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Prayer Is The Key Component

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Intentional Interim Pastor

About ten years ago, my wife, Susie, and I were in New York City looking for a particular address. While we had good written directions to where we were going, actually driving a car in an unfamiliar place proved to be a not so easy thing. We got lost! Well, we could have been prideful and kept driving, or do the wise thing by stopping to ask someone for directions to where we were going. The first two people weren't very helpful because they were a little bit too unfamiliar with the city, but the third person knew exactly where we were going and what was the best way to get there.

First Baptist is getting close to forming its Search Team for our next Senior Minister. It is a long awaited goal for us to have this person here as soon as possible. We have some sense of where we want

and need to go in the process of searching, but asking the right person for directions is what is going to help us really get to where we want to go. Of course, we all need to be asking the Lord to give us the exact directions and best way to get there. So, prayer will be the key component in our search. Begin to pray now that the Lord would bring the right person here. Pray that the Lord would prepare the right person as our next spiritual leader. Pray that the church would be prepared to seek and follow the Lord during these next months and years of building and strengthening Christ's church here at First Baptist.

Jeremiah the prophet wrote, "Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know." (Jeremiah 33:3). Let's believe God together and know that He will provide. God bless us and our next Senior Minister.

Summer News!

First Baptist Church is sponsoring some amazing times of outreach and disciple-making this summer. This week, 40 teens and sponsors will be making a trip to Look Up Lodge. In July, 22 children will be involved in the annual children's summer camp program at Look Up Lodge. On July 5, 28 team members (many teens included), are making a trip to Belize in Central America to share in a witnessing and disciple-making venture for Christ. Then, of course, the exciting Vacation Bible School ministry will be held in August with an anticipated 300 children here to learn the great story of Jesus Christ. Servant helpers are still needed for this (you will hear about how to be involved soon).

Along with these efforts, a Search Team for our next Senior Minister will begin to function soon with the exciting prospect of having our new spiritual leader here soon.

All of these things are being undertaken knowing that they are God's way for us to fulfill our great mission of reaching people for Jesus Christ. We need a strong prayer emphasis along with these efforts so that we depend on the One who is able to bring fruitful results – the Lord Jesus Himself! Please remember to pray daily for these very special times of outreach and ministry.



Sarah
Faulk
in Belize
in July
2013

Schedule

Sunday, June 22

8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 9:45 a.m. Pilot Leadership Training Course
 9:45 a.m. Parent Appreciation Breakfast - FLC
 10:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, June 23

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Tuesday, June 24

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, June 25

5:00 p.m. Open Gym
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study - FLC
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, June 26

8:30 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

Friday, June 27

12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Sunday, June 29

8:30 a.m. Early Worship - FLC
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School for All Ages
 9:45 a.m. Pilot Leadership Training Course
 10:55 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, June 30

9:00 a.m. Prayer in Sanctuary
 10:00 a.m. Sewing Group
 12:00 p.m. Line Dancers - Gym

Tuesday, July 1

7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Gym

Wednesday, July 2

5:00 p.m. Open Gym
 6:00 p.m. Bible Study - FLC
 7:00 p.m. Sanctuary Choir Practice

Thursday, July 3

8:30 p.m. Senior Basketball - Gym

Friday, July 4

Happy Independence Day!
Church Office Closed

Prayer Point

The following prayer quote was sent to me some time ago. I have taken some time to really let it "sink in." Please read and meditate on it carefully.

"We can go through all forms of prayer, but until we actually want God's will to be done, more than we want life itself, we are not in the spirit of prayer." Robert Coleman – Dry Bones Can Live Again

Reading it is simple. Making it a part of our spiritual DNA is not so easy. I believe we must ask ourselves: "Just how important is the WILL OF GOD for First Baptist Church to my life? Is it important enough to die to my own desires, to bury past hurts, and join with my brothers and sisters in one voice crying out to God, 'Not MY will, but THINE be done'?" Jesus did.

His servant and your friend,
 Ginny Stikeleather

Spiritual Statistics

Weeks of June 8 & June 15, 2014

	6/8	6/15
Church in Bible Study	129	121
Church in Worship	241	222
8:30 a.m. service	79	67
10:55 a.m. service	162	155

Financial Statistics

Weeks of June 8 & June 15, 2014

	6/8	6/15
Budget - Received	\$9,064.05	\$13,370.01
Alms	0.00	0.00
Designated - Received	740.08	2,296.00
Building Reserve - Received	50.00	30.00
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 6/8/14		9,854.05
TOTAL GIVING WEEK OF 6/15/14		15,696.01
Budget for 2013-2014		913,066.79
Budget Received-Year to Date		570,192.52
Remaining in Budget - Unfunded		342,874.27
Designated Funds Received-Year to Date		129,070.43
Alms Received-Year to Date		5,459.55
Building Reserve-Year to Date		10,352.00
Total Giving-Year to Date		717,008.82

Happy Independence Day!



*Now the Lord is the Spirit,
 and where the Spirit of the Lord is,
 there is freedom.
 2 Corinthians 3:17*



Church Staff Directory

Rev. Rich Kraft.....Intentional Interim Pastor
 Mr. James Martin.....Minister of Music & Worship
 Mr. Landon Senn.....Minister of Students
 Ms. Melissa Wilson.....Minister of Children & Families
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Student Ministry

So summer is officially here. There is much to be excited about. The students leave for Look Up Lodge this Sunday and will return Friday, June 27. This is the student's fourth annual trip to Look Up Lodge and we've never been more excited. If you would like to follow along in our adventures next week - subscribe to our website by submitting your e-mail in the white box at www.venturestudents.org

Also our third annual mission trip to Belize is right around the corner. Thank you to everyone who has been donating toothbrushes and toothpaste. Please continue to donate these items at the Welcome Center. Over half of the 28 total team members are middle and high school aged students. Who knows the sacrifice it has taken from parents, friends, and loved ones to help get these students to Belize? God is doing great things, and He invites us to join right in.

Save The Dates:

July 22: Pool Party at Baymount
August 2: Awesome God Festival
August 4-8: Vacation Bible School

My Best,
Landon Senn, *Minister of Students*

Children's Ministry

Important Dates

Sunday, July 13 & Sunday, July 20: Look Up Lodge Parents Meeting, 9:45 a.m., Adams Hall (Please attend one.)

Tuesday, July 22: Water Day, 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m., Front Lawn

July 27 - 30: Kids at Look Up Lodge

August 4-8: SonTreasure Island VBS

I am still accepting Look Up Lodge deposits! Please make plans to attend one of the parent meetings for Look Up Lodge. It will be a time to fill out those lovely forms and get a few packing tips for camp!

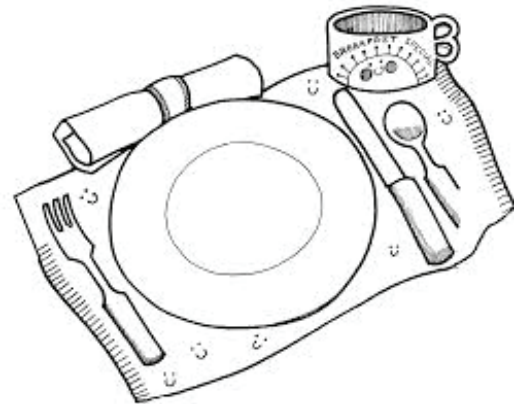
I am also starting to work on lists of volunteers and teachers for VBS. You need to be on the list. PLEASE let me know how you would like to help out during this important week.

Melissa Wilson, *Minister of Children & Families*

Parent Appreciation Breakfast & Meeting

Sunday, June 22, 2014
9:45 a.m. ~ FLC

All parents of children and students should plan to attend. You will be served a delicious breakfast and we will discuss all the exciting things coming this fall!



Nominations For Deacon Ministry Team & Search Team

First Baptist Church is moving toward establishing the new Deacon Ministry Team effective September 1. According to our church's by-laws, nominations are to be made by the congregation. Therefore, from Sunday, June 29 through Sunday, July 13 nominations can be made for our nine member Deacon Ministry Team. Guidelines have been established in Scripture and our by-laws and are available for the congregation to consider as it makes its nominations for godly men and women to serve in this important position.

The guidelines are available on the church's web site and also at the Welcome Center by the church offices. We have also enclosed a copy of the deacon qualification as outlined by our bylaws. Nominations can be made in writing to Jerry Campbell, our current Transitional Leadership Team Chairman, by contacting him at 704-876-6196 or by leaving the name of a candidate at the church office. Nominations can be made only through Sunday, July 13.

All nominees will be required to attend an orientation for deacon ministry on either Sunday, July 20, or Monday, July 21. This will

insure that all candidates are informed, understand and are prepared for their duties. The final list of nominees on this year's ballot (a maximum of 18 men and women) will be presented to the congregation for a ballot vote in early to mid-August. If you have any questions about this process, please contact Jerry Campbell at 704-873-6196 or Tim Burgiss at 704-878-9408.

Also, we are preparing for the exciting next phase that includes an active search for First Baptist Church's next Senior Minister. A seven member Search Team will be appointed within the next several weeks with the important task of seeking and screening qualified applicants for the position. Names for membership on this team must also be submitted by Sunday, July 13. The seven member team will then be presented to the congregation for their approval by ballot vote. Nominations can be made in writing to Jerry Campbell, our current Transitional Leadership Team Chairman by contacting him at 704-873-6196 or by leaving the name of a potential team member at the church office.



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Worship With Us Sunday 8:30 a.m. or 10:55 a.m.
Message By: Rich Kraft

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Announcements

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Monica & Alan Williams, Matthew & April Waugh, & Tim Waugh in death of Linda Waugh, Monica & Matthew's mother on June 12, 2014.

Christian Sympathy

...is extended to Phil & Jerry Mills in the death of Phil's sister, Barbara Mills Timberlake, on June 3, 2014.

Sunday Morning Transportation Needed

I need transportation for Sunday morning Sunday School and worship services. Please call Lou Hager at 704.592.5068 or 336.909.4160.

Thank you,
Lou Hager

Toothbrushes & Toothpaste Needed For Belize Mission

Dr. Tim Burgiss and Dr. James Hunter will lead a dental ministry in Belize this summer. They will be performing much needed dental procedures on some of the Belizean people. To help with this mission, the Belize Team is asking for donations of NEW toothbrushes and toiletry size toothpaste. Please place your donations on the Missions table outside the Sanctuary. You may bring your donations by the church office Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Please Save Your Empty Water Bottles

Please begin saving your empty water bottles. We will need them for a special activity during Vacation Bible School.

Worship Greeters Sunday, June 22

Eddy Sipe Hilda Lee Jim Van Zee
Monica Williams Clarence Poole Nedra Van Zee
Ginny Stikeleather Mike McLain

Sunday, June 29

Mary Jane Rash Debbie Burgiss Judy Horney

Acolytes Sunday, June 22

Piper Lewis, Darbee Lewis, Nicole Osborne

Sunday, June 29

Margo Deal, Grey Deal, Emily Ashley

Coffee Rotation Sunday, June 22

Gary & Patricia Fyfe

Sunday, June 29

David Potter

Result of Church Vote - June 8, 2014

Item No. 1 - Baptist Faith and Message

YES	NO
130	6
Percentage Pass: 95.5%	

Item No. 2 - Dual Commitment to SBC/CBF

YES	NO
122	22
Percentage Pass: 84.7%	

Item No. 3 - Discipleship Emphasis

YES	NO
142	5
Percentage Pass: 96.5%	

Item No. 4 - Worship Statement

YES	NO
135	11
Percentage Pass: 92.4%	

Item No. 5 - Leadership Training

YES	NO
124	22
Percentage Pass: 84.9%	

Item No. 6 - Governance Changes

YES	NO
116	23
Percentage Pass: 83.5%	