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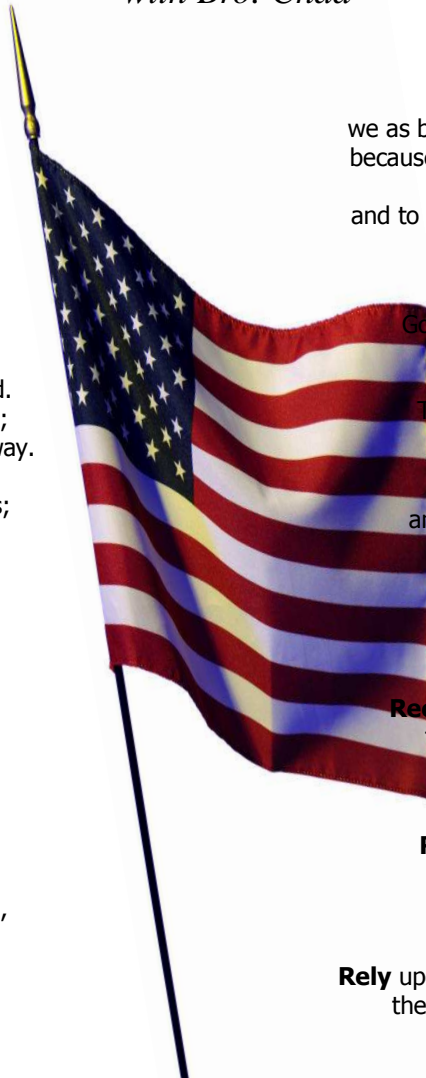
# THE EVANGEL

the newsletter of tupelo's first baptist

## Praying for Our Nation

with Bro. Chad

Praise the LORD!  
 Praise the LORD from the heavens;  
 Praise Him in the heights!  
 Praise Him, all His angels;  
 Praise Him, all His hosts!  
 Praise Him, sun and moon;  
 Praise Him, all you stars of light!  
 Praise Him, you heavens of heavens,  
 And you waters above the heavens!  
 Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
 For He commanded and they were created.  
 He also established them forever and ever;  
 He made a decree which shall not pass away.  
 Praise the LORD from the earth,  
 You great sea creatures and all the depths;  
 Fire and hail, snow and clouds;  
 Stormy wind, fulfilling His word;  
 Mountains and all hills;  
 Fruitful trees and all cedars;  
 Beasts and all cattle;  
 Creeping things and flying fowl;  
 Kings of the earth and all peoples;  
 Princes and all judges of the earth;  
 Both young men and maidens;  
 Old men and children.  
 Let them praise the name of the LORD,  
 For His name alone is exalted;  
 His glory is above the earth and heaven.  
 And He has exalted the horn of His people,  
 The praise of all His saints -  
 Of the children of Israel,  
 A people near to Him.  
 Praise the LORD! *Psalms 148:1-14*



Our Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Jehovah God, we as believers humbly, yet boldly, approach Your throne because of the blood of Jesus to ask that your blessings return to this country, remain with this country, and to remind this country from Whom all blessings flow.

I pray for all of our military service personnel. Bless them for their courage and bravery. God, please protect them and protect their families who unselfishly give their spouse, dad, mom, Brother or sister to fight for our freedom. Thank you, God, for our soldiers and their families!

God, I pray for this nation and I pray for President Barack Obama, his wife Michelle, and his daughters, Sasha and Malia. Protect them.

I pray for our President to:

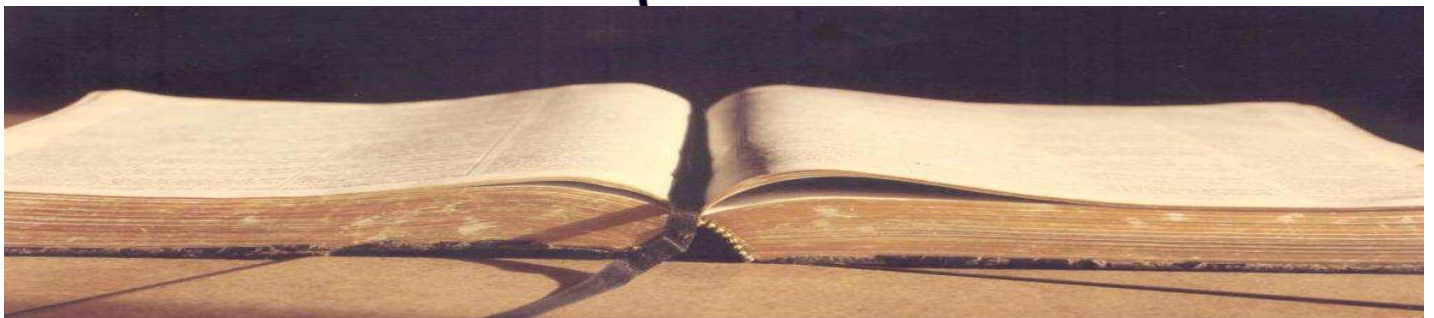
**Realize** his personal sinfulness and his daily need of the cleansing power of Jesus Christ;

**Recognize** his personal inadequacy for the task and, therefore, depend upon Almighty God for wisdom, knowledge, understanding, and courage to carry out his task;

**Reject** all counsel that violates spiritual principles;

**Resist** the pressure of those who would have him violate his conscience;

**Rely** upon the Word of God and prayer to the true God as the source of his strength and the key to his success;



**Restore** dignity, honor, trustworthiness and righteousness to the office of the President;

**Remember** to be a good example in his conduct to the fathers and sons of the land;

**Recall** daily that he will be accountable to Almighty God for his attitudes, actions and motives while serving as President.

Our Father, I pray for elected officials of Congress who are representing the great State of Mississippi. I pray for our Governor, Lt. Governor, Speaker of the House, and all of the state elected officials who work hard to make Mississippi a better state to live in now and in the future.

I pray for our county and city officials. I pray for our sheriff, police chief, deputies, firemen, City Council, and our Mayor.

I pray for the educators in our schools who invest so much in our children.

But now, O Great God, I ask your forgiveness for a people who have forgotten You! The Bible says, "For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God".

I fear we have gotten so concerned with the speck in the world's eye that we have forgotten about the log in the church's eye!

You never said "if Your nation would turn to You," but You said, "if Your people, who are called by Your Name, would turn to You."

You never created government to change the world. You sent your Son Jesus to change the world!

This nation will not become a redeemed nation based on who's in the White House as President of the United States. This nation will be redeemed by the One who is in *our* house.

We, born-again believers, are the dwelling place of Almighty God. You no longer dwell in man-made temples but in men and women who by faith have trusted in the One and Only God, The Lord Jesus Christ! You dwell in Your church that You bought and redeemed!

O God, may the church repent of idol worship, selfish ambitions, abandonment of widows and orphans, turning a blind eye to sin in the name of compromise! You have called us to be a *holy* people as You are *Holy*!

May we once again become a people who cry out like the Psalmist, "Will You not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in You? Show us your mercy, Lord, and grant us your salvation!"

Jesus, if we've ever needed You, Lord it's *now*!

May we remember that we have the Only Inspired, God-breathed Book ever written, THE BIBLE, which contains the greatest story ever told, THE GOSPEL, about the greatest and only man *ever* to be born, live, die, and be raised from the dead, never to die again, OUR REDEEMER, JESUS CHRIST!

May we, the Blood-Bought-Church, proclaim to this city, county, state, nation and the world that JESUS SAVES AND HE IS THE ONLY WAY TO GOD THE FATHER!

*Praise the LORD!  
Praise God in His sanctuary;  
Praise Him in His mighty firmament!*

*Praise Him for His mighty acts;  
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!*

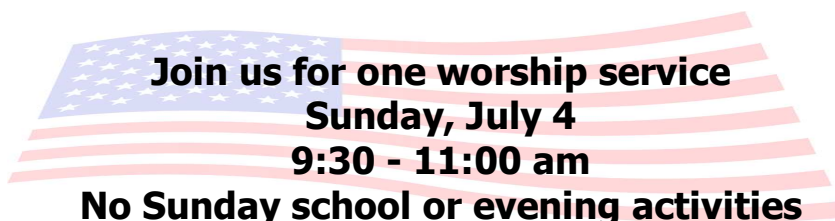
*Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet;  
Praise Him with the lute and harp!*

*Praise Him with the timbrel and dance;  
Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!*

*Praise Him with loud cymbals;  
Praise Him with clashing cymbals!*

*Let everything that has breath praise the LORD.  
Praise the LORD!  
-Psalm 150:1-6*

Amen.



**Join us for one worship service  
Sunday, July 4  
9:30 - 11:00 am  
No Sunday school or evening activities**



# WORSHIP + MINISTRIES

AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

## ONE NATION UNDER GOD

A PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION OF AMERICA



Our choir and orchestra will lead us in worship on July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 9:30 a.m. The theme for this special day is ONE NATION UNDER GOD. This will be a Patriotic Celebration of America, the great land God has given us. We will sing the great patriotic hymns of our faith... "America, the Beautiful", "Battle Hymn of the Republic", "America", and more. We will honor our military, pray for this land, celebrate our great God and His Son, Jesus Christ.

### Thank You

Sincere thanks to our Young Musicians for a job well done on the musical, "LIFE SCHOOL MUSICAL". You children are amazing, and I thank God for you. Thank you for sharing your talents to the glory of God. Thank you Lori Warnick and Sherry Reynolds for working with our Young Musicians so they could present this musical. You are a blessing!

## FIRST BAPTIST TUPELO MISSIONS

GO.SERVE.



### Put Your Hand to the Plow

How will they hear if we remain seated and silent? Several weeks ago, I had the privilege to share with you from Luke 9 about the cost of discipleship and putting our hand to the plow and going forward. The reality is that unless the church puts her hand to the plow and goes forward in the charge to carrying the gospel to the nations, more than **one billion people** will spend eternity Christless. Church, we as individuals and as a church must do above and beyond what we think is enough to reach this world with the gospel of Jesus.

What if each one started pursuing the kingdom dream with the passion that we pursue the American dream? What if we started spending on the kingdom dream like we spend on the American dream? So does this mean you have to sell some possessions?



Divert the 401k contributions into Kingdom ministry?

What will be your response?

Will you...

Give radically

Go rapidly

Declare His Glory Among the Peoples of the Earth.



**Maine, Grand Cayman, Haiti, Japan...** Christian Russell will be serving in **Maine** during the month of July to help church planters work among the darkness of the northeast. **Micah Russell** will be serving in **Grand Cayman** during the month of July with Pastor Randy Von Kanel. **Mike Vickery** and **Brian Fly** will be in **Haiti** June 30-July 7, helping build a church.

**Molly Fly, Ann Hall, Young Hall, Martha Harrison, Mark Harrison, Ross Waycaster, Christy Waycaster, Mitch Waycaster, Debbie Wiley, Christine Allred** and **Lee Allred** from First Baptist will serve in **Osaka, Japan** July 2-11. Julie McDowell, Jackie Lang, Grace Bozeman Julie Hankins and Virginia Little from other Mississippi Baptist Churches will join the Osaka, Japan team in sharing the gospel in a dark area of the world. Will you pray for each of these listed above during their time on the field.

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**Tapestry women's Ministry presents  
Tracy Melchior**

Conference Speaker - Actress - Author -

Motivator - Mentor

**Teen & Adult Audiences**

Saturday, August 28th  
9:30-12:00

FBC Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendars now for this special  
event - you don't want to miss it!

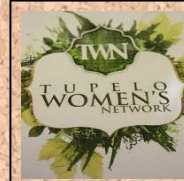


**Kindergarten 2010-2011**  
We still have a few spots  
available for the fall.  
Call the church office 842-1327.

**Bus training**

For anyone interested  
in driving the church  
bus.

**Saturday, July 17**  
9am church parking lot



**Monday, July 12**  
6:00 p.m. CSC  
Planning  
meeting

Thank you, thank you to everyone who helped make our VBS a success! May God bless you all for helping on our Saddle Ridge Ranch! Many lives were changed.

Record Attendance of Children and Workers: 375

**COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS**

NE Mississippi Chapter Meeting

July 22—6:30 pm

Wellness Center Conference Room  
North Mississippi Medical Center

For anyone who has lost  
a child or grandchild

**Women on Mission**

July 14

9:30 am - rm 159

10:45 am  
Leadership Team

**Greeter Training**

For all those interested in Joining our  
Greeter Ministry Team  
July, 18 at 4:30 in room 159

We will be hosting **World Changers** here at FBC July 5-10. Over 100 participants from as far away as South Carolina and Texas will be here to do renovation work and share the good news of Jesus with people in our community. We will be feeding some of the staff each day here in the Fellowship Hall and delivering ice and popsicles to job sites each day. If you would like to be a part of that ministry please call the church office. Be praying for this project and for all those involved.



Our MOPS group would like to extend a big thank you for helping us get to the MOPS International convention by participating in our MOPPED fundraiser! The mops are still on the move, so be looking for one to come visit your home soon! Your support is greatly appreciated and is helping us overcome the financial strain of the convention being moved from Nashville, TN, to Orlando, Florida. We are so excited about the upcoming year of this amazing ministry. We cannot wait to love on the moms of Tupelo who are yet unreached with the gospel. MOPS will meet 2 Thursdays a month. One meeting will feature a speaker and creative activity, and the other meeting will consist of a Bible study and playgroup. Please help us spread the word to our community about this ministry. Meetings will last from 9:15 a.m. until 11:45 a.m. Meeting dates are: Aug. 26, Sept. 9, Sept. 23, Oct. 7, Oct. 21, Nov. 4, Nov. 18, and Dec. 2.

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schedule

## July calendar

Thurs	July 1	9am – 2 pm	Mothers' Day Out
	July 2 - 11		Japan Mission Trip
Sun	July 4	9:30 am	One Worship Service
			No Sunday School
Mon	July 5		Church Office Closed
	July 5-10		World Changers' Project
Tues	July 6	9am – 2 pm	Mothers' Day Out
Wed	July 7	7:00 pm	Properties Comm Conf Rm
Thurs	July 8	9am – 2 pm	Mothers' Day Out
Sun	July 11	2:45-6pm	Live Broadcast /SS Workers FH
		5:00 pm	Stewardship Comm Conf Rm
		7:00 pm	Deacons' Meeting Choir Rm
Mon	July 12	6:00 pm	Tupelo Women's Network CSC
	July 12 - 16	Super	Summer MS College
Tues	July 13	9am – 2 pm	Mothers' Day Out
Thurs	July 15	9am – 2pm	Mothers' Day Out
Sun	July 18	12:00 pm	New Members' Banquet FH
		7:00 pm	Quarterly Business Meeting
Mon	July 19	9am – 2pm	Make a Difference Wk CLC
Tues	July 20	9am – 2pm	Mothers' Day Out
Wed	July 21	9am – 2pm	Make a Difference Week CLC
Thurs	July 22	9am – 2pm	Mothers' Day Out
Fri	July 23	9am – 2pm	Make a Difference Wk CLC
Mon	July 26	9am – 2pm	Make a Difference Wk CLC
Tues	July 27	9am – 2pm	Mothers' Day Out
		12:00 pm	Round Table FH
Wed	July 28	9am – 2pm	Make a Difference Wk CLC
Thurs	July 29	9am – 2pm	Mothers' Day Out
Fri	July 30	9am – 2pm	Make a Difference Wk CLC

## weekly schedule

### Sunday Schedule

8:15 am Morning Worship  
 9:00 am Library Open  
 9:30 am Coffee Shop Open  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 11:00 am Morning Worship  
 5:00 pm Discipleship Training  
 5:30 pm Library Open  
 6:00 pm Evening Worship

### Monday Schedule

9:00 am Ceramics - CLC  
 5:30 pm Outreach

### Tuesday Schedule

9:00 am Library Open

### Wednesday Schedule

2:00 pm Men's Coffee Break  
 5:30 pm Library Open  
 Children/Preschool  
 Discipleship Class  
 Ladies Bible Study  
 5:42 pm Youth "542"  
 6:00 pm Prayer/Bible Study  
 7:00 pm Adult Choir Rehearsal

### Thursday Schedule

9:15 am Ladies Bible Study

## FBC SECURITY schedule

### Sunday, July 4

9:30 am Ken Wicker, Stanley Downs

### Sunday, July 11

8:15 am Mike Coutoumanos, Jimmy Floyd  
 11:00 am Curt Collins, Forest Nabors  
 6:00 pm Jeff Cox

### Sunday, July 18

8:15 am Jay Scruggs, Eddie Tate  
 11:00 am Chris Burks  
 6:00 pm Jack McFerrin

### Sunday, July 25

8:15 am David Upchurch, Steve Warren  
 11:00 am James Hall, Danny Dickey  
 6:00 pm Tim Speck

# DISCIPLESHIP & EDUCATION



Guys Trip  
July 23  
Rendezvous Ribs and the  
Redbirds  
Leave at 2:00 from FBC  
Dinner at Rendezvous and  
Redbirds game. Game  
\$12 / Dinner on your own. Call 842-1327 to sign up.

*Great Expectations*  
Live Online Sunday School Training  
from LifeWay Ridgecrest Conference Center **July 11, 2010**

This is an amazing opportunity for every teacher in our church to hear from some of the very best leaders in our convention. **THIS TRAINING WILL HELP US ALL DO A BETTER JOB OF TEACHING, REACHING AND MINISTERING THROUGH OUR BIBLE STUDY GROUPS.**

We pray that every one of our teaching team and Sunday School Leadership team will be a part of this training. We will begin at 3:00 on Sunday July 11th in the Fellowship Hall. The training will last until 5:00 when we will have some snacks and discussion time before the evening service.



Mark your Calendars  
Judgement House  
Production dates for this fall:  
October 13, 14, 17, 18,  
20, 21 and 24  
Please be praying for  
Judgement House

## FBC TUPELO STUDENT MINISTRY

Dear Parents,

As I have looked back on our first month here in Tupelo, God has really allowed us the chance to begin the process of building relationships with your students. Our goal is to get to know your students and learn their stories. It was so amazing to watch the number of young people serve God through serving in VBS. FBCT STUDENTS ROCK! We have put together a calendar for the year and it is available in the Church Street Café or see Kim Fly or me. But I need you to know that my focus for the summer is to get to know both you and your student well. We believe that the best way to do Student Ministry is through deep personal relationships. Our formula for ministry looks something like this...

STUDENT + CARING ADULT = GOOD STUFF

Any time you can connect a student with an adult that loves Christ and likes them, you will see God do amazing things. We are both praying for and expecting amazing things for our students. And we want you to be a part of what happens in FBCT Student Ministry. Here are some things we want you to know...

**We welcome your PRESENCE.**

FBCT Student Ministry maintains an "open door" policy toward parents. You are welcome to visit one of our programs at any time. We want you to see for yourself what your student is experiencing week to week.

**We value your INPUT.**

Feel free to share your input, concerns, questions, comments, and observations with our staff. We want to partner with you in any way we can.

**We encourage your INVOLVEMENT.**

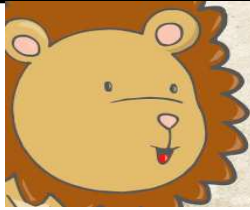
We are ALWAYS on the lookout for parents who have a special place in their heart for students and are open to joining our volunteer team. Our volunteers help run events, lead Bible Study, organize ministry opportunities, and more. If you would like to be involved on a regular basis, we'd love to talk to you personally!

**We need your STUFF.**

This doesn't happen often, but occasionally we need to borrow something that we simply can't provide on our own. An outside grill, sports equipment, mini vans, homes and the like are items that you may be willing to loan out on occasion to help us in a pinch.

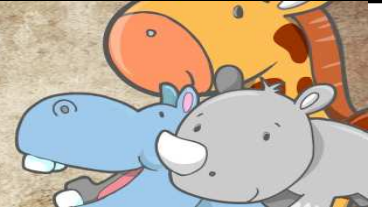
If any of these describe you please contact Kim Fly or me and let us know you are interested. If I can serve you in any way please don't hesitate to call.

Because students are worth it,  
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# THE PRESCHOOL ROAR

WHERE WE ARE WILD ABOUT GOD!



## KINGDOM TALES Putting on the Armor of God

Join Sir Pogo the Knight and Darin the Daring Donkey as they search the Kingdom for the Armor of God. Each Sunday night, we will find a new piece of armor, and find out what that armor represents in God's Kingdom.

Meet in room 145 at 5:00 for summer discipleship for ages three (as of September 1, 2009), four and five year olds on July 11th, 18th and 25th.



## MARVELOUS MISSIONS

Where in the world is Molly?

Molly is going on her first mission trip! She is going to Japan with the FBC mission team. Please pray for Molly and her team!

Join us on **Wednesday** nights: July 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th as we learn about marvelous mission opportunities.....even for preschoolers!

Where: Room 141 for ages three, four and five.

When: 6:00 p.m.

## MOTHER'S DAY OUT

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

for preschoolers, birth through Kindergarten & children who have completed grades 1-3

### BRING A SACK LUNCH!

Tuesday, June 29 & Thursday, July 1

*Stars & Stripes Forever!*

Tuesday, July 6 & Thursday, July 8

*Under the Sea!*

Tuesday, July 13 & Thursday, July 15

*Down on the Farm!*

Tuesday, July 20 & Thursday, July 22

*Games & more Games!*

Tuesday, July 27 & Thursday, July 29

*Color, Color, Everywhere!*

### Cost per day for Mother's Day Out:

\$15 per child (First Baptist members will get a \$5.00 discount for each additional child.)

To be assured a spot, sign up by Friday prior to the day you want to come by calling Martha in the church office, 842-1327. If you are unable to come, you must either call in advance to cancel or pay for the day.



## MAD (Make a Difference Week)

July 19, 21, 23, (1st-3rd Graders)

July 26, 28, 30 (4th-6th Graders)

Sign up by July 5th

Cost \$30 per child

## AWANA News

If you would like to serve in our Awana Club during the 2010-2011 year, please let Rebecca Feather or Deborah Hudspeth know! We need many, many volunteers working with 3 year olds to 6th graders.

Awana Leadership Meeting  
Sunday, August 8th  
4:00 PM-6:00 PM  
Fellowship Hall  
Light Meal Provided

Mark Your Calendar!  
August 11th  
Awana/ Children's  
Choir Registration Night  
Gym @ 5:30

## Discipleship Training for children

In the Gym and CLC area

Sundays July 11, 18, 25 (Worship Kidstyle)  
6:00 p.m.

### Wednesday Nights at FBC (Meet in the CLC @ 6:00 PM)

**July 7th:** Destination Unknown (It's a mystery!)

(Bring a swimsuit, towel and extra change of clothes...just in case!)

**July 14th:** Watermelon Night

**July 21st:** Crazy Olympics

**July 28th:** Church-wide prayer walk for revival

# MEET OUR STAFF

**CHAD GRAYSON** *Senior Pastor*  
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## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Jake Brown – Salvation  
 Jody Dickson – Salvation  
 Jackson Feather – Salvation  
 Tawnie Holekamp – Salvation  
 Elana Powers – Salvation  
 Brandi Reynolds – Salvation  
 Matt and Amy Scopel – Letter  
 Lou and Kay Wilbanks – Statement

## OTHER DECISIONS

Jessica Barrett – Salvation  
 Laura Fly – Rededication  
 Mark Harrison – Salvation  
 Jessie Nabors – Rededication

## Sunday School Attendance:

5/30 6/6/13 6/20  
 566 643 616 569

## Monthly Giving Report

Weekly Budget Requirement  
 35,171.00  
 Budget Received  
 May 30 28,459.46  
 June 6 43,257.06  
 June 13 37,895.10  
 June 20 25,763.49  
 Req to date 1,336,498.00  
 Rec to date 1,324,859.22  
 VBS Mission Offering  
 1,440.55  
 Ann Vickery Love Offering  
 1,561.00  
 Annie Armstrong Goal  
 28,000.00  
 Annie Armstrong Offering  
 27,390.18  
 Debt Retirement North Property  
 1,015.00  
 Note Balance North Property  
**276,353.98**

## STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

Martha Harrison  
 June 17 - 8th anniversary  
  
 Ricky Young  
 July 1 - 7th anniversary

## OBSERVANCE OF LORD'S SUPPER

Sunday, July 11  
 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

## QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, July 18  
 Following Evening Worship

## DEACON NOMINATION

Sunday, July 18  
 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. Worship Services

What an absolutely wonderful church family you are! Your many, many prayers, phone calls, text messages, visits – every expression of concern during Christy's accident and following have confirmed to my family how blessed we have been to be a part of the FBC family. Of course, it all started nineteen years ago! I have loved serving with you over that time. You are a sweet fellowship and I will miss you greatly.

Thank you, staff, for the special times we have shared. God could not have placed finer people in my life. You have been a joy!

The reception on the 13<sup>th</sup> was so special to me. I thought after being away for nine weeks, I could handle my emotions a little better. I was wrong! It was great to see so many of you. Thank you for a great party! Your presence and kind words meant so much. I am still overwhelmed by your generous gift.

I will always cherish wonderful memories of First Baptist Church and remember you fondly! Words are just not enough!

I love you all,  
 Ann

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