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Friend Day 2010

February 28, 2010

Sunday School
High Attendance Day
8:30 am & 9:45 am

Worship Services
9:45 am & 11:00 am



Special Guest
Sammy Gilbreath
Director of Evangelism
for Alabama Baptists

DR. HURT

My Dear People,

First Baptist Church Decatur has always been known as a very generous church. The evidence of that statement was demonstrated last week when you gave over \$12,000 to the Southern Baptist Convention disaster relief in Haiti. Those dollars have already been sent to help bring light and hope to the people devastated by the earthquake in Haiti. If you have not already given, you may bring your money or check by the church office.

We are still behind on our Lottie Moon Christmas offering for foreign missions. Our goal is \$105,000.00. At this moment, we have collected over \$72,000.00. We still need to do all we can to provide financial support to our international missionaries. Remember, 100% of your dollars go directly to the hands of our missionaries.

This past Wednesday night, during our regular quarterly business meeting, you voted to realign our church staff. We shall be moving Paul Radosevich to Associate Pastor of Missions and Family Life and hiring Stephen Mishalanie as full-time Administrator of Recreational Outreach. We shall be searching for a Minister of Education/Administration over the next few months. We feel this will help us reach our goal of becoming a true Acts 1:8 church.

As we embark on a new church year, please examine your commitment to Sunday School and worship. I believe God wants us to be on a quest for excellence as His people. However, many of us are aiming for mediocrity. Let me ask you this: If you had a child who was capable of making A's and B's on his or her grades, would you be satisfied when they brought home C's? Their marks would indicate they are average; however, would you accept it as a parent? Ask yourself this question: "Is God satisfied with my level of commitment?" Be honest. If the answer is no, then do something about it.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you this Sunday in Bible study and worship. Until we meet again I remain...

Sincerely yours,



SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

Special Needs Night Out will be February 12 at 6:00 pm at First Baptist Church. For more information contact Amanda Story at bastory@bellsouth.net, Gil & Jill Cook at 340-0485 or Matt & Amy Hudson at 345-0015.

GREETERS NEEDED

More greeters are needed for both Sunday morning services. If you would like to greet, please contact Paul at paul13@fbcdecatur.org.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

Nursery workers are needed for both Wednesday nights and Sunday Extended Care. If you would be willing to help, please contact Jennifer Farris at 353-0423.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

S.A.M. LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Thursday, February 4
10:00 am in Conference Room #121

S.A.M. "VALENTINE LUNCHEON"

Thursday, February 11 at 12:00 noon in the ROC
Delicious Meal Prepared by Gail Pennington
COST: \$5.00
Special Guest: Tony Hebson from Birmingham
Call the Church Office or Use Worship Bulletin Tear-Off to Make Reservations!

S.A.M. "SNACK DAY MINISTRY" FOR SOMERVILLE ROAD SCHOOL FACULTY

We will continue this ministry again this month!
Please bring something sweet (cookies, mini candy bars, etc.) something salty (canned nuts, potato chips, flavored crackers, etc.) or something fresh (fruit or vegetable tray, etc.) to our February "Valentine's Luncheon" or to the Church Office by 1:30 pm on February 11!
Thanks for continuing to be a part of this greatly appreciated ministry!

S.A.M. DAY TRIP TO "THE STORYTELLING FESTIVAL" AT TRINITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH IN HUNTSVILLE

Saturday, February 27
Featured Storytellers include Andy Irwin, Bill Harley, Kathryn Tucker Windham, and more!
Leave church at 9:00 am, Return around 4:30 pm
Church Bus Transportation
NO COST, except lunch
Call Church Office by Thursday, February 25 to let us know you would like to attend!

S.A.M. TRIP TO "SENIOR ADULT SOUTHERN GOSPEL SPRINGFEST" AT RIDGECREST CONFERENCE CENTER

Tuesday, May 4 – Thursday, May 6
Join us for three days of fun and inspiration in beautiful Ridgecrest, North Carolina!
Guest Speaker will be Rev. Jim Henry
Lots of laughs with Comedian Chonda Pierce
Musical Concerts by The Hoppers, Greater Vision, Ben Speer, The Perry's, Allison Durham Speer, Squire Parson Trio, and Marc Ivey
Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation by Capital Trailways
Two Nights of Deluxe Accommodations at Ridgecrest Conference Center
All Meals Included Except For When We're Traveling (2 Fast Food Meals)
Final Day Breakfast at "Red Rocker Inn Bed and Breakfast" Included
Detailed Brochures Available at Church Office or S.A.M. Bulletin Board
COST IS ONLY \$236.00 per person (Double Occupancy)
Call Church Office to Make Reservations!
Reservation Deadline is Thursday, March 4!

MISSIONS/FAMILY LIFE CORNER

MISSIONS DAY

Mark your calendars for this year's Missions Day on March 20, 2010. We will begin sign-ups soon, so be watching for the sign up list.

MISSION NOTE

We have such an incredible task before us in reaching the world and our home town. I am looking forward to seeing where God takes FBC in the days ahead. It is exciting to see the opportunities that God has in 2010. Below are just a few of the opportunities to serve the Lord this year. I recently met with a Mission Team who I have asked to help me organize a purposeful mission ministry that is "On Mission." My goal is not to just put something on the calendar but to seek the Lord and to trust Him in putting us in places throughout the world.

Begin to seek God in prayer, asking Him where He wants you to go. It may be across town, down the street, in a shelter for the homeless, maybe even to reach an unreached group in another country or helping out with our partnership with KingdomLife Church in Lansing, Michigan or in the mountains of Kentucky. There is a place for you to be "On Mission." Again ask God how you can be a part of missions. Here is a list of Mission Experiences for 2010:

Belize Trip, February 6-13

Lansing, MI, March 5-7: **New partnership** with Kingdom Life. This trip is to help kick off their first Sunday. We will leave at noon on March 5 and return late on March 7.

Cost: \$80 for hotel + meals

Missions Day, March 20

Holy Week, March 28-April 2

Lansing, MI, April 16-24

Carpenters for Christ, June 10-17

Revelation Tour, June 19-26

Genesis Tour July 5-9

Lansing, MI, Fall 2010

FAMILY LIFE NOTE

Just to let you know that on April 9 we will have our first FATHER/DAUGHTER Dinner. So fathers, mark down this Friday evening for this special date with your daughter. This will be for daughters who are in first grade through high school. Jamie Slocum is coming to challenge us through his songs and the message of being that father who God has called us to be. More details soon.

"WEEKEND TO REMEMBER" TESTIMONIAL

"A few weeks shy of our first wedding anniversary, we attended *A Weekend to Remember* marriage conference in Birmingham. It was a blessing to have three days dedicated to studying God's plan and wisdom for marriage that we can apply to ours. We were reminded of the unconditional commitment that we have to God and to each other, and we left the conference very thankful that we had taken a time-out from this busy world to focus on something that is so important. We would recommend a marriage conference to all married couples because as we learned, even the happiest of couples will benefit from some marriage maintenance."

Mike and Nancy Dunlap

RECREATION MINISTRY

March 12, 2010 • 6:00 p.m. • FBC ROC Gym

Tickets: \$10 advance/\$15 at door • Doors open at 5:30 P.M.
Contact the ROC 256.353.0272 • Door Prizes will be given!



Guest Speaker: Sid Bream
Former Atlanta Brave & Avid Outdoorsman



FIRST AID/CPR CLASS



CLASS
FEBRUARY 15

6:30 PM
IN THE LOFT

COST: \$20

*Space is limited to 20 people.
Call the church office at
353-0423 for more information
or to reserve your spot.*

WORSHIP & ARTS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
WORSHIP MINISTRY

*Make a Joyful Noise
to the Lord!*

WORSHIP CHOIR & ORCHESTRA

Wednesdays, 6:45-8:00 pm
Choir Suite/Sanctuary

OPEN HOUSE – Wednesday, February 3

The Choir Suite has been going through a "facelift" during January. We are grateful to Lynda Mullinax, Emory Steedley and Gene Keys for their expertise! If you would like to see the new décor and experience a rehearsal, join us on Wednesdays and be blessed by the family spirit of Worship Choir!

REVELATION & GENESIS STUDENT CHOIRS

Sundays, 5:00 pm

Rehearsals have resumed on Sunday afternoons and Mission Tour plans are underway. Information packets have been mailed and applications are due in the next few weeks. We want every student at FBC to have the opportunity to travel and participate in the summer mission trips!

Dates for Summer Mission Tours:

Revelation – Lansing, MI – June 11-19

Genesis – Lynch, KY – July 5-9

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FACTS • NOTES • OPPORTUNITIES

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Requirements	\$60,377.98
Receipts 01/03	49,018.78
Receipts 01/10	72,694.96
Receipts 01/17	35,502.60
Receipts 01/24	40,980.87
Monthly Building Fund Receipts	\$20,476.57
Budget Required to Date	\$241,511.92
Budget Received to Date	\$203,681.77
Over (Under)	(\$37,830.15)

BIBLE STUDY & WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

January 3

8:30 Sunday School Attendance	425
9:45 Sunday School Attendance	294
9:45 Worship Attendance	480
11:00 Worship Attendance	524

January 10

8:30 Sunday School Attendance	445
9:45 Sunday School Attendance	311
9:45 Worship Attendance	574
11:00 Worship Attendance	452

January 17

8:30 Sunday School Attendance	499
9:45 Sunday School Attendance	328
9:45 Worship Attendance	553
11:00 Worship Attendance	453

January 24

8:30 Sunday School Attendance	418
9:45 Sunday School Attendance	292
9:45 Worship Attendance	501
11:00 Worship Attendance	412

FIRST FAMILY UPDATES

THANK YOU

Notes of appreciation have been received from Ken Wallick & family, George Sockette, and Joe & Barbara Hovater, Thank you notes are posted on the bulletin board outside the receptionist's office.

SHARING IN SORROW

We would like to extend our Christian sympathy to Ken Wallick in the loss of his mother, Dorothy Wallick; Gil Cook in the loss of his father, Gilbert Levi Cook; and Johnny Tapscott in the loss of his father, John Tapscott.

GIFTS TO THE LIBRARY

Books have been given to the library in memory of Louise McClure by the Monday morning counters.



YOUNG PROFESSIONALS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Thursday Night Bible Study in the Annex: The ladies are studying *A Girl's Guide to Marrying Well* and the guys are studying *A Guy's Guide to Marrying Well*.

February 12-15: Ski Trip

February 19: Game Night 802 Canal at 7:30 pm

CSA-PS & KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

CSA-PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION DATES

Church Street Academy Preschool and Kindergarten registration will be March 1- 5 beginning at 8:00 am for church members and currently enrolled students. Currently enrolled students must be up to date with their tuition and fees in order to enroll.

Open enrollment for the community will begin March 8.

A Parent Informational Meeting for Kindergarten will be held on Thursday evening, February 25 at 6:30 pm in the Stephenson Chapel.

LEGACY WOMEN'S MINISTRY



The **MONDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY** meets at 6:30 pm on Monday nights in room 301. Tommi Jo Hurt is leading Jennifer Rothschild's study entitled *Me, Myself and Lies*. Call the church office (353-0423) if childcare will be needed.

The **TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY** is examining Paul's words of encouragement for believers in Philippi and for today's believers in Decatur. *Philippians: Christ, the Source of Joy and Strength* by John McArthur is the resource and study guide for the twelve-week study. Contact Marganne Price at 351-0008 for more information.

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