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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**

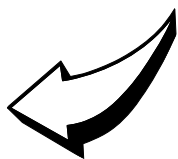
May 18-25

Paul Strahan

May 25-June 1

Mark Slaughter

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this issue for  
more exciting  
news about the  
Church.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



**JUNE 22-26**

**8:30 AM-12 NOON**

**FOR AGES 5 - 5TH GRADE**

[WWW.FBCOWB.ORG](http://WWW.FBCOWB.ORG)

**Register your child** or volunteer at [www.fbcowb.org](http://www.fbcowb.org) and go to the VBS Registration tab. The first 10 families to register their children for VBS will receive the Boomerang Express DVD. The next 15 families to register will receive the Boomerang CD and the first 50 learners to register will receive a Boomerang wristband. Only one DVD and CD per family, please.

## THE VBS MINISTRY NEEDS YOU!

We need **you** to volunteer. The teachers have all been secured for each level but we are currently needing more helpers to assist. We have invited several groups in our community to participate in VBS and to make this a personal outreach we will need to be prepared. Approximately three fourths of the children that will be attending our VBS are not from our church and may hear the Gospel for the first time. Please don't wait until the last minute to sign up.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity to reach a life for Jesus.

### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL! THIS IS A TOP PRIORITY!**

Suzie has been asking for volunteers to help and assist in various positions. We need your help! If you can help in any capacity please call Suzie and let her know. This is a great opportunity to use your spiritual gift to serve the Lord by ministering to children.

### **OUR GIVING!**

We have fallen behind in our budget for this year. I appreciate all of you who have been faithful in giving even in these difficult economic days. Our church is not unlike others who are experiencing a decrease in giving. One of the things we are doing is watching our expenses. We are doing what we can to keep our expenses under control. We have a very fine Finance committee who are keeping an eye on it as well. We are looking into doing some practical things to help us through these days. I want to encourage you to not put your trust in money or material goods but our **trust is to be in the LORD!** He is our provider and I am grateful to the Lord! We are not putting our head in the sand but we are not fearful but being cautious in these days. God is good all the time.

### **GEORGE BULLARD!**

As I write this I am waiting for George to arrive. I am so looking forward to sharing with him this weekend. Let me say thanks in advance to all of you who participated with George. I look forward to the future especially in seeing what the Lord has in store for First Baptist Church.

### **ARE YOU FLEXIBLE?**

Rick Warren loves to say, **"Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape!"** That's a great life principle that really is rooted in God's Word. Throughout scripture, God consistently uses imperatives like "go," "repent," "forsake," "be still," "know," "flee," "abide," etc. for instructing us in the path of righteousness. He uses the image of Himself as a potter and His people as clay when he describes the way He shapes and forms us. He seems to delight in variety when it comes to His plans and purposes. He directs and we are to respond.

A good example of this principle is found in the book of Joshua which gives us an account of the taking of the promised land. The crossing of the Jordon, the conquest of Jericho, and the victory at Ai are just a few examples of how the children of Israel needed to be flexible and trust God and His plan every step of the way.

A lack of flexibility is often times simply a lack of faith. Even though God says, "For I know the plans I have for you..." (Jeremiah 29:11), we're not sure God's plan is best for us. So we ignore it and do our own thing.

A lack of flexibility impairs our ability to hear from God. After all we've already made up our minds – we don't need God's opinion. The scripture says in Isaiah 30:21, *Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, "This is the way; walk in it." But we don't hear that voice because we want to walk in our way.*

I Love You! Paul Strahan



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# First Baptist Church

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## Church Office Hours

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

Newsletter information must be submitted in writing no later than Friday at 9:00 a.m. for the following week's newsletter.

You may fax your information (683-8067) or email it to myoung@fbcowb.org.

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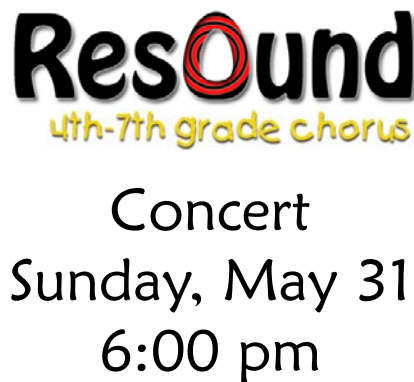
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## TeamKid Summer Schedule 5:30-7:00 in Room 300

June 10, June 24  
July 1, July 15  
and July 29

*The TeamKid Ministry is in need of van drivers and helpers for these summer dates.*

For additional info and to sign up, please contact Charlotte Burton at 929-0389 as soon as possible.



**Resound**  
4th-7th grade chorus  
Concert  
Sunday, May 31  
6:00 pm

## Worship Service

Our Traditional Service is aired on Channel 72 on Tuesdays at 7:00 pm and Wednesdays at 9:00 am.

## Calendar of Activities

### Thursday, May 21

CLC open 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

### Friday, May 22

CLC open 6:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

### Saturday, May 23

CLC open 9:00 a.m.-1:00p.m.

### Sunday, May 24

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. ....Resound & Access

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

7:00 p.m. ....Business Meeting

### Monday, May 25

Memorial Day

Office and CLC Closed

### Tuesday, May 26

CLC open 6:30 a.m.-9:00 p.m.

6:00 a.m. ....Promise Keepers

### Wednesday, May 27

CLC open 6:30 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

6:00 p.m. ....SS Review, Parlor

6:15 p.m. ....Celebration Choir

7:15 p.m. ....Sanctuary Choir

## Ministry Reports

### Sunday, May 10, 2009

Sunday School ..... 604

Nursing Home ..... 20

Jail ..... 75

**Total..... 699**

**D.T. .... 474**

### Our Stewardship

Weekly Budget Requirements: \$49,293.88

Weekly Budget Offering: ..... \$38,795.90

Designated: ..... \$ 2,936.00

STV Offering: ..... \$ 635.00

FOM Offering: ..... \$ 1,020.00

**Total Offering: ..... \$43,386.90**

Budget Goal to Date: ..... \$936,583.72

Budget Offering to Date: ..... \$793,060.20

**Amount Under: ..... \$143,523.52**

YTD STV Offering ..... \$ 6,401.75

YTD FOM ..... \$ 29,411.63

**In the Hospital...** William White,

Joan Willis, Judy Ford, Anna

Donaldson (Kosair)

**Sympathy...** Christian love and

sympathy to the family of Vernile

**O'Hara** who died May 8; and

Mary Helen Horn in the death of

her husband, **Lindsey Horn** who

died May 13.

**Flowers...** The flowers in the sanc-

tuary this Sunday are given to the

glory of God and in loving memory

of **Robert Hays Romans** by his

family.

## WORLD CHANGERS \* June 14 - June 20

World Changers is a coeducational missions experience combining mission education and missions involvement and is sponsored by the North American Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. Students learn missions firsthand by becoming personally involved in meeting needs of people. World Changers stresses hands-on involvement of students through their participation in a variety of community ministries and home construction and renovation work. Projects are located in high need, low-income communities where people live at or below the United States poverty level.

Every year World Changers depends on the help of thousands of volunteers to help us reach more than 24,000 students as we assist over 1200 residents. And You can be part of this amazing experience.

We will help again this year and will need volunteers that can help take lunch and snacks to the youth at their work site.

Please contact Mary Martha Reynolds if you are able to help. Thanks