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Serving God – Loving People

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Before



After



Thanks to some generous donations and a lot of volunteer work by a few of the men in the church, we now have a remodeled Day Care Nursery!

THANK YOU to all who had a part in this project.

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July

29 – Robert Brown
Megan Racca
30 - Dixie Henexson

August

1 – Carol Terrell
RaeAnn Seaman
2 – Tina Davidson
3 – Brandon Moore
6 – Amesses Smart
8 – Bradyn Girdler
9 – Mary McDaniel

Love and condolences to the family of Fletcher C. Potter who passed away recently. He was the brother-in-law of Joy Lee.

Sunday

Sunday Bible Study for all ages: 9:30 A.M.
Sunday Worship Services: 10:45 A.M.

Sunday Evening 6 PM in the CLC

Wednesday

Children's Choir Camp 6-7 P.M.
Youth & Adult Bible Study @ 6:00 P.M.
Adult Choir @ 7:00 P.M.

FBC State of Affairs

2017 Monthly Budget Requirement	\$40,352.00
Received July 2, 2017	6,760.08
Received July 9, 2017	11,163.28
Received July 16, 2017	7,402.69
Total received July to date	25,326.05

Sunday School Report

	7/9/17	7/16/17
Members Present	133	136
Visitors	18	18
Worship Attend	-----	143



1st & 2nd Grade Sunday School Boys learning about Missions first hand from Tommy Cannon and Randall Smith who have been on mission trips recently. We have been studying about missionaries from Bible times in the recent weeks. Thank you Tommy & Randall!

Love and condolences to the family of Mrs. Louise Hays who passed away recently. She was a long time member of First Baptist church.

A Note From the Pastor

I don't know about you but James has really been stepping on my toes these past couple of weeks. Sometimes I want to say, "alright, enough already, I get it" but he keeps on coming back. It all stems from that word we don't like to use very much... "conviction." We hate to be shown from God's Word that we are not all we think we are. What we are is sinners saved by grace who now have become adopted heirs into the Kingdom of God. Something we don't deserve but we need to take joy in this reality and live our lives in such a manner. Unfortunately, there are many around us who do not share this same adoption. They have not yet experienced the joy and freedom that comes from having your sins erased and being freed from your heavy burdens. They don't understand what it means to be wrapped in the righteousness of Christ.

I love the words to a song by Casting Crowns a few years ago that said, "Jesus paid much too high a price for us to pick and choose who should hear." We must do away with division if we ever want to grow personally and corporately in our walk with Christ. One problem we all have with this is we are so busy we miss the opportunities.

1 Corinthians 10:24

Do not look out only for yourselves. **Look out** for the good of others also. (NCV)

In order for us to look out for the good of others, we must have our spiritual radar up to see if people around us are in need.

We are spiritually ADD and get so involved that we miss people so we need to open our eyes and open our hearts to others.

Our verse this week comes from Colossians 1:10

Colossians 1:10 (ESV)

so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

Have a blessed week and remember to point someone to Jesus.

Music Notes from Bro Craig

When I was a kid, my mom always told me that time went by faster the older you got. As the years pass by, the more I find this to be true. It doesn't seem possible that this weekend (July 21-23) will mark 10 years since I came in view of a call to FBC Leesville, and the second Monday in August will mark 10 years since I actually came on staff. It seems like yesterday. My kids were all still "kids" then. Coming back to my home church as a minister was something that I never expected or intended to do, so the Lord surprised me when he called me back here. What a privilege these last ten years have been, to serve in the place that contributed so much to who I am, and to get the opportunity to know as an adult the people who have meant so much in my life.

I want to take this opportunity to thank those who have helped out in worship the last couple of weeks. Elizabeth has been wonderful on instrumentals and offertories. Jane Holton blessed us with a special offertory of "Mansion Over the Hilltop" on July 16 (nobody plays that one like she does). The Adult Choir ministered to our hearts with "Who Is There Like You", "How Can I Keep From Singing", "Hail Jesus Medley", and "How Great the Name". Kim Sims sang beautifully on "Jesus, Friend of Sinners." Thank you all for using your talents in the Lord's service.

Summer Vacation is quickly disappearing, and that means that our fall schedule will be kicking up again soon. We are looking for someone to work with our **younger children's choir** on Sunday afternoons at 5 PM. If you feel led to help with this, please contact me.

Let me take this opportunity to welcome our newest member, Emily Page, on her profession of faith and baptism. Let's all continue to pray for Emily, and let's be the kind of church family that will help her grow in Jesus.

Also, I want to say congratulations to Shane and Hannah Coleman Longo on their recent marriage. May the Lord bless you with His guidance, peace and a marriage that lasts "as long as you both shall live."

I want to express sympathy to Margie Cushing and Aleta Moss in the homegoing of their aunt, Louise, Hays, a long-time member of FBC Leesville. Also, I want to express sympathy to Joy Lee in the homegoing of her brother-in-law, Fletcher Potter.

Finally, with a heavy heart, I bid a fond farewell to Don and Jane Holton. This Sunday, July 23, will be their last Sunday with us before they move to Dallas to be near children. Earlier in the newsletter, I mentioned people who had influenced my life. These are two folks who have significantly influenced my life, and quite honestly, it is hard to imagine FBC Leesville without them. Our prayers go with them for health, prosperity, and happiness. May they influence Dallas as profoundly as they have influenced Vernon Parish. Thank the Lord, we will get at least one more opportunity to hear Mrs. Jane play, as she will be playing piano for our worship service on July 23, and Elizabeth will be blessing us on the organ.

May God bless you all more abundantly than you could ever hope or expect.

Attention Troops

You've been drafted to come to a
Camo for Christ Sign Up Saturday
Wear your camo and come to First Baptist Church
August 12th 9-12 AM
For fun, games and food

Obstacle Course
Water Slide and Jumper
Snow Cones & Icee Served in the field
Fun Run-Strollers thru 6th Grade
Medals will be awarded
Face Painting (get ready for combat)
Hot Dogs, Chips & Brownies-
Served in The Mess Hall
Come enjoy the fun and games and sign
up for all activities beginning @ FBC in
August

Divorce Care Orientation
Sunday, August 13 @ 4:30 – 6:00 PM
Regular Training
Sun.,
August 27 @ 4:30-6:00 PM-Hicks House
For more information contact Shirley Quinones
@
337 423 7094 or 817 975 1824

Dear FBC Leesville Friends,
Thank you so much for all the wonderful food for our family. We so appreciate your coming to visitation and visiting with us. The sandwich tray and goodies were just great. We can never express in words how much you all mean to us. Thanks again for everyone who provided food, prayed for mother so faithfully and shared your love with us. Sincerely,
The family of Louise Hays, Jerelyn Hays Lamp & Family,
Sheryl Hays Rutledge & Family, & Marla Hays McManus & Family

Thanks to my FBC Family for the prayer and calls during my recent illness with my heart attack. Special thanks also to Bro. Jeff, Bro. Craig and the FBC Deacons.
In Christ Love, John Hunt

Christmas in July anyone?

(that is Christmas Shoe Boxes!)

While all the school supplies are on sale might be a good time to think about filling your shoe boxes come this November.

Welcome New Members



Sean & Delia (DeeDee) Slate



DMA Trip
Pickett House in Woodville, LA
Thursday, July 27 –Leave @ 9 A.M.
Everyone invited to come along for a fun trip and a good old fashion meal served up family style!!!