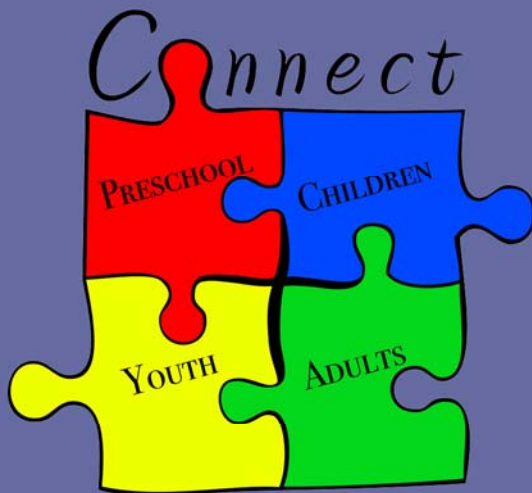


FIRSTWORD

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NEW *Sunday Morning Schedule* *Beginning May 16*

Our Sunday morning Bible Study and Worship schedule allows us to touch hundreds of people's lives each week. Last year the Church Staff and Leadership researched, prayed, and then following God's direction moved forward with a multiple Sunday Schools and Worship services schedule on August 16, 2009. The Pastor explained it would take 18-24 months for the schedule to be adjusted and operating well in all age groups. When you build new facilities it takes time for construction and when you move to dual S.S. schedules it takes time as well.

There has been continual evaluation and numerous conversations concerning group needs. The Staff has heard the concerns, studied options, prayed, shared adjustment plans with the deacons, and received affirmation for the following timing adjustments to begin Sunday, May 16.

9:00 am: Sunday School or Worship Service
10:00 am: Connection Gathering Opportunities
10:30 am: Worship Service or Sunday School

If there are Adult classes who wish to meet prior to the first service, we will be glad to arrange rooms for adults only during this time. Perhaps 8:00-8:50 study time. Please talk with Barry or Roger if interested.

See Inside for More Details!

DR. HURT

My Dear People,

It has been said by many that they would rather see a sermon than hear one. This past Sunday during our second worship service, the people came to hear a sermon on the "Good Samaritan". What they saw was an example of compassion, love, concern and Christian service.

During our second service, Paige Bibbee suffered an apparent seizure following the reading of scripture. Within a matter of seconds, several doctors and nurses from our congregation came to her aid. No one panicked; however, calmly and steadily our people worked with the paramedics to give Paige the assistance she needed. We are happy to inform you that Paige is doing well and this seems to be an isolated matter.

Brent Bibbee, Paige's husband, wrote me an email and stated, "God intended for us to have a message yesterday (Sunday) about Good Samaritans, and we got one we won't soon forget."

I want to thank our ushers, doctors, nurses and all those who assisted during this moment of crises. When Jesus finished telling the story about the Good Samaritan he said: "Go and do likewise". That is exactly what you did!

We will have a schedule change for Sunday School and worship that will begin on May 16. We hope this will help eliminate the frustration many families with children and youth experience. Let's work hard to make this transition operate smoothly and Christ-like. Together we can make this a reality.

I am looking forward to seeing you this Sunday in Bible study and worship. Until we meet again I remain...

Sincerely yours,

WEDNESDAYS -- THIS SUMMER

SUMMER KICK-OFF WILD WILD WEDNESDAYS

Wednesday, June 2
Point Mallard Park

6:30 -- 9:30 pm

Cost: \$1.00 per person/\$5.00
family limit

Come join us at Point
Mallard as we kick off our
Summer Wild, Wild
Wednesdays.

Ticket sales will begin soon.



Ladies, one piece swimsuits only please .

CHURCHWIDE OUTREACH

Monday, May 10
6:30 pm
In the Chapel

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

SENIOR ADULT DAY

Sunday, May 2 • Special Senior Adult Day Choir
Special Guests: The Cavaliers Quartet
Message by Dr. Bill Hurt
Luncheon After 11:00 am Worship Service
Catered by Caddo Cafeteria - NO COST

S.A.M. TRIP TO

"SENIOR ADULT SOUTHERN GOSPEL SPRINGFEST" AT RIDGECREST CONFERENCE CENTER

Tuesday, May 4 – Thursday, May 6, 2010
Musical Concerts by The Hoppers, Greater Vision, Ben Speer,
Marc Ivey, Allison Durham Speer, The Perrys,
and Squire Parson Trio
Comedy of Chonda Pierce
Guest Speaker: Rev. Jim Henry
Please pray for the 31 people making this trip!

S.A.M. DAY TRIP TO THE

"BIRMINGHAM BOTANICAL GARDENS"

Thursday, May 20
Motor Coach Transportation by Capital Trailways
Leave Church at 10:00 am, Return Around 5:00 pm
Lunch at Niki's West Cafeteria in Birmingham
COST: \$15.00 plus whatever you order for lunch
Limited to 44 people!
Payment and Sign-up Deadline is Monday, May 17
Call the Church Office to Make Reservations!

MEP INFO

WISH TO USE A ROOM OR EQUIPMENT AT FBC?

To properly serve our people and be prepared for ministry each week, we are requesting a **12-day advance notice** prior to your activity. Your assistance in thinking forward and communicating through the completion of an **M.E.P. (Ministry Event Proposal) form** will greatly enhance the Church's ministry and stewardship of resources.

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

Thank you for being a part of the Team and helping with good stewardship.

FACILITY ENHANCEMENTS

CARPET REPLACEMENT

The carpet replacement approved in Church business meeting last October has been installed. We appreciate the leadership of Lisa Doherty and Patrick Rasco in coordinating this beautification of our facilities.

WHEELCHAIR RAMPS & PHONE SYSTEM

The Church has approved installing wheelchair ramps in front of the sanctuary and updating the phone system to better serve the needs of our people.

May we each pause this week to thank the Lord for the wonderful facilities He has provided to be used in ministry to the community.



UPDATE ON THE HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

We have had several folks join the build at 1109 10th Ave. SE. We had a great time putting up the exterior and the interior walls in just 3 hours on April 10. Here are just some of the things I have seen: Rick and Gail

Sharpe serving together, seeing Gail keeping Rick safe from falling off the ladder or hearing that Kate Patterson now can wire a house electrically. They taught Layne Carter how to swing a hammer. If you have time on Tuesday or Thursday come join the fun, then on Saturday we are looking for 3 to 5 folks to work 8:00 am to 2:00 pm. No experience is required. All you need is a willing heart--they will teach.

The Saturdays that we need workers are May 15 and May 22. So if you are available, please let Ryan Goss know at rgoss@tcco.com, Paul at paul13@fbcdecatur.org, or you can call Habitat at 256-340-9609. Contact Paul if you would like a \$10 Habitat t-shirt.



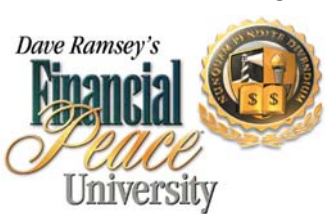
BIG THANK YOU

Our First Father/Daughter dinner was attended by over 100 fathers and their beautiful daughters. Everyone had a great time and I just want to “thank all those who attended and the team who helped carry out this special evening.”

KINGDOM LIFE CHURCH

Please continue to pray for our partner church, Kingdom Life Church in Lansing, Michigan. This past Sunday they had 59 present plus 10 visitors. Watch the calendar for upcoming mission trips.

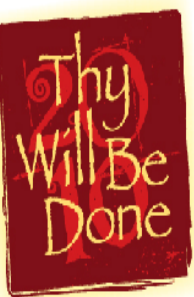
FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY



Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace University will be offered beginning May 23 at 6:00 pm. Cost for this 12-week course will be \$93.00 for your kit. If you would like to participate, please bring your payment by the church office by May 7.

YOUTH NEWS

SOULSTOCK



MAY 22, 2010
12:30 PM -- 10:00 PM
POINT MALLARD PARK DECATUR
 Gates open at noon.
 Bring canned goods for local food banks.
 Featuring: Newsboys, This Beautiful Republic,
 Sarah Reeves, Reilly and
 Speaker: Matt Pitt
 For more information go to
www.soulstock.com.

NEW SUNDAY MORNING SCHEDULE INFORMATION
ADULTS – Sunday School and Worship are both important experiences in helping us carry out the Great Commission (Matt. 28-20)

1. Adults who presently attend the 8:30 am first hour Sunday School will meet in the new schedule for Sunday School the first hour at 9:00 am, transition to enjoy Connection Conversations, and then attend the 10:30 am Worship service. Most classes will remain in the same classroom, just a timing adjustment.
2. Adults who presently attend the second hour of 9:45 Sunday School will attend the 9:00 Worship service, transition to enjoy Connection Conversations, and the second hour of Sunday School at 10:30. Most classes will remain in the same classroom, just a timing adjustment.

YOUTH - (7-12th grades & College/Career) – Exciting morning with goal of building disciples for Christ.

1. 7-12th grade Youth SS will meet for dynamic Bible study at the 9:00 am hour.
2. From 10:00 to 10:30 am the youth will get to hang out and Connect in the commons and LOFT area where we will be serving breakfast foods and a “jam’n good time!”
3. Then at 10:30 am, in order to accommodate visitors plus the youth who cannot make the 9:00 am SS, there will be a challenging joint co-ed youth class offered at 10:30 am and led by Larry Hyche.
4. College Students are invited to “connect” with everyone on the 3rd floor at 10:00 am in the Loft for a “Jam” time. Enjoy breakfast food, coffee, fellowship and live music performed by high school and college students.
5. 10:30 am College Sunday School will wrestle with real world issues and in-depth Bible study in room 301 with Thomas and Cheryl Hall.

CHILDREN (1-4th grades) – A full experience is planned for the entire Sunday morning.
 1st-4th Grade: At 9:00 am children will explore the Bible in an exciting time of Sunday School. At 10:00 am kids will transition to “Connect 4”; a kid friendly Connection time, followed by an amazing time of worship during Power Church. Parents may select for their children to attend worship with them any Sunday. They will be welcome to join the children’s experience at the alternate hour.

FIX56 (5-6th grades): Will continue to have a great option of Sunday School OR Worship at 9:00 am. All FIX students will join together on “Common Ground” at 10:00 am for a time of fun and fellowship in the FIX Commons. At 10:30 am FIX students will again have the option of Sunday School OR Worship with families.

PRESCHOOL – Teachers will begin to receive preschoolers at 8:45 am for Sunday School (9:00), then transition to Extended Care (10:30). Both will have age focused learning activities. Four and five year olds now have the opportunity to participate in W.O.W. Worship every Sunday at 10:30 am! If a parent selects for their preschooler to attend worship with them any Sunday, they will be welcome to join the preschool activities at the alternate hour.

We will re-evaluate our schedule in October and make any needed adjustments at that time. Jesus said in Matthew 6:21 (NIV) **For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Requirements	\$60,377.98
Receipts 04/04	53,907.80
Receipts 04/11	62,978.70
Receipts 04/18	38,922.62
Receipts 04/25	36,846.55
Monthly Building Fund Receipts	\$15,157.35
Budget Required to Date	\$1,026,425.66
Budget Received to Date	\$903,894.69
Over (Under)	(\$122,530.97)

BIBLE STUDY & WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

April 4

8:30 Worship Attendance	765
11:00 Worship Attendance	911

April 11

8:30 Sunday School Attendance	502
9:45 Sunday School Attendance	314
9:45 Worship Attendance	593
11:00 Worship Attendance	485

April 18

8:30 Sunday School Attendance	350
9:45 Sunday School Attendance	259
9:45 Worship Attendance	399
11:00 Worship Attendance	315

April 25

8:30 Sunday School Attendance	396
9:45 Sunday School Attendance	284
9:45 Worship Attendance	505
11:00 Worship Attendance	409

FIRST FAMILY UPDATES

THANK YOU

Notes of appreciation have been received from Marcilla Weems and the family of Ann Moses. 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 Greg Vermiere in the loss of his mother, Janet Vermiere; Marcilla Weems in the loss of her sister, Ruby Campbell; to Greg Spencer in loss of his father, Will Spencer; to Patti Davies in the loss of her mother, Hilda Barnett; and to Becky Fontes and Christine Pendley in the loss of their mother and grandmother, Frances Rokisky.

A TIME TO REJOICE

With Sean and Wendy Goss in the birth of their son, Bodie Robert Goss on April 5. Proud grandparents are Michael & Jo Ann Gentry. With Bryan and Julie Chapman in the birth of their son, Bryan Garrett Chapman on April 15. Proud grandparents are Ken and Vicki Garrett. With Paul and Mary Jo Radosevich in the birth of their granddaughter, Zoe Rebekah Radosevich born on April 21. Parents are Shannon & Jared Radosevich.



For Children entering Kindergarten in the Fall through those who will complete 6th grade this year

You may sign up online at www.fbcdecatur.org.

WANTED: KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS
Sign up on Sunday's bulletin or contact Jennifer Farris

SINGLES CALENDAR

- May 6: Softball Game, 6:15 pm, Wilson Morgan Park
- May 7: Relay for Life, 6:00 pm
- May 13: Softball Game, 7:15 pm, Wilson Morgan Park
- May 15: Habitat for Humanity, 8:00 am-2:00 pm
- May 22: Old Cookstove, 6:00 pm
- May 23: Financial Peace University Begins, 6:00 pm
- May 27: Softball Game, 7:15 pm, Wilson Morgan Park
- May 28: Game Night, 7:30 pm
- May 29: Alabama Jubilee & Balloon Glow, 6:30 pm