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From our Pastor

Beloved,

This weekend our nation will pause and celebrate Memorial Day. It is a time to think of the past and of those who have gone from this world, and to remember their lives and contribution. However, for the believer in Christ, this is not exclusively an exercise in looking behind and thinking upon what has been. We live in the light of the resurrection and know that death will not be the end.

In John 8:51-52 Jesus said, "Truly, truly, I say to you, if anyone keeps my word he will never see death....if anyone keeps my word, he will never taste of death." Since heeding and following Jesus results in eternal life, then it follows that physical death cannot obliterate such life.

Some years ago, I read a story about the death of Clarence Jordan. He was the author of the Cotton Patch version of the Bible. He also founded Koinonia Farms, an interracial community and innovative ministry in Georgia. He died in 1969 and was buried on his farm. Millard Fuller, the founder of Habitat for Humanity, officiated at the funeral.

At the end of the service, an unusual thing happened. Fuller's two year old daughter walked up to the grave and began to sing, "Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday to you, Happy birthday, dear Clarence, Happy birthday to you."

Strange, isn't it? Singing Happy birthday at a funeral? But think about it. When a genuine Christian dies, it is a birthday because death is not an ending but a new beginning. So when we think of our departed ones in Christ, may we do so with a hopeful memory that we will see them again.

**In His Grace,
Pastor Russell**

Joining Hearts
Mother's Day Offering
Your Gift Brings Hope for ages
0-100 to the Baptist Retirement Villages & Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children.



**BMBA
JUNIOR
CAMP 2008**

"Press On!"
Philippians 3:14

May 27- 30

**(For students finishing
3rd-6th grade)**

**We will leave FBC at 10:00 a.m.
Tuesday, March 27. We will return at
10:00 p.m. Friday, May 30.**



**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.**

**FALLS
CREEK 08
June 23-28**


**\$120 per
student**

**Sign up
today!**



**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!**

By Baptism



Merrick Hutson
Rt. 2, Box A
Canute, OK

**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:

May 26	Closed
May 27	4:00-8:00 p.m.
May 28	4:00-9:00 p.m.
May 29	3:30-5:30 p.m.

**Men's Church League
Basketball each Thursday from
6:30-10:00 p.m.**

May 22 at 8:10 p.m.
FBC vs. Prairieview Baptist

May 29 at 7:20 p.m.
FBC vs. Cheyenne/Community 2

THANK YOU'S

Have been received from the following:

David & Lynn Chen
Rhonda Colbert
Janet Stevens

Look for them on the bulletin board
near the elevator.

Doc's Notes



ADULT CHOIR

What a joy and privilege to be with each of you last Wednesday evening. I have missed our time of fellowship and praise that we experience each and every week. NOW is the time to join the ADULT CHOIR and experience the JOY that singing can bring to your life? WE are preparing for some summer concerts in area churches! Come and enjoy the fellowship!

LIVE EMBERS

Our trip to the musical TEXAS is going to be rescheduled to give us time to plan and promote this trip I look forward to giving you more information NEXT WEEK!

THANK YOU

I would like to again THANK Billy Shaw for his leadership and time given to our church services, adult choir and praise band these past few weeks. Thanks for your friendship and love for FBC!

Doc

HAPPY 90th BIRTHDAY to
Anna Laura Hutson on May 27, 2008!

It's the perfect day for a loving reminder for how much Anna Laura means to all of us! Please send a card to 702 N. Howard, Elk City to help her celebrate this special day!

- Coming Events**
- May 25 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
 - May 26 Memorial Day - Church Office Closed
 - May 27 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
10:00 a.m. Campers Leave for Junior Camp
 - May 28 6:30 p.m. Weds Worship; Regenerate; The Island
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal; ESL Class
 - May 29 6:00 p.m. DivorceCare, Parlor
 - May 30 10:00 p.m. Junior Campers Return!

Extended Session:

Babies:
Wanda Richardson/Glenda Ivins

1 year olds:
Steve & Cathy Hooper


2 year olds:
Linda Jackson/Beth Dixon

3 year olds:
Shawn & Susan Carlson

4 year olds:
Wallace & Linda Baker

Weekly Report

May 18, 2008



The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance	
Adults	259
Youth.....	113
Children.....	67
Preschool.....	81
Fellowship.....	45
Hispanic Mission.....	17
Total.....	582
New S.S. Members.....	3
Enrollment.....	1354

The People Gave...

Budget Needs	\$28,258.00
Received.....	\$30,616.88
Above.....	\$2,358.88
Building Need.....	\$3,462.00
Received.....	\$2,225.00
Below.....	\$1,237.00

And the Lord Added...

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

Year to Date

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

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$565,160.00
Received.....	\$632,877.75
Above.....	\$67,717.75
Building Need.....	\$69,240.00
Building Received.....	\$74,514.91
Balance on Note.....	\$0