

BAPTIST MESSENGER Special Edition for

**FIRST
BAPTIST
CHURCH**

Family of Faith



From our Pastor

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Beloved,

When we think of the beginning of America, we think of that little group of Pilgrims who landed at Plymouth Rock in the year 1620. Out of a little more than one hundred pilgrims on board the Mayflower ship, most of them were devout Christians. They were Separatists who wanted to leave behind the Anglican Church of England and build a new life in a new land, where they could worship the Lord in the way they believed the Scriptures taught.

We are the heirs of that great desire for religious freedom to worship God as we choose. The Baptist Faith and Message has a section on Religious Liberty that says, in part: "God alone is Lord of the conscience, and He has left it free from the doctrines and commandments of men which are contrary to His Word or not contained in it...A free church in a free state is the Christian ideal, and this implies the right of free and unhindered access to God on the part of all men, and the right to form and propagate opinions in the sphere of religion without interference by the civil power." (Baptist Faith and Message XVII. Religious Liberty, pages 20-21).

Out of all the freedoms we enjoy, perhaps none is as great as our freedom to worship God. That is what our founders sought as much as anything else. One poet put it like this:

What sought they thus afar? Bright jewels of the mine?
The wealth of seas, the spoils of war?
They sought a faith's pure shrine!
Aye, call it holy ground, the soil where first they trod:
They have left unstained what there they found—
Freedom to worship God.

In gratitude for religious freedom,

Pastor Russell



**Mission Utah
June 24
through
July 3**

*Please remember
the following students and sponsors
as they return from Utah:*

**Ryan Young, Jeff, Greta, & Justin
Louis, Keith Weaver, Mika Starbuck,
Jonny Stockton, Chad Mikles,
Drew Davis, Joseph Shockley, Levi
Melendy, Lynnsey & Kayla Stanley,
Katie Dumas, Kalyn Fuchs,
Michael Fisher, Lyndi Thompson,
Jordan Jackson, Kyndall & Carter
Muncrief, Aaron & Kelsee Cromer,
Dakota Unruh and Mersades Lindsey.**

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!!!




Flags are needed for the Patriotic service July 4th when we plan to honor our veterans, firemen, policemen & their families. Bring yours to the office with your name on it. Thanks!!!




**No Messengers will
be published
July 8, 2010.
Regular
publications will
return July 15.**

**WELCOME
NEW MEMBERS!**

By Baptism



Jerry
Johnston
1406
Dalton



Lisa
Butler
1809
Westwood


**Falls Creek
Food List**

***Posted by S.S. Office**

**Please check the list
this week for food
you'd like to donate .
Food needs to be back
at church
by Tuesday,
July 6.
Thanks!**



**Gym
Hours:**



7/05	2:00 - 7:00 pm
7/06	2:00 - 7:00 pm
7/07	Closed
	VBS Registration
7/08	Closed/VBS Set-up


THANK-YOU'S

Have been received from
the following:

Kalyn Fuchs

*Posted on the bulletin board near
the Chapel.

Doc's Notes



“America, We Must Not Forget”
A Patriotic ...Call for REVIVAL ... in America.
THIS Sunday, July 4th morning at 10:45 am.
Wear RED, WHITE & BLUE!

A Special “Thank You”
I would like to thank Tammy Allison, Susan Fuchs & Jimmy Callaway for their special music last night ... what a blessing! Our next fellowship is scheduled for Sunday evening, Aug. 29th.

Y. M. Choir [Deadline .. July 2]
Please call FBC at 225-2511 and talk w/ Susan!

1. Date: July 6th [Ice skating & Incredible Pizza]
2. Leave FBC: 10:00 am
3. Home [7:30- 8:00 pm]

Parents - chaperons needed! Deadline: Money [\$17 ea]

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:

1. “MEERS” - Thursday, July 8th. Please bring cash.. NO credit cards Departure time – 9 am
2. GOLF [Thurs., July 29th], E.C. Country Club, “Tee” time [8:00 am]. Please call Kermit Kingsford if you are interested in playing!

Doc

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

Coming Events

July 4 **HAPPY 4TH OF JULY!!!**
8:45 a.m. Deacon's Prayer Meeting, Parlor
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
10:45 a.m. Morning Worship
No Evening Worship or Activities
Church Office Closed

July 5

July 6 6:45 a.m. Men's Prayer Meeting, FH
9:30 a.m. Homebound Meeting, Conf Room
10:00 a.m. Young Musicians OKC Trip

July 7 6:30 p.m. The Island@Fuchs'; Weds Worship;
KFC; Regenerate

July 8 9:00 a.m. Live Embers Trip to Meers

Extended Session:

Babies:
Sandra McClure/Linda Jackson


Creepers:
NEED HELP!!!

1 year olds:
Levi & Corrie Richardson

2 year olds:
Wendell & Shellean Dunn

3 year olds:
Donna Womack/Linda Beals

4 year olds:
Wallace & Linda Baker



Weekly Report
June 27, 2010

The People Came...

Sunday School Attendance

Adults.....	272
Youth.....	62
Children.....	60
Preschool.....	70
Fellowship.....	28
Total.....	492
Hispanic Mission.....	37
Total *incl. mission.....	529
New S.S. Members.....	4
Enrollment:.....	1457

The People Gave...

Budget Needs.....	\$30,117.00
Received.....	\$32,154.62
Above.....	\$2,037.62
Bldg Received.....	\$2,011.50

And the Lord Added...

By Letter	0
By Statement	0
By Baptism	2
Professions of Faith.....	1

Year to Date

Additions

By Letter.....	17
By Statement.....	4
By Baptism.....	58
Total.....	79

Giving

Budget Need.....	\$783,042.00
Received.....	\$875,350.92
Above.....	\$92,308.92
Total Bldg Rec'd	\$313,543.94

LOOK FOR OUR JULY CALENDAR!!!