

June 2013

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| 2 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 5:00pm Trustee's Meeting 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 7:00pm Benevolence | 3 | 4 | 5 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Meals On Wheels—June 3rd thru 7th | | | | | | |
| 9 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 8:00pm Business Meeting | 10 7:00pm MLBA Wyoming Mission Trip Planning Meeting, Southern Hills Baptist, Bolivar | 11 | 12 7:00pm Prayer & Bible Study 7:00pm Youth & Children | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| 16 Father's Day Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am No Evening Activities | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Family Week | | | | | | |
| 23 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| "Backstage with the Bible" VBS—June 24th thru 28th—6:00-8:30 pm | | | | | | |
| 30 Sunday School 9:30am Worship 10:45am & 7:00pm 12:00pm Fellowship Meal 6:00pm Children, Youth, Adults 8:00pm Deacon's Meeting | | | | | | |



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Birthdays of the Month

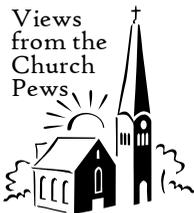


- Josie Pyle
- David Barker
Sue Price
- Chris Camp
- Pat Ford
Pam Pate
Ashli Burton
Garrett Burton
- Sarah Turner
- Toby Mantonya
- Elma Garner
- Cole Creek
Robbe Ewing
- Landon Hall
- Larissa Ford
- Georgetta Branstetter
- Nancy Cully
- Nathan Ewing
Betty Thomas
- Lucas Burton
- Joe Coppedge

Anniversaries of the Month



- J.D. & Norma Starbuck
Al & Anita Saathoff
- Tony & Terri Vance
- Rodney & Molly Edington
- Willis & Janice Cagle
- Neal & Alisa Bough
- Chad & Christy Pyle
- Rick & Colleen Collier
- Darin & Rhi Henderson
- Howard & Marjorie Johnson



I've been pondering the question of what our church is doing right to grow and produce fruit for the Kingdom of God. Has God worked in us an effective avenue of reaching this community for Him?

Our children and youth departments are mostly made up of the offspring of adults who have grown up in some way connected to this church, plus, a few new families. Praise the Lord for all of our families that make up our church body! Questions come to mind...what brought the new families? In what ways are we ministering and keeping them?

We have four Adult Classes in our Sunday School program. One of them seems to be gaining new faces and keeping them. This would be Chad and Karon Burton's Adult Class. The class is titled College and Careers. However, it is attended by very few college and career type members. It seems to attract adults that find this class meeting their spiritual needs. A lot of our newest members are found in this class.

The Women's Bible Study Class on Sunday night seems to be drawing a few new interested ladies! It is well attended.

The morning worship service has some new faces. They all seem to sit mostly to the back of the auditorium. Why is that? Will we have enough focus and ministry to meet their needs and keep these new faces as part of our church family?

I Googled how to grow a church. I was hoping to get some buds of thought from out there in cyberspace. One source, *written by Jim 2010*, had some interesting thoughts concerning personal experience in attending new churches. He tells...

...On a business trip one Sunday, I arrived at church and walked directly in. A nice lady nodded and handed me a bulletin. People raced past to get good seats without acknowledging me. As I glanced around the expensively appointed auditorium, I saw small groups happily conversing. Others just sat silently waiting for their weekly appointment with God. After the service I simply left.

...Due to major job changes, our family endured new church searches several times. Churches selected weren't just due to the pastor/minister/priest, but the people we met there. We've also seen many members drift away from churches, because they simply couldn't get connected. This isn't the fault of the pastor, but congregation cliques. **Congregation outreaches should begin in church.**



One of our newest church families are the Darin Hendersons, a nice young family of four. Rhi and Darin are 29 and 30 years old. Rhi grew up in Buffalo, Missouri and Darin grew up in Urbana, Missouri. These towns are both in Dallas County. Rhi worked in Darin's mom's tax office and a couple of years later the rest is history. Rhi was saved at camp at the age of 8. Darin was saved during Middle School. God led them in their college careers. Rhi attended SBU with an interest in accounting. Darin attended Evangel with an obvious interest in Education and Sports. They have two children, Raelyn 5 and Kaden 15 months. Rhi shares:

Our first time at First Southern Baptist Church we left knowing that we were to be a part of this Church. I wish I could say that the message, or the music, or friendly people drew us there, but it was more a sense that it was part of our calling. We felt that the church was undergoing a spiritual shift, and we were to be a part of it. We were to be 110% vested, to give and do whatever was needed to be done. We joined because we couldn't sit in the pew and not be part of the action any longer. We do know something big is coming. But that is true for anyone who has faith and is willing to move. I believe our lives, our relationship, and our journey thus far is proof of that. Movement isn't always fun, it isn't always easy, and sometimes hurts. But the blessings are amazing and His grace is sufficient. I believe the "key" to the church growing is simply that: Be faithful and willing to move where God leads. The Spirit is alive and active, it is up to the members of FSBC to respond. His grace and love are amazing, we have to surrender to fully understand it ourselves. If we as a church body can do this, we cannot imagine what God will do. As my favorite song says, "If His Grace is an ocean, we're all sinking. Oh how He loves us..."

In conclusion, God will help us grow here at FSBC. It's up to us to ask Him and feel the pull of His Spirit to do whatever He leads us to do even if it makes us uncomfortable. "Oh, how He loves us!!!"

— Judy

Mid-Lakes Baptist Association Family Mission Trip to Encampment, Wyoming from July 5-13, 2013.

A planning meeting will be held on June 10th at 7:00 p.m. at Southern Hills Baptist Church in Bolivar for those interested in participating. More information is available on the Mid-Lakes Baptist Association website at www.midlakesba.com.

COME JOIN THE FUN AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Take your kids to the ultimate "concert" experience each day to worship and sing with the Go Fish Guys!

After that, it's time to go backstage, tour a recording studio, and most importantly - **learn about the Bible!**

Your kids will have a great time learning the books of the Bible, the ten commandments, and how to be saved by grace through faith...and that's all just in the first few minutes of singing each day! Our goal with this Vacation Bible School is to clearly present the gospel of Jesus Christ while having as much fun as humanly possible. **It's time to put the BIBLE back into Vacation Bible School!***

*<http://gofishguys.ning.com/page/backstage-with-the-bible>

MONDAY - FRIDAY, JUNE 24-28

6:00 P.M. - 8:30 P.M.

Volunteers are still needed...if you would like to help, please contact Rachel Graves at 276-8842.

Please call Stacie Spurgeon (276-5047) or the church office if you or someone you know would like to ride the church van to services on Sunday mornings.

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| Judy Ford | Music |
| Susan Applegate | Secretary |
| Chad Pyle | Treasurer |
| Brad Belcher | Deacon Chairman |