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Annual Homecoming Day
Rev. Earnest Palmer &
The Cornerstone Full Gospel Church
September 5, 2010
3 p.m.

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Westend Community Fun Day
At the Westend Park
10 a.m. until 3 p.m

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Quarterly Meeting
October 9, 2010
6 p.m.

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Installation Services

It was impossible to pack Friendship, Elizabeth and all guests into Friendship Baptist Church, but by the Grace of God we made it. We apologize for the inconvenience but a little inconvenience among friends is okay. Thank you for sharing in the installation services in whatever part you played in stalling Pastor Wade Lewis, Sr. to the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. Now continue to pray that God will lead and direct leadership and follow ship the way He will have it to be. To God be the Glory.

Oil Spill

Aren't you glad all that oil has stopped gushing into the Gulf? Day after day after day after day we watched images of all that oil spilling uncontrollable and seemingly no end in sight to stopping it. Wildlife and greenery all covered in oil. Beaches unusable because of the oil. Well finally BP was able to cap the well and now things are appearing to be getting back to normal. So it appears. What will be the repercussions of all that oil down the road in the future? Jokingly we said that the fish from the Gulf would only have to be put in the pan; the oil has been already supplied. Manmade things will break and cause disaster to God's creation, but He still can heal the land. Sometimes catastrophes happen to let us know how weak we are and how much we still rely on God for protection. One little mix up can cause dire consequences to life, job, and the environment. Although it may not seem like much we can do, let us do our part to preserve what God has placed us dominion over.



Barbara Jean Reese, age 59, of Tuscaloosa, died July 27, 2010, at DCH Regional Medical Center. Services were at 11 a.m. Saturday (July 31, 2010) at Friendship Baptist Church in Tuscaloosa with Rev. Wade Lewis, Sr. officiating. Burial followed in Cedar Oak Memorial Park with Williams Service Funeral Home directing.



Staff Sgt. George Washington Jackson, age 88, of Tuscaloosa, died July 14, 2010, at DCH Regional Medical Center. Services were held at noon Saturday (July 24, 2010) at Friendship Baptist Church with Rev. Wade Lewis officiating and Bishop Isiah Jackson, eulogist. Burial followed in Cedar Oak Memorial Park with Van Hoose & Steele Funeral Home directing. In his early walk of life, he was a member of the Warrior Masonic Lodge 406 FM.

William C. "Sugar" Granger, age 46, of Tuscaloosa, died July 5, 2010, at DCH Regional Medical Center. Services were 1 p.m. Wednesday (July 14, 2010) at Friendship Baptist Church with Rev. Matthew Wilson officiating. Burial followed in West Highland Memorial Gardens with Wills' Funeral Service directing.

Alabama #1

Annual Choir Day
October 10, 2010
3 p.m.

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The University of Alabama was named a resounding No. 1 in the USA Today Top 25 Coaches' Poll with 55 of 59 first-place votes. The defending national champion Crimson Tide earned 1,469 points, 77 more than second-ranked Ohio State, in the poll, which was released Friday.

Annual Brotherhood Day
November 14, 2010
3 p.m.

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The Buckeyes garnered four first-place votes, the only team other than Alabama to receive a first-place vote on any ballot. Ohio State was followed by Florida (third), Texas (fourth) and Boise State (fifth).

Watch Night
December 31, 2010
10 p.m.

Curfew

On January 6, 2010 the City Council established a citywide juvenile curfew. 'We have a very sound curfew ordinance based on practical experiences from other cities,' Mayor Walt Maddox said. 'Overall, I think we have a very effective tool that will help us reduce juvenile crime. 'The curfew applies to people younger than 18 with some exceptions. They will be forbidden to be in public places between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. Sunday-Thursday and from 11 p.m.-6 a.m. Friday and Saturday. The curfew also covers Tuscaloosa city school system scheduled hours.

The ordinance also prohibits parents from allowing their children to violate the curfew ordinance. And business owners can be fined for having minors on their premises during nighttime curfew hours. Minors violating curfew hours will be subject to penalties as juvenile offenders and can be subject to fines of up to \$250. Adults charged under the curfew ordinance would be subject to a \$100 fine on the first offense. A second offense could be punished with a fine of up to \$500, while a third offense carries a fine of up to \$500 and up to six months in jail.

The ordinance allows for a number of exceptions. Minors can be out during curfew hours if they are accompanied by a parent or guardian, in a vehicle engaged in interstate travel, going to or from work or involved in a work activity, on a sidewalk or right of way adjoining their residence or attending or en route to or from a legitimate school or religious function. Also exempt are minors who have been emancipated, college or post-secondary technical or vocational students younger than 18 and minors serving in the military. Students from other school systems that are not in session and minors who have a diploma or a GED certificate are exempt during the school hour portion of the curfew.

{Our opinion}

There is a lot of talk these days about curfews. The City Officials voted unanimously to implement a curfew for our children. Some of the complaints I've heard are that a curfew may take away time the police officers could use elsewhere, will it apply to all youth, and how will truancy violators be processed. Well I believe the concept is good, but will be very cumbersome to deal with. My parents gave me a curfew and that was to be in before dark and when I got old enough, to be in by a certain time. When children go on field trips they usually are given curfews. No problem. When our youth get into trouble and get into the system they are given a curfew by their parole officers. No problem. Athletes who play for our colleges are even given a curfew. No problem. So what is the big deal about a curfew for our children? I think the law will be trying to tell the parents we wouldn't have to do this if you will. What is the bible's take on curfews? Proverbs 22:6.

Teen Scene

Kevin Johnson, director of youth at First Baptist Church in Florence, said teens present a unique challenge to the future of religious organizations. "You see different

stages with them," he said. "At 13 and 15, they're more likely to go where their parents go or where their friends go. At 17 or 18, they're making transitions to college or getting their first tastes of freedom, and some of them are looking for a fresh start or maybe seeking a new spiritual path."

Regardless of the denomination or youth group size, Johnson said if students are important to the church, the church will respond by being active and involved in their lives. "Local church leaders are just now beginning to realize the importance of having teens in our church communities," he said. {Excerpt taken from Tuscaloosa News Article: <http://www.tuscaloosaneews.com/article/20080218/NEWS/491639708>}

Church Security Issues

As crime rates rise, security in public spaces has become a concern. And houses of worship have not been exempt. That was demonstrated earlier this month by two separate shootings in Colorado in which the same gunman killed two people at a mission school and two people at a church 60 miles away before being wounded by an armed church volunteer and killing himself.

Church administrators say they can't screen for the possibility that someone might enter with a gun or search everyone who walks through the doors. Many have learned to address safety concerns while keeping the church from resembling an armed fortress. Sgt. Andy Norris, spokesman for the Tuscaloosa County Sheriff's Office, said church members and employees should look out for suspicious behavior. Churches could also initiate programs similar to Neighborhood Watch in which people stop by during the week to make sure nothing is amiss.

"Churches are always regarded as a sanctuary where everyone is always welcome," Norris said. "People should be cautious even though they still want to have the feeling of being open to everyone. Unfortunately, with the times we're living in, sometimes bad things happen in good places."

Generation Gap

Generation Yers often do not recognize authority in the same way as Boomers or Xers do. Instead of "rebellious," they react based on what or how they feel when they are approached or spoken to by authoritative figures. Members of Generation Y are additionally more inclined to firmly believe in the "an eye for an eye" principle. The survey found that almost 70% of those surveyed found their Generation Y workers to be dissatisfying, with poor spelling and grammar and no understanding of appropriate corporate behaviors. However, the survey also showed most employers praised the energy and charisma of their Generation Y workers. The above excerpts were taken from wikipedia.com, read more about Generation Y.

http://www.usatoday.com/money/workplace/2005-11-06-gen-y_x.htm

Smother Love

Have we become too protective in the way we're raising our kids?

In short, child rearing has become an exercise in risk minimization, epitomized by stories such as the father who refused to allow his daughter on a school picnic to the beach for fear she might drown. While it's natural for a parent to want to protect their children from danger, you have to wonder: Have we gone too far?

http://www.readersdigest.ca/mag/2004/10/smother_love.html



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