

Bible Drill Begins

School is starting soon and it is time for Bible Drill to resume. Our four age groups will be: Children grades 1-3, Children grades 4-6, Youth grades 7-9, and High School grades 10-12. We will be meeting at the church on Sunday afternoons from 4:30-5:45.

This year we will be using Cycle 2/ Blue Cycle material as we learn about our Bibles and hide God's Word in our hearts. At the beginning of a cycle the material is new for all of us. This is a good time for new drillers to get started. Drillers who attend faithfully throughout the season will know the material for their age group by next spring

We appreciate the prayer support of our Bible Drill Encouragers and look forward to many of you committing to encourage our drillers this year.

We will have registration, refreshments and orientation on Sunday afternoon August 16. (We will be finished in time to attend the concert.) This will be a time to see our rooms, meet the leaders, and receive some information about plans for the year. Our regular Sunday afternoon meetings will resume on August 23 and continue through early April.

Bible Drill Registration and Parent Orientation Sunday, August 16 4:00 PM Fellowship Hall



CAN & QUARTER DRIVE

During the month of August, we will be collecting non-perishable food items and money to donate to the Crisis Center. Please help by bringing your donations to the ROC during the week and to the church on Sundays. We will deliver them to the Crisis Center on a weekly basis.

New Members in July

Larry Staton
Joy Parker

Deacon Nominations

What is a deacon? The term "deacon" comes from the Greek work *diakonos*, which normally means "servant" or "messenger." There are three times when the word is clearly referring to an office in the church (Phil. 1:1, and 1 Tim. 3:8, 12). Of these three only one passage, 1 Timothy 3, gives us any information regarding the qualifications of those in this office. The qualifications are as follows:

- Dignified
- Not Double-Tongued
- Not Given to Much Wine
- Not Greedy
- Sound in Faith and Life
- Tested
- Godly Wife
- Husband of One Wife
- Managing Well His Household

What does a deacon do? The deacons at First Baptist Church operate in the following teams: Prospects, New Members, Birthdays, Homebound and Inactive Members. Their mission is to make sure that individuals in each of these areas are contacted. At each deacon's meeting, each deacon team is asked to give a report on their work and area of ministry. In addition, the deacons review the financial status of the church. The pastor works with the deacons by notifying them of needs and using them as a sounding board to discuss ministry ideas with them.

Deacon election will be August 9th so we need final nominations in by Sunday, August 2nd. Please bring your nominations by the church office.

COMBINED SERVICE

Sunday, August 30
10:00 AM at the ROC
(No Sunday School)

Church Conference

Fundraiser Lunch
(more details to come)

Leadership Meeting
6PM

Fellowship Hall

*All teachers and committee members
are expected to attend.*

MUSIC NOTES

- ♪ Adult Choir Rehearsal Sundays at 4:30 PM
- ♪ If you would like to be considered to play in the IMPACT band please contact Brandon. Need guitar, bass and keyboardist. The IMPACT Band practices Wednesdays at 5PM.
- ♪ Be sure to check our website www.fbc-centre.org for a new format for sermons online.
- ♪ Great Senior Adult Choir—we visited the nursing home, assisted living centers and did a choir tour. Thanks to all who participated and made it possible.

THE CHURCHES OF PIEDMONT, CEDAR BLUFF AND CENTRE, ALABAMA PROUDLY PRESENT

centREFEST09



SUNDAY, AUGUST 16 @ 6 PM CST

THE ARENA AT GADSDEN STATE COMMUNITY COLLEGE
CENTRE, ALABAMA CAMPUS

GENERAL ADMISSION: \$10, CENTREFESTPLUS: \$35*

*Only 150 CentrefestPLUS tickets available, package includes: early admission, a cd from big Daddy Weave and Four Days Late, meet & greet with the artists, private prayer time with Mark Shelley AND First choice of seating

Tickets are available in the church office at the ROC.

Servolution

I felt so stupid when after watching a movie at our local drive-in. I went to start the car and nothing happened. Apparently, more had been running than just our radio during the two hour show. Most everyone was gone by that point except for a couple across from us. I approached them and asked if they could help. The gentleman said "Aren't you the pastor of First Baptist Church?" I said "yes" and he said, "sure we will help you." After the car got jumped off, I had a brief conversation with him in which he told me that his child had attended our daycare ministry and how he had been to our baptism service at Celebrate Recovery. He praised the work that First Baptist Church is doing in the community.

So much has happened in the last two weeks. For example, last week, thirty volunteers from Celebrate Recovery came to the ROC and cleaned all the chairs, tables and repaired a bunch of equipment. Also last week, three men from the church gave time and energy to add the Shepherd's Fold Day Care sign at the entrance of our facility.

Yesterday, many volunteers from First Baptist Church descended upon the Middle School to help them move to their new location. Over and over teachers said "thank you" to us for assisting them. Furthermore, while we were helping the middle school, word was received that a family in our church needed help. A deacon who was helping with the move immediately left and went to the hospital to help. He ended up spending the entire day and night at the hospital.

These are stories of service that have occurred in the last two weeks! During the month of August we have an opportunity to help our local Crisis Center by collecting cans and quarters. Please join in this effort to minister to families in Cherokee County by donating some canned goods. Remember, we are Christ's hands and feet!

Pastor Jim

SYMPATHY NOTE

Christian love and sympathy is extended to the family of Margaret Moon Tallent; to James & Joyce Gilliland in the loss of their great grandson, Aiden James Hosey; to Jennifer Russell and family in the loss of her father, Buddy Hill; and to Stan & Wynetta Hanby in the loss of their grandson.



SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE

If you would like to donate school supplies to the Crisis Center for their annual B2S (Back to School Project), please bring them to the ROC before Saturday, August 1st.

Do you want to help children who have a family member incarcerated?

Please join us for the Extended Family for Kids workshop on Saturday, August 1st, 8:30 am-3 pm at the Cherokee Baptist Association Building

ATTENTION SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Don't forget to send your reservations for the Sunday School Banquet which will be held on Thursday, August 13.


YOUNG AT HEART


The YAH will meet Tues., August 11, 10:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Bring a covered dish and join the fun.

YOUNG AT HEART TRIP

On August 19 the Young at Heart has planned a trip to Crossville, TN to see the play "Showtime at First Baptist", a sequel to "First Baptist of Ivy Gap" The cost of the trip will be \$54.00 which will include transportation, lunch, and admission to the play. Please come by the church office (at the ROC) to sign-up as soon as possible so that we will know if we will have enough people to make the trip.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

 Noah Isaac Randolph was born June 30. He weighed 7 pounds 15 ounces and was 19.5 inches long. Noah is the son of Alyson and Clay Randolph and brother of Bradley. Proud grandparents are Tom & Donna Bradley.

 Zachary Johns Williamson was born July 14. He weighed 7 pounds 2 ounces and was 20.5 inches long. Zachary is the son of Gill & Kerri Williamson and brother of Alexander. Proud grandparents are Jerry & Frances Johns.

THANK YOU

Dear Church Family;
There are not enough words to express our deep appreciation for all your loving concern during Harold's heart surgery and difficult recovery. Thank you for the visits, cards, phone calls, food and especially your prayers. God has richly blest us with a miracle and a wonderful church family.
Harold & Brenda Loveless

SUNDAY SCHOOL

What a fantastic period of growth the Sunday School is experiencing with monthly averages of over 300! This is great news but along with growth comes the need for additional teachers and leaders. Some of our classes are so large that we need to birth new classes. We can't begin new classes without available teachers and leaders. If you have been thinking about being a Sunday School teacher there will be two fantastic training opportunities at Shocco Springs on July 31- August 1 and August 7-8. If you are interested please contact me (927-5409) and I will get the information to you.

Growth always brings changes and with changes come personal concerns as we are all resistant to change. All we need to do is look at Jesus' ministry and we will realize that it was in a constant state of change. He ministered from different locations, to different people and in different ways always meeting their needs. This is what we must do to reach our community for Christ. We can't afford to sit back and stay in our comfort zones while trying to reach our community for Christ. We must meet the needs of the community where they are with a Christian witness. How fantastic it was to have 1000-1500 people hear the gospel at the community block party at the ROC. Who would have ever thought that we would have that many attending a First Baptist Church – Centre church service.

The Sunday School needs someone willing to be an Outreach Leader who will organize a program to reach our visitors and inactive members. Perhaps you could serve in this capacity?

There is also a need to start a new believer's class. We must begin working with new believers to provide them the training, knowledge and strength to be a Christ follower.

A mentoring and training program to train a cadre of new teachers is a future need.

Please pray that the Sunday School will be centered in God's will and reach our community for Christ.

Feel free to call me at any time to discuss your role in the First Baptist Church-Centre Sunday School. If you are not actively involved we would welcome your involvement.

Don Price
Sunday School Director

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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WEEKLY EVENTS

Sunday	Wednesday at the ROC
8:40 a.m. <i>IMPACT Contemporary Worship</i>	6:00 p.m. <i>CHAOS-Youth Bible Study</i>
9:50 a.m. <i>Bible Study</i>	
11:00 a.m. <i>Traditional Worship</i>	<i>Fridays at the ROC</i>
4:30 p.m. <i>Adult Choir Rehearsal</i>	
6:00 p.m. <i>Small groups on & off campus</i>	5:15 p.m. <i>Celebrate Recovery</i>

Want your life back?



Celebrate Recovery

On the campus
of the ROC
Every Friday Night
at 5:15 p.m.

A safe place to
work through your hurts,
habits, & hang-ups.

WELCOME CENTER GREETERS

- 8-2 Ruth Brannon, Bonnie Murphy, Matt Woodfin
- 8-9 Graham & Billie Brown, Lana Evans
- 8-16 Scott & Lynn Curry, Ruth Matthews
- 8-23 Doug & Frances Newman, Gail Hayes
- 8-30 Colette Brovan, Sue Owens, Troy Patterson

DEACON OF THE WEEK

August 2-8
Jamie Jordan 557-2882

August 9-15
Don Whitt 526-8694

August 16-22
Chad Hopper 523-4445

August 23-29
James Burkhart 526-8346

August 30-Sept 5
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