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Worship Service Times

8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.

*Morning Service
Broadcast on WJLT
(105.3 FM) at 10:00 am
and on Channel 72
Tuesday at 7:00 p.m.
Wednesday at 9:00 a.m.*

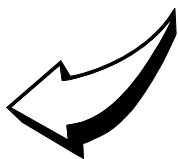
Sunday School
9:45 a.m.

Minister on Call
685-3681

October 6-13
Mark Slaughter

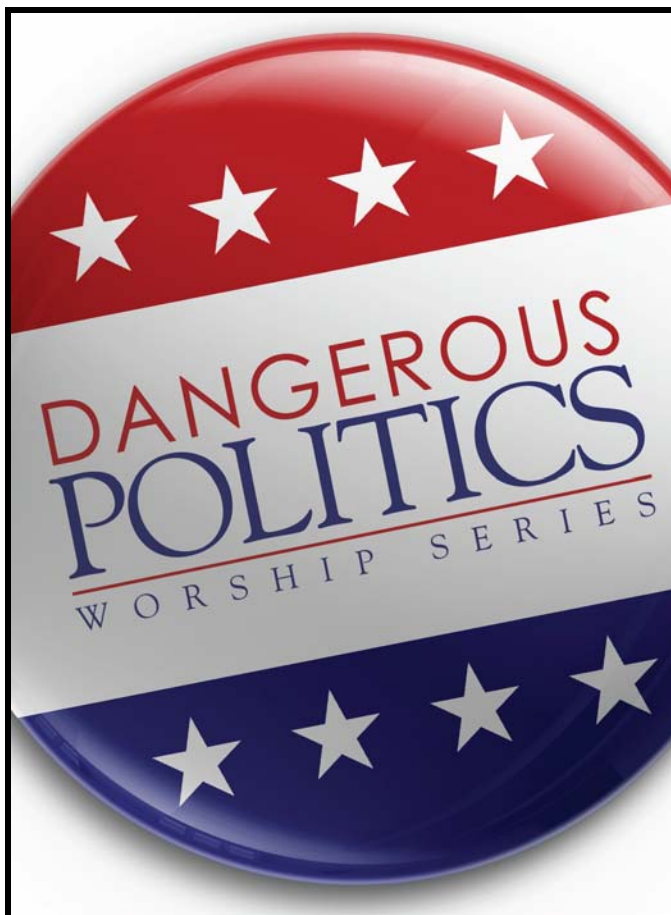
October 13-20
Wesley Dunn

See inside
this issue for
more exciting
news about the
Church.



New Worship Series

October 19 through November 2



During an election year, politics take center stage with the public. As followers of Jesus Christ we have a responsibility and a privilege to be involved in the political process by electing leaders for our country. To be involved politically as Christians can be dangerous; however, you might be interested to know that Jesus Christ did not remove Himself from the politics of His day. As a matter of fact, He was very involved and the leaders believed He was dangerous to their political agenda. As we examine the life of Jesus and His "Dangerous Politics" we will learn how we as believers can appropriately demonstrate our convictions.

A NEW CHURCH YEAR! We began a new church year on September 1. It is always a good thing to evaluate from year to year. There are always improvements needed in each area. I will be sharing in the future some of the areas I believe needs the most improving for this New Year. I want to share with you an article written by a friend of mine at LifeWay which will help us evaluate some often overlooked areas in our church. James Walker is the author of this article.

"First and Ten Impressions" to Reach First-time Guests in Ten Minutes

For every football fan, the phrase "first and ten" is something to celebrate. The "first and ten" is an opportunity for a new set of downs. It is a new opportunity to score a touchdown. It is an opportunity to keep a drive alive. For church leaders, "first and ten" needs do have a totally different meaning. These are strategic numbers if we are to reach those who attend our churches on Sunday. We know that first-time guests formulate their opinions of your church within the first ten minutes on your campus. This ten-minute period is the only opportunity your church gets to make a first impression.

Parking Lot Impressions

There are no second chances to make first impressions. The count down begins as guests drive onto your parking lot. Use these questions to evaluate the impression guests get when driving into the church parking lot.

1. What is the first thing they see coming in?
2. Do they see signs or someone showing them the designated guest parking and where to enter the building?
3. Do they see a clean, well-maintained building from the outside?

At the Door Impressions

This is just the first few minutes into the "First and Ten Impressions." How are you doing so far? Next, the guests will be coming through a door. When they approach, the door, there are several questions that need to be answered.

1. Is there someone at every entrance to greet guests with a warm, friendly, and caring heart?
2. Are the greeters knowledgeable about directions and information about the church?
3. Are there signs and information directing them to the Welcome/Information Center?

Sunday School Impressions

This is the halfway point of the "First and Ten Impression." Are your guests still with you? Now comes a pivotal area in the whole "First and Ten Impression" strategy. The Welcome/Information Center must be exactly what the name suggests.

1. Are the greeters welcoming and fully-informed about the church, times for events/activities, Sunday school classes, facilities, and worship information?
2. Are people prepared to walk guests to their classes whether that means walking over to the preschool, children, student, or adult area?
3. Do the Sunday school classes have people designated to welcome new guests when they arrive?

Worship Impressions

For many churches, first-time guests attend worship before attending a Sunday school class. Because most of the first-time guests you have come through your Worship Service, you will want to make sure that worship experience is a positive one.

1. Are there ushers who provide a worship guide (for some this is still called the bulletin) and escort guests to seats?
2. Are your ushers assigned to a specific section and spending time getting to know those who sit in those sections?
3. Are the ushers introducing the guests to those seated around them?

I LOVE YOU! Paul


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Church Office Hours

Monday - Thursday:
8:00 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m.- 1:00 p.m.

Church Family Chili Cookout

Rescheduled Church Picnic

Ben Hawes State Park
October 26th
3:00-6:00 pm

Bring your best pot of red chili and a hearty appetite



Family activities include horseshoes, Frisbee, corn hole and much more...

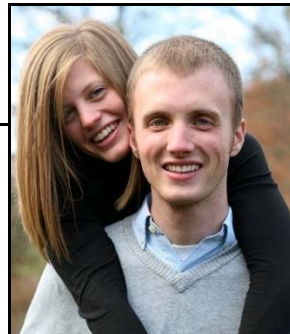
Trunk of Treats

Wednesday, October 29
5:30-7:00 p.m.
Back parking lot

For children birth through 5th grade

Bring a Friend!

Funny creative costumes... nothing scary please!



Matt and Tara Thomas

Hi, my name is Matthew Thomas, and I am one of the new interns with the Music Ministry here at First Baptist. I am originally from Rock Hill, South Carolina, but I have made my way to the Bluegrass State because of my incredible wife, Tara. We just got married on July 5, so I guess you could say we're still "Honeymooners." Tara is from Louisville, and we ended up in Owensboro because of a Dietetics Internship that she is doing through Murray State. We can only thank God for his providence in providing this church for us. Y'all have been the source of Christian fellowship, friendship, and a job in ministry that we were looking for.

Growing up in a Southern Baptist church, I became very accustomed to its structure and teachings, almost to the point of a dislike for them. Some of that changed when I went to college. Under the teaching of some very wise mentors and friends, I took a closer look at why Christians believe and do certain things. I began to see my faith as God's work in my life instead of my work in His. I thank the Lord for this meaningful time in my life, and it has all the more strengthened my call to ministry. I realize there is no perfect church, but Tara and I look forward to our time here at First Baptist.

Thanks for taking us in!
Matthew Thomas

Calendar of Activities

Thursday, October 9

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.....Men's Fastbreak BB

Friday, October 10

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
7:00 a.m.....Finance Meeting

Saturday, October 11

CLC open 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.
7:30 a.m.....Golf Scramble

Sunday, October 12

CLC Closed
Library open 9:15 a.m.-10:00 a.m.

8:30 a.m.....Morning Worship
9:45 a.m.....Bible Study

11:00 a.m.....Morning Worship
5:00 p.m.....K-12 Choirs

6:00 p.m.....Evening Service

Monday, October 13

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m.....Zumba

10:15 a.m.....Strength Training
5:00 p.m.....Trustees Meeting

6:30 p.m.....Men's Fastbreak

Tuesday, October 14

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-9:00 p.m.
6:00 a.m.....Promise Keepers

10:00 a.m.....Ladies Bible Study
5:15 p.m.....Zumba

6:30 p.m.....Ladies Bible Study

Wednesday, October 15

CLC open 7:00 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
9:30 a.m.....Ladies Bible Study

4:45 p.m.....Family Supper
5:30 p.m.....TeamKid & Orchestra

6:00 p.m.....Bible Study & Youth
6:15 p.m.....Celebration Choir
7:15 p.m.....Sanctuary Choir

Ministry Reports

Sunday, September 28, 2008

Sunday School..... 614
Nursing Home 30
Jail..... 50
Total..... 694

D.T. Total..... 432

Our Stewardship

Weekly Budget Requirements:\$47,532.45
Weekly Budget Offering:\$35,478.01
Designated:\$ 50.00
STV Offering:.....\$ 80.00
FOM Offering:\$ 695.00
Total Offering:.....\$36,303.01

Budget Goal to Date:\$1,853,765.55

Budget Offering to Date:.....\$1,676,733.58

Amount Under:\$ 177,031.97

YTD STV Offering\$22,344.45

YTD FOM.....\$48,021.86

In the Hospital...

William Feldman and Lucy McIntyre

Flowers...

The flowers in the sanctuary are given by Sally and Scott Plain, Bill and Gay Wilson and families to the glory of God and in *loving memory of Billy Wilson and in honor of Mrs. Betty Wilson.*

Sympathy...

Christian love and sympathy to Bettie Lyons, Sandy Barker, Gayle Schneider and Dale Barker in the death of Patricia Wettstein, daughter, sister and aunt respectively; and to Bill Castlen in the death of his wife, Freda Castlen.

Congratulations...

Matt and Abbie Lilly on the birth of their daughter, Adelyn Grace. Grandparents are David and Elaine Lilly. Great Uncle, Bruce Westerfield.

Christian Women Connecting...

Attention all young adult ladies and women of the church (18 and older)

Saturday, November 1

Touring Historic Newburg

Downtown sightseeing, shopping and lunch at a fun café
Meet in the back parking lot at 9:30 am to leave by church van

Call Pam Brown (929-2333)
or Sarah Ford (685-1521) to sign up

Tuesday, December 2

Lottie Moon Christmas Tea

2:00-5:00 pm at Debbie Taylor's home



Sponsored by the Women's Ministry of First Baptist Church