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First Baptist Church

The Focus

September 20, 2009

Special points of interest:

- **TODAY at 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM BLOOD DRIVE in Thompson Hall**

Noteworthy News of the Week

TODAY! September 20, 2009

Fireproof Your Marriage

Attend this special, life-changing class during the Sunday School hour this fall. Discover how to truly love your spouse while learning more about the design, nature, and source of true love.

Please sign up outside the sanctuary. Books are available for purchase at the first class. The class will meet in the Chapel.

The Preschool Department is in need of 2 Sunday School teachers. Extended session workers are also needed for 1 hour, once a quarter, during the 11:00 worship. Substitute teachers are always needed.. If you are willing to be called when a teacher is out, please let me know. If you are interested in working with preschoolers, we can find a place for you! Thanks, Tricia Dalton

ATTENTION: You may pick up your pictures you submitted for the church directory from the church office.

From the Wednesday Night Supper Committee:

Don't forget you can also make dinner reservations online on the church's website:

Firstbaptistashland.org

BLOOD DRIVE
TODAY in Thompson Hall from 8:30 AM to 12:30 PM. Come give a little!

SEPTEMBER 20 - 26, 2009

Sunday - 20

8:30 a.m. Worship
8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. BLOOD DRIVE in Thompson Hall
9:30 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Deacon-Led Prayer Time
 11:00 a.m. Worship
 4:00 p.m. "The Inheritance" Bible Study (#208)
 5:00 p.m. "Praise in Motion" Bell Choir (#246)
 6:00 p.m. Youth

Monday - 21

9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting

Tuesday - 22

6:00/7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Groups
 7:00 p.m. "The Inheritance" Bible Study at Mitchell's home

Wednesday - 23

9:30 a.m. "Esther" Bible Study (#208)
 5:00 p.m. Supper
 5:45 p.m. Youth Choir

6:00-7:45 p.m. Library Open
 6:00 p.m. GA's, RA's (Girls Gr. 1-2: #203; Girls Gr. 3-4: #215; Girls Gr. 5-6: #230; Boys: #217)
 6:00 p.m. Mission Friends
 6:00 p.m. "Esther" Bible Study (#208)
 6:15 p.m. Banner/Sewing/Knitting (#201)
 6:15 p.m. Prayer & Share (Robert)
 6:15 p.m. GriefShare (#216)
 6:15 p.m. Men's Bible Study (#205)
 6:30 p.m. "Standing in Grace" Women's Choir (#135)
 6:30 p.m. "OK Chorale" Men's Choir (#241)
6:30 p.m. Canada Mission Trip
 6:30 p.m. "Standing in Grace" Women's Choir
 6:30 p.m. "O.K. Chorale" Men's Choir in Sanctuary
 6:30 p.m. Youth
 6:45 p.m. Preschool Choir (#130)
 7:30 p.m. College Bible Study (Chapel)
 7:40 p.m. Sanctuary Choir
Thursday - 24
 5:00 p.m. ALPHA Course in Ellis Hall

A Word From Our Pastor

Last Sunday was a good day for us! I had the opportunity to be with a number of “kids” I grew up with in church and in school. Being with them reminded me of how important those relationships were (and in their own way, still are.) Close friendships are rare and those were good friends. When we all left to go our separate ways many years ago, we knew life would never be the same again and we were right. Life is always changing. Life is not going to stay static and flat. For me that is where trust and faith are incredible gifts from God so that whatever life brings, there is One whose “**steadfast love endures forever.**” He is the One who is the same “**yesterday, today and tomorrow.**” I need that in my life.

We got off to a **good start for our Wednesday night Family Night.** If you don’t usually attend, I want to invite you give it a try. Come, eat dinner with us, fellowship around the table, and attend one of the group studies. There is a place for you and your family. It will be a night well spent.

Our **security system is installed.** Those of you who have come into the building this week have been patient as well as helpful. My thanks to all who have been a part of this journey especially **Ken Olive.** Ken has helped us navigate this process. Security systems are not what we would wish for our world, but I would rather for us to be prepared and pray that nothing ever happens. Thank you again for your patience and

understanding.

Today in worship we are going to begin having a Children’s **Sermon before they go to Children’s Church.** Barbara will be sharing with our children today. I know it is going to be good.

Have a great week and know I love you.

God bless,

Robert

At first Wednesday Night Supper, we had approximately 10 people show up for supper who had not signed up. It is necessary to resign-up standing reservations each time supper restarts for the season.

youHeadlines

CHOSEN:

Creatively Helping Others by Serving Every Neighbor.

John 15:15 - 17

TODAY: Volleyball, 6:00 - 7:00 PM

This Wednesday Night: 6:30 PM Bible Study in Chapel

UPCOMING EVENTS:

September:

- 20 Prayer Walk at your school. Meet at FBC, 6:00 PM
- 23 See You At The Pole. At your school.
- 27 Staff Hunt. Short Pump Mall: Lunch after 11:00 Service at Jason’s Deli. All you need is money for lunch.

October:

- 9-11 Jr. High Weekend, please sign-up in the sanctuary foyer
- 25 Pumpkin Carving & Costume Contest
- 28 Trunk or Treat

The Chosen Award this week: To our Youth Council for a great retreat day!

College/Young Adults Events

Every Wednesday night Fellowship and Bible Study at First Baptist Church, 7:30 PM in the Chapel. Serendipity Bible Study

WED-NITE SUPPER

Menu for September 23

Roast Pork
Whipped Potatoes & Gravy
Veggie Medley and Biscuits
Pudding

Child’s Special:

Hot Dogs

All meal reservations, cancellations and changes to standing reservations must be made by Monday at Noon, unless an emergency occurs after that deadline.

Ellis Hall

Canada Mission Report

The Billy Flowers Class will provide volunteers for September 23.

Upcoming Programs:

Sept. 30: Italy Mission Report

Oct. 07: How to Read the NT” Dr. Scott Spencer: Gospels

Parish Nurse

The **BLOOD DRIVE is TODAY** in the Thompson Hall from 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM.

Sign up for the **Flu Clinic** being held on Wednesday, **October 7** from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM by calling the Church Office. Any one can sign up so tell your neighbors and friends. The cost will be \$25.00, but if you have Medicare it is free.

Once again we will start collecting **Yoplait Yogurt** labels, I'll place the container in the **Commons Area** next Sunday.

Remember for every pink lid you send in by December 31, 2009, Yoplait will donate 10 cents to Susan G. Komen for the Cure. They guarantee at least a \$500,000 donation. So grab your friends, coworkers, yoga class or neighbors and start getting involved today. When collecting remember to wash and dry the labels before placing them in the container. They will only take the PINK Labels, so please don't place any other colors in the container.

Pearl Luck WOM

The Pearl Luck WOM group is selling a new Church Keepsake Ornament. Orders are taken in front of the Parlor Room on Sundays, and in the hall outside the kitchen on Wednesday nights. All proceeds to benefit WMU Ministries.

Grace Sightings . . .

"God doesn't look at how much we do but with how much love we do it."

- Mother Theresa

CCDC News

The CCDC has gotten off to a wonderful start. The children have chapel on Monday. On Wednesday they have music with Mr. Sam. On Friday they have art with Miss Jen. Very busy children.

Linda Ficklin, Director

Senior Adult News

New Date for the Book Fair will be announced later.

Mount Crawford, VA. Will leave church at 8:00 AM.

Wednesday, October 28

**Riverside Theatre:
"Joseph and The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat"**

Cost: \$50.00

Will leave church at 10:30 AM

Reservations must be made by Friday, October 23



Our deepest sympathy and love goes to Billy and Margo Jones and family in the death of his father, Walter Jones, Jr.

STATISTICS - Financial - Attendance - Budget Requirements

Weekly Data:

Budget Requirements	\$ 15,907.00	BUS FUND (TD)	\$5,699.50
Budget Receipts (09/13/09)	\$ 13,028.00	Memorial Garden	\$50.00
Building Fund (09/13/09)	\$ 2,070.00	State Missions (TD)	\$445.00
(In memory of Billy Thomasson	125.00)		
Cost of New Sanctuary	\$4,675,000		
Current Loan Balance	\$ 615,000	<u>2009 Budget Requirements</u>	
Less Building Fund Balance	<u>12,835</u>	Needs to Date:	\$ 585,558
Additional Gifts Needed	\$ 602,165	Gifts to Date:	\$ 589,354

WEEKLY ATTENDANCE

Sunday, September 13, 2009

Worship:

8:30	115
11:00	275

Sunday School:

Members	346
Visitors	10
Total	356

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Attention Men!

Since there will not be a Promise Keepers Conference in the area this year, we are going to Norfolk on **Thursday, September 24** for "**An Evening with Dr. David Jeremiah**". Sign-up TODAY!

Beth Moore Bible Studies:

"Esther: It's Tough Being a Woman"

- **Wednesday mornings**, started September 9 at 9:30 AM in Room #208 at church. Childcare provided. Contact Peggy Shelton at 798-2008 for info & book order.
- **Wednesday nights**, started September 16 at 6:00 PM in Room #208 at church. Contact Tammy Van Gils at 798-7802 for info & book order.

"The Inheritance"

- **Tuesday nights**, started September 15 at 7:00 PM at Earlene Mitchell's home.
- **Sunday afternoons**, started September 13 at 4:00 PM in Room #208 at church. Contact Diana Chappell at 883-6260 for info & book order (\$5.00)

Prayer Concerns

OUR MEMBERS: Barbara Cochran - *Health South*; Jim McLean, Nancy Nordin, Robert Crowder, Polly Hollins, Margaret J. Caudle, Charles Baltz, Nancy Melton, Doris Yowell.

FOR OUR RELATIVES AND FRIENDS: David Shuck (Tompkins); Ben Hutcheson (Phillip Hutcheson); Barker twins (Joe & Carrie); David Carter (Lydia Collins); Norris Dyke (Opal & Logan Dyke); Kenny Allanson (Roy Saettel); Lizzie Powell (Peggie Haley); Walter Gibson (Harold Brooks); Linda Platt (Jackie Dougherty); Dick McGrew, Charlene Dillard and Kayla Nunnery (Peggy & Rob Dillard); Jerry McGraw, Evelyn Smith and Lee Grant (Pat Ross); Ken Kuniak and Sherri Pollick (Geri Gleeson); Nancy Miffleton (Marti Glave); Carolyn Powell (Luke Powell); Francis Hurdle (Dot Lee); Deb Williams (Lydia Collins); Victor and Elizabeth Sarna, Cindy Richmond (Kay Rooke); Gail Glave (Brandon & Hunter Glave); Jim Hilton (Sara Hilton); Norma Hopper (Crystal Hopper); Doni Williams (Jeff Gerhart); Gary and Beverly Cash (Derek LeFevre); Polly Raines (Venetia Redd); Joan Nevel (Delores Tignor & Linwood Garris); Ricky Dingus and Gracie Mabery, John and Marie Johnson (Charlotte DeLuke); Frankie Sutton and Rick Ivey (Dick and Lois Ivey); Barry Craig, Sharon, Delvin & Lily Roberts, Thurston & Fairchild families, Shirley Starnier, Carrie Harper and Dorothy Bynum (Nancy Melton); Jori Heckman (Tom Ficklin); Wanda Anderson (Bernie Marsh); Don Cunningham (David Snipe); Adriel Edwards (Bill Chisholm); Charlotte Reynolds (Horn's & Wendy Farmer); Janet Brannon Phillips and John Carwile (Jane & Rob Wait); Web Buchanan (Dot Buchanan); Julie Chapman & family (Travis Edwards); Don Lahy (Steve Owen); Sandra Anderson (Jane McAlexander); Scott Towne (Randy Howard); Chanel Hobbs (Tricia Dalton); Al Willett (Gilmans); Richard Bagby (Jim & Betty Ellis); Ruth Hall (Watson Hall); Shyanne Shane; William Sumner (Freida Bryant); VeraLee Leigers (Caroline Jablonski); Melissa Chapman (Judy Futch); Scotty and Dottie Scott (Ginger Collison); George Glenn (Roy & Peggie Haley); Angela DeVoe (Kim Hutcheson); Denver Bridwell (Buddy & Myra Weston); Tammy Trapani (Susan Glisson); Rose Parsley (Joyce Parsley); Jim McLean, Jr. (Jim & Mary McLean); Karen Snyder (Beth Mallory); Zach Fields (Don Fields); Diane Ballard (Kathy Powell); Margaret Oberholtzer (Gail Dail); Ed Walinsky (Mick & Carol Outten); Tommy Clemons (Alison Clemons); Robert Blanchard (Terri Cook); Ryan Southworth (Elsa Gray Thompson). **Our military personnel and especially our country.**