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Therefore, as we  
have  
opportunity, let  
us do good to all  
people,  
especially to  
those who  
belong to the  
family of  
believers.

*Galatians 6:10*

*January 2011*



## GOD IS FAITHFUL

*"God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord."* (1 Corinthians 1:9)

HAPPY NEW YEAR! This is the third "New Year's" letter that I have had the joy of writing to you as your pastor. How time does fly when you are busy serving the Master. Thank you for allowing Brenda and I to serve the Lord in this place with you.

Isn't it glorious, especially in the uncertain times that we presently find ourselves, to know that God is faithful! Always – period – end of debate! God is faithful, even when we are faithless. I praise Him for His faithfulness.

In January, 2008, in my New Year's letter to you, as I pondered on what may lay ahead, I asked the following questions: 1) *Will the economy recover or worsen?* ANSWER: It got worse. 2) *Will President Obama govern wisely or foolishly?* ANSWER: Well, at least in my opinion, not wisely at all. Bottom line, it has been some rollercoaster ride these past two years in our country and in our world. Who would have thought two years ago that we would be where we are today as a nation? If they served for nothing else, the past two years should have driven home the point to each of us that nothing in this world is certain – not our freedoms, economy, health, government, social security, Medicare, retirement plans – nothing!

My point is not meant to discourage you but, rather, to encourage you. My point is simple: *"God is the One who is faithful – not man."* Nothing in this world is certain except God alone. God is our hope, not man. God is our refuge, not the economy. We know that, as "crazy" as the times seem to be, everything is going exactly the way God has planned for it to go. While the past two years may have surprised us – they did not surprise, nor sneak up on, God.

That is why, on this New Year of 2011, I am thankful for the faithfulness of God and of Bel-Aire Baptist Church. You are not only "hanging in there" but you are excelling and moving forward in the faith. You are continuing to give yourself, first, to the Lord and, second, to His church. I am proud and thankful to be known in our community as the pastor of Bel-Aire Baptist – a church that is being faithful to God.

2010 saw many come to salvation in Christ through your faithfulness to this church's ministry. It is with even greater anticipation, because of God's and your faithfulness, we expect many to come to Christ in 2011.

So, what does 2011 have in store – who in the world knows other than God? And that is enough. That is enough to keep us focused and on task for the kingdom of His Christ – our Savior – the Lord Jesus Christ. Brenda and I look forward to serving side-by-side with you in 2011 for the glory of the KING! God is faithful – may we be found come December 31, 2011 as having been faithful in return.

Happy New Year – here's to being one year closer to heaven than we were before – what a day it will be!



I wanted to take this opportunity and thank everyone who helped in the Living Nativity. I could **NOT** have done anything without each and everyone of you. I am very blessed and thankful that there are so many loving and generous people here at Bel-Aire willing to sacrifice their time to show their love of Jesus Christ!

### Upcoming 2011 Events:

#### January 28 7pm Silver Ring Thing

If you are wanting to help out in any way please see me or contact the church office.

#### January 29 The Rock and Worship Road Show Biloxi Coliseum 7pm

Volunteers to work the T-Shirt tables are needed.

Adults or Youth can volunteer

Volunteers will get in for free

We would need to be at the coliseum for 5:30pm

Contact the church office 832-1966 if interested

#### January 30 5pm Student Arts Festival

#### January 30 6pm 5th Sunday Sing

#### February 11 Heart to Heart Banquet

w/a Hoe Down dinner theme/theatre and concert

#### March 3rd Worship Choir Festival

This event will take place here at Bel-Aire.

#### May 3rd Sr. Adult Choir Festival

#### May 8 The Hoppers in Concert

A family Southern gospel group from North Carolina.

Visit [www.thehoppers.com](http://www.thehoppers.com) for music and information.

Looking forward to an exciting 2011!!

Alan



January 2 No AWANA Happy New Year!  
 January 9 AWANA starts back for the New Year  
 January 16 Normal AWANA  
 January 23 Normal AWANA  
 January 30 Normal AWANA  
 In Christ  
 T.J.



Joseph Bentz uses an unusual format for his novel, *At Close of Day*. He has seven major characters who take turns speaking or thinking directly to the reader. As a family in crisis acts and interacts, the reader gets to know not only what they say to each other, but also what they secretly think and feel about the other family members.

After having a stroke, the father comments that his other family will come and take him home, when his three daughters are having difficulty scheduling his return home and who will care for him. They know their mother is in very poor health herself and is not able to do it. Two daughters dismiss his comment as being made from a confused mind, but one thinks it might represent a secret reality their parents have kept hidden for over half a century.

The parents finally decide to tell the daughters the truth, and two more children become involved in the family saga. Journey with this family and experience each one's side of the story. Witness what happens as a result of too many secrets being held too long, depriving family members from needed love relationships. See if the revelation of the truth will heal the hurts before the close of day for this family.

Have a Happy New Year reading good books and watching good films from our church library!

Marilyn Barfoot



### Welcome 2011!!

We hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas!

The preschoolers will study "winter," "healthy habits," and "medical personnel" this month. We'll be getting a visit from AMR, and a nurse.

Our teachers will be busy with new conferences to attend so keep them in your prayers.

Thank you for your continued support!

Have a very Happy 2011!

In Christ,  
 Ms. Vicki

The Benevolence Committee wishes to thank the Bel-Aire church family for their generous donations for the Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets! We were able to help many of our church families. A special Thank you goes to the AWANA leaders for sharing the canned goods and to Karen Bradford for the boxes.



### Women of Bel-Aire

### Happy 2011!!

**MEETINGS:** 2nd Tuesday of each month @ 6:30pm

Come to help or join the Women's Ministry Team

The WRC is collecting diaper, wipes, etc. Please prayerfully consider donating. There is a bassinet in the back hallway by the Fellowship Hall.

See Lynne Nix for details.

#### Upcoming Women Ministry Events:

**January 11** 6:30pm Meeting

**January 15** Visiting the Shut Ins

**January 24** E Women Hotel Deposits of \$50 due to Lynne

**February 5** Ladies Chocolate Day: Bible Study & Fun!!



### Mark Your Calendars

- Jan 8 Q & A on the Building Usage Policy
- Jan 15 Men's Breakfast
- Jan 23 Business Meeting (Vote on Policy)
- Jan 28 Silver Ring Thing
- Jan 29 Rock & Worship Road show
- Jan 30 Student Arts Fest & 5th Sunday Sing
- Feb 11 Heart to Heart Hoedown Banquet
- Mar 3 Worship Choir Festival
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- ♦ **Photo Galleries** (Seniors, Trips, AWANA, Concerts, etc.)
- ♦ **Sunday Sermons and Wednesday Night Bible Studies** (Listen or Download MP3 versions of your favorite sermon)
- ♦ **Around Bel-Aire in 80 Seconds** (View the past episodes)

***Sunday Services***

Morning Worship	9:00 am
Sunday School	10:30 am
Beginners Orchestra	3:00 pm
Youth Drama	3:30 pm
Youth Xtreme Choir	4:10 pm
AWANA	5:00 pm
Evening Worship	6:00 pm

***Monday***

JOY Choir	1:00 pm
Praise/Band Rehearsal	7:00pm

***Wednesday***

Early Morning Prayer	5:30 am
Evening Meals	5:00 pm
Children's Choir / PreSchool Choir	6:00 pm
Youth Service / Activities	6:00 pm
Worship / Prayer Service	6:00 pm
Ladies Bible Study	6:00 pm
Worship Choir & Band Rehearsal	7:00 pm

*\*Holidays may affect the Weekly Schedule\**

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