

Deacon of the Week:

1st Sunday: Bob Smith
2nd Sunday: Kelly Coons
3rd Sunday: Eric Parker
4th Sunday: Tony Silver

June Wedding Anniversaries

Billy & Tammy Sanders 5
Everett & Joyce Pugh 10
Hugh & Ruby Guffey 12
Eric & Tiffany Parker 17
Chad & Anna Young 22
Ken & Nancy Norton 24

June Birthdays

Nelson Wright 1
Harold Shuman 3
Joshua Kelly 4
Dustin Sanders 4
Erika Effler 7
Keith Gibbs 7
Haley McEntire 7
Elizabeth McEntire..... 7
Cindy Harwood 8
Janice Whitley 11
Gavin Parker 12
Rebecca Anita Bruner.. 13
Bob Jones 17
Tim Owen 17
David Workman 17
Marissa Cooper 21
Jean Harmon 21
Robbie Effler 23
Tim Kite 25
Dena Caldwell 28
Don Gibbs 29
Susan McElfresh 30

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June 5th GRADUATE RECOGNITION



SUNDAY
NATHAN SMITH
JOSH KELLY
CHRISTIAN RALSTON

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JUNE EVENTS

SUNDAY:

9:45 - Bible Study
11 - Worship Service
5 - Youth
6 - Evening Worship Service, TeamKIDS

WEDNESDAY:

6 - Adult Bible Study, Youth, RA's, GA's, Acteens, Mission Friends
7 - Adult Choir Practice

June 5 - Graduation Sunday
June 5 - Baccalaureate Service at Tom Johnson's at 6pm
June 9 - Men's Bible Study 6pm
June 12 - Mission Meeting at 5pm
June 12 - Youth Council 7pm
June 19 - Father's Day
June 19 - Baptist Men's Breakfast
June 19 - Nominating Committee Election
June 19 - No Evening Services
June 20 to 24 - Centrifuge
June 23 - Men's Bible Study 6pm
June 26 - Mission Meeting 5pm

Pastor's Ponderings

The disciples asked Jesus to teach them to pray because they wanted to know what for what to ask, how to ask, and what to expect. Do you know for what to ask? Do we know how to ask? What do we expect when we pray? Here is what one person thinks. See if you agree.

They say that prayer changes things, but does it REALLY change anything? Oh, yes! It really does!

Does prayer change your present situation or sudden circumstances? No, not always, but it does change the way you look at those events.

Does prayer change your financial future? No, not always, but it does change who you look to for meeting your daily needs.

Does prayer change shattered hearts or broken bodies? No, not always, but it will change your source of strength and comfort.

Does prayer change your wants and desires? No, not always, but it will change your wants into what God desires!

Does prayer change how you view the world? No, not always, but it will change whose eyes you see the world through.

Does prayer change your regrets from the past? No, not always, but it will change your hopes for the future!

Does prayer change the people around you? No, not always, but it will change you - the problem isn't always in others.

Does prayer change your life in ways you can't explain?

Oh, yes, always! And it will change you from the inside out!

So does prayer REALLY change ANYTHING?

Yes! It REALLY does change EVERYTHING

Every time I am asked to pray, I think of the old fellow who always prayed, 'Lord, prop us up on our leanin' side.' After hearing him pray that prayer many times, someone asked him why he prayed that prayer so fervently.

He answered, 'Well sir, you see, it's like this.... I got an old barn out back. It's been there a long time; it's withstood a lot of weather; it's gone through a lot of storms, and it's stood for many years. It's still standing. But one day I noticed it was leaning to one side a bit. So I went and got some pine poles and propped it up on its leaning side so it wouldn't fall.

Then I got to thinking about that and how much I was like that old barn. I've been around a long time. I've withstood a lot of life's storms. I've withstood a lot of bad weather in life, I've withstood a lot of hard times, and I'm still standing too. But I find myself leaning to one side from time to time, so I like to ask the Lord to prop us up on our leaning side, 'cause I figure a lot of us get to leaning at times.

Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, leaning toward bitterness leaning toward hatred, leaning toward cussing, leaning toward a lot of things that we shouldn't. So we need to pray, 'Lord, prop us up on our leaning side, so we will stand straight and tall again, to glorify the Lord.'

Pastor Duane

We plan to celebrate with snacks on Sunday June 5th right after church for our 2011 graduates. Bring your favorite snack and join the fun! Drinks will be provided.

The Voice

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Dear members of FBC, Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers sent to mother's service and all the prayers, love and support. During a time like this we realize how much our relatives really mean to us...Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered. Love, Virginia Buchannan's family

Thank so Much /. A simple act of kindness has a beauty all its own. Thank you for your kindness with all our hearts we thank you for the beautiful Easter basket we received. May the spirit of our risen Lord rest on each of you as we face tomorrow. Rev. & Mrs. Groce Robinson

Thanks to everyone. That was so nice of all of you . The basket was nice Thank you very much with Love, George & Lois Early

We would like to thank everyone for the Easter basket we received. We are very grateful for our church family. Bill & Mary Faw

Many thanks to my church family for the sympathy expressed in calls, cards, the colorful spring flowers, and your many thoughts and prayers after my mother's death. Then another hip surgery for me- God sent many angels to help me and to let me know I'm cared for. Thanks for the beautiful cards, the variety of foods, and the many helping hands who did things I couldn't do for myself. May God bless all of you! Candy Barrier



As most of you know, Joe Baker, our youth pastor has resigned and left to follow the direction God is leading him. We would like to say a special thank you to Joe for all he has done for First Baptist Church, especially for the youth. The youth group has grown to having 15 to 25 young people each Wednesday night thanks to Joe's leadership. We will miss him and we have some big shoes to fill.

Many have stepped up to help with our youth in Joe's absence. Some have volunteered to help with the youth meetings on Wednesday and Sunday evenings. Many have volunteered to help with our youth program by signing up for Youth Lead Teams. The Lead Teams will meet every third Sunday for lunch to work on the different areas of planning for our youth. If you haven't signed up to be on a Lead Team and would be willing to do so or would like more information about Lead Teams, please see Pastor Duane. The Lead Teams are Spiritual Growth Events, Community Projects, Retirement Home Outreach, Fellowship, Lunch Bunch, and Meals for Lead Team Meetings. In addition to these teams, we have a list for chaperones and Van Ministry. There are many events being planned by our Lead Teams, so check the Youth Web Page on the church's web site for details.

On June 20, the youth will be going to Ridgecrest Conference Center for Centrifuge for the week. The total cost for each youth is \$304. The church is covering half this cost. Each youth must pay \$152 to go. The total of \$152 per camper must be turned in to Pastor Duane or the church office by June 5 in order for the camper to be able to attend. If parents are not able to afford this, please contact the pastor. We have available sponsors for those who cannot afford this cost.

On Sunday, May 29, we will receive a special offering to help pay the church's part of camp. Our youth fund is dangerously low and we don't have enough to cover the remaining cost of camp. We will need approximately \$1500 more than we have if all the youth who signed up attend. Please give generously, so our youth can have a spiritual growth experience that will change their lives. Thank all of you for supporting our youth.

Anyone willing to deliver monthly and quarterly materials to our church family members who are unable to come to church, please contact Darlene at home (738-3030). Thanks

The GA's sent the paper product that was collected to Miss Alice White missionary to Savannah Baptist Center in Georgia. Thank you for donating the supplies. GA's

HERE WE GROW...MAY*

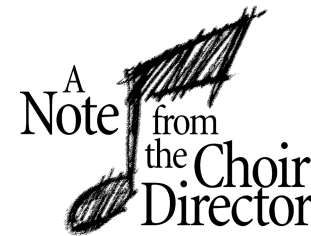
Avg. Worship Attendance... Avg. 80 General Fund....\$2,465
Avg. SS Attendance... Avg. 56 Maint/Bldg Fund.....\$382
*May 29th Not Included



Homebound: Gloria Holley, Marjorie McEntire, Hugh Guffey, Angie Knupp, Mary McEntire, Exam Haney, George Early, Grady & Mildred McCauley Bob Bishop, Betty Marston
Nursing Home: Carolyn Miller, Francis Morris, Marvin McEntire, Bernice McAfee, Ronnie Harmon, Charles Marston



VBS will be July 17th - 22nd from 6pm to 8:30pm. Dinner will be served at 5:30pm each evening. Please save these dates now for your children & grandchildren to attend VBS.



Goooooolly, as Gober would say, wind, rain, hail, lightening, earthquakes, floods! What a month we're having! Wonderful worship, sadness, great music, difficult weather, catastrophic events all over the world – life is a rollercoaster of emotions. It's all part of God's magnificent plan for our lives and the world. Did you know, even if a person doesn't "believe" as we do, GOD is still in control! Stories have surfaced about people who, in these devastating events, have turned to God, some for the first time, and miracles have happened. Lives have been changed forever. Should we praise God for the storms of life? AMEN!!!

The better comment might be "What an awesome awareness for us to have." It's in God's plan for all people to struggle or gain success and prosperity. His plan is perfect. Yet, when things aren't exactly to our liking or understanding, we question God. Yikes!

In the funeral service I recently attended, the officiant brought attention to the sweet nature of the deceased, pointing out that despite the fact that she had been given devastating news, her expression, the smile she always wore, did not change. Now, she shed a few tears, especially after most folks left the room. However, until moments before death and all the time up to that point, she was smiling and never expressed any emotion other than acceptance and peace. She was calm and pain-free to the end. What a blessing! Can you imagine your body being consumed with disease and have no pain? God is Good ALL THE TIME. AND OH TO HAVE THAT KIND OF FAITH AND STRENGTH. When I was in college, my Daddy sent me a piece of mail. It was a little piece of paper cut out of a Guidepost or a SS quarterly. I don't recall the exact words but the gist of it (which I've never forgotten) was "success is not what's coming in the future – success is where you are right now." I received that message at a time when I truly needed it and so it has stuck with me since. The point is, we can bemoan where we are right now or we can recognize our circumstances as "where God has led us thus far" and not lament about what *MIGHT* be in the future. We, OFFBC, are blessed. If we have the kind of faith that "...is sure of what we hope for, certain of what we don't see...Hebrews 11:1", then we march forward holding out heads up high, following the path that is clearly marked ahead. We must take our "licks" and keep on keeping on. None of us are the energizer bunny but we can just keep on using the love and strength that God gives us to the good of His kingdom and mankind until the moment he calls us home. I don't want to hear any more doomsday reports about how bad-off we are. We Are Blessed! God will provide and His will WILL BE DONE! What are you doing in your church these days? Are you serving on a committee? Participating in the music program? Teaching SS, youth, volunteered for VBS. etc? It's sadly typical that a small percentage of the membership in many churches do 95% of the work. Let's don't be *typical* or *average*. Talk the talk **AND** Walk the walk. Ask yourself what you can do or ask Duane where there is a need. And I have a few suggestions, too, if you care to listen.

This year's Baccalaureate will be 6 PM on June 5 at Tom Johnson's Camping Center. Everyone is invited to attend. We will forego our worship service that evening to give everyone an opportunity to worship together there with our graduates. There will be a catered BBQ meal served following the service. The cost for those who wish to eat will be \$5 per person. The churches of our county are providing the meal for the graduates and their families. We will receive a special offering during the morning worship service on June 5 to help with the cost of feeding the graduates. Our goal for that offering at FBC is \$200.



It is time to finalize our plans for a mission trip to Pennsylvania. If you plan to go, please let the pastor know as soon as possible. We will have meetings for the trip on the following Sunday afternoons at 5PM: June 12, June 26, July 10, and July 24. The cost per person will be \$125. This will be to cover the cost of food. A deposit of \$50 per person is due on June 12. The remaining \$75 will be due on July 24. We have opportunities for missions through clowning, sports clinics, Backyard Bible Clubs, and construction. If this trip is going to take place, we must have commitments from those who would like to go. Thank you for your prayerful consideration of this mission opportunity.