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RAISE

Many churches, while having strong preschool, children and youth ministries, struggle with offering a comprehensive spiritual growth plan from birth to college.

While recognizing this challenge, God has guided us to develop and implement the RAISE Ministry. As we begin in preschool and children to lay biblical foundations, their lives will be shaped in order to guide them through their teen and college years.

As a result...it is our *vision*: to intentionally RAISE lifelong followers of Christ.

We encourage you to join us through prayer as we *Reach, Teach and Change Lives* of students of all ages.

Larry Hyche – Minister of Students
Kristy Knight – Minister of Children
Sara Lansford – Minister of Preschool

2011-2012 Schedule

Sunday

Preschool (Birth– 5 year olds)

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30 am Extended Care (Birth-3 year olds)

10:30 am WOW jr (4 & 5 year olds) - KICK OFF Sep. 11th!

Location: "Backstage" (1st floor)

Children (1st-4th grade)

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30 am WOW - KICK OFF Sep. 11th!

Location: "WOW Theater" (2nd floor)

FIX56 (5th & 6th grade)

9:00 am Sunday School

10:30 am FIX Worship (FOCUS)

Location: Room 227

Youth (7th-12th grade)

9:00 am Age Group Sunday School or Worship

Location: 3rd floor Loft/Classrooms

10:30 am Small Group Sunday School with Larry or Worship

SS Location: Loft Commons

Wednesday

Sep. 7– Nov. 30, 2011

Music

Jan. 11—Apr. 18, 2012

Missions/Discipleship

Preschool

6:00-7:00 pm Childcare (Birth-1 year olds)

6:00-7:00 pm Church Street Kids (2-5 year olds)

Location: Preschool area/Fellowship Hall (3s)

Children (1st-4th grade)

6:00-7:00 pm Church Street Kids

Location: 2nd floor

FIX 56 (5th & 6th grade)

6:00-7:00 pm FIX56

Location: 2nd floor

Youth (7th-12th grade)

6:00-7:00 pm IMPACT Worship

Location: Loft

For the month of MAY
in 2012 we will be
participating in a mis-
sion project called:
"Dance Your Shoes
Off". More information
to come.



A MESSAGE FROM Dr. Hurt

My Dear People,

This past year I encouraged Larry Hyche, Kristy Knight, and Sara Lansford to fly to Houston and spend some time at Second Baptist Church. During that time, our team observed one of the finest children's and youth programs in the country. Because of that trip, Larry, Kristy, and Sara have formulated a new program for our children and youth. We are excited about the changes you will see in these areas. We are blessed to have all three of these creative and talented ministers leading our children.

Don't forget about our new fall schedule on Wednesday nights. This fall our preschool and children will participate in music at 6:00 pm each Wednesday. This spring we will flip flop, and our children will focus on missions/discipleship rather than trying to do both music and missions/discipleship each week. This will help our families eat together and get off campus earlier.

Last week our ministerial team traveled to FBC Huntsville for a day of calendar planning. Just as we did last year, we planned the entire calendar for 2012. Our calendar was based upon a Zero Balance Budget. In other words, we started with a clean slate and planned events which gave us an opportunity to impact the Kingdom of God and use our financial resources wisely.

As we think about our budget, we are poised to take in more money this year than we have in the past four or five years. However, we are down on our budget. Our Finance Committee has been looking at ways we can trim our current budget and our budget for next year. However, have you thought about what our church would look like if we all tithed? I guarantee you we would never have one financial setback. We need everyone to do their part financially to help us be the church God wants us to be.

I hope you have a wonderful and safe Labor Day weekend. May God's richest blessings be with you and your family. We are looking forward to seeing each of you this Sunday in worship and Bible study. Godspeed my friends!

Labor Day– Monday, September 5

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, the FBC Offices, ROC, Church Street Academy, and Fine Arts will be closed Monday, September 5.

DEACON NOMINATIONS

- Rick Collins
- Russ Harrelson
- Hugh Hillhouse
- Jerry Knight
- Carl Kuby
- Jimmy Lee
- Garth Lindsay
- Tim McGill
- David Parmer
- Tommy Ray
- Scott Steele
- John Vaughan

Deacon election will be Sunday, September 25, during the morning worship services. You may vote for up to nine (9) men.



COURAGEOUS

The new **Courageous** movie was made by the people who did **Fireproof**. The opening weekend will be September 30. The movie is their best one yet and has a tremendous message for families, particularly husbands and dads! It will be showing at the Regal in Decatur and the Monoco, Hollywood 18, and RAVE in Huntsville. There is so much interest in this movie, the opening weekend showings are selling out fast, so you will need to contact a theater. Visit this website to see the trailer for the movie: <http://www.courageousthemovie.com/>.

FAITHFUL HEARTS

LEADERSHIP TEAM MEETING

Thursday, September 8

Time: 10:00 am

Location: Conference Room 121

FALL DINNER

Thursday, September 15

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: ROC

COST: \$5.00

Meal Prepared by Ozella Stewart and Roberta Gray
Special Guests: Lance Pate and Kristen Sharp from Trussville, AL

“Musical Tribute to Broadway”

Bring canned goods for CCC Food Pantry

Call the Church office or use the worship bulletin tear-off no later than Tuesday, September 13, to let us know you plan to attend!

MISSION TRIP TO LYNCH, KENTUCKY

September 18-23

Cost: \$100.00 per person.

Payment deadline is Wednesday, September 7
We'll be doing light construction, working at the Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry, working with the clothing ministry, distributing prayer shawls at the nursing home, and providing a reading ministry to the children in the schools.

This trip is FULL with 26 participants!

Trip meeting on Saturday, September 10 at 6:30 pm
at Roger and Cleta's house at 2621 Buckingham Gate SW.

Dessert and coffee will be served!

“READING BUDDIES” MINISTRY

Thursday, September 26

Time: 9:45-10:30 am

We'll meet at Somerville Road Elementary School to help children with their reading skills. Lots of help is needed, so please come join us as we minister to the children of our community!

MISSIONS CORNER

God is doing some exciting things within our Global Mission Ministry! As of today, FBC has participated in 30 different mission experiences in Decatur, Alabama, North America, and globally just this year. We have had over 700 people “Go on Missions” that we can track. We also have had new mission opportunities in 2011. Some of those we were looking for and some were brought to us. FBC has responded well and we thank God for His leading us to make an impact for the Kingdom.

Here is what is taking place for the remaining of the year 2011:

- **Sunday School Mission Project:** We are encouraging each class to do a local mission project at some point during this next quarter.
- **Backpack Ministry:** sorting and distributing bags on Friday afternoons at 2:00 pm
For our Fall semester, we have teamed with LifePoint Church to adopt **70 students** that attend Banks-Caddell for the 2011-2012 school year. We will provide Backpacks with meal items to send home with the children over the weekend to ensure they have enough food to eat.
- **Disaster Relief Training:** September 9-10 at Woodmont Baptist Church in Florence, Alabama
Basic training on clean up and recovery, working a feeding unit (kitchen details) and using a chain saw will be provided these two days. Check out this website for more information: www.sbdr.org.
- **Faithful Hearts Ministry to Lynch, Kentucky:** September 18 to 23
- **Faithful Hearts to Riverfront outreach:** October 1– reaching a community within the shadows of our steeple. Join the fun by contacting Carl Kuby at kuby@bellsouth.net.
- **Haiti Trip #2:** October 22-29 – Building a Church
- **Belize Trip #1:** January 28-February 4, 2012
Led by: Reese Hamn
Cost is \$1500—Deposit of \$100 non-refundable is due September 15
Work alongside schools, assist in clean water efforts, and light construction
- **Belize Trip #2:** February 18-25, 2012.
Led by: Paul Bishop
Cost is \$1500—Deposit of \$100 non-refundable is due September 15
Medical, Dental and support team
- **Tutor Needed for Math/English:** Monday & Tuesday evenings, 6:00-7:00 pm
- **NCC Christmas Toy Store:** helping families in celebrating Christmas
- **Edwin Hodges Ministry:** sorting literature, Bibles, etc. which will be sent out Globally.



A new Church being built in Haiti

Please contact Paul Radosevich at 256-353-0423 ext. 104 or email at paul13@fbcdecatur.org if you are interested in any of the opportunities coming up for the Fall, or would like more information. Paul would love to sit down with you and talk to you about these wonderful opportunities God has given us here at FBC to serve. Please be in prayer for the upcoming few months as you can see that God is taking us places and changing lives not only in the people to which we are ministering, but also the team who God sends locally and globally. Also pray for our new Disaster Relief ministry lay leader: Jim Blankenship. We are glad to have him serving alongside this great ministry!

RECREATION MINISTRY

SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 • 6:00 p.m.
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WILD GAME EXPO

TICKETS:
\$10 in advance
\$15 @ door

SPECIAL GUEST:
Troy Ruiz from
Primo Hunting Calls

SPORTSMEN FOR CHRIST

DOVE HUNT

Cost: \$25 (age 16+)
\$10 (age 15 & under)
Contact the ROC to register

SEPTEMBER 10th - 11 am

GUEST SPEAKER: ROBERT MULLINS
FORMER FBC STUDENT MINISTER

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Sunday, September 4

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Fellowship Hall room 23

Workbooks available for \$8.00

Robin Henderson will be teaching two six week, no-homework Bible study classes back to back. It is open to anyone who might like to attend. The two studies are:

1. Having a Real Relationship with God by Kay Arthur - This transforming inductive study offers hope to anyone who yearns to know God and relate to Him in meaningful ways.
2. Living Like You Belong to God by Kay Arthur - In this rich study, you will discover that holiness is not an arbitrary standard within today's church or an unreachable goal of sinless perfection. Holiness is about pleasing God - living in such a way that it's clear you belong to Him.

CROSSFORCE KARATE

CrossForce Karate Ministries is in their 17th year of classes here at First Baptist. It began in 1995 as the pilot program for a Recreation Outreach Ministry. Classes are offered to students 7 years old – adult and are taught year-round so students may join at anytime.

CrossForce is led by Jim Anderson, a 5th Degree Black Belt. This ministry teaches Sport Karate, which means that we do not teach or believe in any non-Christian philosophies. Each class includes a Bible study and prayer time.

Classes that are currently open for new students:

Kids Class	Adults Class
Ages 7-12	Ages 13-up
Tuesdays	Tuesdays & Thursdays
5:00-6:15 pm	6:00-7:30 pm
Monthly membership cost: \$35.00	Monthly membership cost: \$55.00

SHARING IN SORROW

We would like to extend our Christian sympathy to Leah McRae in the loss of her mother, Shirley Carnell; The Family of C.F. Camp; Kathy Jones in the loss of her father, Neal Fobbus; Jeanne Hurst in the loss of her mother, Hilda Shelton; and Rita Hazel in the loss of her father, William Robert (Bob) Edwards.

THANK YOU NOTES

Notes of appreciation have been received from Rusty & Kathy Jones, Maxine McLeod, and The Alabama Baptist Children's Home. Notes are placed on the bulletin board outside the Church office.

A TIME TO REJOICE

With Joseph & Emma Radosevich in the birth of their son, Micah Wilberforce on September 24 (Grandparents: Paul & Mary Jo Radosevich)

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

PRESCHOOL

The Preschool ministry is still in need of additional workers for our Extended Teaching Session rotation, which is during the second hour beginning at 10:15 am. The rotation is once every other month. With a new class and current gaps in our rotation, we need 20 new faces!

Contact Sara Lansford for more information.

Shining Stars Ministry



The Sunday morning Special Needs class meets in room #215 from 10:30 am to 11:40 am. We have adult volunteer teams who rotate Sundays serving, and additional adults are needed. Please contact Kristy Knight, Tina Bartlett, or Heather Coon for details.

The first Friday of every other month, the Shining Stars Ministry hosts an evening of games, fun, learning, and pizza for all special needs individuals regardless of physical or mental disabilities from 6:00 pm-9:30 pm in the ROC. We are seeking additional helpers for this night! Please contact Barry Thompson, Ray & Hedy Pickering, Amanda Story, or Matt Hudson for more details.