

First Baptist Church Pelham, Georgia

# The Crier

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## **Listen the Watchman Cries**

Oh hear the watchman cry - The bridegroom is a-coming  
Oh hear the watchman cry - From the midnight's lonely tower  
Listen the watchman cries - The wedding feast is dawning  
Keep watching the eastern sky - For the chosen day and hour  
Cry out that time is near - When in clouds of glory He'll appear  
Sing for the end of fear - From the midnight's lonely tower  
Oh hear the watchman cry - Oh hear the watchman cry

Lyrics by Whiteheart taken from the song "The Cry" from the album *Highlands*

There are many passages in the Bible concerning watchmen. The basic definition of a watchman is one who guards against possible harm to people or property, often during the night, and who may sound an alarm in the face of threatened danger. Watchmen were often stationed on the city walls and/or in towers to observe those approaching in the distance. I served as a watchman in the military but was called a guard or a sentry. The Prophets of the Bible also figuratively served as watchmen to the nation of Israel with warnings of impending destruction or prophecies of future events. The question to ask ourselves is; are we listening for the watchman's cry?

**Ezekiel 3:17 - "Son of man, I have made you a watchman for the people of Israel; so hear the word I speak and give them this warning from me."**

Many Bible scholars have referred to this time in our church history as the *Era of Laodicea*. It is based on the church spoken of in **Revelation 3:14-22** characterized by their tepid water and lack of evangelistic enthusiasm, they became known as the "lukewarm apathetic church." Have we descended into the same characteristics?

The current Covid pandemic has been successful in severely crippling three important aspects as believers in Christ. The first is that it has devastated our church *Fellowship*. Our fellowship has been affected in many ways because of the temporary closing of the church, limited group meetings, and lack of contact and visitation. Depression and loneliness has taken residence and our growth in Christ (both as a church and personally) has suffered greatly.

The second aspect that has been affected is our *Worship*. Worship is not limited to Sunday services, but it also includes our personal worship, prayer and devotional study of God's Word. In conversations with people I have noticed more of a trend to worship the Lord on their own terms instead of on God's principles. "I cannot or will not worship unless... (fill in the blank). Worship has become more "lukewarm" and less important.

This leads us to the third aspect that has been affected; our *Relationship* with the Lord. For some of us we have become so over committed to ministry that we are on the verge of collapsing and "works" have taken the place of fellowship with God. For others their relationship has become a distant memory. Jesus said in **Revelation 3:20 - "Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me."**

Are we destined for a coming Revival or Revolution? The Church of Laodicea we learn in **Rev 3:17** was rich, prosperous, but spiritually dead. They revolted spiritually against God by allowing His Word and commandments to be changed and twisted in the name of tolerance and inclusiveness. Revival now seems impossible and revolution is upon us, but our focus should not be on either but on Revelation!

After the destruction of the nation of Israel the prophet Jeremiah in **Lamentations 3:21-24** wrote, **"Yet this I call to mind, and therefore I have hope: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness. "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in Him."** Our blessed hope is in the return and saving grace of Jesus Christ. Oh hear the watchman cry, the Bridegroom is coming and our redemption draws near!

Keep the Faith,

*Bro. Andrew*



It's Shoebox  
Time!!!

**Now more than ever  
children need hope!**

begin collecting your items and  
packing your shoeboxes  
Collection week is  
November 16 - 23

**FALL BACK!!!!!!**

**Sunday, November 1**

**REMEMBER**

**TO CHANGE  
YOUR  
CLOCKS!**

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**Sunday, November 1**

We will continue to have prayer and bulletin information on the website ([pelhamfbc.org](http://pelhamfbc.org)), our Facebook page and mail out to those without computers or cell phones connected to the internet.

**ALL COMMITTEES** Please make plans to meet and **choose a chairman**. Call the office and let us know who that person is. If your committee is responsible for a line item on the church budget and need to request a change, please go by or call the church office, pick up and fill out a budget request form and return to the financial committee by **Tuesday, November 10th**.

What a joy it is to be a christian! When I say "a christian" I mean a believer and follower of Jesus Christ! There are many in this world today that will claim that title or label as christian but unfortunately not all understand what that truly is. To know Jesus Christ as my Saviour and my Lord, brings the greatest peace that anyone can experience and allows me to claim the title of Christian.

One of the characteristics of a true christian is knowing our role here on this earth. What is it that I'm here for. What is my purpose in life. Now that is a question we all wrestle with in the day to day details of our lives, but the overall picture is the same for all of us as believers; to bring God the glory He deserves through our lives. What we say, what we do, how we act, how we live our lives each day must be for the glory of God!

A couple weeks back, our sunday school lesson brought us to the 37th chapter of Isaiah where we read about how Hezekiah, king of Judah, is faced with Sennacherib, king of Assyria, having conquered the cities of Israel and Judah and is now ready to take Jerusalem. Sennacherib discourages the people of Jerusalem by flaunting his successes and the inability of God to deliver them as the gods of the other nations had failed. 37:14-20 brings us to Hezekiah's prayer. He goes to the house of the Lord and humbles himself before God. He praises God for who He is and he lays his request before God. He then ends the prayer with the words, "So now, O LORD our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that you alone are the LORD." God allowed them to be in a place of no hope so that when He brought the deliverance, God would get the glory!

How many times we have felt we are in a very difficult or even impossible situation. We know we are to turn to the Lord and pray, but we really pray more out of exasperation and self pity that we are in this situation. We feel annoyed or upset that God would allow this to happen to us.

How would our prayers and attitude be different if we prayed in anticipation of seeing God do amazing things through our circumstances? How is God going to be glorified through this situation? What a blessing for us when God chooses to use our lives to show the world His power and glory!

Let's live life in anticipation and joy that God loves us so much, that He will use us to bring Him the glory that He so rightly deserves!

In Christ, Harold

**EARLEAN** will be out of the office for  
**Thanksgiving** Wednesday, November 25 - 27

*Happy Thanksgiving!*

## Our Members Birthdays in the Month of November

1	Chuck Bowen	24	Reggie Feagin
4	Glenwood Anderson	24	Mary Daniel
5	Melody Harper	26	Lake Adams
5	Lisa Kitchens	27	Annie Lee Wells
8	Kimberly Bufford	28	Sonya Maloy
9	Lucy Thompson	29	Frances Ragan
11	Melissa Stills	29	Joyce Walton
11	Dennis Palmer		
15	Bentley Palmer		
15	Hudson Thompson		
15	Sophia Barfield		
15	Patty Newton		
16	David Drury		
17	Nell Brim		
18	Will Norman		
20	Jessica Puzakulics		
22	Mark Harris		
22	Marie Murphy		
23	Marilena Smithwick		



Look Who's Having  
a Birthday!



**\$10 each**

**Order forms  
on the back  
table**

## **Activate The Prayer Chain Contact:**

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## Prayer List

### MEMBERS

Larry Frosteg	medical
Mary Grant	medical/heart
Deborah Anderson Hall	medical/heart
Janice James	recovering foot surgery
Amy Lock	medical/tests
Ed Lunderman	recovering back surgery
Tommy Palmer	recovering knee surgery
Glenda Rich	medical
David Wells	medical
David Willis	medical

### FRIENDS AND FAMILY

Edwin Adams (Wells)	bone cancer
Eula Beckwith	medical
Benny Britt (Monday)	bladder cancer
David Burt (Smith)	cancer/spiritual
David Chapman	medical
Sumner Conger (Long)	medical
Richard Cox	cancer
Anne Davis (Brim)	hand/cancer
<b>Larry Evans (Monday)</b>	<b>needs lung transplant</b>
Lisa Ezell (Strickland)	medical/kidney
Nadine Faircloth (Feagin)	cancer
Glenda Folsom (Long)	cancer
<b>Ricky Griner &amp; Family</b>	<b>all have Covid</b>
Olivia Hampton	medical
Randy Harris (James)	liver cancer
Dorothy Lock (Amy)	medical
Ricky Marshall (Lock)	medical
Jeannie Mellow (Lock)	medical
Jean Murphy (Monday)	medical
John Murphy (Monday)	medical
Doug Riggs (Bozeman)	lung cancer
Carrie Ross	cancer
Dorothy Sizemore	bone cancer
James Sizemore	medical
Randy Sizemore	leukemia/hospital
Candace Trimble (Monday)	medical
David Trimble (Monday)	medical

Our World City of Pelham City of Camilla  
Our Schools Pregnancy Center for Mitchell County

## ALPHA Pregnancy Center

Please join us on Monday, Nov. 2nd as we pray over the pregnancy center. You can drop by 23 N Ellis Street between 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm to pray and write a Bible verse on the studs. If you want to be a part of the prayer ministry for the pregnancy center, please let Ami Mejia know. Prayer will be a vital part of this ministry, and we need you !

## Weekly Bible Reading for November

Nov. 2 - 8	Nov. 9 - 15	Nov. 16 - 22	Nov. 23 - 29
Psalm 55	Psalm 62	Psalm 69	Psalm 76
Psalm 56	Psalm 63	Psalm 70	Psalm 77
Psalm 57	Psalm 64	Psalm 71	Psalm 78
Psalm 58	Psalm 65	Psalm 72	Psalm 79
Psalm 59	Psalm 66	Psalm 73	Psalm 80
Psalm 60	Psalm 67	Psalm 74	Psalm 81
Psalm 61	Psalm 68	Psalm 75	Psalm 82

## Happening at FBC

### Sunday

**8:45 am** Sunday School - **Live stream** on Facebook @ First Baptist Church Pelham

**9:45 am** Sunday School - **in-person**

**11:00 am Worship Service** - in - person services or Live stream on Facebook @ First Baptist Church Pelham  
**Speaker: Rev. Don Cable**

**6:00 pm Family Prayer & Fasting**

### Wednesday 6:30 pm

Children's Bible Story - on Facebook @ First Baptist Church Pelham

Youth Games and Bible study 6:30 pm at Camp Crosspoint

## Announcements:

**PLEASE, contact your deacon or the church staff if you need anything at all, especially our elderly, we want you to stay safe from this virus!**

**Offerings** may also be dropped off at the church office mailed to P.O. Box 287 Pelham or on-line at our church website (pelhamfbc.org) follow the link

## COMING SOON! 11/8/20

### KIDS

Who: K-6th grades

Why: Kids Choir and Club

What: Music, Missions, Truth & Grace

When: Sunday evenings 6-7pm

Where: Choir room

### ADULTS

Who: All Adults

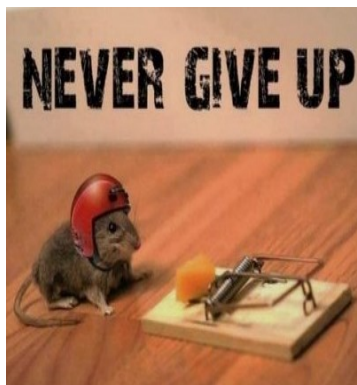
Why: Small Group Learning

What: A) Ministering in Spanish

B) Spiritual Gifts

When: Sunday evenings 6-7pm

Where: Old and New Fellowship Halls



## Budget Info

as of October 26

### Budget Needs

\$ 331,929.04

### Budget Receipts

\$ 315,081.36