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From our Pastor

Beloved,

You can imagine how the following title must have caught my eye:

God Announces Leave of Absence

"We are sorry to have to inform you that God will not be available during the summer months beginning in June. We have it from reliable sources that He feels He deserves some time off, so He has canceled His normal duties for the summer. However, He has agreed to send the sun and rain occasionally when He happens to be in town. But so far as answering prayers for the needs of your family, please don't count on Him.

God has let it be known to the church leadership that they should not plan any outreach efforts or missions trips during the summer—or at least if they do, they will have to do it without Him because He plans to be gone a lot to relatives and the lake. God has expressed the opinion that we should find somebody else to take His place.

Yes, we reminded Him of His promise, 'Surely I will be with you always.' But He said He didn't realize when He said it that it meant going for two or three years without a break. He expressed His sincere regret and hope that it will not cause anyone any inconvenience. God may be contacted anytime after September 1, at which time He hopes to get back into the routine. Please defer all requests until then."

By now you realize the story is only fiction. However, there is a message in it for us. We must be faithful to the God who is so faithful to us. I know there are legitimate reasons for taking a Sunday or two off for vacation. But that is different than taking off the whole summer. God isn't going to slack off in the summer months and neither should we be slack in our attendance, giving, and support. Let's have a summer *jump* instead of a summer *slump*!

In His Grace,

Pastor Russell



**VBS Meeting
 for all
 Directors, teachers,
 volunteers, etc.
 We'll meet
 Sunday, June 8
 at 4:00 p.m. in the
 Fellowship Hall.
 Make plans
 to be here!!!**

**OUTREACH
 BLITZ
 NIGHT
 Monday,
 June 8
 6:30 p.m.
 Meet in
 Adult 1.**

FALLS CREEK 08

June 23-28

\$120 per student

Sign up today!

**Mandatory Camper/Parent meetings
 are scheduled June 15 at 7:30 pm
 or June 22 at 7 pm in the Youth Room.
 The Falls Creek Food List is posted on the
 bulletin board near the S.S.
 office. Please take time to see
 what you can bring by June
 19th.**

Thanks!!!



**All-Church Fellowship
 Sunday, June 22 at 7 pm
 In the Courtyard**

**Please bring
 HOMEMADE Ice Cream, cookies,
 brownies, etc. to share!**



First Baptist Church Elk City, Oklahoma

June 5, 2008

It's almost time for VBS snacks!!! If you'd like to help with a monetary donation, please mark your envelopes "VBS Snacks". Thanks! This will help us buy themed snack items.

Doc's Notes



ADULT CHOIR

Welcome to choir Dawn and Kimberly Tillman.

LIVE EMBERS

- June 12 – luncheon in Fellowship Hall. Ronda Mikles will be speaking.
- July 10 – AARP Driver Safety program. Details:
 - Fee for workshop- \$10 each to cover materials. Please bring cash or make your check out to AARP. You can get a 10% discount off your car insurance by taking this course. Consult your insurance agent!
 - Please call FBC 225-7951. We've been asked to have your name -as shown on your driver's license, address & phone number. We need to know how many to plan for the meal & program.
 - MEAL - \$3 per person in the Fellowship Hall. Special guest will be the Brian Russell family. Our FBC family recently heard Braden Russell play his violin at the combined youth choir concert. Yes, you'll hear the whole family. **DON'T MISS THIS!**
 - Registration - 8:30 a.m. in FBC Fellowship Hall. **SCHEDULE:** Morning...9:00 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. Lunch Break - Live Ember lunch w/ entertainment. Afternoon ... 1:15 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Instructor for the conference – Tom Litsch.

Baptist Village Retirement Communities "TOUR":

Our "People Mover" will take a load of anyone interested in visiting the BVRC Thursday, July 24th. Please call the church office and sign up for this trip.

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Coming Events

- June 8 8:45 a.m. Nominating Team Meeting, Conf Room
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
 4:00 p.m. Vacation Bible School Mtg, FH
 5:00 p.m. Personnel Team Meeting, Conf Room
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
 7:15 p.m. Beth Moore Study, AD6
- June 9 6:30 p.m. Outreach *BLITZ* Night
- June 10 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
- June 11 Noon 4th-6th Grade Frontier City Trip
 5:30 p.m. Budget/Finance Mtg, Conference Room
 6:30 p.m. Weds Worship; Regenerate; ESL Class
 The Island@Fuchs'
 7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal
- June 12 Noon Live Embers, Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. DivorceCare, Parlor

Extended Session:

Babies:

Nathan & Amanda Friesen

1 year olds:

Jana & Fonny Spears

2 year olds:

Jennifer & Coy Jacks

3 & 4 year olds:

Rodney & Sara Cloud



Weekly Report

June 1, 2008

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults	243
Youth.....	67
Children.....	68
Preschool.....	69
Fellowship.....	26
Hispanic Mission.....	25
Total.....	498
New S.S. Members.....	0
Enrollment.....	1339

The People Gave...

Budget Needs	\$28,258.00
Received.....	\$28,312.76
Above.....	\$54.76
Building Need.....	\$3,462.00
Received.....	\$2,656.50
Below.....	\$805.50

And the Lord Added...

By Letter	0
By Statement.....	0
By Baptism.....	0
Professions of Faith.....	4

Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....	20
By Statement.....	0
By Baptism.....	30
Total.....	50

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$621,676.00
Received.....	\$681,088.86
Above.....	\$59,412.86
Building Need.....	\$76,164.00
Building Received.....	\$80,292.41
Balance on Note.....	\$0

WOMEN of FAITH INFINITE GRACE

Conference 2008

Oklahoma City, OK

November 14-15, 2008

\$65 for Fri eve/Sat Conference

\$119 All day Fri & Sat w/lunch

Contact *Jeri Bordine*

at 821-0661 to register.

ACTIVITIES BUILDING SCHEDULE

Open Gym Hours:



June 9	4:00-8:00 p.m.
June 10	4:00-8:00 p.m.
June 11	4:00-9:00 p.m.
June 12	4:00-8:00 p.m.

THANK YOU'S

Have been received from the following:

Anna Laura Hutson

Jane Blackledge

Eddie & Nancy Maddox

Look for them on the bulletin board near the elevator.