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2010 Harvest Festival/ Business Expo Nov. 6 11 am – 4 pm

Panda In The Park Nov. 13 2-4 pm

Happy Pastor
Appreciation Month
Pastor Chris

"Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 King James Version

A New Beginning For New Beginnings Baptist Church By: Dr. Chris L. Barber, Pastor, NBBC

A little over four years ago, a small group of Christian faithful got together and decided that God was calling them to start a new church in the Zephyrhills area. From that first meeting, and after a lot of prayer, New **Beginnings Baptist Church** was established. This October 24th we will be celebrating our four year anniversary with a homecoming, a celebration of the great works that God has done within our little church. and in our community. All are welcome as we will be having our regular Sunday School class at 9:15, with a Communion Worship service to follow. After the service we will be having a potluck lunch and then a Praise Fest, so all who like to sing should show

One thing different this year will be our location. We have recently moved from our Mission Square Chapel to our new address at 5221 8th St., here in Zephyrhills. We have only been in the new chapel a few weeks and we already love it. Talk about God Blessing us, we have been praying for

quite some time about a new location that would provide all we needed for less cost, and God provided. The new location is roughly the same size with the possibility of more classrooms in the very near future for less than half the former cost. Not to mention that the location is perfect, with adequate parking. This savings allows us here at NBBC to us our finances in a more productive way in serving God.

We will be talking soon about our budget for the upcoming year, and are excited that we might be able to help support some of the local mission work going on in and around our area. Not to mention looking into possibly providing some financial help in the way of scholarships to local students entering the seminary.

Two such students, Megan Sanborn and Eliza Passardi, came and spoke on a Wednesday evening to our church family. Megan, who gave up her job as a teacher at Wiregrass Ranch High School in Wesley Chapel, spoke of how God laid it on her heart to go to seminary at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, in Louisville, Kentucky, and to have faith that He would provide. We feel that now, God can use our little church in a way that can more effectively reach the community and missions around the world.

A lot is going on, and we hope and pray that you will join us.



Eliza Passardi and Megan Sanborn

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They would love to hear
from you!!

Scripture Thoughts By Lisa K. Barber NBBC



Lisa is the wife of Pastor Chris. Besides her work with the church, she works full-time as a Health Care Risk Manager for Ambulatory Strategies, is the Chief Operating Officer of the Panda House Foundation, Inc., and attends grad school at Fort Hays State University, where she is getting her Masters, and is a mother of five, Godmother of four, and grandmother of three.

> Pregnancy Care Center, Inc. P.O. Box 925 Zephyrhills, FL. 33539 (813) 780-6885 Please, get involved.



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Thoughts About Love

Love...it seems this word is used far too often and yet, not enough. How is that? Too many people use the word love in a very casual way with no real meaning or feeling behind it. Then there are those that rarely even speak the word, even in a casual content. You need to say what you mean, and mean what you say.

"I know that your love will last for all time, that your faithfulness is as permanent as the sky." (Psalm 89:2 TEV)

We may not always like what God has to say, however, He says what He means, and means what He says. When He says something you "can take it to the bank" that it is truth. Children today are not learning what it truly means to love. They need to hear it from their parents, not just in word but in deed also. You can't tell your child(ren) you love them, then put yourself before them every opportunity you get. That behavior shows the lack of caring and complete selfishness on the parent's part.

This is also true in a marriage. When one person places their dreams and ambitions far above their spouse, not supporting him/her in theirs, their words of support get muffled in the screams of their selfish actions. We must remember that God loves us. It is through that love that we may learn to love others as well as ourself.

"And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep His love is. May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully."

(Ephesians 3:18-19 NLT)

Pregnancy Care Center of Zephyrhills

"For you formed my inward parts; You covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; Marvelous are your works."

Psalms 139:13-14

The Pregnancy Care Center has offered love and practical help to pregnant women (both married & single) of all ages for ten years with a focus on encouraging healthy pregnancies in the East Pasco area, as well as bible study classes; parenting classes for both mother & father; & family group time. The Center can provide information on childbirth and delivery, fetal development, prenatal care, alternatives to abortion, and the value and sanctity of human life.

Each year, Lisa and I are asked several times about where are good places to volunteer to do God's work, or, what is a good cause to make a donation to. The Pregnancy Care Center of Zephyrhills is a great place to do either. If you feel like putting in some time or supporting them through donations, give Terry Luna, (Director of Pregnancy Care Center) at (813) 780-6885. Another way to get involved is by helping to supply some of their "Wish List." Any way you can help will be greatly appreciated, and don't forget to keep them in your prayers.

"Wish List"

Baby Monitors Highchairs Diapers (Newborn to size 3) Diaper Wipes **Bottle Brushes Baby Thermometers Suction Bulbs Medicine Droppers Teething Rings** Nail Clippers **Diaper Cream Baby Lotion/Powder** Towels/Wash Clothes Receiving Blankets **Baby Shoes Baby Bottles Nipples Baby Cereal** Baby Formula **Crib Sheets Bassinette Sheets**

Remember, every little bit helps!!!! Pastor Chris

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Things Happen by Meaghan Marquith, Junior, Wiregrass Ranch High School

Most People say that things happen for a reason. However, at times we don't believe that. These past few days have been some of the worst days of my life. I help coach a 12 and under softball team in Tampa, Florida. One of our favorite players ran away on Saturday, September 26th, 2010. I first heard about it through my younger sister because the police came and interviewed her because they are best friends, almost sisters. When she first told me I didn't believe her. I then logged into Facebook to see a status stating that she had ran away. As soon as I saw this I quickly grabbed my phone and called her mother. This was my final step in making sure it wasn't some kind of bad joke. Her mother told me, "She came out and gave me a kiss goodnight at 10:00 and that was the last I saw or heard of her." While I was on the phone with her I tried not to cry but knowing she ran away really touched my heart and the heart of many of her friends also. I question myself everyday if this is the path God wants her on or not. "He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them His way. " (Psalm 25:9) Let God lead you because He knows what is best for you. Through a lot of prayer and God's work, this young girl was brought home safely. However, many rash decisions end in tragedy.

Teen Scene With Meaghan Marquith



"The Long & Short Of It"

By: Misty Short "God Provides a Family"

Some Safety Tips For Halloween and Your Little Trick or Treater

Wear bright and reflective costumes.

Don't go out alone.

Use a flashlight.

Stay in well lit areas.

Be cautious of animals and strangers.

Stay on a sidewalk.

Look both ways before crossing the street.

Watch for cars.

Only go to houses with a porch light on.

Have your parents check your



There are good wishes in the world, and my story starts off with one of the best wishes in the world. Yet at this time it was one of the most-simple wishes. It was the day my mom and I got the family we had always hoped for, furthermore, it was also the day I got the best God parents and family in the world. When I first came to middle school I met the football coach, Coach Barber, his first name is Chris, we were very close. I knew him all throughout my 6th grade year. He also worked with the special needs students. Then we found out due to budget cuts that his special needs class was going to be taken away from Dr. John Long Middle School. The students in his class were transferred to Wiregrass Ranch High School. I didn't see him again until about the end of 7th grade. The day he came and saw me, I didn't know he was coming. I was in Mrs. Walker's cooking class taking a test. I was concentrating on my test when suddenly I felt two arms around me, was given a hug and then let go. I looked up saw who it was and started running after him screaming like a little girl. I called my mom on the phone and told her. That was the day this whole process started, that was also the day that we started getting closer again. It was two weeks after that we called him and asked Coach and his wife to be officially on the will as my God parents. Coach and his wife said "yes", of course. It took about a month to finalize the will, then

They have officially been my God parents for about six months now, but it feels like Mom and I have been a part of their family forever. They have seven kids and now have one more to make it eight. They have accepted me into their family. So now I have eight brothers and sisters counting my full sister. It's great most of the time. I'm the baby, so I get spoiled the most, and I love it. In all of my family, now there is my Mom, my Grandma, Chris, Lisa, Kellen, LaTia, Stacy, Patrick, Angie, Meaghan, my favorite brother Sean, and me! We are all very close. There is also my sister Nicole who is no longer here with us. Two of my brothers are in the military serving our country. Patrick just got back from Iraq, because he was badly injured. Sean is away at Fort Leonard Wood Army base, for training. He has been gone for eight weeks so far. I miss him so much it is crazy. I can't wait to see him. I cannot thank God enough for giving me such a great family. Their more then I could have ever ask for. I wouldn't give them up for the world. I have the best family and friends ever!

we all decided to go to Ruby Tuesday to celebrate. That's Coach's favorite place to

eat. I noticed when they signed the final papers, we all had tears in our eyes.

That had to be one of the best days of my life!

Panda House Reaching the Community

Making Our Presence Known



If you would like to donate to "Pennies for Thomas" you can do so by sending your check to **New Beginnings Baptist** Church. Be sure to write in the memo box that your donation is for "Pennies for Thomas" and we will see to it that your donation will get to the family immediately. Thank you for your concern, prayers, and donations to this great little guy and his family.

A recent evening drive around Zephyrhills left Lisa and I realizing just how badly Panda House is needed. Stopping to talk to a few teens that were hanging out on Main Street at the Clock, we were told that there are several kids who sleep at or near this location every night. Why? They are homeless. Many residents, if not most, have no idea that such kids exist in our little town. Many, if not most people would say that these kids are a problem. The truth is that the problem is not the teens, rather, why these teens are homeless and living on the street. Where are their parents? Why are so many of these teens not even being looked for? These teens need to know that they are loved and cared for. They need to have hope. From these teens, to Thomas, my little buddy who is fighting cancer, and all the teens that are in need of hope and love, these are the teens that Panda House is hoping to reach. Our first fundraiser was for

Thomas Nye, the 14 year

old Wiregrass Ranch High School Special needs student who is fighting leukemia. "Pennies for Thomas" was a great success with all funds going to Thomas' family. Since that day, Panda House has made its presence felt at the Silver Hawk's Native American Gathering of the Flutes. This was a great day of listening to music, stories, and talking Panda House. The next event that we will be at will be the 2010 Harvest Festival/Business Expo, November 6th, from 11 am to 4 pm on Main Street, Zephyrhills. Right where those kids will be sleeping a few hours after the event ends. Saturday, November 13th, will be the first Panda in the Park Bar-b-que for Panda House family and friends. This event will be held at the Zephyrhills City Park from 2 to 4 pm. With the holidays coming fast, we will be active in the neighborhood.

Chris L. Barber, PhD Founder, CEO The Panda House Foundation, Inc.





Lisa and Chris at Silver Hawk's Native American Gathering of the Flutes



Chris and Thomas Nye at St. Joseph's Children Hospital. "Thomas is a champ and will beat his cancer."



If you would like to contact The Panda House Foundation, Inc., you can do so by calling (813) 783-2476 or by writing us at 4430 Crabapple Dr. #104
Wesley Chapel, FL. 33544.

My Journey to our Lord! By: Janet Ness, NBBC

My name is Janet Ness, and I would like to share with you my amazing, scary, sad, and confusing story.

Growing up, I was a very lucky person to have wonderful and loving parents, grandparents, and friends. Although, they were not church attending people, they certainly taught me and my brothers about Jesus. I did go to church when my friend's families would take me. I didn't learn much, because there was no one to explain anything from the Bible to me. I did know that there was a God and He loved everyone so very much that He gave His son Jesus Christ to die on the cross so that all who believed in Him would be forgiven of their sins. That was something I always remembered, but really, as a young married lady, I really did not know how important it was to know and love Jesus. At that time of my life I was too busy living life instead of learning to be a good Christian.

When I was married, my husband and I wanted to attend a Lutheran church as we both felt very strongly that the husband and wife who pray together and love the Lord together, STAY together. And, being married to my first husband for 41 years until he died, I think that proved we were right. But it wasn't until he died that I truly understood the love of the Lord. He guided me through this scary, sad, and then amazing time. The night of my then husband's death, when my kids were staying at the house, we were all sad and talking together. After this time I was still sad and as I was lying on my bed, I had the most unbelievable vision of a person in a white robe at the top of stairs (made of clouds) ascending up to heaven and there was a person also in a white robe at the bottom of the stairs walking up. Instantly I heard my husband say, "Janet, I am happy" three times and then it was over. At that time a peace came over me and I knew it was God carrying me. At this very moment I realized which road I was going to take in my life and that was the beginning of me becoming a true Christian.

Becoming a Christian is not an easy job but God does help you if you pray to him and learn about and follow in His way. I prayed to the Lord that I find a Christian man that loves his Lord and wants to walk the walk. Through this prayer, God led me to my wonderful 2nd husband, George Ness, who was as anxious as I was to learn more and as much as we could of the Bible and become the people that God would want us to be.



And The Truth Shall Set You Free by: Bobbie Joiner, NBBC

As my husband and I were looking thru the Bible, we came across a verse that my Mother-In-Law had underlined. That verse was Mark 4:21-22. It reads as follows, "And He said unto the, is a candle brought to be put under a bushel, or under a bed, and not to be set on a candlestick? For there is nothing hid, which shall not be manifested; neither was anything kept secret, but that is should come abroad." I guess that goes with the saying, "The truth shall find you out."

Why do people promise they will do things knowing they cannot and then try to hide it from those people to whom they have promised? Then of course when they are confronted, they feel they have to lie to cover the first lie and it gets so confusing trying to remember which lie they told to cover up the next. It can get very heavy and the weight on their soul is tremendous. If they had only spoken the truth to begin with, things would have gone so much more smoothly. You find These people in every family, mine included.

I have a brother, who, God Bless him, has a big heart and tends to promise things he knows from the start he can't possibly come thru with. When he is confronted and asked why the promises weren't kept he lies to cover why he didn't do it and it gets to a point where he has lied so many times even he forgets what he has said. Then he gets defensive

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Check us out on the web at NBBC.worthyofpraise.org

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because he is backed against the wall. Oh well, that's my brother, God says you gotta love him.

Does this sound like someone you know? Dealing with him has made me very careful in what I promise or say to others. I'll never be perfect, but I can say that I try, and that I pray for those who don't. Let us learn from our dealings with others and try to live the way God wants us to.

Blessed be, Walk in Beauty until our paths cross again.

Pumpkin Patch Festival
October 30. 2010 4-7 pm
New Beginnings Baptist Church
5221 8th Street, Zephyrhills, FL. 33542
Come and join us for a free evening of family fun.

Games, food, prizes, and family photo.

About Our Mission...

Teaching Truth. Loving People. Sharing the Gospel.

That is our mission here at New Beginnings Baptist Church, and we invite you to join us as we grow together and reach our community with the life changing message of God's grace. We are a small, family-friendly Bible church of the Southern Baptist Convention that values relationships. We nurture relationships with the Lord and with one another. NBBC is a church with a strong focus on God's word in daily living.

You are invited to the

4th Annual

New Beginnings Baptist Church

Homecoming

Come join us in our new church building
October 24, 2010
Sunday School starts at 9:15
Lord's Supper Worship Service 10:30
With a Pot Luck to Follow
Bring your favorite dish and a healthy appetite

Following the Pot Luck we will have our Praise Fest, so bring your voice, trumpet or guitar.

Got talent, share it with everyone.

We look forward to seeing you there.

BIBLE IN A YEAR READING SCHEDULE

October 2010						
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
"Show me the path where I should walk, O Lord. Point out the right road for me to follow. Lead me by your truth and teach me, for you are the God who saves me. All day long I put my hope in you." (Psalm 25:4-5)					Zechariah 7-10	Zechariah 11-14
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Malachi 1-4	Matthew 1-4	Matthew 5-7	Matthew 8-9	Matthew 10-12	Matthew 13-14	Matthew 15-17
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Matthew 18-20	Matthew 21-22	Matthew 23-24	Matthew 25-26	Matthew 27-28	Mark 1-3	Mark 4-6
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Mark 7-9	Mark 10-13	Mark 14-16	Luke 1	Luke 2-3	Luke 4-5	Luke 6-7
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Luke 8-9	Luke 10-11	Luke 12-13	Luke 14-16	Luke 17-18	Luke 19-20	Luke 21-22
Luke 23-24	"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres." (1 Corinthians 13:4-7)					