

PLEASE PRAY FOR... **CENTRI-KID**

July 13-17, 2009
 Clinton, Mississippi

List of Campers: Drew Boyett, Daniel Brinson, Robert Brinson, Taylor Brooks, Grant Chastain, Ab Eakes, Allie Eakes, Anna Eakes, Chandler English, Ellis Gill, Burke Hardin, Hope Joiner, Callie Kimbrel, Griffin McDowell, Aaron McNutt, Josie Nix, Brett Rigsby, Haley Sells, Lexi Ruth Sells, Will Sewell, Mary Angeline Shaw, Waverly Wahbeh, Faith White, Felicity White, and Matt Williams.

Chaperones are: Andy Boyett, Ronnie English, Jennifer Jefcoat, Will Knight, Jamie McDowell and Kristin McDuffie.

It's Back!!!



Wonderful Wednesdays Have Returned

- 📅 5:30-6:30.....Family Night Supper
- 📅 6:30 Student & Children's Activities
- 📅 6:30 Prayer Meeting

Children's Choirs Begin August 19


Parent's Night Out



Sign up by Wed. July 22


A Fun Night For your Child!

PARENT'S NIGHT OUT
 Friday, July 24 *** 6:00 pm—9:00 pm
 Bring dinner & \$5.00 per child



STUDENTS!!
 Check Out What's Happening
 "The Rest of the Summer!!!!"

See page 3 for **EXCITING DETAILS!!!**





Four years ago this past Sunday I preached my first sermon as the pastor of First Baptist Church of Albany. Whenever I think of that day, I remember that it was wet,

wet, wet. Hurricane Dennis had just made landfall during that weekend, and we were right in the middle of its downpours. Thankfully, things have dried out.

Well, the weather is not the only thing that has changed over the years. A lot has transpired. When I think more in depth about what all has happened in these four years, I find it a little overwhelming. The most obvious change involves our address. Four years ago, we were meeting on the corner of Pine and Jefferson in downtown Albany. Today, we gather in a multi-purpose facility on Oakland Parkway, neither of which even existed on July 10, 2005.

Other significant changes have occurred in my tenure as your pastor. The makeup of our congregation is different than it was when I began serving and continues to change. We are a younger, more culturally-varied people than we were. We find ourselves having to be more flexible and creative in terms of carrying out ministry than we did a few years back.

Another important change involves the composition of our church staff. My first or second year here we had a staff photo made that included both our ministerial and support staff members. The picture showed all sixteen of us standing around and on the porch of a rustic cabin.

Unfortunately, this really nice photo has become obsolete and serves now only as a memory. About half of that group no longer serves on our church staff. While I certainly understand the factors that have led to the departures, I also am a keenly aware that our staff structure has experienced much change in a fairly short period of time.

In every instance, the changes have led to challenges for our church and remaining staff members. Ministry gaps develop that require filling some times by a staff member, but at other times, church

members must plug the holes in order for ministry to continue in certain areas. I am very grateful for the manner in which our church and staff have responded to these needs in the past and am confident that we will continue to do so now and in the future.

Staff changes also lead to new opportunities. Many of the staff members with whom I began serving at First Baptist Church of Albany have left in order to pursue new opportunities that God has provided. I certainly rejoice with them in their pursuit of new endeavors. New opportunities arise as well for our church when we experience vacancies. Unfortunately, we often miss out on them because we want to rush and fill positions rather than evaluate where we are and where we are headed as a church. We fail to ask questions like, *“What does God have in mind for us now?”*

Please know that I am asking this question right now. Our church is going to sorely miss Brian Scott’s ministry, a ministry that expanded far beyond working with students. So, I am praying to God, *“What do You have in mind for us now?”* I ask you to join with me in this prayer each day because I am confident that God has something great in mind, something much more than just filling a spot on a church staff.

Today marks a great time to embrace the promise of God’s faithfulness and direction. Jeremiah 29:11 reads, *“For I know the plans I have for you,” says the Lord. “They are plans for good and not for disaster, to give you a future and a hope.”* Claim them and expect God to do great things in your life and in our church.

I love you and look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Pastor Butch

Pastor’s Sermon Topic
Sunday, July 19, 10:30 AM

“JESUS AT CANA”
John 2: 1-11
Jesus brings joy by turning the ordinary into extraordinary

Joy Luncheon

THURSDAY, JULY 23

12:00 noon

Come & enjoy a GREAT lunch prepared by our gracious kitchen hostess, Bonny Henderson and staff, PLUS an informative program all for \$5!



VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE!
The New Parking Area and North Entrance to the church are now open!!
 The South Entrance will be CLOSED until further notice. Use North Entrance ONLY!

Register for Weekday Ed 2009-2010
Classes for Fall Begin Aug. 17th
Ages 6 wks.—4K
Limited classes so don’t wait too long to sign up your little one. Registration forms are available in the Children’s Area and in the church office.
 Call Patti Rohrs at 883-7575.

SUMMER PRESCHOOL CONTINUES THROUGH JULY 30
 Tuesdays & Thursdays — 9 a.m.-12 noon
 Two years-Pre-K4 included.
 Drinks & snacks provided (No lunch).
Contact Patti Rohrs, 883-7575, the day before a scheduled event.
The cost is \$15 per child per event.



OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

- Mon. July 20**
 9am-1pm-JoAnn Lane
 1pm-5pm-Bobbie Barfield
- Tues. July 21**
 9am-1pm-Becky McDonald
 1-5pm-Janice Kennedy
- Wed. July 22**
 9am-5pm-Harriet Haskins
- Thurs. July 23**
 9am-1pm-Ouida Fincher
 1-5pm-Alan Stone
- Fri. July 24**
 9-4pm-Ann Sims

SUN., JULY 19 NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

- Bed Babies**
 Holly Strickland; Bobbie Hobby;
 Pat Buchanan
- Toddlers**
 Angie Evans; Carol Moore
- 2 yrs. Old**
 Amy Durham; Kem Gluckert
- 3 yrs. Old**
 Susan Harper
- Lil’ Big House**
 Angie Powell; Teresa Hummel
- Big House**
 Christy Eakes

Summer Fun for Students

July 26 — Pool Party

6 PM, Chris & Lisa Shaw's, 1902 Covey Road

July 27 — Moe's & Moo's 5:30 PM Food, Fellowship & Ice Cream

August 9 — Back to School BASH

August 16 — Youth Choir cranks back up!

☺ **LAKE DAY** To be Announced—Always a FUN, FUN, time with lots of food, jet skiing, swimming and you name it!



☺ **BEACH BLAST** One "last summer fling" coming this Fall! Watch for details!



Times Do Change

Dear First Baptist Family,

This year has proven to be a test for us here in Albany. The recession is in full swing and seems to be affecting us all personally in some way. As many of you know, Proctor and Gamble has been promising a reduction in their workforce for some months now.

What I am leading up to say is that Bob and BJ Greer are relocating to South Carolina. Bob, a long time employee of P&G, is fortunate to be able to make a move within the company. In jest someone asked if BJ was going to go with Bob and unfortunately for us she is.

Her last Sunday as our accompanist is July 26. BJ and Bob have been church members at First Baptist for about 30 years. BJ has faithfully served in the music ministry for all of those years and has been our church accompanist for 9 of those years. Both Bob and BJ have invested themselves into the past and future of this church and we will plan an appropriate way to allow the church to say goodbye.

—Jimmie Nettles

Traveling Games

A lot of people take vacations in the summer.

Here are two fun games you can play during trips in the car!



"NOW!"

1. The driver picks an object he sees a mile or so down the road.
2. Players close their eyes.
3. When a player thinks the car is about to pass the object, he or she calls out, "Now!"

Alphabet Race

Find the letters of the alphabet in order using the letters on the license plates of other cars.

To make it more challenging, start at the letter Z and work backwards to A.



Another way to play the game is to pick a word and then try to find the letters that spell your word.



CALENDAR NOTES

Sunday, July 19

NO PM Activities Except Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 22

Regular Wednesday Activities

Sunday, July 26

5:30-Centri-Kid Report

6:30-Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 29

6:30pm-Church Conference

Sunday, August 2

9:00-Promotion Sunday

5:30-Baptism

6:30-Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 9

5:30-Discipleship Studies

6:30-Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 16

4:00-Weekday Ed Open House

4:30-outh Choir Resumes

Wednesday, August 19

Children's Choirs Resume

Sunday, August 23

10:30-Parent/Child Dedication

Sunday, August 30

170th Anniversary & Homecoming Celebration with Rev. Perry Webb & Dinner on the Grounds

This Week at FBC

SUNDAY, JULY 19

9:00am- Bible Study
 10:30am-Worship
 11:00am-Korean Worship Service
 6:30pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, JULY 20

TUESDAY, JULY 21

9:00am-Weekday Ed Summer School
 9:00-11:00am-*This Is My Story Study/Youth Area*
 6:30pm-Deacon Supper & Meeting

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22

Last day to sign up for Parent's Night Out
 5:30-6:30pm-Family Night Supper
 6:30pm-Activities for Children/Students
 7:30pm-Nominating Committee/Conf. Rm.
 7:30pm-Properties Committee/Small Conf. Room

THURSDAY, JULY 23

9:00am-*Prayer That Works Bible Study/Youth Area*
 9:00am-Weekday Ed Summer School
 12:00n-JOY Luncheon

FRIDAY, JULY 24

6:00-9:00pm-Parent's Night Out

SATURDAY, JULY 25

ATTENTION THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUP...

Meet at Sunset Grill for lunch at 11:45 on July 23 and August 6.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS



Emily Bradshaw
Baptism
 2741 Dover Lane
 Albany, 31721
Emily is the daughter of Shay & Bill Bradshaw



Linda Jenkins
Letter
 2306 Tuxedo Lane #A
 Albany, 31721

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Check This Out!



FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER Wed. July 22 - 5:30-6:30

Chicken & Dumplings; Field Peas; Fried Okra;
 Sliced Tomatoes; Cornbread; Salad Bar;
 Brownies; Coffee; Tea

Children's Menu:

Peg Legs
 7th Gr. & up —\$5; 3 yrs.—6th Gr.—\$3

SUNDAY REPORT—7/12/09

Adults	227
Student	45
Children	48
Preschool	39
TOTAL	359
Worship Attendance 10:30 AM	431

FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 12, 2009

Budget Received This Week	\$ 23,579.00
2009 Budget Needed Y.T.D	\$ 748,255.03
2009 Budget Received Y.T.D	\$ 645,923.56
CNN Received This Week	\$ 509.00
2009 Received Year to Date	\$ 11,830.50
The Next Step Received This Week	\$ 3,761.00
Balance on Hand This Week	\$ 3,761.00
2009 Received Year to Date	\$ 127,076.80
Total Received to Date	\$ 1,093,272.37
Designated Gifts Received This Week	\$ 2,201.00
2009 Received Year to Date	\$ 30,801.60
Total Gifts Received This Week	\$ 30,050.00
2009 Received Year to Date	\$ 815,755.76

HOSPITAL

Palmyra — Mr. Bill Nichols

SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to...Dave Venable whose father died July 9...Leisa Stewart whose father died July 11.

FLOWERS SUNDAY, JULY 19

The beautiful flower arrangement in the Worship Center this Sunday is given to the glory of God and in honor of our Office Volunteers who faithfully serve every week.

If you would like to place flowers in the worship center to the glory of God and in honor or in memory of a loved one, please call the church office. The following dates are available:

- ☞ July 26
- ☞ August 2, 9, 30
- ☞ September 13, 27
- ☞ October 4
- ☞ November 29
- ☞ December 6, 20, 27



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

MINISTER ON CALL JULY 18, 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 page.