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Celebrating Our Freedom...
...Celebrating Our Faith

Revised Schedule for Sunday, July 4, 2010

*In lieu of Sunday School, reflect
on Romans 13:1-3*

9:00 am - Coffee Fellowship for Connecting
in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 am - Final preparation by choir,
orchestra, flag bearers, narrators,
and technical team

10:00 am - Patriotic Worship Celebration
Featuring the FBC Worship Choir & Orchestra
Allen Harris, Guest Soloist

"America's Minister of Encouragement"



dennis swanberg

First Baptist Church Worship Center
Wednesday, August 18 - 6:00 pm
Tickets \$2.00 each/\$10.00 max per household


DR. HURT

As of this moment, First Baptist Church, Decatur, has reported the fourth largest Vacation Bible School in the State of Alabama among Southern Baptist churches. A big thanks goes out to Kristy Knight, Sara Lansford, and Doug and Jennifer Farris for their organization and implementation. We had around 28 professions of faith during that week.

A ministry like VBS is a significant event. However, it is a costly one. But, how can one put a price tag on the salvation of a soul? The church in general is a costly endeavor. Many of us have no clue what it takes just to keep the lights on in our facilities.

On July 11, we will receive a love offering for our church budget. What we are asking you to do is this – in addition to your regular offering, please give a love offering to the church budget. We have many ministries planned, but in order to carry them out, there needs to be financial resources. As your pastor, I want to thank you in advance for your cooperation and obedience.

Make sure you do not miss our July 4 service this week at 10:00 am. I can assure you this will be one service that will bless your heart and make you proud to be an American and a Christian. I am looking forward to seeing each of you this Sunday in our connecting time and worship. Until we meet again, I remain... Sincerely yours,



MINISTER OF EDUCATION/ADMINISTRATOR

Schedule for the Sunday July 4 at FBC Decatur

In accordance with the Holiday and Patriotic emphasis of Sunday July 4, FBC Decatur is planning a special celebration:

1. To glorify our Lord
2. To honor those who serve to provide our national freedoms
3. To promote positive family experiences at home and in worship service

In your home, encourage each individual and family to prepare their hearts, their minds, and their homes for a special worship celebration by beginning their morning:

- With prayer and thankfulness for the freedoms we have
- With prayer for those who defend and serve us
- With prayer for our government leaders to seek God in their lives and decisions
- Reflect and discuss Paul's teaching- ¹Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. ²Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. (Romans 13:1-3 NIV) Perhaps look at commentary or a Study Bible on this passage.

In lieu of our regular Sunday Church activities, this is the schedule at FBC Decatur for July 4th:

- The prayer & study experience stated above in lieu of SS classes
- 9:00 am preparation of choir, orchestra, flag bearers, narrators, technical team
- 9:00 am Coffee Fellowship for Connecting is an option in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 am will be One Big Patriotic Worship Celebration in the Sanctuary
- Preschool care for birth -- 3 year olds
- Invitations to our elected community leaders have been sent from the Pastor. Who does God desire you to invite? to join you?

JULY 4th PRESCHOOL CHILDCARE

We do not want anyone to miss out on our big Patriotic Service on July 4th. Therefore, WOW kids will be attending the Family Patriotic Service with their families. Also, we will have paid preschool workers for birth -- 3 year olds.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

S.A.M. SUMMER BIBLE STUDY AND LUNCHEON

July 8 and July 22 at 10:30 am in the ROC

We are studying "The Book of James" led by Jim Burton!
Light Lunch Prepared by Ozella Stewart (Donations Accepted)
Reservations requested if you plan to eat lunch!
Call the church office to make reservations!

S.A.M. DAY TRIP TO "WHOLE BACKSTAGE THEATER" AND WENTZEL'S SEAFOOD RESTAURANT IN GUNTERSVILLE

Thursday, July 29

Bus Transportation Provided by Capital Trailways
We'll enjoy the presentation of "Once On This Island"
COST: \$35.00 plus dinner

Call the church office to make reservations!

S.A.M. DAY TRIP TO "CARL HURLEY SHOW" AT THE TIVOLI THEATER IN CHATTANOOGA

Tuesday, October 5

Leave Church at 10:30 am
Fast Food Lunch Stop Before the Show Begins at 2:00 pm
Dinner in Chattanooga After the Show
COST: \$55.00 (Covers Show Ticket and Bus Transportation)
Cost of meals is not included!
Trip limited to 40 people! Reservation and Payment Deadline is Wednesday, September 1!
Call Church office to make reservations!

S.A.M. TRIP TO BRANSON, MISSOURI

Monday, November 15 -- Thursday, November 18

Deluxe Motor Coach Transportation by Capital Trailways
Three Nights Lodging at Grand Country Inn
Christmas Shows include The Grand Jubilee, The Hughes Brothers, Andy Williams Christmas Spectacular, Doug Gabriel, and Sight and Sound Theater presentation of "The Miracle of Christmas"
We'll enjoy a visit to the phenomenal "Butterfly Palace and Rainforest Experience" and the Downtown Shopping District of Branson.
All meals are included except while traveling!
COST: \$447.00 per person
Trip is full! Call the church office to be put on the waiting list.
Deposit of \$100.00 is due no later than August 25!

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH COOPERATION

FOOD DRIVE

Food items are being accepted for the CCC Food Drive. They may be placed in the wagon at the Welcome Center. A list of needed items are on posters around the church.

MISSIONS/FAMILY LIFE CORNER

You read or hear about "Top 10" lists. I want to share with you the latest Top 10 list I read the other day. I know that marriage is under attack and always will be. For Mary Jo and I to have a good family, our relationship has to be a priority before anything else except for our walk with the Lord. So here are 10 easy steps to strengthen your marriage relationship. I know it is a challenge and takes daily practice just like anything else. So I hope that you enjoy this little bit of encouragement for every husband and wife. Practice these steps and see where God will take your marriage relationship. Thankfully, it's not rocket science.

- 1) [Praise](#) your spouse publicly.
- 2) Thank your spouse often and be specific.
- 3) Say "I love you" often.
- 4) Wait on your spouse joyfully.
- 5) Wait on your spouse patiently.
- 6) Ask your spouse for their opinion.
- 7) Take your spouse's advice.
- 8) Respect your spouse's feelings.
- 9) Bring your spouse a gift.
- 10) Sometimes we just need to sit back and [listen](#).

At FamilyLife's Weekend to Remember marriage conference, you can put aside life's daily distractions and focus on each other again. For over 30 years, we've helped more than a million couples make their marriages stronger and healthier. We can help you realize the potential in your marriage, too.

WEEKEND TO REMEMBER MARRIAGE CONFERENCE

November 12-14

Holiday Inn Chattanooga Choo Choo (423-266-5000)

\$129/per person \$92/hotel

www.familylife.com

Register Now



CONTACT PAUL RADOSEVICH FOR MORE INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

MISSION EXPERIENCES BOOKLET

If you would like to become involved in missions and would like to know what FBC has to offer, please pick up a Missions Experience Booklet from the information board across from the Canal Street elevator or contact Paul Radosevich.

GRIDIRON MEN'S CONFERENCE

Join us to experience a higher level of exciting speakers & fellowship.

July 30-31, 2010

Men! Bring your sons!



Presenters:

Lou Holtz
Rick Burgess
Dennis Swanberg
Gary Smalley

Worship Leader: Charles Billingsley

Where: Tuscaloosa, AL in the Coliseum

Cost: \$139 per person, food not included

Register: In the church office with your payment

Deadline: Must register by July 11

RECREATION MINISTRY



IMPACT CHEER CAMP

July 12-16

Ages: entering K-Grade 6

Cost \$100/\$10 discount for each additional child

BRILLA SOCCER CAMP

July 19-23

Ages: entering K-Grade 6

\$100/\$10 discount for each additional child



WORSHIP MINISTRY



GENESIS CHOIR MISSION TRIP

Lynch, Kentucky

July 5 - 9, 2010

Our Middle School Choir, *GENESIS* will travel to Lynch, KY to continue a ministry begun by Paul Radosevich last summer. Twenty-three students and sponsors will be painting a church, cleaning stables, doing some renovation work and ministering at the "180° Ministry Center." These servants are listed below. They covet your prayers as they travel, minister and serve in Christ's name.

STUDENTS

Collyn Carter
Luke Carter
William Doherty
Adam Engle
Thomas Garner
Trevor Givens
Matthew Humphrey
Juliana Lee
Pasha Page

Julia Phillips
China Ponter
Lei-Ling Ponter
Maria Ponter
Jed Radosevich
Austin Rodgers
Briley Uptain
Meredith Ward

SPONSORS

Matthew Clayton
Larry Hyche
Sara Radosevich

Paul Radosevich
Anna Ralston
John Steele

REVELATION CHOIR MISSION

Lansing, Michigan

On Sunday, June 20 Revelation Choir returned from 8 days of ministry partnership with Kingdom Life Church and Pastor Coye Bouyer in Lansing, MI.

Thirty-seven students and sponsors represented Jesus Christ and First Baptist through a variety of service projects, prayer walking, canvassing, singing, Backyard Bible Clubs, Boys & Girls Club and assisting this new church plant.

THANK YOU, FBC family for praying, giving, and making it possible for these students to serve in Christ's name, and to be on mission!



SIGNS

VBS ROUNDUP

If you received a sign to place in your yard for VBS promotion, please return it to the church office. These signs can be changed and used in promotion of other upcoming events at First Baptist.

FACTS • NOTES • OPPORTUNITIES

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Requirements	\$60,377.98
Receipts 05/30	50,609.75
Receipts 06/06	62,971.67
Receipts 06/13	38,110.97
Receipts 06/20	37,842.05
Receipts 06/27	39,786.71
Monthly Building Fund Receipts	\$14,786.00
Budget Required to Date	\$1,569,827.48
Budget Received to Date	\$1,353,962.36
Over (Under)	(\$215,865.12)

BIBLE STUDY & WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

May 30

8:00 Sunday School Attendance	37
9:00 Sunday School Attendance	405
10:30 Sunday School Attendance	223
9:00 Worship Attendance	277
10:30 Worship Attendance	416

June 6

8:00 Sunday School Attendance	55
9:00 Sunday School Attendance	500
10:30 Sunday School Attendance	203
9:00 Worship Attendance	283
10:30 Worship Attendance	574

June 13

8:00 Sunday School Attendance	41
9:00 Sunday School Attendance	465
10:30 Sunday School Attendance	245
9:00 Worship Attendance	320
10:30 Worship Attendance	577

June 20

8:00 Sunday School Attendance	44
9:00 Sunday School Attendance	453
10:30 Sunday School Attendance	186
9:00 Worship Attendance	326
10:30 Worship Attendance	594

June 27

8:00 Sunday School Attendance	25
9:00 Sunday School Attendance	444
10:30 Sunday School Attendance	206
9:00 Worship Attendance	292
10:30 Worship Attendance	502

FIRST FAMILY UPDATES

THANK YOU

Notes of appreciation have been received from The Alabama Baptist Children's Home, The Payton's and Helen Brown. 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 Jeremy Jones in the loss of his mother, Jerrie Ash; to Kaye Moore in the loss of her brother, Chuck Hazle; to Mike & Marilyn Hagen & Melanie Hagen in the loss of their granddaughter and daughter, Kimberly Freeman; to Karen McTaggart in the loss of her father, Kenneth Casey; to Keith McTaggart in the loss of his mother, Ellen McTaggart; and to Clyde Whitley in the loss of his mother, JoAnn Whitley.

LEGACY WOMEN'S MINISTRY

SHARING OUR LEGACY COOKBOOK REPRINT

A reprint of our church's cookbook, *Sharing Our Legacy* is now available for purchase during the week in the church office. Color prints (by the book's illustrator, Lois House) of the front and back are also available for purchase.

LEGACY'S SUMMER BIBLE STUDY • Continues Monday, July 12

Mondays at 9:30 am & 6:30 pm • Room 301

Each week will be a stand-alone study...if you miss a week, you will not get behind in the study! Tommi Jo Hurt will be facilitating this study both day AND at night. No workbook is required, no daily homework, just bring your Bible and a teachable spirit! Childcare available for the morning study only. If you have any questions, please call Tommi Jo at 353-8105.

JULY CALENDAR FOR YOUTH

5th-9th: Genesis Mission Trip to Lynch, KY, No Monday Night Bible study on 5th

7th: High Noon Lunch at Chick-fil-A
Bro. Bill Teaching in the ROC 6pm

12th-16th: Super Summer Leader Camp
Monday Night Bible studies 6:30pm

14th: High Noon lunch at Burger King on 6th Ave, Concert in the Park 6pm (at Founders Park)

19th: Monday Night Bible study 6:30pm

21st: Movie night in ROC 6pm
High Noon lunch at Wendy's on 6th Ave

26th: Final Home Bible Study

28th: High Noon lunch at Mi Hacienda
HUNTSVILLE Stars Game 7pm

July 30th: **Mystery Reward Trip** for those who help with **2 ministry activities** during the summer (activities include FBC sports camps, FBC VBS, FBC missions trips, or Habitat build)

Sign up by Wednesday, July 28.

Home Bible study locations are announced every Sunday morning as well as by text alerts on Mondays.

FIRST FAMILY UPDATES (continued)

A TIME TO REJOICE

With Greg and Brandi Blankenship in the birth of their son, Anthony "Gage" Blankenship on June 8. Proud grandparents are Jim and Linda Blankenship.