



# The Cross & Steeple

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Gloria's family came from Mississippi. Most lived on farms. They worked hard on the farms as well as any other jobs they could find. Everybody in the family had chores to do to keep the family going.

And what did this life of hard work and little cash produce? Some of the greatest Christians you would ever meet. Some of the happiest families you would ever find.

But there were occasions when they were all together and talking that I would hear one of them say, "Oh, it would have been different if we could have gotten that delta land. Life would have been different for sure." Delta land is darker and richer. Easier to farm. Life would have been easier. Less problems.

They said it wistfully, but quickly moved on. They reminded me of the great movie *Alvin York*. Alvin is in love and wants to buy some bottom land in Tennessee so he can get married. He is sure his girl won't marry him if he does not get that bottom land where his farming will be so much better. He doesn't get the land. He does get the girl. And Jesus.

My daddy used to sigh and smile and say, "Someday, my ship will come in. Just wait. Someday." We knew he was kidding. Mostly. We all hope for a place where our life will be better. Where troubles will be gone.

Reminds me of *I Had Trouble Getting to Solla Sollew*. A book by Dr. Seuss. In it a boy decides to leave home and go to Solla Sollew, "where they never have troubles, at least very few". He goes through a series of problems on his quest until he arrives at Solla Sollew only to find the town is locked up and nobody can get into it. No people = no troubles. He decides to go back home and face his troubles. "Now my troubles are going to have troubles with me", he says.

The lesson from Seuss – everybody has troubles. Face them. But I still wish for my ship to come in, too. Delta land. Bottom land. Solla Sollew. No troubles.

We Christians know that will never happen in this world. But we are promised that there is a land awaiting us like that. Beulah land it is called in Isaiah 62. "No longer will you be called Deserted or Desolate...your land will be called Beulah (married), for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married...as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you." Beulah Land we love to sing. Sweet Beulah Land. Someday. My daddy's ship did come in. He and mother are in Beulah Land.

But in this world we still have troubles. Except.

My family went on vacation to Florida every summer as I grew up. We would drive all day and all night from Nashville to Bradenton, Florida. 800 miles before interstates. When we crossed the state line into Florida, we knew we were still 300 miles from the ocean. But it felt better just to be in the right state.

Sometimes we would stop at the Florida Welcome Center on the side of the road. And get a free glass of fresh squeezed Florida orange juice. Best orange juice I ever tasted. Fresh juice. From Florida oranges. (go to back page for conclusion)

**175<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting Dekalb Baptist Association**  
Monday, October 17  
Rainsville First Baptist  
2:00, 6:30 Supper Between Sessions

**Quarterly Ministry Meeting And Covered Dish Dinner**  
Sunday, October 9  
Noon

**The Collinsville Senior Center**  
Wants You to Come Join Them  
8:00 A.M. – Noon  
Monday – Friday  
Seniors 60 and over meet to socialize, share, play games and other fun activities.  
Lunch is Served at 11  
Transportation Available at 256-524-2550

**DeKalb Schools Out  
October 10-12  
Fort Payne Schools Out  
October 10**

**Daylight Savings Time Ends**  
November 6

**International Day of Prayer**  
For the Persecuted Church  
November 6

**23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Sav-A-Life**  
Fundraising Banquet  
Thursday, October 13, 2016  
6:00 \$20

Halloween  
Monday, October 31  
**All Saints Day Observed**  
October 30

**Turkey Trot**  
Saturday, November 12, 10 – 3  
Food, fun and games. An antique car and tractor show, turkey shoot, cake walk, and historic “turkey toss”  
And a 5K run.

**Election Day**  
Tuesday, Nov. 8  
Please Be Sure You Are Registered to Vote

**Community Thanksgiving Service**  
Sunday, November 20  
Calvary Hosting  
Collinsville Baptist Speaker

**Thanksgiving**  
Thursday, November 26  
Lighting of Town Tree  
5:00

**First Sunday of Advent**  
Sunday, November 29

**Community Christmas Service**  
December 4

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals have resumed, and we invite you to be with us Wednesday evenings at 7. (Youth seventh grade and up are eligible to be a part of either the adult choir or Teen Praise Team.). Come practice and worship with us! Rehearsals for *He Is Here*, the Community Christmas Service begin in November. We hope that this will be presented at a Collinsville landmark: the iconic Cricket Theater.

**To Live Is Christ**  
Sunday mornings in October and November  
A Sermon Series From  
Philippians

Congratulations to Rick Carter who was ordained as a deacon last month.

Congratulations to Kayla Beene who made her profession of faith on September 25. Her baptism is scheduled for October 2.

Thanks to all those who helped with the football dinner.

**Operation Christmas Child**  
Presents Due On  
Sunday, November 13  
Donations in October – Hard Candy

**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering**  
Beginning November 20  
Week of Prayer  
December 4-11

Luke Laney worked with the Jacksonville State football team as the chief video technician while he studied there. Sorry for the misprint last month.

**World Hunger Relief Offering**  
Now – October 9  
Global Hunger Relief

October 2016						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>2</b> Birthday Allora Perkins Avery Burke	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>  <b>6:00</b> <b>AWANA</b> 5:30  7:00 Choirs	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Birthday Martha Barksdale Sarah Jones Christopher Mancill Karen Smith Frank Wardrop
<b>9</b> Birthday Symphony Graves  Covered Dish Dinner Quarterly Ministry Meeting Noon	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Birthday Gloria Morgan Oliver Hall III	<b>12</b> Birthday Tonya Wessels Carol Zulker 5:30 Supper and AWANA 6:00 CBC Youth 7:00 Choirs	<b>13</b> Birthday Jerry Delk	<b>14</b> Birthday John Hamiter, Jr  Anniversary Mark & Glenda Morgan	<b>15</b> Anniversary Justin & Allison Foster
<b>16</b> Flowers Sandra Killian  Birthday Brad Barksdale Grant Jones	<b>17</b> Birthday Raven Stevens	<b>18</b> Birthday Savannah Bishop John Edwards Ethan Wessels  Anniversary Chris & Jess De La O	<b>19</b> Birthday Lynn Abernathy Kevin Siniard 5:30 Supper AWANA 6:00 CBC Youth 7:00 Choirs	<b>20</b> Birthday Dean Patton	<b>21</b> Birthday Lily Justice	<b>22</b> Birthday Wesley Hamiter Cagney Buchanan
<b>23</b> Birthday Dale McKee Drew Bobo	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Birthday Susan Nelson	<b>26</b> 5:30 Supper AWANA 6:00 CBC Youth 7:00 Choirs	<b>27</b> Birthday Annette Wardrop	<b>28</b> Birthday Donnie Myers Johnny Patton	<b>29</b> Birthday Carl Clayton Sarah Buchanan
<b>30</b> Flowers Carolyn Shankles	<b>31</b> Birthday Jade Burke  Anniversary Jeff & Tonie Mathis	<div>             1st              Craig and              Rebecca Fields              Anniversary           </div> <div> <b>Lord's Supper</b> – Mark and Glenda Morgan           </div>				

**Fall in the Park – Sunday, October 23**

As we made our way on down those old Florida highways, we could still taste that orange juice on our lips. And know the promise was real. Just a little taste of Florida. Wait until you try the beaches.

We will always have troubles in this world. But sometimes we get a little taste, a little promise of Beulah Land. A hymn that brings a tear. A phone call at just the right time from another Christian. The peace beyond understanding felt in a hospital room. Or funeral home. Laughing until you are near tears at a Christian fellowship. You could list others. Gloria's family certainly knew those tastes of heaven. How do you think they become such a happy family?

I hope you know what I mean. A taste of Beulah Land right here and now. A taste to savor and remember. Until that day.

### **AWANA**

Cubbies – Pre K and K

Sparks – Grades 1-3

T & T – Grades 4-6 (Truth and Training)

On Wednesday Nights

5:20 – 5:50 Supper

5:50 – 7:00 AWANA – Bible Study, Recreation and Classroom with Lots of Workbook

Our Youth Will Continue Youth Group And Praise Team on Wednesdays

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