

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Family of Faith

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From our Pastor

Beloved,

It is a tremendous blessing to be a part of a church family! I cannot tell you how many times in my ministry I have been with a family going through a devastating experience and one of them will remark, "Pastor, what do people do who don't have a church home?" When I look back over my life at the difficult moments, I often realize I would not have made it without the Lord and a loving church family.

Jesus said in Matthew 16:18, "Upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of hell shall not overpower it." Jesus is building His church one life, one soul at a time. The Holy Spirit is in this world, convicting people of sin, and drawing them to faith in Christ. He is calling people out of this world into the kingdom of God. In fact the Greek word for church is "ekklesia" which means literally, "the called out ones."

We are the Body of Christ. We are all one in the Lord Jesus Christ and have been gifted with spiritual gifts to serve the Lord through the local church. We are the People of God. We should be living pure lives in the midst of a wicked generation. We should be light in a dark place.

I hope that, as part of the church for whom Jesus died, you do not view church membership as a *destination*, but as a *pilgrimage* that leads to meaningful discipleship and a higher level of commitment to our Lord.

Did you know our church is 110 years old this year? We are setting aside October 25-27, 2009 to celebrate this event. Keith Russell and Bill Green will be with us these three days. Let's celebrate together the tremendous blessing of being part of a church family!

Pastor Russell

We will be receiving a Love Offering for our Summer Interns, Jonathan Stockton, Mika Starbuck and Jennifer Woodard on Sunday, August 2. This Sunday will be their last day with us.



July 25 - August 1

Please remember the students and sponsors as they continue their mission efforts and return home Saturday.

MISSION DENVER REPORT
Sunday, August 2
6:00 p.m.

**Men's Prayer
Breakfast**
Sunday, August 2
8:30 a.m.



**SUNDAY SCHOOL
PROMOTION**
SUNDAY,
AUGUST 2
9:30 a.m.

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!!!**

By Letter



Kenneth & Robbie Allen
110 Shannon Drive

By Baptism



Raylee
Tarrant
11228
N 1930 Rd

Olan Mills

Directory Pictures

will be taken during the
1st session August
4, 5, or 6.

Pictures will be taken
between 3& 9:30 p.m.

If you missed the sign-up
for session 1, there
will be sign-ups again
in October for the 2nd
session November 3-7. #

Lacie Habekott, who spoke to our children during VBS is serving in Colorado ministering to our soldiers who have lost a limb in service to our country. Her ministry is through Campus Crusade for Christ. To contact her, the phone number is 1-405-614-0137 or if you would like to help with this ministry her email address is lacie.habekott@militaryministry.org

**ACTIVITIES
BUILDING
SCHEDULE**



Gym Hours:

Aug 3 4:00-8:00 pm
Aug 4 4:00-8:00 pm
Aug 5 5:00-9:00 pm
Aug 6 4:00-8:00 pm

Doc's Notes



Adult Choir

NO Choir on Wednesday evening August 5, 12 and 19. Happy vacation and I'll see each of you again on August 26th and in the choir on Sunday mornings.

Live Embers

Jerri and Alan Headrick from FBC Sayre will present our program on Thursday, Aug. 13th. Reminder... the FBC People Mover will be going to Elkwood Assisted Living Center at 11:45 a.m. to pick up all those interested incoming to LIVE EMBERS.

ESL "Teachers" needed

Susan Grabeal needs "2" new teachers for the FALL. A new teachers training class is scheduled for Sunday evening, August 2 at 4:00 p.m. 2009 FALL Schedule:

1. Sunday evening, Aug. 16th [4:00 – 5:45 p.m.]
2. Wednesday evening, Aug. 19th [6:00 – 7:00 p.m.]

Please call Susan@580-473-2395 [home] if you have any questions.

Jamie Smith "Concert"

Jamie will be featured during the music portion of our worship service on Sunday, August 23 at 10:45 a.m. Plan now to invite your family members and "youth" invite a friend.

Doc

**Beckman Mills Associational "Missions Rally"
Wednesday, August 5 at 7:00 p.m.
FBC Elk City**



Plan to hear what is going on with other mission endeavors in our Association. Bring a freezer of Ice Cream for the Fellowship to follow the meeting.

Coming Events

- Aug 2 Sunday School Promotion
8:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, FH
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
5:00 p.m. Deacon's Meeting, Parlor
JH & HS Girls Bible Study, Yth Rm
6:00 p.m. MISSION DENVER Report
- Aug 3 9:30 a.m. Homebound Meeting, Conf Room
6:30 p.m. C.A.R.E. Team C
- Aug 4 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH
3-9:30 p.m. Olan Mill Directory Pictures
- Aug 5 1:00 p.m. KFC Quartz Mtn Trip
3-9:30 p.m. Olan Mill Directory Pictures
7:00 p.m. BMBA Family Missions Rally
- Aug 6 3-9:30 p.m. Olan Mill Directory Pictures
- Aug 7 2:00 p.m. Youth leave for YEC and return Saturday

Extended Session:

Babies:

David & Rachel Poole

Creepers:

NEED HELP!!!

1 year olds:

Valerie Jiles/Nicole Smith

2 year olds:

Latia Murray

3 year olds:

Karistin Young/Phylesha Tabor

4 year olds:

Jeff & Stacey Barker



Weekly Report

July 26, 2009

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....260

Youth.....64

Children.....61

Preschool.....69

Fellowship.....26

Total.....480

Hispanic Mission.....35

Total *incl. mission.....515

New S.S. Members.....4

Enrollment: 1441

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....\$29,380.00

Received.....\$19,726.12

Below.....\$9,653.88

Bldg Received..... \$1,204.50

And the Lord Added...

By Letter 2

By Statement 0

By Baptism 1

Professions of Faith..... 1

Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....65

By Statement 7

By Baptism.....48

Total..... 120

Giving

Budget Need.....\$881,400.00

Received.....\$878,358.56

Below.....\$3,041.44

Building Received.....\$75,085.57

Balance on Note\$0.00

Principal Paid.....\$204,000.00

LOOK FOR OUR AUGUST CALENDAR!!!