

## BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST  
BAPTIST  
CHURCH**

*Family of Faith*

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**From our Pastor**

### Beloved,

We live in busy days. In fact the days of most people are so busy they fail to think very deeply about life and the after life. I read about an old legend telling about a man who had a very stupid servant. The master often became exasperated with the servant. One day in a fit of frustration, the man said to the servant, "You have to be the stupidest man I have ever met. I want you to take this staff and carry it with you. If you ever meet a man stupider than you are, give him the staff."

Many years passed as the servant carried the staff. One day he came back to the castle and was ushered into his master's bedroom where his master lay sick. The master said to the servant, "I'm going on a long journey." The servant asked, "When do you plan to be back?" The master said, "This is a journey from which I'll not return."

The servant asked, "Sir, have you made all the necessary preparations?" The master said, "No, I have not." The servant asked, "Could you have made preparations?" The master said, "Yes, I guess I've had my life to make them, but I've been busy about other things." The servant asked, "Master, you're going on a long journey from which you'll never return and you could have prepared for it but just didn't?" The master said, "Yes, I guess that's right."

The servant took the staff he had carried so long and said, "Master, take this with you. At last I've met a man more stupid than I." Do not be so busy and so foolish that you make necessary preparations for everything else and fail to make preparation for your journey into eternity.

*Pastor Russell*



Thanks to  
all who  
helped  
make our  
2010 VBS a  
success!!!



**FALLS CREEK 2010  
JULY 19-24  
Cost \$125**

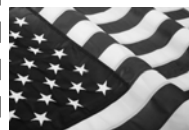
**Parent Camper Meeting this Sunday,  
July 18 at 7:15 pm in the Youth Room.**

If you would like to help  
Sisters-in-Service  
provide school uniforms  
& school  
supplies, we  
will be  
taking  
donations  
all summer.



Please note on your  
check or envelope that it  
is for SIS back-to-  
school. Thanks!!!

Please stop by



Doc's  
office  
to pick

up your flags.  
Thanks!!!

**WELCOME  
NEW MEMBERS!**

**By Baptism**




**Andre  
& Lisa  
Dangler  
and  
Kenneth**

**307 Maverick**

**Please be our guest  
at a "Surprise"  
Birthday Party  
Honoring  
Earlene Jackson  
On Saturday the  
seventeenth of July  
At two o'clock  
in the afternoon  
in the Parlor of the  
First Baptist  
Church  
Elk City**

**Gym  
Hours:**



7/19	2:00 - 7:00 pm
7/20	2:00 - 7:00 pm
7/21	2:00 - 9:00 pm
7/22	2:00 - 7:00 pm

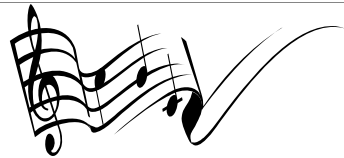
**THANK-YOU's**  
Have been received from the following:

Elkwood Assisted Living Center

Joyce Porter  
Mildred Walker  
Nadine Morgan

\*Posted on the bulletin board near  
the Chapel.

**Doc's Notes**



**Adult Choir**

WE will meet throughout the rest of the month but have the first "3" weeks of August off for our choir family to finish vacation, etc. Choir will begin for the "FALL" on Wednesday evening, Aug. 25<sup>th</sup>.

**Flags**

Please come by Doc's office and pick up your FLAG. You are appreciated!

**FBC Summer & Fall Missions**

Katie Dumas [UK], FBC Youth [Utah], Jerry Cannon [Tanzania], Susan Grabeal [Udmurtia], Danny Ringer [SE Asia], Matt Jones [SE Asia], Bradley Chester [Florida], Molly Starbuck [Quail Springs, Edmond], Hispanic Ministry [Elk City]

**2010 Trips [60+]**

- Please put these dates on your calendar:
- GOLF [Thurs., July 29<sup>th</sup>], E.C. Country Club, "Tee" time [8:00 am]. Please call Kermit Kingsford if you are interested in playing!
  - Har-Ber Village – brochures in S.S. boxes [Sept. 23 – 25]. Please help us get the word out about this trip. Trip brochures are available for you to mail to "family & friends".

*Doc*

**We need Nursery Workers.  
Please contact Ann  
if you can help!!!**

**Coming Events**

- July 18 8:45 a.m. Deacon's Prayer Meeting, Parlor  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School  
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
3:00 p.m. Elkwood  
6:00 p.m. Lord's Supper Service  
7:00 p.m. Business Meeting  
7:15 p.m. Falls Creek Parent Camper Meeting  
Team Volleyball in the Gym
- July 19-24 Falls Creek
- July 19 9:00 am Falls Creek Campers Leave
- July 20 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH
- July 21 6:30 p.m. Weds Worship; KFC; Regenerate
- July 24 3:00 p.m. Falls Creek Campers Return

**Extended Session:**

**Babies:**  
Jane Thomas/Mildred Nesser


**Creepers:**  
NEED HELP!!!

**1 year olds:**  
John & Megan Thomas

**2 year olds:**  
Nathan & Amanda Friesen

**3 year olds:**  
NEED HELP!!!

**4 year olds:**  
Sandy Bledsoe/Sissy Burch



**Weekly Report**  
July 11, 2010

**The People Came...**

Sunday School Attendance	
Adults.....	277
Youth.....	66
Children.....	77
Preschool.....	79
Fellowship.....	25
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>524</b>
Hispanic Mission.....	41
<b>Total *incl. mission.....</b>	<b>565</b>
New S.S. Members.....	1
Enrollment:.....	1459

**The People Gave...**

Budget Needs.....	\$30,117.00
Received.....	\$25,256.72
Below.....	\$4,860.28
Bldg Received.....	\$1,302.00

**And the Lord Added...**

By Letter .....	0
By Statement .....	0
By Baptism .....	3
Professions of Faith.....	2

**Year to Date**

Additions

By Letter.....	17
By Statement.....	5
By Baptism.....	61
Total.....	80

**Giving**

Budget Need.....	\$843,276.00
Received.....	\$939,482.17
Above.....	\$96,206.17
Total Bldg Rec'd .....	\$329,001.98