the royals, congregations of believers formed. The brethren of one such fellowship developed a ministry that might lure Dave back to a time 800 years ago. These brothers of the faith sang around the clock—without end. This continuous offering of praise to God would entice our newest staff leader, Dave, to medieval times. He would "love to be in that church building to hear that highest level of praise and service." May God give an answer to that longing of Dave's heart in our own church—praise to God "literally without end."



Dave was gracious to give this interview by email to Carol Bailey, wife of John Bailey, and mother to Christa and Cara. The Baileys have been members of FBCA, since 1995 when John came to serve as Minister of Youth and Recreation for First Baptist.



# WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE MINISTRY? STUDENT

## UPCOMING:

### STUDENT CHRISTMAS PARTY

Get ready to get down at a Hoe Down!!!

When: December 19th

Where: Crooked Creek Clubhouse

What: A Square dance

Dress: Your best Country attire!

**Cost: Non-perishable food donation for NFCC**

### PASSION CONFERENCE

Got Passion?!?

When: January 1-4

Where: Philips Arena

What: An event for High School Seniors and College Students designed to ignite a passion within their hearts for the Lord through worship, incredible speakers, and group discussions

**Cost: \$225 Registration deadline: December 12th.**

### DISCIPLE NOW (DNOW 2011)

One of the BIGGEST Events for our Students AND Church!!!!

When: February 25-27

Where: FBC Alpharetta

What: An event that offers more fun than you can handle!

Students sleeping, eating, worshipping, and playing in groups spread across the area while they grow closer to each other and the Lord! Our goal is to have 150 students participate and the entire church supporting this event so that we can see the Lord do something amazing in our ministry and church!

**Cost: \$75 (Price increases to \$105 after January 30th).**

### JR./SR. SPRING BREAK MISSION TRIP TO PUERTO RICO

Serving during Spring Break instead of partying in Panama City Beach; sounds like a great deal!!!

When: April 2nd – 9th

Where: Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico

What: An opportunity for our junior and senior students to serve others in another country.

**Cost: \$850 (\$100 deposit due by November 21st).**

## REFLECTION:

### WORLD CHANGERS

We had an awesome time last summer on our High School Summer Mission Trip. We traveled to St. Louis, Missouri to be part of a World Changers Summer Project. Here is a look back at some highlights from the week:

- Drove 7812 miles with 5 vans and 2 cars, 22 hours, 10 bathroom breaks
- 9 hours a day on a roof in 90-100 degree weather
- 1 tree at the neighbor's house... no shade tree
- World Changers celebrated the completion of 200 rooftops in St. Louis. We completed 25
- 300 people total, paired and split up across 27 crews
- 10,000+ nails, 200+ hammers, 300+ willing hearts
- 3240 Gatorades and waters



Justin Holcomb  
Student Pastor

Register for these events in the Student Ministry Office or online at [fbca.com/students](http://fbca.com/students).

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SAVE  
THE DATE!

February 25th-27th  
Registration begins December 5th

Aaron Keyes returns to lead Worship!

## FALL FESTIVAL 2010 - PRESENTED BY ALPHARETTA CHRISTIAN ACADEMY & FBCA



Once again this year, we had a spectacular turn out for our annual Fall Festival. Thousands of people came out to enjoy the beautiful weather, live music, games, food and activities. Thank you to all the volunteers that help set up, staff games and tables and take down once all the fun was done! We certainly look forward to doing it again next year!



Photos by Gary Sims and Krista Schneider

# How are you RICH?

Good news, most of us have money in the bank, in our wallet, and spare change in a dish. According to the blogosphere, that makes us richer than 92% of the world. The Bible tells us that we, being rich, have responsibilities:

1. We are to be "rich toward God", and
2. We are to be "rich in good deeds".

## "RICH TOWARD GOD"

In Luke 12, someone in the crowd asked Jesus to intervene in an inheritance dispute between two brothers. Jesus told the "Parable of the Rich Fool" who thought he had good things laid up for many years, and that he would take life easy. But that night his life ended, leaving his goods for someone else. Then Jesus delivers these stinging words in verse 21: "This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

## "RICH IN GOOD DEEDS"

In 1 Timothy 6, Paul tells his beloved disciple Timothy to tell those who are "rich in this present world" not to put their hope in wealth, but to put their hope in God. Paul promises that God "richly"

provides us with everything for our enjoyment, and commands that the people who are rich to be "rich in good deeds". Paul reminds us of the promise that we will lay up treasure for ourselves, and that we may take hold of life that is truly life.

So in what ways are you "rich"? Are you like most of our community and have change cash in your bank account and your wallet? Being "rich in this present world", are you obedient in being "rich toward God" and "rich in good deeds"?

Thank you for your faithful giving. May we each be a blessing to others by being "rich toward God" and "rich in good deeds".



Dave Gunter  
Executive Pastor



**2011**  
**MARCH 26**

Save the date for FBCA's Sportsman's activities, BBQ and wild game tasting, dynamic speakers, exciting demonstrations, interactive exhibits and lots of give-aways. An event the entire family will enjoy!

[www.alphaexpo.net](http://www.alphaexpo.net)

## NAMB Recognizes FBCA Members for Mission Work



Cynthia Wagner



Katie Garmon

The North American Mission Board recognized Cynthia Wagner and Katie Garmon for their missionary work over this past summer.

Cynthia served as a Summer Missionary, and Katie served as a Sojourner Missionary through the NAMB Missionary Mobilization Team. We are so proud of these two members for their service for Christ and join NAMB in recognizing their efforts and commitment.

# OUR VISION PURSUIT {UPDATE}

For those of you new to FBCA, on September 13, 2009, we as a Great Commission church united and committed to the vision God has given us called the Omega Mandate. Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no vision the people perish." Pastor James outlines the Omega Mandate in 4 video segments representing the four priorities: Reaching, Worshipping, Equipping and Ministry. To view these videos please visit [www.fbca.com/vision](http://www.fbca.com/vision) or drop by our welcome center to pick up a brochure of "Our Vision Pursuit".

On June 1, 2010 we launched Pursuing the Vision Campaign. In an effort to communicate the work we accomplish through this campaign, a section will be included periodically in 34:84 to update our church family on our progress. We are nearly halfway through our 52-week campaign; and have received 150 commitments totaling almost \$625,000. Of the committed amount, we have received \$419,187 or approximately 67%.

## Some of the accomplishments through the Omega Mandate include:

- Completed external repairs, painting and new windows installed in Worship Center and Summit
- Implemented community outreach ministries
  1. Extreme Week VBS (June 2010) 450 attended
  2. Kid Blitz Live event (September 2010) 350 attended
  3. Fall Festival (November 2010) 2000+ attended
- Trained Staff on evangelism curriculum and planned rollout to church early 2011
- Created new local ministry partnerships for community outreach:
  1. Whispering Hope Women's Shelter in South Forsyth
  2. Drake House Ministry for single mom's in North Fulton
  3. Georgia Baptist Children's Home
  4. North Fulton Community Charities through Food & Coat Drive (October-November 2010) and Project Christmas (December 2010)
- Led 67 individuals on short-term missions, nationally and internationally (2010)
- Led 42 students on missions locally during WeServe week



## reaching

- Created in- home discipleship groups– Rooted (children's) and Clarity (students)
- Expanded Student Ministry connect group leadership.
- Expanded staff for Children's Ministry
- Added 2 new Adult Connect Groups with planning for additional groups in January 2011
- Identified leadership for Women's Ministry: Debbie Walker & Lisa Holcomb



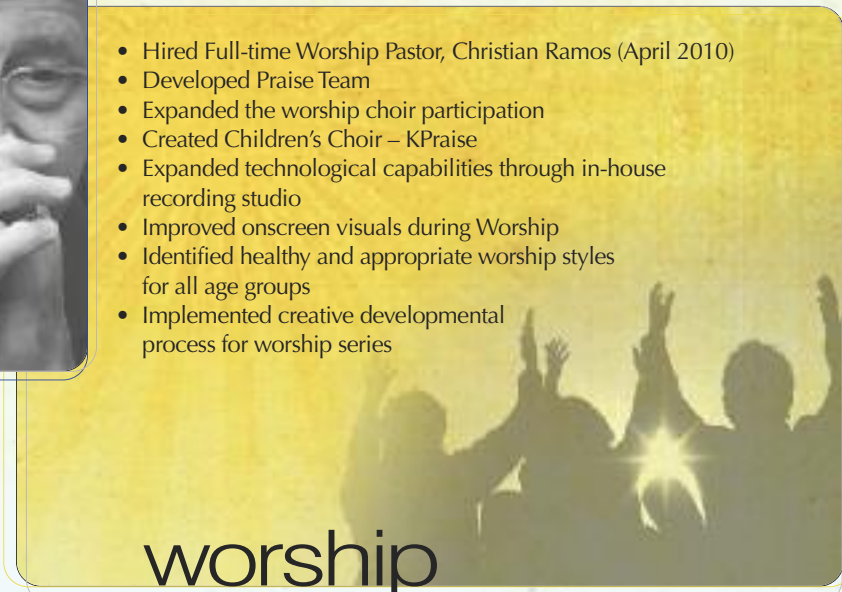
## equipping

- Hired Dave Gunter as Executive Pastor
- Hired Kraig Kelsey as Director of Assimilation
  1. Implemented PLACE Ministry
  2. Developed First Impression Ministry
- Created in-house counseling ministry, Charis Counseling
- Engaged Ed Schrader as Pastoral Care Associate



## ministry

- Hired Full-time Worship Pastor, Christian Ramos (April 2010)
- Developed Praise Team
- Expanded the worship choir participation
- Created Children's Choir – KPraise
- Expanded technological capabilities through in-house recording studio
- Improved onscreen visuals during Worship
- Identified healthy and appropriate worship styles for all age groups
- Implemented creative developmental process for worship series



## worship



# Christmas

Join us this Christmas Season for an amazing Family Event. We have taken our great "Angel Event", given it a new look, and made it even bigger this year.

Join us for **"A KIDCITY CHRISTMAS"**.

Enjoy homemade cocoa and hot cider, hay rides, and a make-your-own ornament area. We will have a special presentation of the Christmas Story with a live nativity scene, slide down a REAL Snow Slide and bring your camera to take pictures with Santa and Mrs. Claus. Lastly, your kids can enjoy a time of shopping for parents, grandparents, teachers, etc. at our Christmas Store stocked full of great gifts.

**This year you can visit each area at your leisure and the event is FREE!! The only cost to you is purchasing tickets for your child to shop at the Christmas Store. Invite a friend to A KidCity Christmas on December 5th!**

**Don't Miss it!**  
**Sunday December 5th**  
**3:00-5:00pm**



## THE COUPLE CHECKUP: FIND YOUR RELATIONSHIP STRENGTHS

Led by Chelsea Kelter

6:30-7:30 pm

Discover your strengths and growth areas and take home tools to impact your marriage. We will cover communication, finances, conflict, roles, spirituality, closeness, parenting and personalities. The workshop includes an on-line assessment and Date Nights in cooperation with Chick-fil-A.

*Class fee: \$40 per couple*

**Sign up online at [fbca.com/charis](http://fbca.com/charis)**

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS BEGINNING JAN 5TH

# OUTDOOR BAPTISM



August 29th marked a special day of celebration for our church family as we had an outdoor baptism celebration where 40 lives were changed. A huge crowd came out to participate in this wonderful day.

CELEBRATE



40 LIVES CHANGED



Photos by Gibbs Frazier

# Dinah Roebuck: Celebrating 25 Years with FBCA!



As Director of Facilities, Dinah Roebuck is responsible for the daily care of this church from the foundation to steeple! Her work ethic is inspiring and her humble heart is infectious.

*"Dinah is the hardest worker I have ever seen. She comes to work every day with a smile and the most positive attitude. I call myself very lucky to have Dinah as my friend."* Uli Kiemes, Alpharetta Christian Academy Staff member for 10 years.

*"Dinah is one of the hardest working people I have ever known. Her gentle spirit, willingness to serve and pride in her work is noticed by all. She walked into my life 17 years ago as a co-worker and she is now one of my dearest friends. She definitely has left her footprints on my heart!"* Teresa Gresham, Pastor's Assistant

When asking the staff about working with Dinah the comments are consistent: "Hard worker." "She's so creative!" "She can do ANYTHING!" "Dinah is always ready and willing to help."

Gifted with many talents we are blessed to have Dinah as part of the FBCA Team.

**Thank you Dinah for your faithful service and hard work!**

## Honoring our members who are Veterans

Veterans Day is an annual holiday honoring military veterans. FBCA member Gary Sims spearheaded the idea to honor fellow veterans. He reached out through connect groups and asked veterans for their information and then followed up with a certificate recognizing their sacrifice and service to this great country. God Bless these Veterans!

NAME	BRANCH	NAME	BRANCH
Ernest Abernathy	Army	Harold G. Light	Air Force
Glenn Barnette, Sr.	Navy	Harris Martin	Army
Lonnie Barron	Army	Lillian McCaughan	Air Force
Al Beckham	Army	Robert McCaughan	Air Force
John Campbell	Air Force	Brian Miller	Air Force
O.M. Carr	USNR	Billy Moore	Navy
Glenn Caswell	Army	Scott Pannell	Army
Tom Corbin	Air Force	Ken Pellini	Navy
Tom Daves	Air Force	Ray Reese	Army
Billy Dinsmore	Army-AF	Donald B. Richards	Air Force
James N. Dinsmore	Army	Robert Ridgeway	Army
Joseph Dixon	Air Force	Dan Riggs	Army
Charles Ennis	Army	BJ Robinson	Navy
Bob Evans	Army	Doug Roe	Army
David Gaffney	Marines	Lester Samples	Air Force
Richard Graham	Army	Terry Shark	Marines
Clayton Hawkins	Army	Carroll Shirley	Navy
James Hines	Army	Gary K. Sims	Air Force
Scott Hinrichs	Navy	John H. Smith	Army
Robert Hooks	Army	Michael Strong	Army
Harvard V. Hopkins	Marines	Kirk VonRosenberg	Army
Allen Ivey	Army	Larry Waldroop	Air Force
Cameron Janzen	Air Force	Henry T. Williams	Army
Eugene Jones	Army	I.O. Wright	Army-AF
Willis Ketchin	Navy		

## FBCA NEW MEMBERS

*We welcome the following new members to our First Baptist Alpharetta church family.\**

Robert & Lillian McCaughan  
 Brian and Jessica Taylor  
 Steven and Karen Colwell  
 Marilyn Bixler  
 Guinevere Donan  
 Dan Johnson  
 Doug and Marcia Roe  
 Gerald Hickman  
 Kurtis Royalty  
 Thierry Edoa  
 Sam Schaefer  
 Gemma Schaefer  
 Linnette Cambrelen  
 Joe Read  
 Audrey Kittila  
 Kristina Bedulla  
 Grant Medlock  
 Maggie Hairston  
 Reid McClellan  
 Ethan Kelter  
 Jackson Franklin  
 Elaine Smith  
 Marlene Hoffman  
 Chris and Dawn Manhoff  
 Hannah Manoff  
 Thomas and Janelle Pusser  
 Carter Washburn

*If you interested in how to become a member of FBCA, please visit our website at [www.fbca.com/membership](http://www.fbca.com/membership) or call the church office at 770-475-6556.*

*\* List includes members that have joined from June to October 2010.*

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# Upcoming events

**KIDCITY CHRISTMAS**  
DECEMBER 5TH, 3:00-5:00PM

**PROJECT CHRISTMAS**  
DECEMBER 10TH & 11TH, 7:00PM

**CHRISTMAS EVE CANDELIGHT SERVICE**  
DECEMBER 24TH, 5:00 & 7:00PM

**LCU (LIFE CHANGE UNIVERSITY)**  
JANUARY 5TH CLASSES RESUME  
*Wednesday night Bible-based studies for all age groups. Check out FBCA.com for a full list of classes available.*

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**  
**TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDIES**  
*New line-up of Bible Studies will begin in January. Look for sign-up information online. Registration for childcare required due to limited spaces. No charge for childcare.*

**MISSIONS NIGHT**  
JANUARY 23RD, 6:00 PM

**UPWARD AWARDS DAY**  
JANUARY 30  
*This year's UPWARD Awards will be held on Sunday, January 30th at FBCA.*

**DNOW (DISCIPLE NOW)**  
FEBRUARY 25TH-27TH

Check out our website at **fbca.com** for detailed information on these events and more.

# Christmas Eve Candelight Service

Join us for this special event,  
Friday, December 24th  
5:00 & 7:00 pm