

FBC Calendar of Events

Sunday, July 5 9:45a Bible Study 10:55a Worship	Sunday, July 12 9:45a Bible Study 10:55a Worship
Tuesday, July 7 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast/ Stew & Que 7:00p Women's Book Club	Monday, July 13 1:00p Ministry Group 7:00p Deacons Meeting
Wednesday, July 8 6:30p Bible Study 7:15p Sanctuary Choir	Tuesday, July 14 7:00a Men's Prayer Breakfast/ Stew & Que
Thursday, July 9 11:00a Helping Hands	Wednesday, July 15 6:30p Bible Study 7:15p Sanctuary Choir

DEAR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FAMILY

We have had a phenomenal week at the 2nd annual MOSAIC Arts Camp! It has been an absolute joy, almost beyond belief, as I've watched those 135 students rush in each day eager to discover their unique God-given gifts. One of the most exciting aspects of this camp has been watching the diverse group of students from Habersham, White, Rabun and Banks Counties bond together under the direction of the awesome staff of professional artists and over 40 other assistants. On behalf of the students and FBC, thank you Instructors, Assistants and Teenage Mentors. You have done a marvelous job teaching the students to discover new things, to hone the skills they already have, and to examine how each of us can be all God intended for us to be.

A special thank you to David and Mary Turner. Under their direction, we have closed each day with a worship service featuring an area artist who shared with the students how they use their special talents to glorify God and share His love. The worship services this week included: a spiritual music program by Mary Turner's students Jenna Dundore and Julie Fowler, and also, Portia Burns, a Sr. Music Major from Piedmont College and musician at Shady Grove Baptist Church; our own Herman Benfield who uses his gift of story-telling to share God's truths; a vocal and interpretive dance program by Steve Batchelor, youth and children's director at First Presbyterian Church of Cornelia, and his daughter Kaitlyn; a classical music recital by violinist, Heather Strachan and Mary Turner, also featuring an interpretative dance by Rachel Dean; a Power Point presentation by Kim Reed and Carrie Trotter, featuring the use of photography to display the beauty and wonder of God's creation. It is truly a blessing to be a part of this church and watch all of these dynamic individuals work together for one purpose – to share the love of God.

The week culminated with the MOSAIC Museum on Friday. This is the place where the children's family and friends were invited to come view what the students created at camp. As they strolled through the galleries featuring pottery, artwork, photography and original stories, they enjoyed food from the Museum Café (thank you FBC for providing all the great hot dogs and fixins'). They were also entertained by our performing arts programs including dance, vocal, instrumentals (guitar and recorder), drama, and story-telling on the main stages. Through all of these mediums, students studied and uncovered the secrets of how God uses each of us uniquely to enjoy the beauty all around us and share it with others using the Arts.

Well, MOSAIC Arts Camp 2009 is behind us; but your love and faithfulness to God's work has been engraved in the minds and hearts of all who participated in any way with this great effort. Thank you all for making the camp a success. God has blessed us in a mighty way.

Love and Prayers,
Donna C. Trotter
Arts Camp Director

A WORD OF HOPE

"Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous man is powerful and effective."

James 5:16 (NIV)

FROM THE PULPIT...

Sunday, July 5, 2009

"When The Well Runs Dry"
Psalms 107:33-43

Sunday, July 12, 2009

"Spiritual Work To Be Done"
John 6:24-40

The next publication date for Good Tidings will be July 15th. Announcements for publication must be submitted to the church office by Friday, July 10th.

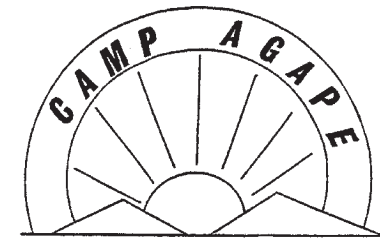
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- Rev. David B. Turner**
Pastor
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- Chester King**
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CAMP AGAPE 2009
JULY 12 - JULY 17

Six days of...

Fun, Fellowship, and Food...

Listening, Learning and Laughter...

Love, Love and more Love!

Camp Agape provides us with a unique opportunity to reach out to children in Habersham County and give them a glimpse of God's Agape love. It also offers a chance for our young people and adults to learn to give and to serve in a way that is pleasing to Him.

There is always room for more help in preparing and serving meals, providing transportation, or just giving love and encouragement to some child or young person. See the red notebook in the office corridor for specific jobs and times still open.



JOIN THE AGAPE CAMPERS
ON SUNDAY JULY 12
FOR A
CHURCH-WIDE COOKOUT
6:00 P.M.

PASTOR'S THOUGHTS

The center of the gospel message is "you." Most of us become very uncomfortable when the focus of a conversation falls on us. We hustle to shift attention toward someone else or some fact of history. As long as "you" are at the center of the discussion we are vulnerable. That personal address sent in our direction may well be followed by a question we are not prepared to answer, a question we aren't comfortable in answering.

Yet when I turn to the Sermon on the Mount it is saturated with the word "you." By that single word you are drawn into the center of this gospel message. Try these words of Jesus on to see if they are your size, because His frequent use of the word "you" tells me He had you in mind as he spoke:

'How blest you are...

When you suffer insults....

You are salt to the earth...

You are light for all the world...

You...yes, you, like the lamp, must shed light among your friends.

When they see the good you do, they may give praise to your Father in heaven.

I tell you this:

Not a letter will disappear from the law...

unless you show yourselves far better people...

Anyone who nurses anger against his brother...

When you bring your gift to the altar...

leave your gift...first go make peace.

If someone sues you...come to terms

If your right eye is your undoing....

it is better to lose one part than the whole.

You are not to swear at all.....

If someone slaps you on the right cheek...

If a man wants to sue you for your shirt....

If a man in authority makes you go one mile...

But what I tell you is this:

Love your enemies

Pray for your persecutors

Only then can you be children of your heavenly Father.'

Whoever you are out there, you have been given a pretty steep assignment from our Lord. I would not advise you to waste any time getting started. You have a full day's work to accomplish.

If anyone can do it, you can do it.

My door is always open....

David B. Turner

DEACON OF THE WEEK

July 5

Joy Johnson
706-778-3234

July 12

Bobby Massey
706-778-4457

If there is a ministry need, please call the Deacon or the church office.

July 5

SS Greeters: Ben Brooks, Mozelle & Seaborn Carlan, Betty Murray, Charlotte Meister, Bascom Scroggs, Phil McClain

KidsChurch: Jim & Carrie McLendon

Ushers: Phil McClain, Rick Barron, Dalton Sirmans, Ed Vaughn, Nolan Nix, Brian Williams, Bill Tanneberger, Dennis Tedder

Patrol: Jack McMullan

July 12

SS Greeters: Mozelle & Seaborn Carlan, Betty Murray, Charlotte Meister, Bascom Scroggs, Effie Parham

KidsChurch: Allen & Allyson Carter

Ushers: Chester Skelton, Grant Bentley, Ben Brooks, Jodie Burton, Chan Caudell, Steve Doran, Greg Jenkins, Larry Whitfield

Patrol: Donald Crowe

HELP WANTED!!

Two couples interested in doing outreach for First Baptist Church. Requirements: willing to do God's work once or twice monthly by visiting prospective new members. If interested, please contact Blake Foster, chairman of the Outreach Committee.

FIRST FACTS

Sunday, June 21, 2009

MINISTRY BUDGET

Weekly Goal	\$13,325.35
Weekly Gifts	7,471.00
Y-T-D Goal	333,133.75
Y-T-D Gifts	283,072.26
Y-T-D Loan Prin. Gifts	11,760.00
FMC Loan Balance	1,245,442.17

Sunday, June 28, 2009

MINISTRY BUDGET

Weekly Goal	\$13,325.35
Weekly Gifts	8,923.00
Y-T-D Goal	346,459.10
Y-T-D Gifts	291,995.26
Y-T-D Loan Prin. Gifts	11,960.00
FMC Loan Balance	1,236,772.37

MEMORIALS

Camp Agape

Don Short

Ministry Budget

Lucy Kimsey

Bud Parham

HONORARIA

Ministry Budget

Cliff Kimsey, Jr.

Phil & Evelyn McClain

**Christian Condolences
to the families of...**

James Gunter
(Grant Gunter's grandfather)

Bob Wilson
(Sabrina McMullan's grandfather)



Have a great July 4th!

DEACON NOMINATIONS

The annual deacon nomination process to select men and women to serve as deacons of First Baptist Cornelia for the 2009-2012 term is underway and will continue until July 6th.

Please contact individuals whom you believe to be worthy of consideration for this important ministry. With their agreement, complete a Deacon Nomination form containing both their signature and your own; then mail or deliver the completed form to the church office without delay. The deadline for accepting nominations is Monday, July 6th.

Deacon Nomination forms are available on the information table in the office corridor. If there are questions, please feel free to contact Grant Bentley, Deacon Chairman, or Chester King, Church Administrator.

LEADERSHIP RECRUITING

The Nominating Committee has begun recruiting leadership for the 2009-2010 church year. Rather than wait until they find you, they are seriously asking that you go before the Lord and seek that place of service where you feel God's Spirit directing you to serve. Do you enjoy working with children? Many people are required in this area. There are dozens of opportunities and you will find the forthcoming year to be one of your best if you call the office or a committee member. Share your passion for God's work.

Missions and Ministry

WHEN HOME MISSIONS "KNOCK" ON OUR DOORS

Once a year in July, the opportunity for home missions literally comes "knocking on the doors" of FBC. It comes in the form of 50 children sent to us by the Department of Family & Children Services. For 6 days and 5 nights a team of children, youth and adults from the FBC congregation band together to be the hands, feet and heart of Jesus Christ in an atmosphere called Camp Agape. At the end of an energy-filled week, the campers leave this church with more than memories of fun songs, silly skits and good food. They leave with an awareness that God is good and that they are loved. Why? Because they have seen His reflection in the faces of the countless people of FBC who have expressed Christ's Agape love to them in real and tangible ways. If you have never experienced Camp Agape love, this might be the year for you to try it out. If you've been away for awhile, maybe it's time to come back and join the team. No matter what talents, gifts or passions you have, you can find a place at camp that uniquely suits you. There are 120 hours for you to choose from to find the right fit. Listen to your heart. Is someone knocking? What will your answer be?

**Camp Agape
July 12-17**

(Churchwide cookout – Sunday July 12 at 6:00 p.m.)