



Fall 2009 Discipleship Studies

Sunday, August 9

Meeting Dates: August 9, 16, 23; Sept 13, 20, 27; Oct 4, 11, 18, 25; Nov 1, 8, 22

(NO Classes will be held on these dates: Aug 30; Sept 6; November 15)

Study materials for ALL classes will be available for purchase in the church office and at the first class session.

Downpour: He Will Come to Us Like the Rain

by James McDonald (13 weeks-Workbook \$17.00)

4:45-6:15 pm; Room M-107 (Sanctuary Area)

Facilitator: Butch Knight



Hosea 6 declares, "Come, let us return to the LORD...let us press on to know the LORD...And He will come to us like the rain." Author and Pastor James McDonald encourages believers to accept the challenge to "let us return to the Lord." This study leads Christians to take the personal steps they need to return to the Lord and experience spiritual renewal and victory.



first place 4 Health: Giving Christ Control

[12 weeks—Bible Study Book (for everyone): \$13.00; Member's

Kit: \$81.00 (for new members only)

4:45-6:15 PM (Annex Building)

Facilitators: Howard & Rachelle Fowler

Many diet experts agree that developing self-control is a key part of weight loss and weight management. But the Bible says that believers develop self-control only when Christ is at the center of their lives. The secret of self-control is giving up control to God! Through this 12-week Bible study, participants will learn how to let go of their frantic need to control their circumstances, which often leads to stress-induced, out-of-control eating. Take positive steps toward letting God take over the management of your mind, emotions, body and spirit and getting your life into balance!



Financial Peace University

by Dave Ramsey (13 weeks-Book & Workbook \$75.00)

4:30-6:30 PM; Room M-108—Facilitator: Shane Powell

Financial Peace University (FPU) is a life-changing, Christian-based program that teaches you how to make the right decisions with your money. You'll be empowered with the practical skills and confidence needed to achieve your financial goals and experience true financial peace. Ramsey teaches about how to save money, eliminate debt, find bargains, and experience the joy of giving.



A Woman After God's Own Heart

by Elizabeth George (10 weeks-Book \$10.00)

4:45-6:15 PM — Facilitator: Angie Powell

Ladies, do you ever stop to think about how you will be remembered after you're gone? Will it be as a loving wife, a nurturing mother, a faithful Christian, a loyal friend? Just as King David of the Old Testament is remembered as a "man after God's own heart," in this topical Bible study, Elizabeth George teaches how to become a "woman after God's own heart"...and how to find balance and fulfillment in the critical areas of life that matter most.



Registration forms with complete information available this week. Pick up one in the Church Office or Atrium. Please indicate child care needs when you register.



170th Anniversary & Homecoming Celebration

Rev. Perry Webb Preaching ☆☆☆ Dinner on the Grounds ☆☆☆ Please sign up!



Next Monday evening we are holding an important meeting in our church. Dr. Steve Parr of the Georgia Baptist Convention will be leading us in a discussion on the im-

portance of Sunday School in our church. He will also share with us some thoughts on improving the effectiveness of our Sunday School structure and operation.

Steve specializes in this area of ministry. He spends many hours training church leaders how to make their Sunday School ministry healthier and growing. I have no doubt that if our Sunday School leaders will embrace his suggestions, we will begin to experience even more sustained growth in our church.

Our staff and other key leaders will meet with Steve on Monday afternoon, starting at 2:30 PM, to discuss overall strategy and philosophy. If you have a desire to attend that session, please come to the church office and we will be happy for you to attend. Following this strategy session at 6:15 PM, we will have supper prepared for everyone who plans to be a part of the training session for teachers and other SS leaders which will start at 6:45 PM.

I am encouraging every teacher and leader to attend the meal and meeting on Monday evening. As I have stated on numerous occasions, getting our Sunday School ministry in better order is essential to the health of our church. We simply cannot make the necessary strides to become the church that God desires without our Sunday School leaders' commitment and hard work. So, again, I am strongly encouraging all teachers and leaders, as well as anyone who has any thoughts or ideas of teaching and leading in the future, to attend and participate.

Let me say again how much I appreciate the work of our nominating committee in helping to lay the groundwork for realigning our Sunday School structure. In some areas we are making some significant adjustments. Likewise, I am thankful to the Lord for the cooperative spirit of the folks whom I have asked to start new classes or teach new groups. I know

REV. TOM HOCUTT OUR PULPIT GUEST SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

As many of you know, Tom Hocutt is the Director of Missions for The Mallery Baptist Association as well as a member of FBC. MBA is an organization consisting of 48 Southern Baptist Churches in Southwest Georgia voluntarily cooperating to share Jesus Christ as the Way, the Truth, and the Life with all people. These churches are located in Dougherty, Lee, and Worth counties.

Staffed with a director and two secretaries, their office serves as a clearing house for information about the Georgia Baptist Convention and the Southern Baptist Convention.

They sponsor events such as a Children's Camp, Senior Adult Rallies, Discipleship Rallies, Sunday School Conferences, Mission Conferences, Men's and Women's Ministry Rallies and a Minister's Fellowship monthly luncheon as well as mission trips overseas and within the United States.

PARENT & CHILD DEDICATION

August 23, 10:30 AM
Call Carole Stone in the church office.

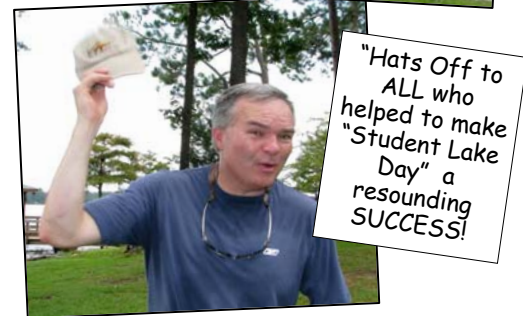
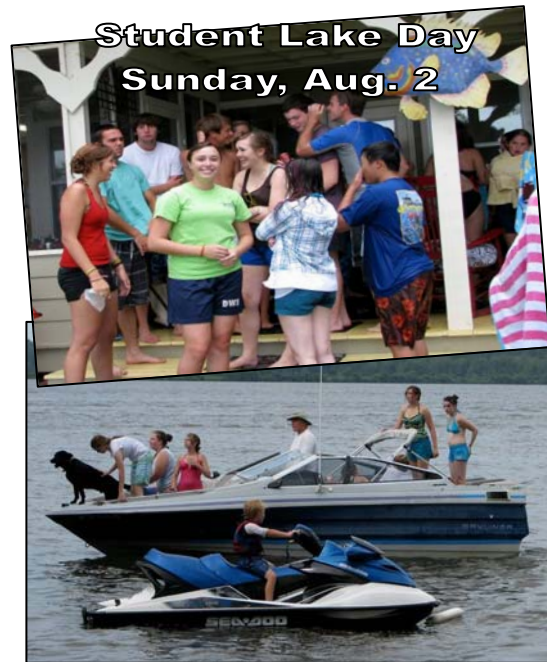
that they will invest many hours preparation lessons and building classes.

In closing, know that I also am grateful for the spirit that was exhibited last Wednesday evening in our church conference. I am keenly aware that without your cooperation and willingness to follow, we could not address these issues properly. Your acceptance of the personnel committee's recommendation to begin the searches for a student minister and associate pastor as well as your approval of the nominating committee's report indicates that you realize that we have some work that needs to be done.

Thanks again for your willingness to follow. Please pray for our church as we go through the process of realigning our Sunday School Ministry.. You will learn more details involving classes and locations in the next couple of weeks so that we will be ready to launch the new classes in September.

I love you and look forward to seeing you soon.

Pastor Butch



NURSERY VOLUNTEERS AUG. 9

Bed Babies

Kitty Spillers; Janice Sheppard;
Mary Ellen Mercer

Toddlers

Robin Glass; Jane Germany

2 yrs. Old

Matt & Teresa Hummel

3 yrs. Old

Chris & Margot Cleveland

Lil' Big House

Jennifer Venable; Amy Ross

Big House

Charlie & Nicole Deriso

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

Mon. Aug. 10

9am-1pm-Lavon Boyett
1pm-5pm-Janice Kennedy

Tues. Aug. 11

9am-1pm-Doug Boss
1-5pm-Leigh McLendon

Wed. Aug. 12

9am-5pm-Harriet Haskins

Thurs. Aug. 13

9am-5pm-Doug Boss

Fri. Aug. 14

9-4pm-Ann Sims

Boy, did we do some fishin' Saturday, August 1 at the Barfield's! I believe every child caught a fish and the parents had just as much fun (if not more!) than the kids. Thanks to all who came and contributed to a wonderful time of fellowship. A special thanks to Don and Rosemary Barfield for having us!

If your child needs reconnecting, we have Bible Study Groups designed to reconnect and recharge their batteries. For the next thirteen weeks, preschoolers and children will learn about the 10 Commandments while the 5th and 6th graders (Hanger 56) will learn about living more like (and for) God. These Bible Study groups will start at 5:30 p.m. Parents, if you are signing up for a BSG yourself, GREAT! Please make sure you let us know for childcare reasons. **Parents, if you are not attending a BSG, I pray that you will help us in the Children's Ministry. We are seeking more teachers for the 13-week sessions. Please contact me for more details.**

Our mission project for *Summer Blast* is collecting school supplies for area schools. Please help by dropping off any supplies in the designated box by the Children's hall. These school supplies will be donated with love and prayer for the children that receive them. We have special plans for our children on our last night of Summer Blast August 12th. Come with swimsuits on!

I am still praying and searching for: Sunday School assistants for the Toddler class, an assistant for the older 3-year-old class, a lead teacher and assistant for the Pre-K class, teachers for Sunday night BSG's for our children, Wednesday night GA and RA teachers. The Bible says if we pray to the Lord and ask, He will deliver our needs. I am praying and asking for Christian men and women to help minister to our precious children. Will YOU?!

By the way, Upward Basketball is coming soon!

Trusting in Him,
Jennifer J. Jefcoat
Minister to Preschool and Children

Barbeque Chicken Plates

SUPPORT OUR STUDENT
MINISTRY

Buy a Barbeque Chicken Plate!
Tickets on sale NOW. (\$7)

Dinners may be picked up in the atrium immediately following the 10:30 Worship Service August 16th.

PLEASE NOTE

Aug. 16, 4:30—Youth Choir Starts
Aug. 19, Children's Choirs Resume

Please note NEW Wed. night times!

- ☺ 5:15-Family Night Supper
- ☺ 5:45-Children's Choirs
- ☺ 6:30-Prayer Meeting
- ☺ 6:30-Children's Missions & IMPACT (Students)

Oct. 3—Student Yard Sale

7:00am-1:00pm (Downtown) Start getting "your stuff" together. Call Diane at 883-8000 if you have any questions.

AUGUST STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

DIANE MCLENDON

Music, Student & Activities Ministries
Assistant, 8 Years

JACKIE PATTERSON

Cook, 1 Year

Congratulations and may God bless you as you continue in His service.

Weekday Open House

Sunday, August 16, 3:00 PM
Come see what we're about!

JOY Luncheon

Noon, Thursday, August 27

Kenny Phillips, Director of the Anchorage, will share with us in song. Come beat the heat with "warm" fellowship and a great meal—all for only \$5.00! Invite a friend!

Bible Studies by DEMAND

Will NOT meet this Thurs., Aug. 6



The Food Service Staff is offering a *Healthy Choice Line* for Family Night Supper—great for folks on low fat, lower sugar and low sodium diets! So if you are interested, try out the line on the right. Bonny would like feedback on ALL the meals so let her know what you like, what you don't (in a nice way!), and what you might like to have to eat.

Also, **please remember** that in spite of rising food costs, we have not increased our prices (7th grade-Adults--\$5.00; Children age 3-6th grade--\$3.00) for the Family Night meal in several years. The Food Service staff is working very hard to provide quality meals AND keep the cost per meal down. We need your help to do this!

Please keep in mind:

- ☺ The price of each ticket is for an adult meal **OR** a children's meal—NOT both!
- ☺ Please do not "double dip"—that is, eat off both (adult's and children's) lines.
- ☺ Each ticket is for a single serving of food items—not an "all you can eat buffet."

Thanks in advance for helping us to be good stewards of God's blessings to us!
—FBC Food Service Committee

Presentation on trip to **OBERAMMERGAU'S HISTORIC PASSION PLAY**

Monday, August 17, 6:00 PM
FBC Sanctuary

Jack Brinson, Collette Vacations, will be here to show highlights and answer questions about this trip planned for August, 2010. Stops include Munich and Nuremberg, Germany; Innsbruck, Austria; and end at Oberammergau, Germany. Space is limited and tickets for this once-every-ten years event are selling fast! Don't miss out! Come and invite your "traveling buddies!"



TEACHERS NEEDED in the Children's Ministry. Please prayerfully consider serving the Lord through this ministry and then contact Jennifer Jefcoat for more information or to volunteer.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

9:00am- Bible Study
10:30am-Worship
11:00am-Korean Worship Service
4:30-6:30pm-*Financial Peace*/ Room M-108
4:45-6:15pm=*Downpour: He Will Come to Us Like the Rain*/Room M-107
4:45-6:15pm-*first place 4 Health: Giving Christ Control*/Annex Building
4:45-6:15pm-*A Woman After God's Own Heart*/ Room TBA
5:30pm-Student's Back to School Bash

MONDAY, AUGUST 10

Sunday School Leadership Training with Steve Parr (See Pastor's Column)
5:30pm-Heart Friends/Small Conf. Room

TUESDAY, AUGUST 11

9:00-11:00am-*This is My Story*/Youth Area
10:15am-Women on Mission
6:00pm-Finance Committee/Conf. Room

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 12

5:00pm-Preschool & Children's Committee/6th Grade SS Room
5:30-6:30pm-Family Night Supper
6:30pm-Last Summer *Blast*/Children/Students
6:30pm-Prayer Meeting/Don & Terri Horsley/Missionaries to Central Asia

THURSDAY, AUGUST 13

FRIDAY, AUGUST 14

SATURDAY, AUGUST 15

11:00am-The Father's Kitchen/Downtown

BITS & PIECES

*"Dear Church family,
Thank you for the joyful reception with all the food, laughs, tears and memories. You will always be near to us in our thoughts and prayers. It is with a mixture of joy and sadness that we venture out into God's new call on our lives, for it is not just me going into the pastorate but it is our whole family going into a mission field. I truly feel that we are going out from FBC Albany having been built up and equipped for this new time in our ministry. We will look forward to opportunities in the future to visit with you and catch up on the church whether our meeting is in Albany or Oak Ridge. May God continue to richly bless this wonderful people that will continue to be our friends and family."*

Brian Scott

Needed: A room for a female student who will be attending Darton College this fall. Please call Mrs. Jo Anne McClung, 439-9063 for more information.

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FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER Wed. August 12- 5:30-6:30



Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce
Salad Bar; Garlic Bread
Dessert; Coffee; Tea
(Healthy Choice Menu Offered—See article on pg. 3)
7th Gr. & up —\$5; 3 yrs.—6th Gr.—\$3

HOSPITAL

Phoebe: Harriet Smith; Lynda Gray
Palmyra: Jo Simmons

FLOWERS SUNDAY, AUGUST 9

The beautiful flower arrangements in the Worship Center this Sunday are given to the glory of God...
1...and in honor of the 2nd Anniversary of Jim & Michelle Vaughn and in honor of the birth of their baby daughter, Ridley Addison Vaughn, who was born May 22, 2009.
2...and in honor of the 28th Wedding Anniversary of Jimmie & Anne Nettles.
3...and in honor of Dimple Wills on her birthday from her children, Larry & Family, Ken & Family and Landra & Family

(Special Note: We have slots available on several dates for 2nd arrangements. Call the church office if you would like to explore these possibilities)

SUNDAY REPORT—8/2/09

Adults.....	219
Student	51
Children.....	48
Preschool.....	38
TOTAL	356
Worship Attendance 10:30 AM	400

FINANCIAL REPORT AUGUST 2, 2009

Budget Received This Week	\$ 31,643.97
2009 Budget Needed Y.T.D.....	\$ 828,114.07
2009 Budget Received Y.T.D.....	\$ 733,968.69
CNN Received This Week	\$ 570.50
2009 Received Year to Date	\$ 13,235.50
The Next Step Received This Week	\$ 12,228.87
Balance on Hand This Week.....	\$ 12,228.87
2009 Received Year to Date	\$ 150,149.67
Total Received to Date	\$ 1,116,345.24
Designated Gifts Received This Week	\$ 587.20
2009 Received Year to Date	\$ 33,987.80
Total Gifts Received This Week	\$ 45,030.54
2009 Received Year to Date	\$ 931,464.96

MINISTERIAL STAFF

William E. "Butch" Knight, PhD Senior Pastor
Jimmie Nettles Pastor of Worship & Music
Kathy Mims, PhD..... Director of Sr. Adult & Women's Ministries
Jennifer Jefcoat Minister to Preschool & Children
Ray Kirk Business Administrator
Gordon Davidson..... Interim Student Minister

MINISTER ON CALL AUG. 8, 2009

JIMMIE NETTLES-343-2086

If no answer, call the church, 883-8000, and choose Option #7. You will hear instructions for having our Minister on call paged.

A SPECIAL WEDNESDAY EVENING at FBC

Wednesday, August 12, 6:30 pm

with

DON & TERRI HORSLEY
Missionaries to Central Asia

