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Bible Study Leadership Training
Sunday, August 14
4:00-5:30 pm

Locations: Adult Leaders: Music Suite
Youth Leaders: 301
Preschool & Children Leaders: 220

Come be equipped for what God is bringing to FBC through Sunday morning Bible Study in the coming months. Leaders will gather in groups to go over the fall schedule and to be trained based on age groups. Join us as we continue our "Year of the Word" emphasis by learning how to best serve the needs of our Sunday morning Bible Study classes.



A MESSAGE FROM Dr. Hurt

My Dear People,

As of this moment, we have raised over \$200,000 towards our roof repair and sound system. Because of your faithfulness, our roof has been paid for in full and now we press on to do the same with our sound system. However, during the summer months, we have slipped further and further down on our budget receipts. We need your help and we need it now.

Could you imagine our Church with no "Christmas on Church Street?" Could you imagine FBC Decatur with no Vacation Bible School? Could you envision our Church with no children's or youth trips? You see, all these life-changing programs require financial assistance. A Church on the move and making an impact requires us to be faithful in our finances. So, what can you do?

First, pray about our Church's finances. Alfred Lord Tennyson once said, "More things are wrought by prayer than this world dreams of." Pray that God would not only provide for our financial obligations but would soften peoples' hearts to be tithers to His Church.

Second, if you have been out for a couple of weeks during the summer, get caught up on your tithes and offerings. Too often when we miss, we don't make up our financial commitment to God's church and His Kingdom.

Third, give sacrificially to the Church not because of the needs of the Church but because you love God and want to be obedient to Him. If you are not a tither, start. Do you realize that tithing is the one thing that the Bible says you can do on a trial basis? God said, "Try me and test me on this?" Remember you can never out give God.

Let's work to make sure all of our ministries have the people and provisions needed to reach, teach and change lives! In order to make this a reality, everyone must be willing to do their part!

I am looking forward to seeing each of you this Sunday in Bible Study and worship. Until then, I remain...

Sincerely yours,

NEW ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Beginning Sunday, September 4

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Fellowship Hall room 23

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 include:

1. Having a Real Relationship with God by Kay Arthur - Have you ever wondered if it's possible to have a meaningful and authentic relationship with God - one that really makes a difference in the day-in, day-out circumstances of life? 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 - God calls us to a life of joy, obedience, and trust. He calls us to be different from those around us. He calls us to be holy. 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.

MISSIONS CORNER



HABITAT HOUSE 2011 DEDICATION

Sunday, July 10 was the dedication of the second Habitat House that FBC helped construct. Thank you to everyone who participated in the build. Get ready for the 2012 build that is coming up to help another family here in Morgan County.

KINGDOM LIFE FAMILY MISSION TRIP

If you would like to participate in the family mission trip to Lansing, Michigan September 2-5, please contact Paul at paul13@fbcdecatur.org to sign up. We will be helping with a block party at the church as well as canvassing. Cost is \$20/night plus meals for the four days.



NOTE FROM PAUL

Dear Church Family,

Thank you for loving our family and making Rae & John's wedding extra special. To God be the Glory!

Love you all,
Paul & Mary Jo Radosevich

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

New Christian Class

August 7, 14, and 21

For 1st - 4th Graders

Time: 9:00 am

Location: Room 215

Taught by Karen Duke and Marcilla Weems

If you would like to register your child, please email

donnacalvert@fbcdecatur.org or call 256-353-7399 ext 108 by August 1.



Our regular Wednesday evening schedule will begin on September 7. We have made some exciting changes to enhance the Wednesday program. Church

Street Kids Music replaces the MACH 3 logo. We will meet from 6:00 to 7:00 pm and will have only music for the fall semester and Church Street Kids Missions in the spring semester.

This year we are going to try to communicate through e-mails and texting so make sure you fill out a fall registration card for your children. We are looking forward to having your children and their friends in CHURCH STREET KIDS MUSIC! More detail to come!

FAITHFUL HEARTS

LEADERSHIP TEAM YEARLY PLANNING MEETING

Thursday, August 4

Time: 8:30 am -3:00 pm

Location: Conference Room 121

Coffee and danishes will be served and lunch will be provided!

SUMMER BIBLE STUDY AND LUNCHEON

Thursday, August 11 and Thursday, August 18

Time: 10:30 am

Location: Loft

"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—Bring a Friend!

Please call the church office to let us know you plan to attend so adequate lunch preparations can be made.

ALASKA CRUISE TOUR

August 26- September 6

Meet at the Church at 4:00 am for Bus Transportation to Huntsville Airport
Cruise includes stops at Ketchikan, Juneau, Skagway, Anchorage, Denali, and Fairbanks, as well as scenic cruising through Glacier Bay and College Fjord

FINAL TRIP MEETING

Sunday, August 14

Time: 3:00 pm

Location: Chapel

Final paperwork, boarding passes, etc. will be distributed at this meeting!

MISSION TRIP TO LYNCH, KENTUCKY

September 18-23

Cost: \$100.00 per person

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.

Sign up and payment deadline is Wednesday, September 7.

SPACE IS LIMITED—Call the church office if you would like to go!

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN AUGUST

August 3

No Meal due to ROC renovations

6:00 pm: Mission Reports (Chapel)

Come and hear personal testimonies from our very own Matt Jones, Melanie Hurt, & Larkin Briley. They will be sharing from their experiences on the mission field.

August 10

No Meal due to ROC renovations

6:00 pm: Family Worship/Business Meeting (Chapel)

6:45 pm: Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal

August 17

No activities on campus due to the beginning of School!

August 24

5:00 pm: Meal (ROC)

6:00 pm: FBC's Got Talent (ROC)

6:45 pm: Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal



**FBC's
got Talent**
Wednesday, August 24
6:00 pm in the ROC
Contact the Church office to sign up
@ 256-353-0423!

August 31

5:00 pm: Meal (ROC)

6:00 pm: pRaise (Sanctuary)

6:45 pm: Choir/Orchestra Rehearsal



Our preschool, children's, and youth ministries are coming together to unveil a fresh strategy of working together *intentionally* to raise life-long followers of Christ. You won't want to miss this night of vision and pRaise!

YOUTH MINISTRY—StudentNet



Sat Aug 13 6pm

First Baptist Decatur (123 Church St NE)

admission: \$10 at the door

Just a Reminder!

Our Preschool, Children, & Youth will be promoting in their Bible Study Classes on Sunday, August 14!

If you have questions about room locations, please feel free to call the church office at 256-353-0423.

SANCTUARY AUDIO SYSTEM UPDATE

The new roof has been completed, the chandeliers have been secured, and we have new speakers in place! Our progress now will be mostly unseen as we connect cables under the stage, in the patch bays of the racks, and to the audio console at the front of the balcony.

Since work on the ROC windows begins August 1 (and the ROC will be closed), our morning worship services will return to the sanctuary, Sunday, August 7. We'll still be using a portable sound system that day, but hope to debut the new system on Sunday, August 14.

To date, \$221,546.61 has been given to keep FBC out of debt to pay for the sound system and roof. Please continue to support this project and our regular budget as well.

Audio training dates for those interested in joining the First Productions team will be announced soon! Contact Debbie Barton (debbiebarton@fbcdecatur.org), Barry Thompson (barrythompson@fbcdecatur.org) or Dave Briley (davebriley@fbcdecatur.org) to volunteer.

FIRST PRODUCTIONS

SHARING IN SORROW

We would like to extend our Christian sympathy to Sherry Whitten in the loss of her mother, Joan Dayus; The Family of T.M Jones; Jordan & Julia Phillips in the loss of their mother, Carolyn Breland; David Breland in the loss of his sister, Carolyn Breland; and Edwin & Hazel Breland in the loss of their daughter, Carolyn Breland.

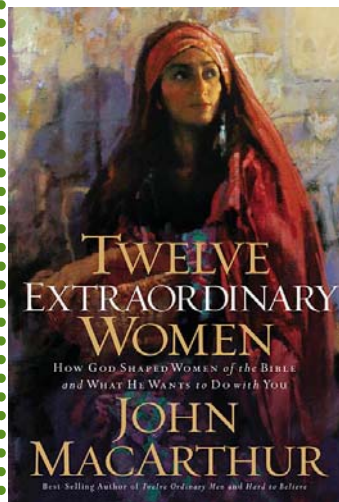
THANK YOU NOTES

Notes of appreciation have been received from the family of Dave Ziegler, Sherry Whitten & Sarah Farley, Alabama Baptist Children's Home, Tom & Marla Polak, Holly Buckley (daughter of Velma Wagner), the family of Jim Lee, Larry Dunlap, the family of Debbie Moore, and Suzanne Counts. Notes are placed on the bulletin board outside the Church office.

A TIME TO REJOICE

With Thomas and Cheryl Hall in the birth of their son, John Robert on July 13. (Big Brother: Sammy)

UPCOMING LEGACY BIBLE STUDY



"Twelve Extraordinary Women" by John MacArthur
Led by: Kris Hurst
Beginning: Tuesday, August 16
Time: 9:30-11:00 am
Location: 301
Books available at first meeting for \$16

This study is from bestselling author, Dr. John MacArthur. He looks deeper into the lives of twelve of the most remarkable women of the Bible. Summarizing their lives and the depth of their individual faith, he demonstrates the way in which God requires women to fortify His kingdom. Drawing from both the Old and New Testaments, Dr. MacArthur highlights a wide range of heroines, including Anna, Eve, Hanna, Lazarus' sisters Martha and Mary, Mary Magdalene, Mary, mother of Jesus, Rahab, Ruth, as well as the woman at the well, the poor woman of Luke, and the believer of Proverbs 31.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

We still have several dates available this year for anyone wishing to place flowers in the sanctuary or foyer. Please contact Jean Alford at 256-355-6943.

For more information on the activities listed in the August issue of the First Word, visit our website at www.fbcdecatur.org or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/fbcdecatur.

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