

### Children's News!!



Well, I can't believe that we have raced through June. We still have so much stuff to do so please check your calendars each week to know what and where all the fun is.

#### Vacation Bible School!!! July 20th-24th

We are still in great need of your help. Please contact myself or Sherry if you are interested in serving. Remember that without your help we will not be able to adequately staff each area.

Don't Forget...

- July 1st: Children & Youth Cookout and Games (Yellow House at 6:00 p.m.)
- July 6th: Sandy Lake Trip- \$10 each (leave at 9:00 a.m.)
- July 8th: Slime Wars- dress to get messy!!
- July 12th: FBC Pool night at The Splash at 6:00 p.m. (bring you own snacks, no glass!)
- July 15th: Scavenger Hunt at 6:00 p.m.
- July 16th: 1st-3rd grades Bowling from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.
- July 19th: VBS Registration
- July 20th-24th: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
- July 26th: FBC Fish Fry
- July 27th: Preschoolers & Kindergarteners to Chuck E Cheese from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- July 29th: Water Fun!
- July 30th: 4th-6th Graders Laser Tag from 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m.

In Christ, Michann



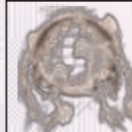
Student and Children Ministry Cookout  
Wednesday, July 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Properties Committee  
Wednesday, July 1 at 7:00 p.m.



The FBC offices will be closed on Friday, July 3 in observance of Independence Day.

There will not be any evening activities on Sunday, July 5.



Lena Lair  
Monday, July 6 at 10:30 a.m.

CRASH Kids Camp  
Tuesday, July 7 - Thursday, July 9



Triple L Play Day  
Tuesday, July 7 at 9:30 a.m.



Pool Night at the Splash at Fairview  
Sunday, July 12 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Finance Committee  
Monday July 13 at 6:00 p.m.



Deacon Meeting  
Monday, July 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Vacation Bible School Kickoff Party



Sunday, July 19 at 6:00 p.m.

### Vacation Bible School

Monday, July 20 - Friday, July 24  
9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

FREE All Church

## Fish Fry

Sunday, July 26  
At Dean & Gail Gilbert's

#### Youth July Activities

- Thursday, July 2 at 10:30 a.m.: Canvas for Crash Kids Camp
- Wednesday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m.: Breakaways
- Monday, July 13 at 4:00 p.m.: Guys Camping Trip at North Lake
- Monday, July 13 at 5:00 p.m.: Girls Night Out
- Wednesday, July 8 at 6:00 p.m.: Breakaways followed by Volleyball
- Friday, July 17 at 4:30 p.m.: Rangers Game
- Wednesday July 22 and July 29 at 6:00 p.m.: Breakaways
- Thursday July 30 at 7:00 p.m.: Crash Up All Night South of the Border Party



Youth Pool Party and Fish Fry  
**at the Duffee's**  
Saturday, July 4 at 6:00 p.m.

Great Bible Study  
If you are searching for a place to have an in depth study of scripture, please consider the **Pastor's Class** taught by our Pastor on Sunday mornings at 9:45 AM in Room C210 in the Memorial Building. Call Carey Rector for more information at 903-821-1020.



# the Connection

People with People.....People with God

## Recognitions

### DEACON'S FLOWER FUND

In honor of **Rosie Everett's 52<sup>nd</sup>** Wedding Anniversary  
MINISTRY OF ENCOURAGEMENT  
In memory of Howard Martin  
GENERAL BUDGET  
In memory of Dorothy Braden

### 50+ Wedding Anniversaries

FBC would like to congratulate Earl and Jan Hutcherson who celebrate their 55th wedding anniversary on July 24; Jimmy and Nadyne Hughes who celebrate with 66th wedding anniversary on July 27; Walter and Sally Fairbrother who celebrate with 59th wedding anniversary on July 29; and Ray and Pat Vaughn who celebrate their 56th wedding anniversary on July 30.

Congratulations!

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First Baptist Church would like to offer sincere Christian sympathy to the family of John and Debbie Walker, in the death of Debbie's aunt, Dorothy Porter, who passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2009; and to Galen Caddell and family, whose wife Pat Caddell passed away on Friday, June 5, 2009.

### Welcome to our New Members!



Kathie and Kyle Maxwell  
Joined on May 24, 2009  
by letter



Mary Rhynerson  
Joined on June 14, 2009  
by letter



- July 16 – Clint Mervicker, Natasha Hanger, David Bedgood
- July 17 – Bill Surles, Janice Bryant
- July 18 – Trey Green
- July 19 – Minnie Schmitt, Trevor Lastor, Tyler Heath
- July 20 – JoAnn Shoulders
- July 22 – Roxie Summers, Jan Fowler, Ann Atherton, Donna Harper, Susan Hanson, Kerri Carlton, Michael Lawson, Krissi Enders, Jake Howard, Priscila Hash
- July 23 – Major Yance, Debbie Walker
- July 24 – R. C. Harmon
- July 25 – Cathy McClaran, Jennifer Marshall, Brooks Hanson, Eric Lampe, Caroline Hanson
- July 26 – Hubert Martin, Dylan McConnell, Jim Kever
- July 27 – Charlotte Fuller, Denyce Fontaine, Lisa Vanoven, Madison Thurston
- July 28 – Jesse Norris, Jeanette Badgett, Ken Kratch, Janie Lane, Viola Ramirez, Denise Jones, Celsea Vandusen, Darrelle Djitta, Cailey Sherrill, Hunter Daniel
- July 29 – David Rozell, Tina Anderson
- July 31 – Glenn Parrish, Wanda Bartlett, Lois Bellew, Gail Gilbert, Ray Riffe, Trey Cogswell

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### From the Pastor

June 30, 2009

One week from now those representing all areas of Southern Baptist life will convene for the annual Southern Baptist Convention. This will be the official business meeting of the largest of all evangelical denominations. As this gathering takes place, it occurs to me yet again that the business of all Christians requires little definition and much focus. As Southern Baptist Christians, we have rarely misunderstood the essence of our business. We know that we are largely defined by the 'Great Commission' of our Lord Jesus. Not any of us could or would argue that. Ours has never been an issue of not knowing what we are to do. But far too often we lose focus of the essence of our mission. As leaders and messengers of our denomination gather to focus on the business of Southern Baptists in Louisville, KY, this would likewise be a good time for all who are not attending to refocus on our business as ambassadors for Christ to the world. By the way, I do know that we as a congregation do a lot of that. It is commendable that we contribute to the world mission effort on a large scale. It is likewise commendable that we plan and carry out mission trips all over the world. We are blessed to minister to the world through our international ministry right here. If there is any area we should assess it is reaching and making disciples within our present culture. Now there is a matter that requires focus... and empowerment from on high. But I believe it is a great next step for First Baptist Church Sherman. So I am encouraging all of us to look for ways to be focused on reaching out to the 50% of people in our own county that never darken the door of any church, or the 75% that arguably have no relationship with Christ whatsoever. Our task is monumental. Our Lord's power and ability are far superior to the demand. I am ready to see what God can do with a congregation that is sold out to Him. God bless us as we undertake the business of the Lord.

*Pastor Mike*

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