



SUMMER EVENTS

~ **Creation Museum Trip:** June 5th

We will leave at 7am and arrive back at 10pm

On your own for meals; so plan accordingly

Adult (13–59 yrs): \$16.95

Senior (60 yrs & up): \$12.95

Children (5–12 yrs): \$8.95

Children (under 5 yrs): Free

Planetarium: \$7.00—recommended



Our group will go to the Planetarium at 1:30,

if you do not want to go to the Planetarium

please indicate on the sign-up sheet at the

Welcome Center

~ **Indians Baseball Game** – July 5th

Indians vs. Louisville Bats - tickets \$8

Dollar night - hotdogs, various snacks all only \$1

Sign up at the Welcome Center and pay by June 27th

~ **Movie Night** – August 6th @ Church – a drive-up movie for

families to enjoy! Movie starts at dusk free popcorn;

come to the field behind the church with your lawn

chair or blanket and enjoy a family friendly film –

free, free, free

STORMING THE PEARLY GATES

This is a warning; not a cute or silly story about my family. I love to encourage or bring joy but when my daughter is playing with a cobra a warning is the most loving word I can speak; so as to hopefully snatch her from danger. I say all this as a pre-warning; since usually my articles are light and fluffy you may have just had a bad day, saw the newsletter and thought; "Great, I needed some easy reading and maybe a laugh or two; I think I will go and get a Sprite to drink while I read!" This will be a bit more prophetic than is appropriate for easy reading and so Sprite is probably out of line. Having disclaimed myself, here we go.

(Philippians 3:17-21

Join with others in following my example, brothers, and take note of those who live according to the pattern we gave you.¹⁸ For, as I have often told you before and now say again even with tears, many live as enemies of the cross of Christ.¹⁹ Their destiny is destruction, their god is their stomach, and their glory is in their shame. Their mind is on earthly things.²⁰ But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ,²¹ who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body) Paul, in verses 18 and 19 is describing church folks who do not follow his example of pressing on toward the upward calling of God. He says that as we grow and mature, God

will continue to reveal these things to us and then admonishes the believers to live up to what they have already attained; in other words, to live out the reality of salvation (14-16). The pattern of maturity is one that Paul left for them; but there were some church folks who were not following that example; Paul names them as enemies of the cross of Christ, pretty strong. He gives us 3 identifiers for these folks; their *god, glory, and mind*.

I'll go backwards; so where is your mind? What do you think about? Is your mind set on earthly things? There is a destiny for all things earthly; and that is destruction. In the last day the earth will be destroyed with fire and all the things of the earth will be gone (II Pet 3; Rev 20). So how much of your mind time is devoted to stuff on the burn-pile? We live in a country where materialism is patriotic and there is no shortage of things to occupy our minds. Satan markets to our brain with the specific purpose of taking up as much of it with flammable items as possible; so that we will never think about anything that is really important.

This attitude is prevalent among some church folks; who call materialistic obsession, stewardship, and whose minds are clearly set on things that are already smoking.

What about your glory, what do you glory in? Our culture continually invents new areas of glory; which are all increasingly shameful. People stand up and receive awards for achievements in sin or in leading others into it. We honor "art" which most clearly points to Satan or

"music" which is filled with unspeakable perversion. We honor contestants who are the most idolatrous or teams whose level of ability has allowed them to succeed above the others and as a result attracted more and more worshipers. We honor people who clean up oil spills and then spill toxic waste into the minds and hearts of people. We have perfected shameful glory; and the effect on some church folks is apparent. Many have the same hero's; the same stars; the same glories and the same idols.

Do you worship a god of your own appetite? It is not difficult to imagine what this would look like; a world filled with people who are all seeking their own pleasure (I did not say joy). Earthy desires, our wants, have consumed us. We are a culture totally devoted to pleasing ourselves, to making ourselves happy, worshiping the god of the stomach. The motivation of life has become this false happiness; the goal: to work so that I can spend more and more time selfishly. Some are even lazier, they don't want to work at all but instead expect to immediately enjoy the pleasures of life. Once again, church folks are not immune to this disease; many who claim Christ actually worship the stomach god; the god of their own appetite. Preaching about being happy now; books about having the best life here; that you can. Church folks who really just want to enjoy themselves; seeing church involvement as a means; one of the recreational activities on the agenda; another fun facet of life.

All of this is working together;

Pastor Isaac...continued

an all out assault on eternal life, on the very gates of heaven. Our world is living in denial that their destiny is destruction; but their every move confirms it. Setting minds on earthly things is foolish and shortsighted; but makes perfect sense if you have no treasure past the grave. Glorifying in shame is logical if all that is truly glorious is beyond your reach and is getting further away by the second. Worshiping a god of stomach is the essence of wisdom if this life is the end. Even Paul agrees in I Corinthians 15; without the resurrection let's pass the bottle and live it up while we still have the chance. The only people who will have their best life now will be the ones who end up in hell; and yet church folks have in many cases bought the lie. They have joined in the battle; but

on the wrong side. Many who claim Christ live as if they too are at war with heaven; minds filled with burnable trash; glorifying shameful things; worshiping a god of their own desires. If you are truly a citizen of heaven then your mind should be set on heavenly things; things that will stand the fire; that will not be shaken; that will endure forever. If you are truly a citizen of heaven then what you glory in can not be what is shameful but what is pure; lovely; excellent; praiseworthy. If you are truly a citizen of heaven then God is your God; your honor and worship must not be given to the idol of your own pleasure but instead reserved for the King of Kings. If you are truly a citizen of heaven then your destiny is that land; that country; and your heart should be more and more

filled with longing for His return to take you home.

Paul describes the enemies as mentally focused on earth, finding glory in the shameful, selfishly serving themselves as god. The warning is this; that description sounds like many church folks in America; probably some that you know. Paul also says that they are destined for destruction, not just death but *ruination by separation from the presence of God in eternal judgment* (that is what that word means). As I read this passage my heart is stirred to repent of my mental obsession with earth things; my glorification of the shameful; and my worship of myself. I am a citizen of heaven and not it's assailant; I pray that my life would make this plain until He comes to take me forever home.

Summer Groups

Small groups meeting in homes during the summer for study and fellowship.

Please choose 1 group and sign up at the Welcome Center

Praying for Your kids

A group of parents who will meet with the intent of growing in prayer for their children. Led by Pastor Isaac and hosted at the home of Juan & Lisa Cruz – 2294 W. Rock River Ridge Road. For more info call Isaac: 225-1410. The first meeting will be on June 3rd at 6:30 pm.

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Bible study led by Pastor Jeff and hosted at the home of Pete & Bronna Utterback—106 Wallace Drive. For more information call Jeff: 366-8126. The first meeting will be on June 11th @ 6:30.

You Can Share Your Faith

This small group will study the how's and why's of sharing the gospel to encourage people to boldly proclaim the good news. The group will be led by the Pete Zull from the Deacon Evangelism Team and will meet at the home of Ray & Pat Seale – 940 N. Seale Lane. For more information call Pete: 410-1225. The first meeting will be on June 9th @ 7:00.

Good Preachers, Great God

This small group will watch video's of several of today's effective preachers dealing with the impact of the gospel on our culture today. This group will receive good teaching; benefit from exposure to new resources; and grow together as they discuss the messages. The group will meet at the home of John & Judy Strickland—3290 Wellington Blvd. Facilitated by Dave Kline. Time and date to be announced.

New Books in the Library

So Long, Insecurity

by Beth Moore

Maybe you're okay for the most part . . . But there are those insecurities you can work on. Things could be better. You're wondering, Can I really say, "So long" to my insecurities. Beth Moore says, "Yes, you can".

When You Lose Someone You Love by Richard Exley

"This book is a must-read for those who are coping with the morass of sorrow, as well as those who are ministering comfort to the grieving". Evelyn

H. Looper, Counselor, Educator and Minister

Bringing Up GIRLS

by Dr. James Dobson

Practical advice and encouragement for those shaping the next generation of women.

The Wonderful World of Boys

by Dr. James Dobson

Raising healthy, responsible boys isn't always easy—especially in today's culture—but it's definitely worth the trip. So come along to the wonderful world of boys, and enjoy the journey!

Pastor Jeff's Book Club will meet to discuss the May book "To the Golden Shore" on June 12th @ 9.

The book to read for June is: "What is a Healthy Church Member?"

From the Keys of Linda Wilson

The 2009-10 school year has come to an end and students (and teachers) everywhere are rejoicing! I have finished my first year as a student at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, and I have to admit that there was a bit of rejoicing in my house the moment I clicked ENTER on my computer and submitted my last final exam a few weeks ago. It was a great time of thanking God for sustaining me both mentally and physically through the months of traveling to school, singing in two separate choirs, reading more than I think I ever have in my entire life, writing book reports, and of course the dreaded exams. I have a mental picture of the professors as they write the exams: digging deep into the textbooks to find the most miniscule facts they can find, and then laughing maniacally as they picture us feverishly trying to re-

call the answers when taking the test. Even though it was a busy time I feel I've benefited greatly from the lessons learned from those classes.

A few weeks ago I had also completed my first year as a staff member here at FBC. I am really surprised that a whole year has gone by. This first year as Music Director has been such a joy and a blessing. Of course there have been many challenges and pressures this year, but with the Lord's guidance and help along with all the wonderful people here, I've been able to handle them. The benefits of serving Him in His church have greatly surpassed any trials that I have endured.

Psalms 31:14-16 reminds us that the times of our lives are in His hands and that we can put our trust in Him. All the events, all the things that happen every

day, all the circumstances of living are in the hands of God. So, no matter what we do, no matter what occurs in our daily lives, those moments are not really ours but belong to Him. I love knowing that whether I'm struggling to memorize 40 Bible verses for a class, writing out keyboard parts for a new song, or holding my sweet grandchildren close before they get too big, my time is God's and He is in charge of my every waking moment. What a comfort that brings when we face the challenges and pressures of life—we know for certain that God is in control and each moment we live is in His hands.

"But I trust in you, O LORD; I say, 'You are my God.' My times are in your hands; deliver me from my enemies and from those who pursue me. Let your face shine on your servant; save me in your unfailing love."

Ladies Please Help Us Compile A Cook Book

We are making a cook book to use as favors for the one-day retreat at the church, Saturday, September 11, 2010. Our theme is "being a Proverbs 31 Woman in 2010". The emphasis is on service: first the Lord, then our families, church and

community.

It would be great to have some of the ladies of the church give us a good recipe. We are hoping for something with not too many ingredients. If you have something special you have prepared for church "events", that

would be great.

Please type your recipe (be sure to give us your name) and put it into the box on the Welcome Center by July 1st. If you have questions check with Susan Streetman or Kristi Strickland.

Thanks for helping!

American Baptist Women's Scholarship Awarded

We are pleased to announce that an ABW Scholarship has been awarded to one of our high school graduates, Kelly Thompson. Kelly is the youngest daughter of Dale and Cindy Thompson, and has been a member of FBC her entire life. Kelly plans to attend Purdue

University this Fall. The Indiana ABW has a scholarship fund that is supported and funded by churches and ABW Ministries all around the state. In addition to the monetary gift, Kelly will also be adopted by at least 2 Associations in Indiana and will receive many notes of

encouragement, gift cards, and goody boxes, that is what makes this scholarship so special.

We congratulate Kelly and wish her God's very best in the months ahead!

Georgia Phelps
ABW Ministries
President

Edna Martin Circle—June 1st

The ABW's Edna Martin Circle will meet Tuesday, June 1st at 9:00 am in Fellowship Hall with Mary Jane Porter hosting. Lesson and devotions will be presented by Marilyn Meese to continue our theme of "Women... .destined for God's purpose."

Our community outreach opportunity for June is our local FISH program. Suggested items to share are: paper products, personal care products - bar soap, deodorant, tooth brush/paste, and shampoo etc.

This Circle is avail-

able to any woman in our church who has a heart for missions, wishes to participate in learning more about the ministry of American Baptist Women, and desires to share in Christian fellowship with other women. Please join with us.

Hands & Hearts

Tuesday June 1st.

All ladies are welcome. A light dinner is served at 5:30. We will be working on making small stuffed fabric bears for children and cutting quilt squares that we send to the Edna Martin Center.



Passion Groups Monday, June 21

10:00 am
Marge Hughes at
Terri Duncan's
105 Woodlawn Dr

7:00 pm
Patti Kinslow at
Jerri Conner's
609 Penn Dr

7:00 pm
Nancy Kline
in her home at
2459 W Del Mar Dr

Guiding Light Garage Sale

Proceeds go to scholarship children
needing help to attend.

Clean out your attic, basement and garage. Bring
items you no longer use or want. Items may be
brought to the bus barn the week of June 7th.

Drop off times

Monday, June 7—12:00 to 5:00

Tuesday, June 8—10:00 to 5:00

Wednesday, June 9—10:00 to 5:00

Thursday, June 10—10:00 to 5:00

Sale Days

Friday, June 11 from 7:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday, June 12 from 7:00 am - 12 noon

Beef & Boards

Thursday,
August 19th

We have 40
seats re-

served. All

ladies of the
church are in-

ited to join

us. Group rate

is \$43.00 and

must be paid

by July 1st.

Please sign up

at the table in

the narthex.

Note From Julie

At the daycare we are finishing up the year. We had our yearly graduation ceremony. Each year, we sing songs for the parents and have a reception. Our summer program has already started. We have over 45 kids signed up, praise the Lord! Each summer we have the chance to witness to the elementary children. Some kids come back every summer because they love the staff so much.

We love getting to be a part of VBS each summer. Sheila Cox always drives the church bus for us each summer when we go on field trips. Mark your calendars for the garage



sale—June 11 & 12. We are in need of items, all proceeds go towards our scholarship fund to help parents in financial need. If you have any items to bring in please bring them the week of the sale. Please help promote this sale to your family and friends.

Continuing to Serve,

Julie and the Guiding Light Staff

Thank You from the Congregation

What a special day nine ladies of First Baptist enjoyed on Wednesday, May 5th, when Marge Hughes drove us in the church van to the Edna Martin Christian Center in Indianapolis. After loading the van, with the help of our custodian, and having prayer for the day, we boarded the van and headed for the Center. We discovered that not one of us had been to the Center before! After about an hour we arrived and were led on a tour of the facility by Jennifer Nelson, Office Manager. We also met with Tysha Hardy-Sellers, the Executive Director. (She spoke at First Baptist's Women's Sunday 2009.) Some of the staff helped us unload our gifts to assist in the ministry of the Center - three large bins and a large plastic bag of gently used clothing donated by our church members; a box of

used devotionals; two bags of fabric pieces; several Campbell's soup labels collected from our congregation; and 25 brand new NIV Adventure Bibles for children made possible by contributions from the Berean, Discovery, Judson, Sisters, and Thankful Hearts Sunday School Classes and a fantastic sale at Family Christian Store. When one of the ladies saw the Bibles, she lifted her arms, looked up to heaven and exclaimed, "Thank you, Jesus! I have been praying for Bibles." Our ladies helped sort and fold bags, and bags, and more bags of clothing that had been donated for a Clothing Give Away Day at the Center and for a baby shower. We met a young man who is an intern at the Center. He is from Carmel and is attending Ivy Tech, majoring in Social Services. He is really enjoying his time at the Center. We loaded

back into the van around 12:30 or so and stopped at a Cracker Barrel for lunch. After returning to the church we closed our great day of fellowship with one another and serving the Lord by closing with hands on prayer for Marge's upcoming surgery.

Our thanks to all who are saving labels and devotionals for us, those who donated the clothing, and those who shared their resources so we could purchase the Bibles to be used for the Children's Bible Study at the Center. Edna Martin Christian Center is located in the Martindale-Brightwood community and is supported in part by the Mission Budget of First Baptist Church. One motto of the Center is "A Hand Up Not a Hand Out." The day was organized by the Edna Martin Circle of our church.

VBS Week June 21-25 from 9am to 11:30

What Can We Do To Help?

PRAY!!! Please be in prayer for both the kids and volunteers.

SERVE!!! This is a great opportunity to come together with a bunch of people from FBC and share God's Word with the Kids in our church and community. Areas to serve in: registration, snacks, crafts, decorating, setup, crew leaders, recreation and many more.

Give!! we need all kinds of

"High Seas" stuff, so if you have any nets, compasses, eyeglasses, ship's wheels, barrels, lanterns, blue paper or any other nautical knick-knacks you might have lying around!

HELP!! if you are able to donate 3 dozen cookies, Goldfish (or whale) crackers or volunteer to help in the kitchen; contact Judy Strickland at 866-0239 or 376-8306.

Who Do We Contact? Pastor Jeff, Sandy Booker, Susan Street-

man or Pat Snow

How Do We Sign Up?

Those who want to register early can do so at the Welcome Center.

When Is The Next Volunteer Meeting?

June 9th at 6:30. Let us know if you plan on being there!!



JUNE CALENDAR

- 1 Edna Martin Circle 9
Hands & Hearts 5:30**
- 4 ABW Women's Conference**
- 5 Creation Museum**
- 6 Church Potluck**
- 8 Board of CE 6:30
Missions 6:30**
- 9 VBS Meeting 6:30**
- 11 GLCCM Garage Sale**
- 13 Youth Putt-Putt
Man Night 6:00**
- 17 Keenagers Lunch**
- 19 VBS Work Day**
- 20 Fathers Day**
- 21 Passion Groups Meet
VBS Week 9-11:30**
- 24 GLCCM Meeting 5:45**
- 25 Wedding Rehearsal**
- 26 Ford Wedding 3:30**
- 28 Assemble Newsletters 9**

- Marge Hughes**—recovering from surgery
- Olive Steele**—health issues
Christopher Blickenstaff—
infection
- Gene Sparger**—cancer
- Howard Holt**—chemo
- Charlene Gobble**—knee surgery
- Lorri Agullana**-diverticulitis
- Phil Cochren**—back issues
- Megan Hochet**—heart surgery
- Don Wise**—lung tumor
- Sherron Myers**—recovering from surgery
- June Holt**—knee replacement
- Katie Kiger**—personal is-

- sues
- Edlawn Warner**—health issues
- Glenna Nevitt**—health issues
- Extended prayer needed:**
- Marcus Hutson**—deployed
To Afghanistan
- Leonard Tubach**—hospice
- Don Nevitt**—advanced cancer
- Jim Conger**—advanced cancer
- Luke Randles**—deployed to Afghanistan

June Birthdays

Anniversaries

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