

# THE OUTLOOK

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## *From the Heart of James*

Church Family,

How do I start? It's been a tough month at CRBC, or should I say a tough summer. I've struggled with what I should write. I've given this month's newsletter much thought and prayer. It's been revised several times, trying to help not only those who read it but me also. Sometimes writing down your feelings is a great stress relief. Y'all are my therapist. I could write about what is going on at CRBC and I will later, but what words can I put to paper to help those of us who are hurting and scared. I feel totally inadequate for the task laid before me. So with this verse in mind, Philippians 4:13, "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me." I'll do my best and pray that God is pleased with my attempt to do Him honor.

I think that this verse says it all. If we give our grief and concerns over to Christ he will see us through. That's His promise, not mine. But that doesn't always ease the suffering we feel. Time and prayer help, but that hole will only be filled when we are called home, and as I said last month, it won't matter then. At times, we don't feel strong enough to bear our burdens and guess what? We're not; we need Christ for our salvation, our strength and comfort. Give your burdens to Christ; if He's willing to die for you, He promises that He'll do all He can to ease your pain. All you have to do is open your heart to Him. Non-believers say that we Christians are weak to depend on Christ, but I say we are stronger because we depend on Him. We were designed to depend on Christ. God knows that we are not capable of handling all that life throws at us. He sent Christ to intercede for us. God wants a relationship with us. He'll pick us up no matter how many times we fall. Rely on His strength, not yours.

Please continue to love and pray for each other. Psalm 116:2 says "Because he turned his ear to me, I will call on him as long as I live." It's wonderful to know that God does listen to us and He loves us. Consider all that goes on in the world and all the people who are praying; yet, God stills hears our individual prayers. He knows every hair (or in some cases the hair that used to be) on our head, so I know He hears our prayers. We may not feel like we're loved, but God loves us, warts and all.

Now for a little church business, The Pulpit Committee is working hard. We have received a lot of resumes, I can't begin to tell you how many. Close to a hundred, I guess. We have several good prospects that jumped to the top. I think its okay to share with y'all that after we received the resumes we each got a copy, took them home, prayed over them, and when we came back together we picked our individual favorites. When all the individual favorites were mentioned, there were several names that matched. God is at work in this; I feel it and welcome it. He has a man for us; He'll fill our need, in His time.

Now what else is happening at CRBC? The week of September 11<sup>th</sup> is the Week of Prayer for Georgia Barnette (State Missions). Our goal this year is \$1250.00. Also the LA Baptist Children's Home Fall Food Roundup is in September. There will be boxes designated for food drop throughout the Church. So go ahead and pick up that extra can or boxed food item now.

It's not too early to start thinking about Happy Town. CRBC was the first church in Morehouse Parish to start this program and several other churches have copied us, so I would like this year to be great. It's a great outreach for our church. We're not reaching un-churched in another

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## Keenagers

September 19, 2011

9:45 A.M.

Choir Rehearsal

11:00 A.M.

Meeting

## Celebration

*You are cordially invited to celebrate the 94th Birthday of Mr. Bill Russell September 11, 2011 2-4 P.M. Fellowship Hall of CRBC No gifts please.*

*From the Heart of James (cont.)*

“PRAISE THE LORD, ALL YOU NATIONS; EXTOL HIM, ALL YOU PEOPLES. FOR GREAT IS HIS LOVE TOWARD US, AND THE FAITHFULNESS OF THE LORD ENDURES FOREVER. PRAISE THE LORD.”  
PSALM 117

country or state, but right here at home. Please pray about what you can do to help make this the biggest and best ever. I'll have sign-up sheets in the foyer and candy bins around the church soon.

Christmas will be here before we know it. There are several groups working on Christmas music already. Find out when and where and join, I know they would welcome anyone who wants to participate. The children will begin working on their Christmas program so make sure your students are at church.

The Youth had a great time at S.N.A.C. in August at the

Womack's house. It was great food and fellowship. We're looking for a family to host this month's on Sunday the 25<sup>th</sup>.

Now I want to challenge y'all. Make a list of things that you're going to do for yourself this month and then make a list of everything you're going to do for God and see which list is longer. Pray about this; see if maybe you could move a couple of things from your list to God's list. It doesn't have to be major things, do something for God this month; He'll do something for you that's much better. A good thing to

put on your list is to get involved in something at church. There is a lot going on. You're never too old or too busy. We've got a very rewarding project that needs to be headed up, delivering flowers to local nursing homes.

Lastly, summer is not officially over until September 22nd, but schools are back in everywhere (YIPEE) and it's time to come on back to church. You've been missed. Thank you for your love and devotion to God and CRBC. Keep up the good work and remember to always PRAY for CRBC and each other.

James

*A Note from Donna*

**Adult Choir Christmas Party**

The rehearsals for "Majesty of Heaven" have begun, but it is not too late to join us. The choir enjoyed a "Christmas in August" Party on Friday evening the 19th and unwrapped a season of hope and joy.



*Shoebox Ministry*

We are looking for some volunteers to pick up empty shoe boxes and wrapping paper to begin the process of getting boxes wrapped. Lifeway will give Operation Christmas Child boxes to those who come in and ask....so if you are in the neighborhood, please pick up as many as you can get. This month's items of the month are toothbrush caps and small toys. We need LOTS of small toys. The shipping deadline will be here before we realize. Thanks for all your help.



*This day I will marry my friend, the one I laugh with, live for, dream with, Love.*

*Mr. & Mrs. Joe Potier request the honor of your presence at the marriage of their daughter*

*Brooke Dian*

*to*

*Dustin Shea*

*son of*

*Mr. & Mrs. Rene Fonte on Saturday,*

*the seventeenth of September*

*Two thousand and eleven at five o'clock in the*

*afternoon*

*Cherry Ridge Baptist Church 1005 Cherry Ridge Road*

*Please join us for the reception immediately following ceremony*

*Morehouse Country Club 1729 Gladney Drive Bastrop, Louisiana*



*Have On, Old Glory, Have On*



**9-11 Ten Year Anniversary**



# SEPTEMBER 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8	9	10 Beth Moore FBC, Sterlington
11 2-4 PM Bill Russell's Birthday Party 3:00 Finance 4:00 Deacons	12	13	14 Business Meeting And Meal	15	16	17 Fonte Wedding 5:00 P.M.
Week of Prayer for State Missions - Georgia Barnette - Goal \$1,250.00						
18 Building Fund Luncheon	19 9:45 Keenager Choir 11:00 Keenager Meeting	20	21	22	23	24
25 Youth SNAC	26 Angels Meet at Teresa Pearce's	27 Fall Food Round- Up Pick up day	28	29	30	Shoobox Item of the Month Toothbrush Caps And Small Toys

## Thank You

Thank you Cherry Ridge Baptist Church for all the food that was prepared for the families of John Bennett and Margie Beach.

Mildred Vail

Dear Church Family,

Our family would like to thank you for the flowers, visits, calls and good food. Mother loved this church and enjoyed hearing our service on TV. God has truly blessed us with a wonderful group of friends that we are proud to call our church family. Thank you for your love and prayers.

Vernita Grantham Family  
Carolyn & Truman Hough

The Cherry Ridge Baptist Church Family,

We would like to express how grateful we are for the endless prayers and love for us during the time mama was hospitalized after her car accident. She continues to improve and she now faces knee replacements, but we hope she can soon return home and to her church. She is still in Lagniappe Healthcare, Room 402 for now. She loves having visitors and the continuing support will get us through.

Thank you,  
Edna Tatum & Family

Church Family,

Thank you for the flowers, visits and food during this time. Mother loved this church and you made her feel welcome and special. Thanks, too, for those who visited her in Oakwoods. She really loved those visits! I believe CRBC played a part in mother enjoying a closer walk with God these last years.

Thank you, Lynn & Dennis Akers

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## Memorials in June and July

### Multi-Ministry Building Fund

In Memory of **Vernita Grantham** by:

Jerry & Shirley Goodman  
Jim & Jo Amerson  
Alan Burgess  
James & Margaret Cummins  
A.P. & Judy Owens  
Bardell & Rhonda Bostic  
Floyd & Nelwyn Tubbs

In Memory of **Hilma Shaw** by:

Jerry & Shirley Goodman

In Memory of **Flora McDaniel** by:

Margie Beach

In Memory of **Helen Chambless** by:

Jim & Jo Amerson  
Alan Burgess  
James & Margaret Cummins  
A.P. & Judy Owens  
Floyd & Nelwyn Tubbs

In Memory of **Josh Wilson** by:

Jim & Sandra Wilson

In Memory of **Max Gandy** by:

James & Margaret Cummins  
A.P. & Judy Owens

In Memory of **Pollyanna Bogardus** by:

Ladies 3 Sunday School

In Memory of **John Bennett** by:

Truman & Carolyn Hough  
David & Marie Anderson  
Bardell & Rhonda Bostick  
Floyd & Nelwyn Tubbs  
Men's 2 Sunday School Class

In Memory of **Margie Beach** by:

Truman & Carolyn Hough  
David & Marie Anderson  
Bardell & Rhonda Bostick

In Memory of **Clara Coston** by:

Bardell & Rhonda Bostick

In Memory of **Jerry Wilson** by:

Bardell & Rhonda Bostick

In Memory of **Lola Boatright** by:

Bardell & Rhonda Bostick

## Sympathy

The church family wishes to express Christian sympathy to :

Jim & Sandra Wilson in the loss of her mother,  
Helen Chambless

Avonelle Bennett in the loss of her husband,  
John

Elizabeth Williams in the loss of her sister,  
Pollyanna Bogardus

Ann Spigner in the loss of her brother, Max  
Gandy

Gary & Carolyn Beach in the loss of his  
mother, Margie Beach

Andy & Deona Richards in the loss of her  
grandmother, Lola Boatright.

Todd & Debbie Wilson in the loss of his father,  
Jerry Wilson

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