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A Word From Our Pastor

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

July 20-27
Wesley Dunn

July 27-Aug. 3
Suzie Horner

Matt Mason!

By now you have heard the news that Matt has accepted a position at Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis. He will be a student pastor with responsibilities in the area of discipleship. We are divided in our emotions. On one hand we are excited for Matt and Rachel because of the tremendous opportunity God has provided for ministry in Memphis. Bellevue Baptist has been one of the leading churches in our convention for a long time. Bellevue is a church, which has had influence not only in Southern Baptist life but has impacted the world globally. On the other hand we hate to see them leave. Matt, Rachel, and Addison have, in a short time, made a significant impact in the lives of students and our family at First Baptist. We will miss them! We are grateful for the contribution they have made in the Kingdom of God. Matt's last Sunday will be August 2nd and we have scheduled a reception for them that afternoon. I know you will want to speak with them before they leave. Matt, Rachel, and Addie, know you are loved and will be missed. This is a day we all knew would come but always hoped it would be later. We will pray for you and ask God to continue to bless you and your ministry. Thanks for allowing us the privilege of calling you family!

More information about Matt's resignation and the reception are on page two of this newsletter.

I will be meeting as soon as I get back with the Student Leadership team to begin looking at the most pressing needs in regards to our Student ministry. Matt has a great team of adults and students who are very supportive and capable of carrying the load of this ministry during the transition.

25 Signs of a Healthy Church by Marvin Owen!

Here is the second segment of the article we began last week on healthy churches.

Personal Vitality

Sign #7 - The church is adaptable and flexible - willing to change. They don't compromise or seek the latest fad, but they are teachable. They have an unselfish spirit and are pliable in the Master's hands. Leaders and members each have preferences, but they forgo their "rights," desiring what's best for the church and for the lost.

Sign #8 - The church emphasizes the positive and never dwells on the negative. They celebrate victories. Even where there have been disappointments, they don't allow that to mo-

nopolize their focus and permeate their thinking. But they learn and benefit from mistakes.

Sign #9 - The church practices accountability and maintains high expectations - for themselves and for others. In healthy congregations, members help one another mature as Christians. They never lower the requirements of membership or discipleship to appeal to the uncommitted or to draw larger crowds. Their growth may not be immediate, but it is certain. And it is both numerical and qualitative.

Sign #10 - Don't try to do everything, but what they do they do well. They utilize a team approach, using the gifts of individuals. Healthy churches prioritize, and they intentionally neglect those things they should not do or that they cannot do well.

Sign #11 - The church has focus and purpose. They're intentional and only do those things that move them toward the fulfillment of that vision. They understand and distinguish between the essential and the extraneous.

Sign #12 - The church is proactive, not reactive. Healthy churches help create their future. They do not wait passively to see what will happen. They're constantly praying and assessing their present and their potential.

I love You! Paul

The Worship Ministry Presents

"Best of the Best"

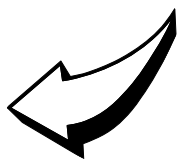
Concert

Featuring the

Sanctuary Choir, Orchestra
and Celebration Choir

Sunday, August 2 at 6:00 pm

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




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First Baptist Church

Live FOR One...

Church Office Hours

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

Sunday School Promotion August 9, 2009

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.

Dear Faith Family,

It is with a combination of remorse and anticipation that I tender my resignation.

I am remorseful because of the great love that this church has given to Rachel, Addie and me. We love First Baptist deeply and feel encouraged and appreciated. Rachel and I

have considered Owensboro as home. This was our first job following seminary. We bought our first home here and started our family. We learned so much about life and ministry, what to do and what to never do again. We have built lasting friendships and memories. We have seen God work in our life and in the lives of this congregation.

Likewise, I have a sense of anticipation because of the new ministry that God has called us to in Memphis, TN. We did not seek after this position but God kept leading us in that direction. I am also eager to see how God is going to use many of these students to bring glory to His name, for His purpose.

Our love for this body of believers is strong. We are grateful for the privilege to serve along side of you for the last five and one-half years. We pray that this church will continue to show evidence of Christ working in your midst.

We will be moving to Memphis on August 3rd, with August 2nd being our final Sunday. Know that we love you and are forever grateful.

In Christ,
Matt, Rachel and Addie



**Reception for Matt
Rachel and Addie Mason**
Sunday, August 2 from 3:30-5:30 pm
in the Fellowship Hall
*A special love offering will be collected for
the Masons and can be made at this time.*

Calendar of Activities

Thursday, July 23

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

Friday, July 24

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

Saturday, July 25

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

Sunday, July 26

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

6:00 p.m.Evening Service

7:00 p.m.Business Meeting

Monday, July 27

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

Tuesday, July 28

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

6:00 a.m.Promise Keepers

Wednesday, July 29

CLC open 6:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

5:30 p.m.Orchestra

6:00 p.m.Bible Study & Youth

6:00 p.m.SS Review, Parlor

6:30 p.m.Choir rehearsal

Kitchen Closed
during the month of
July for scheduled
maintenance.

Ministry Reports

Sunday, July 12, 2009

Sunday School.....543

Nursing Home.....33

Jail.....76

Total.....652

DT.....276

Our Stewardship

Weekly Budget Requirements:\$49,293.88

Weekly Budget Offering:\$38,240.52

Designated:\$ 0.00

STV Offering:.....\$ 1,285.00

FOM Offering:.....\$ 4,046.08

Total Offering:\$43,571.60

Budget Goal to Date:..... \$1,380,228.64

Budget Offering to Date:...\$1,133,058.26

Amount Under:\$ 247,170.38

YTD STV Offering\$ 9,521.75

YTD FOM.....\$ 47,494.77

In the Hospital...

Bettie Fultz

Sympathy...

Christian love and sympathy to Marsha Martin in the death of her step-grandson, **James Benjamin Martin** who died July 12.

Flowers...

The flowers in the sanctuary this Sunday are given by Myrtle Waldroup, Denny Waldroup and family to the glory of God and in loving memory of **Paul Waldroup**.

KIDZ CAMP

For Kids who have completed K-2nd Grades!

Are you tired of sitting around on the couch watching tv? Do you need a break from the regular summer routine? Do you need to get away from your brother or sister? Then you need to register for Kidz Camp. The dates are July 28-30 and the cost is just \$25 due at registration.

We plan on going to Kentucky Down Under, bowling, and Burdette Park. So don't miss it! Have Mom or Dad call Brenda at 683-3505 **NOW**, to register.

Habitat for Humanity

If you have a construction skill and would like to utilize it for the FBC Habitat Home, contact Paul Haire at 570-0342.