



Growing Together

How we look forward to Andy Andrews speaking at First Baptist this coming Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m.! In the Welcome Center, both before and after the service, you will have opportunity to meet Andy, purchase books, or ask him to sign a book. Details appear elsewhere in this week's church paper.

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Andy Andrews is an extremely well known author and speaker. I hope you will invite and bring your friends. He will also spend a few minutes in challenging us toward the Playground Fund. I also encourage you, therefore, to come prepared to give or make a commitment.

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We plan to begin the service promptly at 6:00 o'clock. After Andy's presentation, we will take a love offering to show our appreciation to him. Then, as you exit the sanctuary, ushers will station themselves at the doors to receive your Playground Fund contribution or commitment card. If you need cards, they will be available in the hymnal racks.

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If all goes according to plan, this is the next-to-last weekly Beacon you will receive. After July 19, the Beacon will appear monthly on the web site. Those who receive the printed Beacon will also receive it monthly, the monthly edition being in color. I believe you will love the new Beacon format, and also the new and enhanced web site which will be available in a couple of weeks. Watch your church paper, the Sunday School announcement sheet, and the Sunday worship guide for further information about the web site.

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This week Matt and I are taking a few days' vacation for a father-son road trip to the
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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!

CALLING FOR RECIPES!



We are still in need of more recipes for our cookbook, and we are asking that you submit them by July 15. 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@fbcfwb.org, or bring them to the church office. We are still hoping to have the cookbook published by September 1st. If you have any questions, please contact Jerry Ann in the church office.

Extraordinary Women DVD Series
Due to our guest speaker
Andy Andrews, our next DVD will be shown July 19.

One Family Growing Together

Growing . . . continued

Smoky Mountains. Wes will bring the message in the Sunday morning services, and Andy Andrews Sunday evening. I should be back in the office Monday, July 13.

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It is a joy to serve as your Pastor.
Howard L. Gates
Mark 10: 13-16

A From Jamey. . .

**“GPS, God’s Plan for Salvation” is the theme for this year’s Summer Music Camp July 27 thru August 2
9am – 2pm Monday – Thursday
9am – 5:30 pm on Friday**

Thank You!

Dear Church Family,
Thank you for your ministering to and praying for my mother, Grace Rogers, for so many years. Also, our deep appreciation for all the ways you comforted us when she went home to be with the Lord. Every kindness touched our hearts – the visits, calls, flowers, attending the funeral, so many beautiful cards and, of course, the delicious food you brought. A special thanks to Dr. Gates, Lewie Tidwell, Grade 1, SA05 and MA04 Sunday School Classes. God bless you,
Barbara Brown and Family

What a wonderful church family!
A special thanks to Dr. Gates, Wes Yates, James Parrish, Gary Wilson, Charles Wimberly, Benny Bowen, and others for the “many” times they came to see my husband, and prayed for him, during the eleven weeks he was in the hospital before God called him home. Thanks for all the cards, food, and “especially” your prayers and Christian love. God Bless!
Marlene Dickman



Love
your neighbor
as yourself.

Leviticus 19:18

Recreation News by David Maki

Just a brief reminder for everyone that we only have two weeks left for Upward soccer registration. Also, we will be having evaluations next week for everyone who is signed up so that we can divide teams evenly.

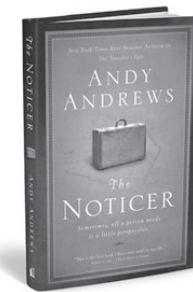


Please make sure that everyone you know hears about our league and has a chance to be involved in it. Thanks for your help and begin praying now for the families that will be reached this season.



CHURCHWIDE ICE CREAM FELLOWSHIP JULY 19TH

“Delicious, cool, creamy, delectable, tasty, tempting, yummy” – and I bet you can think of a hundred other adjectives to describe homemade ice cream. Crank out your favorite flavor of ice cream and bring it to Fellowship Hall Sunday evening, July 19, following Evening Worship for an enjoyable night of fellowship and ice cream.



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.



Memorial Gifts

Media Memorial Gifts. . . .

The following books in the Thai language have been given to the Media Center in memory of the mother of Duendi Heiges by MA06 Sunday School Department:

- “No Wonder They Call Him Savior” by Max Lucado;
- “Now That I Believe”
- “The Promise”
- “Why We Are Christians”

These books are ready for circulation and of special interest to the language classes. Visit your Media Center in Bldg. B, First Floor.



- 12 ~ Andy Andrews, Guest Speaker in Evening Worship
- 13 ~ Deacon’s Meeting
- 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)



PLAYGROUND FUND CHALLENGE
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Goal- \$70,000
Recd to Date - \$24,299.87



SUNDAY, JULY 12

Ezra 10; Acts 13:40-52

- 7:45 a.m. - Orchestra Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. - Morning Worship with Choir & Orchestra*
- 9:30 a.m. - Media Center Opens
- 9:30 a.m. - Sunday School*
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship with Praise Band*
- 12:00 p.m. - World Changers, Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship*, Andy Andrews Reception for Andy Andrews in Welcome Center

MONDAY, JULY 13

Leave for RA Camp

Nehemiah 1-3; Acts 14

- 8:00 a.m. - Monday Morning Ministry, M-103
- 9:30 a.m. - Senior Adult Exercise, CLC
- 6:00 p.m. - Deacon's Meeting, M-103

TUESDAY, JULY 14

Nehemiah 4-6; Acts 15:1-18

- 11:30 a.m. - Finance Committee, M-208
- 12:00 p.m. - Alanon, B-10
- 6:00 p.m. - Pilates, CLC

WEDNESDAY, JULY 15

Nehemiah 7-8; Acts 15:19-41

- 9:30 a.m. - International Bible Study, B-23
- 10:30 a.m. - Wednesday Friends, B-16
- 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. - Church Conference Bible Study
- 6:00-6:30 p.m. - Church Orchestra Rehearsal, Sanctuary*

6:00-7:30 p.m. - Youth "Resound", CS Bldg., 3rd 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 16

Nehemiah 9-10; Acts 16:1-24

- 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 17

Return from RA Camp

Nehemiah 11-12; Acts 16:25-40

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

SATURDAY, JULY 18

Nehemiah 13; Acts 17

**Preschool Care Provided*

Softball

Slow Pitch

I want to thank, first and foremost, our Lord Jesus Christ for helping us to accomplish what we did on the softball field this year. We faced many trials and temptations but our God helped us through it (James 1:12). I would also like to thank the men who played as well as all those who came out to support us.

My prayer is that lives were touched and the Kingdom of Heaven was expanded through our witness for Christ. God wants us to serve Him and to be witnesses for Him. Whether it is talking to people at work or playing on a softball field, you can be used by God to change someone's life forever if you are willing.

God bless,
Coach Scott Capps

1st facts

SUNDAY SCHOOL 7/5/2009

Division	Director	Enroll.	Attend.
Preschool	Karen Turk	90	47
Children		110	41
Special Ed.	Diane Wagner	24	4
Youth		190	22
Adults	Don Setterberg	862	253
Sgl. Adults	Greg Artabasy	146	54
Gen. Officers		13	13
Total		1435	434

Emerald Coast Healthcare & Rehab Center	14
Parthenon Health Care	31
Homebound	0
Bluewater Bay	20
Sterling House	6
Total Involved in Bible Study	505
Discipleship	69

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

7/5/2009

Budget	\$ 42,926.72
Building Fund	\$ 939.00
Other Designated Offerings	\$ 1,700.00
Playground	\$ 1,985.16
Total	\$ 47,551.86
Undesignated Off. Req. Y.T.D.	\$ 924,843.96
Undesignated Off. Rec. Y.T.D.	\$ 852,155.04

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Family Supper Menu
Wednesday,
July 15, 2009

Pork Chops

- Rice & Gravy
- Broccoli
- Tossed Salad
- Dessert

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ANDY ANDREWS



INVITE FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS TO HEAR ANDY ANDREWS 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 from 5:00-5:45 and immediately following the service.

We are asking our members to bring a snack to the Welcome Center between 4:30-5:00.