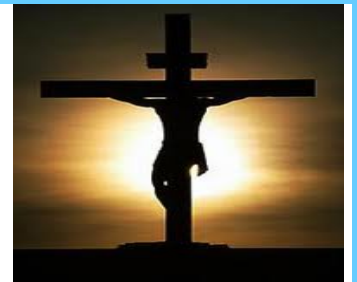


FIRST THINGS



Last Will and Testament



“I, Paul F. Gordon, of 1406 Spring Loop Way, Winter Garden, Florida, 34787, a resident of Orange County, Florida, being of lawful age and of sound and disposing mind and memory realizing the uncertainty of this life and with full confidence and trust in my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in His death for my sins on the cross and in His shed blood as an atonement for my soul, and knowing that by faith in His sacrifice on the cross for me I have eternal life, do hereby make, publish, and declare this to be my Last Will and Testament and revoke all prior Wills and Codicils.”

Those words may mildly shock you. Actually, those words are the beginning paragraph of my Last Will and Testament, which is a part of the larger document, my family’s Revocable Living Trust, created recently by Attorney Scott Dixon of Melbourne, Florida.

Two things: First, Scott Dixon is an excellent Christian, as the above words testify, and he is an excellent attorney. Second, though I did not write the Last Will and Testament (Attorney Dixon did), I signed off on it, and I rely completely on the truth of those words for where I will be when this life is over. My whole faith is not in how good or bad I am but in the atoning death of Jesus on the cross.

Risking making you a little depressed, may I say that if any of you get to attend my memorial service, please do not say, “Pastor Paul is dead,” for I will more alive at that moment than I have ever been!

Margaret Flesher recently passed away. While talking with her more than a week ago, she spoke of the fact that she is not afraid to die, that her life was over, and that she is ready to meet the Lord. When I left her room, I was actually a little jealous of her, knowing that she would shortly meet the Lord and see all the glories of Heaven. Leaving all the burdens of this life sounds good.

Of course, we all have work to do here and now. So let us be busy with the task at hand, and God will take us home in His own timing.

Your pastor and glad to be so,

Pastor Paul

First Baptist Prayer Needs

FBC Music Ministry
 GROW Visitation Teams (people to participate)
 Highland Christian Academy-director, teachers, children & families
 FBC Pastor & Staff, Deacons & their families
 Women's & Men's Ministries
 Lamplighters' Ministry
 Women Praying God's Heart ministry
 Welcome Wagon Representatives

Nursery (extended session) Ministry
 Children's Ministries and leaders
 Sunday School teachers
 FBC Deaf Ministry
 Promise Seekers-special needs class
 Youth Dept. and leaders
 Watchman on the Wall Prayer Ministry



Vacation Bible School is Coming Soon!
Mark your calendars! Save the dates! June 20-24, 2011
Exciting activities are being planned!
Interested in volunteering?
Watch the bulletin for date and time of meeting for
volunteers coming up soon!

Deaf Ministry Chapel

Our Deaf Ministry led by Dr. A.C. & Wanda McCann meets in the Fellowship Hall for Chapel services from 9:00-10:15 on Sunday morning. Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall from 10:30-11:30. The only exception to this is on the first Sunday of each month when they will be in regular services in the Sanctuary at 10:30 and in Sunday School at the regular time of 9:00-10:15 am.



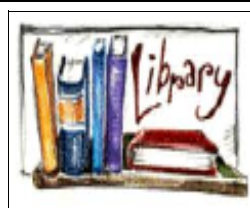
Senior Exercise Classes Meet Weekly

Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00-12:00
 Each Wednesday is different so you may start with any class.
 There is no charge for your first visit and then if you like it pay \$20.00 per month.

How Can YOU Help?

The following is a list of monthly needs for Loaves & Fishes. We deliver to Loaves & Fishes once a week. If you would like to donate any of these items, please put them in the grocery basket marked Loaves & Fishes by the Welcome Center/Office double glass doors.

Canned meat	Shampoo	Diapers (all sizes)
Canned fruit	Deodorant	Household items
Peanut Butter & Jelly	Dish soap	Clothes (no clothes until January 15)
Mac & Cheese	Pine cleaner	
Hamburger Helper	Disposable razors	



Put a Little Spring in Your Step

Spring is a beautiful time of year in Florida. I love driving down the road and seeing all the shades of green in the trees and shrubs. I love seeing all the flowers in bloom and feeling the cooling breezes when I walk about.

It is a time of rebirth and renewal. A time to think about the beauty of nature and about God Our Father, who created it all. I like to think of the blessings, and yes, the miracles we experience

each and every day of our lives.

One of the blessings we have is our church library. We have books for all ages and interests. They are catalogued by type, by title and by author on the computer and we are able to give you a list of the ones you have already read (the ones from our library of course). We are open on Wednesday evenings before Prayer Meeting as well as on Sundays before Sunday School and evening service. We would love to have you SPRING IN and make a selection.

Pat Malcolm

New to Our Church



Bonnie Quesada

Lilly Caballero



First Family Breakfast - Sunday, March 6 @ 8:30 am

Hosted by the First Family Breakfast Ministry Team. The menu is "Sunday Brunch Casserole" with grits, biscuits, fruit, donuts, juice, milk & coffee. Please pray for us as we prepare and bake 20 recipes for 160 servings (with eggs, bacon, hash browns, cheese, etc.) This is a real change! Keep your change coming! Bring your quarters! Evelyn Evans, FFB Ministry Leader



Is Your Teen Feeling Led to go on the Mission Trip 2011? Information Meeting is Sun., March 6th @ 12:00 noon

Lunch provided in the Youth Room
Parents are required to attend this meeting if your teen is interested in going on the mission trip.



Lamplighters' Luncheon - Tuesday, March 8 @ 11:30

Lamplighters' on Tuesday, March 8 has had a program change. Our guest will be from Canine Companions, giving us demonstrations on how dogs are trained to help those with disabilities. Bring your side dish and remember: Fun, Food & Fellowship at 11:30 on March 8th. See you there!

Woman to Woman Craft Day - Saturday, March 12, 10-2

Bring a friend and join us for a day of relaxed fellowship. Bring your own sewing, quilting, scrap booking or other craft. We can help each other learn new skills! We will stop around 12 for lunch. We ask that along with your supplies you also bring your lunch. Sorry, no childcare provided.



Youth Yard Sale, Car Wash & Bake Sale on Saturday, March 19 @ 8:00 am

Be sure to start saving your "stuff" for our annual Youth Yard Sale. You can save it for us or you can start bringing it in immediately. We are going to store the stuff in the house on the church property, not on the stage. If you decide to bring in your stuff, please call ahead if you have a lot or have larger items so we can make arrangements for someone to be here to help you.



Women's Bible Study

Beth Forsberg is teaching a Women's Bible Study on Wednesday night at 6:30 in Adult 4 Sunday School room. It is called "Following God with All Your Heart" by Elizabeth George. This is an informal Bible study that lasts from 6:30-7:30. You can order a book but it is not required nor necessary to buy one. You can join this study at any time.

All women are welcome!

Read to a Child on Thursday from 9:30-12:00

We need substitute readers! Lou Dail & Janet Resch read to our HCA children every Thursday. We need substitute readers when these ladies are unavailable. You would read to 3 & 4 year olds and their teacher would be with you at all times. See Carolyn Dorman or Pat Malcolm or call the office.



Secret Sister Ministry Coming Soon

Watch the bulletin for exact dates and when you can pick up your Secret Sister Questionnaire. For more information call Carla Kinsey at 407-788-9268



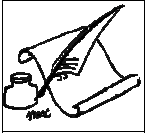
Ministry Leader Needed

Our Welcome Wagon Ministry needs someone willing to go around to local merchants and pick up advertisement items that go in our Welcome Wagon bags. These bags are given out by our visitation teams on Tuesday nights to people who have moved in new or re-sale homes. If you have a heart for this ministry, please call the office and talk with Pastor Gordon. 407-886-2628.

AWANA Children's Club

Sunday nights from 5:30-7:00. Boys and girls ages 4 years-5th grade. Games, achievements, Bible stories & more! Awana clubs are world-wide, Bible centered, non-denominational clubs. Questions or like to help? Call Awana Commander Jason Stroub at 352-729-2640 or email him at fbcaawana@gmail.com





Administration/Education
Lyle Forsberg
Church Administrator

George Washington and Divine Providence

This story of God's divine protection and of Washington's open gratitude could be found in virtually all school textbooks *until 1934*. Now few Americans have read it. Washington often recalled this dramatic event that helped shape his character and confirm God's call on his life.

*Though a thousand fall at
your side,
though ten thousand are dy-
ing around you,
these evils will not touch
you. Psalm 91:7*



Ever wonder how God nurtures a nation?
HIS ways are mysterious to us but certain.
Lyle Forsberg

French & Indian War 1754-1763

A war between France and Britain to control
Colonial territory.

The American Indian chief looked scornfully at the soldiers on the field before him. How foolish it was to fight as they did, forming their perfect battle lines out in the open, standing shoulder to shoulder in their bright red uniforms. The British soldiers—trained for European war—did not break rank, even when braves fired at them from under the safe cover of the forest. The slaughter continued for two hours. By then 1,000 of 1,459 British soldiers were killed or wounded, while only 30 of the French and Indian warriors firing at them were injured.

Not only were the soldiers foolish, but their officers were just as bad. Riding on horseback, fully exposed above the men on the ground, they made perfect targets. One by one, the chief's marksmen shot the mounted British officers until only one remained.

“Quick, let your aim be certain and he dies,” the chief commanded. The warriors leveled their rifles at the last officer on horseback. Round after round was aimed at this one man. Twice the officer's horse was shot out from under him. Twice he grabbed a horse left idle when a fellow officer had been shot down. Ten, twelve, thirteen rounds were fired by the sharpshooters. Still, the officer remained unhurt.

The native warriors stared at him in disbelief. Their rifles seldom missed their mark. The chief suddenly realized that a mighty power must be shielding this man. “Stop firing!” he commanded. “This one is under the special protection of the Great Spirit.” A brave standing nearby added, “I had seventeen clear shots at him... and after all could not bring him to the ground. **This man was not born to be killed by a bullet.**”

As the firing slowed, the lieutenant colonel gathered the remaining troops and led the retreat to safety. That evening, as the last of the wounded were being cared for, the officer noticed an odd tear in his coat. It was a bullet hole! He rolled up his sleeve and looked at his arm directly under the hole. There was no mark on his skin. Amazed, he took off his coat and found three more holes where bullets had passed through his coat but stopped before they reached his body.

Nine days after the battle, having heard a rumor of his own death, the young lieutenant colonel wrote his brother to confirm that he was still very much alive.

“As I have heard since my arrival at this place, a circumstantial account of my death and dying speech, I take this early opportunity of contradicting the first and of assuring you that I have not as yet composed the latter. But by the all-powerful dispensations of Providence I have been protected beyond all human probability or expectation; for I had four bullets through my coat, and two horses shot under me yet escaped unhurt, although death was leveling my companions on every side of me!” George Washington

This battle, part of the French and Indian War, was fought on July 9, 1755, near Fort Duquesne, now the city of Pittsburgh. The twenty-three-year-old officer went on to become the commander in chief of the Continental Army and the first president of the United States. In all the years that followed in his long career, this man, George Washington, was never once wounded in battle.

Fifteen years later, in 1770, George Washington returned to the same Pennsylvania woods. A respected Indian chief, having heard that Washington was in the area, traveled a long way to meet with him.

He sat down with Washington, and face-to-face over a council fire, the chief told Washington the following:

“I am a chief and ruler over my tribes. My influence extends to the waters of the great lakes and to the far blue mountains. I have traveled a long and weary path that I might see the young warrior of the great battle. It was on the day when the white man’s blood mixed with the streams of our forests that I first beheld this chief [Washington].

I called to my young men and said, “Mark yon tall and daring warrior? He is not of the redcoat tribe—he hath an Indian’s wisdom and his warriors fight as we do—he alone exposed. Quick, let your aim be certain, and he dies.”

Our rifles were leveled, rifles which, but for you, knew not how to miss—’twas all in vain, a power mightier far than we shielded you.

Seeing you were under the special guardianship of the Great Spirit, we immediately ceased to fire at you. I am old and shall soon be gathered to the great council fire of my fathers in the land of the shades, but ere I go, there is something bids me speak in the voice of prophecy:

Listen! The Great Spirit protects that man [pointing at Washington], and guides his destinies—he will become the chief of nations, and a people yet unborn will hail him as the founder of a mighty empire. I am come to pay homage to the man who is the particular favorite of Heaven, and who can never die in battle.”

* * * * * To read more go to the following.

From: <http://www.undergodthebook.com/story01.cfm>

First Baptist Weekly/Monthly Activities

Sunday:

9:00 am -Sunday School - A Bible Study program for all ages.
 9:00 am-Devoted: Youth Small Groups
 9:00 am - Deaf Ministry Chapel
 10:30 am - Worship Service* 11:00-11:30 am - Kid's Worship
 10:30 am - Deaf Ministry "Bible Round Table" Sunday School
 3:45 pm - Handbell Rehearsals
 4:30-5:45 pm-ASL Sign Language Class
 5:30-6:00 pm-Women Praying God's Heart Prayer Group (Sept.-May)
 5:30-7:00-AWANA Children's Bible Club (Sept.-May)
 5:00-7:00 pm - Youth Fuel Activities (6th-12th grade)
 6:00 pm - Praise, Worship & Bible Study *

Wednesday:

6:30-7:30 pm - Kid's Activities
 6:30-7:30 pm-Young Adult Bible Study
 6:30-7:30-Deaf Ministry Bible Study in room 108
 6:30-7:30 - Women's Ministry Fellowship & Prayer Time
 6:30 pm - Student Fuel Ministry (6th-12th grade)
 6:30 pm - Praise, Prayer and Bible Study *
 7:30 pm - Choir & Praise Team rehearsal
 *Nursery provided for infants through 3 years old during service.

Additional Weekly and Monthly Activities

1st Sunday of each month - First Family Breakfast 8:30 am
 Each Tuesday of the month - Visitation, Outreach 2 & 6 pm
 Each Tuesday of the month-Deaf Ministry Bible Study at NDA in Mt. Dora 7:00-8:00 pm
 2nd Tuesday of each month - Lamplighters' Luncheon 11:30 am (for the "50 and over crowd") (Sept.-May)
 3rd Tuesday of each month - Mission In Action 9:00 am (quilting ministry) (Sept.-May)
 Each Thursday of the month - Jabez Prayer Group 7:00 am

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Library Hours

Sunday-8:30-9:15 and 5:00-6:00

Wednesday-10:00-11:00

3:00-6:30

Women's Craft Saturday-2:00-2:30



The deadline for newsletter articles is the third Monday of every month. Email to: Judy@fbcapopka.net or turn them in at the office.

First Family Breakfast
Sunday, March 6
Fellowship Hall
@ 8:30 AM

March Birthdays

1	Lori Ahern	18	Lora Ann Davis
2	John Stevens	20	Jane Shepherd
3	Donna Doster		J.C. Hicks
5	Jazmin Irwin		Jeff Buck
	Denny Krone	21	Chun Pritchett
6	Eric Walker	22	Tina Porpiglia
9	Patsy Ryan	23	Judy Murdock
	Kirstie Smith		Martha Knowles
11	Juan Jimenez	24	Sandra Channell
12	Christina Lockner	25	Sylvia Warner
	Emory Jordan	28	A.C. McCann
13	Lauren Hill		Linda Goans
	Rick Pittman	29	Chelsea Robinson
14	Annette Page	30	Tex Burns
	Bonnie Marsceill		Connie Cain
15	Brandon Malcolm		
	Mallory Taylor		
	D.J. Collins		
17	Kelly Ott		

April Birthdays

15	Dana Lear
2	Shelby Stewart
3	Mattie Turner
4	Sharon Pittman
	Brandon Stewart
5	Bel Warner
	Mike Matzen
	Allie Forsberg
6	Jean Grice
7	Clemmie Hicks
	Julianna Cuadrado
	Juliette Cuadrado
8	Tom Haley
	Rev. Mike Matzen
9	Christopher Jones
10	Martin Cramer
11	Jason Mimms
13	John Archambault
	Michael Murphy
15	Rudein Talton

If your birthday has not appeared on the monthly list in the newsletter, that means it is not in our computer system. Please call the church office at 407-886-2628 and let us know that you need to be added to our list for your special day!