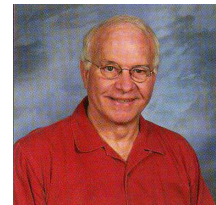


Looking Ahead

Tuesday, August 3..... Seniors travel to Aunt Catfish / 10:00am
Friday, August 13..... ELC "Meet the Teacher" Day
Tuesday, August 17..... ELC Begins Fall Semester
Friday, August 20..... Florida Baptist Convention Music Workshop/Delaney Street Sanctuary
Sunday, August 29..... Awana Kick-off



Monday, August 16 will mark Gene Lindsay's 17th Anniversary with Delaney Street Baptist Church. Thank you, Gene, for all you do!



Transformational Church by Ed Stetzer & Thom S. Rainer was given in memory of Lorraine Johns by Loretta Strange
Let's Have a Daddy Day by Karen Kingsbury was given in memory of Lorraine Johns by Loretta Strange
You Are Special by Max Lucado was given in honor of Ruth Carpenter by Loretta Strange
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Casting a Vision in 2010

By Dr. James Wigton

Our Church Council has begun to brain-storm together to establish a new "vision" statement and "purpose" statement for our church. As your pastor, I have tried faithfully over the past couple of years to cast a vision for our church. I have shared these thoughts with church leaders, key committees - and occasionally from the pulpit. Here are some of my visionary thoughts for our church. (cont'd.on p.2)

Casting a Vision in 2010, cont'd.

1. Shortly after I moved here, I announced at the committee level we should improve on what sometimes appears to be a "We vs. They" working relationship between the church staff and the lay leadership. We are all on the same team and should operate with complete love and respect for one another.
2. It is important that our church open its doors to our community with an inviting and welcoming spirit. It has been good that we have embraced such ministries and/or outside organizations as our Spanish mission, Boy Scouts, Bible Study Fellowship, etc. We do not want visitors to feel they are "trespassing" on our property but that they are, indeed, "welcome"!
3. I think everyone recognizes that we need to improve our sanctuary. After a period of time we all get "used" to the way it looks, but visitors tell me it has an "outdated appearance." Obviously, we need new carpet and furniture. But some of us also believe we need to remove the side balconies, go to shorter pews with multiple aisles, and remodel the platform. One visitor told me we don't just look like the 1970's - we look like the 1700's. And with all of our young people sitting in the balcony, we look like a much older church than we actually are. This spring, a long-time friend of mine visited for the first time. His first comment over lunch was that our church was all old people. I pointed out to him that is not true - that our younger families are in the balcony.
4. We need to continue to strive toward a proper chain-of-command - from committee leadership to pastoral staff leadership. This is biblical, Baptist and consistent with our current constitution.
5. Our Stewardship Committee has discussed the need to change our philosophy of giving and spending. Some believe we have entirely too much money "designated" and that we need to put "ministry" expenses ahead of "maintenance" expenses. While keeping a safe financial cushion, we need to spend some of the funds we have instead of stockpiling the Lord's money, especially for missions. We should be eager to send our people on missions trips.
6. We can rejoice in significant improvement in our music and worship.
7. We could use our resources - funds and housing - to increase our pastoral staff, specifically by adding a children's minister.
8. A couple of our longtime church members have suggested to me we need to consider changing the name of our church. The name "Delaney" gives us a good geographical identity and a strong historical recognition here in Greater Orlando. But there is no Delaney "Street" anymore. We could be Delaney Baptist Church, Delaney Park Baptist Church, or even Delaney Avenue Baptist Church.
9. These are simply some "visionary thoughts. To succeed in our ministry and keep up with the modern generation, we must always look forward - not backward. Please join me in prayer about these and other ideas.

Pastor Jim

Congratulations Wayne Buckner and Harry Glisson!



Special Olympics

In July, the Special Olympics 2010 USA National Games were held in Lincoln, Nebraska. Of the 3,000 athletes who came from all over the USA to participate, two of our own Delaney Street family members, Wayne Buckner and Harry Glisson, both long-time members of our fellowship, brought home medals. Wayne won a Silver Medal in the 100 yard Backstroke and a Bronze Medal in the 4x50 yard Freestyle Relay. Harry won both a Silver and a Bronze medal in bowling. Congratulations Wayne and Harry on your accomplishments!



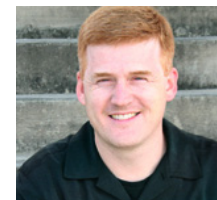
God is blessing His church here at Delaney Street. While the summer months typically see lower attendance and involvement, due to vacations and other family commitments, we continue to see a great commitment from God's people in our church. We have had some great celebration services over the past month, and know that this is just the beginning of what God has in store for us.

Wednesday, November 10, our Senior Adults are planning a lunch cruise on the Rivership Romance, sailing out of Sanford. We have been able to negotiate a discount on our group tickets. The cost for the luncheon cruise is \$25 per person, a substantial savings over the gate price of nearly \$46 per person. We have 10 spots available, and they will be sold on a first come-first served basis. Sign up early and make your check payable to Delaney Street Baptist Church. Your payment will hold your reservation.



In addition to this trip, we are planning another outing to Aunt Catfish Tuesday, August 3. Be on the lookout for signup sheets in the Sunday School classrooms. Seating will be limited, so be sure to sign up well in advance.

I am so looking forward to taking the trip with some of our seniors to Branson in late September. For those of you who have paid your deposit, the remaining amount of your ticket price is due on or before **August 25**. Some of you have already paid the balance of your ticket, but for the rest of you, please do not lose sight of this date. We need to get our show and dinner tickets purchased before we leave. Thanks so much for all of your support. It is going to be a great time of fellowship together.



Friday evening, August 20, Delaney Church is privileged to host one of eight **Worship Choir Workshops** held by the **Florida Baptist Convention** Music Department. **Robert Elkins**, Pastor of Music and Worship at FBC Orlando will be the **Clinician** for the event. If you enjoy singing, and would like the opportunity to do so in a combined choir with over 100 voices, please make plans to attend. The cost of the event is \$10 per person, and the deadline for registration is August 19. The website for the registration form is www.floridaworship.org. Checks should be made payable to the Florida Baptist Convention.

In Christ,
Bra. Jon



We pray your family had a great July! The children had a wonderful time here at Delaney with the "Dino-200 exhibit" a hands-on display, playing in the Bounce House and our annual BBQ celebration of the 4th of July.

We never forget that our goal here is to teach our children about God's amazing world and His amazing Love for all of us. We pray for all our children and for their families. Our staff has a heart for children and for Jesus and we are always available to pray with them and answer any questions they have about their child's spiritual development! Please know that we love our children and we love Jesus!



August is a busy but short month for us at the ELC. We will host a luau for our children and their families Wednesday, August 4 at 10:30am in the CFLC. Our "Meet the Teacher" Day is Friday, August 13 and the Fall Semester begins the following Tuesday, August 17!

As we prepare for the new school year, we ask for your prayers as we focus on sharing the Gospel of Jesus. May many new names be added to the Kingdom of God!

Blessings and Love!
Miss Julie, ELC Director