



## Growing Together

My compliments and appreciation to Jamey, the choir, orchestra, accompanists, narrator, sound and lighting ministry, banner bearers, and all who made the patriotic musical such an outstanding success! The service was meaningful and worshipful, and the crowd large. Pray regularly for our beloved nation.

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Remember our modified schedule this coming Lord's Day, July 5. In celebration of Independence Day, we will have Sunday School at 9:45 and one combined patriotic worship service at 11:00 a.m. We encourage active and retired military to wear uniforms. There will be no 8:30 a.m. or 6:00 p.m. worship this week only.

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In keeping with our focus on prayer, we will take part of the Sunday morning service for "Call 2 Fall," a call to fall on our knees in prayer for America. Later this summer we will distribute a prayer guide and devote 40 days of prayer for the nation, culminating in a prayer musical September 20. The Bible clearly commands us to pray for those in governmental leadership (1 Tim. 2:1-2) and to view governing authorities as instituted by God (Rom. 12:1).

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In less than 2 weeks, on Sunday evening July 12, author and inspirational speaker Andy Andrews will be with us again! Andy will speak in the 6:00 p.m. service, and will autograph his new best selling book, *The Noticer*. We are also asking Andy to speak a few words on behalf of the Playground Fund. If you have not yet turned in a commitment card for the playground, let me encourage you to do so that evening.

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## PRIME TIME NOTES

### Homebound Visitors Needed



We are reorganizing the Homebound Visitor ministry. There are several Homebound members who need a touch from our church membership. If you are interested in being a homebound visitor, please sign up on the form in your Sunday School box.

**Coming in August - Adult Bible School, August 3-4**, will feature Michael McVay as our teacher, and crafts by Jim and Joyce Malpass. More information will be coming next week. Don't miss this great event!



Please remember in your prayers the family of Grace Rogers.



3 ~ Sr. Adult 4th Celebration

5 ~ Worship 11:00 am only  
No evening worship

6 ~ July 4th observance, Office closed

12 ~ Andy Andrews, Guest Speaker  
in Evening Worship

13-17 ~ RA Camp

19 ~ Churchwide Ice Cream Fellowship  
Youth leave for BigStuf Camp

27-Aug 2 ~ Music Camp

31 ~ Men's Fellowship (Joe & Eddie's)

One Family Growing Together

Growing . . . continued

I can hardly wait to see you Sunday morning "One Family Growing Together."

Howard L. Gates  
Proverbs 14:34

## A From Jamey. . .

A big "Thank You" is in order for all who took part in *God Bless America, Again*. It was a wonderful night, and it was special to reflect on the fact that there is absolute truth. There are things that are right, and things that are wrong and we as Christians have the facts and the truth in God's Holy Word. Thanks to everyone from choir, to orchestra, soloists, narrator, and our wonderful sound and A/V crew. Our country does need to return to God's principles, and it's our responsibility as Christians to lead the way.

Registration has begun for our next big music ministry event, **Summer Music Camp 2009!** Registration forms are available at the church office.

"Sing" cereley  
Jamey

## FINAL REQUEST TO OUT-OF-TOWNERS RECEIVING THE BEACON VIA MAIL . . .

If you live out of town and currently receive the Beacon by mail, please read this notice.

Beginning this August we will go to a new format in sending out the Beacon. In order to decrease our cost of postage, we are asking all those who have email access to send your email address to (mtidmore@fbcfbw.org).

If you would like to continue receiving the Beacon by mail, please call the church office (850-243-3163).



## CHURCHWIDE ICE CREAM FELLOWSHIP, JULY 19

The Deacon Body will sponsor a church-wide Ice Cream Fellowship on Sunday, July 19, following Evening Worship in Fellowship Hall. Mark your calendars, crank up those ice cream makers, and get ready for a "cool" evening.

## Recreation News by David Maki

Hello to everyone and I hope that you are having a wonderful summer. We are about to celebrate Independence Day and we should remember to thank God for being able to live in a country where we are free to worship Him.

In celebration of this special holiday the Christian Life Center will be closed for regular events and activities on Saturday, July 4, and

Monday, July 6. However, I want to let you know about a special opportunity we have to reach out to the neighborhood around our church. We will be co-hosting a block party, along with First United Methodist Church, on July 4 from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m. We will be using this event to let the community know that our churches love and care about them and are here to help minister to them in any way. If you would like to come and be a part of this and make our friends feel welcome, please come and join the fun.

Our activities will culminate as we watch the fireworks together to close out the evening. Please make your plans to come and be a part of this chance to show Christ's love to a lost community. I hope to see you there and may God bless each of you.

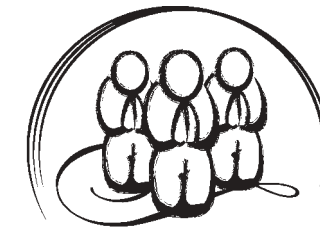
## CALLING FOR RECIPES!

We now have close to 100 recipes for our cookbook, but need more. Please make sure your name is on each recipe you submit so we can identify you in the book. You can email your recipes to [recipes@fbcfbw.org](mailto:recipes@fbcfbw.org), or bring them to the church office. We are still hoping to

have the cookbook published by September 1<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Ann in the church office.

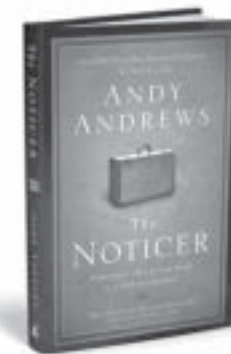


## CALL TO FALL



**Call To Fall** is a nationwide effort taking place on Sunday, July 5 all around the country, where both churches and believers can gather in prayer for our country. "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land" (2 Chronicles 7:14).

The journey back to God, to His forgiveness and favor, begins on our knees in humility and repentant prayer.



## Andy Andrew's latest book, "The Noticer"

Based on a remarkable true story, *The Noticer* beautifully blends fiction, allegory, and inspiration. It provides simple, yet powerful distinctions about love, relationships, value and integrity and will inspire readers to take that first step towards a major life change.



**SUNDAY, JULY 5**

*2 Chronicles 31-32; Acts 9:26-43*

- 9:15 a.m. - Media Center Opens
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School\*
- 11:00 a.m. - **One Morning Worship, Combined Service**

**No Evening Activities**

**MONDAY, JULY 6**

**OFFICE CLOSED, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> HOLIDAY**

*2 Chronicles 33-34; Acts 10:1-22*

**TUESDAY, JULY 7**

*2 Chronicles 35-36; Acts 10:23-48*

- 12:00 p.m. - Alanon, B-10
- 6:00 p.m. - Pilates, CLC

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 8**

*Ezra 1-2; Acts 11*

- 9:30 a.m. - International Bible Study, B-23
- 10:30 a.m. - Wednesday Friends, B-16
- 11:00 a.m. - Middle School Girls Bible Study at Cara Clark's home

3:30 p.m. - Prayer in Welcome Center

4:30-5:45 p.m. - Family Supper

5:30 p.m. - Media Center Opens

5:45-6:30 p.m. - Bible Study

6:00-6:30 p.m. - Church Orchestra Rehearsal, Sanctuary\*

6:00-7:30 p.m. - Youth "Resound", CS Bldg, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fl.

6:00-7:30 p.m. - Children's Activities, CLC

6:30 p.m. - Adult Choir, Choir Room

7:30 p.m. - Praise Band

**THURSDAY, JULY 9**

*Ezra 3-5; Acts 12*

12:00 p.m. - Alanon, B-10

5:00 p.m. - Bible Study (Al Browning), F-Hall

6:00 p.m. - Pilates, CLC

**FRIDAY, JULY 10**

*Ezra 6-7; Acts 13:1-13*

6:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, M-103

**SATURDAY, JULY 11**

*Ezra 8-9; Acts 13:14-39*

*\*Preschool Care Provided*

**God Bless America**



**PLAYGROUND FUND CHALLENGE**

We had a good challenging start in the Sunday School where each person in each Dept. contributes \$1.00 per person each week to help pay for our recently purchased Playground system. This would give each person, including the children, a part in paying for this equipment. Please use the envelopes provided each week in your S.S. Dept. Box and complete the tally enclosed in the envelope to show the progress of each Department.

Let the challenge continue. . .

**PLAYGROUND FUND**  
Goal- \$70,000  
Recd to Date - \$22,314

**1st facts**

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 6/28/2009**

Division	Director	Enroll.	Attend.
Preschool	Karen Turk	90	57
Children		110	44
Special Ed.	Diane Wagner	24	4
Youth		190	48
Adults	Don Setterberg	862	308
Sgl. Adults	Greg Artabasy	146	72
Gen. Officers		13	12
<b>Total</b>		<b>1435</b>	<b>545</b>

Emerald Coast Healthcare & Rehab Center	18
Parthenon Health Care	31
Homebound	0
Bluewater Bay	21
Sterling House	6
<b>Total Involved in Bible Study</b>	<b>621</b>
Discipleship	29

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS 6/28/2009**

Budget	\$ 19,788.42
Building Fund	\$ 196.00
Other Designated Offerings	\$ 173.00
Playground	\$ 2,917.95
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 23,075.37</b>
Undesignated Off. Req. YTD.	\$ 890,590.48
Undesignated Off. Rec. YTD.	\$ 809,228.32

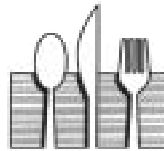
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**Family Supper Menu**  
**Wednesday**  
**July 8, 2009**

**Swedish Meatballs**  
**Buttered Noodles**  
**Lima Beans**  
**Tossed Salad**  
**Rolls, Dessert**

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**ANDY ANDREWS**



**WILL BE OUR GUEST SPEAKER ON SUNDAY EVENING, JULY 12.**

**His latest book "The Noticer" along with his other wonderful books will be available at a "book signing" before and after the service in the Welcome Center.**

Special Schedule Sunday, July 5  
Sunday School - 9:45 a.m.  
Combined Patriotic Worship Service at 11:00 a.m.  
No Evening Service