

# FIRSTWORD

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## *Mother's Day* *May 8, 2011*

*Celebration of Baptism*

*Baby Dedication*

*A special offering  
will be taken for the  
Alabama Baptist  
Children's Home*

## *Graduate Recognition*

*Sunday, May 22*

# 2011

Honoring the Class of 2011 in our  
10:30 am Worship Service



# A MESSAGE FROM Dr. Hurt



My Dear People,

I want to thank all of our volunteers and staff for making our Holy Week services so successful. Gail Pennington and her workers along with June Odom and her crew worked tirelessly to make our week beautiful and meaningful. You will never know how much time and energy goes into this week. Again, a big shout out to all who participated in our Easter Services.

May is fast approaching us and that means a lot of meaningful services and mission opportunities. On Mother's Day, we will not only recognize and honor those special ladies in our lives, but we will also dedicate our new babies to the Lord, as well as celebrate the Lord in baptism.

As many of you know, I lost my mother on August 20, 2007. There is not a day that goes by that she doesn't cross my mind. When you lose your mother, it's like a bend in the river, the water keeps on flowing, but it just never flows the same. Take time to say "thank you" and "I love you" to your moms. If your mom has gone on to be with the Lord, call five ladies who have had an impact on your life. Not only will it bless them, but it will warm your heart as well.

At the end of May, Paul Radosevich and I will be leading a small group on a mission trip to Haiti. This is a partnership between the Alabama Baptist Convention and the Haitian Baptist Association. Hopefully, this will be the start of a very special partnership between FBC Decatur and the Haitian people.

Vacation Bible School is just around the corner. Our dates are June 12-16. This year, we will begin our week on Sunday night. This is different from our regular schedule, but we think it will be a great opportunity to get more people involved. If you have not signed up for VBS, volunteer today. Also, go ahead and register your children and grandchildren for this spiritual enrichment week.

I am looking forward to seeing each of you this Sunday.

Grace and Peace, *Dr. Hurt*

May	Wednesday Night Schedule
4	Regular Schedule
11	Children's Pine Wood Derby Race Night Box dinners will be served in the ROC Wednesday in the Word in the Chapel
18	Family Wednesday in the Word in the Chapel. Preschool care will be offered. No children or youth activities
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June	
1	Family Picnic @ Rhodes Ferry
8	"Tour the Town" - Church wide Worship
15	Wednesday Night activities on Thursday, June 16th
16	VBS Family Night/Musical
22	No Wednesday Night Activities
29	Family Worship- Youth Trip Report

July	
6	Missions (Alabama Baptist Children's Home)
13	Family Worship (FIX)
20	Family Night- Stars Baseball Game
27	No Wednesday Night Activities

August	
3	Missions (NCC & TVO)
10	Family Worship
17	No Wednesday Night Activities
24	FBC's Got Talent Family Night
31	pRaise (New Fall Schedule Kick-off)

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2011**

**SUNDAY EVENING, JUNE 12 - THURSDAY, JUNE 16**

Register your children at one of the VBS displays!  
Volunteers still needed!

On **Saturday, May 7th at 7:30 am** we will be hosting the Steeple Chase 8K to benefit the NCC. For this event to take place, we need lots of volunteers! Here is how you can help:

- Purchase a red Steeple Chase T-shirt for \$8.00 to wear the morning of the race
- Cheer, serve water, and/or clean up cups at our aid station on the Gordon Dr. Bridge
- Work the food table and Pepsi trailer at FBC
- Help with traffic control on the intersections close to the church
- Help with packet pick-up at FBC



**Can you help out? Contact Heather Coon at (cell) 256-476-9010 (email) [hcoon1519@charter.net](mailto:hcoon1519@charter.net) or visit the website at <http://steeplechase8k.org/> to volunteer or for more information.**

## MISSIONS

### Global Missions Giving

I want to encourage our church family in giving year round to Global Missions. Thirty percent will be given to our own FBC Mission Experiences (local, North American, and international). These monies will help start or build churches and provide supplies for education, construction (water wells), and medical needs.

**The breakdown in Global Missions Giving is as follows:**

FBC Global Missions	30%
Lottie Moon	50%
Annie Armstrong	10%
Ala. Baptist Conv.	10%

To date we have received \$15,847.61.

**Please pray and listen to God for how you can be a part of Global Missions!**

### "Haiti Mission Project"

On **Wednesday, May 4**, during Wednesday in the Word, at **6:00 pm** you will have an opportunity to hear about **the upcoming "Haiti Mission Project."** Mel Johnson, Alabama Baptist Relief Strategist and Paul Radosevich will be sharing about the work in Haiti. We have a place in Jacmell, Haiti that has a need for evangelism and discipleship work to be done. We are partnering with a new church plant that has been meeting underneath a blue tarp since May of 2010. This is the answer to a Haitian woman's prayers of fifteen years. It is an incredible opportunity that God has showed and allowed us to be a part of in making a difference in the people in Haiti. It has been over a year since the earthquake and the needs continue to be great. Thanks for your part in being on mission.

### Carpenters for Christ

**Location:** Conyers, Georgia

**Dates:** June 9-12.



#### Full Trip Cost:

Adult/week: \$100

Spouse, Child/Week: \$50

Child 12 & under/week: \$35

#### Partial Trip Cost:

\$35/1st day

\$20 each additional day with cap of full week cost

## FAITHFUL HEARTS

### LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Thursday, May 5  
10:00 am  
Conference Room 121

### PICNIC

Saturday, May 21  
NO COST  
11:00 am- 2:00 pm  
Mallard Farm

We will be having grilled hamburgers and hot dogs, baked beans and potato salad from Big Bob Gibson's, and homemade desserts

Special Guests: Clear Title Quartet

Bring your lawn chair and join us for all the fun and great food! Please call the church office to let us know you plan to attend.

### DAY TRIP TO JERRY BROWN POTTERY IN HAMILTON, ALABAMA

Monday, May 23  
Leave the Church at 10:00 am— Return around 4:30 pm  
Transportation: Church Bus

COST: \$7.00 per person plus lunch/Bufferet \$8.00  
Lunch at Dollie's Country Kitchen in Hamilton

Watch the mule turn the mud, the potter at work, the completed pottery, and then view the beautiful pottery in the showroom

Reservation and payment deadline is Thursday, May 19  
Call the church office to make your reservation!

### GRADUATE RECOGNITION

If you or a member of your family will be graduating from college this year, please notify Donna Calvert in the church office at 256-353-7399 ext. 108 or by email at [donnacalvert@fbcdccatur.org](mailto:donnacalvert@fbcdccatur.org). We need the graduate's name, school, and degree earned by May 11 to publish with our graduating high school seniors.

## CHURCH STREET ACADEMY

Church Street Academy  
Kindergarten Position Open!

We need a teacher for CSA-K for the 2011-12 school year. We would like to have an energetic teacher with the following qualifications:

A degree in Early Childhood  
Certified to teach in Alabama

Preferably with experience teaching kindergarten  
Preferably an active member in a Southern Baptist church

Please turn in resumes to Teresa Letson or email them to [teresaletson@fbcdccatur.org](mailto:teresaletson@fbcdccatur.org).

# OPPORTUNITIES TO get involved at FBC!



Date: Thursday, May 26

Cost: \$15 per person  
(Tickets for 2 games at the Hoover Met)

Depart from Wilson St. Parking Lot - 8am.

Breakfast at Cracker Barrel in Cullman  
(Cost of Breakfast not included in trip fee)

For further information call: 256-353-0272

Sunday School  
**Leadership**  
Ice Cream  
*Sundae*  
Party

Sunday, June 5  
Time: 5:00 pm  
Location: ROC

To RSVP contact the church office or email [brittanywillis@fbcdecatur.org](mailto:brittanywillis@fbcdecatur.org)

For more information on the activities listed in the May issue of the First Word, visit our website at [www.fbcdecatur.org](http://www.fbcdecatur.org) or on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/fbcdecatur](http://www.facebook.com/fbcdecatur).

## SHARING IN SORROW

We would like to extend our Christian sympathy to Margaret Bureson in the loss of her husband, Hubert; Susan Harpe in the loss of her sister, Sarah McCulloch; Kim Gaines in the loss of her father, Mike Morris; Jenny Lovin in the loss of her brother-in-law, Horace Howard; and Julia Harper in the loss of her sister-in-law, Sara Hunter.

## THANK YOU NOTES

Notes of appreciation have been received from Jo Cook, Patsy Conner, Kay Woller (Volunteer Center of Morgan County), West Decatur Staff & Faculty, Glynda Jones, and Marian Davis.

Notes are placed on the bulletin board outside the church office.

## A TIME TO REJOICE

With Roger & Clea Jenkins in the birth of their granddaughter, Audrina Faith Dorris on April 4 and with Mark & Emily Corzine in the birth of their son, Collin Levi born on April 13 (sister: Ella Ruth).

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