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First Baptist Church of North East

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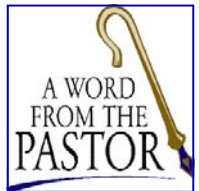
Newsletter

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Dear church family,

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. I am writing to you from Skycroft Baptist Camp on South Mountain, in



western Maryland. I am here along with Peggy and Wendy Clough, and ten of our church youth. We are here for youth camp with 355 other youth from all over Maryland. Right now it is pouring rain. Camping with kids changes dramatically when it starts raining. Hopefully this rain won't last long. We keep them busy from 6:30 A.M. till curfew at 11 P.M. It could be a long week.

Vacation Bible School

July 17-21, 6-8:30pm

► **FOR Grade K** (age 5—enrolled in Kindergarten in fall of 2015)—**to Grade 6** (completed).

► Fill out a registration form (1 per child) and return the 1st day of VBS or sooner.

► Registration forms are available @ the church. A downloadable registration form is available on our website: www.fbcne.org.

► We are still in need of volunteers. Please see Jess Wagner or call the church office.

► 3-Night Ladies Class (see page 3 for details)



(Picture to the left) Maranda & Olivia won 1st place in a costume contest @ Skycroft, during youth camp.

On another topic Janet and I were able to attend the Southern Baptist Convention in Phoenix, Arizona, from June 12-14. It was a real privilege to be able to attend and take part in the largest parliamentary gathering in the world. Over 5,000 Southern Baptists from all over the world were there. (continued on page 3)



JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Gerrit & Jane Hopman
- 7 Brian & Jennifer Musser
- 11 Richard & Margie Jackson
- 17 Joseph & Brenda Simpkins
- 18 Cecil, Jr. & Anmarie Walsh
- 26 Adam & Melissa Marvel

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Edward & Sylvia Hobson
- 2 Ben & Jenny Hokuf
- 3 Roger & Grace Cann
- Thomas & Ruby Perry
- 5 Tim & April Lotman
- 10 Bobby & Chrissy (Hall) Hilaman
- 12 Stephen & Janet Hokuf
- 25 Samuel & Amy Hall

JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Ruth (Mash) Pusey
Sean Lawrence
- 3 Ralph Veasey, III
- 5 Shane Lee
- 7 Kathy Glace
- 8 George Deaver
Ainsley Jackson
- 9 Joslyn Robinson
- 10 Matthew Osborne, II
- 11 Rene' (Willis) Lewis
Kimberly Walsh
- 12 Danny Clemons, Sr.
Gladys Hamilton
Stephen Hokuf
Teala Robertson
- 13 Susan (Hobson)
Philavanh
- 14 John Booth
Andy Wagner
- 16 Ashley (Burns)
Hickman
Bryan Langley
- 17 Carl Moore, Sr.
Daniel Wagner
- 18 Mary Mohler
- 19 Ashly Hamilton
Duke Grant,
Hannah Sanders
- 20 George Jackson
- 22 Judith Brown
Chris Jackson
- 23 Kasey Lee
- 24 Mary K. Parks
- 25 Harley Chestnut,
David Parsons, Jr.
- 28 Kevin Barker
Mille Bee Cavanagh
Tim Lotman
- David Parsons, Sr.
- 30 Sara Hayes

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Patricia Culver Adkins
- 5 Evelyn Hall
- Robert Hudler, Jr
- 6 Wayne Jones
Jacob Wahlgreen
- 7 Sheena Burns
Matthew Forino
- 8 Thomas Hall
- 9 Kelsey Hackman
Maranda Hackman
- 10 Elizabeth Leavy
- 11 Lilburn (Lib) Lewis
- 12 Joyce Blithe
Brenda Sommers
- 13 Brendan Willien
- 14 Deborah Smith
- 16 Roy Crouse
Betty Jackson
Seth Moyer
Delainey Parsons
Amy (Walker) Short
- 18 Manda Barber
Kathy Gray
Jane Hopman
- 19 Corban Porch
- 20 Karen Bibey
Chris Ewing
Heath Johnson
- 24 Justin Jones
Janet McGhee
- 25 Richard Brasefield
James Moore
- 30 Marcy Baezlopez
- 31 Jorden Lotman
Kenny Shores



Ministry Assistant Summer Office Hours:

Tues, Wed, Thurs: 10a-4p
(Please call ahead, as times may fluctuate on occasion.)

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Summer "Get-a-Way"

Dear Ladies,
What are your plans for the week of July 17th? That's the week of VBS here at First Baptist Church of North East. You're probably planning to gather up some kids (family & neighbors), and transport a carload to our doorsteps. Great idea! We'll be there waiting for all of you.

Ladies, now how about your needs for a short "Summer Get-a-Way" into God's thoughts, Christian fellowship and even fun for women. Could you use a little break? A spiritual boost? You know you need one. And here's the good news. A program just for you is being planned right now.

So...come out and enjoy our "Summer Get-a-Way." It's right here on the First Baptist premises. You drop the children off and proceed to your "destination", tucked away from your cares for a few hours, for 3 great nights. Doesn't that sound good?

Bring your Bible and lots of anticipation. You will truly enjoy and benefit spiritually if you join us. You must plan now (mentally) if you want to take advantage of this offer. It's just for YOU, ladies! We'll be waiting to see YOU when YOU step into our "Summer Get-a-Way" for 3 nights of VBS for women.

July 18th, 19th & 20th

(Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday)

6-8:30pm

"The Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ."

II Thessalonians 3:5

-Mille Bee Cavanaugh



JULY & AUGUST DATES TO REMEMBER

(please see pg 4 for regular services/events)

Sun July 9-Communion

Mon July 10-Women On Mission Picnic, 6pm @ Jane Hopman's house

Wed July 12-Business meeting, immediately following the 6pm Prayer Mtg/Bible Study

Mon July 17-Fri July 21-Vacation Bible School (please see page 1 for more info)

Sun Aug 20-September *Lamplighter* articles due

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If you have ever been to a church business meeting, just imagine it with 5,000 participants. For me the most exciting part was the commissioning of 35 new missionaries. Half of them were introduced without their last names and in the dark so we couldn't see their faces. The reason was that they are going to countries that do not welcome Christian missionaries. We have to be careful not to cause unnecessary problems for them in their future ministries, wherever it is that they are being sent. We must continually bathe them in prayer.

Another exciting part was the seminary reports. We have six Southern Baptist seminaries that are thoroughly conservative and on fire for the Lord. There are a record number of students now training for the Lord's work; over 20,000!!!! That is the hope for the future and an answer to the prayers of God's people. There are so many good things happening in our denomination, now the largest and most ethnically diverse in the nation. We have over 47,000 churches and 16 million members! That is 1 in every 20 Americans, or 5% of the population.

In the next few weeks of summer I know many of you will be taking vacations, and I hope you are able to relax and enjoy the time away. Perhaps you will be able to worship the Lord in another church, with other believers. In New Mexico I was able to fellowship at the First Baptist Church of Bernallilo, with some fellow believers that knew my wife's family when they lived there over 50 years ago. Janet's (and her sister Nancy Hudler) father, Bill Muller, was a bi-vocational Southern Baptist pastor and helped establish a church in that town. The picture in their baptistry had been painted by their mother Betty and is still very beautiful.

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Kids' Klub ended the 2016-2017 year with a picnic at the North East Town Park.

(continued from page 3) Please pray and plan to help out in our VBS this July 17-21. We still need some helpers for a few areas of service. Please see page 1 for more details.

It looks like it may have stopped raining so I better go, the kids need me.

Your brother in Christ,

Pastor Steve

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

REGULAR CHURCH SERVICES/EVENTS

Sunday

- 8:30a **WORSHIP**
- 9:20a **Breakfast** (1st Sun, monthly)
- 9:30a **Bible Study/Sunday School**
- 10:30a **WORSHIP/Children's Worship**
- 6p **Monthly** Last Sunday **WORSHIP**
- 6p Youth Ministry Mtgs.

Tuesday

- 11a Worship Committee Mtg. (4th Tues)
- 5:30p Praise & Worship Team Practice

Wednesday

- 6:30-7:30p Kids' Klub—grades 2-6 (No meetings until fall)
- 6:30-7:30p **Prayer/Bible Study**
- BUSINESS Mtg (2nd Wed—after Prayer Mtg)

Thursday

- 10a Choir Practice (No practice until fall)
- 11a Ladies' Prayer Time (No meetings for July/Aug)

Budget/Attendance Analysis

Budget/General Fund
Weekly Average as of
6/11/17(24 wks): **\$3,705.**

Needed Weekly: **\$3,566.**

Budget Status: **\$3,335.**

PARKING LOT FUND
received to date: **\$35,740.**

We have 3 revised parking lot
fund goals: **\$20,000** (PTL);
\$30,000 (Glory to God);
\$47,745 (Hallelujah!).

Audio/Visual Fund: \$536
received to date.

Average morning worship
attendance: 5/14/17-
6/18/17: **95**

