

Spire

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July 30, 2010



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

Individuals to be Ordained:

Jim Bradshaw
Chris Cook
Brandon Johnson

Children's Ministry

Summer Sunday School brought smiles and visitors.

The past two weeks have been very eventful in Sunday School. We had Miriam, Moses' sister, visit us. Her real name was LeeAnn Head. Elijah was our last visitor brought to us by Jeff Smathers. Big thanks to all who enriched our learning experiences by coming as an Old Testament character and those who provided our morning refreshments..

Now is the time for the new S.S. Year to start.

All grade-schoolers will be back in their regular rooms with their teachers beginning August 1. Each group will be learning what the Bible says about getting along with others.

Preschoolers will be in the rooms they promoted to at the beginning of June. Join us for a great new day!

Weekday Preschool News

What Parents Are Saying About Weekday Preschool

...My husband and I debated between an at-home childcare program and a church preschool program for our son. Seeing how much more structured and educational the First Baptist Weekday Preschool was, we knew it was a great fit for our family. Our son has attended for two years and it is amazing to see how much he has learned, not only educationally, but socially. He has developed a special connection with everyone involved, and they have kept us, as parents, informed about his accomplishments and day-to-day activities. The staff has been a delight to work with! I would strongly recommend this program to other parents. It has been a wonderful part of our family.

-Carrie and Jake, parents of Hudson



Visit Melissa Wood, Preschool Director, to learn about this year's program and to read more testimonies from parents who have turned to the Weekday Preschool to provide their children with early learning experiences. Registration is still open and includes multiple options for children ages 6 months old through Pre-K 5 years old. 706-295-1150 or mwood@fbcrome.org

Youth Summer Events

Tuesday Morning Devotionals for Youth

Resumes

August 10 at Chick-fil-A

7:00 a.m.

Wednesday's Connections

Resumes

August 18th in the Youth Room

It will be a night full of celebration and fellowship to kick off the new year!

Leadership Council

If you are in grades 7 -12 and are interested in having a say in what the youth group does this year then contact Maribeth about serving on the Leadership Council for the fall.

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 www.fbcrome.org. 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.

Cost: Adults and Youth, \$6; Children 12 and under, \$3; Family max., \$20

Bible Study Preparation

Led by Dr. Joe Baskin

Wednesdays, 5:20 in the Dining Room

Begins Wednesday, August 18th

Great Date Night August 28th

Adult couples, married and engaged, are invited to our first Great Date Night, Saturday, August 28th.

The night includes a few simple components:

- Childcare, provided without cost to participants with children. Reservations required.
- A 20-30 minute large-group gathering. A discussion starter is presented to frame the evening's conversation.
- Couple Time---for a dinner out, a quiet evening at home, or a romantic walk and coffee.

Make your plans now! No better options will come your way than spending time with your spouse.

Childcare drop off, 5:15-5:30; Group Gathering in Youth Room, 5:30; Couple Time, 6:00-8:30.



Deacon News



The following individuals were elected on Sunday, July 25, to serve as deacons in First Baptist Church with term to expire August 31, 2013:

Joe Baskin	John Heneisen
John Bennett	Brandon Johnson
Tom Bennett	Wade Monk
Jim Bradshaw	Miriam Peterson
Chris Cook	Willis Potts
Frances Davis	Kathy Richardson
Bill Davis	Dean Saville

Memorials and Honoraria

FBC Foundation

In Memory of Lola Bradshaw

By: Steve and Gena Conrad

By: John and Jane Burch

By: Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Waters

FBC Senior Adult Ministry

In Honor of Barbara Leach on her Birthday

By: Hildred Thompson

CBF World Hunger Relief

In Memory of Mattie Lowe Taylor

By: Bob and Martha Cates

In Memory of Katherine Christopher

By: Marion Richards

Expressions

Sympathy to:

Hugh and Karen Bennett in the death of Hugh's mother, Mrs. Betty Bennett, on July 4.

Flowers



The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 1, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Gene and Adrian Bowers 50th wedding anniversary by their children: Andy and Pam Bowers, Elyse and Michael Daniel, Tim Bowers and Maria and Joel Newsum.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 1, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mary Lagow by the Lagow and Leathrum Families.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for Sunday, August 8, are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of our mothers, Bertha H. Jones and Edna H. Hardin by Bill and Betty Zane Morris.

The flowers in the Narthex for Sunday, August 8, are given to the glory of God and in honor of Ann and Floyd Roebuck in celebration of their birthdays by their family.

Calendar of Activities

July 31 - August 13, 2010

Saturday, July 31

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves @ 706.292.9620

Sunday, August 1

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ) 9:00am
Bible Study (all ages) 9:45am
Worship - Comcast Channel 62 11:00am

Monday, August 2

No planned Activities

Tuesday, August 3

Roundtable Book Group 10:30am

Wednesday, August 4

Circle of Friends, Conf. Room 10:30am

Thursday, August 5

RIEI Meeting, DR 5:30pm

Friday, August 6

Finance Committee, Conf. Rm. 12:00pm

Saturday, August 7

Minister on Call:

John Uldrick @ 706.766.0430

Sunday, August 8

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ) 9:00am
Bible Study (all ages) 9:45am
Worship - Comcast 62 11:00am
Deacon Ordination, Sanctuary 4:00pm

Monday, August 9

Weekday Preschool Tea Party 9:00am

Deacons' Meeting:

Executive Committee 5:30pm

General Meeting 6:00pm

Tuesday, August 10

Youth Devotions @Chick-Fil-A 7:00am

Weekday Preschool Begins 9:00am

Wednesday, August 11

Sanctuary Choir Resumes 6:00pm

Thursday, August 12

No activities planned

Friday, August 13

No activities planned

Giving to God

Year-to-Date: Ministry Support Needs \$1,275,274.49

Year-to-Date: Support Contributions \$1,233,652.06

World Hunger Relief \$1,542.95

Welcome Center

The Welcome Center cabinet near the elevator on ground floor was given in loving memory of Graden Mullis by Donna and Bob Gaylor and family.

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsals Resume

The choir will rehearse on Wednesday, August 11, at 6 p.m. with a homemade ice cream fellowship to follow. This is a great time to join the choir as we begin work on fall music, music for the October Hymn Festival and for Christmas. Regular rehearsal time of 6:45 p.m. will begin on August 18. All are welcome. Call Keith for details.

Sunday Worship

August 1, 2010

Sermon: A Call to Move Up Higher

Guest Preacher: Dr. Ron Grizzle

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-4

Special Music: Diane Lumpkin

Anthem: Speak, O Lord...arr. Edwards

Minister on Call

Keith Reaves

706-292-9620

Sunday Worship

August 8, 2010

Sermon: Loving Beyond Our Theology

Preacher: Dr. Joel Snider

Scripture: Jonah 4

Anthem: O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Minister on Call

John Uldrick

706-235-6948

Pastor's Column

Looking ahead to our next church year, let me preview two things for you. First, our ministry staff has been planning around a central theme – “Now That I Believe.” The theme gives us a coordinated means to complement one another’s ministries, and to organize worship for the period from September through May. The basic idea is that believing in Christ calls for certain actions, certain changes, and certain commitments. If faith is a life-changing event, what has changed? We will set the course for our worship theme, beginning in mid-August with four Sundays focused on “what” we believe. Clearly, four Sundays is a short time, and we can only touch the high points, but I think it important to state our convictions about God, salvation, and the living Christ. There will also be one Sunday in late August when we admit that we may have some doubts, even while we claim our faith. In September, we will begin to look at what it means to live after saying “Jesus Christ is Lord.”

After the start of 2011, until Easter in late April, our worship focus will exclusively be on Jesus, as we think about what it means to follow him. As a part of our emphasis, we will offer a Lenten trip to the Holy Land for those who would like to go. I am currently working with an agency to finalize the details of the trip. Preliminary dates are March 23 through April 6. Once plans are finalized, I can announce exact dates and provide prices and the itinerary. I made my first trip to the Holy Land three years ago, and the journey had a profound affect on my ability to visualize Jesus and his first century ministry in Israel. Perhaps in considering what it means to believe, a similar trip would have a similar affect on you. I hope to be able to publicize details in the next Spire; I also hope that representatives from the tour company can be present for a meeting in late August.

I believe we will have a great year together as we explore the changes Christ makes in our lives. Let’s prepare to begin the journey together.

Joel

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order of worship, to view
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