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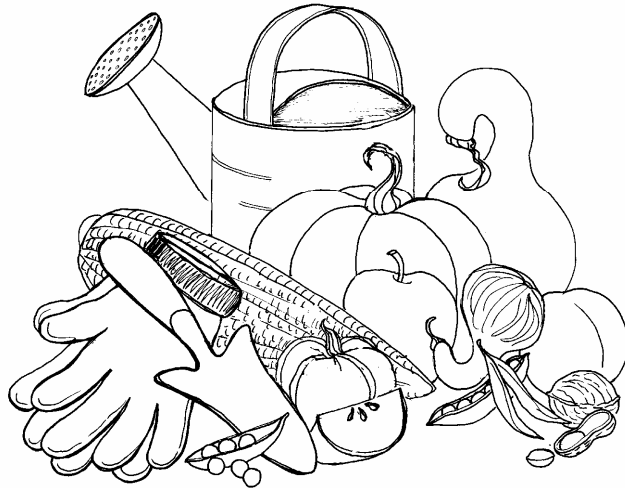
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*You care for the land
and water it;
you enrich it
abundantly.*

Psalm 65:9



Our Purpose: First Baptist Church lives to celebrate God, bring people to know Jesus, grow in faith, serve one another, and reach the world in the power of the Holy Spirit.

SPIRITUAL HEALTH AND UNITY PROCESS

Steering Committee Update



*Make every effort
to keep the unity of
the Spirit through
the bond of peace.*

E p h e s i a n s 4 : 3

Thank you for your faithful prayers over the last few months as the Steering Committee has been involved in the selection of a facilitator for this process. Upon the recommendation of Dr. John Tadlock from the Virginia Baptist Mission Board, the Steering Committee met with Mrs. Barbara Robbins on Sunday, August 8. Mrs. Robbins served with Dr. Tadlock in Baptist Campus Ministry and is currently completing a Master of Arts in Conflict Transformation at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. In addition, she holds a Master of Divinity in Pastoral Counseling from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary and a Bachelor of Arts in Social Work from Baylor University. She has served as an Executive Board Member of the Woman's Missionary Union of Virginia and is currently a member of West Side Baptist Church. Mrs. Robbins resides in Linville, Virginia, with her husband, Alan, and is the mother of three sons ranging in age from 15 to 22. We are eager for the Congregation to meet Barbara and for that purpose, we have invited her to join us on the morning of Sunday, August 29. Barbara will be available for questions during our Fifth Sunday Fellowship on August 29.

A Special Business Meeting will be called for early September to vote on the Covenant Agreement with Barbara Robbins to engage her as facilitator. Details will be announced as they become available.

SEPTEMBER SERMON SCHEDULE

Sermon Series: *Accomplishing My Life Mission, Acts 20:24*

September 05: Understanding My Life Mission

September 12: Preparing for My Life Mission

September 19: Developing Relationships for My Life Mission

September 26: Going to all the World

CARIBBEAN CHRISTIAN CENTRE FOR THE DEAF

Praise GOD!! Our FBC mission work team leaves this March headed for the Caribbean Christian Centre for the Deaf in Knockpatrick, Jamaica. This residential school of 135 students serves deaf children from the ages of 4 to 18. Many of these children were orphaned or abandoned at an early age. The children are taught academic and vocational skills in a Christian setting that leads them to JESUS. We will be involved in building, painting, and repairing equipment. We will also have opportunities to share the love of Jesus through playing with and comforting the children.



Our team of 17 missionaries will leave Dulles International on March 26, 2011, and arrive in Montego Bay, Jamaica. We will then travel overland by van about three hours (seems like more!!) to the Knockpatrick campus in Mandeville. We will return home on the 2nd of April.

All mission work abroad is expensive, and while the team members are giving sacrificially themselves, we have several family groups going and it is difficult for them to pay all that is needed. We will also rely on our church family to send us. The trip will cost approximately \$20,000, of which we have collected about \$11,000. The team is engaged in an active fundraising season. Here is a list of our scheduled fundraisers:

- August 28 Car Wash and Bake Sale at Tractor Supply**
- September 17 Family Night at FBC**
- September 25 Yard sale at Dr. Holthus's office in Strasburg**
- October 1 Family Night at FBC**
- October 8 Family Night at FBC**
- October 16 Spaghetti Dinner at FBC**
- 2nd or 3rd Saturday in November: Holiday Bake Sale/Craft Sale**

A big **thank you** to all the church family who drove around in clean cars from our last car wash! We raised over \$400. Dave Evans will be collecting your surplus items for a yard sale. He will pick them up at your location! So look around the home; we all have stuff that we no longer need and would like to get rid of!

God's Word shows us that some of us are **sent** and the rest of us **send**. While our fundraisers will help finance the mission trip, they will not complete the task. Please support our mission with your gifts. Please write **CCCD on the memo line of your check!** We and the CCCD kids thank you. Also, it is not too late to join the CCCD Mission Team; if you're interested, please contact Linda Evans (933-6286).

2011 CCCD Mission Team



Donna Armstrong would like to get a group of young musicians together to start practicing Christmas songs to perform for our local nursing/group homes. Donovan can play the keyboard and with enough help/practice, the trumpet. Olivia can play the flute.

Are there other young people who would be willing to join them? Donna doesn't have a musical bone in her body, so another adult who can help with orchestrating would be really helpful. ☺ Please contact Donna (325-0749) if you are interested or for further information.

HEALTH & YOUNG LIFE ENERGY FOCUS

Learn Simple Ways to Improve Your Health
Saturday, September 11, 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Hampton Inn, Woodstock

**Hear informative speakers regarding: Nutrition, Exercise, Muscle Testing, Reflexology, Alternative Medicine, Stress Reduction, Bone Health & more!

**Explore healthy lifestyle choices

**Enjoy a specialty breakfast & lunch buffet

**Experience Massage, Reflexology, Muscle Testing, Energy Products & more!

Shenandoah County Young Life benefits from all profits.

Register Early – Limited Space – Registration Ends September 4

Cost - \$65.00

For more information and/or to register, please contact Carol Watkins (740-3884 or dcones@gmail.com).

For additional information, please visit <http://healthandenergyfocus.webs.com>

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED FOR EXCHANGE STUDENTS

Hosting an exchange student can be so rewarding or having a high school student study abroad is an experience of a lifetime.

These students are arriving in August for five or 10 months. All students provide their spending money, health insurance and participate in school, family and volunteering. I work with up to 55-60 kids in Virginia who need good host or welcome families. Please take the time to check these students out and let your friends and neighbors know. These are just a few that I am committed to helping. Call Becky Bell (local coordinator for CIEE at 804-928-1948 or ccfc2355@msn.com or visit www.ciee.org).



15 year old Slovakian boy who is really sporty and wants to bring humor to your family. Plays soccer, martial arts, weightlifting. He would like to try football. He loves sports and is excited to try our sports and play on teams. Has a younger sister and has a really nice letter.



16 year old Boy from Egypt. He is very athletic and is very talented in track and field and plays tennis. He also enjoys weightlifting and bodybuilding. He enjoys electronics and engineering and wants to become a computer programmer. He has an older brother. He is a grants student that is sponsored by our State Department.

Pets: ok Allergies: none



15 year old from Brazil who is very sporty. Has been swimming since he was two and would like to join a swim team. He also enjoys soccer. He plays acoustic guitar. He has been to the US three times and loves it. His English is really strong as you can see in his writing and scores. Has a younger sister. He also speaks Spanish.



15 year old German girl from Berlin who lives with her mom. She loves dance and is in a dance club; jazz, ballet and hip hop. She enjoys drama, working with younger children, sang in a choir, would love to cheer, play sports of any kind. She played the Tuepipe. She was with a host family in England for two weeks and loved it. Honesty, family and friendship are very important. Her grades and English are very good.



Ushers: Head Usher – Bill Smitherman, Mark Abernathy, Brian Fox, Hank McCall, Hershaf Shifflett.

Deacon-of-the-Week:

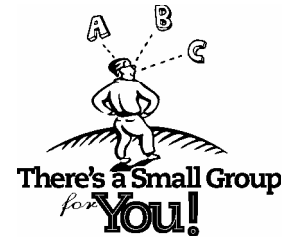
September 05: Charley Armstrong, 325-0749
 September 12: Dave Evans, 933-6286
 September 19: Charlie Galambos, 436-8009
 September 26: David Goldman, 856-2406

ETC SEPTEMBER 2010

Date	8:30 Worship Room 11 Babies - until walking well	8:30 Worship Room 5 Toddlers through Four Years Old	11:00 Worship Room 7 Babies – Four Years Old
5	Brenda Fox 477-3282 Hazel Kent 984-8000	Sarah Cornman 459-5532 Mallory Moore 436-8724 Carol Watkins 740-3884	Linda Evans 933-6286 Dorothy Vann 459-7389
12	Brenda Fox 477-3282 Brooke Whetzel 459-1793	Kim Cooper 459-5914 Mandy Moore 436-8724 John Whetzel 459-1793	Jennifer Goldman 856-2406 Hank McCall 459-4604
19	Ginny Beimdick 896-2576 Brenda Fox 477-3282	Christina Crider 436-9432 Josh Hahn 933-7934 Kristie Wilkin 459-4172	Dave Evans 933-6286 Jane McCall 459-4604
26	Brenda Fox 477-3282 Chanda Poole 984-3718	Brian Fox 477-3282 Mallory Moore 436-8724 Jason Poole 984-3718	Wendy DuVal 59-9668 Brenda Fox 477-3282



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH
SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSROOM ASSIGNMENTS & STUDIES



Preschool I (Infants)	Room 10	
Preschool II (2 yrs.)	Rooms 7, 8 & 9	
Preschool III, IV & V (3 - 5 yrs.)	Room 5 – 6	
Children I (Grades 1 - 2)	Rooms 3 – 4	(note room change beginning September)
Children II (Grades 3 - 4)	Room 15	
Children III (Grades 5 - 6)	Room 13	
Youth I (Grades 7 – 8)	Room 16	
Youth II (Grades 9 – 12)	Room 1	
Adult I	Room 14	The Chat Room--Bible Discussion Forum
Adult II (Explorers)	Room 2	“A Harmony of the Gospel”
Adult III (Prime Timers–Sr. Adults)	Chapel	Life Ventures (adults, 55 yrs. and up)
Adult IV (Ladies Bible Study)	Room 12	Gospel of John
Adult V	Fellowship Hall	Meeting with Adult VI, “Foundations”
Adult VI (The Bereans)	Fellowship Hall	“Foundations”

The following small group Bible studies are available to attend throughout the week. For more information, please contact the facilitators of each group:

Wednesday - study through the Bible (began in Genesis), 7:00 p.m., George Williams (459-3025)

Friday - “True Spirituality”; a Romans 12 guide to living as an authentic disciple of Jesus Christ (from Living on the Edge Ministries), 6:30 p.m. Facilitator: Dave Evans (933-6286)

Saturday - Men’s Group, Biblical Apologetics for Real Life, Steve Buechling (856-3699).



PLEASE **PRAY** FOR:

URGENT PRAYER REQUEST

International Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention

URGENT: Pakistan is experiencing its worst flooding in 80 years, impacting more than 13 million people. Reports estimate that more than a thousand people have died and several thousand homes have been flooded or destroyed by landslides. The Northwest Frontier province is home to millions of Central Asian Pushtuns. These Shiite Muslim families are making their way to whatever relief stations they can find. Flood waters converged on their Pakistani homeland and stayed there until recently. The flood waters have overrun the dams and are washing away crops and ruining homes and lives all the way down the Indus River Valley to Karachi. Relief efforts are hampered by continuing rains and landslides that are blocking roads and damaging bridges, communication links and supporting infrastructure. Relief stations are trying to provide tents, food, clean drinking water, and medical supplies. Believers in the country are coming to the aid of the victims, trying to provide biblical encouragement and counseling as well as food, shelter and medical supplies. **Please pray for the rains to stop. Pray for the relief workers at the aid shelters, asking specifically that they will stay healthy (one man was bitten by a snake) and that they will be safe from opposition. Also ask God to speed the delivery of the necessary tents, food supplies and medicine to the relief camps despite the washed-out roads and continual rains.**

A MIRACLE FROM GOD'S CRAYON BOX

While riding in the car, my 3-year-old daughter Myranda saw a rainbow for the very first time. She was extremely excited as the car topped the hill, giving us a panoramic view of the entire rainbow glistening against the cloudy sky. Her older sister asked her, "Who do you think made that rainbow?"

Without hesitation, Myranda answered, "God!" Noticing a look of deep thought on her face, I awaited her next response. Unfortunately, it came in the form of one of those dreaded questions 3-year-olds are so fond of asking their parents: "How did God do that?"

Resisting the temptation to explain the molecular structure of a rainbow, I simply answered, "We don't know for sure how God made it."

With that absolute faith only a child can possess, Myranda replied, "Pwobwe wis a quayon!"



-Nan Dunham
First Baptist Church
Mountain Grove, MO
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COMMUNITY MEAL

August 10, 2010

The Community Meal Teams prepared and served 511 meals during the month of July 2010. If you can bake a cake, make a casserole, prepare a vegetable, or spare a few hours a month and would like to help, please call a Team Leader: Norma Barb (984-3864), Holly Dodd (984-4941), Brooke Whetzel (459-1793), or Mary Gibson (984-4678).

Jesus said, "You can tell what they are by what they do." Matthew 7:16 (CEV)

FAMILY FUN DAY FOR CHRIST

Youth Rally – Saturday, October 16

Fun Day – Sunday, October 17

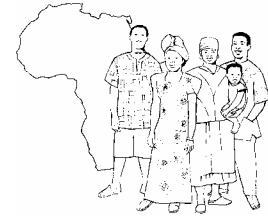


Family Fun Day for Christ is coming again this year to the Shenandoah County Fairgrounds beginning with a youth rally on Saturday, October 16 and Fun Day for Christ on Sunday, October 17, 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. First Baptist Church will be participating again this year with a theme, literature about our church, a game and prizes.

Many individuals, families and friends cannot afford vacations or any entertaining family time with their children. This event has blessed so many by accomplishing that time with their family while also reaching out with the message of hope in Jesus Christ to those who may be believers without a home church or don't know the salvation, wonders and family of Christ. Many options and examples of the love of God are on display for them.

FFDC is sponsored by the Shenandoah Valley Coalition for Christ (SVCC) and the provisions to those attending each year has been steadily growing because of the support it gets from community churches like FBC-Woodstock. This year, the SVCC is asking our church for support in two ways: first, to bring your family, invite friends and neighbors to attend a marvelous fun-filled day of free food and lots of activities; and two, to help with contributions of bottled water and/or canned sodas. These items can be purchased on shopping trips over the next few months and placed under the coat rack by the Fellowship Hall to be picked up each week. Please clearly mark the items "Family Fun Day for Christ" or with the name "Kathleen Reynolds". Your help in both of these ways is greatly appreciated! For questions or further information, please contact Kathleen (459-2581).

NEWS FROM TIM & CHARLOTTE CEARLEY



Greetings from freezing Johannesburg! While you are having a heat wave, we have lost plants on our front porch because of cold!

Since we will leave July 22 for almost three weeks, and internet will be unpredictable, I am writing to you a bit early. Tim, Sarah, and I will journey through Zimbabwe, Mozambique, and Malawi by car (can you say "major road trip"?).

Tim had a wonderful trip to the US where he had great times with family, as well as an interesting working meeting, planning future medical ministries. He celebrated the July 4 with his NC family. After spending several days with Matt, he attended the meeting, and then visited in Alabama as well. No lost luggage, and two flights later, he was safely home! Thanks for praying for him.

Sarah had a great time in Botswana learning from her missionary aunts and uncles. She is back with us this week, after having her wisdom teeth out. Her time with us is flying by, but we'll get lots of chat time on this road trip! Please pray for her as she plans some ministry time with three teen girls in Madagascar in early August.

Our IMB trustees are still seeking God's person as the next president. Please continue to pray for that process, and for God to lead clearly. Thank God with us for the wonderful leadership we have had with Jerry and Bobbye Rankin.

As we travel, please pray for good visits with our missionaries, time with national friends, safety on the roads, and patience as we deal with border officials at least 10 times on the trip! Pray for Joy as she stays behind, that she will accomplish her tasks here, and not be lonely while we are away.

On Sunday we sang about serving God, and living "from the inside out" - thanks for praying for us, as we live and serve Him. We want to be all He wants us to be. You are a blessing to us!

Until all hear and worship,
Tim and Charlotte

BACKSTAGE WITH THE BIBLE 2010



VBS WAS A HIT!

64 children/youth registered

42 workers

Average attendance (including children/youth & workers) = 78

9 Bibles & 1 Spanish Bible were given away

"Thank you" to everyone who attended and "special thank you" to all our workers and Lauri Cornman (VBS Director). We appreciate you all!



From Colin Pauley: “Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the prayers, phone calls and cards during my surgeries and recovery.”

*Thank You
Notes*

From Sherri Jarrett: “Dear Church Family,
Thank you for the many kindnesses that you've shown my family and me during the passing of my daddy. God's mercy is astounding. My daddy went to sleep in North Carolina and awoke in heaven. Knowing that Daddy is completely well and with Jesus is such a comfort. Having such a dear church family is also a comfort. Thank you for the cards, calls, and especially the prayers.”

ANNOUNCEMENTS, INFORMATION & NEWS

Our newsletter is an opportunity to promote church events and share other announcements. If you would like an item in the October issue of The Beacon, please have it to the church office on or before Sunday, September 19. You can bring it in writing and place it in Carla's mail tray on top of the file cabinet in the church office or email it to fbcwdstk@shentel.net. Articles received after September 19 may not appear in the upcoming issue. Thanks for being involved in this way.



The Audio/Visual Team is looking for who would be willing to learn and assist in the operation of the sound control and video systems. We need people for both the 8:30 a.m. and the 11:00 a.m. services. Please contact one of the existing team members at the console or contact the church office (459-3000).