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From the Hill



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A Newsletter From
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New Life in Christ



Ingrid Todd professes her faith in Christ and is one of three people baptized in Billings Lake at Camp Wightman on August 29th.



Jamie Todd was filled with joy as he gave his profession of faith.



Jesly Souvenance rejoiced in the opportunity to profess her faith.

More news inside:

Including photos of many of our activities over the last month.

To get an ongoing and fun report of happenings at FBC check out First Baptist Life at www.firstbaptistlife.blogspot.com



Worship
10:30 -
11:45 am

Join Us As We Worship This Fall

Upcoming Sermons and Scripture Readings in September.

September 5, 2010

Communion Sunday - Still at 9:30 a.m.
 Responsive Reading - Psalm 51:1-10
 Scripture Reading: Luke 14:25-35
 Sermon: "Go Labor On"

**A New Sermon Series Begins -
 "Walking With Jesus, Growing in Faith"
 Based on the Sermon on the Mount**

September 12, 2010

Rally Day - Worship moves to 10:30 a.m.
 Responsive Reading - Psalm 5:1-11
 Scripture Reading: Matthew 7:24-27
 Sermon: "GPS For Dummies"

September 19, 2010

Responsive Reading - Psalm 119:97-105
 Scripture Reading: Romans 8:28-39
 Sermon: "God Always Carries a Flashlight"

September 26, 2010

Responsive Reading - Psalm 146
 Scripture Reading: Philippians 1:3-11
 Sermon: "Is That God's Yardstick?"

The Beatitudes

Now when he saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Sports Recognition Sunday Is a Hit

The Softball season came to its official end On August 22nd as we celebrated their success during morning worship. Several team members were present as we handed out end of the season awards.

Sean Wilding was named Most Improved Player. Mark Staron was voted the 11th Player. The Best Defensive Player was Chip Chaffee.

The Rookie of the Year and Most Valuable Player was Tony Snurkowski. He joins Bill Discordia, Bruce Startz, Andy Miller, and Chip Chaffee as the other players to win both awards in their first season on the team. Tony led the team with 23 games played, a team record 50 hits, 7 triples and 45 RBI. He and Eric Larsen combined to put up some pretty nasty numbers on offense. Eric led the team with 21 extra base hits, 40 runs scored, 47 hits and 13 doubles. Both of them also batted over .600 for the season and played great defense.



During the service Steve Contois shared some special music and the message was titled, "Hitting With God on Deck." The point of the sermon was that when we offer God our best, He will make it count.

We also inducted two new members into our Sports Ministry Hall of Fame. Amy Brockway Meyer and Fred Stone were invited to come forward as we recognized them for their work in the bowling league and on the softball field, respectively. We also noted that Fred was a two time champion in bowling and a long time coach and past President of the Norwich Little League.

We also recognized all of our former sports ministry participants. The Hall of Famers present included Mark Ferguson, Chip Chaffee, Harry Calkins, Ken Kreger, Lori Lord, Michael Staron, Adele DiBiagio, Amy Rezendes and the Pastor. It was a great day.



Ministry Helpers in September

As Ushers & Greeters

Sept. 5 - F. Royce, C. Brockway, N. & G. Schuster
 Sept. 12 - H. Calkins, L. McFalls, B. & P. Adams
 Sept. 19 - G. Strouse, K. Barber, Z. Earle, M. Kane
 Sept. 26 - F. Royce, C. Brockway, N. & G. Schuster

As Counters

Sept. 5 - Bob Walker & Bob Sullivan
 Sept. 12 - Nancy Allen
 Sept. 19 - Mary Brockway & Ray Deptulski
 Sept. 26 - Dick Strouse & Mark Rogers



Nursery Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers to do nursery care from now until Spring.

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See this newsletter in full color and get all the latest news from your church family.



The Todd Dedication Was A reminder of Just How Good God Is.



As Jamie and Ingrid brought Gorman forward you could sense that it was the beginning of a very special day of worship. We had already sung "The Old Rugged Cross" and had a

chance to greet some old friends. Gorman and Ingrid had several friends and relatives present for the celebration and Gorman was awake and ready.

I introduced Gorman to everyone and told him that he had several big brothers and sisters that he could count on to help him and his parents going forward. He smiled and looked around at everyone. Then I prayed over him and his parents asked God to bless them with wisdom and good health.

In the sermon I noted that Gorman was a baby that was truly God's gift to the couple. Having been told that they probably would never have a child, he was conceived right around the time that Christ became a part of their lives. We often speak of children as gifts from God, but in this family, they fully believe that with good cause.

It was a beautiful ceremony and celebration of new life.



Kane Family Wedding Was A Day to Remember

On Saturday, August 21, 2010 Mark Kane walked his daughter, Cassie, down a very non-traditional aisle. With sand at his feet and waves crashing in the background, he presented her to Brandon to be married at Ocean Beach.



The couple was surrounded by family and friends in a story book setting. Pam and Mark Kane were aglow during the ceremony as they watched their daughter marry the man of her dreams.



Celebrating New Habitat Homes in New London

On Sunday, August 29 Joslaire and Noah Lucien, Amanda Duntz and I participated in the walking tour and dedication of five Habitat houses in New London. It was a great event. We got to meet the families and see what was happening in the neighborhoods where Habitat was working to make a difference.

There were seventy five people on hand as we began the walk. With singing and prayers and short devotionals we dedicated each of the houses. We participated in some demolition in the first house. We prayed over the walls in another house.



We support Habitat with an offering from our mission budget every year but this year we plan to take the next step. We plan on organizing a couple of days to actually volunteer on one of the houses. We hope more people will come on board and help us make a difference in our own community as we make this mission a part of our mission at FBC Norwich.

Dan & Cheryl Celebrate God's Gift With Thanksgiving in Worship

We marked Labor Day with a great worship service. Our theme was "the work of the Church" and we focused on our call to make disciples. We also welcomed the Dutrumble



family, their relatives and friends as Dan and Cheryl brought Caleb James forward to ask God's blessing on him in a service of family dedication. In a very special moment during worship, Cheryl's father, Paul Johnson sang "I Was There To Hear Your Bournig Cry" with piano accompaniment by his wife. It was a beautiful song that Paul told us he recently sang at his mother's funeral. It speaks of the truth that God is with us from the moment we are born until the day we die and beyond.

We closed out the service around the communion table and then formed a circle of fellowship around the sanctuary and sang "Bless Be the Tie Which Binds."

We lift up Rosie Main in our prayers on the passing of her father last week. We also remember Brian Goldin, and his sisters, Carol and Sandy, as they mourn the passing of their grandfather. Rosie's mailing address is P. O. Box 302, Haskell OK 74436. (You can also reach her by e-mail at mainrosie@yahoo.com.) Brian's address is 239 Nautilus Dr Apt 223 New London, CT 06320. (His email is beat0814@yahoo.com...) We think of Hillary and Lee McFalls as they expect the arrival of twins later this year. We pray for a safe and healthy delivery... We lift up Christian Fitchett in our continuing prayers as he undergoes further testing... Our prayers are with Nikki and Shane Stroud and the boys as they prepare to head back to Oklahoma... We celebrate with Katie and Adam Karon as their son, Stephen, came home last month and is doing very well. We pray his growth and general health continue to be as good or even better than anticipated... Harry and Dot Calkins both were in the hospital for surgery recently. Think of them as they take the time to slow down and heal up... We think of Nikki Dufour in our prayers. She had a little problem which might require surgery. Think of her... Brain Goldin had surgery recently and is healing up well. We pray he can slow down and take the time he needs to come all the way back...



We remember Ken Taylor in prayer as he continues to suffer from chronic illness and has been discouraged... We think of Frank Roderick in our continuing prayer. We lift up Penny Sargent in our continuing prayers...

We think of our men and women in the military. In particular we think of Carl Soderberg, Nicholas Muyres, Brian Grillo, Tim and Aaron Rogers and Danny Moriarty. We pray that God will keep them safe and bless their families as they watch and wait for them to return home...

In our continuing prayers we lift up James and Shirley Murray, Nancy Oat, Barbara Hayes, Robert Ellal, Lois Lopez, Doris Regets, Michelle Lord, Jim Roellig, Robert Ellal, and Jean Roscoe.

People News...

Maximus Salvatore Grange was born Wed. Aug 18, at 9:00 am, 10 lbs, 9 oz. to Stacia and Nick Grange. Grandma (Gwyn Green) drove down to see the newborn and his family. Ask her to see the pictures next time you see her. Our best wishes to Timothy Damien and his fiancée, Danielle, on the birth of their son, Landon Randolph Damien on September 8... That makes Sue Damien a great grandmother again! Erica and Keith Corbett traveled to Mexico to celebrate their Wedding Anniversary... Jeannine Pestey and her girls have been busy showing their cows at the local fairs this summer. Their last show of the summer will be at the Hebron Fair this coming week-end. Good luck girls! Shawn Rucker is enjoying her run as part of the cast of The Great American Traylor Park Musical at the spirit of Broadway Theater. She was all aglow that it got held over an extra week.... Stan Boyes and Luis Pabon traveled to Orlando, Florida last month to cheer on Miss America's Outstanding teens. Connecticut's representative was Logan West and she did very well... Curt & Mary Brockway, George & Lois Strouse and Bob & Ginger Sullivan all spent time at the shore last month... Kelly and Rocky Bolin and the kids spent time in Myrtle Beach and Pete and Betsey Adams went north to visit family in Maine... Kevin and Lindsey Mariano had an open house at their new home in Canterbury and were delighted to greet several friends and family members... You can update your list with two high school graduates we missed in June. Both Joe Jensen and Jeremiah Lee graduated from high school and are making plans for the future. Congratulations!



Carolyn Brown's daughter, Lariesha Johnson will be married here at church on October 17. She and her fiancée, Prince Vidal, are very excited. Congratulations to both of them... Other upcoming weddings at church include Robert Kravics and Kristen Coleman on December 11 and James Pendleton and Michelle Jette on December 31...



Would you like to become a mission partner with Rick and Mercy Barnes in Mexico? We are looking for 12 families who will give a gift of \$50 to directly support the ministry in Northern Mexico. Your gift will help Mercy and Rick continue the great work they are doing. Speak to the Pastor if you want to accept the challenge and take a month in the coming year.

Join us for. Wednesday Night Prayer & Praise at 7:00 p.m.



BEWARE OF TERRORIST IN CHURCH



Latest news reports are that five terrorist cell groups have been operating in many of our churches. They have been identified as: Bin Sleepin, Bin Arguin, Bin Fightin, Bin Complainin, and Bin Missin.

Their leader, Lucifer Bin Workin, trained these groups to destroy the Body of Christ. The plan is to come into the church disguised as Christians and to work within the church to discourage, disrupt, and destroy

However, there have been reports of a sixth group. A tiny cell known by the name Bin Prayin is actually the only effective counter terrorism force in the church. Unlike other terrorist cells, the Bin Prayin team does not blend in with whoever and whatever comes along.

Bin Prayin does whatever is needed to uplift and encourage the Body of Christ. We have noticed that the Bin Prayin cell group has different characteristics than the others. They have Bin Watchin, Bin Waitin, Bin Fastin, and Bin Longin for their Master, Jesus Christ to return.

Someday Your Kids Will Thank You For Bringing Them To Sunday School

Mark Your Calendar!

Sunday School opens with our Rally Day Celebration on Sunday, September 12 at 9:15 a.m. Come see what we have planned for the coming year. You'll discover that Sunday School is not just for kids. It is for the whole family. We will open the year with a reception featuring punch, coffee and goodies, Registration tables will be set up so we can get all the vital information and tell everyone who their teachers are and where they will be meeting.

After everyone has grabbed a treat, we will assemble for a brief welcome and opening ceremony before heading off to classes.

Meet The Teachers!

We are delighted to announce this year's Sunday School Staff and welcome some new faces who will be helping us this year.

The Nursery Class - Fran Rogers and Sandra Lucien

Grades K - 2 Rachele Weimer, Janet Laflamme and Zeld Earle

Grades 3 - 5 Pam Kane & Kelly Bolin

Middle School - Mary Brockway

High School Cal Lord

Adult Bible Study - Curt Brockway

You'll Want To Come To Sunday School Regularly

Regular attendance at Sunday School is important but it is not mandatory. We would like all of our people, young and older, to join us when it is possible. If your family situation or work schedule will not allow you to be



present every week, we still want you to feel welcome to join us when you are able to attend.

Sunday School provides all of us with a basic understanding of what the Bible says and teaches us the stories that help us grow in our faith. There is no greater gift a parent can give a child, than a basic Christian education. Our teachers work hard at

making the classes interesting and fun. Most kids look forward to coming back week after week.

We also want to encourage our kids to invite their friends to Sunday School this year.

Our Sunday School is not limited to the members of the church. It is here for everyone to enjoy as part of our witness to the community.

If your kids have a friend who would like to come, why not offer to pick them up and bring them? They will thank you later.

The Weekly Schedule

Lori Lord has agreed to do opening exercises this year. She will greet everyone at 9:15 a.m. each week with singing and a Bible Quiz.

At about 9:30 a.m., after all the introductions of newcomers and the celebration of birthdays and other happy events, we will break up into classes. Most

weeks the classes will last about 45 minutes.

We are hoping that once a month each of the classes can take a break and work on some kind of craft project. If anyone feels called to help us with crafts, please speak to Pam Kane or the Pastor.

At 10:15 a.m. each week the classes will be dismissed and the children will be sent to the chapel or Fellowship Hall to find their parents.

Christmas Pageant & Children's Day

There will be two big celebrations during the Sunday School year.

On December 19th we will have our annual Christmas Pageant and Party. The kids will share the Christmas Story in dramatic fashion for the whole congregation. This is a great time for the whole family.

In late May we will celebrate all that we have done with our Children's Day service and Church Picnic. It is always a great time for all.

Why Sunday School?

A good Christian education sets the foundation for everything else in life. It helps a child develop a set of principles to guide them through life. It aides parents as they seek to teach children right from wrong. It helps build a spiritual foundation that will sustain them through life. That's why!



Inspired words to live by:

Our deepest fear is not that we are inadequate.

Our deepest fear is that we are powerful beyond measure.

It is our light, not our darkness that most frightens us.

We ask ourselves, Who am I to be brilliant, gorgeous, talented, fabulous?

Actually, who are you not to be? You are a child of God. Your playing small does not serve the world.

There is nothing enlightened about shrinking so that others won't feel insecure around you.

We are all meant to shine, as children do.

We were born to make manifest the glory of God that is within us.

It is not just in some of us; it is in everyone.

And as we let our own light shine, we unconsciously give other people permission to do the same.

As we are liberated from our own fear, our presence automatically liberates others.

~Marianne Williamson



Why Sunday School Is Important

I have a great deal of respect for my parents who taught me at an early age that Sunday school was important. From as early as I can remember, and all the way through High School, I went to Sunday school. Even when I attended college, away from home, I continued to participate in Sunday school. My parents believed they had a moral and spiritual obligation to raise me to know Christ, understand the Bible, and learn what it meant to be a Christian. They also led the way in showing me that church was a fun place to be, where our friends were, and how the church is to be a central and important part of our lives.

I wonder what my life would be like if I never went to Sunday school or if my parents didn't care about my spiritual growth and development. I always felt that they made church life the highest priority in our family life.

What we study in Sunday school is a preparation for life. Sunday school is the place where we learn what God wants us to learn.

Read the letter of Jude! The point of the letter is real clear. There are those who want to teach us false doctrine. There are those who want to corrupt us with teaching that will undermine our values.

So Jude says: BUILD UP YOURSELF IN YOUR MOST HOLY FAITH.

Sunday school is the academy of faith. It is the place where we learn to trust in God's love over all. Jude warns against certain teachers who destroy faith and promote self-serving values, greed, and perversions. Christian education is our only defense against such practice. That is why Sunday school is a preparation for life. This is the arena for teaching values to children that they can apply to healthy

living, honesty, care for others, and justice.

Kids face teasing by their peers at an early age. This is picked up in elementary school and is in full swing by the time children get to Junior High. With the pressures of status, popularity, and changing hormones our children look for those with a weakness to exploit. Over and over again, we try to re-teach children to respect one another. Love your neighbor is a hard concept for Junior High youth to embrace and accept. Some do and they find a valuable lesson that will serve them forever. It is the business of Sunday school to teach this value at every level of Christian education.

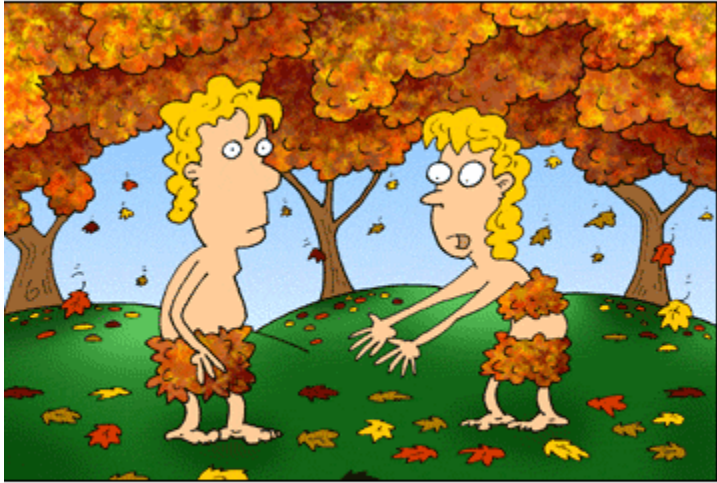
If you've been around Sunday school and church for any amount of time, you have learned the verse that comes from our Gospel lesson. I learned it this way: "Suffer the children to come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of heaven." Jesus invites us as children to come to him and the invitation never ends. Jesus reaches out to the children, but he also reaches out to the beggar, the blind, the poor, the lonely, the elderly, the rich, and the powerful. Jesus teaches everyone.

Our Sunday school follows the example of Christ. Is there anyone here today who feels they don't need to sit at the feet of Jesus? Has anyone here out grown their need for the love of Christ and the message that Jesus has for us?

Sunday school doesn't happen unless you bring your children so that they may be blessed in the teachings of our Lord Jesus Christ. Then we need to remember that we are all God's children. Sunday school is for the children of God. Not only do we bring our children, but we too come so that we can be blessed for a life time ...



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WILL YOU PLEASE PICK UP ALL YOUR CLOTHES?

What's On The Other Side?

A sick man turned to his doctor as he was preparing to Leave the examination room and said, 'Doctor, I am afraid to die. Tell me what lies on the other side.'

Very quietly, the doctor said, 'I don't know..'



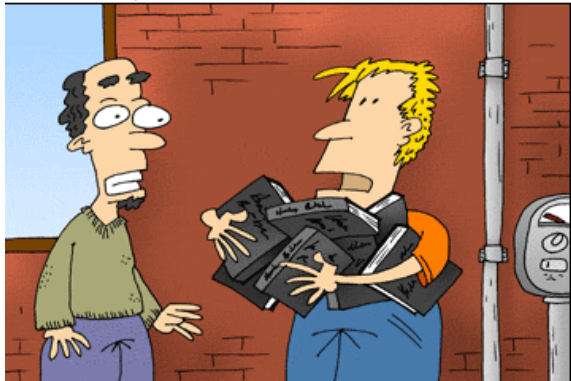
'You don't know? You're, a Christian man, and don't know what's on the other side?'

The doctor was holding the handle of the door; On the other side came a sound of scratching and whining, And as he opened the door, a dog sprang into the room And

leaped on him with an eager show of gladness.

Turning to the patient, the doctor said, 'Did you notice my dog? He's never been in this room before. He didn't know what was inside. He knew nothing except that his master was here, And when the door opened, he sprang in without fear. I know little of what is on the other side of death, But I do know one thing... I know my Master is there and that is enough.'

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GOOD THING I FOUND YOU GIDEON ... IT SEEMS SOMEONE HAS BEEN HIDING ALL YOUR BIBLES IN HOTEL ROOMS

The Knots Prayer

Dear God:
 Please untie the knots
 that are in my mind,
 my heart and my life.
 Remove the have nots,
 the can nots and the do nots
 that I have in my mind.

Erase the will nots,
 may nots,
 might nots that may find
 a home in my heart.

Release me from the could nots,
 would nots and
 should nots that obstruct my life.

And most of all,
 Dear God,
 I ask that you remove from my mind,
 my heart and my life all of the 'am nots'
 that I have allowed to hold me back,
 especially the thought
 that I am not good enough.
 Amen

Author Known To God



A Faithful Presence

Curt Pringle is the mayor of Anaheim, California, the sixth-largest city in the state. When his term expires later this year, he will have left his mark on the city like no other mayor. He is also a member of a church that understands what it means to "seek the peace of the city," as Jeremiah commanded the exiles in Babylon.

Through Curt's leadership, Anaheim has built a new downtown. The transformation has been remarkable.

People like Curt Pringle have helped us understand what leadership is supposed to look like in the church. I don't think there is any topic we struggled with more than leadership: What's the nature, the design, the goal of leadership? What does biblical leadership look like? How do we measure our progress as a leaders?

Some say leadership is all about servanthood. Others present a hierarchical model with a clear chain of command. Still others, a leader-less model. All have their strengths. But I've come to see that they share a common weakness—these models mostly focus on building up the church for its own sake. They lack a vision of the church as a "sent people."

Jesus said, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation" (Mark 16:15). This means our mission is much broader than taking care of the needs of our congregation, as important as that may be. To proclaim the gospel to the "whole creation" means the realms of business, law, education, media, politics, and the arts are all parts of our mission. As people in our congregations engage these fields, they are called to bring the good news into them. The goal: to bring reconciliation to all areas of life so that each functions in a way that honors the Creator. This is what it means to seek the peace (shalom) of the city in which we live.

Lesslie Newbigin once observed that the church has two main functions: First, it is to proclaim the whole counsel of God each week, which means weekly worship, discipleship, community building. But second, down in the proverbial church basement, we are to be training secret agents of the kingdom to be shalom-makers in every area of life. Like Daniel and his three friends, our people should be able to think and act Christianly in their

American Baptist Leader Speaks Out Against Anti-Islamic Acts

On Tuesday, September 7, general secretary Roy Medley attended an interfaith summit hosted by the Islamic Society of North America (ISNA) at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., which addressed the recent surge in anti-Muslim rhetoric and Islamophobia in the United States.

Directly following the summit, members in attendance held a press conference and issued a joint statement to the public regarding unified action for faith communities to promote tolerance and reduce hate crimes, anti-Muslim rhetoric, and Islamophobia. Click here to view the statement.

The press conference was telecast live on CNN and CSPAN and included statements from members of the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian faiths. The leaders emphasized the need for people associated with all different faiths to protect the safety and civil rights of Muslims.

Medley issued the following statement regarding the meeting:

Today, I joined with a wide range of Christians, Jews and Muslims to express our concern about the growing expressed hostility towards Muslims in our country. The Christians present in addition to myself included Michael Kinnamon of the NCC, and representatives of evangelical organizations such as the National Association of Evangelicals. I joined in this effort because as the spiritual heirs of Thomas Helwys and Roger Williams, American Baptists have a keen interest in

vocations, and to strive for excellence in those professions.

When taken together they will be, in the words of James Hunter, a "faithful presence" wherever they are. In this way, we equip our people to seek the shalom of the city right where God has placed

preserving religious liberty. It is core to our understanding of faith and a gift that Baptists at great cost have given to the world.

We strongly implore our brothers and sisters of the Dove World Outreach Center in Gainesville to turn away from their proposed burning of the Koran on September 11. It is an act inconsistent

with the spirit and teachings of Christ. We remind them that when Jesus' disciples implored him to call down destruction upon the Samaritans, he refused. Though they were of a different faith, the

gospels record that he welcomed Samaritans to the consternation of his own disciples and singled out one of them as exemplary of what it means to show neighborly love to others. We recall as well the horror we felt when a rogue Orthodox priest and his followers burned Bibles stored for distribution by the Georgian Baptists several years ago.

We clearly see all such actions that discriminate against or threaten others because of their faith as undermining the very principle of religious liberty that Baptists struggled to incorporate into our Bill of Rights so that in America faith might be protected.

I urge us all as American Baptist Christians to stand firm in our commitment to the blessings of religious liberty for all and in our repudiation of efforts and acts that fail the test of Calvary's love. Let us make such love visible and active in concrete acts of compassion, justice and friendship toward our Muslim neighbors as fulfilling Jesus' instruction to, "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you."



Roy Medley, General Secretary of the American Baptist Churches USA, speaks out on Rev. Jones.

them—in their neighborhoods, jobs, and civic institutions. At the end of the day, the city will be blessed because our church has been present in it.

- Jim Blecher

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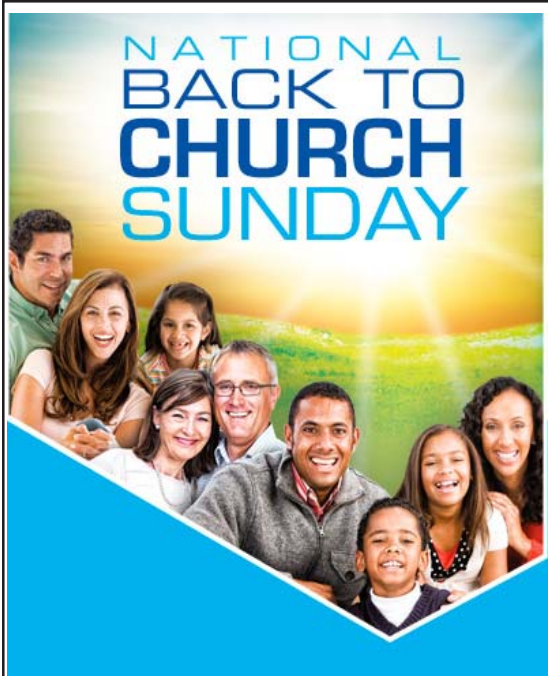
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1. "You ___ were with Jesus of Galilee," she said (Matt 26:69)
5. their ___ were not scorched, and there was no smell of fire (Dan 3:27)
9. no remedy for your ___, no healing for you (Jer 30:13)
13. At ___ Boaz said to her, "Come over here (Ruth 2:14)
14. Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of ___ (Matt 5:3)
15. hairless (Micah 1:16)
16. The city was kept under ___ until the eleventh year of King Zedekiah (II Ki 25:2)
17. I refer to those whose sin does not ___ to death (1 John 5:16)
18. as ___ was deceived by the serpent's cunning (2 Cor 11:3)
19. the great house into pieces and the small house into ___ (Amos 6:11)
20. All who remain in the land will eat ___ and honey (Isa 7:22-23)
21. The ___ of Jacob will be among the nations (Mic 5:8)
23. Ephraim is a ___ cake not turned over (Hos 7:8)
25. I ___ you to bear with my word of exhortation (Heb 13:22)
26. the harvest of the Nile was the ___ of Tyre (Isa 23:3)
30. like the garden of Eden, behind them, a desert ___ (Joel 2:3)
33. Jesus entered the temple area and ___ out all who were (Matt 21:12)
35. To this ___ I labor, struggling with all his energy (Col. 1:29)
36. Lord is coming with thousands upon thousands of his holy ___ (Jude 14)
38. of every kind of clean animal, a male and its ___ (Gen 7:2)
39. "No ___ sews a patch of unshrunk cloth on an old garment (Matt 9:16)
40. Hazor will become a ___ of jackals (Jer 49:33)
43. brother of Moses (Ex 4:14)
44. Rebekah arose, and her ___ (Gen 24:61) KJV
46. At midnight the cry ___ out: 'Here's the bridegroom!' (Matt 25:6)
48. And it ___ to pass on the morrow (Acts 4:5)
49. Be careful, or you will be ___ to turn away (Deut 11:16)
53. He that is surety for a stranger shall ___ for it (Prov 11:15)KJV
56. all our righteous acts are like filthy ___ (Isa 64:6)
57. Blessed ___ the pure in heart, for they

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- will see God (Matt 5:8)
 58. from the ___ of Egypt to the Euphrates River (2 Kings 24:7)
 59. slash to the right, then to the left, wherever your ___ is turned (Ezek 21:16)
 60. authority to drive out all demons and to ___ diseases (Luke 9:1)
 61. ___ and all the princes of Kedar were your customers (Ezek 27:21)
 62. your brother Timothy has been ___ (Heb 13:23)
 63. "Lord, even the demons submit to us in your ___ ." (Luke 10:17)
 64. But be ye ___ of the word, and not hearers only (James 1:22) KJV
 65. You lie on ___ inlaid with ivory and lounge on your couches (Amos 6:4)
- DOWN
1. I saw as the colour of ___, as the appearance of fire (Ezek 1:27) (KJV)
 2. Let love and faithfulness never ___ you (Prov 3:3)
 3. Then Melchizedek king of ___ brought out bread and wine (Gen 14:18)
 4. no one pours new wine into ___ wineskins (Mark 2:22)
 5. a censer in his hand, and a fragrant cloud of incense was ___ (Ezek 8:11)
 6. and have ___ the weightier matters of the law (Matt 23:23) KJV
 7. they swarmed around me like ___ (Ps 118:12)
 8. "Stop wailing," Jesus said. ___ is not dead but asleep (Luke 8:52)
 9. ___ every saint in Christ Jesus (Phil 4:21) KJV
 10. I will make thee ruler ___ many things (Matt

- 25:23) KJV
11. They ___ from the Book of the Law of God (Neh 8:8)
12. From the ___ of the earth I call to you (Ps 61:2)
19. he tore the lion apart with his ___ hands (Judg 14:12)
20. And Saul left the ___ and went his way (1 Sam 24:7)
22. some pistachio ___ and almonds (Gen 43:11-12)
23. Man is a mere phantom as he goes to and ___ (Ps 39:6)
24. he imposed on Judah a ___ of a hundred talents (2 Kings 23:33)
27. "The kingdom of God is ___. Repent and believe (Mark 1:15)
28. God has granted even the Gentiles repentance ___ life (Acts 11:18)
29. Adams first home (Gen 2:8)
30. The boar out of the ___ doth waste it (Ps 80:13) KJV
31. a prophetess, ___, the daughter of Phaniel (Luke 2:36)
32. Your beginnings will ___ humble, so prosperous will your future be (Job 8:7)
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37. took ___ branches and went out to meet him (John 12:13)
38. during the time of King Herod, ___ from the east came to Jerusalem (Matt 2:1)
40. nor will the desert ___ or the sun beat upon them (Isa 49:10)
41. but ___ a little wine for thy stomach's sake (1 Tim 5:23)
42. and the ___ of grapes him that soweth seed (Amos 9:13) KJV
43. ___ are creatures of little strength (Prov 30:25)
45. arrest Baruch the ___ and Jeremiah (Jer 36:26)
47. messengers (Ps 103:20)
50. Those who were my enemies without ___ (Lam 3:52)
51. Surely I have acted like a fool and have ___ greatly (1 Sam 26:21)
52. I will repay them according to their ___ (Jer 25:14)
53. the ___, and the pelican, and the gier eagle (Lev 11:18) (KJV)
54. "Don't call me Naomi," she told them. "Call me ___ (Ruth 1:20)
55. gardener of Eden
56. it is a ___ thing that the king requireth (Dan 2:11)
59. figs, which are so ___ they cannot be eaten (Jer 24:8)
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Matthew 9.35-38

As I write this newsletter I am pondering about the last month of my life. There were many transitions marked by end of the school year events, Joshua was named 'Student of the Year' for his class, there were also other events where awards and certificates were handed out. Richie found out that he had made it to Varsity Swimming and did extremely well in his SAT's and his SAT-Subject tests. Aida finished her first year at the University of Virginia and traveled home feeling like an adult.

Rick and I had a few pizza parties with our students at seminary and basically said our good-byes to our partners in Mexicali as we prepared for our year of Home Assignment. I left for New England for 18 days to speak at churches and groups. Rick stayed home to take care of our family, attend graduation ceremonies at the seminary and a wedding for two of our students. Everything was changing and moving a bit too fast. We were celebrating the endings but at least I was not ready to plan for the new beginnings.

As I traveled through Connecticut, Massachusetts and Rhode Island, I was asked many times what were my biggest dreams and needs for our ministry.

What did we want to accomplish? We made a list of 32 things, some were needs and others were dreams, yet I still felt like the list lacked cohesion. I had been sharing this text with our supporters in New England, and it continues to speak to my heart. Jesus was a man on a mission. He was out in the community networking, making friends and enemies, and he was dealing with human need. He was moved (he felt a passionate need to respond) by the crowds in such a way that he actually sounds overwhelmed. I can relate to Jesus here. There is so much need and not enough people, resources, and time to fill the need. It is easy to feel overwhelmed yet Jesus shares the burden with his disciples. 'Ask God to send out more workers because the harvest is ready.'

My friends, Jesus did not go crazy trying to heal everyone and minister to everyone. He shared the task. The job is ours. We as the church are charged with reaching out to those who are hurting, to equip those who are called and to work together as the body of Christ to fulfill the mission. I will share our lists with all of you but right now I just want to invite you to partner with us to do what God has called us to do. Remember, the Harvest is ready, are you?

Family Update

We are on our year of home assignment which ironically means that we will be spending less time at home and more time visiting churches. We have to intentionally plan time to be together so here's what we've been up to.

I, Mercy just returned from 2 ½ weeks in New England doing mission promotion. I spent ten days with Rick before he went on a cross country trip with Richie visiting universities and also doing some deputation in Illinois and Kansas.

Richie and Rick both enjoyed their visit of the University of Chicago. Richie was very impressed and is thinking about his options for the future. Please pray for him as he starts his Senior Year of High School in late August. Aida is home for the summer and is working at the local community college with the Upward Bound Program.

Joshua is enjoying his summer playing on the computer and dreaming about Disneyland and amusement parks. So thank you and please keep us in your prayers and consider how you can support us in the ministry we share in Mexicali.



Seminary students Jacob and Jessica are wed. Many of our short term missionaries got to know them from our trips to Mexicali.

Come celebrate Missions in our Baptist Churches



You are invited to join us on Sunday, September 19 at 6:00 p.m. to celebrate our recent mission trip to New York and to begin making plans for the future. Come join us at the Central Baptist Church for dessert and coffee.

We will have a video from the New York team and a chance to hear their stories. After dessert we will sit down and talk about the future. We will discuss our options for the future and make some preliminary plans for the trip (s) in 2011. We will also talk about fund raising, church financial contributions and expectations we have for the future.

Come get together with team members, past and present. Come be part of the fellowship.



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Little People, Big Faith

From the mouths of babes can come great spiritual truths.

by Beverly Dillard

When I began volunteering in children's church many years ago, I did it out of a sense of duty. I figured by giving up one Sunday a month to tend to everyone else's kids, I'd gain three Sundays in church without my own. I envisioned myself soaking up biblical knowledge on those Sundays, unhampered by continuous whining and numerous trips to the bathroom. Not a bad deal.

Over the years I've come to realize, however, that for all I planned to learn in "adult" church, some of the most important lessons I've gleaned have come as I sat on a tiny plastic chair among a throng of sometimes jittery but always enlightening children. Jesus said the kingdom of heaven belongs to those who are like little children, and I can see why. They've got it all figured out.

Here are four universal truths I learned in children's church.

Lesson 1: Worship with abandon

Children love show-and-tell. Often on Sunday mornings, a child comes with a new toy or an exciting story he or she wants to share. But one morning I was greeted with a different type of show-and-tell request.

"I have a dance I want to show everybody," six-year-old Meredith said confidently.

"Sure," I answered and quieted all the children. "Meredith would like to show us her—" I turned to Meredith. "Is it a tap dance? A ballet dance?"

She shrugged. "It's just a dance," she said matter-of-factly.

"Okay. Meredith, take it away." I settled in one of the tiny chairs to await what I assumed would be a number

from a recent recital or dance class. Suddenly, in a loud, self-assured voice, she began to sing a popular praise and worship song. As she sang, she spun wildly around the floor, waving her hands in the air and swaying her hips in every direction.

I quickly scanned the audience to make sure none of the kids were laughing; obviously, this was an impromptu number. But the other children were watching with rapt attention. Then I looked back at Meredith. From the look on her face, she couldn't have cared less what the other kids thought of her dance. Clearly, she was dancing for an audience of One.

When she finished, the room erupted in applause and Meredith took a sweeping bow.

"Meredith," I said, "that was wonderful." She just smiled and sat.

Often when I'm praising God, I'm more concerned with my reputation than I should be. What if someone is watching? What if I look foolish?

Then I remember Meredith and her dance of abandon. And I try to emulate her, forgetting my inhibitions and offering up my praise to an audience of One.

Lesson 2: Pray with faith

Each Sunday we have a time of prayer requests when the children

share things that are on their minds or near their hearts. We often pray for a sick grandparent, an upcoming t-ball game, or a misunderstanding with a friend. And we pray a lot for pets.

This last concern was on the mind of Alana one morning. "Please pray for my cat, Smokey," she said solemnly.

"What's wrong with Smokey?" I asked gently.

"He ran away," she replied. When we prayed that morning, we included a plea for God to bring Smokey back home.

The next week when prayer request time rolled around, Alana once again raised her hand.

"Please pray for my cat, Smokey," she said. "He ran away." So once more we prayed for the wayward cat to find his way home.

This continued for weeks, then months, until it occurred to me one day that we'd been praying for Smokey the Lost Cat for almost a full year. I realized it was highly unlikely Alana's pet would be returning, but I also recognized that, despite a lack of any evidence of an answer to her prayer, she kept on praying. Her faith never wavered.

Many times we expect quick answers to our prayerful requests. Perhaps because of the hurry-up society we live in, patience is scarce and perseverance even scarcer. But



watching Alana reminded me that Jesus instructed his disciples through the story of the persistent neighbor to pray faithfully and with determination (Luke 11:8).

I'm not sure what happened to Smokey. After that year, Alana moved and our prayers for Smokey ended. Maybe Alana learned to accept that occasionally God answers our prayers in ways we don't like. Or



maybe (as I prefer to believe) Smokey inexplicably turned up one day. Whatever the outcome, I do know that through a cat and a trusting six-year-old, God taught one of his less persistent children a valuable lesson—one I try to remember when I feel my trust beginning to slip in the face of an as-yet-unanswered prayer.

Lesson 3: Believe the story

One Sunday morning I was telling the kids the story of Abraham and Sarah. Suddenly Daniel, who often adds to my lessons, piped up.

"Abraham had another name," he announced. I was impressed that he knew the whole Abram/Abraham tale. Maybe these kids were listening after all.

"Yes, he did," I told the kids. "Daniel, what was that other name?" "Ham," he said proudly. Though the other students were enthralled by this knowledge, I felt the need to set the record straight.

"Well, before being called Abraham, he was called Abram," I went on.

But Daniel would not be swayed. "I'll call him Ham," he said with certainty.

I've worked with six-year-olds enough to know when to admit defeat. "You know, Abraham was just like us—with family, friends, and neighbors," I said. "And 'Abraham' is a

pretty long name. They may have given him a nickname; they just might have called him Ham." All the students seemed satisfied with this answer, and we went on with our story.

As I thought later about this lesson, I decided maybe the children got more out of the 'Ham' incident than the actual Bible story. When I read in my Bible about Noah, Joseph, and Paul, I don't tend to think of them as real people. They're Bible heroes, larger than life. Legends. But that Sunday morning, Daniel reminded me that before they were scriptural celebrities, those men were just average guys facing the same trials and uncertainties that plague us all. Maybe Abraham was just Ham.

Lesson 4: Love without condition

One of the most valuable lessons I've learned in children's church is one I see play out every Sunday I share with these smallest inhabitants of the kingdom.

As we sit on the rug for our story time, pair off to play a game, or rotate around the room to fun centers, I love to observe the interaction between the children. Some of the kids come from well-to-do homes while others are from less-fortunate circumstances.

They attend different schools, are different sizes, genders, and races. But I've never seen a more cohesive group.

They love each other just because they do. When they face troubles, they support each other in their own unique way. I've seen one child throw his arm around another when he's sad. I've seen a child share a toy with someone who's feeling left out. I've witnessed children offering their snacks, their chairs, and their help on numerous occasions to their classmates. And every time I see such selfless acts of kindness from children, I think of the life Christ led. The way he gave tirelessly to others, even when they mocked, betrayed, and finally killed him.

We're supposed to love one another like he did: unconditionally and unselfishly.

Like these kids, we're supposed to comfort the downhearted, befriend the friendless, and give to the needy. It's the essence of Jesus' message, and I think these children's church kids get it.

Maybe we should all trade in our pew seats for those little plastic chairs once in a while. We just might learn something.



Beverly Dillard is a freelance writer living in Georgia, where she continues to teach children's church and learn about God from the (dis)comfort of a little plastic chair.

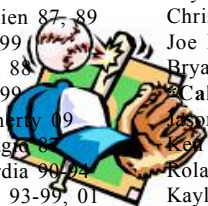
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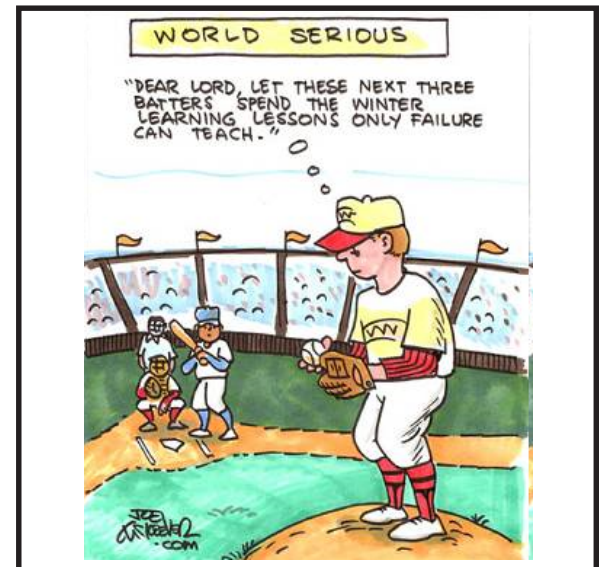
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Jeff Gordon: His Heart Races At The Name of Jesus

Dave Caldwell of Belief.Net recently interviewed Jeff Gordon, the well known NASCAR driver, and asked him about his faith. Here is the text of that interview.

Jeff, tell me a little bit about your religious background?

I didn't grow up in a religious family, or even in a family that went to church. I always knew I believed in God, but I don't know if I actually knew what that meant, you know?

Further down the road, I got involved in the NASCAR Busch Series. In 1992 I started going to the chapel service there. Then when I went to the Winston Cup I attended chapel services there. I started paying more attention to what was said. It was there I became friends with Bobby Hillin and got to know guys like Darrell Waltrip. It was through them that I met Max Helton of Motor Racing Outreach. He was a great influence on me. I admired him for a lot of different reasons. He never really pushed people into it. He just very subtly would talk to me about God. He also came to me and said Joe Gibbs wanted to talk to me about driving for his Winston Cup team, so I liked that, too. (Laughs.)

My belief just grew and grew and grew. It's just continued to grow from there.

Have you been re-born, or had a spiritual rebirth?

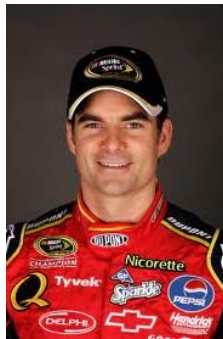


I guess you could call it that. Technically, that's what they call it. I've committed my

life to Christ. I was also baptized in a little church in King, N.C.

What is your home church?

I really don't have a home church. For me, it's just MRO, going to the chapel



service that travels with us. Max Helton has been my Pastor. That's pretty much what I consider to be my church.

Do you read the Bible?

I go more by The Message (Eugene Peterson's every man's translation of the Bible) - the message in layman's terms that you can get into and understand. We have Bible studies that we go to every other week in our area. We have a lot of different Scriptures that we look at. As far as reading the Bible, I don't do it as much as I need to, that's for sure. I try to follow The Message, and a lot of it we go through in our Bible studies.

How important is Motor Racing Outreach in your spiritual life?

I think it's extremely important, because you constantly have to be encouraged. You have to push your faith, you know, to continue to grow. And what they do for our community is just amazing.

To have a chapel service is one thing. If you look at the wives and the kids not only of the drivers, but the car owners and the crew members, they feel like they're accepted here, and they feel like there's a family atmosphere.

I give a lot of credit to MRO. They have something good over in the motor coach area at the tracks we go to. They have a whole family center over there. The kids can go play, but they're around a good atmosphere - teaches them about the Bible and everything. I think it's just a wonderful thing.

Do you get together before a race in a special place and pray?

Not really. I go to chapel, and that's the time for me. That's really one of the

last things I do before I come into the hauler and get ready. What happens is that I go over to the chapel service, and that puts me in a good frame of mind. I get to feeling good about things.

I come over to the hauler, have a quick bite to eat, get changed, stretch my body real good, because I get cramped in there. I will talk about things with a few members of my team. Sometimes it's about God, sometimes it's about the race. Then I meet with my whole team, and when we get done with that meeting, we pray. Then I walk out to the driver introductions.

How profoundly has Dale Earnhardt's death affected your religious life?

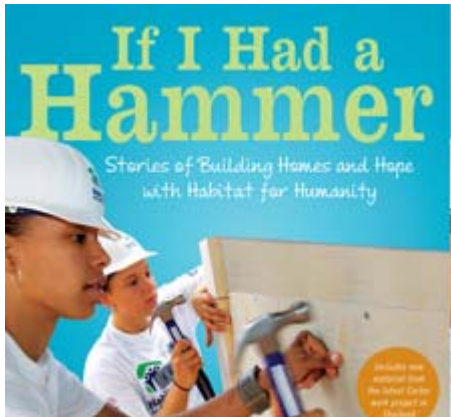


Of all the people that have had serious injuries or have died, I probably knew Dale the best. I wasn't very close to Adam Petty, and I knew

Kenny Irwin but I wasn't very close to him.

Dale, I wasn't extremely close to. But I had enough conversations and meetings with him to know him and the things he liked to do. The things that we had in common, they weren't a lot. But the things that we did do, we talked about. Certainly, with a guy like that, when something like that happens, it hits very close to home.





On Monday, September 20th we are offering a "foundations" class here at First Baptist Church for anyone interested in working with us on some Habitat Houses in the coming months.

Join us at 6:30 p.m. and find out what you need to know to join Jimmy Carter and hundreds of thousands of others who are working to transform neighborhoods and lives at the same time. This course is required for anyone who wants to work on a Habitat house.

As part of our "home mission" we plan on setting up at least three days where our First Baptist family can work on a home together. Of course anyone is free to work as many days as they want on their own.

Please email or call the church to let us know you are coming. Invite your friends and let's join the movement and build some homes for Jesus.

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