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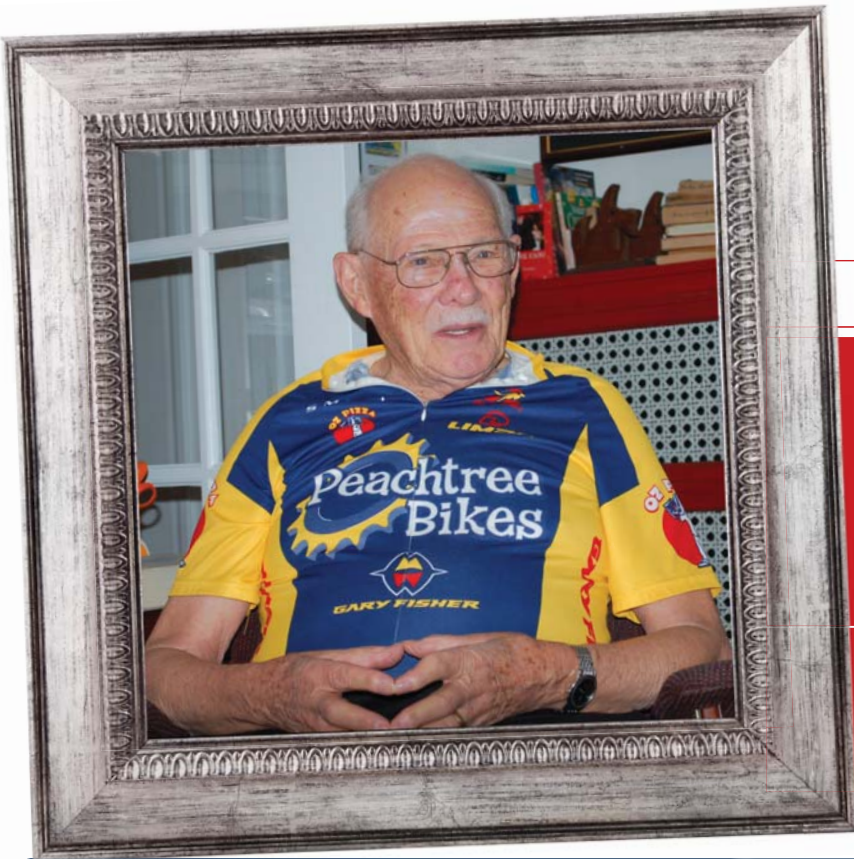
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ALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY

The Spirituality of Wellness Lifestyles

Sunday, June 30th
9:45 a.m. in Fellowship Hall
Dr. John C. Taylor



FROM OUR MINISTER OF FAITH DEVELOPMENT

"This was the best VBS ever!" "I didn't know I would have so much fun at VBS!" "Thank you for a great week of VBS!" You are likely thinking these are words of happy children as they participated in a busy week of Vacation Bible School at First Baptist, and you would be wrong – they are words of adult leaders at VBS! And of course there were many smiles, laughter, and joy from our children all week long.

At the core, VBS is a time to present basic Bible truths to children who are members of our congregation or, our community. But VBS offers so much more in addition to foundational teaching – there are many deeper levels of faith formation taking root during a successful week of VBS that cannot be planned or organized; they just... happen. And I believe they happen when we are open to God working in our midst.

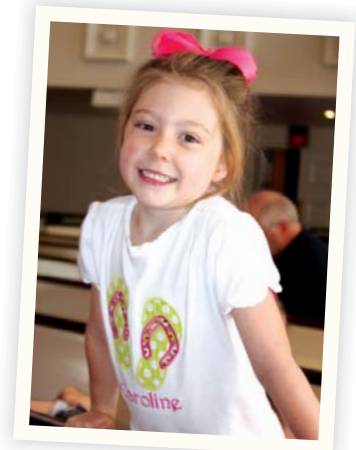
Just one example is the sense of camaraderie and relationships that were nurtured between generations. What joy to see an older generation of adults sharing happy memories, stories, and experiences with a younger generation of parents and children. All are enriched and shaped by these experiences. I would even

say the faith story of our church is shaped by some of these experiences as they become a part of our faith journey together.

During VBS week a leader said to me, "VBS is a way I can honor the covenant we make as a church when we dedicate babies during worship." My heart just sings that we "get" that, and take seriously our commitment with children and families. I have been quoted as saying, "It's an honor to serve among you." There is good reason for that! I am grateful beyond words to all who prayed, participated, offered support, and helped in many ways during VBS!

Yours for children,

Sheni



CHILDREN'S CORNER



Make sure to check out the VBS pictures on the FBC website!



YOUTH NEWS

MAGICAL MYSTERY TOUR
TUESDAY, JULY 9TH
9:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.
\$35 plus money for food

SIX FLAGS
TUESDAY, JULY 16TH
8:00 A.M. – 9:00 P.M.
\$35 plus money for a meal on the way home. Sack lunch is provided.

DIVING INTO THE WORD
THURSDAYS
FROM 5:00-8:00 P.M.
JULY 11TH
at Bobby & Cheryl Keith's pool
JULY 18TH
at Brooke & Jessica Brinson's pool



RE M I N D E R :

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED JULY 4TH & 5TH

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE SPIRITUALITY OF WELLNESS ALL ADULT BIBLE STUDY SUNDAY, JUNE 30TH

All Sunday morning Bible Study classes are invited to our 5th Sunday gathering in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45 a.m. Dr. John C. Taylor, a resident of Atlanta and member of John's Creek Baptist Church, will be our guest speaker. Dr. Taylor is a retired pastor, journalist, and athlete. At 92 years old, Dr. Taylor speaks often to churches and health care organizations about fitness and aging. At 90, he was the oldest person to complete a sprint triathlon. He continues to compete and bring home medals.

COMMUNION FROM ROME TO BELGIUM

When Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missions personnel in Antwerp, Belgium requested Communion ware for their congregation, First Baptist was able to share. A newly-formed Arabic-speaking congregation in Antwerp has grown to include nearly 100 worshippers each week. Pray for Janée Angel and her husband, Hary, as they lead this new ministry. Your gifts to the Offering for Global Missions help support Janée and others serving throughout the world.

REMODEL OF THIRD FLOOR BEGINS

On Monday, July 8th, we expect to begin the process of updating the Education Building's third floor. These adjustments will meet the needs of growing Bible Study classes and facilitate better fellowship among adults. We expect the project to be completed by the end of August. Until then, some classes will be relocated. If you have questions about your class's location, please contact the teacher of your class or Tamara Smathers.

CONGRATULATIONS JAMIE BARTON

Congratulations to FBC member Jamie Barton on winning the 2013 BBC Cardiff Singer of the World contest in Wales. She is only the second person in the history of the world's most prestigious opera competition to win this main prize and the Song Prize.

FALL PREVENTION WORKSHOP

Surveys show that falling is one of the greatest fears of older people. On July 11 at 10:30 a.m. in the Dining Room, the Senior Adult Committee and Health Committee will sponsor a free workshop led by Graham Reaves and Holly Kozera, who will present practical ways to prevent falls and injuries. Graham is working this summer with Holly, who is an occupational therapist at Redmond Regional Medical Center. No reservation is required and everyone is welcomed to attend. Contact Keith Reaves for more information.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ROME

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UPCOMING TRIPS

AUGUST 22: Trip to Fox Theatre in Atlanta to see Cole Porter's "Anything Goes" fresh from its award-winning Broadway run. Cost is \$69 per person and includes transportation and orchestra level seating.

OCTOBER 17-18: Overnight trip to Crossville, Tennessee; \$189 per person includes transportation, two musical shows ("Ragtime" and Johnny Cash's "Ring of Fire"), lodging, three meals and fall foliage tour.

Friends and guests are welcomed to sign up for either trip. Contact Keith Reaves for details. Your payment is your reservation.



JOIN US AS WE HEAD TO FRANCE

in Spring 2014! We will tour Paris, then Normandy and her beaches, then take a high speed train to the French Riviera and Monaco, plus much more! An information meeting, with representatives from Collette Vacations, will be Wednesday, July 17th at 5:00 p.m. in the Dining Room. We have an entire motorcoach reserved just for us

so friends and family are welcome to come along. We have had a lot of interest in this trip already. Please RSVP to Keith or Karen if you plan to come to the meeting so that we can have adequate handouts and information. Call Keith with questions.

SUNDAY FLOWERS

FROM THE FLOWER/SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

If you would like to place flowers in the Narthex or the Sanctuary in memory or in honor of someone there are Sundays available in July as well as a few spaces in the autumn months. Please call Karen in the church office.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, June 30, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ted and Joanne Owens on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary by their children and grandchildren.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, June 30, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Al Briley's birthday by Ansley and Dean Saville and family.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, July 7, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Charlie Davidson by Vickie Davidson.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, July 7, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Langley by Jimmie Langley and family.

GIVING TO GOD

Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$1,222,755.35
Support Received	\$1,133,409.13
2012-2013 Total Budget Commitments To Date	277
Oklahoma Disaster Response	\$5,702

seeking His heart | Being His hands

JUNE 29 - JULY 12

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Saturday, June 29

Minister on Call

Sherri Dickens @ 704.231.2861

Sunday, June 30

Kids Depart for Passport in NC

6:00 am

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)

9:00 am

All Adult Bible Study, FH

9:45 am

Worship - Comcast Channel 62

11:00 am

Monday, July 1

Committee on Committee Mtg., Comm.Rm.

5:40 pm

Tuesday, July 2

Roundtable Book Group, DR

10:30 am

Younger Women's Bible Study, Conf.Rm.

11:30 am

Wednesday, July 3

Kids return from Passport (NC)

Thursday, July 4 (Independence Day)

Church Office Closed

Friday, July 5

Church Office Closed

Youth return from Passport (D.C.)

Saturday, July 6

Minister on Call

Joel Snider @ 706.235.7099

Prayer Group, Prayer Rm.

11:00 am

Sunday, July 7

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)

9:00 am

Bible Study (all ages)

9:45 am

Worship - Comcast Channel 62

11:00 am

Children's Ministry Cmt. Mtg., Conf.Rm.

4:00 pm

Church Wide Pool Party

6:00 pm

Tuesday, July 9

Youth Magical Mystery Tour Day Trip

9:00 am

Younger Women's Bible Study, Conf.Rm.

11:30 am

Thursday, July 11

Diving into the Word, Keith's Pool

5:00 pm

Friday, July 12

Finance Committee Mtg., Conf.Rm.

12:00 pm



Mystery Lunch Fun!

THIS WEEK: JUNE 30

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *Extemporaneous Living*

PREACHER: Joel Snider

SCRIPTURE: *Matthew 4:5-6; Matthew 27:32-40*

ANTHEM: *Beautiful Savior...Tom Fettke*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *Diane Lumpkin*

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: *Jimmye Grimes and Merrill Davies*

1'S: *Mary & Lee Donahue and Ann Bradfield*

2'S & 3'S: *Ann Paige & Gracen Wilson and Terri Howell*

4'S: *Jessica and Brooke Brinson*

MINISTER ON CALL:

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PARENT-BABY DEDICATION FOR MAGGIE BLYTHE MARION

Pictured with Joel are parents,
Margaret & Jason Marion



UPCOMING EVENTS MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

JULY 7
Churchwide Pool Party

JULY 16
Youth to Six Flags

AUGUST 14
Family Night Begins

AUGUST 22
Senior Adult trip to Fox Theater

AUGUST 25
First Grade Bible Presentation

First Baptist Church *Family Pool Party*

July 7th from 6:00-9:00 p.m.
The Northside Swim Center Pool

Bring a picnic supper for your family and enjoy a casual evening with the FBC family at the Northside Swim Center on the corner of Kingston Avenue and Church Street. Please join us, no reservations are needed!

REMINDER:

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BE CLOSED JULY 4TH & 5TH

NEXT WEEK: JULY 7

SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: *Let Your Life Speak*

PREACHER: Dr. Robert Shippey

SCRIPTURE: *Proverbs 24:30-34*

ANTHEM: *Take Our Lives...Jonathan Shippey*

SPECIAL MUSIC: *FBC Men's Quartet*

TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: *Sherri Cash and Kathryn Clark*

1'S: *Bridget & Jarrett Gray and Amy & Ryan Cox*

2'S & 3'S: *Miriam & Tim Loveless*

4'S: *Faye Evans*

MINISTER ON CALL:

Joel Snider 706.235.7099

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"Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Joshua 1:9