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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011

OPENING NIGHT - FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

Sunday Evening, June 12

5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

*ALL Parents are encouraged to attend and participate in the excitement of VBS!
Everyone will be in the Worship Center for our Worship Rally & Bible Study.*

MORNING SESSIONS

Monday, June 13 - Thursday, June 16

8:30 am - Noon

*Big Apple Adventure regular schedule.
Children may be dropped off at 8:15 am.*

VBS FAMILY NIGHT & BROADWAY MUSICAL

Thursday Evening, June 16

6:00 pm

*This year all children (entering Kindergarten through 6th Grade)
will participate in the Big Apple Adventure Broadway Musical.*

VBS is open to all children & students who will be entering Kindergarten this coming fall through those who have completed 8th Grade this spring. All should be pre-registered by filling out a registration card available around FBC.

SOUND SYSTEM & ROOF

The Finance Committee, and a selection of Deacons and Staff have been asked to serve as a Stewardship Team to plan how all of us can participate in making equal sacrifice for:

1. The Word of God to be clearly heard as we sing, teach, and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ in our Worship Center.
2. Our people to be responsible and good stewards in protecting the beautiful Worship Center, pipe organ, and new sound system from rain damages.
3. The continued work on a stewardship campaign to address additional challenges of capital improvement needs and the retirement of present debt.

This Stewardship Team: Reese Hamn, John Knight, Robert Doherty, David Matherly, Larry Mauldin, Richard Thompson, Jeff Parker, Charlie Register, Peggy Campbell, Diane Holman, Larry Ayers, Emily Corzine, Barry Thompson, and Bill Hurt, met on May 22 and May 25. Please be in prayer for them as they seek God's wisdom. As we give our money towards this project, please write "Sound System & Roof" in the "For" section of your checks.

Business action by FBC:

In the Quarterly Business Meeting Wednesday, May 18, the chairman of the Finance Committee, Jeff Parker, brought forward a motion from the committee which had the full support of the Deacons. The membership of First Baptist Church voted to approve this motion to spend an amount not to exceed \$460,000 from our existing line of credit to replace the Worship Center sound system (not to exceed \$350,000) and the Worship Center roof (not to exceed \$110,000). In addition to approving these purchases, the membership agreed to commit to making equal sacrifices to seek to raise this amount (\$460,000) within the next eight weeks to then erase this debt. Within 5 days following the Church's action, \$24,050.00 was received.

Actions steps for everyone:

1. Thank the Lord for the faithfulness of people who equally sacrificed in providing all our Church facilities. For their spiritual, emotional, and financial obedience to Christ.
2. Read the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah to learn how God used Zerubbabel, Ezra, and Nehemiah in rebuilding the Temple, challenging the people's hearts to focus on God and the rebuilding of the walls for protection. Allow the Lord to speak to your heart and mind.
3. Pray about the Lord's guidance for your participation in this immediate "Sound System & Roof" project.
4. Write a check **indicating in the "For" section "Sound System & Roof"** and place in the offering plate during Worship or mail to the Finance Office. Every dollar raised within the next two months will reduce the debt incurred in this immediate challenge.
5. Joyfully accept our responsibility to maintain the resources God has provided at FBC and to use them in ministry.

FAITHFUL HEARTS

"MOVIE DAY"

Thursday, June 2—NO COST
Showings at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Location: Loft

Movie: "Despicable Me" - You'll love this hilarious movie!
Lots of laughs and refreshments.

Please call the church office to let us know which showing you would like to attend. Bring a friend!

12-DAY ALASKA CRUISE/TOUR

August 26 - September 6
Final payment due no later than June 6
Trip information meeting June 26 at 4:00 pm
in the Worship Center.

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY AND LUNCHEON

Begins Thursday, June 30
10:30 am

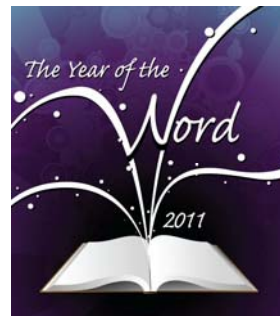
Location: Loft

Continues July 7, July 21, August 11, and August 18
"The Book of Daniel" - led by Jim Burton

Lunch Prepared by Ozella Stewart and Roberta Gray
Donations accepted for lunch.

Everyone, any age, is welcome to attend! Please call the church office to let us know you plan to attend so adequate lunch preparations can be made.

Bring a Friend!



Summer is a good opportunity to enjoy Bible reading: Catch up with reading the Bible through in a year! Select a specific book in the Bible and do a deeper study (Ezra & Nehemiah are recommended readings this summer). Also, make attendance in Sunday morning Bible Study a priority!

Sunday School & Wednesday Night Leadership

Ice Cream Sundae Party

Sunday, June 5

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: ROC



RSVP: brittanywillis@fbcdccatur.org

YOUTH/MUSIC MINISTRY

Pancake breakfast

Student Ministry Fundraiser
for this year's Orlando Mission Trip
(ALL YOU CAN EAT!)

Suggested donation: \$5.00 per person
or ANY donation towards our Summer
Mission Trip is welcome!

Sunday, June 5, ROC Gym

Serving times: 7:30 am, 8:30 am, & 10:00 am
Don't be late for Sunday School or Worship!

MISSIONS CORNER

LOCAL MISSIONS

- Handicap Ramp – Paul has received a call from St. Paul's Church for a handicap ramp. Measurements have been taken, so within the next few weeks a ramp will be built for this church who needs assistance for their members.
- Backpack for Kids begins with LifePoint Church in August 2011

CARPENTERS FOR CHRIST

Carpenters for Christ will be going to Conyers, Georgia June 9 – 12. Cost for the trip is as follows: adults/week-\$100; Spouse, child/week-\$50; child 12 & under-\$35. Partial week cost is as follows: \$35 for the first day and \$20 for each additional day. The church bus will be available for this trip if you need a ride. For more information call June Arnold at 353-0423 ext. 151 as soon as possible.

HAITI MISSION TRIP

Please pray for the mission team who will be making the first FBC mission trip to Haiti May 27 – June 3. They are: Dr. Bill Hurt, Richard Thompson, Thomas Hall, Faye Ashton, Jeanne Payne and Paul Radosevich. In the fall, we will have a second opportunity to travel to Haiti. The goal of the trip will be to build them a church. This trip will be at the end of October 2011.

TORNADO RELIEF UPDATE

BIG THANK YOU to our FBC Church family for stepping up in serving and meeting the needs of others. We didn't have to dream up a local mission opportunity, God gave it to us and FBC responded. I am so proud of the fellowship, hard work, and dedication to this project. One of the most quoted statements in "Experiencing God" by Henry Blackaby, "see what God is doing and join HIM." Thank you Church for being the Church.



At this time, relief work will focus on continuing to send groups (as needed) for clean up and possible rebuilding in the devastated areas. As we hear of a request we will be enlisting teams to go help or meet the needs that have been requested. If you would like to volunteer, please contact me at paul13@fbcdecaur.org or call the church office at 256-353-0423. Thanks! -Paul

UPCOMING MISSION TRIPS

- **KingdomLife:** Lansing, MI September 2-5, 15 seats available on the church bus, Cost: \$20/night + meals
- **Faithful Hearts:** Lynch, KY, Cost: \$100 + meals, serving in food closet, nursing home, light construction, ministering to Appalachian people
- **Belize 2012:** Two trips in 2012, January 28-February 4 and February 18-25, Cost: \$1,500 per trip
- **Mexico Mission Trip:** February/March: Construction at Oaxaca, MX seminary



This year's Student Choirs combine Genesis & Revelation to become part of a 1,400-voice mass choir in Orlando, FL sponsored by LifeWay. Each afternoon the groups will divide into small teams to conduct Backyard Bible Clubs, work in the Rescue Mission, assist with two church plants in the east Orlando area, and other work projects with the Greater Orlando Baptist Association. We have 61 attending this year to be a part of this life-changing event. Thank you, FBC family, for your prayers and financial support to help send our students on mission! We will report back to the church during Worship on Wednesday, June 29.

STUDENTS:

Craig Anderson	Tara Givens	Audra Reeves
Paige Bartlett	Rosbelt Gonzalez	Tony Rossi
Caroline Belovsky	Connor Graves	Ashleigh Shumake
Caroline Bishop	Taylor Hester	John Shumake
Carlton Brown	Bailey Higgins	Joseph Topliss
Anna Carter	Matthew Humphrey	James Topliss
Luke Carter	Miranda Jones	Matt Voss
Collyn Carter	Matthew Jones	Eric Voss
Joel Caulcrick	Trey Keown	Mary Jane Wooley
Meghan Clayton	Julianna Lee	
Brock Digirolamo	Thomas Letson	
Thomas Doherty	Jessica Letson	
Madison Dunlap	Landon Little	
Georgia Dunlap	Addi McNutt	
Adam Engle	Jordan McRae	
Connor Frost	Jacob Mishalanie	
Hannah Gaines	Alex Morrison	
Thomas Garner	Jacob Nave	
Lauryn Garner	Meg Patterson	
	Andrew Parmer	
	Julia Phillips	

SPONSORS:

Dave & Glenda Briley
Dana Bishop
Joel & April Williams
Larry Hyche
Matthew Clayton
Jonny Pool
Stephen Mishalanie
Cindy Wooley



THIS SUMMER at FBC!



RECREATION MINISTRY

Cheerleading Camp

Monday, July 11 through Friday, July 15
Camp Schedule: 9:00 am -12:00 noon

Soccer Camp

Monday, July 18 through Friday, July 22
Camp Schedule: 9:00 am -12:00 noon

Basketball Camp

Monday, July 25 through Friday, July 29
Camp Schedule: 9:00 am -12:00 noon

Each camp fee is **\$50.00 per child**
Camps are for Kindergarten through 6th grade.
Camp includes: camp T-shirt, matching water bottle, souvenir set of pom-poms, soccer, or basketball.

Sign up brochures are available at the ROC desk. For more information contact:
Emily Davis 256-353-0272
emilydavis@fbcdecatur.org

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CPR (CAMPING, PRAISING, RAFTING)

For all 4th -6th grade students and their families

July 8-10

Location: Peace Valley Campground—Murphy, NC

Total Cost: \$75 per person * discount given after 4th family member
Includes: 5 meals, t-shirt, transportation, rafting and camping cost

\$25 deposit per person due June 5—balance due July 1.
For More information contact kristyknight@fbcdecatur.org

ALL AMERICAN GIRLS CAMP

For girls completed K5 through 4th grade

June 20-23

Cost: \$45.00 –Deadline to register: June 5

Location: First Baptist Church

Camp Leader: Paizley Coffey – Samford University

For More information contact kristyknight@fbcdecatur.org

Cost Includes: t-shirt, all activities, fashion show and snacks

For more information on the activities listed in the June 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 Leah McRae in the loss of her father, Garold Carnell; Walter Crim in the loss of his grandmother; Megan & Josh Jones in the loss of their mother, Sandra Jones; Kathy Parker in the loss of her father, Joe McElroy; Sadie Allen in the loss of her mother, Lucille Tatum; Joe Cothran in the loss of his sister, Virginia Robinson; the family of Opal Terry; Monique McCain in the death of her husband, Hugh; Tom Cleveland in the loss of his grandmother, Pauline Cleveland; and Sherrill Altice in the loss of her aunt & uncle, Marcella & Gene Bullock.

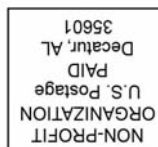
THANK YOU NOTES

Notes of appreciation have been received from Grover & Flo Baggett, the Jim Baggett family, and Mattie Ponter. Notes are placed on the bulletin board outside the church office.

A TIME TO REJOICE

With Shane and Jennifer Stephenson in the birth of their son, Tyler Douglas Stephenson on April 26 (Grandparents: Billy and Diane Stephenson) and with Mike & Martha McBride in the birth of their granddaughter, Kinley Faith McNeill on May 25.

Permit No. 220



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