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HOLY HOMES

With Clay & Renee Crosse

Friday, March 25

7:00-8:30 pm

& Saturday, March 26

8:45 -11:30 am



Registration Fee: \$20

Registration Deadline: Sunday, March 20

* Childcare is available birth-6th grade upon early registration

The HolyHomes ministry is two fold: 1. To encourage Christian homes to come back to a close relationship with Christ. 2. To encourage non-Christian homes to come to know Christ. HolyHomes asks homes to look at themselves in a different way, a set apart way. It warns against becoming calloused to influences such as TV, movies, and internet media.

HolyHomes was founded by popular recording artist Clay Crosse and his wife Renee after they went through a recommitment of their marriage and home to Christ in 1998. Their story of how God restored their marriage from near destruction is a driving force behind the HolyHomes ministry.

Sessions for the HolyHomes Seminar include: "We Need to Talk", "Flip This House", "Dashboard Jesus" (for men), "Girls Gone Holy" (for women), and "Calling All HolyHomes!"

FBC HAS SOMETHING FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

See more upcoming events and details inside to get your family involved here at FBC

A MESSAGE FROM DR. HURT

My Dear People,

We are so blessed that God is honoring our Acts 1:8 emphasis here at FBC Decatur. Already, we have sent two teams to Belize and other trips are planned to Haiti, Lansing, Michigan, and also the Appalachian region in Kentucky. We want you to find a way to be involved in mission work. There are two easy things you can do.

First, do you realize each week you can give a contribution to our Global Mission Emphasis? On your church envelope, you have a designated offering for missions. Part of that money goes to Lottie Moon, Annie Armstrong, and the Alabama Baptist Children's Home. Imagine how much we can give when we do a little each week.

Second, before too long, we shall begin our sign up for "I Love Decatur Day." Here is an opportunity to partner in missions in our Jerusalem. We want our community to know we care and love people in our own backyard.

As we continue to celebrate "The Year of the Word," start reading your Bible each day. We have been so encouraged by the numerous people who have made this a priority in their lives. It is never too late to start making God's Word a priority in your life.

I would like to thank you so much for your prayers and support for our recent trip to the Holy Land. There is no way we could explain the impact this trip had on our lives. We are already making plans for a trip in 2012. If you are interested, please let me know. I can assure you that you will never read God's Word the same.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you this Sunday in Bible Study and Worship.

Until then, I remain...

Sincerely yours,



Upcoming Opportunities for the Whole Family!

Nearly-wed & Newly-wed Class

Sundays March 6- April 17
9:00-10:00 am
Location: Heritage Room

Are you about to take the plunge? Are you just beginning a journey with the one you love? This 8 week small group experience is designed just for you. Start your marriage adventure with tools that will arm you with powerful insight, wisdom and practical help. Mark your calendar and make a point to attend The Enrichment Center seminar: "You're the One That I Want" for engaged, almost engaged, just married and almost married couples... Facilitated by Melissa and Kelly Jackson plus other incredible leaders and married couples. It may be the most important thing you do this year. The materials will draw from: *For Men Only, For Women Only, Saving Your Marriage Before it Starts, and Couples Within the Church*. Share this exciting opportunity with other Nearly Wed & Newly Wed couples.

Young married "Crazy Love" Study

Sundays beginning March 13
9:00-10:00 am
Location: Fellowship Hall Room 31
\$9.00 for material
Couples born in 1980-1990 are invited to join this new study.

GOD IS LOVE. Crazy, Relentless All Powerful Love

Does something deep inside your heart long to break free from the status quo? Are you hungry for an authentic faith that addresses the problems of our world with tangible, even radical, solutions? God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts — it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love you will never be the same.

Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything.

Family Bible Study Class

Sundays Beginning March 20
8:00—9:00 am
Location: Fellowship Hall
\$ 7.00 for first study material

New Sunday School Class designed for families wishing to participate in Bible Study together on Sunday mornings. Participation is for kindergartens, grade school, youth, and adults together. Younger preschool care is not available at this time. Leaders will be Reese & Lisa Hamn and Greg & Renee Stephenson.

First study: "The Family's Heart", By: John Burnet

This study deals with spiritual issues that can be addressed directly by individual families. Strong Families make Strong Churches. We will learn 10 actionable plans that a Christian family can use to strengthen itself. Each action plan is biblically based and essential to both our families and our churches. Future studies will be selected as the class develops.

Register: Brittanywillis@fbcdccatur.org

FAITHFUL HEARTS

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Thursday, March 3
10:00 am
Conference Room #121

COVERED DISH LUNCHEON

Thursday, March 10
12:00 Noon in the ROC... NO COST
Meat Furnished by: TimBuck2 Café
Bring your favorite vegetable, salad, and/or dessert dish
Special Guest: Lance Pate

Please bring snacks for the faculty of Somerville Road School
Call the Church Office or use the worship bulletin tear-off to make reservations!

SENIOR ADULT DAY CHOIR REHEARSALS

Sunday, March 20th and Sunday, March 27
5:00 pm in the Sanctuary Choir Loft
Senior Adult Day is Sunday, April 3
Special Guest Speaker: Joe McKeever
Appreciation Luncheon after 10:30 am Worship Service
Catered by Caddo Cafeteria- NO COST
All who are ages 55 and up are welcome to be a part of our Senior Adult Day Choir and Luncheon!
Call Church Office to make reservations for the luncheon!

READING BUDDIES MINISTRY

Monday, March 28
Meet at Somerville Road Elementary School around 9:45 am
We'll sign in, get our reading assignments, and read with the children for 30 minutes.
We need a lot of listeners...Come join us!

MOVIE DAY

Thursday, March 31
3rd Floor- Loft
Showings at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm
Movie: "Despicable Me"
The Funniest Blockbuster Hit of the Year!



REGISTRATION FOR FALL 2011

BEGINS MONDAY
MARCH 7 @ 8:00 AM

INFORMATIONAL MEETING
FOR KINDERGARTEN PARENTS
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24 @ 6:30 PM

Church Street Academy
Preschool & Kindergarten

WORSHIP/MUSIC MINISTRY

"Fill the Front with Friends!"

February came and went so fast that we decided to move our FILL THE FRONT WITH FRIENDS emphasis to March which means it's not too late for you to join in the fun! We want to fill the front area of the Sanctuary with a lot of friends to help us lead morning worship during the month of March. We are inviting friends to sing in the Worship Choir or play in the Orchestra on specific Sundays with "no strings attached." If you would like to join us for a single Sunday and experience worship from a new perspective, meet with us 15 minutes before service (8:45 or 10:15 am) in the music suite for a brief rehearsal. You may also contact any choir or orchestra member for more details. Come enjoy the view and receive a huge blessing by making a joyful noise!

Special Sunday Schedule:

March 6 – Choir Kick off and Terry Moore's 25th Anniversary Recognition
March 13 – Ladies' Choir
March 20 – Men's Choir
March 27 – Friend Choir

WE CELEBRATE TERRY MOORE!

In 1986, Terry Moore came to First Baptist to "fill in for a few months" while the music ministry searched for a new pianist. Little did he know that in 2011 he would be celebrating his 25th Anniversary with us! God blessed Terry with an unbelievable talent to worship through music, and Terry continues to bless us each Sunday at the piano. On March 6 during both morning services, we will recognize Terry for his many years of faithful service at First Baptist Church. Thank you, Terry, for leading us in praise every week.



MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES

Missions Day 2011

April 2, 2011

8:00 am until project is done

Breakfast will be served -No evening meal
Please call the church office (256-353-0423) to sign up for the Missions Day experience in which you would like to participate. The day's events are as follows: lunches for nurses, firemen and police; East Acres Bible studies; distribution of lights and batteries to elderly; pumping gas; construction of wheelchair ramps; housecleaning for homebound; prayer walking at schools; nursing home; Hispanic neighborhood reach; Edwin Hodges Ministries; Habitat Build (framing); painting, NCC; food for backpacks for needy children; and childcare.



Haiti Mission Trip May 28 - June 4

Cost: \$1,250.00 per person due March 20

A team of 6-8 people (including 3-4 ladies & 3-4 men) is needed to travel to Jacmel, Haiti to evangelize, minister to orphans, and disciple men and women. Anyone interested in this mission opportunity is encouraged to contact Paul Radosevich at 256-353-7399, ext 104.

Upcoming Events *get involved at FBC!*

Legacy Women's Ministry

requests the honor of your presence
as we celebrate

The Bride of Christ

with

Mrs. Jo Cook

on Thursday, the Twenty Fourth of March
Two thousand eleven
at Six o'clock in the evening

First Baptist Church Decatur
ROC

Meal catered by TimBuck2

Tickets available at church office for \$7.00
through March 20th.

"FREE Bargainomics" Workshop

Do you want to be a better money manager, stretch a dollar further, or learn new ways and places to find bargains on anything from groceries to travel? Who doesn't? Join us for a **FREE Bargainomics workshop on Sunday, March 6, 3:00-5:30** in the ROC. RSVP requested. Call the church office or email brittanywillis@fbcdccatur.org.

Bargainomics is money management God's way! It's learning to be the very best possible manager of all His blessings. Judy Woodward Bates, "**The Bargainomics Lady**" is a freelance writer, author, speaker and TV personality whose name has become synonymous with the practice of Biblical money management.



Share Jesus without Fear

Wednesdays March 9-30

Location: Fellowship Hall room 21 Cost: \$10.00 for material

Have you ever had a family member or friend who you were unsure if they had eternal security as a born-again believer in Christ? You've said to yourself, "I wish the preacher or some of the church staff would share the Gospel with them." Do you realize that Matthew 28: 19-20 [The Great Commission] empowers you as a believer to share the same Gospel as your pastor or church staff? Join leader, Phillip Chenault, on a journey of learning how to "Share Jesus Without Fear." Register: Brittanywillis@fbcdccatur.org



SHARING IN SORROW

We would like to extend our Christian sympathy to Becky Wilder in the loss of her brother, Jake Merrill; Woody Prewitt in the loss of his sister, Mary Ellen Fox; Glenna Chaffin in the loss of her mother, Geneva Gillespie Douglas Syler; Beverly Burfield in the loss of her father, Robert Martin; the family of Carolyn Driver; the family of Helen Cartwright; Lisa Chenault in the loss of her mother, Shirley Bruce; Polly Lee in the loss of her sister, Pearl Granato; and David Sutton in the loss of his wife, Debbie Sutton.

THANK YOU NOTES

Notes of appreciation have been received from Betty, John, Kelly, & Ruth Crittenden; Deb, Rus, & Helen Grimes; and Beverly Burfield & The Robert Martin Family. Thank you notes are placed on the bulletin board outside the church office.

A TIME TO REJOICE

With Jackie and Laurie Spiegle in the birth of their son, Foster "Brock" on January 27, 2011 and with Jerry & Michelle Jessup in the birth of their son, Riley William on February 7, 2011 (Grandparents: Bill & Elaine Barber)

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