

**BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for**

**FIRST  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

*Family of Faith*



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**From our Pastor**

**Beloved,**

Do Christians really understand what it means to be part of the Church of Jesus Christ? Do Christians really enjoy the sustaining power of a community of faith that we call the local church? In one of his commentaries, Fred Craddock gives us food for thought:

"Why do the Smiths not attend church anymore? Well, they are having trouble in their marriage. Why has Harry dropped out of our Sunday School class? You see, Harry lost his job and has been unemployed for eight months. I never see Charles and Mary in worship any more. Why? I guess you have not heard that their daughter is undergoing treatment for drug addiction.

Time and again, in case after case, when the church needs to be church for some of its members, the members pull away as though church exists only for those who do not need it. Who or what has created this impression that the fellowship of the church does not include those with problems? Often the first act of troubled members is to drop out.

Of course, now and then someone clearly has gotten the point. Frances was a faithful and lively member of our Bible study class. Within ten days after an auto accident in which Frances was hurt and her mother killed, she was back in the class. When some in the group expressed surprise that she was there, Frances replied, "Where else should I be? Isn't this my church? I have no other place like this."

The church is not a religious club for people who have it all together, but a spiritual hospital for those who know they have not arrived and who need Jesus and each other to live whole lives. 1 Peter 3:8-9 in The Message Bible says, "Summing up: be agreeable, be sympathetic, be loving, be compassionate, be humble...no retaliation. No sharp-tongued sarcasm. Instead bless—that's your job, to bless. You'll be a blessing and also get a blessing."

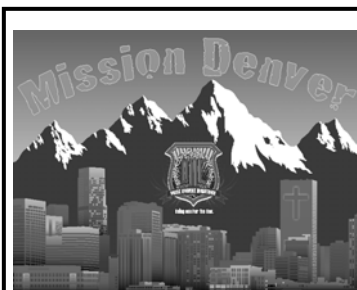
*Pastor Russell*

**Vacation Bible School  
Boomerang Express  
Begins Sunday, July 12 at  
4:00 p.m. VBS continues  
Monday-Thursday from  
9:00 am-  
Noon.  
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**#  
Olan Mills  
Picture  
Directory  
Sign-Up Begins  
this Sunday,  
July 12.**



**We will also have sign-up sessions July 19 and 26. You will be signing up for the 1st session August 4, 5, or 6. Times available will be every 10 minutes between 3:00 and 9:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to sit at sign-up tables before and after church the next 3 Sundays. If you are willing to help, please call Cindy at 225-7951.**



**The Mission trip is  
July 25-August 1.  
Youth if you are  
signed up to go  
your \$250  
payment is  
overdue at the  
church office.**

We have a full-time custodian position coming available at the church. If you are interested, please come by the church office to pick up an application. Taking application through July 22.

**S.I.S. FOOD PANTRY NEEDS THE FOLLOWING:**

- Hamburger Helper
- Soup
- Instant Rice
- Cereal



**ACTIVITIES BUILDING SCHEDULE**  
**Gym Hours:**  
**CLOSED for Vacation Bible School**



**THANK YOU'S**  
 Have been received from the following:  
 "2009 Block Party"  
 Berlin, Misty & Neva  
 Posted on the bulletin board near the chapel.

**Doc's Notes**



**Great Report Service!**

What a GREAT report from FALLSCREEK! FYI: "Sixty -Two" FBC members have surrendered to "Special Service" since 1981. We are keeping records of those who have followed through with college and seminary classes:

1. 6 – Pastor [or married to pastor]
2. 5 – Ministers of Youth [or married to Youth Ministers]
3. 4 – Full or part time music directors
4. 1 – student
5. 4 – Missions [IMB]
6. 2 – SWBTS [4 others considering Seminary classes "on line"]

Total: 22

**Thank you**

I would like to thank Jeff Guthrie for his help leading worship last Sunday while Donna and I were on vacation in New Mexico with family.

**Adult Choir**

WE sing THIS Sunday morning! Please meet at 10:25 a.m. to rehearse!

*Doc*

**Extended Session:**  
**Babies:**  
 Shelia Sutton/Sally Coffey  
**Creepers:**  
 NEED HELP!!!  
**1 year olds:**  
 NEED HELP!!!  
**2 year olds:**  
 LaDonna Farrell/Darlene James  
**3 year olds:**  
 Jamie Shockley/Susan Potter  
**4 year olds:**  
 Jeff & Greta Louis



**Weekly Report**

July 5, 2009

**The People Came...**

Sunday School Attendance	
Adults.....	230
Youth.....	46
Children.....	57
Preschool.....	56
Fellowship.....	24
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>413</b>
Hispanic Mission.....	48
<b>Total *incl. mission.....</b>	<b>461</b>
New S.S. Members.....	1
Enrollment:.....	1433

**The People Gave...**

Budget Needs.....	\$29,380.00
Received.....	\$27,669.50
Below.....	\$1,710.50
Bldg Received.....	\$2,104.00

**And the Lord Added...**

By Letter .....	0
By Statement .....	0
By Baptism .....	0
Professions of Faith.....	1

**Year to Date**

Additions	
By Letter.....	61
By Statement .....	7
By Baptism.....	44
Total.....	112

**Giving**

Budget Need.....	\$793,260.00
Received.....	\$793,665.39
Above.....	\$405.39
Building Received.....	\$75,085.57
Balance on Note .....	\$88,129.45
Principal Paid.....	\$115,870.55

**Coming Events**

- July 12 Olan Mill Directory Sign-Up!!!  
 9:00 a.m. Adult 7 S.S. Breakfast  
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
 4:00 p.m. VBS Begins!!!  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship in the Chapel
- July 13 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School  
 6:30 p.m. Outreach
- July 14 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH  
 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School
- July 15 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School  
 5:30 p.m. Budget/Finance Mtg. Conf Room  
 6:30 p.m. VBS Family Night  
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- July 16 9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School

