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Chronicing the life of the First Baptist Family

# Congratulations to the Class of 2009!

**By Bill Stone**  
Associate Pastor of Youth/Collegiate

Today we honor our 2009 high school graduates. The church family has a great day planned to honor these special young people. During the 10:45 a.m. worship service graduates will process wearing their regalia and be seated together. Each graduate will receive a gift from the First Baptist family, and a prayer of blessing will be offered for our graduates. The Chi Rho Youth Choir will sing "Sea of Mercy" and "Many Gifts One Spirit" during the service.



A luncheon will be held after the worship time for the graduates and their families in the Fellowship Hall. During this time together there will be a time of sharing and a video of each senior *Growing up in the Lord*.

Each of these young people has been a blessing to know and minister to and with through the years. Please pray for the graduates and their families during this time of transition. Pray that each student will continue to grow in Christ and to be a bold witness for Him wherever he or she goes.

Jeremiah 29:11-13 says, "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans for welfare and not for calamity, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find me when you search for me with all your heart." Graduates, claim this verse.

May God abundantly bless the graduates, as they follow His perfect will for their life. Congratulations, graduates! We love and support you!

**FBC 2009 High School Graduates:**

James Cunningham, Rachel Delon, Maicie Hammons, Brogan Johnson, Jessica Killmon, Haley Sliger, Braden Wade, Kyle Wylie

## Pastor's Heart



Spring brings with it a host of celebration times. Last week it was Mother's Day. Today we celebrate the graduation of our high school seniors. With life now spread before them, they have come to the junction between youth and adulthood. Prepared for further studies or the job market, they have opportunities like no gen-

eration before them. They also have challenges, not greater perhaps, but different from every generation that has gone before. There are many changes in life, but God never changes. He empowers our living from one generation to another. He grants wisdom, courage,

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**This week:**  
**FBC Children's Choirs Present**  
**Kings, Dreams & Schemes**  
**Wednesday, May 20**  
**6:30 p.m.**  
**Sanctuary**  
 See page 2 for details.

**Town Hall Budget Meeting**  
**Tonight**  
**6:00 p.m.**  
**Sanctuary**

**WMU Night Time Bible Study Group**  
**Monday, May 18**  
**5:30 p.m.**  
**Fellowship Hall**  
 Bring a covered dish and join us for our last meeting until the fall.

**Church staff**  
 Randall L. Adkisson, Ph.D, *Senior Pastor*  
 Mike Head, *Associate Pastor of Administration*  
 Jonathan Nelms, DWS, *Associate Pastor for Music*  
 Charlie Hutchinson, *Associate Pastor of Pastoral Care & Senior Adults*  
 Bill Stone, *Associate Pastor of Youth & Collegiates*  
 Steve Farris, D.Min., *Assistant Pastor for Outreach, Adult Education and Missions*  
 Ann Hertzfeldt, *Director of Preschool & Children's Ministries*



**MORNING SERVICE OF WORSHIP**  
**SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2009**  
**8:15 & 10:45 A.M.**

*For your comfort and that of others, childcare is provided for children under the age of four. Children 4 years old thru kindergarten may attend children's church in room 252. An usher will be glad to direct you to the childcare ministry located on the second floor.*

*\*If you are able, please stand as indicated. Hymn numbers are provided for songs found in The Baptist Hymnal.*

**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

- Greeting Ruth 2:4 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
- Prelude "In Christ Alone" (8:15) arr. Arnold  
Todd Arnold, pianist
- Welcome "Academic Festival Overture" (10:45) Brahms; arr. Aksey  
FBC Orchestra Dr. Randall Adkisson
- \*Song of Praise "How Great Is Our God" Tomlin/Reeves/Cash
- \*Hymn of Praise 10 "How Great Thou Art" O STORE GUD  
Graduate Processional (10:45) "Lead On, O King Eternal" arr. Goeller  
FBC Orchestra Rev. Bill Stone
- Graduate Recognition (10:45) Associate Pastor/Youth and Students
- \*Pastoral Prayer Dr. Adkisson
- \*Hymn of Testimony "In Christ Alone" Getty/Townend
- Song of Proclamation (10:45) "Sea of Mercy" Faber  
Chi Rho Youth Choir
- WE PROCLAIM THE WORD**
- Sermon "Powerful Healing Worship" Dr. Adkisson  
1 Chronicles 16:8-36
- \*Hymn of Invitation 320 "Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus" LEMMEL
- Offertory Prayer David Hutcherson (8:15)  
Greg Steeves (10:45)

**WE RESPOND WITH THANKSGIVING**

- Worship with Tithes and Offerings
- Offertory Music "Many Gifts, One Spirit"  
Chi Rho Youth Choir and Alumni  
*Youth choir alumni are invited to join the choir in the loft to sing this anthem.*
- \*Presentation of Offering
- \*Doxology 253 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" OLD 100TH  
Sharing Spiritual Decisions
- WE DEPART TO SERVE**
- Commissioning Mission Team to St. Kitts (10:45)
- \*Statements of Affirmation
- \*Departing Chorus 657 (8:15) "Go Out And Tell"  
\*Choral Benediction (10:45)  
"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"  
(from numbers 6:24-26)  
Chi Rho Youth Choir and Alumni
- \*Postlude Instrumentalists

**SUNDAY EVENING - 6:00 PM**

- Greeting Psalm 19:14 Dr. Jonathan Nelms
- Prelude "Shades of Forest Green" arr. Waugh  
Praise Ringers, Todd Arnold, director
- \*Responsive Reading Colossians 1:15-16 Dr. Nelms
- \*Hymn of Praise 176 "Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADERS' HYMN  
Offertory Prayer Robert Fuller
- Musical Offering "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. Raney/Sherman  
Praise Ringers
- \*Responsive Reading Colossians 1:17-20 Dr. Nelms
- \*Hymn of Praise 7 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY  
Prayer and Introductions Dr. Randall Adkisson
- Budget Forum Dr. Tom Timmeman  
Stewardship Committee Chairman

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## News Highlights

### Deacons of the Week

Ron Kinser - Chief Deacon  
Gordon Vasseur  
Dimas Aranda  
7 p.m. Phone Duty: Ron Kinser

### Wednesday Dinner - 05/20

Meat loaf, mashed potatoes, peas, cornbread, dessert

### Wednesday Volunteers - 05/20

5:00 - Mr. & Mrs. Doug Winford, Barbara Clouse, Ann Hertzfeldt  
5:45 - Jessica Young, C.W. Ramsay, Arleda Hunter

### Extended Session - 05/17

**Bed Babies** - Shelia Rich, Viviane Davis

**Creepers** - Marcie McMeans

**Toddlers** - Jennifer Riddick, Debbie Ramsey

**2's** - Mike Wilson, Rose Collins

**3's** - David & Michelle Price

## Budget

Budget Goal per Week	\$29,787.65
Budget Gifts this Week	\$19,476.81
Difference from Goal	-\$10,310.84
Total Designated Gifts	\$5,331.00
Total Gifts this Week	\$24,807.81
Budget Goal to Date	\$1,340,444.35
Budget Gifts to Date	\$1,229,374.50
Difference from Goal	-\$111,069.85
Budget Gifts to Date Last Year	\$1,289,007.79
Decrease from Prior Year	\$59,633.29
Higher, Greater, Together Year to Date	\$53,100.62
Higher, Greater, Together Total Gifts	\$2,713,496.48
Total Outstanding Debt	\$942,223.00

## Sunday School Attendance

### May 10, 2009

General Officers	4
Preschool	62
Children	63
Youth	49
Adults	342
<b>Total</b>	<b>520</b>



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## Children's musical this Wednesday

The children's choirs will present a musical drama about the life of Daniel this Wednesday, May 20, at 6:30 p.m. *Kings, Dreams, and Schemes: The Adventures of Daniel* is the story of two children who learn about the adventures of Daniel by watching him stand up to King Nebuchadnezzar and stay faithful to God. They also watch as Daniel tells King Belshazzar the meaning of the handwriting on the wall. And finally, they celebrate as Daniel escapes the lion's den of King Darius.



### Children practice for Wednesday's musical *Kings, Dreams and Schemes*.

The preschool choirs and the children's choir chimes are also playing in the program, which will be held in the Sanctuary. Children's Choir Coordinator Bethany Timmerman says that this will be an exciting end to a wonderful season of preschool and children's choirs. She will also be presenting a special award to each of the sixth graders who are promoting to the Chi Rho Youth Choir. Plan now to attend this delightful musical and bring a friend.

## Ministry Opportunities



### VBS

#### Workers still needed

Climb along the Boomerang Express June 22-26 for Vacation Bible School. Youth and adult helpers are still needed in several areas. If you would like to be a part of this exciting week, contact Ann Hertzfeldt.



#### Recreation supplies

Burlap sacks and/or old pillowcases are needed for recreation during Vacation Bible School. Please bring to the church office or FLC.



### CHILDREN

#### TeamKID

Volunteers are needed to serve as teachers, assistants and recreation leaders for TeamKID on Wednesday nights from 6:00-7:30 during the summer. If you would be interested, contact Ann Hertzfeldt or Colleen Cox.

## Four compete in Bible Drill

Congratulations to First Baptist Church Bible Drillers. Skyelar Hibbs and Zachary Scott participated in the Associational Children's Drill with Zachary advancing on to the Region. Phillip Alcorn and Angie Chen represented our church recently at the Associational and Regional Youth Bible Drill.



Angie Chen and Phillip Alcorn



Skyelar Hibbs & Zachary Scott

Fuller who worked with these groups of children and youth this year.

Since both Phillip and Angie are completing ninth grade and finishing Youth Bible Drill they received their three and six year trophies. Angie participated in Youth Bible Drill for three years and Phillip participated in Children's Bible Drill and in Youth Bible Drill three years each. Zachary also received a three year trophy for finishing Children's Bible Drill. These children and youth have worked very hard and learned a lot of verses over the years.

Bible Buddies is a two-year program designed to help 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> graders learn Bible skills in a fun, non-competitive format. Children's Bible Drill is for children in 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> grade. Youth Bible Drill is for 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> graders. Bible Drill helps children and youth increase in knowledge of and develop skills in effectively using the Bible. Watch for promotional information in the fall to sign up. Thank you to Wendy Apple, Lynn Taylor, Kim Thompson and Patricia

## Pastor's Heart

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and opportunity to live beyond ourselves, and to find purpose and meaning in living our lives for Him.

To our graduates and to all others, this morning challenges you to go beyond mere day to day existence and to do something significant for God's eternal Kingdom.

Tonight is an important moment in our church family. We are going to hold a Town Hall Meeting during the evening worship hour. Our Stewardship, Personnel, and Missions Committees will be here, along with your Pastor and Staff, to hear and inform you about the upcoming budget proposal.

This is not a business meeting. There will be no votes or actions of the church. It is a time for giving and gathering information, for prayer and for praise. Your participation in this meeting will make our subsequent business meetings and our voting informed and wise.

You are important to this meeting of the church family. You need to hear and give input. Some of you have already shared in small meetings held by individual committees, now is a time to hear of the committees' proposals concerning their plan of action in these economically challenging times.

Don't just come to church — be part of the family as we work through the issues that affect us all and grow in our mission for God's Kingdom.

On a further note, even this week I have heard again of the strain such financial times are placing upon our homes and our churches, our budgets and relationships. It is an important time to rehearse God's word to us: "Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear." (Ephesians 4:29 NAS95S)

See you in worship.

In His Love,  
Pastor Randy

## Weekly Activities

### Sunday, May 17

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
12:00 P.M. Senior Graduate Lunch  
Choir Chimes Lunch @ FBC  
1:00 P.M. Choir Chimes play @ Cedar Hills  
2:00 P.M. Choir Chimes return to FBC  
5:00 P.M. Handbells  
6:00 P.M. Town Hall Meeting  
7:00 P.M. St. Kitts Team Meeting

### Monday, May 18

5:00 P.M. Harp Ensemble  
5:30 P.M. WOM Night Group

### Tuesday, May 19

8:45 A.M. MDO  
3:45 P.M. Child. Choir Dress Reh.  
6:15 P.M. Volleyball Tournaments

### Wednesday, May 20

3:00 P.M. FLC Opens  
4:00 P.M. Children's Choir Bonus Reh.  
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5:00 P.M. Supper Line Opens  
Chi Rho Youth Choir  
Youth on Mission  
Preschool & Children's Choirs  
5:30 P.M. Stewardship Committee  
6:30 P.M. Children's Musical  
7:30 P.M. FLC open until 8:00

### Thursday, May 21

6:00 P.M. CHS Baccalaureate @ Avery Trace  
6:15 P.M. Youth Volleyball Tourn.  
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### Friday, May 22

8:45 A.M. MDO  
9:30 A.M. Fun Friday

### Saturday, May 23

### Sunday, May 24

8:15 A.M. First Worship  
9:30 A.M. Sunday School  
10:45 A.M. Second Worship  
6:00 P.M. NO Evening Worship

## Stewardship Verse

God uses money to confirm direction.

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

(Prov. 3:5-6)