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Sunday Night *PRAISE!*

6:00 pm - Worship Center

- 10/2** - RAMCorps CONCERT from University of Mobile
- 10/9** - Student-led Worship, Pastor teaching, & Ministry Plan Presentation for 2012 Budget
- 10/16** - Children's Choirs leading Worship & Pastor teaching
- 10/23** - Preschool Choirs leading Worship & Pastor teaching
- 10/30** - Student-led Worship & Pastor teaching



university of mobile center for performing arts
presents
RamCorps
in concert

Sunday evening, October 2
FBC Worship Center, 6:00 pm

RamCorps is a high powered, precision brass and percussion performance team, that will perform here at First Baptist! Produced by Kenn Hughes - Director of Instrumental Studies at the University of Mobile, RamCorps brings together 25 brass and percussion musicians in a unique explosion of music and theater. This free, one hour show is a novel art form evolved from the world of competitive drum and bugle corps. It is an intense, choreographed musical experience achieving high levels of excellence in performance. RamCorps is a musical spectacle: it is music in motion!



BELARUS NATIONAL CHRISTIAN CHOIR

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 6:00 PM
FBC WORSHIP CENTER

The Belarus National Christian Choir is a 33 member choir and instrumental ensemble that will perform a free, one hour program of Russian Classics and folk music along with the *Hallelujah Chorus*, *Majesty* and other American favorites. Formed in 1986, the choir has performed in Eastern Europe, France, Germany and Russia and is currently making its 5th tour to the United States. Nickolay Lamako, Dean of Music at Minsk Seminary, is the founder and conductor of the choir. Viktor Krutsko, President of the Evangelical Union of Belarus, is spokesperson and will introduce the musical selections. A love offering will be taken at the end of the performance.



A MESSAGE FROM Dr. Hurt

My Dear People,

Our fall schedule is now in full swing, and I hope you have found a place on Wednesday night and on Sunday morning to help you grow in your faith. Our desire for you is to make your

Wednesday night less hectic. All of our children, youth, and adult activities (other than adult choir & orchestra) should be finished by 7:00 pm. Hopefully, this will help our families with small children. Also, our "Wednesday in the Word" crowd has been growing each week. Come and join us for a time of food, fellowship, and Bible study.

Our Sunday night praise and worship services have begun. Now what you need to know is this; this is not Sunday morning or our usual Sunday night. This service will get you involved in our worship experience, and I can assure you of this, you will get to know more people and experience fresh new ways to worship.

The budget for 2012 has been completed and our presentation schedule is as follows: Sunday, October 9, at 6 pm our Finance Committee will give a power point presentation of the proposed budget. Our Q & A sessions are scheduled for Wednesday, October 12, from 5 - 6 pm and Sunday, October 16, from 5 - 6 pm. On Sunday, October 23, we will vote on the budget in morning worship.

At this moment, we are further behind on our budget than we have ever been in our church's history. There are several reasons as to why people do not give to the church budget. However, none of them are Biblical. Our faithfulness in giving should never depend on our moods or convenience. Let's work hard to make October a month where we catch up on our giving. Faithfulness is a two-way street. We cannot expect for God to be faithful when we ourselves are not faithful to Him.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you this Sunday in Bible study and worship. Until then, I remain...

Sincerely yours,



FAITHFUL HEARTS

RIVERFRONT OUTREACH BLOCK PARTY
 Saturday, October 1
 Time: 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
 Location: Rhodes Ferry Park Large Pavilion
 We have invited the residents of Jordan-Neill, Summer Manor, and Riverside Assisted Living to join us!
 Food provided by Tim Buck 2 Café- NO COST
 Special Guests: Clear Title Quartet from Athens

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING
 Thursday, October 6
 Time: 10:00 am
 Location: Conference Room 121

HYMN SING AND LUNCHEON
 Thursday, October 13
 Time: 11:00 am
 Location: Sanctuary
 COST: \$5.00 (for lunch)
 Special musical guests and us singing our favorite hymns!
 Meal Prepared by Gail Pennington/Lunch served at 12:00 Noon
 Bring canned goods to share with the community through the CCC Food Pantry.
 Please call the church office, or use the worship bulletin tear-off to let us know you plan to attend!

"READING BUDDIES" MINISTRY
 Monday, October 31
 Time: 9:45 -10:30 am
 We'll meet at Somerville Road Elementary School to help children with their reading skills. Lots of help is needed, so please come join us as we minister to the children of our community!

DAY TRIP TO "MUSIC CITY CHRISTMAS"
 Friday, November 18
 Time: 12:00 noon-11:30 pm
 COST: \$75.00 per person
 Dinner Show and Tour of Fontanel Mansion
 (Barbara Mandrell's Former Home)
 Motor Coach Transportation by Capital Trailways
 Sign-up by calling the church office. The payment deadline is Tuesday, November 8. There are only 50 tickets available!

Save the Date

Christmas
on Church Street

December 9-11, 2011

Tickets go on sale in November
More details to come

MISSIONS CORNER

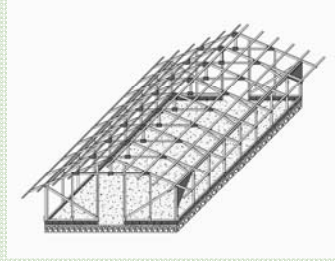
Local Mission Opportunity

God is using our local Edwin Hodges Ministries to get His Word out! EHM collects old Sunday School lessons (quarterlies) or Bibles to place all around the globe: Argentina, Cameroon, Honduras, and India just to name a few places. It is amazing to read testimonies of believers from other countries that are grateful for the literature they were given. These countries use them to share the gospel, to build up libraries or to have small group Bible Studies. If your class is looking for a local project, here are a couple of ways you can volunteer at Edwin Hodges:

- Sort through literature, box them up or load a box full of Bibles to ship
- Your class can give and be a part of sending God's Word out. They have financial needs of sending 40' containers out to other countries. Average cost per container is \$5500.

Pray for Haiti Team

Please be in prayer for the Haiti Team as they will be building a church the week of October 22-29 and distributing God's word (AudioBibles) as they share the Gospel.



Evangelical Baptist Church of La Vallee, Haiti



Lynch Ky. Trip

Faithful Hearts went on a mission trip to Lynch, Kentucky September 18-23. This team brought \$1500 worth of food to a needy area and distributed it out to over 140 families. They had one decision for Christ and one for baptism. They ministered to a nursing home with 34 prayer shawls. The residents were so happy to receive this gift of

love from ladies that make these prayer shawls here at FBC. Thank you ladies for being a part of the team. The men worked at a bunkhouse hanging wood ceiling and did other projects that were needed. It was a pleasure to serve alongside this team and to see the connections made on this trip.

CHURCH STREET KIDS MUSIC

We are enjoying our full hour of music this fall! We have begun a new class for children who were two years old by September 1. This class is led by Michelle Voss and there are 17 children enrolled. They are using the Teeny Tykes & Tunes curriculum. Ginny Matherly leads the Music for Three Year Olds each week in the Musikgarten room in the fellowship hall. They have eight children attending that class with their parents. Our K4 & K5 choirs have been averaging 32 in attendance. We have averaged 86 children in the 1st-4th grade choirs. Things are going well!



K4 & K5 Choir will sing in Sunday evening worship on October 23 and the 1st-4th grade choirs will sing in Sunday evening worship on October 16 (This is a change from October 30). K4-4th grade will share a Christmas program on Sunday evening December 4. Come and be a part of this musical opportunity.

Visit us on facebook by searching for: Church Street Kids Music!

LEGACY WOMEN'S MINISTRY



OCTOBER 13

6:00 - 9:00 PM IN THE ROC

REGISTER SUNDAY MORNING IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH OFFICE

Legacy Women's Ministry
Ladies Holiday Sampler

Thursday, November 17

6:00 pm in the ROC

Tickets will be available October 30- November 13
You may purchase your tickets Sunday mornings in front of the church office, Wednesday nights outside the ROC, or during the week in the church office.

SECRET CHURCH

"The Secret Church" Simulcast

Friday, November 4

Location: Mallard Farm

Time: 6:00 pm—Midnight

Cost: \$10.00 which includes sermon outline and notes

This Secret Church Simulcast is six intense hours of biblical teaching and prayer for the persecuted church led by David Platt. He is the pastor of The Church at Brook Hills in Birmingham, Alabama and the author of The New York Times bestseller *Radical*.

The topic for the teaching is:

"FAMILY, MARRIAGE, SEX, AND THE GOSPEL"

Manhood. Womanhood. Marriage. Parenting. Singleness. Sex. Divorce. Homosexuality. Same-sex marriage. Polygamy. Pornography. Adoption. Abortion. Cultures around the world perceive each of these issues differently. So how does God's Word address them? During Secret Church, we will explore how the gospel uniquely affects our understanding of family, marriage, sex, and a host of related (and controversial) issues that are ultimately foundational for the display of the glory of God in our lives, in the church, and in the world.

The facility is not heated or air-conditioned, so dress accordingly. Light snacks will be available. Bring comfortable chairs if you desire.

Please RSVP to brittanywillis@fbcdecatur.org by October 21.

Wednesdays starting October 5

Time: 12:30-2:00 pm

Location: Annex

Starting October 5 FBC will be hosting a new group on our campus! The Job and Career Networking Club of Decatur is a group open to anyone in the North Alabama area looking for work or changing careers. During weekly meetings, participants will practice their elevator speeches by introducing themselves to the group; hear from speakers who will share with the group pertinent work-related and career oriented topics and network with both fellow jobseekers and prospective employers. The Job and Career Networking Club of Decatur is not a job placement agency. It is a networking and support group with the goal of providing enlightenment, education and empowerment to those looking for work and changing careers.

The group welcomes volunteers of all types especially those who are versed in work-related and career oriented matters. Here are some volunteer "jobs" that need to be filled: Greeters, Membership/Resume Book Coordinator, Recorder, Facilities Coordinator, Resume Coaches, Refreshment Coordinator, Encouragers.

For more information or to volunteer, please contact Deborah Ashley at 256.783.9927 or deborah.ashley@gmail.com.

For more information on the activities listed in the October issue of the First Word, visit our website at www.fbcdecatur.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fbcdecatur.

SHARING IN SORROW

We would like to extend our Christian sympathy to Pat Smith (wife), Michelle Puryear & Heather Coon (daughters), and Shawn Smith (son) in the loss of Ernie Smith; David Sutton in the loss of his father, Jimmy Sutton; and Gary Trimble in the loss of his sister, Coleen Cook.

THANK YOU NOTES

Notes of appreciation have been received from Betty Williams; Jo Ann Harvey; and the Mishalanie family. Notes are placed on the bulletin board outside the Church office.

ALABAMA BAPTIST

The Finance Committee, FBC Staff, and other committees are prayerfully working on budget management and adjustments for this year. Beginning next month, subscriptions to *The Alabama Baptist* newspaper will no longer be provided by FBC. Anyone wishing to continue receiving this publication may subscribe individually at an annual rate of \$20.95 by using one of these three options:

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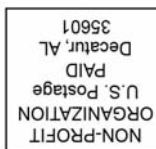
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PICTURES NEEDED

God is doing some amazing things through our church family. Check out the pictures near the garden foyer, which display our members being God's hands and feet throughout our community. We are excited to begin putting up pictures of our wonderful members serving Jesus. The purpose is to show Jesus' love reaching, teaching, and changing lives through our people serving Him.

We always have projects that require pictures and we need your help! If you have any pictures from FBC events that are good quality, please email them to brittanywillis@fbcdecatur.org. We appreciate your help!

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