

June 2011

First Baptist Church of Apopka

FIRST THINGS



Summer Time

Beverly and I will be gone from Apopka for a week and a day, June 13 – 21. We will be attending the Southern Baptist Convention June 14 – 15 in Phoenix, AZ. Will stay for two extra days to see our daughter, Alison, and her family. We will then travel to Kentucky to spend a couple of days with our folks there, returning on Tuesday, June 21.

Bro. AC will preach on Sunday morning, June 19 and Kevin Kozial will preach that night. Bro. Loren will be speaking on Wednesday, June 15.

Have you ever noticed that our culture is built around our children? Church attendance and giving traditionally go slightly "south" during the summer months, primarily because our children are out of school.

Remembering those days as a child in Mississippi brings back good memories. I did not wear shoes at all during the summer months except on Sunday, and the entire town was our playground. We never even heard of child molestation. And summer lasted a full three months.

The big decision each day was "What will we do, today?" With a bike as transportation, we could go to a friend's house or our clubhouse or go out in the woods to a closed-down lumber mill and play on the giant sawdust pile. However, we normally went to the community center where we could play ping pong (that's table tennis to the highly cultured) or shuffle board inside or swim in the big pool outside or play on the baseball field. Of course, in the heat of the afternoon, we might ride over to Monroe's house. He had snow cone stand where we could purchase a snow cone for about a nickel. The large one cost a dime. Oh, I almost forgot. The county courthouse provided lots of sidewalks for skating. We spent many a day in that endeavor. We never realized what a privileged life we had until it dissolved into adulthood.

Let me encourage you to keep God in your lives, even while you travel. A pastor in Indiana told of a man in his church who, while in Nevada, decided to try a slot machine just for fun and jut once. But he enjoyed the chance of winning so much that he wound up putting a lot of money into the silly machine and came back home feeling guilty about his gambling. He did not tell anyone at first but, because of his guilt, began to complain that something was wrong with his church. The problem was that his spirit was unable to enjoy the Lord because of his unrepentant guilt. So guard your spirit while traveling. Let me remind all of us that our church expenses continue during the summer months. I thank all of you who leave your tithe here even when you are traveling. God bless you, and have a good time when you travel.

Your pastor and glad to be so,

Paul Gordon



Get Ready for Vacation Bible School!! PANDAMANIA!!

WHERE GOD IS WILD ABOUT YOU!!
Monday, June 20-Friday, June 24, 6:30-9:00 pm
Exciting activities are being planned!
Kindergarten-5th grade

Get Plugged In! Small Groups on Sunday Morning

Stop by Loren's Donut Hut (by the Welcome Center) on Sunday morning on your way to Sunday School! If you don't have a Sunday School small group class to go to, our Sunday School Director, Loren Sauers, can tell you what we have to offer and point you in the right direction. Get plugged in! Find a class and make new friends!!



Deaf Ministry Chapel

Our Deaf Ministry led by Dr. A.C. & Wanda McCann meets in the Fellowship Hall for Chapel services from 9:00-10:15 on Sunday morning. Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall from 10:30-11:30. The only exception to this is on the first Sunday of each month when they will be in regular services in the Sanctuary at 10:30 and in Sunday School at the regular time of 9:00-10:15 am.

Senior Exercise Classes Meet Weekly

Wednesday in the Fellowship Hall from 11:00-12:00
Each Wednesday is different so you may start with any class.
There is no charge for your first visit and then if you like it pay \$20.00 per month.



Ministry Leader Needed

Our Welcome Wagon Ministry needs someone willing to go around to local merchants and pick up advertisement items that go in our Welcome Wagon bags. These bags are given out by our visitation teams on Tuesday nights to people who have moved in new or re-sale homes. If you have a heart for this ministry, please call the office and talk with Pastor Gordon. 407-886-2628.

Join Pastor Gordon's Key Club

Do you have a heart for talking with people about the Lord?
Pastor Gordon would like to talk with YOU about joining the Key Club! You can call him at 407-886-2628 and talk with him about this exciting and rewarding ministry!



Women's Ministry Fellowship & Prayer Time Starts on June 22

Join your "sisters" here at First Baptist every Wednesday night for an informal sharing of concerns, prayers, ideas & encouragement from 6:30-7:30. We meet in Adult 4 Sunday School room.

All women are welcome!

We catch a glimpse of God's love in the heart of a friend.

How Can YOU Help?

The following is a list of monthly needs for Loaves & Fishes. We deliver to Loaves & Fishes once a week. If you would like to donate any of these items, please put them in the grocery basket marked Loaves & Fishes by the Welcome Center/Office double glass doors.

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| Canned meat | Shampoo | Diapers (all sizes) |
| Canned fruit | Deodorant | Household items |
| Peanut Butter & Jelly | Dish soap | Clothes (no clothes until January 15) |
| Mac & Cheese | Pine cleaner | |
| Hamburger Helper | Disposable razors | |



Exciting News! Contemporary Worship Service Coming here this summer on Sunday night!

Watch for details.



First Family Breakfast
Sunday, June 5
@ 8:30 am in the Fellowship Hall



Special Youth Service
Honoring the Class of 2011
Sunday, June 5th at 10:30 AM



Class of 2011

FBC Apopka congratulates you and prays for all your future endeavors. We are proud of you!

A.P. Alcuis	Victoria Raulerson
Roxanne Chubboy	Chelsea Robinson
Jackie Hope	Aaron Stanley

AWANA Graduation— Sunday, June 5th @ 6:00

AWANA is over for the Summer. Watch the bulletin for information about Sunday night children's activities and the start of AWANA again in the Fall.



New Ladies Daytime Bible Study Starts June 9th

"Ladies, our new Daytime Bible Study will meet the second Thursday of each month and will begin June 9th at 10:00 am. It is open to all ladies. Come bring your Bible, a folder to hold papers, your smile and a friend. Some may want to go out afterward for lunch to celebrate our new beginning!"

In Christ,
 Monnie Shirley



Highland Christian Academy Graduation Friday, June 10
7:00 pm in the Sanctuary
 Refreshments afterward in the Fellowship Hall



Men's Father's Day Pancake Breakfast
Saturday, June 11th @ 9:00 am

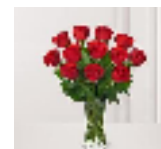
Bring your father, son, grandfather, uncle, friend or neighbor for pancakes!



Romeo's Breakfast - Tuesday, June 21
 8:30 AM at Bubbalou's by Publix on Rock Springs Road

Juliet's Dinner - Join Us Ladies In Eating Together
Thursday, June 30th 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

It's Mexican Night! You do not need to bring a covered dish.
 All women are welcome! Call the church office if you plan to attend.



Summer Children's Activities

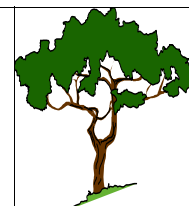
We need a children's director/coordinator and helpers for Sunday nights during June, July & August from 6:00 - 7:00. You may choose your own curriculum and we will purchase it or we will choose and purchase curriculum for you. If you are unable to commit for the whole summer and would like to help for a week or two that will work also. There are usually around 10 children that attend each week. Call the church office or see Lyle Forsberg if you are interested.

GROW Visitation

Each Tuesday night we have a team of people who go out into our community and invite people to come to our church. If you would like to be on one of these teams call the church office and we will get you on one of these teams.

This outreach program is organized in 4 teams. The leaders are as follows:

- G team - Jim and Toby Smith (1st Tuesday of each month)
- R team - Kevin & Stacey Kozial (2nd Tuesday of each month) (youth team)
- O team - Jay Davoll (3rd Tuesday of each month)
- W team - Robert and Allyn Griffin (4th Tuesday of each month)





Administration/Education Corner
Lyle Forsberg, Church Administrator



Why VBS?

A pastor from Indiana was watching a movie with his children when he realized who ever wrote the "Wizard of Oz" understood the condition of the human race and the teaching words of Jesus. The writer of OZ *must* have read Mat 22:36 and been inspired when Jesus was asked...
"Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?"
Jesus replied, "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind.."

Heart, soul, strength and mind.

Tin man wants a heart

Lion wants strength

Scarecrow wants a mind

And Dorothy is us...a seeking soul looking for home.

The whole movie describes the journey of humanity! VBS is the start of that journey. Children will learn, some for the first time there is a Father in heaven who is wild in love with them. That is why we do VBS. Let the journey continue!



Come Join the Fun!
Vacation Bible School
June 20-24
6:30-9:00 pm
Kindergarten-5th grade

Pandamania at First Baptist Church is just around the corner! June 20 through 24 from 6:30 to 9:00PM are the times. Ages invited are 5 years old to 5th grade. Did you know there will be a live Panda Bear there! Don't miss it! Some other exciting things are games, crafts, unique Panda snacks, and songs to get everyone inspired! The theme is "God is wild about you"! He IS wild about you adults too!

There is a special invite to our Police families and our HCA families. Loren Sauers is heading up a program to encourage participation on that front. Invite your grand kids and neighbor kids. Drop offs are welcomed as parents can use it as date night all week long! Early registration forms are available at the church.

GOD is wild about the kids!

Blessings, Lyle



FUEL MINISTRIES—Looking Forward to Summer!

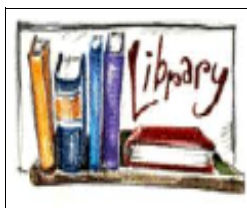
Wow, another school year is about history! Hello summertime! And hello Student Life @ the Beach! We will join Louis Giglio, Chris Tomlin and other outstanding leaders once again for a week of camp. This will happen July 11th – 14th. Pray that hearts would fall more in love with Christ during this spiritually challenging week.

Our youth mission trip will be the last week of July into August, and we will be going to Thoreau, New Mexico for our second work. We have many ‘veterans’ returning to help the Navaho natives and experience God in serving others. Pastor Mark Mitchell has arranged for us to help with back-to-school supplies, building wood sheds, and hosting child evangelism outreach among other things. We know all about the ‘short-sheet’ sleeping arrangements, awkward shower situation, and the challenging work. We know what to expect. And we are more excited that ever!

Why is that? There will be fun... true, and new friends, and maybe we’ll get to go somewhere cool... but I think the thing that draws us back is the service – the chance to do meaningful work, and form meaningful relationships, and meet the native people where they live. There is something to be said about stepping outside of the normal pattern of our lives to see a BIGGER world with new eyes. No doubt many will return home with a more wide-eyed awareness of others need of the gospel. So we will ditch the distractions of friends, family, sports, and, dare I say, cell phones, to encounter what God wants to do through us.

We covet your prayers and appreciate your support should the Lord lead you to join with us by helping financially. This trip will cost approximately \$500-600 per missionary. Please take the time to stop by our display just outside the sanctuary.

Pastor Kevin



Library News for June 2011

Finally, brethren, whatever things are true, whatever things are noble, whatever things are just, whatever things are pure, whatever things are lovely, whatever things are of good report, if there is any virtue and if there is anything praiseworthy - meditate on these things. Philippians 4:8

We have a series of the “Chicken Soup” books in the library. We have CS for the Christian Soul, CS for the Mother’s Soul, CS for the Soul, CS for a Second Helping.

These books are excellent for devotional stories and just plain inspirational reading material. Following is an excerpt from one of the books:

WHY?

“On the street I saw a small girl cold and shivering in a thin dress, with little hope of a decent meal. I became angry and said to God: ‘Why did you permit this? Why don’t you do something about it?’ For a while God said nothing. That night He replied, quite suddenly: ‘I certainly did something about it. I made you.’ “



New to Our Church

Mary Chenault
Dennis Evans

Jamie Durante
Dennis Evans

Edward (Bo) Ollice
Raissa Ollice

First Baptist Weekly/Monthly Activities

Sunday:

- 9:00 am -Sunday School - A Bible Study program for all ages.
- 9:00 am-Devoted: Youth Small Groups
- 9:00 am - Deaf Ministry Chapel
- 10:30 am - Worship Service* 11:00-11:30 am - Kid's Worship
- 10:30 am - Deaf Ministry "Bible Round Table" Sunday School
- 3:45 pm - Handbell Rehearsals
- 4:30-5:45 pm-ASL Sign Language Class
- 5:30-6:00 pm-Women Praying God's Heart Prayer Group (Sept.-May)
- 5:30-7:00-AWANA Children's Bible Club (Sept.-May)
- 5:00-7:00 pm - Youth Fuel Activities (6th-12th grade)
- 6:00 pm - Praise, Worship & Bible Study *

Wednesday:

- 6:30-7:30 pm - Kid's Activities
 - 6:30-7:30 pm-Young Adult Bible Study
 - 6:30-7:30-Deaf Ministry Bible Study in room 108
 - 6:30-7:30 - Women's Ministry Fellowship & Prayer Time
 - 6:30 pm - Student Fuel Ministry (6th-12th grade)
 - 6:30 pm - Praise, Prayer and Bible Study *
 - 7:30 pm - Choir & Praise Team rehearsal
- *Nursery provided for infants through 3 years old during service.

Additional Weekly and Monthly Activities

- 1st Sunday of each month - First Family Breakfast 8:30 am
- Each Tuesday of the month - Visitation, Outreach 6 pm
- Each Tuesday of the month-Deaf Ministry Bible Study at
- 2nd Thursday of the month-Daytime Ladies Bible Study 10:00 am
- NDA in Mt. Dora 7:00-8:00 pm
- 2nd Tuesday of each month - Lamplighters' Luncheon
- 11:30 am (for the "50 and over crowd") (Sept.-May)
- 3rd Tuesday of each month - Mission In Action 9:00 am
- (quilting ministry) (Sept.-May)
- Each Thursday of the month - Jabez Prayer Group 7:00 am



June Birthdays

1	James Lahey	20	Katherine Cramer
2	Ruby Chronister	22	Janelle Padilla
3	Viliere Alcuis		Pat Malcolm
	Donna Hoffman		Frank Martin
8	Alyne Orys	26	Tracy A. Smith
9	Ray Huber	27	Jay Channell
10	Daniel Kinsey		Sarah Stroub
11	Cynthia Baker	28	Carolyn Gatlin
12	Larry Irwin		
	Brenden Irwin		
13	Lyle Forsberg		
14	Paul Freeman		
	Brad Cole		
15	Heather Gavan		
	Kelly Hilson		
16	Kevin Kozial		
17	Jennifer Pomaes		
	Stacey Fullen		
18	Chelsea Grice		

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Highland Christian Academy

Infant through Pre-kindergarten

407-886-0015

Library Hours

Sunday-8:30-9:15 and 5:30-6:00

Wednesday - 5:45-6:30

The deadline for newsletter articles is the third Monday of every month. Email to: Judy@fbcapopka.net or turn them in at the office.

First Family Breakfast

Sunday, June 5

Fellowship Hall

@ 8:30 AM

July Birthdays

3	Juliette Walfall	17	Bunny Acree
4	Linda Nettnin	18	Kandi Wilkins
	Charlene Raulerson	19	Jeannie Roman
		20	Beth Forsberg
5	Laura Reiswig	21	Diane Haddock
6	Courtney Watson		Emily Denis
8	Donna Fortier		Stephanie Hooks
	Mark Bridges		
9	Nicole Walfall		
13	Lisa Temple		
	Emily Sennett		
14	Tyler Walker		
	Mary Glen Shepherd		
	Sharen Hooks		
15	Janie Johnson		
	Joseph Davoll		
	Makenzie Cruz		
17	Peggy Lear		

If your birthday has not appeared on the monthly list in the newsletter, that means it is not in our computer system. Please call the church office at 407-886-2628 and let us know that you need to be added to our list for your special day!