

Fall 2009 Discipleship Studies

Beginning 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)

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.

Financial Peace University

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

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.



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)]

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!



A Woman After God's Own Heart

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

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.



Though the calendar informs us that we still have a couple of months of summer left, our summer schedule is coming to an end soon. When the school year came to an end in May, we

adjusted our Sunday and Wednesday evening schedules because of the amount of travel so many families do throughout the summer. Over the next couple of weeks, families will attempt to squeeze in those last vacation days before the new school year begins.

While I am thankful that families have an opportunity to get away and enjoy themselves during the summer, I admit that I look forward to the return of our full church schedule. In our Music ministries, our children's music ministry will return on Wednesday evenings starting August 19th, while student choir begins Sunday August 16th.

As you noticed on the front cover of the newsletter, we will offer a number of discipleship studies on Sunday evenings, starting August 9th. The studies include Dave Ramsey's *Financial Peace*, James MacDonald's *Downpour*, Elizabeth George's *A Woman after God's Own Heart*, and *first place 4 Health: Giving Christ Control*. At first glance, some of you might think that the classes are the same offered last spring. Actually, only the *Financial Peace* study is the same. The rest are entirely new studies even though the names sound familiar.

Let me encourage you to make plans to participate in these studies and do not allow anything to hinder you. They have the potential to help you to grow in your relationship with God and one another. If you need financial assistance with the cost of a study, let Kathy Mims know and she will help you with this need. Please notice also that we have expanded the class time of the studies in order to insure that we have adequate time for each class.

The end of the summer also marks the beginning of a new Sunday morning Bible study schedule. Our preschool, children, and student classes will promote the first Sunday in August as normal. Adults however will not make adjustments until the first Sunday of September. One of the major needs in our church involves realigning our adult Sunday School classes. This kind of exercise is essential for maintaining a

Pastor's Sermon Topic
 Sunday, July 26, 10:30 AM
"JESUS AT BETHANY"
John 11:1-38-14
Jesus brings life out of death

healthy Sunday School structure and creating opportunities for all ages.

In order to help us in this area, Dr. Steve Parr of the Georgia Baptist Convention Sunday School Department will lead our teachers and leaders through a preparation time on Monday, August 10th. We will discuss strategy with our leaders during that afternoon, and then have a dinner for all of our teachers and leaders before a training session for teachers and leaders that evening.

I also have worked with our nominating committee this summer to get us ready for the fall. We are going to offer new Bible study classes as well as make adjustments to other classes. In addition to the goals of making our Sunday School healthier and new opportunities, we also will fill some glaring holes in our Bible study offerings. I will share more with you in the coming weeks about this time.

The coming of this fall will also bring about some other changes. As Jimmie informed us last week, Bob and B. J. Greer are moving to South Carolina because of a job transfer. Bob has served in our television ministry for many years as well as on various committees, providing important leadership. B. J. has served as our church's pianist for about ten years as well as a key leader in our children's and student music ministries. Our church will miss the Greers greatly.

This Sunday evening, following our *Centri-Kid* follow-up time, we will hold a reception for B. J. Greer. I hope that you will take the time to let her know how much you appreciate her ministry at First Baptist Church of Albany. In addition, you can commit yourself to praying for Bob and B. J. as they transition to South Carolina.

I love you and look forward to seeing you Sunday.

Pastor Butch



Hear details of an exciting week at camp for our children

**SUNDAY, JULY 26
5:30 PM**

What a blessing it was to experience Centri-Kid with our children last week! Thank you for all your support and prayers. Our hearts were changed by God and I pray our renewed passion will "ooze" out of us!

Bait those hooks! Bring your fishing poles and meet us at Don and Rosemary Barfield's, 5013 Gillionville Road, Saturday, August 1 at 8:00 a.m. until noon. This is for the whole family! Bait and food will be provided. Sign up sheets will be at the Children's Welcome Center and in Sunday School. A fun competition will be held. Directions and details can be found at the church office.

Serving Him gladly,

Jennifer J. Jefcoat
Minister to Preschool & Children

IMPORTANT NOTICE!
The New Parking Area and North Entrance to the church are now open!!
 BOTH entrances will be open this Sunday barring any complications.

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 Fun for Students

July 27 — Moe's & Moo's

5:30 PM - Food, Fun & Ice Cream

August 2 — Student Lake Fellowship

Following the 10:30 am Service, we will go to Gill's lake house for a FUN, FUN, time with lots of food, jet skiing, swimming and you name it



August 9 — Back to School BASH

August 16 — Youth Choir cranks back up!



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

CALENDAR NOTES

Sunday, July 26

- 5:30-Centri-Kid Report
- 6:15-Reception for B.J. Greer
- 6:45-Adult Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, July 29

- 6:30-Church Conference

Sunday, August 2

- 9:00-Promotion Sunday
- 11:45-Student Lake Fellowship
- 6:30-Adult Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 9

- 4:30 & 4:45-Discipleship Studies
- 5:30-Student's Back to School Bash
- 6:30-Adult Choir Rehearsal

Monday, August 10

- 2:30-SS Leaders & Staff Meeting
- 6:15-Meal; 6:45-SS Teachers' Training

Sunday, August 16

- 4:00-Weekday Ed Open House
- 4:30-Youth Choir Resumes

Wednesday, August 19

- 5:15-Family Night Supper
- 5:45-Children's Choirs Resume
- 6:35-Children's Missions Resumes

Sunday, August 23

- 10:30-Parent/Child Dedication

Sunday, August 30

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

If you know of a former staff member that we need to invite personally, please call the church office ASAP! We do not want to leave anyone out at this special time as we celebrate 170 years!



The Church Family is invited to a Farewell Reception honoring B.J. Greer Sunday, July 26, 6:15 p.m. In the Atrium

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.



PLEASE NOTE...

Adult 3 & 4 Sunday School. Something "fishy" is going on. Meet at Blackbeard's Thursday, July 30 at 6:00 pm to find out what!



Joy Luncheon



A BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION—
YOURS & OUR COUNTRY'S

THURSDAY, JULY 23

12:00 noon (\$5.00)

Come & enjoy a GREAT lunch prepared by our gracious kitchen hostess, Bonny Henderson, and staff.

Women's 2009 Summer Bible Studies & Activities

sponsored by FBC Women's Ministries

Thursday, July 23

9:00-11:00 AM OR 5:30-7:30 PM

PRAYER that WORKS

Study Group

Monday, July 27

10:00 AM or 6:00 PM

Making Scripture Pictures
(Materials needed are colored markers or pencils, or sharpies.)

Thursday, July 30

9:00-10:30 AM

Bible Studies by DEMAND:

Enjoy: *A Thirst-Quenching Look at Philipians* by Tianne Moon

Child care reservations MUST be made at least two days in advance of dates needed for these studies!

OFFICE VOLUNTEERS

- Mon. July 27**
9am-1pm-Tinsley Dozier
1pm-5pm-Mary Ann Oakes
- Tues. July 28**
9am-1pm-Eloise Dozier
1-5pm-Gray Fountain
- Wed. July 29**
9am-5pm-Harriet Haskins
- Thurs. July 30**
9am-1pm-Doug Boss
1-5pm-Doug Boss
- Fri. July 31**
9-4pm-Ann Sims

SUN., JULY 26 NURSERY VOLUNTEERS

Bed Babies

Suzanne Hardison; Gloria Lowery;
Candy Land

Toddlers

Margene Neal; Laura Neal

2 yrs. Old

Dale Joiner; Mary K. Griffin

3 yrs. Old

Charlie & Nicole Deriso

Lil' Big House

Jennifer & Jake Jefcoat

Big House

Cathy Morey; Jason & Laney Corley

This Week at FBC

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SUNDAY, JULY 26

9:00am- Bible Study
10:30am-Worship
11:00am-Korean Worship Service
4:00pm-Student Ministry Team Meeting/6th Gr
SS Room
5:30pm-Centri-Kid Sharing Time/Worship Center
6:15pm-Churchwide Reception for B.J. Greer
6:45pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, JULY 27

5:30pm-Heart Friends/Small Conf. Room

TUESDAY, JULY 28

9:00am-Weekday Ed Summer School
9:00-11:00am-*This Is My Story Study/Youth Area*
11:30am-Mallary Minister's Fellowship

WEDNESDAY, JULY 29

5:30-6:30pm-Family Night Supper
6:30pm-Activities for Children/Students
6:30pm-Church Conference

THURSDAY, JULY 30

9:00am-Weekday Ed Summer School
9:00am-Bible Studies by Demand/Room 108
11:00am-3-6 Grades Lunch

FRIDAY, JULY 31

SATURDAY, AUGUST 1

ATTENTION THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE GROUP...

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

BITS & PIECES

Dear Albany First Baptist Bereavement Ministry, You will never know how much your lunch meant to our family. The food was delicious and we appreciate you affording our family the opportunity of gathering in your beautiful church after Mrs. Stokes' service. Although Mrs. Stokes spent the last 10 years of her life in Swainsboro, the love she had for First Baptist of Albany never ceased. She waited each week for the newsletter, etc., which Mrs. McClung sent every week for 10 years. In fact, the week she died, she asked me to read the list of persons who were sick... The mission of the Bereavement Ministry is one of sincere Christian love and we were truly blessed by being able to return to a place that meant so much to Mrs. Stokes.

Sincerely, Barbara Stokes

What a joy it is to belong to such a loving and caring church family. Each word of encouragement, cards, phone calls and especially your prayers continue to be so appreciated. I am truly grateful my sweet Mother had such a peaceful passing from this world to her eternal home. Thank you all.

In Christian love, Mary Ellen Mercer

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Check This Out!



FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER Wed. July 29 - 5:30-6:30

Beef Stroganoff w/Egg Noodles; Salad Bar;
Rolls; Strawberry Shortcake; Coffee; Tea

Children's Menu:

Fish Sticks

7th Gr. & up —\$5; 3 yrs.—6th Gr.—\$3

SUNDAY REPORT—7/19/09

Adults.....	210
Student.....	32
Children.....	29
Preschool.....	37
TOTAL.....	308
Worship Attendance 10:30 AM.....	348

FINANCIAL REPORT JULY 19, 2009

Budget Received This Week	\$ 30,408.70
2009 Budget Needed Y.T.D.....	\$ 774,874.71
2009 Budget Received Y.T.D	\$ 676,332.26
CNN Received This Week	\$ 243.50
2009 Received Year to Date.....	\$ 12,074.00
The Next Step Received This Week	\$ 1,672.00
Balance on Hand This Week.....	\$ 1,672.00
2009 Received Year to Date.....	\$ 128,748.80
Total Received to Date	\$ 1,094,944.37
Designated Gifts Received This Week.....	\$ 1,160.00
2009 Received Year to Date.....	\$ 31,961.60
Total Gifts Received This Week	\$ 33,484.20
2009 Received Year to Date.....	\$ 849,239.96

HOSPITAL

Palmyra—Bill Nichols

Phoebe—Lynda Gray

FLOWERS SUNDAY, JULY 26

The beautiful flower arrangement in the Worship Center this Sunday is given to the glory of God and in honor of Anita McDuffie on our 28th Wedding Anniversary from John McDuffie.

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:

- ☞ August 30
- ☞ October 4
- ☞ November 29
- ☞ December 6, 20



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

DEACON ON CALL JULY 25, 2009

JOHN McDUFFIE — 881-0891

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