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From our Pastor


Beloved,

In his book, *A Godward Life*, author John Piper asks the question, "Why did God create families?" He gives six biblical reasons for why God did it the way He did:

1. God created men and women so that their enjoyment of Him comes to fullness by sharing the gift of life, not being isolated (Genesis 2:18)
2. God created marriage as an advertisement for the relationship between Christ and the church (Genesis 2:24, Ephesians 5:32). This is the reason why God hates divorce. Broken marriage vows deface the portrait of Christ's unbreakable covenant love for His bride, the church.
3. God created parenting...to reveal to children and to all of us the Fatherhood of God and his strong and tender care (Hebrews 12:7). Families exist to reveal God to children.
4. God created families with parents and little babies who have to grow up so that parents and all of us could learn the childlikeness of faith (Matthew 18:3-4).
5. God ordained families for the transmitting of His truth and our faith from one generation to the other (Psalm 78:5-7).
6. God created families to reveal the way that members in the church are to relate to each other, namely, as a family of brothers, sisters, mothers, and fathers (1 Timothy 5:1-2).

Piper ends by reminding us that, presently, the family is meant to reveal God to the world and to make clear relationships in the body of Christ that will endure forever. Join us this Sunday as we take a look at the family.

Yours for the family,
Pastor Russell



**Remember
Mom
this
week!!!**



Mother's Day
& Parent/Baby Dedication
Sunday, May 11
10:45 a.m.




Joining Hearts
Mother's Day Offering
Sunday, May 11, 2008

Your Gift Brings Hope for ages 0-100 through gifts to the Baptist Retirement Villages & Oklahoma Baptist Homes for Children. Envelopes are provided in the pew racks for your convenience.

WEE SCHOOL Open Pre-Registration continues through Friday, May 16
Our goal is to have a 1-year, a 2-year, and a 3-year old class for 2008-09.
Pre-registration will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. You may pre-register Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. at the church office.

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Wee School Substitute Teachers are needed now. We are also looking for Fall Wee School Teachers. If interested, please contact Katy Womack.





Help Wanted

Your help is NEEDED in Kids4Christ!!!
KFC meets Wednesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m.

Please contact Ann if you are willing to help.

Doc's Notes 

“God is GOOD” - I humbly thank everyone who helped pull together the “POWER” musical last Sunday evening. I can truly say that my stress level was high concerning the combined Youth Choir Concert and Graded Choir Musical. Please give a big hug to our Graded Choir Directors, teachers, TV ministry, actors, choirs and church staff.



The healing process is slower than I prefer! You are in my prayers and I appreciated your prayers for the WARES during this time!

Love you,
Doc

Extended Session:

Babies:
Carolyn Comer/Linda Crow

1 year olds:
Vicki Callaway/Tammy Allison

2 year olds:
Randy & Patsy Pothorst

3 year olds:
Josh & Christi Thomas

4 year olds:
Sandy Bledsoe/Sissy Burch

ACTIVITIES BUILDING SCHEDULE 

Open Gym Hours:

May 12	3:30-7:00 p.m.
May 13	4:00-8:00 p.m.
May 14	5:00-9:00 p.m.
May 15	3:30-5:30 p.m.

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

May 8 at 6:30 p.m.
FBC vs. Community I

Weekly Report
May 4, 2008

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults	268
Youth.....	73
Children.....	82
Preschool.....	73
Fellowship.....	25
Hispanic Mission.....	17
Total.....	538
New S.S. Members.....	3
Enrollment:.....	1348

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.



The People Gave...


Budget Needs	\$28,258.00
Received.....	\$32,954.77
Above.....	\$4,696.77
Building Need.....	\$3,462.00
Received.....	\$3,606.19
Above.....	\$144.19

And the Lord Added...

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

All FBC van drivers must have their driver certification test taken by Thursday, May 15.

***If you missed the training lunch, training booklets available & the DVD may be viewed at the church office.**



Coming Events

May 11 *Happy Mother's Day!!!*

9:30 a.m.	Sunday School
10:45 a.m.	Morning Worship
	Parent/Baby Dedication
6:00 p.m.	Evening Worship
May 12	6:30 p.m. CARE Outreach Team A
May 13	6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
May 14	5:00 p.m. Fellowship Meals
	5:45 p.m. Weekly Teachers Mtg, AD6
	6:00 p.m. Kids4Christ; Yth Teach. Mtg
	6:30 p.m. Weds Worship; Regenerate
	The Island/Falls Creek Kick-Off Sign-Up
	7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal; ESL Class



Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....	20
By Statement.....	0
By Baptism.....	29
Total.....	49

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$508,644.00
Received.....	\$572,021.70
Above.....	\$63,377.70
Building Need.....	\$62,316.00
Building Received.....	\$70,685.56
Balance on Note.....	\$0