

# Spire

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The Kremlin



Catherine's Palace  
St. Petersburg



Sunken Bell Tower  
Kaluzian



Red Square



The Hermitage



Kizhi Island

Scenes from Senior Adult Trip to Russia

## Children's Ministry

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



Two weeks ago Noah's wife visited the children and told her story on Sunday, July 4 about how God always keeps his promise. Maribeth Fulwider came as Noah's wife, Abigail. Last week Queen Esther visited the children and told her story about how she became queen. Caroline Alford came as Esther.

## Scrap Iron Ministries of First Baptist Church

Sunday School lessons are offered by the Scrap Iron Ministries of First Baptist Church at 9:00 every Sunday morning on radio station WLAQ 1410 AM.

The teachers alternate and are some of the best in our church. If you ever have to miss Sunday School, know that you can hear the lesson on the radio, and then participate in the morning worship service through Comcast channel 62 at 11:00 a.m.

## Weekday Preschool News

**HAVE YOU HEARD?** The Weekday Preschool is now accepting babies starting at 6 months old. Classes for this age group are Monday/Wednesday OR Tuesday/Thursday. **ALSO NEW FOR THE 2010-2011 SCHOOL YEAR, WE WILL OFFER CLASSES ON**

**FRIDAYS!** For children 2 years through Pre-K 5, we will offer classes Monday-Friday. If you are interested in this new and exciting addition to our program - or know someone who might be - please contact Melissa Wood so I can save a spot for your child! 706.295.1150 or [mwood@fbcrome.org](mailto:mwood@fbcrome.org).



## Go Green with E-Spire

Would you like to cut down on paper in your mailbox? You can receive the Spire via the internet. Sign up for the E-spire and each week you will receive an e-mail notice that the newsletter is ready to be viewed on our web site. E-spire works best with either DSL or cable internet service. Contact [bradke@fbcrome.org](mailto:bradke@fbcrome.org) to sign up!

## Youth Summer Events

### Theatre & Theology

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

July 22nd - 2010 - *The End of the World As We Know It*

### 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.

### Tuesday Morning Devotionals for Youth

Resumes

August 10 at Chick-fil-A

7:00 a.m.



## Monthly Hunger Offering

Help meet the needs of the homeless and hungry by contributing to the **monthly hunger offering**, to be received Sunday, July 25. Our gifts support Meals and More, World Vision, and The CBF Global Missions Hunger Relief. For more information, including volunteer opportunities, call the church office or Bill Davies at 706.346.3325.

## Wednesday Family Night - Resumes August 18

If you would like to be on the permanent Family Night supper list, please call the church office at 706.291.6850, or visit the church 's website. There you will see the FBC Online tab on the upper right. Click on Wednesday Night Menu. It is here that you can make your online reservation.

## Parking Reminder

Monday-Friday during the work day, the church has spaces numbered 24-34 and 39-49 available for parking for church events. Please be sure that you are parking in one of these spaces when you come for events at the church during the work week. The church cannot be responsible for tickets that are given to church members if they are not parked in these spaces. A special decal is available in the church office to allow you to park here.

## Deacon News



## Deacon Election Sunday, July 25 During Morning Worship

## Deacon Ordination Sunday, August 8 4:00 p.m. In the Sanctuary

See the insert in this Spire for list of nominees.

## Expressions

### Congratulations to:

Hannah Schriever, Anne Scott Smith and Avery Smith for winning first, second and third places respectively in their age groups in the Amateur Union Gymnastics National competition in Orlando, FL.

Alicia Lanier Williams on the birth of a son, Brier Alan Williams, on July 2. Brier is the son of the late Bradley Alan Williams, the grandson of Sylvia Lanier, and the great-grandson of Gene Lanier.

Ashley Hiscock and Matt Cirbo who were married on July 3 in Boulder, Colorado. Ashley is the daughter of Clark and Nancy Hiscock.

Kevin Hill and Elizabeth Almand who were married on July 3. Kevin is the son of Ken and Joan Hill.

Dr. Hamilton Dixon who received the bronze medal on July 10 in the men's master single at the Lanier Sprints rowing competition.

## Flowers



The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, July 25 are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Margaret Whiddon by Dr. and Mrs. Chris Pickens.

## 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 17 - July 30, 2010

### Saturday, July 17

Minister on Call

Joel Snider @ 706.235.7099

### Sunday, July 18

Youth Committee Meeting, YR

8:30am

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ)

9:00am

Bible Study (all ages)

9:45am

Worship/Baptism - Comcast Channel 62

11:00am

### Monday, July 19

Foundation Meeting, Conf. Room

12:00pm

WOC Book Group

1:00pm

### Tuesday, July 20

No Planned Activities

### Wednesday, July 21

Circle of Friends, Conf. Room

10:30am

### Thursday, July 22

Builders Men's Bible Study, Conf. Room

6:30am

Theatre & Theology, YR

6:00pm

### Friday, July 23

No Activities Planned

### Saturday, July 24

Minister on Call:

Priscilla Tunnell @ 706.506.0309

### Sunday, July 25

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ)

9:00am

Bible Study (all ages)

9:45am

Worship/Deacon Election - Comcast 62

11:00am

### Monday, July 26

Youth Mystery Lunch

12:00pm

Committee on Committees Meeting, Com. Room

5:15pm

Missions Committee Meeting, Conf. Room

5:30pm

### Tuesday, July 27

Meals and More, First Christian Church

3:00-6:00pm

### Wednesday, July 28

No Planned Activities

### Thursday, July 29

Builders Men's Bible Study, Conf. Room

6:30am

### Friday, July 30

Youth Back to School Camping Trip

## Giving to God

Year-to-Date: Ministry Support Needs \$1,236,138.88

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### First Baptist Ministry Staff

Dr. 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

Dr. Floyd Roebuck, Pastor Emeritus

Dr. Hugh Peacock, Interim Minister of Visitation

## **Sunday Worship**

**July 18, 2010**

Sermon: Fruit of the Spirit

Preacher: Dr. Joel Snider

Scripture: Galatians 5:13-26

Special Music: Dr. Kathy Richardson &

Dr. Kathy Whatley

### **Minister on Call**

Joel Snider

706-235.7099

## **Sunday Worship**

**July 25, 2010**

Sermon: The Lesson of Manna

Preacher: Dr. Joel Snider

Scripture: Exodus 16:1-5

Anthem: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Special Music: Ashley Ellington

### **Minister on Call**

Priscilla Tunnell

706-506.0309

## ***Pastor's Column***

Several people have asked about my impressions of Russia, following our recent trip. Here are a few, personal thoughts. First, most travel guides say that St. Petersburg is the most European of the Russian cities. My experience is limited, but it did feel more similar to Germany or other developed countries of Western Europe. Architecture, infrastructure and overall wealth felt "Western." Moscow on the other hand, felt more oriented to the East. In fact, Moscow is further east than Jerusalem or Cairo, which was a surprise to me. Its economy was mixed, with obvious signs of wealth (lots of Mercedes and Range Rovers), and signs of poverty (tenement looking apartments). We stopped in one small city that felt like we had stepped through a time warp to the Soviet era; the market was more like a Mideast bazaar than any place we would shop in the U.S.

An amazing statistic given to us by our tour guide: the average life expectancy of the Russian male has declined from 77 to less than 60 since the break up of the Soviet Union. I don't know another country - not at war - with such a dramatic drop in male life expectancy. It is hard to see how Russia handles its challenges with shorter, productive years coming from its male population.

Moving away from the nation - the people were great. As with most places one travels, average Russians we encountered were helpful and friendly. It was inspiring to hear from members of Russia's own "Greatest Generation," the veterans of World War II. Their stories of sacrifice and courage were inspiring. The difference in a place like St. Petersburg (formerly Leningrad) is the Greatest Generation did not simply include those enlisted in the military or those engaged in war production; rather, it directly included everyone. Surviving a 900 day siege where 1.5 million people were killed still leaves a strong imprint on the city. Five days a year, it utilizes the name Leningrad, not as a remembrance of communism, but as a tribute to the name of the city when it emerged victorious from such a dramatic challenge.

And one of my most important observations - there is no place like home. It is great to be back and be with you. I look forward to seeing you again Sunday.

Joel

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