



# The Beacon

**First Baptist Church  
Burnet**

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## Pastor's Notes

June 24, 2009

Flexibility has been our word here at First Baptist since Thursday June 11. I remember that morning calling my dad to wish him happy birthday and then we began the day getting ready for Vacation Bible School. It had been a great week so far and we were getting excited about all the kids that would be coming that night. The evening began as each one had but we had heard about some storms that might move in; so we, as a staff, began to make all the emergency preparations to be ready just in case.

And then it happened. About 7:25 p.m. someone said that we have severe storms and they would hit us in about 30 minutes. Well I don't know whose watch they were going by but it wasn't more than 10 minutes later and everything began to blow away. Literally the roof on all three of the buildings began to fly off. We stood in the foyers of each building watching tin fly away. That is an incredible site to see. I tell you this just to let you know how excited I am to say that we serve a "Big God!" Through it all He kept each of us safe. Over 100 people and no one were injured.

Well by now everything has settled down, and we

are now waiting to hear the final judgment from our insurance company. I am confident that it will be a great word from them. Please keep us in prayer as we work through this, but I want to encourage us to keep our eyes on Jesus as we meet in a different place during the next month for worship. We have to be thankful that we have an alternative space to meet and that we are not under the trees in the heat. God is a great God and He has provided for us.

We did have lots of damage, but as Russell Garner introduced Sunday morning, we now have several projects to work on and I hope there will be some groups, Sunday school classes, individuals who will step up and take on one of the adopt a program projects. If you need to know what projects, just call the office or contact Russell. The auditorium has been taken care of by the insurance company as we will begin to see some updating as we work to attract younger families to worship with us.

We talk about loving each other and loving our church. We talk about how we need to step up when God puts something

in front of us, and I believe that He has put a tremendous step in front of us. Now it is up to each of us to accept the challenge before us. Many of these projects will cost some money and we need to get involved where we feel God leading us.

In the midst of all that has happened, we are seeing some exciting things happen at First Baptist Church. You need to be here to see what is going on and to get involved. If you are not here, then you are missing out on all the blessings that God has given to us. I hope that you will come and see. If you have not been in a while, I challenge you to come see, and you will not be disappointed. Join us this Sunday as we worship together. I look forward to seeing each of you here. I know I tell you this all the time, but I really do mean it when I say that . . . I love being your Pastor!

I love you,  
Your Pastor Ricky

"They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of His splendor."

Isaiah 61:3



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### Staff

Sr. Pastor	Dr. Ricky Guenther
Music /Education Minister	Doug Burton
Youth Minister	Matt Brown
Church Secretary	Bettie Taber
Financial/Education Secretary	Donna Fanslau
Custodian	Van Plevan
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## Music / Education Notes 'n' Quotes

by Doug Burton

### Town Hall Meeting

If you missed the Town Hall Meeting (or if you were here) and want a copy of the discussion outline, they are available on the white table in the gym/temporary worship center. I am so thankful for the Dream Team and the work they have done (and will continue to do.) Please continue to pray about this process of formulating church-wide goals for the future.

The next Dream Team Meeting will be Monday, July 27, in the FLC.

### Sunday School Promotion Day

This Sunday, June 28 is Sunday School Promotion Day. Our Children and Youth...and those Adults who dare!...will promote to new classes. Children and Youth will go to their same class at the beginning and will move during the class time.

### Sunday School Teachers and Officers

Sunday School Leadership Team (Teachers and officers) meeting  
Sunday, June 28, Noon

### Choir

Our *Choir* has begun working on music for a *Summer Gospel Concert* at the end of August. If you would like to take part in this, join us on Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m.

### Instrumentalists

***Attention All Adults and Youth Who Play Instruments!***  
***Organizational Meeting: July 12 @ 5:00 p.m.***

This summer I would like to begin a group of instrumentalists to add a new dimension to our worship services. If you play a clarinet, flute, trumpet, washtub (well, maybe not) or another instrument let me know. I ask that you have at least completed 7<sup>th</sup> grade band. We will adjust the difficulty of the music to the level of the players, so if you are an adult who hasn't played in a while, we'll make it as painless as possible!

### KidZone Planning Meeting

KidZone Leadership Team Meeting  
July 15, 5:30 p.m., FLC



“Bring the whole tithes into the storehouse,  
that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,”  
says the LORD Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the  
floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing  
that there will not be room enough to store it.”

Malachi 3:10 (TNIV)

### **Why consider E-Giving?**

Make the first money you spend each month your gift to God. In today's fast paced economy many monthly payments are automatically deducted from your bank accounts leaving your tithe as the last money you spend each month.

Honor your pledge by making your tithe automatically deducted thus avoiding missed giving when on vacation or out of town.

It is convenient and saves time and money. There are no checks to write and saves First Baptist Church monthly processing charges.

### **There are several choices for E-Giving:**

*Gifts can be given by using your checking account, savings account, or debit*

Credit & Debit Card gifts can be done immediately by simply signing up as a user.

Checking / Savings accounts need to complete a Direct Debit Authorization Form, then sign up as a user.

### ***There are several types of transactions you can use:***

Recurring Automatic Deduction allows you to have a preset amount transferred from your checking or savings account or charged using your debit or credit card. These funds would be sent to First Baptist Church on a regular calendar basis, such as weekly, monthly or as you designate.

One Time Donations allows you to direct each transfer individually.

You may also combine these ways of giving and types of transactions.

### **How do I register as a new user for E-Giving?**

Go to [www.fbcburnet.org](http://www.fbcburnet.org), click on E-giving tab and follow instructions.



## Youth

by Matt Brown

This month, I would like to take some time to say a word of thanks to several people who have been instrumental in helping with the youth ministry over the past few weeks. Youth ministry is not accomplished by the effort of a single individual. It takes a team of people, and I have the privilege of working with one of the best teams composed of some of the most fantastic Christians I have met.

I want to begin by saying thanks to our faithful youth Bible Study leaders: Vickie Herrera, Bill Voit, Tabitha Baker, Jeff Sanders, Aimee Brown and Robbie Jordan. Week in and week out you all work to convey the truth of God's Word. You are investing in students for now and for the future. Make no mistake, God is changing lives through you. I appreciate you all and the effort you put into each lesson, the attention and affection you show our students and your steadfastness to move forward, step-by-step, in helping build our students' faith. Remember, it's not merely about how they are now, it's what they do when they leave our ministry that counts.

Second, I would like to say thanks to Cathy Whitfield, Sherlyn Brooks and Ruby May. These ladies, who work behind the scenes so often, made our Senior Recognition Day and Reception a magnificent success. From the decoration of the room and tables to the serving of the Senior Lunch all the way down to the cake, everything was better than I had imagined. You all made this day beautiful. Thank you so much. I also need to say a special word of thanks to Eddie and Lisa Whitehead, Vickie and Luis Herrera and Nancy Middlebrooks for providing the briskets, sausage and punch for the meal and reception. Everything was delicious. Thank you parents for the fantastic job you did decorating your child's table. The effort and attention to detail you all put into everything for your tables made them look fantastic. This was an amazing day and you all made this happen.

Third, I would like to thank everyone who helped with the Summer Kickoff Youth Lock-in: Bill Voit, Vickie Herrera, Joy Biscotto, Tabitha Baker, Aimee Brown, Maggie Evans, Jacob and Ryan Robinson. It was a great time of fun, games, movies, free time, pizza and more. And it was WAY easier in 3-4 hour shifts than everyone trying to go the whole night. Thanks for giving up an evening (or morning as the case may be) and spending time hanging out with students.

Finally, I want to say a quick word of thanks and "great job" to our students who worked at VBS last week. We had students serving nearly everywhere, from opening session to crafts to music to rec. I especially want to tell all our rec students what a fantastic job you did when the storm came. Without missing a beat, when the lights went out you calmly collected the kids, took them to the back hallway safe area and kept them distracted while everything outside was coming apart. You followed our directions to a tee that night and I want you to know how incredibly proud I am of you. You did probably the biggest job of anyone that night, helping keep the kids calm and safe. Thanks.

As I said earlier, Youth ministry is not accomplished by a single person, and as you can see, the success of this youth ministry is directly related to the people I have working with me. I could not do this job without you all. Thank you so much!

### Youth Upcoming Events

- July 5-10 Youth Seek Week in Brownwood, Texas**
- July 17-18 New Seventh Graders Retreat**
- July 26-29 Fusion Week 6:00p—9:30p**
- July 30-31 Summer's Last Stand 2009, Fiesta Texas and Schlitterbaun**



### Veterans or Families of Veterans

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Have you or someone you know served in the military? Are you or a family member active duty now? We are gathering information for an upcoming celebration, we need your help? Please fill out the information on this page and return to the Church—let's take time to honor and celebrate those who have served and defended our country.

Circle appropriate information

US Air Force    US Army    US Coast Guard

US Marines    US Navy    National Guard

Active Duty    Tour Served    Retired    Veteran Deceased

Please check **ONE**

**New Listing**

**Updated Form**

**If you have new information and/or new family members who have joined since last year ... Please fill out and return to Church Office.**

**If you filled out one of these last year You will NOT need to do it again unless the information has changed.**

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Where Served (War, Conflict, Peacetime, etc.)

WWI    WWII    Korea    Viet Nam    Kuwait    Iraq

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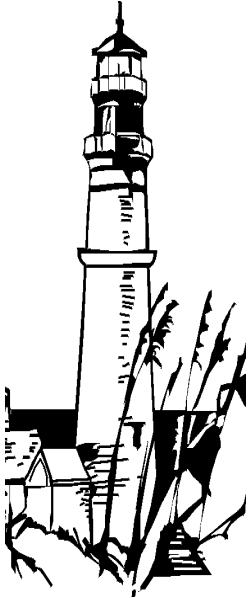
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**NOTES OF GRATITUDE**

“To FBC Family,  
 Thank you so much for your prayers and calls of encouragement on behalf of my husband during his recent hospital stay and during recovery.”  
**Sincerely, Jackie Greene**

“Dear Church Family,  
 Thank you for your prayers, visits, generous gifts of food and expression of love. All of your acts of kindness were a great comfort to our family.”  
**The Ruth Sandlin Family**

“During a time like this we realize how much our friends and relatives really mean to us . . . Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.”  
**Sally Warwick and Family**

“A big thank you to our Church Family for your prayers, concerns, food, cards, and visits. We are so blessed to have such a loving Church Family.”  
**Malcolm & Shirley Guess**

“Thank you to everyone at First Baptist for all that you do. There are so many of you that care, that are generous, and have such big hearts, it would take a while to write you all individually. I just wanted you to know that it is most definitely appreciated and I am so happy that I became a part of this great church.”  
**Sincerely, Nikia Ober**

**FBC SOFTBALL SCHEDULE**

Team	Date / Time	Team	Date / Time	Team	Date / Time
<b>FBC Men</b>	Thursday, 6/25 at 7:30 p.m.	<b>FBC Men's</b>	Thursday, 7/2 at 9:30 p.m.	<b>FBC Men's</b>	Thursday, 7/9 at 6:30 p.m.
<b>FBC Beacons vs FBC One</b>	Monday, 6/29 at 8:00 p.m.	<b>FBC One</b>	Monday, 7/6 at 7:00 p.m.	<b>FBC One</b>	Monday, 7/13 at 7:00 p.m.
<b>FBC Beacons</b>	Tuesday, 6/30 at 7:00 p.m.	<b>FBC Beacons</b>	Monday, 7/6 at 9:00 p.m.	<b>FBC Beacons</b>	Tuesday, 7/13 at 8:00 p.m.
<b>FBC One</b>	Tuesday, 6/30 at 8:00 p.m.	<b>FBC One</b>	Tuesday, 7/7 at 9:00 p.m.	<b>Jack Robertson, 512-748-1290 (cell)</b>	