



The Beacon

**First Baptist Church
Burnet**

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Pastor's Notes

July 29, 2009



“Are you ready for some football?” That is what we are about to hear because we are entering the football season. I am looking forward to this year’s season for the bulldogs. Exciting times are ahead, so as we cheer for our bulldogs, or whatever college or pro team we cheer for, we can anticipate some excitement. Well the question around here might be this; “are you ready for some excitement?” And with school just around the corner, we are looking for a great year.

So as we start school, let’s pray for our administration, teachers, school personnel, and students as they prepare for this next school year. We have some great Sundays coming up, and you need to be in attendance as we worship together. Please mark your calendar for August 23rd as we recognize our school personnel during our morning service. This will be a day that we can lift them up in prayer as they step on the campus the next day to work with our students. August is also a month when parents watch their college students leave for college, some for the first time, so let’s also pray for those students as well as their parents.

The reconstruction is in progress as well, and I believe that there is some excitement and anticipation generated. We are looking for that wonderful day when we can be in the auditorium. The playground is in progress, and that is going to be a great addition to the church. What we need to do is to pick up on the excitement and channel this into growth for our church. I

am so excited that God is working in our midst,

so we need to continue to focus on Him. Again, thank you for your patience as we continue to worship in our “gym” during all that has been going on.

I would like to thank Russell Garner, Bob Quisenberry, Doke Williams, Bob Johnson, Glenn Peavy, Ken Snowden, Walt Washburn, Cody Williams, Jeffrey Williams, and Bob Sane. I know I have left names off, but thank you to these and many others that have been working so hard around the church to complete the remodeling in the Old Fellowship hall, auditorium, and gym.

**“are you ready
for some
excitement?”**

These and many others have been working every day to make our buildings look so good. Thank you to our renovation committee; Wynn Floyd, Vickie Garner, Judy Wittekiend, Doke Williams, and Lynda Guenther for working so hard to get us back into the auditorium as soon as possible.

Thank you to the staff for all the work they have done during the summer to help keep things going. Thanks to all our committee members and chairmen for the work each are doing to

keep us going. And thank you to each church member for your attendance, your support and giving to First Baptist Church as we work together for a common cause: to spread the news of Jesus Christ to our community, our state and our world. I hope you will get in the game!

I hope you are “in the game” as we begin the new Sunday school year and our 2009 budget year. I love you and I love being your Pastor. I look forward to seeing each of you in Bible study and worship service during the month of August.

I love you,
Your Pastor Ricky

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Music / Education Notes 'n' Quotes

by Doug Burton

There is a new house going up next door to us. (If you are in the market, we are looking for some good neighbors!) It has been very interesting to watch the process. When one team of workers finishes their part, the process begins for another. There are times when one team cannot start until another has completely finished its part. This morning I was eating breakfast and watching the work. The brick layers have begun. I became very interested in how they worked. They met and visited a little while. Then when it was time to get to work, each one had his own job. The actual brick layers were at the house with a scaffold that was set up in just the right position. They made sure everything was level, etc. One young man was the "gopher" or "go for" person. He put bricks up on the scaffold, carried the cement bags to the place where it was mixed, kept the mortar stirred in the wheel barrow. Another man was the mortar mixer. He mixed just the right amount of sand, cement, and water in the mixer, dumped the mortar into the wheel barrows and moved them to the places where they were needed around the house. There was still another man who was positioned at the masonry saw. He had a tool that broke bricks; then he cut them off to the size that they needed to be to fill the open spots. Later I noticed that the home builder, the boss, who actually designed the house, came by. At this time he just stood back and watched as the Brick Team did their work. Earlier, I'm sure, he had set up the plans, and talked it through with the brick layers. I was amazed at how efficient and effective this team was. We had already watched the concrete team, the plumbers, the framers, the drywall team, the roofers, and others come in and do their parts, but this team was in full sight. I could see the whole process.

I began to think about the description of the church in the Bible. We are all part of one body, with Christ, the head. The body is like a team. Each system in the body must do its part if the process of building the kingdom of God is to work the way it should. Yes, if someone is not as experienced, it will slow down the process. But once this person has learned his role then the process can become even more effective.

Whether you realize it or not, you are a part of a team. You play a vital role. If you are not doing your part, then things will continue, but not the way it was intended to work. Our theme for Sunday School this year is **Get in the Game**. Let me encourage you to find a place to get involved in the work of building the kingdom of God. Search for a place where you can become involved. Then you will begin to see that it is not "them" and "they" down at the church, but "we, the church."

DREAM TEAM Meeting

The next Dream Team Meeting will be Monday, August 31, in the FLC.

Summer Celebration Service

Summer Gospel Concert scheduled for the end of August will be changing. We will begin to plan the service as a service of Celebration and Praise for God's provision. Time to be announced.

Instrumentalists NEW DATE!

Attention All Adults and Youth Who Play Instruments!
Organizational Meeting: August 2 @ 5:00 p.m.
Place will be announced.

KidZone Leadership Team Meeting

Every Wednesday @ 5:30 FLC

LOGO Contest

Here is your opportunity to make your mark! Design a logo that represents our Church and submit it to the Church Office by August 30.



“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, click on E-giving tab and follow instructions.



Veterans or Families of Veterans

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Veterans or Families of Veterans

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.

Name: _____

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

WWI WWII Korea Viet Nam Kuwait Iraq

Other (Please List, if possible)

Honors/Citations Received:

Any other information you would like to provide:



Youth

by **Matt Brown**

Faithfulness. God asks us to be faithful to Him. And when we are, He provides, He is free to work, He accepts totally responsibility and He takes care of everything. This summer has been a picture of God providing as we have been faithful to Him. The mission trip was incredible as we did what God called us to do and saw Him move and bring people to salvation. We saw lives touched and changed.

Summer camp was unbelievable. Before this year, our biggest group at camp was twenty. This year we took thirty-three! We saw forty-three separate decisions in our group alone, six of which were calls into the ministry. Several students made multiple decisions, including rededications to Christ and special decisions Jesus had laid on their hearts. I have never been to a camp where God has moved in such a powerful way. We saw God move in our students and bring them closer together. We saw students remain in the worship center AFTER WORSHIP HAD ENDED to continue to worship in the presence of God. We saw several of our former youth in leadership positions at the camp.

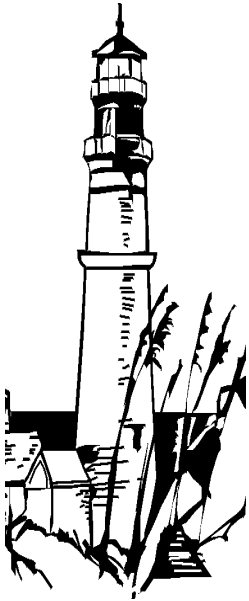
Our Second Annual New Seventh Grader retreat was another huge success. With fifteen people in attendance, we not only played games and had fun, we also helped the students make the leap out of the Children's program into our youth. Already, a number of these new students have participated in several other events we have sponsored like Lake Day and FUSION week.

On top of this, God is totally redecorating our Worship center for us and providing a new first-class playground for us!!! He is amazing!

It is so obvious yet so remarkable to see; God moves when we are faithful to Him. When we trust in Him and rely upon Him, just as He tells us to do, He provides beyond what we could ever imagine. We are called into His Marvelous Light, called into a life *with God*, not separated from Him. As we trust Him and follow, He lead, provides, fulfills, brings success, brings forgiveness, brings Himself. As Francis Chan, pastor and author of *Crazy Love*, says "Isn't it wonderful to serve a God we cannot exaggerate."

Youth Upcoming Events

July 30-31	Summer's Last Stand 2009, Fiesta Texas and Schlitterbaun
August 9	Austin Day—Going to Lakeline Mall, Austin Stone Community Church and out to eat in Austin.
August 28	Bulldogs vs. Brownwood Lions at Brownwood. Leaving time will be TBA
September 20	See You at The Pole Rally (SYATP) More information to follow
September 23	SYATP



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NOTE OF GRATITUDE

To the Family of First Baptist Church,
 Thank you so very much for all the kindness you
 showed our family during the loss of our sweet
 "Mimi." A special thank you for the preparation
 of the building, the nursery, the food, your prayers
 and love. Mom loved her Church Family! Thank
 you.

In His Love,
 The Holley Sisters
 Barbara, Lynda, Pam, and Deborah

 Please continue to recycle your old cell
 phones, ink jet and toner cartridges for
 NAMB missionary Debbie Wohler, FBC
 Tahoe City, California. Place them in one of the
 boxes provided near entrance doors.

**Deacon's Meeting scheduled for August
 10 will be moved to August 17**

So the Deacons and their families can have the op-
 portunity to go to the:

Church-wide Night @ the Ballgame
 Monday, August 10
 Game Time 7:05p
 Tickets \$6 each
 A Perfect Family Outing!!!



Reserve and Pay for your tickets by coming by the
 Church Office. We will be taking the Church Bus for
 individuals, both older and younger, who are not able
 to drive themselves to the game. The bus will leave the
 FBC parking lot at 5:35p. Please signup for the bus
 when you purchase tickets. Anyone is welcome to
 caravan with us to the ballpark. Tickets will be ready
 for pickup after morning Worship Service on August 9.

FBC SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

Team	Date / Time	Team	Date / Time
FBC Men	Thursday, 7/30 at 9:30 p.m.	FBC Men	Thursday, 8/20 at 9:30 p.m.
FBC Men	Thursday, 8/6 at 6:30 p.m	FBC Men	Thursday, 8/27 at 6:30 p.m
FBC Men	Thursday, 8/13 at 7:30 p.m	FBC Men	Thursday, 9/3 at 7:30 p.m

**All games are played at the
 Marble Falls Johnson Park
 Questions, contact
 Jack Robertson, 512-748-1290 (cell)**