



First Family News

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Who Are You???

Since we went to two services in January of 2008, I have had one continuing problem with the format. We don't get to have a family reunion each week! You know what I mean. There are people in the early service that the late service people don't get to see every week and vice versa. It is a struggle for me and I am in BOTH services. However, I am not complaining! Since the decision was made to go to two services, our attendance has doubled and God has richly blessed our congregation. That being said, there are many of you who don't know who the other one is!! Am I right?

That is why we are in the process of having a family photo album made for our church family! Hopefully by now many of you have already had your picture taken. Perhaps many of you have an appointment set to do so. However, I am sure there are some who have simply decided not to be a part of our album. Maybe you think you are too busy, you don't like the way you look, or you simply have not signed up! If you are making excuses like any I have listed, then please, please call Church Designs at (903) 670-3286 and ask them to sign you up for a time during the weekend of July 9-11. I don't want to have an incomplete photo album, and if you are not in it then we will be missing something very important!

So now that I have said all of that . . . if someone comes up and asks you, "Who are you?" and you are not in the family album, it is YOUR fault! How is that for a guilt trip?

We are right in the middle of a busy summer. We have already sent a group of teenagers to Super Summer and had a fantastic Vacation Bible School. Now we are gearing up for pre-teen and youth camps and our mission trip to New Mexico. I hope you are keeping all of these groups in your prayers as they travel and are asking that God will do incredible things in their midst! I also know it is a busy time for families to be traveling. I love vacation as much as anyone else. I hope you enjoy whatever or wherever you get to go this year! But with people traveling that means there are empty spots in

worship and Sunday School. So if you are in town, make sure you are filling a spot as we worship together. If you are not here, I am convinced you are missing a blessing and the privilege of worshipping God in a corporate setting!

On a final note, I would like to say a big THANK YOU for the unbelievable expressions of love so many of you showed my family, as we celebrated our ten year anniversary here in Grandview! It is an honor to be called to serve our God, but it is a privilege to get to serve in such a loving and dynamic congregation! Thank you not only for the day of celebration, but also for the wonderful ten years you have been a part of our lives!

God is so good!

Russell

New Mexico



July 25-August 1

FBC serving God through

- † Church Building Construction
- † Backyard Bible Clubs
- † Worship Participation

SIGN UP NOW!

Trip fees due July 15:
Individual \$150 / Family \$400 (maximum)



A SUMMER VACATION . . . In past years our Worship Choir has taken a “summer break,” usually in July and early August. This year our Sunday evening schedule has essentially spread our break out over the summer. We have not had regular Sunday evening activities since Mother’s Day or thereabout. We still have some Sunday evenings on which we will not meet. For the purposes of our Worship Choir rehearsal schedule, our “rule of thumb” will be that we will not meet on those Sunday evenings when there are no other regular activities at the church facilities. Also we will continue not filling the loft on Sunday mornings except on those Sunday mornings when we are singing a “special.”

Our Wednesday evening handbell time will adopt a similar schedule. The email expert at my house will stay in touch to confirm that we are all on the same page. Once school classes resume in August, we should be back on a more regular schedule. Of course, that also serves as a perfect time for anyone to get on board with either or both of these groups!

— BILL



Ladies AM Bible Study

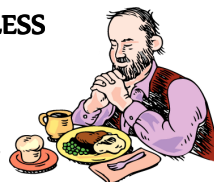
The Ladies Morning Bible Study Group is gearing up for the fall. Their next study will include *The Remarkable Women of the Bible* by Elizabeth George. The books and study guides are now available for \$14.30. Interested? Contact Jerry Pipes at jp4102@bluebottle.com or 817-866-2386.

Also, the next summer outing is being planned for July 9th. Watch the Sunday morning bulletins for more details. All women are invited!

REACHING OUT: FEED THE HOMELESS

The Church on the Slab Ministries
& FBC Grandview in Ft Worth
Saturday, July 18, 9am

Adult clothing donations accepted!



- 01 Virginia Bishop, Don Brown, Peggy Carper, Mandy Diamond, Casey Turnage, Taylor Turnage
- 02 Carly Harris, Bettye Miller
- 03 James Baxter, Brody Hurt, Adam Marti, Sydni Thomas
- 04 Beth Lamb
- 05 Kenneth George, Raleigh Harper, Kelsey Penix, Sydney Penix, Sis Siratt, Karla Whitmire
- 06 Buck Ferguson, Betty Gebhard, Tami Harlow, Van Robinett, Christine Russell
- 07 John Moore
- 08 Morgan Bass, Austin Boyd
- 09 Herb Lubke, Reagan Parks, Alyssa Yeoman
- 10 Madison Cooksey
- 12 Jakob Cheek
- 13 Skarlett Ballew, Carolyn Waldrip, Meaghan Wilson
- 14 Nicholas Lubke
- 15 Betty Harper, Janette Johnson, Madison Reeves
- 19 Tiffany Cagle, Rebecca Harris, Julie Swift
- 20 Beatrice Basham, Max Mayes, Debbie Oliver
- 21 Keith Miller, Braden Price
- 22 Kristina Beverly
- 23 Arthur Bishop, Emily Forner
- 24 Kim Lubke, Chris Rose
- 25 Brian Brumbalow, Kenneth Montgomery, Jennifer Self
- 26 Brad Collins, Mary Thomas
- 27 Yvonne Allen, Cole Batis, J.C. Rogers
- 28 John Poyer, Melissa Raburn
- 29 Mason Cooksey, Debbie Decker, Noel Watson
- 31 Brittany Montgomery

JULY DEACONS ON CALL

- 05 Stacy Johnson 817-866-2625
- 12 Kenneth Montgomery 817-866-4224
- 19 Jeff Moore 817-866-2762
- 26 Wally Pippin 817-866-2278

From *The HOUSE* . . .

My heart is still driven to create a passion within our youth group to reach into their hearts and ask the Lord to reveal to them the call on their life. It will be very different for many.

The passage that also comes to mind as I write this newsletter is from Matthew 9:35-38 in which we are called to ask the Lord of the harvest to bring in workers into the harvest field. My hope is that we will press forward in trying to develop the vision of Isaiah 58 in our hearts. We will never be an effective part of the body of Christ until we strive to be driven from our comfort zones and into the arms of our Lord through a *“holy fast pleasing unto the Lord.”*

So my prayer is for you to move forward in your study of Isaiah 58. Do NOT just write it off as something from the past and not being relevant for today. Step back. Get a 10,000 foot view and prepare yourselves for a *“holy fast pleasing unto the Lord”* for His glory — not ourselves or our church’s — but for His fame.

Striving to please the Lord,

Daniel

July Update:

24 Bibles received
6 Baptisms