



Growing Together

The next 2 Sundays at First Baptist will be strongly patriotic. This coming Lord's Day, July 6, we shall salute the flag and sing patriotic songs, and I will bring a patriotic message based on God's Word. Lt. Col. Kossie Akins (USA, ret.), a Third Army veteran of WW II and dedicated Christian, will share his Independence Day reflections with the church family. One week later, in the 6:00 p.m. service on July 13, the Celebration Choir will present the patriotic musical, "God Bless America Again." I look forward to God's wonderful blessing as we thank Him for the United States, reaffirm our love for the nation, and pray for our country, its leaders, our military, and their families.

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We ask again that you take *one minute* at 8:00 p.m. each evening to pray for America, her challenges, and particularly the upcoming elections.

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As I write these words Monday morning, a large group has arrived safely for the mission work in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. I ask that you pray daily for the students and adults, and for the work at Casa Hogar Elim orphanage. Let me express appreciation to all who are participating, but especially Mrs. Kelly Stanford, our congregational leader. You can view the ongoing progress of the mission trip on the church web site, www.fbcfwb.com. Click on **MISSION TRIP 2008 BLOG** above Music Camp clip. We look forward to hearing a report from them.

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July is a busy month, but let me share some of the highlight dates and events not already mentioned above:

- July 2 – Family Night in the CLC
- 4 – Senior Adult Barbecue (speaker Lt. Gen. Mike Wooley, USAF, Ret.)

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PRIME TIME NOTES



Adult Bible School
August 4-5... with Dr
Tom Kinchen, President of The Baptist College of Florida

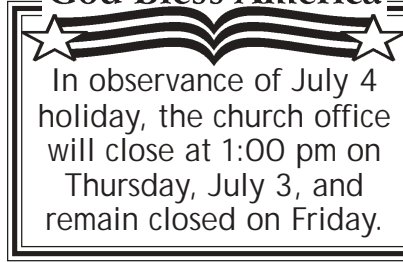
Bible teaching, fellowship and crafts by Jim and Joyce, plus lunch each day. Sign up now for this dynamic event. You will need to sign up for both the school and crafts. Call Misty at 243-3163 for more information.

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Those who have recently lost loved ones...
Sandie Moore in the loss of her step mother;
Family and Friends of Colin Gulsky.

God Bless America



In observance of July 4 holiday, the church office will close at 1:00 pm on Thursday, July 3, and remain closed on Friday.

Growing . . . continued

- 7 – Deacons meeting
- 14 – R.A. Camp and Children's Camp begin
- 15 – Youth Camp begins
- 19 – Children in Crisis concert (sanctuary)
- 20 – Ice cream fellowship in CLC
- 23 – Church business conference
- 25 – Mission trip to Sparks, Nevada departs
- 27 – Will Rushing to preach Sunday morning
- 27 – Youth-led worship and Jeff McDonald testimony at 6:00 p.m.
- 28 – Music Camp begins

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Next Wednesday, July 9, we resume our study of Joshua. We will cover chapters 7-9.

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Have a joyous Fourth of July! I look forward to seeing you Sunday, "One Family Growing Together."

Howard L. Gates
1 Timothy 2:1-4

A From Jamey. . .

It's kind of quite around the house this week. The big boys are on the Mexico mission trip. The little boy keeps asking me questions about video games, and I'm not sure he's speaking English. This Sunday night is the report from the mission trip to the FBC family. Don't miss it! I know first hand what the mission trip means to my boys and I'm sure it is the same for all who participate. It's the FBC family making a real difference in the lives of others. From filling food boxes, to financial support, to actually going to Mexico, it's FBC making kingdom impact!

We'll have music from "God Bless America, Again" during both worship services this Sunday. The entire musical will be presented July 13th, at 6:00. Invite someone to join you for the presentation! It's going to be a special night!

Summer Music Camp registration is going great. We are beginning our advertising to the community, so our camp should be filling up soon. Registration forms are in the church office, and we are also taking registrations in the welcome center after our Sunday services.

"Sing" cerely
Jamey



Registration has begun for Summer Music Camp!
The forms are available in the church office and the music office.



Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord.
Psalm 113:1-2



FIRST TOUCH
Wednesday, July 9
5:30-7:30 p.m. / M-103



Recreation News by David Maki

Greetings, once again, from the Christian Life Center. Summer has started off with a bang with a great week of Vacation Bible School and it will only get better. We are currently finishing the evaluations for Upward Soccer and are preparing to get under way with our season.

This coming Wednesday night, July 2, we will host our first Family Night in the CLC. A dinner of pizza and salad will be served from 4:30 – 6:00 with games taking place from 4:30 – 8:00. There will be something for the entire church family, so please don't miss it.

Please remember to keep this ministry and all those involved in it in your prayers over the next few months. God has given us a great task to reach people using recreation so pray that we would all be found faithful to the task. God bless you.



As you read this, I will be in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico. Please continue to pray that God will accomplish much through us.

I would also like to remind you that Children's Camp is the week of July 14-28. We will be traveling to Centri-Kid in Norman Park, Georgia. Please start praying now for the leaders and the children who will attend.

Brandon



- July 6 Independence Day Worship
- July 13 "God Bless America, Again"
- July 14 Children's Camp
- July 14 RA Camp
- July 15 "BigStuf" Camp, Panama City
- July 19 Children In Crisis Concert, FBC
- July 20 Churchwide Ice Cream Social
- July 25 Spark's Nevada Mission Trip
- July 29 Music Camp Begins



Dear Church Family,

I want to express thanks to my precious church family for the many expressions of love during the illness and death of my husband, Horace.

Thank you for the visits, cards, phone calls, flowers and delicious food. Thank you most of all for your continued prayers. It is so wonderful to belong to such a loving and caring church family.

Sincerely,
Margaret Lucas

Dear First Baptist Church,

Now that we have wrapped up another year of cold night and have reached our summer lull in the shelter business, I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the members of FBC for all you have done on behalf of the homeless. The compassion and generosity demonstrated by you and your church members in providing meals and cold night brings more than relief from want. You and your volunteers provide the human connection and hope that is fundamentally what sustains all of us. Your consideration of creating even more opportunities for assistance, such as showers, is further indication of how the Christian spirit moves within your church ministry.

I look forward to our continue relationship, and our joint efforts on behalf of the homeless and near-homeless in Okaloosa and Walton Counties.

Sincerely,
Lenore Wilson,
Executive Director

Remember our Youth and adult leaders this week as they minister, construct and assist in Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, and for their safe return trip on Saturday, July 5.

Thank God for our nation, pray for the leadership of our country, and for those serving in the armed forces here and all over the globe.





The 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. Worship Service is telecast a week later over Channel 39 at 11:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 6

- 2 Chronicles 33-34; Acts 10:1-22
- 7:45 a.m. - Orchestra Rehearsal
- 8:30 a.m. - Morning Worship w/choir & orch.*
- 9:15 a.m. - Media Center Opens
- 9:45 a.m. - Sunday School*
- 11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship w/Praise Band*
- 5:00 p.m. - Children's Camp Meeting CLC
- 6:00 p.m. - Evening Worship* (Mexico Trip Report)

MONDAY, JULY 7

- 2 Chronicles 35-36; Acts 7:23-48
- 8:00 a.m. - Monday Morning Ministry
- 5:30 p.m. - Praise Band, Sanctuary
- 6:00 p.m. - Deacon's Meeting, M-103

TUESDAY, JULY 8

- Ezra 1-2; Acts 11
- 12:00 p.m. - Alanon, B-21

WEDNESDAY, JULY 9

- Ezra 3-5; Acts 12
- 9:30 a.m. - International Bible Study, B-23
- 10:30 a.m. - "Grief Share", B-16 (Hospice)
- 3:30 p.m. - Prayer in Welcome Center
- 4:30-5:45 p.m. - Family Supper
- 5:30-7:30 p.m. - First Touch, M-103
- 5:45-6:30 p.m. - Bible Study*
- 6:00-6:30 p.m. - Church Orchestra Rehearsal, Sanc.*
- 6:00-7:30 p.m. - Youth "Resound", CS Bldg, 3rd Fl.
- 6:00-7:30 p.m. - Team Kid (all children, K-5th)
- 6:30-7:30 p.m. - Prayer, Monroe Chapel
- 6:30 p.m. - Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Rm.*

THURSDAY, JULY 10

- Ezra 6-7; Acts 13:1-13
- 12:00 p.m. - Alanon, B-21
- 5:00 p.m. - "Walk Thru the Bible" Study, M-103

FRIDAY, JULY 11

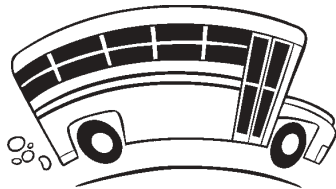
- Ezra 8-9; Acts 13:14-39
- 6:00 a.m. - Men's Bible Study, M-103

SATURDAY, JULY 12

- Ezra 10; Acts 13:40-52
- *Preschool Care Provided

**One Family
Growing Together**

**YOUTH
MINISTRY**



BIGSTUF Camp . . . July 15-19 in Panama City. Total cost is \$294. Final balance is due 7/9/08. If you signed up but never paid your deposit you do not have a secure spot and need to see Jeff McDonald.



1st facts

SUNDAY SCHOOL 6/29/2008

Division	Director	Enroll	Attend.
Preschool	Karen Turk	76	43
Children	Tammie Leonard	99	48
Special Ed.	Diane Wagner	23	1
Youth	Kelly Stanford	262	48
Adults	Don Setterberg	882	289
Sgl. Adults	Greg Artabasy	333	67
Gen. Officers		15	14
Total		1690	510

Emerald Coast Healthcare & Rehab Center	18
Parthenon Health Care	35
Homebound	0
Bluewater Bay	Did not meet
Sterling House	Did not meet
Total Involved in Bible Study	563
Discipleship	51

**TITHES AND OFFERINGS
6/29/2008**

Budget	\$	20,677.90
Building Fund	\$	582.00
Other Designated Offerings	\$	810.00
Total	\$	22,069.90
Undesignated Off. Required YTD.	\$	1,017,965.00
Undesignated Off. Received YTD.	\$	878,710.67

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Family Supper
Menu
Wednesday,
July 9, 2008

- Baked Ham**
- Sweet Potato Casserole
- Black-eyed Peas
- Cornbread
- Pineapple Upside Down
- Cake
- Alt: Corndog, Chips, Fruit

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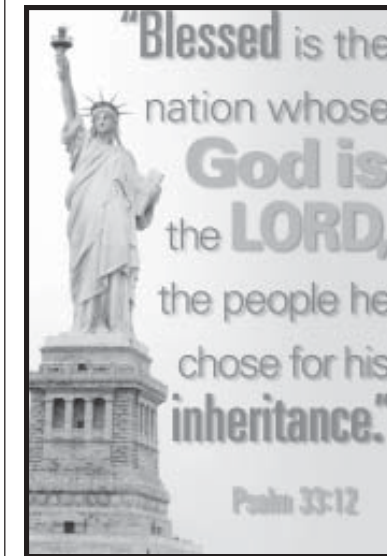
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**In Celebration
of July 4 . . .**

Come Worship With Us Sunday morning at 8:30 or 11:00 am. If you are active or have retired from the armed forces, please wear your uniform to morning worship. We will praise God

in the Word and in song and reflect on the freedoms we have in this country. God Bless America!

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Sunday Evening, July 13, the Celebration Choir will present
"God Bless America Again" at 6:00 pm.