

*A Special Summer Evening*  
*at FBC*



**JULY 5, 5:00 PM**

**"Hot Diggity Dog" Cook-Out**  
 (Have you signed up? Invite family & friends)  
 Sponsored by the Activities Committee

*Plus*



**Omega in Concert**

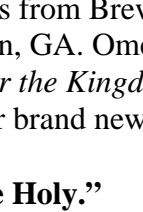
Omega formed in early October of 2008. They are comprised of students from Brewton Parker College in Mount Vernon, GA. Omega has one goal; *to reach the lost for the Kingdom of God.*  
 Please check out their brand new single ,  
**"You Are Holy."**



**Women's  
 2009  
 Summer  
 Bible  
 Studies  
 and  
 Activities**

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 page 3.  
 Get involved—  
 there is  
 something for  
 everyone!

**SUMMER CALENDAR NOTES**

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- Wednesday, July 1**  
 No Wed. Night Activities including Family Night Supper
- Sunday, July 5**  
 5:00 PM-Hot Diggity Dog Cookout PLUS  
 Omega Concert  
 NO Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Monday, July 6**  
 Church Office Closed
- Wednesday, July 8**  
 Kitchen Closed—We will have Prayer Meeting & Activities for Children & Students
- Sunday, July 12**  
 5:30-Baptism Service  
 6:30-Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Wednesday, July 15**  
 5:30-Family Night Supper Resumes  
 6:30-Prayer Meeting, Children & Student Activities
- Sunday, July 19**  
 NO PM Activities except Adult Choir Rehearsal
- Wednesdays, July 22, 29**  
 All Activities Resume
- Sunday, July 26**  
 5:30-Centri-Kid Report  
 6:30-Adult Choir Rehearsal
- 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  
 4:30Youth Choir Resume
- 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



Last Saturday Ginny and I had the opportunity to attend the wedding of Sarah Nettles and Ben Parten in Valdosta. The service was very nice, and the reception was a lot of fun.

One of the most pleasant moments involved watching Ben and his mother during the traditional groom-mother dance. They thoroughly entertained us, grooving to a song entitled "Lemonade."

Though I had never heard the song, I thought that I recognized Chris Rice as the singer. So when I got home, I searched the internet to validate my intuition. Sure enough I was right. The song had a catchy tune and fun lyrics. Check out the chorus:

*Life gave me lemonade and  
I can't imagine why  
Born on a sunny day,  
beneath a tangerine sky  
I live life without pretending  
I'm a sucker for happy endings  
Thanks for the lemonade  
Thanks for the lemonade!*

Now, some might contend that the lyrics were more than just fun. They would suggest that they were pure fantasy. That's because too many folks consider themselves as having received lemons from life and having been born on a stormy, nasty day. They experience struggles and hardships that cloud their vision and cause them to miss out on the joy of life.

Please understand that I fully recognize that life is full of troubles. Job reminded us of that on several occasions. Yet, James challenges us with these words, "*Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance. And let endurance have its perfect result, so that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing.*"

Ponder those words as you consider the following story. A high school student found a cocoon one day and brought it to his biology class. The teacher put it into a lighted aquarium to keep the cocoon warm. About a week later, a small opening began to appear on the underside of the cocoon. Students watched as it began to shake. Soon afterwards, tiny antennae emerged, followed by the head and tiny feet. Throughout the morning, students tracked the progress of the cocoon, running back to the lab in between classes to catch a glimpse of what was happening.



## Dr. Michael Gravette is Sunday's Pulpit Guest

Dr. Gravette was born in Birmingham, Alabama and is a graduate of the University of Alabama, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Luther Rice Seminary. He has been married to Marilyn Brooks Gravette since 1969 and they have two married children Michael Jr (Nichole) and Tara Vice (Jeremy). They have four grandsons: Mikey (Michael III) and Chase Gravette, Wesley and Mason Vice.

Dr. Gravette pastored Southern Baptist churches for 34 years in Texas, Missouri, Alabama and Georgia (former pastor at Byne Memorial) before joining the Georgia Baptist Convention staff in 2002. Dr. Gravette has travelled extensively and is the author of nine books and numerous articles. He has spoken in over 40 different states and 20 foreign countries. His present assignment as a Georgia Baptist Convention Specialist and North American Board missionary allows him to travel the United States and the world working with volunteers and short term mission projects. Dr. Gravette served as a United States Army Reserve Chaplain for seven years and as a volunteer police chaplain for over twenty years.

**It is our pleasure to welcome Dr. Gravette to the pulpit of First Baptist Church Sunday, June 28th at the 10:30 AM Service.**

By lunchtime limp wings were evident. The colors revealed that this was a monarch butterfly. It wiggled, shook, and struggled, appearing to be stuck. Try as it might, the butterfly could not force the rest of its body through the small opening of the cocoon.

Finally, one student decided to give the butterfly a hand and help it free itself from its difficulty. He took scissors and snipped off the cocoon's restrictive covering. Suddenly, out plopped an insect-like thing, with the top half looking like a butterfly with droopy wings, while the bottom half which was just out of the cocoon, was large and swollen. The critter never flew though it had wings. Instead, it just crawled around the bottom of the aquarium dragging its wings and swollen body. Shortly afterwards, it died.

The next day the biology teacher explained what had happened. The butterfly's struggle to get through the tiny opening was necessary in order to force the fluids from the swollen body into the wings so that they would be strong enough to fly. Without the struggle the wings never developed, and the butterfly never flew.

So, often it is with us. Without struggles a lot of things in life never develop. Regardless if life gives you lemonade or lemons, consider it all joy and know that God will bless you through it.

I love you and look forward to seeing you soon.

*Pastor Butch*

## Camp Hawkins Mission Team Report

**Sunday, June 28, 5:30 PM**

Come and learn how God has worked through the Camp Hawkins Mission Team to spread the love of Christ to those with developmental challenges. You will hear a first-hand report how your generous donations of money and supplies made this trip possible.

*Don't miss this  
opportunity to see how  
God is working at  
Camp Hawkins.*

Is it hot or what?! (remember that this is my first summer in Georgia.) I am wondering how people survive these high temps. That reminds me of *Summer Blast!* Bring your kids Wednesday nights at 6:30 p.m. for a time of devotion and water games. Have them bring a towel and wear their swimsuit under their clothes. They will leave drenched with love and wetness! Parents, grab a summer calendar off of the Children's Welcome Center and sign your kids up for an upcoming activity. The next adventure will be at the All-American Fun Park for our K5-2<sup>nd</sup> graders. The cost is \$7.00 which includes 2 hours of bowling, their shoes, and a drink. We will meet at the church at 9:30 a.m. and return about 12:15 p.m. Parents can also drop off and pick up their kids at the Fun Park. Sign up sheets are at the Welcome Center. We had a great time Friday night at our first Parent's Night Out for the summer! The kids enjoyed the time with their friends and I think the parents enjoyed the few hours of quietness! Don't miss out on our next Parent's Night Out! Mark your calendars for July 24<sup>th</sup> as we will love on your kiddos again from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. You must sign up by Wednesday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Happy Summer to you,  
Jennifer J. Jefcoat  
Minister to Preschool and Children

**OFFICE VOLUNTEERS**

**Mon. June 29**  
9am-1pm-Mynette Chapman  
1-5pm-Doug Boss  
**Tues. June 30**  
9am-1pm-Dellen Lyall  
1-5pm-Gray Fountain  
**Wed. July 1**  
9am-5pm-Doug Boss  
**Thurs. July 2**  
9am-1pm-Betsy Payne  
1-5pm-Gray Fountain  
**Fri. July 3**  
9-4pm-Ann Sims

**SUN., JUNE 28 NURSERY VOLUNTEERS**

**Bed Babies**  
Beth Chester; Brenda Bryant; Nancy Wade  
**Toddlers**  
Cathy Morey; Jennifer Morey  
**2 yrs. Old**  
Jan Duke; Ronnie English  
**3 yrs. Old**  
Brad & Claire Lang  
**Lil' Big House**  
Jamie & Tami McDowell  
**Big House**  
Jay & Lynn Williams

# Women's 2009 Summer Bible Studies and Activities

sponsored by FBC Women's Ministries

**Bible Studies by DEMAND**

**Thursdays, July 9, 16 & 30 and August 6, 9:00—10:30 AM**

No workbooks, no homework! Each week is a "stand alone" study—you won't get behind if you miss one. A great way to connect with other women & sample a variety of available Bible Studies! Topics and presenters for each week are:



- + **July 9**—*Fingerprints of God* by Jennifer Rothschild;
- + **July 16**—*Believing God* by Beth Moore;
- + **July 30**—*Enjoy: A Thirst-Quenching Look at Philippians* by Tianne Moon;
- + **August 6**—*Creative Correction* by Lisa Whelchel



**PRAYER that WORKS**

**Thursdays, July 23 & August 20, 9:00—11:00 AM OR 5:30—7:30 PM**

Book author Jill Briscoe will introduce you to biblical concepts guaranteed to ignite your passion for prayer. If you've ever become weary in prayer... if you've ever wished someone would disciple you in prayer or you've been tempted to give up on prayer—This is the study for you and NOW is the time to do it! Group will meet twice, discussing six chapters each time.

**Books:** \$10.25 from Kathy (limited number available) or purchase at LifeWay Christian Book Store.

*This is My Story:*



**Creating a Scrapbook Legacy of Faith**

**Tuesdays, July 7—August 25, 9:00—11:00 AM OR 5:30—7:30 PM**

This is a fun and rewarding adventure guiding you in creating a "keepsake storybook" to tell of God's love and faithfulness. Includes daily Bible study & journaling activities plus eight weekly group sessions for fellowship, faith-sharing, and scrapbooking. By the end you will have a beautiful story-

book—a treasured heirloom for your loved ones. Through this storybook of your personal walk with God, you will have the power to change lives for generations to come. **Required Supplies:** *This is My Story* Member Book and Scrapbook Album and Elements Pack (available at LifeWay Christian Book Store); archival-safe ink pen; archival-safe adhesive; pencil with good eraser; scissors [Contact Kathy if assistance is needed in purchasing supplies.]

**MAKING BIBLE BAGS**



**Monday, July 13, 10:00 AM or 6:00 PM**

Kathy Crowder will demonstrate and teach how to make Bible bags (bags can be monogrammed). Participants will receive patterns and printed instructions. One goal is to have ladies make bags to give to FBC first graders when they receive their Bibles from the church later this summer.



**MAKING SCRIPTURE PICTURES**

**Monday, July 27, 10:00 AM or 6:00 PM**

Linda Green will demonstrate and teach how to make scriptures come to life through "coloring"—a great way to share the written Word. Finished products make great gifts! Participants will pre-select scriptures to complete and receive other patterns. Materials needed are colored markers or pencils or sharpies. Dollar store brands work fine!

Child care will be provided for all these studies, but **child care reservations MUST be made at least two days in advance of dates needed!** [NOTE: For studies being held on Mondays, child care reservations needed by 3:00 PM on the preceding Friday.]

*Ladies, watch your mail for information and registration forms. Forms also available in church atrium and office.*



**JOY Luncheon**

Noon, Thursday, June 25

Don Dalley,

Parks of Chehaw, will share information about wild life in southwest Georgia and at the Park.

You get a **GREAT** program and **DELICIOUS** lunch for only **\$5.00!**



# This Week at FBC

## SUNDAY, JUNE 28

9:00am- Bible Study  
 10:30am-Worship  
 11:00am-Korean Worship Service  
 5:30pm-Camp Hawkins Mission Trip Report  
 6:30pm-Adult Choir Rehearsal

## MONDAY, JUNE 29

5:30pm-Moe's & Moo's/Students

## TUESDAY, JUNE 30

NO Weekday Ed Summer School  
 6:00pm-Student Bowling/Family Fun Park

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 1

NO ACTIVITIES

## THURSDAY, JULY 2

NO Weekday Ed Summer School  
 8:00am-Tubing the Icheetucknee/Students

## FRIDAY, JULY 3

## SATURDAY, JULY 4

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

### BITS & PIECES

*I want to express my sincere gratitude for your help with making our Faith and Character Based Ceremony a true success. Your help with the robes was an absolute blessing. The ones we had were in poor shape and I didn't know where I could turn. But wouldn't you know it, the Lord intervened and you answered the call. The robes were beautiful and the men stood proud. For many it was the only graduation ceremony in which they have ever been a participant. It was a memorable experience for all of them. On their behalf I want to thank you and I pray that God will also bless you for this and the many other contributions you continue to make on behalf of these men.*

*Yours in Christ, Chaplain Rodney Stamey, Calhoun State Prison*



### SUMMER PRESCHOOL CONTINUES THROUGH JULY 30.

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
 9 a.m.-12 noon \*\*Two years-Pre-K4  
 If your child completed PreK4, they are included. Cost is \$120 each month. Drinks & snacks provided (No lunch).  
 Contact Patti Rohrs, 883-7575 the day before a scheduled event and sign up at a cost of \$15 per child.

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**JULY 1—NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES INCLUDING FAMILY NIGHT SUPPER**

**JULY 8—NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT SUPPER — WE WILL HAVE PRAYER MEETING & CHILDREN & STUDENT ACTIVITIES**

### HOSPITAL

**Phoebe**  
 Rhydonia "Rhy" Allen  
 Dave Venable

### SYMPATHY

Christian sympathy is extended to Mary Ellen Mercer whose mother died June 20.

### FLOWERS SUNDAY, JUNE 28

The beautiful flower arrangement in the Worship Center this Sunday is given to the glory of God and in honor of Don & Florine Curran who celebrated 43 years of marriage on June 25. (The flowers in the arrangement were lovingly grown by Florine.)

*Rick Barrett of The Flower Gazebo furnishes these beautiful arrangements at a cost of \$40 per standard arrangement. Call the church office to reserve your special date to place flowers in the worship center in honor or in memory of a loved one.*

### SUNDAY REPORT—6/21/09

Adults .....	209
Student.....	27
Children.....	39
Preschool.....	35
TOTAL.....	310
Worship Attendance 10:30 AM.....	427

### FINANCIAL REPORT June 21, 2009

Budget Received This Week.....	\$ 11,921.50
2009 Budget Needed Y.T.D .....	\$ 668,395.99
2009 Budget Received Y.T.D.....	\$ 579,777.42
CNN Received This Week .....	\$ 164.00
2009 Received Year to Date.....	\$ 10,866.00
The Next Step Received This Week .....	\$ 929.00
Balance on Hand This Week .....	\$ 35,837.76
2009 Received Year to Date.....	\$ 117,467.80
Total Received to Date .....	\$ 1,083,663.37
Designated Gifts Received This Week.....	\$ 15.00
2009 Received Year to Date.....	\$ 26,845.60
Total Gifts Received This Week.....	\$ 13,029.50
2009 Received Year to Date.....	\$ 735,080.12

### MINISTERIAL STAFF

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

### MINISTER ON CALL JUNE 27, 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.