

# FIRST NEWS

Our mission, centered in worship, is to REACH people for Jesus, CONNECT them in Christian fellowship, GROW together spiritually, and SERVE our community and world as we become mature followers of Jesus.

Given that it has been the hottest June in a long time and that we will have to endure the usual heat of July, I have been thinking about our understanding of heat. During these past weeks, the heat has been miserable, it has caused our grass to die, and has made our lives miserable. The type of heat we have been experiencing can even be deadly. While we think about heat only in seemingly negative terms during the summer, I have also thought about heat in terms of our spiritual life. When we talk about heat in our relationships with God, it is something positive. Heat represents a faith that relies solely on God. Heat signifies that hearts have been cleansed from sin. Heat reveals itself in people open to the Holy Spirit. Heat, in other words, is something that is desperately needed in our following Jesus. Faith that is cold is faith that is dead. Therefore, while we seek to be cool in escaping the heat from the outside, I pray that your faith will grow hotter than anything you can experience enduring an East Texas summer.

I also would like to give you an update for some things coming up this summer. I will be gone July 15 – 25 in Washington D.C. Each summer, as part of my Ph.D. in Leadership Studies at Dallas Baptist University, we go some place different for our summer classes. This summer my classes focus on political leadership (hence Washington D.C.) and organizational leadership. Filling the pulpit for me on July 19 will be Dr. Raymond Parker. I know you will be blessed with what God has placed on his heart. On July 26, Dr. Byron McWilliams, Senior Pastor of First Baptist Church, Odessa will be filling the pulpit. Dr. McWilliams roots are in Tyler County and his mom and step-dad are Erlene and Chuck Ingle. We will also be blessed by what God lays on his heart. Our church will also be sending a mission group to Eagle Pass on July 25-31, and they need our prayers. Finally, remember our youth group as they go to Glorietta, New Mexico for summer camp. They will also be singing at Paramount Church in Amarillo. Pray that God will do a mighty work in the lives of our teenagers. Thank you for allowing me to be your pastor.

Praying for Hearts Grown Hot in Their Love for Jesus,

*Pastor Ross*

**serve**

*"...just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and give His life as a ransom for many."*

Matthew 20:28



**Has your address or phone number changed?**

**If your address or phone number changes or if you have not given us your 911 address (the post office is not forwarding the old-box numbers) please notify the church office.**

## **7th Annual SNBA Sunday School Conference "Embracing Kingdom Growth Thru Biblical Teaching"**

The Sunday School conference is just around the corner. This year it will take place at First Baptist Church, Buna, Texas. The date is Saturday, August 15, 2009 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. The keynote speaker is Dr. Ken Hemphill the national strategist for *Empowering Kingdom Growth* for the SBC. There will be breakout sessions for teachers and directors of pre-school, children, youth, and adults. We had great attendance from our church last year. It would be great if all our teachers and directors could be in attendance this year. Make plans now to attend. To sign up call the church office at 283-2588.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

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The First Family expresses their Christian love and sympathy to:

Etta Dean in the loss of her brother  
Family of Judy Derouen

With  
Sympathy.

## With Gratitude

Dear Christians Friends,

I would like to say a special "thank you" for all your calls, cards, prayers, and concern for me during the healing of my knee cap. If things go well it should be healed by the end of July.

Again, thanks for your prayers and concern.

"God Bless All Our Church"

In Christ Love,  
L.C. O'Connor and family

Dear Loving Church Family,

We cannot begin to thank you enough for you prayers and concerns for our daughter Jennifer Stewart and her twin girls, **Emma Grace** and **Olivia Faith**. We were blessed to have them come 8 weeks early, and with your prayers and God's continued **Grace** and our **Faith** in Him, they will continue to grow and get strong. Thank you again for the love you have shown our family.

We love you all,  
Preston and Sharon Broom

Dear Church Family,

I would like to thank everyone for your prayers, cards, visits, and especially Mr. & Mrs. Simpkins and Mr. & Mrs. Temple for providing me transportation to and from M. D. Anderson for my surgery. I am very blessed by your love and support.

God Bless You,  
Ressie L. Taylor

Thank you, church family, for your many acts of kindness and especially for your prayers during my recent surgery and recovery.

Nancy Phillips

**We Have Books!**

**Check out the new books and DVD's in the library!**

**Sunday mornings and Tuesday 10:30 a.m. to 12 noon.**

**Visit our Church library!**

## New Members



**Jim & Glinda Goodman**  
**711 Sir Jim Dr. N.**  
**Woodville, Texas**  
by Letter

*If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. The greatest love a person can show is to die for his friends. 2 Chronicles 7:4; John 15:13*

## News From Jacob's Ladder Learning Center

Boomerang express was a great hit with our children and their parents. One of our school kids showed her Mom a poster in the hall. All of our toddlers' footprints were scattered around the words, "We are walking with Jesus". The little girl asked her Mom, "But where are Jesus' footprints"?

Thank you for the great books you gave to Jacob's Ladder. Each child selected a book to take home. They left with big smiles on their faces!

Your Jacob's Ladder is changing lives.

In Christ's Love  
Linda

## JULY BIRTHDAYS

1: Tammy Sanders, Nathan Pilgrim, Jarrett Monzingo, Seth White 2: Eleanor Holderman, Karen Poindexter, Drew Tucker, Haily Derouen, Nicole Turner 3: Gwendolyn Martindale, Mike Maness 4: Kennedy Pate 5: E. G. Sheffield, 6: Lillian Estes, Courtney Elliot 7: Sharon Dickerson, 7: Deborah Hodges, Kaelin Miller 8: Eldon Broom, Laurie Haynes 10: Steve Randall, Alyson Rainey, Marcus Wagner 12: Robbie Phillips 13: Eva Foxworth, Amy Bythewood 14: Jacob Watts 15: Michael Neely, 16: Diane Stanley, 17: Robert Carl, Robert Allison Jr. 18: Barbara Allison, Vera Johnson, Patti Tucker 19: Robert Allison Sr., David Bordelon, Betty Spence, Lyndsay Shaw, 20: Kay Katzen, David Hennigan, Neil Hennigan, Shanna Rose, Sarah Reese, Kristina Nash 21: Colette Cotton, 22: Evelyn Pate, Edna Forsythe, Janet Wiggins 23: Barbara Crawford, Elizabeth Kennesson 25: Lillian Pool, Luis Ruiz 26: Lloyd Hendrix, Ryan Lowe 27: Susie Winn, Ashley Burkhalter 28: Todd Pounds, Shelby Ford 29: Faye Miller, Charles Soileau 30: Leeza Blanchette, Lucas Babin, Kirsten Spurlock 31: Jimmie Cooley, Truett McCollum, Kade Elliot



**Classic and Contemporary Worship** Pray for us as we gear up to offer two services beginning September 13. This is a one year opportunity to continue our efforts to meet the needs of folks in Tyler County. We will access the service opportunities over a year and make some decisions about the validity of these options. Basically, it will continue if our church family and community responds favorably through worship in these venues. Our main objective is to continue seeking ways to grow our congregation through Worship, Bible study, and prayer. Pray for our musicians who will go the extra mile to lead in these services. They are the best! Do your part and get involved. It's really not about your ability but your availability. Your involvement makes a difference.

**New Web Site Is Up** Our church is coming into the modern age slowly but surely. We are excited about our new web site that has just gone on line. We are currently taking photos for the site. You would be surprised to know how many people surf the web even here in Tyler County! The address is [www.fbcwoodville.com](http://www.fbcwoodville.com).

**SPAM to Sing At Mount Gilead Baptist Church in Beaumont** Our youth choir will lead in the PM worship service at Mount Gilead Baptist Church, July 12. This will be a great night as we have the opportunity to lead in worship just prior to our Amarillo trip. Pray for us! We will host the Mount Gilead youth group *Code Blue* here on August 9.

**SPAM to Sing At Paramount Baptist Amarillo** Our youth choir will lead in the AM worship services in Paramount Baptist Church July 18. This will be part of our youth trip to Glorieta, New Mexico. Your generous gifts help make all this possible. Thanks for being a church that loves young people! They are our future!

**No Celebration Choir Practice in July** Enjoy your family time on Wednesday nights during July. Our choir rehearsals will resume on Wednesday, August 5. Our 6:30 start time has been great! Thanks for your faithfulness.

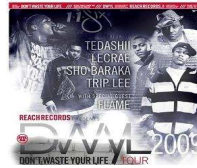
**Testify in Concert, Sunday Night, August 30.** Taking the command and promise of II Timothy 1:8-9 to heart, TESTIFY is doing just that: testifying to what God has done in their lives and what he can do in the lives of others. Believing that obtaining salvation is the most important decision anyone can make, TESTIFY wants to do all it can to make sure everyone they meet knows the importance of that decision.

**Guest Preachers this Summer** Pray for our guest speakers this summer. Pastor Ross will have some time away as he is working on his PhD. Dr. Raymond Parker will be here on July 19. The following Sunday, we will host Byron McWilliams. In the month of August, we will host Dr. Milton and Barbara Cunningham. All of these individuals have close personal ties to FBC Woodville. Be praying for them and all God will do through their time with us!

*Mark*

**Grades 6-12**

**MISSION POSSIBLE: REACH SEEKERS – BUILD BELIEVERS**



**Mall & Concert:** Friday, July 10, we will spend most of the day at the Woodlands Mall and finish the day at the Don't Waste Your Life Concert at Living Word Fellowship in Houston. The concert features Lecrae, Trip Lee, Tedashii, Sho Baraka, and Flame. We will leave the FLC parking lot at 3:00 p.m.

**Student Conference:** Saturday, July 11, we will attend the Student Conference at Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church in Beaumont. The conference will feature Christian Hip-Hop artist Mr. Del. We will leave the FLC parking lot at 4:30 p.m.

**SPAM Concert:** The SPAM Choir, Drama Crew, and Dance Crew will lead in worship Sunday evening, July 12, 6:00 p.m. at Mt. Gilead Missionary Baptist Church in Beaumont. This is a great opportunity for our teenagers to minister and prepare for our opportunity at Paramount Baptist in Amarillo.



**FUGE 2009:** We look forward to another great FUGE camp experience July 18-25, 2009 in Glorieta, New Mexico. On our way to camp the SPAM Choir has the privilege of leading worship at the Paramount Baptist Church in Amarillo.

**Lake House Retreat:** August 14 & 15, we will enjoy a weekend retreat at the lake with recreation and intense Bible study. Stuart Henslee, Youth Pastor at Humble Area First Baptist, will lead the Bible study time and Adam McAbee, Youth Pastor at Huntington First Baptist, and his wife, Kristen, will lead in worship.

**Youth Revival:** August 31 – September 2 we will have our first youth revival meetings in several years. Our focus will be holiness. Mike Satterfield, Sr., Pastor at The Church at Shelby Crossings in Birmingham, Alabama will preach each evening and the Micah Begnaud Band from Buna, Texas will lead in worship.

God Bless,  
Todd

**WEEKLY EVENTS AT FBC**

**SUNDAY**

Church Library (FLC) ..... 9:00-9:30 & 10:30-10:40 A.M.  
 Sunday School ..... 9:30 A.M.  
 Morning Worship Service ..... 10:45 A.M.  
 Church Library ( FLC) ..... 4:30-5:00 P.M.  
 Evening Service ..... 6:00 P.M.

**TUESDAY**

Library..... 10:30 A.M.-12:00 noon  
 Pray & Weigh ..... 12:00 noon

**WEDNESDAY**

Preschool Play Day (FLC).....10:00 A.M.  
 Teacher's Meeting (Chapel)..... 5:45 P.M.  
 Prayer Meeting (Chapel)..... 6:15 P.M.  
 ISM (Grades 6-12)..... 6:30 P.M.

**CHANGES OR NEW EVENTS AT FBC**

**Friday July, 3:**

Church office closed

**Saturday July, 4:**

Independence Day

**Sunday July 5:**

Hamburger & Watermelon luncheon..... 12:00 P.M.

**Monday July 13:**

Deacon's Meeting..... 6:30 P.M.

**Saturday July 18:**

Youth Trip (Glorietta)

**Sunday July 19:**

Business Meeting ..... 7:00 P.M.

**Saturday July 25:**

Mission Trip (Eagle Pass)

*Please Pray  
For*



Ralph Hatton  
 Katrina Ferguson  
 Janet Dean



**If you can't make it to S.S.  
 or church, watch the service  
 on cable channel 2.  
 Sunday School 9:30 A.M.  
 Church 10:45 A.M.  
 and 6:00 P.M.**

**STAFF E-MAIL ADDRESSES**

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**VITAL SIGNS**

**Bible Study**

	<u>31st</u>	<u>7th</u>	<u>14th</u>	<u>21st</u>	<u>28th</u>
Preschool.....	26	30	19	23	24
Children .....	23	21	24	19	14
Youth .....	47	41	43	41	40
Adults.....	140	149	142	128	147
General Officers .....	4	4	5	5	6
Total in House .....	240	245	232	216	231
Bible Study .....	39	33	6	41	36
Nursing Homes .....	39	39	39	39	39
Total .....	318	317	277	296	306
Av. Attendance to Date .....	289	289	288	287	287

**Financial Report thru June**

Annual Budget.....	\$679,452.00
Budget Required to Date.....	339,726.14
Budget Received to Date .....	312,684.30
Budget Required Weekly .....	13,066.39
Budget Received .....	55,080.62
Designated .....	12,747.34
Total.....	\$67,827.96

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

**Office**  
283-2588

**Prayer Room**  
283-8557

Monday thru Thursday 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
 Friday 8:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Pastor ..... Ross D. Shelton  
 Minister of Worship & Music ..... Mark D. Tolar  
 Minister to Students ..... Todd Pounds  
 Sunday School Director ..... Richard McCullough  
 Pastor's Administrative Assistant..... Kay Katzen  
 Education Administrative Assistant..... Richard McCullough  
 Organist ..... Anne Garner  
 Pianist..... Judy Pool  
 Director, Child Care Center ..... Linda Boyt  
 Building Supervisor..... Orrill Davis  
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