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FBC ROME AT PASSPORT 2010
Wingate University, Wingate, NC

Children's Ministry

Summer Sunday School brings a Smile to your face...



Sarah visited the children and told her story on June 27 about how God's messengers told her she was going to have a baby. She laughed as she heard this for she was 92 years old, but then she remembered that God always keeps His promises. Maribeth Fulwider came as Sarah. Other Old Testament characters will follow each Sunday. First through 5th graders join together for Sunday School in the Big Room on the second floor. Snacks, singing and games round out the morning.

Children Present Quilts to Ellis Family Children

Anna Waguespack, Charlie Uldrick and Annalise Uldrick represented the children of First Baptist as they presented each child in the Ellis family a quilt designed and made by our children and teachers.



A Word of Thanks to VBS Leaders

Thanks to the many church members who graciously gave of their time so that we could give Christian training and experiential teaching to our boys and girls.

The curriculum we used was so appropriate for this year. The UNDER CONSTRUCTION materials taught children about Habitat for Humanity and related that theme to the scripture through the stories of building buildings, building our lives and building opportunities for sharing in our own community and around the world.

*You and your friends with young children
are invited to the
Weekday Preschool Open House
on the preschool floor
Thursday, July 15
4 p.m. to 7 p.m.*

Come see what the 2010-2011 school year holds for our Weekday Preschool Program.

We have new ideas and plans to make our program the best ever!

Youth Summer Events

Theatre & Theology

Thursday nights from 6 - 9 pm in the Youth Room
Join us for the following movies:

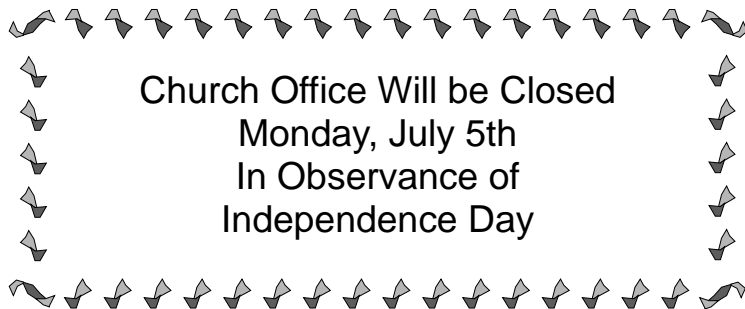
July 8th - *Princess & the Frog* - What We Need
July 15th - *Lord Save Us From Your Followers* - American Christianity
July 22nd - 2010 - *The End of the World As We Know It*

Six Flags

July 7th - \$30 per person
Bring \$ for meals (one meal paid for with ticket)
Sign up with John or Maribeth by July 5th

Back To School Camping Trip

Desoto Falls State Park
July 30 - August 1 - \$20/person
Sign up with John or Maribeth if you plan to go



**Church Office Will be Closed
Monday, July 5th
In Observance of
Independence Day**

LOVE Built a House



The Ellis Family, members of Thankful Baptist and First Baptist, Habitat staff, and many other interested community people and neighbors met on the site of the **LOVE Builds House**.

The hot sunshine only added to the excitement as the dedication service included an introduction of the family, and words of thanks to all the individuals and companies who worked on this labor of love. A hammer, Bible, quilts, garden supplies and a gift certificate were given to the family. It was a great time of sharing Christian love.

Memorials & Honoraria

FBC Children's Ministry

In Memory of Mattie Lowe Taylor

By: Larry and Kathy Osborn and Emily and Wil Taylor

FBC Foundation

In Memory of Lola Bradshaw

By: Herb McCartney

By: Janice Dismuke

By: Dean and Ansley Saville

By: Terry and Cathy Dollar

By: Ronnie and Randa Mixon

By: Lucy Kilpatrick

By: Edith Gray

By: Joy Sunday School Class, FBC

In Memory of Pat Hester

By: Addie Jim Rollins

CBF World Hunger Relief

In Honor of Jim Owens

By: Harold and Rena Storey

In Honor of Julie McCormick

By: Harold and Rena Storey

Expressions

Sympathy to:

Art Crowe on the death of Art's sister, Doris Cronan, who died June 22 in Cedar Bluff, Alabama.

Mike Finnegan on the death of Mike's aunt, Mary Julia Finnegan, who died June 24 in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Congratulations to:

Bob and Paula Morris on the birth of a great granddaughter, Sarah Ann Jones, born June 23.



The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, July 11 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of James Langley by Jimmie Langley and Family.

Flower Calendar Openings

The Flower Committee has openings for Sunday Memorial and Honoraria floral arrangements during the month of July and August. If you would like to provide a Memorial or Honoraria arrangement please call Karen Garrett in the church office at 706-291-6850 or contact Frances Davis.

Calendar of Activities

July 3 - July 16, 2010

Saturday, July 3

Minister on Call

John Uldrick @ 706-235-6948

Sunday, July 4

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ)

9:00am

Bible Study (all ages)

9:45am

Worship - Comcast Channel 62

11:00am

Monday, July 5

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, July 6

Round Table Book Group, Parlor

10:30am

Wednesday, July 7

Youth to Six Flags

9am - 10pm

Circle of Friends, Conf. Room

10:30am

Thursday, July 8

Builders Men's Bible Study, Conf. Room

6:30 am

Theatre & Theology, YR

6:00pm

Friday, July 9

Finance Committee Meeting, Conf. Room

12:00pm

Sr. Adults Return from Russia

Saturday, July 10

Minister on Call:

Tamara Tillman Smathers @ 706-266-7141

Sunday, July 11

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ)

9:00am

Bible Study (all ages)

9:45am

Worship-Comcast 62

11:00am

Monday, July 12

No Planned Activities

Tuesday, July 13

No Planned Activities

Wednesday, July 14

No Planned Activities

Thursday, July 15

Builders Men's Bible Study, Conf. Room

6:30 am

Weekday Preschool Open House

4-7pm

Theatre & Theology, YR

6:00pm

Friday, July 16

No Planned Activities

Giving to God

Year-to-Date: Ministry Support Needs
\$1,197,003.26

Year-to-Date: Support Contributions \$1,154,569.21

First Baptist Ministry Staff

P. Joel Snider, Pastor

Priscilla J. Tunnell, Faith Development

Keith Reaves, Worship/Music

Tamara Tillman Smathers, Education/Administration

John Uldrick, Students

Melissa Wood, Weekday Education

Floyd Roebuck, Pastor Emeritus

Hugh Peacock Interim Minister of Visitation

Sunday Worship

July 4, 2010

Sermon: Is Freedom Really Free?

Preacher: Dr. Hugh Peacock

Scripture: John 8:31-38

Special Music: Joe Preston

Minister on Call

John Uldrick

706-766-0430

Sunday Worship

July 11, 2010

Sermon: True Wisdom

Preacher: Dr. Joel Snider

Scripture: Proverbs 3:13-26

Anthem: Rejoice Ye Pure in Heart...Kirkland

Minister on Call

Tamara Tillman Smathers

706-266-7141

Pastor's Column

Over the next month we will be announcing and voting on deacons. The nominating committee has asked me to thank each person who has taken the time to nominate individuals to serve. The committee thought you might like to know a little about how they make decisions. First, the committee is made up of 8 members: the past deacon chair, the current deacon chair, and the incoming chair, who serves as chair of the nominating committee. Five other individuals serve, none of whom are deacons.

Many, many fine people are nominated. Our records show that some have been nominated for 12-13 years in a row. So why aren't these people nominated? Far and away the most common answer is that they have been asked to serve and have chosen to decline the nomination. These are fine church members who would make good deacons, but they choose to serve in other capacities. Others have been asked, but have declined due to health or family conflicts.

There are other reasons, too. The more difficult ones for the committee occur when there are wonderful members nominated, and the committee's choice comes down to balance. Some years the balance is tenured deacons as opposed to newly elected deacons. When that happens, there are very limited positions for new candidates to be placed before the church. Other years the committee sees a need to balance by age or gender, in an attempt to keep the deacon body representative of the full congregation. Other times efforts are made so that families, including spouses and multiple generations, do not have multiple, overlapping terms. Due to great families with strong skills, this last category is often one of the most difficult to balance.

So, if you have nominated candidates who have not been presented to the church, understand how many different factors may play into the decision. The Deacons Nominating Committee does appreciate your input and attempts to give every nomination serious consideration.

Joel



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to download this week's
order of worship, to view last
Sunday's entire service and to
see an up-to-date prayer list.