

BETHANY HIGHLIGHTS

July 2012

Ben's Pen

Vacation Bible School week sparks many memories from VBS at First Baptist Church of LaFayette. I remember riding the church bus in a VBS parade; games; processions; craft projects; pledges; mission's stories; and other special touches. Most of all I remember men and women from the church spending their time to see that the youngsters involved were cared for and heard the story of the Living God that loved us. Can I name all the names or sing all the songs? Do I still have the crafts? No, but the God that was the central focus is still very relevant to me. Vacation Bible School is not a five day task. It can be a life changing event for someone. Whose life are you going to touch July 16 -20?

Ben

Vacation Bible School is here! Have you marked your calendars for July 16-20? Our plans are to soar through *SKY: Everything is Possible with God!* We will be flying high throughout the church learning that no matter what happens we can trust God to help us. There will be songs, Bible stories, games, snacks, experiments and much more as we have our soaring adventure. How can you help? There is still a need for volunteers and some supplies. Check the bulletin board to get a cloud or two to help with those needs. Also, invite family and friends to join us. Most importantly, be in prayer that the children will experience God's love and come to trust Him and commit their lives to Him.

There is a kick-off dinner on Monday, July 16. Dinner will be served from 5:30 – 6:00 p.m. so that the children and families can eat and get registered before we “take off” at 6:30 p.m.

Our mission project this year is to collect money to purchase pillows for the Standing Rock Indian Reservation. Our own Linda Lee is going with a Virginia WMU team later this month to work on the South Dakota Reservation. Each pillow costs about \$5. Look for the collection site in our sanctuary. What is your role in Vacation Bible School?

There is a called business meeting on July 8 at 12:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There are two items on the agenda. First, we will elect a Deacon Nominating Committee. The committee will consist of four church members and the current Chairman of Deacons. The second is that the church will elect a Nominating Committee. The committee will consist of seven church members, two of which should be active deacons. Please prayerfully consider who you would like to serve on these committees.

The Deacons are sponsoring a trip to Richmond to watch the Flying Squirrels baseball game on Saturday, July 21. The group will gather at the church and leave for Richmond at 4:30 p.m. If you have any questions contact Alice Allen or Bobby Orrock.

Please add Stephanie & Kyle Adams (July 16) to the wedding anniversaries list.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	2	3	4 Office Closed	5	6	7
8 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am Business Meeting 12:15 pm	9	10	11 Bible Study 6:30 pm	12 Deacons 7:00 pm	13	14
15 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	16 VBS Kick-Off 5:30 pm	17 VACATION	18 BIBLE 6:30 – 8:45 pm	19 SCHOOL	20	21 Trip to Richmond Squirrels Game 4:30 pm
22 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am	23	24 August Newsletter Deadline	25 Bible Study 6:30 pm	26	27	28
29 Sunday School 10:00 am Worship 11:00 am <i>Communion</i>	30	31				

July Birthdays

3 – Vivian Heflin	23 – Mac Taylor
4 – Brian Lopez	27 – Jonathan Edenton
10 – Solon Marshall	28 – Kim E. Higgins
12 – Susan McBride	30 – Jimmy Croton
18 – James Hockaday	31 – Louise Durrett

July Anniversaries

5 – Donna & Eddie Steckler
 8 – Beverly & Bill Gilbert
 11 – Brenda & Junior Bowles
 12 – Alberta & Billy Johnson (60th)
 24 – Susan & Ben Thomas
 27 – Janice & James Hockaday
 29 – Patsy & James Hockaday

Healthcare Center Prayer List:

Scarlett Blanton	Louise Durrett
Ruby Bullock	Nell Durrett
Brenda Cannon	Violet Henshaw
Bobby Carnahan	

Deacons

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Lora Faulconer	(540) 582-6820
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Deacon of the Month: July

Lora Faulconer (540) 582-6820

The mission of Bethany Baptist Church is to make a positive impact for Jesus Christ with people who live in our community by sharing the message of eternal life through Jesus Christ and by growing together as the family of God.

Just a Thought...

Children may tear up a house, but they never break up a home. (14,000 Quips & Quotes, E.C. McKenzie)