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From Your *PASTOR'S HEART*

Dear First Family, Our "Willing Heart" offering on Sunday, October 7 is a time for every member of our dear Church to say "thank you" for the work of ministry which goes on each week through our local New Testament Church. Our Church Finance Committee has approved this special day and asked us to bring a special gift that day for the work of our Church.

II Corinthians 8:12 says, "For if there be first a willing mind." **II Corinthians 9:7** says, "Each man should give what he has determined in heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

A local Church serving God is a mighty miracle from Heaven. Each week your Church teaches the Bible, preaches the Gospel, ministers to children and families, touches our military community, and reaches the lost. We hold five morning worship services through our ministry: three services and the Korean Church service on our campus and Exit One Baptist Church. Lives are being reached for Christ each week. Our "Willing Heart" offering is an opportunity to support the work of God in a purposeful and special gift of thanksgiving.

Prayer for Revival. We are in Forty Days of Prayer for revival as we look forward to Revival services, October 21-24 with Dr.

Don Mathis. Revival means "new life." New life comes as we confess our sins, break up spiritual ground, and plant the seeds of the Word in our hearts. "Sow to yourselves in righteousness, reap in mercy; for it is time to seek the Lord, until He comes and rains righteousness upon you." Hosea 10:12

FCA Ministry Gary Rankhorn is our area Director for Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA). Gary and Jamie are faithful members of our Church. Gary reaches hundreds of students with the Gospel in our High Schools and Middle Schools. The annual FCA Banquet will be held in our Laida Fellowship Hall with former New York Yankee, Bobby Richardson, as the guest speaker. We are honored to support the work of ministry done through FCA.

"The greatest of these is love." **I Corinthians 13:13** The longer I live in the Lord, the more important the truth of **I Corinthians 13:13** love becomes. I love and appreciate you as a Church. Thank you for your prayers and love for our family and for the special privilege to serve God together with you.

Hope to see you Sunday in Bible Study and worship. God bless you and your family.

Gratefully
Roger P. Freeman

WILLING HEART OFFERING

On Sunday, October 7, 2007, we will have "The Willing Heart" offering. The purpose of this is two-fold. First, God's desire to bless us comes as we seek Him in prayer and repentance. The Prayer Committee is asking the church to prepare for revival through the 40 Days of Prayer program. Secondly, God wants us to come with a willing heart with our tithes and offerings to show our love and devotion to Him. As we are praying, let's ask the Lord what He wants us to bring to Him at this time. Please be in prayer for this time of repentance and prayer.

CHURCH NEWS

WOMEN ON MISSION

The Women on Mission General Meeting will be held on the first Tuesday of every month at 10:30 am in the Laida Fellowship Hall.

THE PASTOR & CONGREGATION EXTEND CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY TO...

Mike and Melanie Boisseau in the death of Mike's mother, Jane Rouse, and to Mason and Miller in the death of their grandmother. Mrs. Rouse passed away September 20, 2007.



UPWARD BASKETBALL AND CHEERLEADING

Upward Basketball and Cheerleading registration deadline is October 12. The early registration cost for both basketball and cheerleading is \$70. After October 1, add \$10. Basketball shorts or cheerleading mock turtlenecks are included in the registration cost. Registration forms and fees may be dropped off at the Hope Activities Building between 8:00 am and 4:00 pm, Monday through Friday.

Everyone must attend one basketball evaluation or cheerleading orientation. They will take place at the First Baptist Church, Hope/Activities Building, as follows:

Kindergarten-3rd Grade Boys/Girls— Saturday, November 3, between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm

4th and 5th Grade Boys/Girls— Saturday, November 10, between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm

6th through 8th Grade Boys/Girls— Saturday, November 3, between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm

League Schedule:

Practices Begin—Monday, December 3, 2007

First Game - Saturday, January 12, 2008

The Awards Celebration—Monday, March 10, 2008

For more information, contact John R. Edmondson, Sr., Interim Activities Coordinator at the First Baptist Church

CONGRATULATIONS TO...

...Philip and Stacy Hagewood on the birth of **Hadley Rhea Hagewood**, September 13, 2007, and to grandparents, Joe and Lynette Biggar and Steve and Shirley Hagewood.

KOREAN WOMEN'S MISSION

The Korean Fellowship from First Baptist has started a new Women's Mission. They will meet every first Sunday in the Parlor after the second service. All women are invited to attend. Refreshments are provided. President: Chong Meyer.

COLLEGE AND SINGLES



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COLLEGE AND SINGLES

Overflow 235 Coffee House

Sunday ~ Bible Study ~

8:15 am & 9:30 am

Hangout ~ 7:00 pm

Monday ~ Hangout ~ 7:00 pm

Wednesday ~ Worship/Bible Study ~

7:45 pm

Friday ~ Hang Out/Chill Out ~ 7:00 pm

5TH SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP FOR COLLEGE/SINGLES

Singles and College students are invited to the home of Greg Moore on September 30 at 5 pm. Call Debbie Dunn at 503-3287 to RSVP.

BCM/FBC COLLEGE/SINGLES

MISSION TRIP

The Baptist Collegiate Ministry at APSU and the College/Singles Ministry at First Baptist Church will do interior work on new homes in Gulfport, Mississippi, on October 12 - 16 during the APSU Fall Break. Approximate cost is \$50. Gulfport was heavily damaged during Hurricane Katrina. For more information call Greg Moore at 572-1521.



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HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY

THE LIVING ROOM

On Sunday nights the high school ministry offers a small group Bible study time for students wishing to go deeper in the faith and discipleship. The Living Room pairs you with students your age and an adult mentor where you can pray, be held accountable, and study God's word together. Afterwards we have a Sunday Night fellowship in the High School area from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Come join in on life in the Living Room.

HIGH SCHOOL SUMMER CAMP 2008

June 25 - 29, 2008

Next June the High School Ministry will be holding its first ever summer camp in Orlando, Florida! Cost - \$365 (cost includes: hotel, three days at Walt Disney World, Worship with Clear Vision Drama Co. and Making Malorie, meals, and transportation). Cost rises after September 30 so lock your low cost with a \$50 deposit. Students who sign up this month also receive a limited edition camp 2008 t-shirt. Call 572-1512 with any questions.

LEGACY: LIFE AFTER 55



CREATIVE MEMORIES CRAFT CLASS

Come and learn how to create your own memories or leave a legacy for your children/grandchildren. Class will start October 26 at 12:30 pm, following Legacy Bible Study and lunch in the old Laida Fellowship Hall. There is no charge for this event. Sign up by October 22. For more information, call Brenda Spurgeon



Sermon Series: MythBusters

Sept. 30—*Sin is no big deal!*

Exit One Baptist Church meets on Sundays at 10 am at the Great Escape Theater on

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Profession/Baptism Jonathon McClain

Letter/Statement: Rebecca Satchwill, Gary Jensen, Carole Jensen, Jimmy Settle, Gail Settle, Jamie Settle

Total Decisions: 7

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

September 23, 2007
8:15 Sunday School
798 9:30 Sunday School
791 10:55 Sunday School
45
Exit One Church Sunday School
24
Total Sunday School

1658 Weekday Bible Study
298
Total Bible Study
1956
Sunday 9:30 Worship
1022
Sunday 10:55 Worship

MISSIONS/EVANGELISM



See where your Bissa team traveled, served, and lived in Ghana on Google Earth.

You can follow the mission trip step by step using the GPS coordinates (underlined) provided below through Google Earth. If you are not a subscriber to Google Earth, you can download the software free of charge at <http://earth.google.com/download-earth.html> or at <http://earth.google.com/>.

The jet engines stopped their rotation and we stepped out of the plane into the African morning air. It was good to be back. Our missionary contact in Accra, Ghana welcomed us and said, "Good news! You've arrived in time to catch your connecting flight to Tamale [Tamalè] (N 09°25.570' W 000°50.712')! Now the bad news, unfortunately the flight has been canceled... no fuel." So began our journey to the Bissa.

The next day our flight was canceled again. After weighing our options, and feeling a bit adventurous, we decided to hire a driver and a Toyota Land Cruiser. Our 1-hour and 10 minute flight suddenly became an 11-hour drive across the country. Our route would take us northwest for five hours around Lake Volta, the world's largest reservoir (3,275 square miles). Then we spent at least an hour or two in the city traffic of Kumasi (1,517,000, pop.; N 06°41.358' W 001°36.652'). The sun set on us in this bumper to bumper traffic looking at taxis with both Islamic and Christian verses scrawled across their windows and fenders. The remaining hours of our journey was to be encased in the blackness of the African night.

As we drove north I had noticed that in the southern regions of Ghana there were many Christian churches. The mission efforts of the first missionaries to embark upon this continent could be clearly seen. As we journeyed north the churches began to slowly fade as the presence of Islam grew. Mosque after mosque could be seen now instead of Christian churches. In

one town I counted five different mosques from the view of the road. Instead of "a church on every corner" one would rather say "a mosque at every intersection." I realized our work had been cut out for us hundreds of years ago.

Upon arrival in Nalerigu, our team split in two. Dr. Donnie Crawford stayed at the Baptist Medical Clinic (N 10°31.204' W 000°21.933') where he performed surgeries and attended clients from three different African countries. Justin Howe and I went with our IMB contact, Jay Shafto, to the village where we would stay for most of our journey. We bounced along a red, dirt road for eight kilometers to the home of our host, Sayduu the Taylor, (N 10°33.811' W 000°19.478') in the village of Namasem.

Our stay in Namasem was wonderful. Our hosts were very gracious. We were fed lunch and dinner every day. Meals were traditional African meals consisting of corn meal, rice and sauce, cabbage, and some kind of meat, i.e. fish, chicken, or goat.

Our days were spent getting to know our hosts, telling them about Christ, and helping them in their fields by harvesting peanuts under the hot sun.

A result was that two of the young men who lived in the home of Sayduu the Taylor could both speak and read English. We gave each a Bible and they eagerly accepted these gifts. They both had questions concerning how to read a Bible. Ibrahim [Islamic name for Abraham] said that he would read about his name-sake first. Sumanii was deeply interested in the Gospel of John. Please pray for these two young men, especially Sumanii. He will be living at home while his brother, Ibrahim, goes to university. Sumanii will face the greater persecution should he desire to follow Christ. This persecution could come in the forms of being beaten to shunned from his home to the penalty for committing *shirk*, the Muslim form of apostatizing from Islam... the penalty is death.

SAMARIA MISSION PROJECT

LOCATION: Lynch, KY
DATE: October 10-14, 2007
COSTS: Approximately \$113.00 per person
OBJECTIVE: Family Mission Journey working at Club 180 Ministry for Teens, building a sand volleyball court, evangelism, etc. For more information,

INTERNATIONAL OUTREACH

Operation Christmas Child kicks off in October. Fill your shoe boxes with gifts for children overseas. Tables will be set up throughout the church with information to give you guidance.

(NO fluids, lotions, or breakables; nothing that can melt - chocolate, candles, etc.)

There will be a limited number of the red and green boxes, donated by a generous man who has a boxing company. We hope many of you will provide your own containers, shoe boxes or reusable "Rubbermaid" type containers of similar

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

FALL FESTIVAL

When: Wednesday, October 31
5:45 - 7:45 pm, during our regular Wednesday night programming
What: A time of fun, games, candy and gospel sharing.

Invite your friends for an evening of Christian fellowship.

LOCAL OUTREACH

The Children's Ministry will have a Fall Festival on October 31 during our regular Wednesday night programming. Please contact Bro. Brad (brad.smith@fbct.org) about donating your time that evening to help with the activities. We will also need large amounts of candy (individually wrapped) to hand out to the children. Please place candy in the red buckets located around the church

STEWARDSHIP RECEIPTS

September 16, 2007

Budget Required

100,002.31

Budget Gifts

91,817.14

Budget Required for the Year 3,522,470.13

Budget Received for the Year 3,152,584.54

World Missions

World Missions Required

4,333.20

World Missions Received

2,315.55

Required for the Year

212,746.35

DEACONS OF THE WEEK

Ralph Conklin, Bill Prine, Bob Fort, Joe Garrett, Roy Gregory, Mike Hinson, Gary Hodges, Don Hofe, Mark Holleman, Emeriti: Bill Fitzgerald

CHURCH NEWS

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH HOME REPAIR MINISTRY

The Home Repair Ministry was established to help people who can not afford small repairs on their homes. If you need this help or know of someone who could use this assistance, or if you would like to participate in this ministry, please contact Ralph Conklin

CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS

The First Baptist Church Women's Ministry

Seventh Annual "Candlelight Christmas" will be held on Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 7:00 pm in the Laida Fellowship Hall. For more information, contact Amanda Wade at 358-9406 or Jean

CONGRATULATIONS AND THANK YOU TO...

...**Bonnie Stone** on her 11th anniversary as Food Services Staff, serving the Lord and First Baptist Church.

...**Brenda Spurgeon** on her 1st anniversary as Senior Adult Administrative Assistant, serving the Lord and First Baptist Church.

...**Dewey Ogle** on his 1st anniversary as a Custodian, serving the Lord and First Baptist Church.

...**Brenda Hunley** on her 2nd anniversary as Missions Ministry Office Assistant, serving the Lord and First Baptist Church.

...**Ron Moore** on his 2nd anniversary as Minister of Education, serving the Lord

HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER

The Hope Pregnancy Center is hosting its annual fundraising banquet October 18 and 19. We are looking for guests and table hosts to join us for a night of food, fun, education, and fundraising! We want you to know more about our ministry. The banquet is a free event for all who attend. Please contact Kelly Bullock at kelly@clarksvillehope.com or

There will not be evening activities on September 30 due to the Sunday School Classes **5th Sunday Fellowships**.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT— THE PLACE FOR FAMILIES

When we moved into our new children/youth building, the Wednesday night schedule was changed to be more family-friendly. All programming begins at 5:45 pm and ends at 7:45 pm. There are programs and activities for every age group (preschool through senior adults). Prior to the programs and activities, you can enjoy a delicious fellowship meal served in the Laida Fellowship Hall.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL

Adults \$3.00 • Children \$2.00
Family Maximum \$10.00

*Menu subject to change without notice

Adult Menu

- Tossed garden salad
- Meatloaf
- Creamy mashed potatoes
- French style green beans
- Corn muffins with butter
- Iced tea/coffee/lemonade
- Dessert table

Children's Menu

(For our friends 10 and under please)

- Mini burgers
- Potato sticks
- Applesauce
- Choice of milk/lemonade
- Cookies

Heart Healthy Menu

- Crisp green salad with grilled chicken
- Variety of crackers
- Fresh fruit

Reservations for the heart healthy meal must be called into the food service department no later than Monday prior to the Wednesday night meal. (472-1171 or 572-1530)

Sunday Breakfast Menu

Enjoy our Buffet from 7:30-9:45 am

- French toast with toppings
- Bacon/sausage
- Biscuits/gravy
- Juice/coffee/milk
- Danish
- Cereal with milk

REGULAR WEEKLY CHURCH SCHEDULE

Sunday

7:30 am - Deacon Prayer Time
Laida Fellowship Hall (2230)

Worship

9:30 am, 10:55 am -
Grace Worship Center
10:45 am - DOXA Worship
Faith Worship Center

Bible Study (Sunday School)

8:15 am and 9:30 am
Bible Study Classes for all ages

Sunday Evening

5:45 pm - Impact and Delight
(Middle School)
6:00 pm - Worship -
Faith Worship Center

Wednesday

4:30-5:45 - Family Fellowship Meal
5:15-6:30 - DOXA Worship Rehearsal
in Faith Worship Center
5:45-6:30 - Preschool Choirs
5:45-6:30 - Children's Choirs
5:45-6:30 - Youth Ministry Groups
5:45-6:30 - Bible Study/Prayer Meeting
in Fellowship Hall
6:30-7:45 - Adult Choir & Orchestra
6:30-7:45 - Preschool Activities/
Mission Friends/child care
6:30-7:45 - The Back Yard (Children)
6:30-7:45 - Reaction (Middle School)
6:30-7:45 - The Family Room
(High School)
6:30-7:45 - Discipleship Training
Institute
7:45-10:00 - College/Singles
Bible Study

Friday

10:30 am - Senior Adult Bible Study
Laida Fellowship Hall

Media Library Center Hours

Sundays 9:00 am-12 pm & 5:00-6:00 pm
Wednesdays 4:00-6:00 pm

The Media Library Center is located in Room 2326 on the third floor of the Hope Building.

T.V. Ministry

You may view a 30-minute worship three times during the week on Charter Communications cable channels.

Sundays at 9:00 am on Channel 9

Mondays at 8:00 pm on Channel 10

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