

The Ambassador



God Was In The House at *Spirit of Broadway* Theater And So Were the Baptists...

Last Sunday afternoon a group of 22 enthusiastic young, and not so young, people traveled downtown to the Spirit of Broadway Theater to watch the play, Children's Letters To God. It was a delightful musical in which 7 children confronted daily problems such as parental divorce, death and love by asking God why things happen the way they do.

The all youth cast did a nice job and left the audience feeling good that God

was in charge even if we don't always understand why things happen.

Brett Bernadini, the man behind the wildly successful Spirit of Broadway Theater, said he was pleased with how well the children did. Last Sunday's performance was the last one of a show that ran a full six weeks. One member of the group said, "I wished I had seen it earlier. I would have come again."



The Pastor congratulates SoB Artistic Director Brett Bernadini on producing an excellent family show

Looking Ahead



**Winter
Worship**
10:30 -
11:45 am

**Join Us As We Worship With
Central Baptist
at the end of February**

February 18 at Central Baptist Church
Sheldon Keller Luke 9:28-37
"Going Up and Coming Down"

February 25 at Central Baptist Church
Cal Lord Romans 8:10-8-13
"Don't Be Embarrassed By Your Feet"

The Old Testament Challenge: Stepping Out

Join us as we look at moments in the lives of a different Biblical leaders from the Old Testament each week this winter. We will see what it takes to nurture a growing faith that will help us become closer to God. We will look at Joshua, Abraham, Gideon, Deborah Samuel, Hannah and Saul.

Sunday nights at 6:00 p.m.

Doing God's Thing



Come to ABCCONN's Spring Fling and hear guest speaker, Bart Campolo on March 3, at

Manchester Community Church. There will be several workshops to choose from such as; helping children discover their gifts, growing a mission program in your church, ministry to the poor and homeless and several more...

"Wednesdays With Paul"

Come walk along side the Apostle Paul during this Lenten Season. Each week we will gather at 7:00 pm at a different church and hear the Word from one of the Pastors in our community. Coffee and dessert will follow the worship celebration.



**February 21 - Ash Wednesday
at Central Baptist Church
Rev. Sheldon Keller preaching
"It Happened Again!"**

**February 28 at Lee Memorial United Methodist Church
Rev. Ho Soon Han preaching
"What a Dream"**

**March 7 at Park Congregational Church
Rev. Sidat Balgobin preaching
"A Journey To Wisdom"**

**March 14 at First Congregational Church
Rev. William Dunlap preaching
"Footnotes From History"**

**March 21 at First Baptist Church
Rev. Dr. Cal Lord preaching
"Imagine Life Without A TV."**

**March 28 at United Congregational Church
Interim Pastor preaching**

"Life is what we make it, always has been, always will be." - Grandma Moses

A Conference For Men

On Saturday, March 24th Tony Evans will be coming to Hartford to speak to men about living their faith in the real world. Tony is the Senior Pastor of the Oak Cliff Bible Fellowship in Dallas, Texas. He is also the chaplain for the Dallas Mavericks. You can read more about him at www.tonyevans.org



Workshops include: Impacting the culture - Changing the world, Money on loan from God, What to do when you are married but not engaged, Maximizing the power in father power, How to share the Gospel at work and many more.

The cost is \$39.00 per person and the seminar runs from 8:30 -5:00 p.m. Scholarship help is available from the church. Speak to Pastor Lord if you are interested in going up as a group.

What's Happening at FBC?

Basketball Season Draws To A Close

Coach Julio Sanchez has been doing triple time for us this winter as a basketball coach. He coaches one of our Varsity teams and is helping out with two of our other teams as bench coach. Julio came on board a while back to help Coach Brown and he has stepped up to play an important role in the success of this ministry.

New coach Leonard Miller has done a great job of bringing his kids along and they could very well win the Junior Varsity crown. They have played very well and are presently 7 - 1.

The other Junior Varsity team is doing great under the direction of Jack Greenwood and Jim Volpe and the kids are looking forward to finishing well above the pack in a very large JV league.

Coach Brown's Varsity team has finished for the year. They had a good season but they ended with a heart breaking loss. Hopefully they will be able to put it in perspective and learn from it.

There are two special days being planned for our kids. The Pastor is working with the coaches to plan a Pizza Party to celebrate the season. We are also making plans to recognize the kids in Worship on Sunday, March 11.



Coach Julio watches from the bench in the JV game.

Does Anyone Know Who Won The Game?

There was lots of food and plenty of laughter over the commercials. As the clock wound down, I am not sure anyone knew who was winning the game at our annual Super Bowl Party. Curt and Mary Brockway hosted the affair and fifteen guests gather to chat and enjoy each other's company.



The puzzle received more attention than the game.

By the way, in case you didn't

know either, the Indianapolis colts won the game over the Chicago Bears by a final score of 29 - 14.

We Head Back to Central Baptist This Week For Worship and Sunday School



We have enjoyed some great music and very good preaching in the six weeks of the new year. This week we head back over to Central to finish up our time together. We will hear our kids sing, enjoy some great anthems and finish up with a communion service on the last week. Sunday School kids will get to do some drama and work on another craft together as we combine for the last time this session.

Special Deliveries Sent With Love



They may not be here every Sunday, but our Deacons want our college students to remember that they are in our thoughts and prayers. Thirteen care packages went out in the mail this week filled with all kinds of treats.



Think Spring! softball Season is coming. Sign Up now to play!



Have you felt God calling you to go deeper in your faith and be baptized or to join the church family? Join us on Thursday, February 22 at 7:00 p.m.



Do You Want To Have a Mother Daughter Banquet? Mother's Day will be here soon enough. Speak to the Pastor if you want to help!

Help Feed the Hungry! Be a part of a monthly crew that cooks and serves the needy in our city. See Cynthia Strouse to sign up.



We Are Getting Ready To Take To The Lanes. Get Your Team together now and lets go bowling. Our summer league will be forming soon.

Regional Christian Seminars And Workshops Challenge Us To Stretch Our Faith



Bishop Vashti Murphy McKenzie serves as the 117th Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church and on Saturday, February 3 she

spoke to a crowd of nearly four thousand about the difference between reservoirs and rivers. She talked about congregations that serve as the resting place for all of God's gifts to gather and the congregations where God's gifts flow out into the barren desert around them to bring new life and hope. Believe me, it was a powerful message. (You just might here parts of it repeated by you know who sometime in the near future!) Bishop McKenzie was one of eight featured speakers in Boston earlier this month in a two day conference held at Hynds Auditorium. Curt and Mary Brockway joined Pastor Lord at the



event and enjoyed it very much.

"These speakers really make you think about your faith and what we are trying to do in our church," said Curt. Mary chipped in, "I really enjoy hearing Tony Campolo speak. He makes his point while making you laugh."

Seminars and workshops of this type offer us the opportunity to hear great speakers and to hear different points of view than we normally do on a Sunday morning. Last

week Joni Eareckson Tada spoke to the group about hearing God speak to her through her depression. Talk about as powerful witness!

We have two upcoming events that may provide just what you need. Check them out inside.



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