

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF ALBANY

SEPTEMBER, 2011



SENIOR ADULT BIBLE STUDY TRIP

NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE

SEPTEMBER 12 - 15, 2011

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

Tues., Sept., 6st - 6:30 p.m. M&M Circle, hostess, Judy Green
Thurs., Sept., 8th - 2:30 p.m. Birthday Party at Golden Living Center
Tues., Sept., 20th - 6:00 p.m. Lucy Wagner visitation
- 7:00 p.m. Lucy Wagner, hostess, Kay Holcomb

DEACONS FOR SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER

SEPTEMBER:

4th - Kevin Harding
11th - Dean Gillespie
18th - Kent Holcomb
25th - Mike Owsley

OCTOBER:

2nd - Larry Allenbrand
9th - Jason Newman
16th - David Hansel
23rd - Kevin Harding
30th - Dean Gillespie

NURSERY WORKERS

SEPTEMBER:

4th - Jessie Manning
11th - Sidney Youngs/Barb Rainey
18th - Kay Holcomb/Makenzie Gillespie
25th - Linda Richardson

OCTOBER:

2nd - Karri Phillips
9th - Claudine Elder
16th - Kelly Manning
23rd - Julie Owsley
30th - Lori Crawford

ALBANY BACKPACK BUDDIES

The "Albany Backpack Buddies" program is a plan to send food home on the weekend with children who need meals when they are not in school because hunger doesn't take the weekend off. "Albany Backpack Buddies" program is sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance and the team is made up of people from different denominations and churches.

Once a week, on Friday, bags are packed with non-perishable food items and are taken to the school for teachers to distribute to the participating, qualified students. It takes \$150.00 a year to sponsor a child and provide a backpack full of food each weekend of the school year. If you would be interested in sponsoring a child by contributing for the "Albany Backpack Buddies" program, make your check payable to: First Baptist Church, designated for "Albany Backpack Buddies" in the Memo. You may pick up a flyer about "Albany Backpack Buddies" at the church secretary's office.

PRE-ORDER YOUR COOKBOOK!!

Tell your friends! Tell your neighbors!
Over 800 recipes!

We will take orders through September 18th
Pre-order cost is \$15.00 After they arrive, they will be \$20.00
Proceeds will go to the Mission Scholarship Fund
Call the church office, 726-5626, to order your cookbook.

AUGUST, 2011

Regular Budget Offering

08/07.....\$4,373.00
08/14.....\$3,042.40
08/21\$2,443.36
08/28.....\$3,163.00
Weekly Average \$3,255.44
Weekly Budget\$3,339.29

AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Sunday School..... 125
Morning Worship..... 200

BUILDING FUND

08/07.....\$1,085.00
08/14 \$ 620.00
08/21.....\$ 230.00
08/28 \$ 777.00
TOTAL \$2,712.00

CHURCH PHONE: 726-5626

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Pastor's e-mail - chad@fbcalbany.org
Church website - www.fbcalbany.org



FROM THE PASTOR:

As most of you already know, I'm away from you right now. I think any pastor would tell you, it is always hard to be away. It's hard to be away because we miss our people; we miss our church. But it is also difficult for less positive reasons. It is hard to be away because many pastors struggle with issues of control and trust. I am one of those that would have to confess those struggles. I struggle with control issues and trust issues.

I like to be in control. When I am, I feel I can know what to expect as a final outcome. And even is my expectations fail...I'm the only one to blame. I work hard to release my control issues. I'm not always so good at releasing; but I'm striving to improve. I'm realizing more and more everyday that leadership and control are not the same thing. I want to learn to lead better and that requires letting go of control. Being away forces me to release control.

A reality of my control issues is my lack of trust. I don't trust God and I don't trust you nearly enough. I sometimes forget that God is able of accomplishing great things without me. I also forget that as a church you have done great things without my input. I forget that as your leader I must trust you and God with the work of the church. This is true when I'm away and when I'm present. Being away though, forces me to practice trusting.

I need these couple of weeks away. You need for me to have these weeks away. We need them so I can learn through practicing releasing control and trusting. We need this time so that I can recharge my batteries. I feel like I was running on empty recently. I can't give you or God my best on empty - and you both deserve that much from me. We also need this time so that God can prepare me for what is to come. Sermons are just one piece of what I do as your pastor, but during the study break portion of these weeks away, I'll spend time focusing on future sermons. Pray that God would give me direction and wisdom as I listen for his leadership for us.

I hope you will pray for me as I'm gone. Pray I'll get rest. Pray this time will make me a better follower of Christ. Pray this time will make me a better pastor. Pray this time will make us a better church.

Know I miss you and am also praying for you.

NO BUSINESS MEETING IN SEPTEMBER

PRIME-TIMERS LUNCHEON

Thursday, September 22nd
12:00 Noon
In Fellowship Hall



SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

Sunday, September 25th
6:30 p.m.

Homemade Ice Cream and fellowship

**ASSOCIATION 141ST ANNUAL MEETING
FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, STEWARTSVILLE**

Tuesday, September 27th
1st Session at 3:00 p.m. - 2ND Session at 7:00 p.m.
Meal served from 5:15 - 6:00 p.m.

(Meal is free but reservations are requested by September 19th)

**EMPOWERING SUNDAY SCHOOL LEADERSHIP
REGIONAL TRAINING**

First Baptist Church
Cameron, MO
Thursday, October 6, 2011
6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Conferences for every Age-Group Leader: Preschool, Children,
Student, Adult Plus, Pastors & Sunday School Directors

MISSIONS EXPLORATION

Saturday, October 1, 2011
Chillicothe

An opportunity for boys and girls in grades 1-6 to enjoy meeting a missionary; and participate in crafts, games, music, worship and more.

ACTEENS

Acteens will meet on the 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month at 6:30 p.m. with encouragement for all Youth who can to come early at 6:00 p.m. to assist with Kids 4 Christ and help with meal.

BECAUSE WE CARE MISSIONS OFFERING

LOCAL MISSIONS
FBC GOAL - \$1,000

SEPTEMBER IN A NUTSHELL

- Sun., 4th - Labor Day Weekend - No Evening Services
- Mon., 5th -CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED
- Wed., 7th - 6:30 p.m. Kids 4 Christ
- 6:30 p.m.Acteens
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- Thurs, 8th - 2:30 p.m. Birthday Party at Golden Living Center
- Sun., 11th - 9:00 a.m.SS Teachers & Bookkeeper Meeting
- 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- 5:30 p.m.Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- Mon., 12th - 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. Day of Prayer
- Mon., 12th - Thurs., 15th Senior Adult Trip to Tennessee
- Wed., 14th - 6:30 p.m. Kids 4 Christ
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- Thurs., 15th - 7:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting
- Sun., 18th - 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- 5:30 p.m.Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting
- Wed., 21st - 6:30 p.m. Kids 4 Christ
- 6:30 p.m. Acteens
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study
- Thurs., 22nd - 12:00 Noon Prime-Timer's Luncheon
- Sun., 25th - 5:30 p.m. Choir Practice
- 5:30 p.m.Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m. Homemade Ice Cream Social
- Tues., 27th - 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. SJBA 141st Annual Meeting
- Wed., 28th - 6:30 p.m. Kids 4 Christ
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study

CHURCH-WIDE DAY OF PRAYER

Monday, September 12th
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.

JOPLIN CLEAN-UP

Work trip being planned for November 11-14th. Plan to leave Friday evening to be ready to work on Saturday. Attend church on Sunday, return to Albany Sunday evening late. High School Youth and Adults

(Middle School age and under must be accompanied by parents)

More information/details to come..if interested call or e-mail the church office or contact Karen Gillespie 726-5890 or e-mail

deangillespie@windsteam.net by September 25th.