



The Patrick Press

Personal Comings & Goings

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Like most of you, the past month has been full of activity for our family. Bruce spent a week fighting allergies to a degree that he hasn't experienced in several years. He is doing much better and has enjoyed being able to get back into the swing of things just in time for all the travel of the event season this spring.

After a week long stay in the hospital and a lengthy recovery Andrew has returned to normal activities. He missed a week of classes, but has been able to keep up with his studies.

Daniel is gearing up for a Speech and Debate Tournament in Huntsville and is very excited to participate in "Team Policy Debate" this year. The topic of "Illegal Immigration" has captured his interest! Next month he will be competing in the tournament in Montgomery. Melanie will be helping out with that one as the Chairperson of the Hospitality Committee. She has been working hard trying to enlist judges as well.

Katie has been traveling with us for the entire event season. She has already begun to talk about next year



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Ministry Headlines

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ:
Ephesians 1:3

How time flies! It seems like only yesterday that we were writing about the great time we were having during the Bible Quizzes, and now we are almost finished with AwanaGames. March started out with a great weekend in Niceville at Rocky Bayou Christian School for the 2008 Central Panhandle AwanaGames. We had 6 Sparks



teams and 9 T&T teams competing this year. Although fewer teams participated this year compared

to last, we have introduced a new location this year at Mosley High School in Lynn Haven Florida that relieved some of the overcrowding in Niceville. Despite the changes, the crowd was excited and loud. We had approximately 250 people that were present at the Niceville location for both events. These games promote sportsmanship and teamwork, and the kids (and their coaches) have a fantastic time. We also desire to be faithful in presenting the precious gospel—the good news of Jesus' death, burial and resurrection as the promised Savior of the world.

From Niceville we headed out for Pensacola. Six Sparks teams and eight T&T teams rounded out the day and the crowd was amazing!. We are anxiously awaiting the Lynn Haven event this weekend. All in all, we will have more teams competing in AwanaGames this year than we have had in the past several years. The results from both the Niceville and Pensacola AwanaGames are on the website at http://www.dsawana.com/event_results.htm. We will be

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when she will be eligible to participate in quizzing. We are glad she enjoys these activities. At the Niceville AwanaGames she had a special treat. One of the churches was short a girl for their Sparks team, and they allowed her to play with them. She loved the opportunity to play in the event, and with her help, the team placed second. She was especially pleased that they chose her to play in one of her favorite events, the Sparky Safari. In Pensacola, Katie was able to escort Sparky and Streamwood throughout the day.



It seems that we were just celebrating the birth of our Savior, and now we are anticipating a glorious Easter celebration, Our prayer is that you would experience the joy of His resurrection this year. God Bless you all!



He is risen. He is risen, Indeed!



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posting the results from Lynn Haven after this weekend.

Speaking of websites, look out for some improvements to the website in the coming weeks. We have a new ministry team member, and he has enthusiastically volunteered to bring his experience and creativity in re-designing our website.

Thank you, Mike!

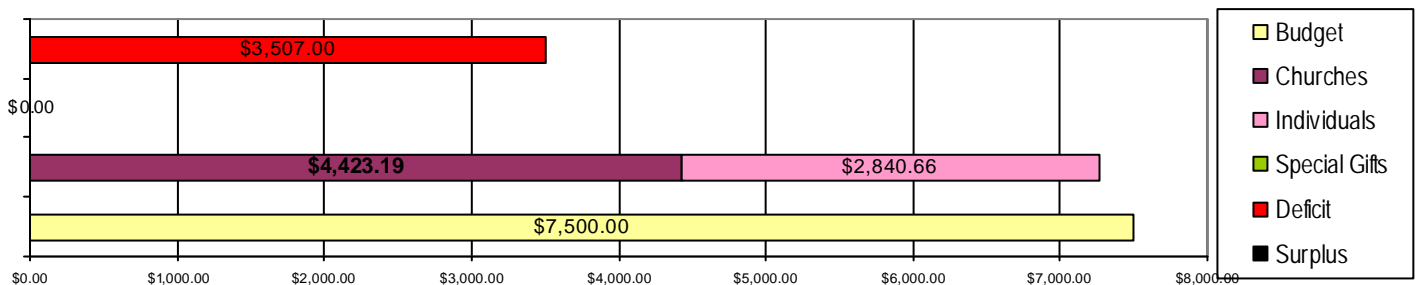


Just after the AwanaGames in Niceville, I headed to Tampa for a meeting with all the other Florida Awana Missionaries to

discuss strategy for improving the outreach that Awana has in the state of Florida. We a good two days of planning, and we should begin to see some impact from that meeting very soon.

Awana is on the move here in the DixieShores Territory. We are already speaking with churches that are interested in starting Awana as their ministry to Children this fall. Please pray with us that we will be able to minister to them in a way that would help them to see boys, girls, teens and their families come to know, love and serve the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our Financial Picture



Projected Monthly Budget Amount	\$ 7500.00		
February Giving	\$ 7263.85	# Churches	39
Special Gifts/Projects	\$ 0	# Individuals	29
February Shortage	\$ 37.15		
Balance in Ministry Account	\$ -3507.00		



Patrick Prayer Page



Our Monthly Praise and Prayer

Blessings

- ⇒ For the safety and health of our four children and the blessing they are to us
- ⇒ For leaders that see a real need to train warriors for Christ in today's society.
- ⇒ For the new ministry team members that God has supplied to work with us, and for those that have been serving with us as we minister in the DixieShores Territory.
- ⇒ For the opportunities that God provides us to minister to His people. May we always be faithful in doing our very best for Him.
- ⇒ For the blessing of homeschooling our children. We thank God for providing that opportunity to our family through the past several years.
- ⇒ For Melanie's dad's continued recovery and good health
- ⇒ For God's provision and blessing in our lives.
- ⇒ For Andrew's recovery and good health and return to school and work.
- ⇒ For safety through our travels this spring.

Prayers

- ⇒ For Michael as he prepares for college this fall. Pray that he will follow God's leading in his life through these years of study, and that he will look to God to provide the resources he will need.
- ⇒ For Bruce's health through the allergy season especially.
- ⇒ That God would be glorified through our lives, and that we would rest in Him for every provision in our lives
- ⇒ For even more ministry team members to help us in ministering to the over 260 churches in the DixieShores Territory. We especially need additional help in the Central and Northern areas.
- ⇒ That regular monthly giving would increase to bring us back into the black.
- ⇒ For a renewed commitment from God's people to give priority to the things that will last.
- ⇒ For God's provision of reliable vehicles for the family and for Michael as he leaves for college this fall.



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But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.

I Corinthians 15:57-58



DixieShores Awana Missionary Calendar

March 2008

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April 2008

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May 2008

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- Mar 1 AwanaGames, Niceville, FL
- Mar 3-5 FL Team Meeting, Tampa FL
- Mar 8 AwanaGames, Pensacola, FL
- Mar 10-14 Jury Duty
- Mar 15 AwanaGames, Lynn Haven, FL
- Mar 16 Presentation, Sneads, FL
- Mar 17 Staff Presentation, Jay, FL
- Mar 22 Basic Training, Mulga, AL
- Mar 23 Easter
- Mar 29 Bible Quiz, Prattville, AL
- Apr 14 Presentation, Opp, AL
- Apr 23 Club Grand Prix, Munford, AL
- Apr 24-27 Summit, Jacksonville, FL
- May 3 24/7 Jam, Crestview, FL
- May 5-12 Missionary Conference, Streamwood IL

