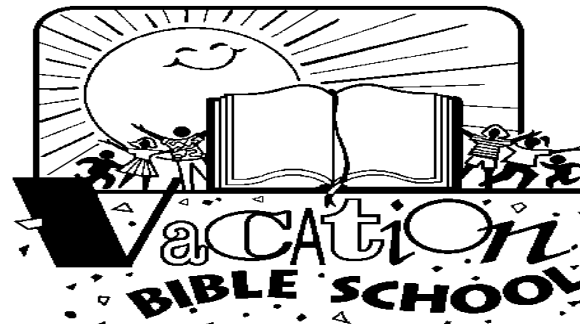


FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH  
OF ALBANY

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JULY, 2011

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**VBS KICK-OFF**  
**Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m.**  
**VBS**  
**Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup> - Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:45 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**

**WOMEN ON MISSION**  
**JULY SCHEDULE**  
KITCHEN DUTY AND CAKES FOR BIRTHDAY  
PARTY AT GOLDEN LIVING CENTER -  
LUCY WAGNER CIRCLE

Mon., July 11<sup>th</sup> - M&M Circle, hostess, Laura Stevens  
Tues., July 12<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. - Lucy Wagner visitation  
- 7:00 p.m. - Lucy Wagner, hostess, Sharon Allenbrand  
Thurs., July 14<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 p.m.- Birthday Party at Golden Living  
Center

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**DEACONS FOR JULY & AUGUST**

<b>JULY:</b>	<b>AUGUST:</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> - Jason Newman	7 <sup>th</sup> - Mike Owsley
10 <sup>th</sup> - David Hansel	14 <sup>th</sup> - Larry Allenbrand
17 <sup>th</sup> - Kevin Harding	21 <sup>st</sup> - Jason Newman
24 <sup>th</sup> - Dean Gillespie	28 <sup>th</sup> - David Hansel
31 <sup>st</sup> - Kent Holcomb	

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**NURSERY WORKERS**

**JULY:**  
3<sup>rd</sup> - Kay Holcomb/Makenzie Gillespie  
10<sup>th</sup> - Linda Richardson  
17<sup>th</sup> - Dave & Pam Reece  
24<sup>th</sup> - Sidney Youngs/Barbara Rainey  
31<sup>st</sup> -

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**RECIPES**

Our last cookbook was printed in 1993.  
It is time for a new one!  
Gather your recipes and put them in the new  
**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH COOKBOOK.**  
Have your recipes in by July 31<sup>st</sup>.  
Pick up (and return) recipe forms in the church foyer.  
Proceeds go to the Mission Scholarship fund.  
They will make great Christmas gifts!

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**JUNE, 2011**

Regular Budget Offering  
06/05.....\$5,008.40  
06/12.....\$2,847.14  
06/19 .....\$3,306.35  
06/26.....\$  
  
Weekly Average ..... \$  
Weekly Budget .....\$3,339.29

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**AVERAGE ATTENDANCE**

Sunday School.....  
Morning Worship.....

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**BUILDING FUND**

06/05.....\$2,195.00  
06/12 ..... \$ 650.00  
06/19.....\$ 425.00  
06/26 ..... \$  
TOTAL ..... \$

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**FROM THE PASTOR:**

I went and spent some time with our students at youth camp yesterday. We sent a great group of kids this year. And I want you to know how unbelievably proud of them I am. It was wonderful to be able to watch and participate as they played together, laughed together, worshiped together, and shared stories of how God has worked in their lives this week.

Camp is always a special time. It was for me when I was younger. They spend a week surrounded by mostly Christian friends who are all excited about each other's faith walk. They spend moment after moment immersed in scripture and worship music and Bible teaching. They leave ready to conquer the world for Christ.

And then Friday comes.

The real world returns and faith gets harder. I wondered last night, as I talked with them, what they have in their everyday life that challenges them to stay faithful like camp does. They feel like they don't have much. Outside of camp, they see faith look more like lip service. Outside of camp, the world seems to win the battle. Outside of camp, time in prayer and the scriptures gets harder. Outside of camp, following Christ gets really hard.

It is for each of us. Whether we are straight off the camp high, or way too old to be at camp, faith in the real world is hard. We need partners to help us live faithfully. We need a team. We need encouragement. God was aware we would need help; so he gave it to us. He gave us the church. Are we being that church?

Are we a church where the faithful come back to seek refuge? Are we a church challenging each other to continue to grow in faith? Are we a church disciplining the faithful and reaching the lost?

Our students need to see all of us as examples of faithful followers of Christ. Our students need mentors. Our students need spiritual mothers and fathers - especially if they don't have them in their homes. Our students need us. And we need them. Together we become the church we are called to be. With the passion of the youth and the wisdom of our seniors we are better equipped to be who God is calling us to be .

Adults get to know our students. Even if they aren't your biological children, they are your family in faith. Students meet our adults. Invite them to speak into your lives. Ask them to share their wisdom, their experiences, their triumphs and failures in faith.

Let's be the church for each other!!

**NO BUSINESS MEETING  
in JULY**

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**PRIME-TIMERS LUNCHEON**

Thursday, July 28<sup>th</sup>  
12:00 Noon  
In Fellowship Hall



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**“DO YOU REALLY CARE”**

There's a song entitled “Do You Really Care”? and this is my question for you.

At First Baptist Church's May Business Meeting, a recommendation from the Deacon's was made that Sunday Evening Worship Services be discontinued for the present until such time as the Lord's Will can be discerned regarding the purpose and scope of these services. It was the consensus of the Deacon body that Sunday evening could be a special time for families, small groups, and opportunities for other types of ministry and service.

There were church members present who expressed concern about no longer having Worship Services on Sunday evenings or at least having the doors open and the lights on for those desiring to gather in praise and worship. Because of this concern, Deacon Chair, David Hansel and the deacons issued an invitation to all who might wish to discuss this to attend the next Deacon's meeting.

A small group met with the Deacons on June 8<sup>th</sup> and after hearing the visitor's concerns, it was decided to have the church come together on Sunday evening, July 17<sup>th</sup> to seek the desire of the entire membership regarding Sunday evening services.

**THUS, this is your invitation to pray fervently for the Lord's guidance** and come on Sunday evening July 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to hear and present your vision and dreams for First Baptist Church in regards to Sunday evening services. If “... You Really Care,” let us gather in love and harmony seeking God's direction.

In Christ's Service,  
Barbara Rainey

**JULY IN A NUTSHELL**

- Sun., 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5:30 p.m. .... Youth Group
- Mon., 4<sup>th</sup> - ... HOLIDAY - CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- Wed., 6<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m. .... Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. .... Adult Bible Study
- Sun., 10<sup>th</sup> - 5:30 p.m. .... Youth Group
- Mon., 11<sup>th</sup> - 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 pm Church-wide Day of Prayer
- Wed., 13<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m. .... Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. .... Adult Bible Study
- Thurs., 14<sup>th</sup> - 2:30 p.m. .... Birthday Party at Golden Living Center
- Fri., 15<sup>th</sup> - Sat., 16<sup>th</sup> .... Rehearsal & Wedding
- Fri., 15<sup>th</sup> - Sat., 23<sup>rd</sup> .... SJBA Youth Mission Trip
- Sun., 17<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 p.m. .... Non-Church Event
- 5:30 p.m. .... Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m. .... “Do You Really Care” Meeting
- Wed., 20<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m. .... Prayer Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. .... Adult Bible Study
- Fri., 22<sup>nd</sup> & Sat., 23<sup>rd</sup> .... Rehearsal & Wedding
- Sun., 24<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 p.m. .... VBS Kick-Off
- Mon., 25<sup>th</sup> - Fri., 29<sup>th</sup> - 5:45 p.m. .... Vacation Bible School
- Wed., 27<sup>th</sup> - 10:30 a.m. .... Prayer Meeting
- Thurs., 28<sup>th</sup> - 12:00 Noon .... Prime-Timers
- Sat., 30<sup>th</sup> - 2:00 p.m. .... Non-Church Event
- Sun., 31<sup>st</sup> - 5:30 p.m. .... Youth Group
- 5:30 p.m. .... Choir

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**CHURCH-WIDE DAY OF PRAYER  
Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup>  
8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.**

Come spend a few minutes in the sanctuary or the prayer room praying for our church, our community and our world.